



BUSINESS ATTRACTION

Canton, Ohio is a mid size city uniquely positioned to provide businesses the amenities of larger urban areas while maintaining small town charm and appeal. From the abundance of natural resources to its manufacturing heritage and skilled workforce, Canton offers a business climate geared for success.

Easy to reach by air, rail or road.
Experienced and capable workforce.
Business friendly community.

Limitless Water Supply - If your company requires large amounts of fresh water for processing or manufacturing, the City of Canton owns and operates one of the largest underground freshwater aquifers in the state. Our supply of clean, fresh, and affordable water can be offered to your business as an investment incentive.

Site-Ready Facilities - The City of Canton has a wide variety of facilities and build ready sites.

Global Access - Canton based companies compete in the global economy by partnering with

state and federal trade offices, giving local businesses access to markets, suppliers, and customers outside of the United States.

Public/Private Partnerships - Local businesses benefit from grants, tax incentives, and low-interest loans from city, county, state, federal, and private/non-profit sources. Companies also have access to a wide variety of services offered by the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

TRANSPORTATION

Air Transportation - The Akron-Canton Regional Airport (CAK) is one of the fastest growing airports in the country. The low cost and efficiency of CAK gives local companies the freedom to conduct business around the country without having to worry about long lines and highly-priced fares. Recent expansions and continued improvements position CAK to offer more flights than ever before.

Ground Transportation - Canton is located at the intersection of two major highway systems, I-77 (North and South) and US-30 (East and

West) connecting businesses to more than 50% of the nation's population in less than a day's travel.

Rail Freight Service - The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co. operates more than 800 miles of freight line stretching from western Ohio into Pennsylvania, with additional trackage rights into Maryland. The Wheeling serves Canton, Toledo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Akron markets. The Norfolk Southern Corporation provides freight service to Cleveland, Toledo, and Norfolk, VA.

CANTON IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

More than a slogan, "Canton is where your business deserves to be."

Contact us for more information.
Let our people show you why your business deserves to be in Canton.

Available sites:

- Downtown office locations
- Available industrial buildings
- Available land for development

DOWNTOWN CANTON FACILITIES

Diverse office space floor plans; single office,

whole floors or building.
Manufacturing and warehousing facilities close to Downtown.

Improved infrastructure; fiber, Wi Fi and vibrant Downtown District.

Convenient parking and access to major highways.

PROXIMITY

- 600 Mile Radius
- 52% of US Population
- 44% of Canadian Population
- Canton Ohio

THE UTICA CAPITAL

- Providing infrastructure for Utica Shale extraction.
- Transportation - Air travel and road transport.
- Communications
- Housing
- Facilities and site locations
- Workforce
- Needed resources

CANTON OHIO IS WHERE YOUR BUSINESS DESERVES TO BE!



Canton is the county seat of Stark County in northeastern Ohio, approximately 24 miles south of Akron and 60 miles south of Cleveland. The City of Canton is the largest incorporated area in the Canton-Massillon Metropolitan Statistical Area. As of the 2010 census, the Canton-Massillon metropolitan area, which includes all of Stark and Carroll counties, had a population of 404,422.

Founded in 1805 on the West and Middle Branches of the Nimishillen Creek, Canton became a manufacturing center because of its numerous railroad lines. After the decline of heavy manufacturing, the city's industry diversified into service economy, including retailing, education, finance, and healthcare.

According to the 2010 census, Canton's population declined 9.7%, down to 73,007 residents. Despite this decline, the 2010 figure actually had moved Canton up from 9th to 8th place among Ohio cities, as nearby Youngstown in neighboring Mahoning County, once considerably more populous than Canton, had suffered a larger decline.

History

Burial site of President William McKinley
William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum
Canton was founded in 1805. Cantonrep.com quotes Kim Kenney, the curator of the William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, whose information came from E.T. Heald's series, The Stark County Story, as saying that Canton was incorporated as a village in 1822, and then as a city in 1838.

Bezaleel Wells, the surveyor who divided the land of the town, named it after Canton (a traditional name for Guangzhou), China. The name was a memorial to a trader named John O'Donnell, whom Wells admired. O'Donnell had named his Maryland plantation after the Chinese city, as he had been the first person to transport goods from there to Baltimore.

Canton was the adopted home of President William McKinley. Born in Niles, McKinley first practiced law in Canton around 1867, and was prosecuting attorney of Stark County from 1869 to 1871. The city was his home during his successful campaign for Ohio governor, the site of his front-porch presidential campaign of 1896 and the

campaign of 1900. Canton is now the site of the William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum and the McKinley National Memorial, dedicated in 1907.

U.S. Decennial Census

Location of the Canton-Massillon Metropolitan Statistical Area in Ohio
Canton is the largest principal city of the Canton-Massillon Metropolitan Statistical Area, a metropolitan area that covers Carroll and Stark counties and had a combined population of 404,422 at the 2010 census.

As of the census of 2000, there were 80,806 people, 32,489 households, and 19,785 families residing in the city. The population density was 3,932.1 people per square mile. There were 35,502 housing units at an average density of 1,728.0 per square mile. The racial makeup of the city was 74.45% White, 21.04% African American, 0.49% Native American, 0.32% Asian, 0.03% Pacific Islander, 0.61% from other races, and 3.06% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 1.24% of the population

Economy.

Production of Half-track armored cars in a converted automobile plant. Diebold Safe and Lock Company, Canton, Ohio. The Canton area's economy is primarily industrial, with a significant agricultural segment. The city is home to the Timken Company, a major manufacturer of tapered roller bearings and specialty steel. Several other large companies operate in the greater-Canton area, including the Belden Brick Company (brick and masonry producer) and Diebold (ATMs, electronic voting devices, and bank vaults). The area is also home to several regional food producers, including Nickles Bakery (baked goods), Park Farms (poultry) and Shearer's Foods (snack foods). Poultry production and dairy farming are also important segments of the Canton-area economy.

As in many industrial areas of the United States, employment in the manufacturing sector is in a state of long-term decline. LTV Steel (former-

ly Republic Steel) had been a large employer before its bankruptcy in 2000. In 2004, the Timken Company proposed moving its Canton-based bearing production to plants in the South. While Timken's steel production remains centered around Canton, this has struck a blow to the economy and the city's image and pride. The Hoover Company (vacuum and floor cleaners) had been an iconic part of North Canton for more than 50 years. It was purchased by Techtronic Industries Co Ltd from the Whirlpool Corporation in January 2007, resulting in the June 2007 closure of the original North Canton site. In response to these manufacturing losses, the area is undergoing a transition to a retail and service-based economy.

Canton, like many mid-size American cities, has lost most of its downtown retail business to the suburbs. The lion's share of the Canton area's retail is located in the general vicinity of the Westfield Belden Village Mall in Jackson Township. In recent years, the downtown area has seen some rejuvenation, with cafes, restaurants, and art galleries springing up. Despite the exodus of most of the city's retail to the Belden Village area, a few retail centers remain in Canton (at or near the city limits). Tuscarawas Street (Lincoln Way), a leg of the Lincoln Highway connecting Canton with neighboring Massillon, is home to the Canton Centre Mall and several retail outlets of varying size. A vein of commerce runs along Whipple Ave, connecting the Canton Centre area with the Belden Village area. A similar vein runs north from the downtown area, along Cleveland and Market Avenues. Connecting Cleveland and Market Avenues is a small shopping district on 30th St. NW, and retail lines the Route 62 corridor leading from Canton to Louisville and Alliance.

Arts and education

The Canton Museum of Art, founded in 1935, is a broad-based community arts organization designed to encourage and promote the fine arts in Canton. The museum focuses on 19th and

20th Century American artists, specifically works on paper, and on American ceramics, beginning in the 1950s. The museum sponsors annual shows of work of high school students in Canton and Stark County, and financial scholarships are awarded. Educational Outreach programs take the museum off-site to libraries, parochial schools, area public schools, five inner city schools and a school for students with behavioral disorders. The city's Arts District, located downtown, is the site of monthly First Friday arts celebrations.

Canton's K-12 students are primarily served by the Canton City School District, although students north of 17th St. NW have an overlap with Plain Local School District. Canton Local School District serves the better part of South Canton. Malone University, a private, four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the Evangelical Friends Church, is located on 25th St. N.W. Catholic-run Walsh University is located nearby in North Canton. Stark State College and a branch of Kent State University are also nearby, in Jackson Township. Also, in downtown Canton, there is a small annex for Stark State College to be used by the Early College High School students who attend Timken High School.

The city is also served by two Catholic high schools --- St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Central Catholic High School (located in Perry Township). Perry Township is also home to Perry High School which serves students from both the Massillon and Canton area. Catholic grade schools within the city limits of Canton are St. Peter, St. Joseph, and Our Lady of Peace. Additional Catholic schools in the Canton area include Canton St. Michael School, ranked first in the Power of the Pen state tournament in 2010, and Canton St. Joan of Arc School. There is also Heritage Christian School (K-12), a Christian grade school and high school. Canton Country Day School is another private elementary school in the city of Canton. Also within the city limits is the private Canton Montessori School, which teaches according to the Montessori Plan for education proposed by Maria Montessori in the early 20th century.

According to a February 2010 article in Forbes magazine, Canton ranked as the 9th most miserable city in the United States.

