



WESTERVILLE, OHIO

# COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Workforce & Quality of Life



**Access to Talent:** The population of Westerville is more than 40,000 residents, with a daytime population nearly double that number. Within a 20-minute commute, the population is over 550,000, which is projected to increase by 5% in five years. The labor force totals nearly 1 million. The Columbus Region is home to 50+ college and university campuses. The Ohio State University Main Campus is just 20 minutes away, and Otterbein University is at the heart of Uptown Westerville.



**Workforce Development:** Westerville City Schools boasts Career Pathways in Business Logistics, Engineering and Health Careers. In the most recent year, enrollment grew by 17% for Business Logistics and 100% for Health. Twenty-seven students earned a clinical laboratory assistant certificate in the program's first two years.



**Quality of Life:** Westerville is known as a city within a park due to its more than 40 parks, 50+ miles of paved recreational paths, 240+ miles of sidewalks and access to public transportation. Special events in Westerville and surrounding areas are plentiful, making quality of life in Central Ohio unmatched when compared to other regions in the US.



**Cost of Living:** According to Payscale.com, Westerville's overall cost of living is 3% lower than the national average. The 2021 median home price is \$376,297, and 2019 median household income was \$93,717.

# Schools & Education

**Westerville City School District:** Serving a culturally and economically diverse 52-square-mile area in northeastern Franklin and southern Delaware counties, the Westerville City School District (WCSD) educates approximately 15,500 students. WCSD is the 12th-largest district in Ohio and enjoys a history of being recognized by the Ohio Department of Education as a high-performing school district. The district operates 15 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools, an Early Learning Center and an Academic Enrichment Center. All three district high schools have been identified by Newsweek magazine as being among the best high schools in America.

**Olentangy City School District:** The Olentangy Local School District is comprised of 95 square miles and is the 4th largest K-12 school district in Ohio with over 22,000 students. The district boasts three of the Top 30 best high schools in Ohio, and three of the Top 10 best high schools in Central Ohio. Most of the district is in Delaware County with a small, southern portion in Franklin County. The district serves all or part of numerous municipalities including the City of Westerville.

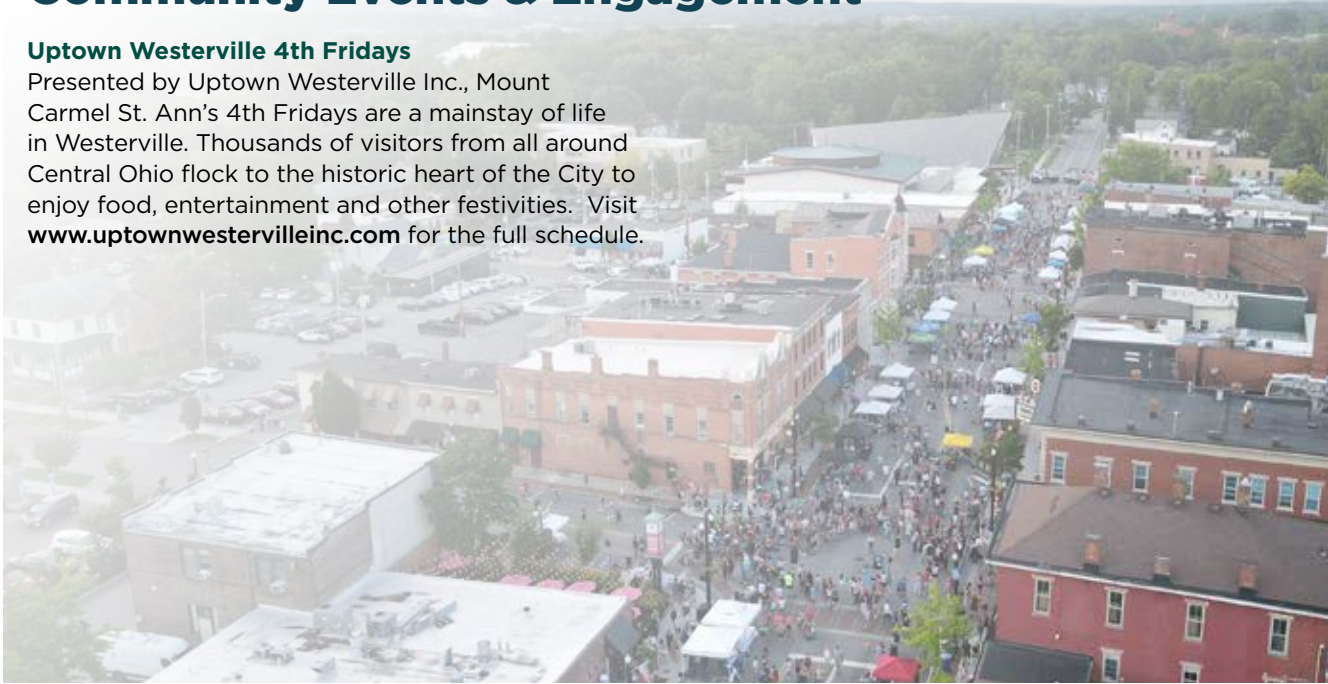
**Otterbein University:** Founded in 1847, Otterbein is a regionally-accredited liberal arts university situated on a 140-acre campus in the heart of Westerville, adjacent to the picturesque Uptown District. Serving more than 3,000 students, Otterbein offers more than 70 majors, 44 minors, and five graduate programs in business administration, education and nursing, including a doctor of nursing practice degree.

**The Point at Otterbein:** The Point is Otterbein University's STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) center, comprised of over 61,000 square feet of learning labs and maker space, think tanks, networking facilities, event space and designated co-working areas and offices. Businesses located at The Point value the opportunity to work with students in cross-disciplinary teams, engaging beyond the traditional internship model.

# Community Events & Engagement

## Uptown Westerville 4th Fridays

Presented by Uptown Westerville Inc., Mount Carmel St. Ann's 4th Fridays are a mainstay of life in Westerville. Thousands of visitors from all around Central Ohio flock to the historic heart of the City to enjoy food, entertainment and other festivities. Visit [www.uptownwestervilleinc.com](http://www.uptownwestervilleinc.com) for the full schedule.



# Mobility & Public Transportation

The City partners with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) to provide COTA//Plus, an on-demand ride service for corporate limits. Westerville commuters also love using CMAX, the bus rapid transit line with direct service to and from downtown Columbus, and other fixed routes in the City.

Visiting Uptown soon? Download the “Westerville Parking Mobile Application,” which will tell you the exact location of open parking spots in the historic district.





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