A proud heritage,
A promising future.
Plain City is a picturesque municipality of quaint farms and historic sites dating back to the early 1800s. In Plain City, citizens enjoy rural living with the convenience of local services and the amenities modern families require. Conveniently located just minutes from Hilliard, Dublin and downtown Columbus on the Interstate 270 outerbelt, Plain City has witnessed remarkable growth while retaining its treasured small town charm and values.

Founded in 1818, Plain City is built on a strong agricultural base with large Amish and Mennonite communities contributing significantly to the local economy and culture. Today, residents are proud of their excellent school system, the Jonathan Alder School District, and homegrown amenities such as the Plain City Historical Society, Plain City Public Library, and numerous merchants, restaurants, parks, and recreation facilities.

- **Population (2010 Census):** 4,225
- **Males:** (2009 Est.) 1,715 (48.2%)
- **Females:** (2009 Est.) 1,845 (51.8%)
- **Median Age:** (2009 Est.) 33.8 years
- **Median HH Income:** (2009 Est.) $61,389
- **Median House Value:** (2009 Est.) $168,400

**Educational Attainment**
- High School or higher: 78.8%
- Bachelor’s Degree: 14.1%
- Graduate/Professional Degree: 3.2%

**Mean Commute Time:** 20.9 Minutes

**Industries Providing Employment**
- Manufacturing: 17.7%
- Educational, Health and Social Services: 15.9%
- Retail Trade: 14.3%
- Arts, Lodging and Food Services: 11.0%
- Construction: 11.0%

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business and industry

Plain City enjoys a strong and stable economy thanks to its strategic location in one of the Midwest’s fastest growing metropolitan areas. The community’s close proximity to Columbus, an extensive transportation network, pro-business atmosphere, low cost of living, and skilled, dedicated workforce have been the ingredients to make Plain City very attractive to businesses and new residents.

With the recent completion of the U.S. 42 bypass and the availability of financial assistance programs like the Community Reinvestment Area Program and others offered by the county and State of Ohio, Plain City is poised to experience unprecedented industrial, office and commercial growth during the next several years.

Plain City and surrounding areas also have the services that businesses need to be successful: accountants, attorneys, advertising agencies, marketing professionals, web designers, shipping/delivery, printers, sign makers, photocopiers, office supplies and furniture and more, all within a short distance.

The Plain City Business Association, a community resource for over twenty years, connects local businesses and organizations to promote networking and opportunities for marketing and partnerships.

For those who choose to make their home in Plain City, the area offers convenient businesses that specialize in goods and services relating to hardware, garden, landscape, restaurants, gifts, groceries, medical services and supplies, remodeling, electronic, insurance, banking and beauty.

Available office space, commercial and residential properties can be located via the county website (see “important contacts”) and various real estate listings.
recreation and tourism

Plain City and surrounding areas offer diverse opportunities for recreation. Natural assets such as the Big Darby Scenic River and grasslands of Glacier Ridge Metro Park are complemented by historical cultural sites and covered bridges, quaint shops, and restaurants, including the ever-popular Der Dutchman Restaurant.

Visitors to Plain City can find locally produced artisan goods at a number of shops such as Eldchrist Winery, Main Street Treasures, Yutzy’s Farm Market and more. These shops, among many others, specialize in handcrafted products like cheese, breads, wines, quilts, crafts, furniture and collectibles.

For visitors looking for adventure, Plain City is in close proximity to regional hotspots like the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Zoombezi Bay, and Mad River Mountain. Downtown Columbus, located just minutes from Plain City, offers a wealth of entertainment options at popular locations such as the Short North Arts District, historic German Village and the Arena District, among others.

The sports minded can enjoy the Plain City Driving Range and a number of golf courses, including the world-class Muirfield Village Golf Course, home of The Memorial Tournament. Plain City is also popular with cyclists looking to escape the city and enjoy the beauty of rural Ohio. The Heritage Rail-Trail, a 7-mile multipurpose trail, terminates in Plain City and is extremely popular with residents and visitors alike. Nearby, Pastime Park offers opportunities to combine exercise with the great outdoors through use of a swimming pool, nature trail, baseball/softball diamonds, and disc golf.

In no other place is the spirit of community gathering as evident as it is in Plain City. The community hosts a number of established and family-friendly events throughout the year. The Miami Valley Steam Threshers Reunion in July and the Plain City Classic Car Cruise-In in August draw visitors from across the nation. Other seasonal events like the Independence Day Parade, Plain City 4-Mile Run/Walk, Shekinah Festival, and Christmas Under the Clock offer a number of opportunities to gather with friends and family, enjoy delicious food, and experience Main Street USA at its finest.

Whatever visitors are searching for Plain City offers something for everyone!
Plain City residents benefit from a vast array of cultural, recreational and entertainment amenities while living in a charming, rural community. Originally settled in 1818, Plain City is now emerging as a prosperous, thoughtfully-planned community that prides itself on its rich heritage, natural beauty and local tourism assets. Plain City’s dedication to protecting its historic treasures while successfully guiding growth and development is reflected in the community’s motto, *A Proud Heritage, A Promising Future*.

Residents enjoy an outstanding quality of life, which includes the Jonathan Alder School District, local organizations such as the Plain City Historical Society and Plain City Public Library, and 40-acre Pastime Park. The beautifully wooded park consists of a swimming pool, nature trail, baseball/softball diamonds, disc golf, camping facilities, Wi-Fi internet, and is home to several regional, national and international festivals.

Centrally located between Marysville, Delaware, London, Springfield and metropolitan Columbus, Plain City has witnessed tremendous growth and development while still maintaining its small town charm and appeal.

Ever since Plain City was incorporated in 1818, it has been a community focused on the future while remembering its rich heritage. With close proximity to metropolitan Columbus, Plain City residents enjoy all the benefits of city life while residing in an extremely affordable and picturesque small town.

The average household income is $61,389 while the average home value is estimated at $168,400. With access to such an appealing earning potential, affordable housing costs, and a consistently low unemployment rate, relocating to the Plain City area makes for an exciting relocation choice.
Historic Plain City, a small town with warmth and hospitality, offers endless opportunities as a prosperous place to live, work, shop and conduct business. Committed to historic restoration the Uptown Plain City Organization (UPCO) focuses on the growth and development of the Historic Uptown District, helping to guide Plain City’s prosperous future.

Through the efforts of local volunteers, the Uptown Development Plan was created that guides the work to preserve the physical heritage of Plain City through research, planning and revitalization. UPCO works to develop an attractive environment for small business and to create a positive image of the uptown through special events and retail promotional activity.

The Historic Uptown District, established in 2006, holds one of three locations on the National Historic Register in Plain City; Farmers National Bank (currently Security National Bank) at the corner of Main (OH Rt. 161) and Chillicothe.

The clock, which denotes the Clock Building or Clock Tower, was donated to the village in 1902 at a ceremony attended by hundreds of people. The Clock continues to draw a crowd to this day in celebration of Plain City events and parades.

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The Plain City area is served by two school districts, predominantly by the Jonathan Alder School District, a progressive rural district, composed of 122 square miles located in the northern section of Madison County and southeastern section of Union County. Located in the center of Dublin, Hilliard, and Marysville, which are rapid growth areas, makes the growth of the district a certainty.

Plain City takes youth education seriously, approving new school buildings and expansion and upgrades of buildings focusing on green aspects of building construction, maintenance and use. Both districts, Jonathan Alder and Fairbanks Local, have achieved multiple-year Excellent ratings from the Ohio State Board of Education.

Additionally, Shekinah Christian School, offering grades K through 12, provides a quality education in a Christian environment with the principles of Christian leadership, self discipline, individual responsibility, personal integrity and good citizenship.

Jonathon Alder Local School District: www.alder.k12.oh.us
Fairbanks Local Schools www.fairbanks.k12.oh.us
Shekinah Christian School www.shekinahchristianschool.com

Higher Education

Plain City is strategically located within close proximity to several institutes of higher education. The following colleges/universities are easily accessible from the community:

Capital University www.capital.edu
Columbus State Community College www.cscc.edu
Franklin University www.franklin.edu
Ohio Northern University www.onu.edu
Ohio Wesleyan University www.owu.edu
Otterbein University www.otterbein.edu
Rosedale Bible College www.rosedale.edu
The Ohio State University www.osu.edu
The Ohio State University, Lima www.lima.ohio-state.edu
The Ohio State University, Marion www.osumarion.osu.edu
Tolles Career & Technical Center www.tollestech.com
Urbana University www.urbana.edu

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important contacts

Village of Plain City
www.plain-city.com

Economic Development (800) 642-0087
Fire Department (614) 873-4067
Mayor (614) 873-5812
Planning & Zoning (614) 873-1945
Public Works (614) 873-1945
Refuse Service (614) 873-5721
Village Administrator (614) 873-5040
Water & Wastewater (614) 873-5721

Madison County
co.madison.oh.us

Auditor’s Office (740) 852-9717
Economic Development (740) 852-5133
Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau (740) 852-2250
Canaan Township (614) 873-4512
Darby Township (614) 873-5618

Union County
co.union.oh.us

Auditor’s Office (937) 645-3003
Economic Development (937) 642-6279
Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau (937) 642-6279
Jerome Township (614) 873-4480

Organizations

Industrial Parkway Association unioncountychamber.com/industrialparkway.aspx
Plain City Business Association unioncountychamber.com/plaincity.aspx
Plain City Historical Society plaincityhistoricalsociety.org
Uptown Plain City Organization uptownplaincity.com

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