



City of Wapakoneta

Wapakoneta is a prosperous community of nearly 10,000 residents. It is a statutory form of government operating with a seven-person City Council, Mayor, and Director of Safety and Service. The City has 82 full-time employees. It operates municipal water, wastewater, electric, and refuse systems. It also provides full-time police, fire, and rescue services.

Tax Advantages

Doing business in Wapakoneta also has advantages from a tax cost perspective. The City has the lowest property tax rate in Auglaize County, nearly 10 mills less than other communities. Plus, Wapakoneta's city income tax rate is only 1.5%. These cost effective tax rates provide significant benefits to the City's local businesses and residents.

Wapakoneta is a community ready, able, and willing to invest in itself. Recent examples of capital investment include: new \$10 million water treatment plant, \$9 million in upgrades to the electric distribution system, and \$20 million in improvements to the sanitary and storm water control systems.

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TRAFFIC DATA

The Ohio Department of Transportation estimates more than 21 million people pass through Wapakoneta on Interstate 75 annually.



AVERAGE 24-HOUR TRAFFIC COUNT

	Passenger & A Commercial	B & C Commercial	Total Vehicles
Interstate 75 @ US 33	26,990	9,300	36,290
Interstate 75 @ Bellefontaine St.	25,690	9,260	34,950
Bellefontaine St. @ Apollo Dr.	13,454	274	13,728
Bellefontaine St. @ Wal Mart Dr.	14,294	299	14,593
US 33 @ County Road 25A	11,200	3,430	14,630
Defiance St. @ Lincoln Ave.	3,640	70	3,710
Defiance St. @ Blackhoof St.	7,110	120	7,230
Auglaize St. @ Blackhoof St.	7,540	130	7,670
Wood St. @ County Road 25A	2,920	80	3,000
Pearl St. @ Wood St.	2,060	40	2,100

West Central Ohio Industrial Center

The State of Ohio created its Job Ready Sites program in 2005 to develop an inventory of large, shovel-ready industrial sites. Wapakoneta's West Central Ohio Industrial Center was certified as one of Ohio's first Job Ready Sites in 2010. More than \$7 million have been invested in developing this 700+ acre industrial park at the intersection of Interstate 75 and US 33. In 2012, it was also certified as one of the nation's first CSX Select Sites.



As one of Ohio's largest certified Job Ready Sites, the West Central Ohio Industrial Center is an important economic development asset for the state. It is typically submitted for consideration on most large, greenfield site projects looking at Ohio. It has what the JobsOhio team in Columbus defines as "regional economy shifting potential." They are convinced it will provide significant job creation opportunities for the State of Ohio and the region.

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WAPAKONETA AT A GLANCE

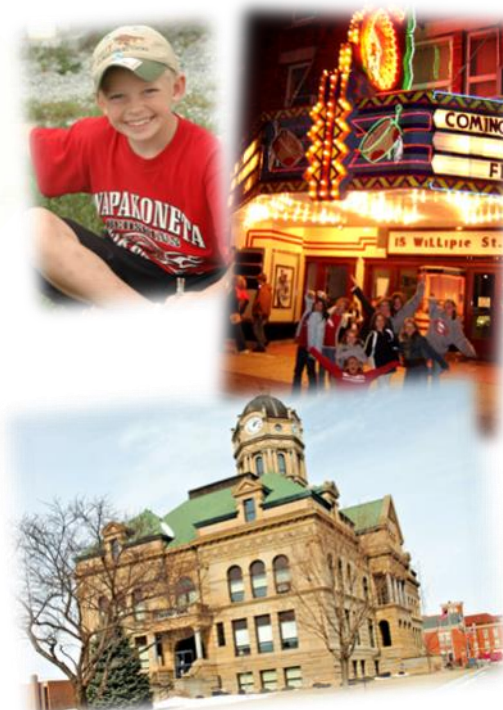
Wapakoneta has been a place to visit and do business since the Shawnee established their settlement along the banks of the Auglaize River in the 1780s. They built their Council House not far from the river, named by the French for its clay-filled waters. Many great American Indian leaders came to Wapakoneta to council.



Wapakoneta was officially platted in 1833. In February 1848, the Ohio legislature created the new Auglaize County and Wapakoneta became the county seat. With the completion of the Dayton & Michigan Railroad in 1858, Wapakoneta was assured success. In the 1960s, the construction of Interstate 75 was another important transportation advantage for the city.

Today Wapakoneta is a prosperous, award-winning, All-American city of nearly 10,000 with a tradition of hard work and excellence. Our most famous resident, Mr. Neil Armstrong—first person to step on the moon—put us on the world map.

We invite you to discover what makes Wapakoneta, Ohio an outstanding place to live and do business.



LOCATION ADVANTAGE

Wapakoneta, Ohio is centered between Chicago, Cleveland, and Cincinnati at the intersection of Interstate 75 and US 33. It is approximately midway between Interstates 80 and 70. Its location provides easy and affordable access to profitable U.S. and Canadian markets and supply chains. It is within an 8-hour drive of 50% of North America's population and 60% of its manufacturing companies.

As this map indicates, nearly 7 million people live within 3 hours of Wapakoneta. Plus, an estimated 21 million people drive through the city annually on Interstate 75. It is truly an excellent location for business success.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Wapakoneta is centered in the West Central Ohio Region. Below is data for the City of Wapakoneta and the region at 30-minute and 60-minute drive times from Wapakoneta.

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	Wapakoneta	30 minutes	1 hour
Populations			
2010 Total Population	9,867	203,657	588,058
2013 Total Population	9,647	205,031	591,566
2013 Race & Ethnicity			
White	97%	89.6%	93.2%
African American	1%	6.7%	3.3%
Other	1%	3%	2.7%
Hispanic	1%	1.9%	2%
2013 Age			
19 and Under	28.4%	27.6%	27.9%
20-29	13.5%	11.7%	11.8%
30-39	23.5%	11.8%	11.8%
40-49	13.2%	13.1%	13.3%
50-64	17.9%	20.7%	20.3%
65 and over	19.5%	15.2%	14.9%
2013 Educational Attainment (25 & over)			
No HS Diploma	17.6%	11.9%	11.9%
HS Diploma/GED	46%	43.6%	43.6%
College, No Degree	17.3%	19.3%	19.3%
College/Adv. Degree	19.1%	25.2%	25.2%
Households			
Number of Households	4,037	80,264	227,030
Average Household size	2	2.5	2.5
2010 Median Income	\$44,322	\$45,792	\$48,824
2013 Median Income	\$45,463	\$46,857	\$49,548
Household Income			
Under \$25,000	26.5%	25.6%	23.2%
\$25,000-\$49,999	31%	27.1%	27.3%
\$50,000-\$74,999	24%	21.6%	22%
\$75,000-\$124,999	12.3%	19.0%	20.3%
\$125,000-\$199,999	6.1%	5.2%	5.7%
Over \$200,000	2.3%	1.5%	1.5%
Median Home Value			
Median Home Value	\$88,885	\$112,906	\$121,551
Average Home Value			
Average Home Value	\$129,600	\$138,614	\$146,678
2013 Households			
Owner Occupied	68.4%	70.8%	73%
Renter occupied	31.6%	29.2%	27%



It is easy to say a community has an outstanding quality of life. It is exciting when someone else validates your opinion.



Ohio Magazine, the state's premier quality of life publication, selected Wapakoneta as one of Ohio's Best Hometowns in 2011.

The magazine's staff researches communities across the state and determines the best places based on business environment, education, health and safety, culture and heritage, and community spirit. They look for Ohio's great places to live, work, raise a family, and open a new business. We are proud they determined Wapakoneta was one of the Best Hometowns.

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Excellent Schools Help Build A Great Community

In 2013 the Ohio Department of Education ranked Wapakoneta City Schools as one of Ohio's EXCELLENT school districts. How does a large, diverse public school district rank so well? Our district's success is based on the quality of our students, the support they receive at home, and our outstanding staff and facilities. In the past five years our community has invested more than \$67 million dollars in new buildings, renovations to existing buildings, and state-of-the-art technology. That is how much we believe in our kids and their futures.

We give our students opportunities in the classroom, on the stage, and on the athletic court or field. We want all of our students to experience a sense of accomplishment and pride. We are a large (2900+ student) public school district that understands education and thinks like a private school.

Providing a quality education is a community priority and we take it very seriously. That is what makes our school district EXCELLENT! [Learn more at wapak.org](http://wapak.org)



The Armstrong Legacy

On July 20, 1969, the world paused for a brief, shining moment to watch Wapakoneta's native son, Neil Armstrong, set foot on the soft dust of the lunar surface and say, "That's one step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind."

Since the Armstrong Air & Space Museum opened in 1972 more than 2.5 million people from around the world have visited the museum. It is one of the nation's premier aerospace museums taking visitors on an exciting journey through space history and our current endeavors in space exploration. Last year people from 85 different nations visited the museum.

Few people in human history will be remembered forever. Mr. Armstrong will be one of them. We are very proud that he called Wapakoneta home. [Learn more at armstrongmuseum.org](http://armstrongmuseum.org)

Historic Downtown

A visit to historic downtown Wapakoneta is an architectural treat. In 1988, a historic district containing 65 properties was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It contains 19th and early 20th century buildings, which now house a wide variety of restaurants, shops, and offices.

Our Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership works successfully to enhance and promote the viability of our historic downtown, and it is working. Our downtown occupancy rate is 95%. It is filled with dozens of interesting restaurants and shops. There are numerous sales events, a Farmers Market, and concerts held downtown. It has become a regional destination.

Plus, there are more than 70 housing units downtown, primarily second and third floor apartments.

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