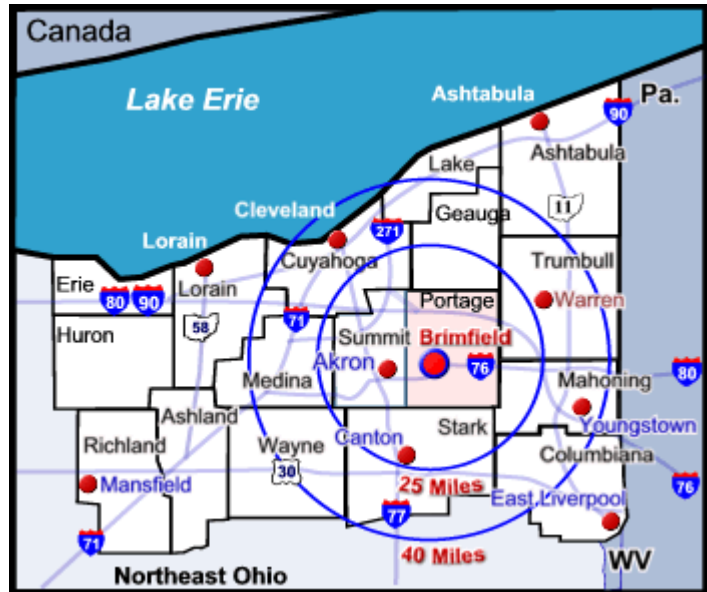


Township of Brimfield, Ohio



This progressive Northeast Ohio community is located in central Portage County 12 miles east of downtown Akron on the Interstate 76 corridor. Brimfield Township, population 7,963, serves as the southern gateway to Kent State University. Over 1.5 million people live within 25 miles.



Brimfield is within one hour's drive of the major metropolitan areas of Northeast Ohio: Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Youngstown, and Warren.

Brimfield Township is located in the Southwest quadrant of Portage County, Ohio. It is bordered by the city of Kent to the north, Rootstown Township to the east, Suffield Township to the south, and by the city of Tallmadge in Summit County to the west. The township has an area of twenty-two and one half square miles.

The Township has access to an excellent transportation system with two interstate highway exchanges on I-76 located within the township, State Route 43 traversing in a north/south direction and State Route 261 located just north of the Township. The Township also contains a reasonably developed network of Local Township and county roads.

On a larger regional perspective, Brimfield is within one day's drive of other major urban centers such as Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, and Toronto, Canada.

The transportation access, a key asset in Brimfield Township, allows it to have advantages of accessibility to diverse educational and cultural centers, large labor pools, large product markets, and allows its residents to enjoy diversity in both rural and urban landscapes, all factors contributing to the quality of life in Brimfield Township.

Brimfield Township has 653 acres of Industrial Zoned land. All of the industrial area is located in a Rural Enterprise Zone and the Township and Portage County may offer tax incentives to companies that agree to various standards for employment, payroll, growth and stability. Industry located within the district can be categorized as basically environmentally clean and relate positively to surrounding areas.

There are approximately 2,700 dwellings in the Township with the potential for more than 1,800 additional dwellings in the near future.

The average family size is 2.9 persons with an average tax adjusted family income of \$ 33,636.00 per year. [CY2000]

The Field Local School District serves both Brimfield Township and Suffield Township and has an enrollment for the 2003 school year of 2,315 students, an increase of approximately 33 students over the past two years.

The City of Akron's Mogadore Reservoir (887 acres) provides fishing and boating opportunities in the southern section of the township.

Brimfield Township

Population (2000 Census)

Township 7,963 Portage County 152,061

Governmental Services

Form of Government – Statutory - Board of 3 Trustees
Police - Brimfield Police Dept. – 14 full & part-time
Fire - Brimfield Fire Dept. – Combination of full-time & part time personnel providing full EMS Services.

Education

Public Schools: Elementary: 2 Middle School: 1
High Schools: 1
Maplewood Career Center

Post-secondary Education within Portage County includes:

Hiram College, Kent State University
Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine
Boheckers Business College
Akron Machining Institute (In nearby Summit County)

Public Libraries: 1

Health Services

Robinson Memorial Hospital Beds: 280
Two urgent care facilities, two outpatient surgery centers and two medical arts centers which houses additional medical services and Physician's offices.
Number of Physicians: 146

Transportation

State Highways: 43 and 261.

Area Interstate Highways: I-76 and I-80 (Ohio Turnpike Exit 13), 10 miles north.

Area Trucking: 35 companies franchised; 3 terminals

Air: Akron-Canton Regional Airport – 20 miles.

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport – 40 miles.

Portage Co. Airport - 12 miles.

Water: Lake Erie, 4 ports within one hour drive.

Utilities

Water: Varies within the township.

Sanitary System: Varies within the township.

Electricity: Ohio Edison Co. /First Energy

Gas: Dominion/East Ohio Gas Co.

Telephone: Ameritech

Communications

Television (Regional Channels) 16

Time Warner Cable TV and Road Runner Broadband

Radio Stations: 5

Daily Newspapers: 3

Local: Record Courier

Regional: Cleveland Plain Dealer - Akron Beacon Journal

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Principal Industries in area - (by employment)

Press of Ohio, Carter Lumber, H&M Rubber, East End Welding, Alloy Extrusion, Accu-grind, JB Manufacturing, Miller Bearing, Simcox Grinding, Technidrill, Reduction Engineering, Puritan Systems, Kent Display Inc.

WORKFORCE

Average Workforce (Portage County) 2/2008 90,700
Average Unemployment (Portage County) 2/2008: 6.1%

TAX STRUCTURE

Local Taxes

Local Real Property assessed at 35% of market value.
Net effective millage per \$1000 tax valuation 2007:
Residential & Agriculture: 47.959794
All other classes: 54.381792

Local Tangible Personal Property assessed at 6.25%.
New Manufacturing equipment assessed at 0%
Total millage per \$1000 tax valuation 2007: 85.63
Local Income Tax: 1.00%
Local Sales/Use Tax: 1.25%

State Taxes

Sales/Use Tax: 5.5%
Personal Income Tax: .7% - 7%
Corporate Income Tax: 5.1%
Unemployment Tax: 1% - 8%

Attractions/Recreation/Shopping

Options abound within Portage County and neighboring communities. A partial list includes: Mogadore Reservoir, Viking Vineyards, Wildwater Kingdom, Aurora Premium Outlets, Kent State University Fashion Museum and the Portage County Historical Society Museum.

State Parks:

West Branch, Nelson Kennedy Ledges, Tinkers Creek and Eagle Creek State Nature Preserve. Visitors and residents alike enjoy a wide array of community parks, private campgrounds and 11 public golf courses.

Additional options within a one-hour drive include:

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Inventure Place, Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Cavaliers, Cleveland Browns, Akron Aeros, Lake Erie Monsters and Cleveland Gladiators.

For More Information Contact:

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Portage County Department of Econ. Dev. 330-297-3470

Web Address: www.portageworkforce.org/pcoed/