

Ravenna, Ohio



This Northeast Ohio community, the seat of Portage County, has a population of

11,771 and is located approximately 18 miles northeast of Akron, and 35 miles southeast of Cleveland. Within 15 miles, the total population is approximately 445,000.



Proximity to the Akron and Cleveland areas and an excellent highway system provide exceptional access to major markets and suppliers. The transportation network contributes to the diverse industrial base of the area.

State highway routes 14, 44, 59, 5 and 88 serve Ravenna directly, and I-76, I-77, I-80 and I-480 are all within 15 miles. Rail service is available from Norfolk Southern, CSX Transportation, and Portage County's short line railroad operated by the Akron Barberton Cluster Railway.

Commercial air service is convenient to area residents at either Akron-Canton Airport (27 miles) or Cleveland Hopkins Airport (40 miles). Private and corporate aircraft make use of Portage County Airport's 3,500-foot hard-surfaced runway, just two miles from town. The excellent transportation facilities also promote considerable economic interaction between Ravenna and surrounding areas.

Local retail stores are supplemented by regional malls and shopping districts in neighboring towns. While many Ravenna residents travel to jobs in Akron and Cleveland industries. Many are also employed by local manufacturers that produce items ranging from rubber and plastic products to foundries and building supplies.

In addition to wide-ranging employment opportunities, Ravenna residents enjoy diverse recreational and cultural opportunities. These include the offerings in nearby Cleveland and Akron, as well as summer theatre, amusement parks and outdoor concerts.

Ravenna has 350 acres of parkland itself and is within 15 minutes of West Branch State Park, an 8,000-acre facility that includes a 2,650-acre reservoir.

Each September, the Ravenna Balloon-A-Fair climaxes the end of summer with a two-day community sponsored festival that includes downtown booths, local and national entertainment, and hot air balloon lift-offs from just outside the city limits. Merchants, industry and the entire community contribute to this event.

The local public school system includes five grade schools, one middle school and one high school. Maplewood Career Center, located just 1-1/2 miles north of downtown Ravenna, offers eleventh and twelfth grade students training in many career opportunities. Advanced education of all types is available at numerous schools within easy driving distance.

Along with the rapid growth of population, single-family units and apartments have been constructed at a fast pace. There are wide selections of all types of housing available in the area.

The Chamber of Commerce and local government are continually working to maintain a good business climate in the community and assure adequate space for new and expanding industry.

CITY OF RAVENNA

Population

City of Ravenna	11,771
Portage County	152,061

Governmental Services

Form of Government - Charter, Mayor, City Council
Police - Ravenna Police Dept. – 23 full & part-time
Fire - Ravenna Fire Dept. - 19 full-time

Education

Public Schools: Elementary: 5 Middle School: 1
High Schools: 1 Non-Public Schools: 2
Maplewood Career Center
Business College: 1

Post-secondary Education within Portage County includes: Kent State University, Hiram College, Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Boeckers 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: 5, 44, 14, 88, and 59.

Interstate Highways: I-76, 3 miles South. I-80 (Ohio Turnpike Exit 13A) 5 miles North

Trucking: 35 companies franchised; 3 terminals

Rail: Norfolk Southern, CSX Transportation, and Portage County/Akron Barberton Cluster Railway (ABCR)

Air: Akron-Canton Regional Airport - 27 miles.

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport - 40 miles.

Portage Co. Airport - 2 miles.

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

Utilities

Water:	City of Ravenna
Sanitary System	City of Ravenna
Electricity:	Ohio Edison Co. /First Energy
Gas:	Dominion/East Ohio Gas Co.
Telephone:	SBC/Ameritech

Communications

Television (Regional Channels)	16
Time Warner Cable TV and Road Runner Internet Service	
Radio Stations:	5
Daily Newspapers	3
Local: Record Courier	
Regional: Cleveland Plain Dealer - Akron Beacon Journal	

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Principal Industries -- Top 6 Manufacturing

Companies (by employment)

GE Lighting Inc.	366
Parker-Hannifin Corp.	303
Allen Aircraft Products (2 plants)	175
Paris Companies	172
G.E. Distribution Center	160
Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.	108

Labor Force: Portage County avg. as of 3/2009 91,600

Unemployment Rate: P.C. average as of 3/2009 10.4%

Local Taxes

Local Real Property assessed at 35% of market value.
Net effective millage per \$1000 tax valuation 2009:
Residential & Agriculture: 49.220766
All other classes: 55.703543

Local Tangible Personal Property assessed at 0%.
New Manufacturing equipment assessed at 0%
Total millage per \$1000 tax valuation 2009: 88.22
Local Income Tax: 2.0%
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: 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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www.ravenna-oh.com/econ.html

Portage County Dept. of Econ. Dev. 330/297-3470
www.portageworkforce.org/pcoed

Ravenna Chamber of Commerce: 330/296-3886

Ohio Edison (FirstEnergy Corp.) Economic Development
Dept.: 330/384-4517. www.firstenergycorp.com/ed