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CENTRAL OHIO

RELOCATION GUIDE

YOUR PATH TO THE BUCKEYE STATE



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WELCOME TO CENTRAL OHIO

Thank you for visiting this Relocation Guide. We're **The KR Group**, and we're excited to help you discover everything these amazing Central Ohio communities have to offer. Whether you're considering a move for career opportunities, lifestyle, or family, areas like Sunbury, Powell, Galena, Westerville, Heath, Pickerington, and Delaware offer a strong mix of small-town charm, suburban convenience, local amenities, and access to the greater Columbus region.

This guide will walk you through the essentials: neighborhoods, housing, cost of living, schools, activities, healthcare, and more. We're here to make your transition smooth and informed. Welcome aboard—and welcome to Central Ohio!



WHY MOVE TO CENTRAL OHIO

Central Ohio has become one of the most appealing places to live for buyers who want suburban comfort, local community, and access to the greater Columbus region. From Sunbury and Galena to Powell, Westerville, Pickerington, Heath, and Delaware, these areas offer a strong mix of lifestyle, convenience, and long-term opportunity.

Community Appeal:

From historic downtown districts to newer master-planned communities, Central Ohio offers friendly neighborhoods, strong community pride, and a welcoming environment for families, professionals, and retirees.

Outdoor Lifestyle:

Parks, trails, lakes, golf courses, and scenic outdoor spaces are easy to enjoy throughout Central Ohio, from Alum Creek State Park to local community parks and nature preserves.

Affordability:

Compared to many larger metro areas, Central Ohio offers a wide range of housing options, from first homes and suburban neighborhoods to acreage properties, luxury homes, and new construction.

Thriving Economy:

Central Ohio continues to grow with strong opportunities in healthcare, education, technology, logistics, finance, and small business.



NEIGHBORHOODS TO WATCH

Delaware: A growing Central Ohio community known for its historic downtown, local shops, parks, and strong small-town feel. Delaware is popular with buyers who want charm, space, and access to both Columbus and surrounding suburban areas.

Sunbury: Known for its newer communities, small-town atmosphere, and convenient access to major roadways, Sunbury is a great option for buyers looking for growth, newer homes, and a quieter suburban lifestyle.

Powell: One of Central Ohio's most desirable residential areas, Powell offers beautiful neighborhoods, luxury homes, golf communities, local dining, and access to nearby parks. It is ideal for buyers looking for an established, upscale suburban lifestyle.

Westerville: a well-established community with a vibrant uptown area, parks, schools, shopping, and easy access to Columbus. It is a popular choice for families, professionals, and buyers who want convenience with a strong community feel.





WHY BUY IN CENTRAL OHIO?

Central Ohio combines strong community appeal, a high quality of life, and a wide range of housing options. Whether you're buying your first home, moving up, investing in new construction, or looking for a quieter suburban lifestyle, Central Ohio offers something for every stage of life and budget.

Cost of Living in Central Ohio

Central Ohio offers a balanced cost of living with access to growing job opportunities, established communities, and everyday conveniences. While home prices vary by city and neighborhood, areas like Delaware, Sunbury, Powell, Galena, Westerville, Heath, and Pickerington provide a variety of options for buyers looking for suburban comfort, larger homesites, newer construction, or easier access to Columbus.

Housing: Home prices vary across Central Ohio depending on location, home size, age, school district, and amenities. Powell and parts of Westerville tend to attract buyers looking for established or higher-end communities, while areas like Delaware, Sunbury, Heath, and Pickerington may offer a wider mix of value, space, and newer development.

Groceries & Healthcare: Central Ohio offers convenient access to grocery stores, local markets, urgent care centers, hospitals, and specialty healthcare providers throughout the greater Columbus region.

Utilities & Transportation: Utility and transportation costs will depend on the specific community, commute, and lifestyle. With access to major roadways, suburban retail centers, and employment hubs throughout the Columbus metro, many residents find Central Ohio practical and convenient for daily living.



Taxes Explained

Income Tax: Ohio has a state income tax, and some cities or municipalities may also charge local income tax. The amount you pay can depend on where you live and where you work, so it's important to review both state and local tax requirements when relocating.

Sales Tax: Ohio has a statewide sales tax, and counties or transit authorities may add local taxes. Because of this, the total sales tax rate can vary depending on where you shop within Central Ohio.

Property Taxes: Property taxes in Central Ohio vary by county, city, township, and school district. Areas such as Delaware County, Franklin County, Fairfield County, and Licking County may have different effective tax rates based on local levies and property values.

Additionally, Central Ohio offers a practical cost of living with access to strong schools, healthcare, shopping, parks, and employment centers. For many buyers, the region provides a strong mix of suburban lifestyle, long-term homeownership potential, and everyday convenience.

TRANSPORTATION & COMMUTE GUIDE

GETTING AROUND

Central Ohio offers a balanced mix of convenience, accessibility, and regional connectivity:

Public Transit: The Central Ohio Transit Authority, also known as COTA, provides public bus service throughout greater Columbus and parts of Central Ohio. While many suburban communities are more car-dependent, COTA service can be helpful for commuting into Columbus, accessing downtown, and connecting to major employment areas.

Major Highways: Central Ohio is well-connected by major roadways, including I-71, I-70, I-270, U.S. Route 23, State Route 315, and State Route 161. These routes make it easier to travel between communities like Delaware, Sunbury, Powell, Westerville, Pickerington, Heath, and the greater Columbus metro.

Airport Access: John Glenn Columbus International Airport, also known as CMH, is the main airport serving Central Ohio. It offers nonstop flights to many major U.S. destinations and is conveniently located near downtown Columbus, making regional and national travel accessible for residents throughout the area.

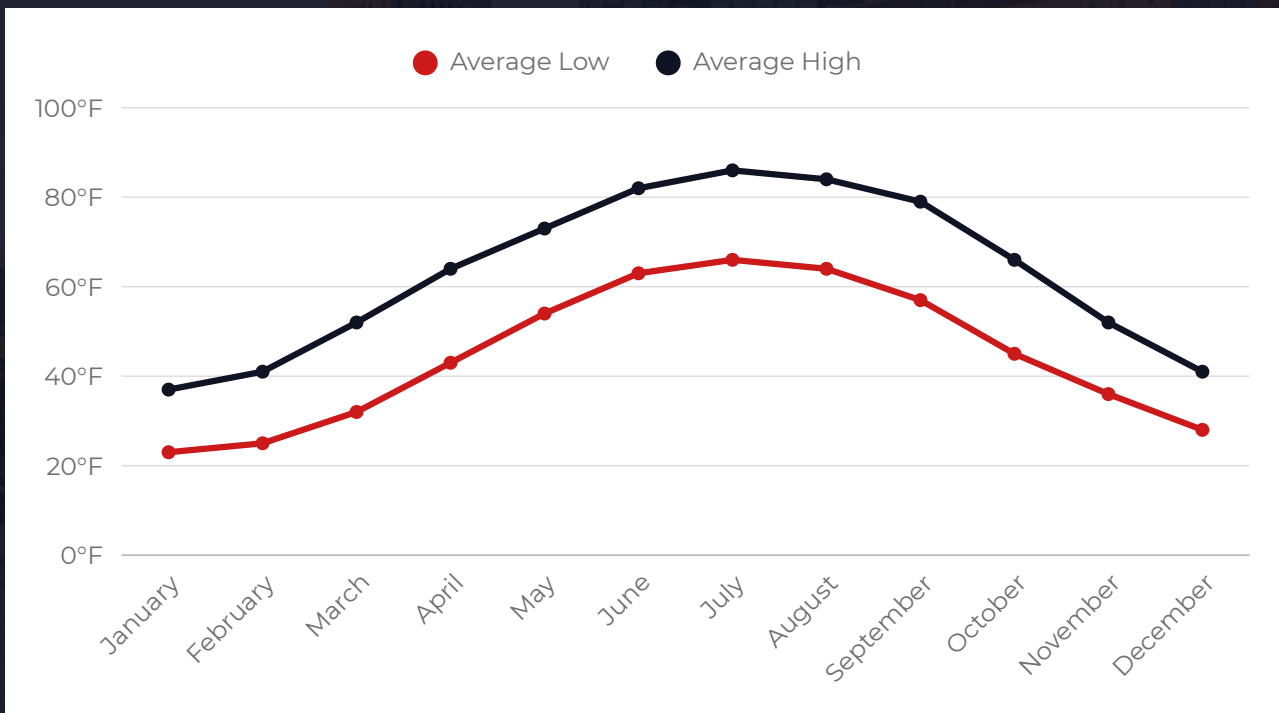
Average Commute Times: Commute times in Central Ohio vary depending on where you live and work. Residents closer to Columbus may have shorter drives, while those commuting from outer communities like Delaware, Sunbury, Heath, or Pickerington should plan for additional travel time during peak hours. Overall, the region remains practical for daily commuting, especially with access to major highways and growing suburban job centers.



CLIMATE GUIDE

CENTRAL OHIO WEATHER YEAR-ROUND

Central Ohio enjoys four distinct seasons, giving residents a true mix of spring blooms, warm summers, colorful fall weather, and colder winter months. Summers are typically warm and humid, while winters can bring freezing temperatures, snow, and occasional icy conditions. Spring and fall are some of the most comfortable times of year, with mild temperatures, changing scenery, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy local parks, trails, and outdoor events.





INTERACTIVE MAP OF

CENTRAL OHIO

Explore Central Ohio's communities, neighborhoods, schools, shopping, parks, and local amenities through our interactive map, available on our website. This tool helps you visualize where you'll live, commute, shop, and spend your time, making your relocation research easier and more organized.

Whether you're comparing Delaware, Sunbury, Powell, Galena, Westerville, Heath, or Pickerington, our interactive map gives you a clearer look at the areas The KR Group serves throughout Central Ohio.

Visit **The KR Group Website** to try it out!



[CLICK HERE TO INTERACT WITH THE MAP ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

CENTRAL OHIO'S

BEST SHOPPING SPOTS

Central Ohio offers a wide variety of shopping experiences, from large lifestyle centers and popular retail destinations to charming downtown districts filled with local boutiques. Whether you're looking for national retailers, unique local finds, dining, entertainment, or a place to spend the day with family, Central Ohio has something for everyone. Here are the top shopping destinations in the area:



Easton Town Center

Easton Town Center is one of Central Ohio's premier shopping, dining, and entertainment destinations. Located in Columbus, Easton offers a walkable, open-air environment with major national retailers, restaurants, entertainment venues, and seasonal events. It's a great spot for a full day of shopping, dining, and enjoying one of the region's most popular lifestyle centers.

Polaris Fashion Place

Polaris Fashion Place is a major shopping destination located near the northern side of Columbus, making it convenient for residents in Powell, Delaware, Sunbury, Galena, and Westerville. With a wide selection of retailers, dining options, and nearby entertainment, Polaris is ideal for everyday shopping, family outings, and weekend errands.



Uptown Westerville & Historic Downtown Delaware

For a more local shopping experience, Uptown Westerville and Historic Downtown Delaware offer charming boutiques, gift shops, local restaurants, coffee spots, and walkable streets with plenty of character. These downtown districts are perfect for finding unique items, supporting local businesses, and experiencing the community feel that makes Central Ohio such a great place to live.



CENTRAL OHIO'S

MUST-TRY RESTAURANTS

Central Ohio's food scene is as diverse as the communities that make up the region, with a wide range of dining options from upscale restaurants and chef-driven concepts to casual local favorites. Whether you're craving Italian cuisine, a memorable burger, craft cocktails, or a cozy place to enjoy dinner with family and friends, Central Ohio offers something for every palate. Here are the top must-try restaurants in the area:



Novella Osteria

Located in Powell, Novella Osteria is a locally owned, chef-driven Italian restaurant known for its warm atmosphere, handcrafted cocktails, and rustic Italian menu. It's a great choice for a date night, special occasion, or elevated dinner close to some of Central Ohio's most desirable residential communities.

Son of Thurman

With locations in Downtown Delaware and Galena, Son of Thurman brings a local favorite burger experience to the northern Central Ohio area. Known for hearty burgers, sandwiches, wings, and a casual atmosphere, it's a great spot for anyone looking to enjoy a laid-back meal with plenty of local flavor.



Hangry City Grille & Spirits

Located in Pickerington, Hangry City Grille & Spirits is a locally owned, family-run restaurant offering specialty sliders, homemade mac and cheese, fries, tots, and a full bar. It's a fun and casual dining option for families, friends, and anyone looking for comfort food with personality.



CENTRAL OHIO'S

CENTRAL OHIO EXPERIENCES

Central Ohio offers plenty of opportunities for outdoor adventure, family-friendly fun, local exploration, and weekend experiences. Whether you enjoy parks, trails, wildlife, shopping, dining, or community events, the area gives residents easy access to both quiet suburban escapes and major Columbus-area attractions. Here are the top 3 activities that showcase the best of what Central Ohio has to offer:

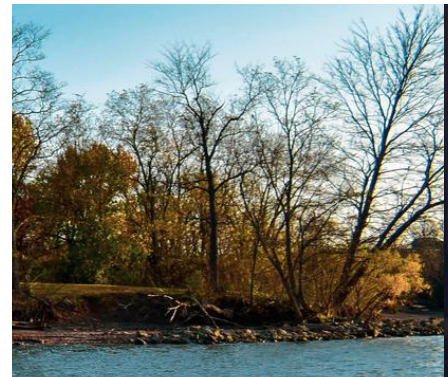


Alum Creek State Park

Alum Creek State Park is one of the top outdoor destinations in Central Ohio, especially for residents near Delaware, Sunbury, Galena, Powell, and Westerville. The park offers boating, fishing, hiking, camping, picnic areas, and one of Ohio's largest inland beaches. It's a great place for families, outdoor enthusiasts, and anyone who wants easy access to nature without being far from home.

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Located in Powell, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is one of Central Ohio's most popular attractions. It offers animal exhibits, family-friendly experiences, educational programs, seasonal events, and nearby access to Zoombezi Bay. For families relocating to Central Ohio, having a major zoo and entertainment destination close by is a major lifestyle perk.



Infirmary Mound Park

Located in Licking County near the Heath area, Infirmary Mound Park is a great destination for hiking, nature walks, horseback riding, biking, and peaceful outdoor recreation. With scenic trails, open space, and a relaxed natural setting, it's a strong local favorite for residents who want to enjoy the quieter side of Central Ohio.



DISCOVER

WHERE LEARNING THRIVES

Central Ohio is home to respected school districts, colleges, and universities, offering excellent opportunities for students of all ages. Whether you're looking for strong K-12 education, higher education, specialized programs, or access to major universities near Columbus, Central Ohio provides options that support families, students, and lifelong learners. Here are the top schools and universities to know in the area:



Olentangy Local Schools serves many families in the northern Central Ohio area, including communities near Powell, Delaware, Galena, and Lewis Center. Known for its continued growth, strong community involvement, and wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities, Olentangy is one of the key school districts buyers often consider when relocating to this part of Central Ohio.

Westerville City Schools serves students in Westerville and surrounding areas, offering a broad range of academic programs, arts, athletics, and student support services. With multiple elementary, middle, and high school options, the district plays an important role in the community and is a major consideration for families moving to the Westerville area.

The Ohio State University

Located in Columbus, The Ohio State University is one of the leading higher education institutions in the region and a major academic, research, healthcare, and employment anchor for Central Ohio. With extensive undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, Ohio State provides strong educational opportunities and adds to the region's energy, innovation, and long-term economic strength.



Central Ohio is home to some of the region's most respected school districts and one of the nation's major public universities, giving families access to strong K-12 education, college opportunities, and long-term community growth.

DISCOVER

TOP MEDICAL PROVIDERS



Central Ohio is home to top healthcare providers offering emergency, primary, pediatric, specialty, and surgical care. In Delaware, Sunbury, Powell, Galena, Westerville, Heath, and Pickerington, residents have convenient access to hospitals, urgent care, and major medical systems across the Columbus region.



Mount Carmel Health System is a major Central Ohio healthcare provider offering hospitals, primary care, urgent care, outpatient services, surgery centers, and specialty care. With locations throughout the Columbus area, including Mount Carmel St. Ann's in Westerville and Mount Carmel East near the eastern suburbs, it provides convenient access for residents in Westerville, Pickerington, and surrounding communities.

OhioHealth is one of the largest healthcare systems serving Central Ohio, with hospitals, primary care, urgent care, specialty services, and outpatient facilities throughout the region. For residents in Delaware and nearby communities, OhioHealth Grady Memorial Hospital provides local hospital care and has served the Delaware community for more than 100 years.

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is a leading academic medical center located in Columbus, offering advanced specialty care, research-based medicine, urgent care locations, and access to a wide range of departments and treatment programs. For Central Ohio residents, Ohio State adds another strong layer of healthcare access for specialized services and advanced medical needs.



Central Ohio gives residents access to major hospital systems, specialty care, urgent care, and pediatric healthcare throughout the Columbus region, making it easier for families to find trusted medical support close to home.

DISCOVER

CENTRAL OHIO'S TOP EMPLOYERS

Central Ohio offers a strong, diverse job market across finance, healthcare, education, technology, logistics, insurance, manufacturing, and government. With Columbus as the region's economic anchor, communities like Delaware, Sunbury, Powell, Galena, Westerville, Heath, and Pickerington benefit from major employers, growing industries, and expanding career opportunities.



JPMorgan Chase is one of the largest and most influential private employers in the Columbus region. With a major presence near the Polaris area, the company supports thousands of jobs across banking, finance, operations, technology, customer service, and business services. Its strong Central Ohio footprint makes it a major economic driver for residents living in nearby communities like Westerville, Powell, Delaware, Sunbury, and Galena.

Headquartered in Columbus, **Nationwide** is one of Central Ohio's most recognized companies and a major employer in the insurance and financial services industries. The company plays an important role in the local economy and provides career opportunities in corporate leadership, insurance, technology, finance, claims, customer service, and operations. For many professionals relocating to Central Ohio, Nationwide is one of the region's key employment anchors.

The Ohio State University and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center are major education, research, healthcare, and employment anchors in Central Ohio. Together, they support a wide range of careers in higher education, medicine, research, administration, technology, student services, and specialized healthcare. Their presence also adds to the region's innovation, medical access, and long-term economic strength.



Central Ohio is one of the Midwest's strongest employment hubs, with major opportunities in finance, insurance, healthcare, education, technology, logistics, and corporate operations throughout the greater Columbus region.





DISCOVER YOUR PERFECT SPOT

FIND THE RIGHT NEIGHBORHOOD FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE

Choosing the right community matters just as much as choosing the right home. Central Ohio offers a wide range of lifestyles, from growing suburban neighborhoods and historic downtown areas to quiet rural settings and established communities close to Columbus.

Whether you're drawn to the charm of Delaware, the upscale feel of Powell, the convenience of Westerville, the growth of Sunbury, or the relaxed pace of Galena, Heath, and Pickerington, your perfect neighborhood starts with the right guidance from The KR Group.

Delaware County

Sunbury

Small town expansion



POPULATION

9,705



MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$540,150



SCHOOL DISTRICT

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

DELAWARE COUNTY TRANSIT, INCLUDING FLEX SUNBURY AND COUNTYWIDE DEMAND-RESPONSE SERVICE.

[Explore Sunbury](#)

Amenities

Sunbury offers local dining, shopping, parks, schools, and growing residential communities. The area continues to attract buyers looking for newer homes and a quieter lifestyle north of Columbus. Residents also benefit from access to nearby retail, major roadways, and outdoor recreation.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Sunbury for its growth, newer housing options, and small-town atmosphere. It feels quieter than the core Columbus suburbs while still offering access to major employers and shopping. Many families appreciate the community-oriented lifestyle and room to grow.

Notable Attraction

Sunbury Town Square gives the city a classic small-town center with local businesses and community character. Tanger Outlets Columbus is nearby and provides convenient access to shopping and dining. The Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial is also a meaningful local landmark that adds to the city's community identity.

Community Vibe

Sunbury has a welcoming, residential, and growth-focused vibe. It feels like a small town that is actively expanding without losing its local charm. The community is ideal for buyers who want space, newer development, and a slower pace.

Delaware County

Delaware

Historic downtown growth



POPULATION

46,521



MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$449,900



SCHOOL DISTRICT

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

DELAWARE COUNTY TRANSIT, INCLUDING FLEX DELAWARE AND COUNTYWIDE DEMAND-RESPONSE SERVICE.

[Explore Delaware](#)

Amenities

Delaware offers a strong mix of everyday conveniences, local shops, restaurants, parks, and grocery options. Residents enjoy access to a walkable downtown, community events, and nearby outdoor recreation. The city also provides convenient access to healthcare, schools, and commuter routes into the Columbus region.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Delaware because it offers small-town charm while still being close to Columbus. The community has a strong local identity with historic homes, newer developments, and a growing downtown. Many buyers are drawn to the balance of character, convenience, and long-term growth.

Notable Attraction

Historic Downtown Delaware is one of the city's biggest draws, offering restaurants, boutiques, coffee shops, and local events. Ohio Wesleyan University adds a college-town energy and cultural presence to the community. Nearby parks and recreational areas give residents space for walking, sports, and weekend activities.

Community Vibe

Delaware has a friendly, established, and steadily growing community feel. It blends historic charm with suburban convenience, making it appealing to families, professionals, and retirees. The vibe is active but not overwhelming, with a strong sense of local pride.

Delaware County

Powell

Upscale suburban comfort



POPULATION

14,613



MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$519,520



SCHOOL DISTRICT

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

TRANSIT IS LIMITED; MOST RESIDENTS DRIVE, WITH DELAWARE COUNTY TRANSIT DEMAND-RESPONSE SERVICE AND COTA ACCESS NEAR COLUMBUS/POLARIS.

[Explore Powell](#)

Amenities

Powell offers upscale neighborhoods, local restaurants, boutique shopping, parks, golf options, and access to major Central Ohio amenities. The city is known for its polished residential feel and proximity to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Residents also enjoy convenient access to nearby retail corridors, healthcare, and commuter routes.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Powell for its beautiful neighborhoods, strong residential appeal, and convenient access to recreation and shopping. The area offers a more refined suburban lifestyle while still feeling connected to Central Ohio. Buyers are often drawn to the combination of location, amenities, and long-term desirability.

Notable Attraction

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is one of the area's most recognized attractions and is located in Powell. Downtown Powell offers dining, local shops, and a charming village-style setting. Nearby parks, trails, and golf communities add to the area's lifestyle appeal.

Community Vibe

Powell has an upscale, established, and family-friendly community vibe. It feels polished and residential, with a strong emphasis on quality of life. The pace is comfortable, with a mix of luxury living, local charm, and suburban convenience.

Delaware County

Galena

Scenic rural living



POPULATION

1,021



MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$594,900



SCHOOL DISTRICT

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS AND PORTIONS OF OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS, DEPENDING ON ADDRESS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

DELAWARE COUNTY TRANSIT OFFERS SUNBURY/GALENA FLEX AND COUNTYWIDE DEMAND-RESPONSE SERVICE.

[Explore Galena](#)

Amenities

Galena offers a quieter lifestyle with access to larger homesites, scenic surroundings, and nearby outdoor recreation. Residents enjoy proximity to Alum Creek, Hoover Reservoir, trails, and neighboring Sunbury amenities. The area is especially appealing for buyers who want space while staying within reach of Delaware County conveniences.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Galena because it offers space, privacy, and a more peaceful setting. It provides a rural or semi-rural feel while still being connected to growing Delaware County communities. Many buyers appreciate the blend of natural beauty, larger properties, and access to nearby amenities.

Notable Attraction

Alum Creek State Park is nearby and offers boating, trails, fishing, camping, and beach access. Hoover Reservoir provides scenic views, outdoor recreation, and peaceful natural surroundings. Galena's local trails and village setting add to its relaxed and nature-focused appeal.

Community Vibe

Galena has a calm, scenic, and residential vibe. It feels more relaxed and nature-oriented than many of the larger suburbs. The community is ideal for buyers who want breathing room, quiet surroundings, and a strong connection to the outdoors.

Delaware County

Lewis Center

Convenient suburban growth



POPULATION

36,012



MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$499,000



SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRIMARILY OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS, DEPENDING ON ADDRESS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

LIMITED FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT; MOST RESIDENTS DRIVE, WITH DELAWARE COUNTY TRANSIT AND NEARBY COTA ACCESS.

[Explore Lewis Center](#)



Amenities

Lewis Center offers newer neighborhoods, shopping, dining, parks, and commuter access. The area is close to Polaris, U.S. Route 23, I-71, and northern Columbus employment areas. Residents also enjoy convenient access to schools, retail, and outdoor recreation.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Lewis Center for its location, schools, and suburban comfort. It offers strong access to shopping, parks, restaurants, and commuter routes. Many buyers are drawn to its newer homes and Central Ohio convenience.

Notable Attraction

Polaris Fashion Place and the surrounding area provide shopping, dining, and entertainment nearby. Alum Creek State Park offers boating, trails, fishing, and beach access. Highbanks Metro Park is also within reach for hiking, nature, and scenic views.

Community Vibe

Lewis Center has a modern, active, and family-friendly suburban feel. It is convenient for commuters and close to major amenities. The community works well for buyers who want suburban living with easy access to Columbus and Delaware.

Franklin County, Delaware County, and Union County

Dublin

Upscale connected community



POPULATION
49,094



MEDIAN HOME PRICE
\$500,000



SCHOOL DISTRICT
DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT
COTA SERVICE IN PARTS OF THE AREA, PLUS THE DUBLIN CONNECTOR FOR ELIGIBLE USERS.

[Explore Dublin](#)

Amenities

Dublin offers neighborhoods, parks, trails, restaurants, offices, shopping, and recreation. Residents enjoy Bridge Park, Historic Dublin, the Scioto River, and strong community amenities. The city also provides convenient access to major roads, employers, and Columbus-area destinations.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Dublin for its polished neighborhoods, amenities, and high quality of life. The city offers parks, trails, restaurants, events, and strong employment access. Many buyers are drawn to its upscale feel and long-term desirability.

Notable Attraction

Bridge Park is one of Dublin's top dining, shopping, and entertainment destinations. The Dublin Link connects Bridge Park and Historic Dublin across the Scioto River. Indian Run Falls, Coffman Park, and the Dublin Irish Festival add outdoor and cultural appeal.

Community Vibe

Dublin has an upscale, well-planned, and community-focused vibe. It feels polished while still offering local charm and strong public spaces. The area is ideal for buyers who want comfort, convenience, and lifestyle amenities.

Licking County

Newark

Historic regional hub



POPULATION
51,473



MEDIAN HOME PRICE
\$258,450



SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWARK CITY SCHOOLS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT
LICKING COUNTY TRANSIT,
INCLUDING DEMAND-
RESPONSE AND DEVIATED
FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE.

[Explore Newark](#)



Amenities

Newark offers shopping, dining, parks, healthcare, and everyday services. Residents enjoy a more affordable lifestyle with access to local employers and major roads. The city also provides convenient amenities while staying connected to the larger Central Ohio region.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Newark for its value, convenience, and strong local identity. It offers access to shopping, healthcare, parks, and schools without the higher cost of some suburbs. Many buyers appreciate its established neighborhoods and practical lifestyle.

Notable Attraction

Newark Earthworks is one of the area's most important historic landmarks. The Dawes Arboretum offers trails, gardens, and scenic outdoor space nearby. Downtown Newark adds restaurants, events, local shops, and historic character.

Community Vibe

Newark has a historic, practical, and community-centered feel. It offers a mix of older neighborhoods, local businesses, and continued growth. The area is a good fit for buyers who want value and everyday convenience.

Licking County

Heath

Affordable eastside access



POPULATION

10,822



MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$289,900



SCHOOL DISTRICT

HEATH CITY SCHOOLS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

LICKING COUNTY TRANSIT, INCLUDING DEMAND-RESPONSE AND DEVIATED FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE IN LICKING COUNTY.

[Explore Heath](#)

Amenities

Heath offers practical everyday amenities, shopping, restaurants, parks, schools, and access to nearby Newark and Licking County employment areas. The city is known for convenience, value, and a more accessible price point compared to some Central Ohio suburbs. Residents also benefit from local recreation and proximity to regional highways.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Heath for its affordability, convenience, and easy access to everyday necessities. It offers a practical lifestyle with shopping, schools, parks, and nearby job centers. Many buyers appreciate that Heath provides value while still being connected to the broader Central Ohio region.

Notable Attraction

Heath City Water Park and local parks provide family-friendly recreation close to home. Dawes Arboretum is nearby and offers trails, gardens, nature education, and scenic outdoor space. Newark Earthworks and other Licking County attractions add history and cultural value to the area.

Community Vibe

Heath has a comfortable, practical, and approachable community vibe. It feels less crowded than larger suburbs and offers a more relaxed pace. The area is a good fit for buyers who want convenience, value, and access to eastern Central Ohio.

Licking County

Johnstown

Historic small-town growth



POPULATION

5,476



MEDIAN HOME PRICE

\$405,000



SCHOOL DISTRICT

JOHNSTOWN-MONROE
LOCAL SCHOOLS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

LICKING COUNTY TRANSIT
OFFERS COUNTYWIDE
DEMAND-RESPONSE
TRANSPORTATION; MOST
RESIDENTS ALSO RELY ON
PERSONAL VEHICLES.

[Explore Johnstown](#)

Amenities

Johnstown offers local businesses, parks, schools, and everyday services in a compact community setting. Residents benefit from convenient access to nearby New Albany, Newark, and greater Columbus-area amenities. The area also continues to see residential and infrastructure growth.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Johnstown for its small-town character and convenient Central Ohio location. It offers a quieter setting while keeping shopping, employment centers, and major roads within reach. Many buyers are drawn to the sense of community, local history, and growing housing opportunities.

Notable Attraction

Johnstown Trailhead Park provides outdoor space and access to local trails. The Mastodon Preserve reflects the community's unique local history and gives residents a distinctive landmark to explore. Bigelow Park and other city parks add recreation, green space, and family-friendly activities.

Community Vibe

Johnstown has a welcoming, close-knit, and steadily evolving vibe. It feels more relaxed than larger suburbs while still experiencing visible growth. The community is a strong fit for buyers who want local charm with access to the greater Columbus region.

Franklin County and Delaware County Westerville

Established community
convenience



POPULATION
38,612



MEDIAN HOME PRICE
\$419,950



SCHOOL DISTRICT
WESTERVILLE CITY
SCHOOLS



PUBLIC TRANSPORT
COTA SERVICE AND
COTA//PLUS ON-DEMAND
SERVICE IN WESTERVILLE,
WITH REGIONAL
CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT
GREATER COLUMBUS.

[Explore Westerville](#)

Amenities

Westerville offers a strong mix of shopping, dining, parks, schools, trails, libraries, and community services. Uptown Westerville provides a walkable local district with restaurants, shops, and year-round events. Residents also enjoy convenient access to Columbus, major highways, healthcare, and regional employment centers.

Why Residents Love it

Residents love Westerville for its established neighborhoods, walkable areas, and strong sense of community. It offers convenience without losing its local personality. Many buyers appreciate the parks, schools, location, and everyday livability.

Notable Attraction

Uptown Westerville is a popular local destination with dining, shopping, coffee shops, and community events. Inniswood Metro Gardens offers beautiful gardens, walking paths, and peaceful outdoor space. Hoover Reservoir and Otterbein University also add recreation, education, and cultural value to the community.

Community Vibe

Westerville has a classic, established, and community-centered suburban vibe. It feels active, organized, and welcoming, with a strong local identity. The area works well for families, professionals, and buyers who want convenience close to Columbus.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is Central Ohio good for remote workers?

Yes! Central Ohio offers strong internet access, coffee shops, libraries, co-working spaces, and communities with convenient access to Columbus. Areas like Delaware, Powell, Westerville, and Pickerington can be great options for remote professionals who want suburban comfort with access to city amenities.

How is Central Ohio's job market?

Central Ohio has a diverse job market with opportunities in healthcare, education, finance, insurance, technology, logistics, manufacturing, and government. Columbus serves as the region's major employment hub, while surrounding communities benefit from continued growth and development.



Does Central Ohio get a lot of snow?

Central Ohio does experience winter weather, including snow, freezing temperatures, and occasional icy conditions. However, winters are generally manageable compared to many northern Midwest cities, and residents still enjoy all four seasons throughout the year.

Is Central Ohio family-friendly?

Absolutely. Central Ohio is known for its suburban communities, parks, school districts, youth activities, healthcare access, and family-friendly amenities. Communities like Delaware, Sunbury, Powell, Galena, Westerville, Heath, and Pickerington each offer their own unique lifestyle benefits.

What's the cost of living like in Central Ohio?

Central Ohio offers a practical cost of living compared to many larger metro areas. Housing costs vary by community, with areas like Powell and parts of Westerville offering more established or higher-end options, while Delaware, Sunbury, Heath, and Pickerington may offer a broader range of homes and price points.



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