

CITY OF MARYSVILLE, OHIO

COMMUNITY PROFILE



The City of Marysville, which serves as the county seat of Union County, is a community rich with small town charm, conservative family values, and a populous with an unparalleled work ethic. Marysville remains one of the fastest growing communities in central Ohio thanks to its vibrant economy, well-planned neighborhoods, strategic community visioning, and strong community pride. In Marysville, the adage *Where the Grass is Greener* is not merely a phrase, rather a statement that boldly reflects the community's many outstanding qualities.

City leaders continue to strengthen the community's quality of life by promoting the historic preservation of culturally-significant structures and sites. In fact, Marysville has been recognized as one of Ohio's Safest Cities (2014), The #3 Power Suburb in America (2014), The Best Place to Find a Job in Ohio (2014), Most Affordable Suburbs (2010), designated as a Preserve America Community (2008), Certified Local Government (2007), and was recognized as one of the Best Hometowns in Ohio (2006).

Among many assets, Marysville is strategically located for business growth and development. Located just 30 miles northwest of downtown Columbus, 18 miles from the I-270 outerbelt, and 45 miles from John Glenn International Airport, the community is closely linked to the metropolitan Columbus area. Marysville is served by US 33, a four lane, limited access highway which connects Elkhart, Indiana to Richmond, Virginia. Marysville is also a short distance to I-71, I-70, I-75, and is serviced by CSX rail.

Historic Uptown District

The heart of Marysville, in both community spirit and commerce, is the historic Uptown District. Efforts are underway to enhance the business and residential environment in Uptown Marysville by retaining and attracting small businesses and entrepreneurs, supporting the development of loft and upper-level residential units, exploring comprehensive marketing and tourism opportunities, and by creating positive partnerships that promote an attractive and unique Uptown District.



Despite a recent downturn in the national economy, Uptown Marysville continued to witness extensive public and private investment, further evidence of its true economic vitality. Since 2008, the Uptown District has received more than \$2,500,000 in private investment and an additional \$600,000 in infrastructure improvements including new sidewalks, crosswalks, street lights and banners, traffic signals, benches, flower pots and hanging baskets. These improvements, together with the dedication of residents, business owners and community leaders, will ensure that Uptown Marysville continues to flourish for generations to come.

2019 Population Estimate: 23,286

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Commercial Growth

Thanks to its strong economy and rapid population growth, the City of Marysville and Union County has experienced the largest expansion of commercial and industrial development in its history during the past ten years, totaling over \$377 million in development. To accommodate recent residential growth, a number of shopping centers have been developed throughout the area.

Marysville has lead the county in commercial development and presently has seven shopping centers including Eastpointe Plaza, City Gate, Coleman's Crossing, Stocksdale Plaza, Marysville Plaza, Mill Valley Plaza, and The Shoppes of Marysville. Commercial interest has remains high in the community, as evidenced by the recent completion of Meijer and Kroger Marketplace.

Residential Development

Whether residents wish to live in a community close to modern conveniences, in the country with room to roam, or somewhere in between, Marysville and Union County offers residential options for everyone. Marysville has an established housing stock including a number of homes built in the 1800s and early 1900s in the historic Uptown District, and on farms and rural estates located on the outer reaches of the community. Various farms and homesteads are also located throughout rural Union County, where homeowners can enjoy beautiful rolling hills and creeks or gently rolling prairie lands.

The past decade has also brought the most extensive residential development Union County has ever witnessed, with over \$745 Million in new single and multi-family units. These new developments, primarily in Marysville, Plain City, Milford Center, Darby Township, and Jerome Township, have brought an incredible influx of new residents to the county. In fact, Union County was the third fastest growing county in Ohio from 1999 to 2009, achieving 53% population growth. With average new home prices around \$160,000, housing in Union County remains one of the most affordable suburbs of Columbus.

Education

The City of Marysville is served by the Marysville Exempted Village School District, a progressive district composed of 148 square miles located in the central portion of Union County. Enrollment continues to increase (over 5,400 students) thanks to the community's on-going growth and development.

The District strives to provide the best education to prepare students to meet the challenges of the future. Staff regularly evaluates and upgrades programs, materials, equipment and instructional strategies to best meet the needs of the students. In fact, in 2014, the district opened the Marysville Early College High School, the first high school in Ohio concentrating solely on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Because of this, Marysville's educational program achieves at a high standard and is recognized for outstanding performance, achieving consistent excellent rankings from the Ohio Department of Education.

