

COST OF LIVING/QUALITY OF LIFE OVERVIEW

The Canton/Stark County Area offers many of the amenities and activities of a big city, with the advantages of small-city living. The area's low cost of living makes it an appealing place for businesses and employees. As a matter of fact, many people who work outside of the county are settling here because of the quality schools, economical prices, and abundant housing.



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City statistics	Canton	National Average
Values worse than national average are displayed in red .		
Demographics		
Population	78,582	52,500
Population density	4,070.9	3,011.6
Population change	-6.50%	11.26%
Income per capita	\$13,497	\$20,710
Median household income	\$26,285	\$43,014
Households	30,923	20,080
People per household	2.27	2.53
Median age	35.1	34.3
Median income	\$33,029	\$53,475
Cost of living indexes		
Overall	94.2	100.0
Housing	85.2	100.0
Food and groceries	100.0	100.0
Transportation	102.2	100.0
Utilities	96.3	100.0
Health care	87.1	100.0
Miscellaneous	99.5	100.0
Housing		
	Canton	National Average
House median value	\$89,200	\$134,100
Home appreciation	1.72%	4.83%
Property tax	\$13.20	\$16.40
Commute time	18.1	19.2
Commute by bus	2.81%	2.74%
Commute by carpool	10.89%	13.38%
Commute by own car	81.42%	75.44%
Health		
Health cost index	87.1	100.0

Of more information about the categories or to compare Canton with another city, please click [here](#).

STARK COUNTY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Alliance

Alliance, located in the eastern part of the county, is the Carnation City, the official home to the state flower, the carnation. Mount Union College, a liberal arts school with more than 1,500 students, is located here. Historical homes such as the Glamorgan Castle and the Mabel Hartzell Museum are popular sites open to tourists.



The Carnation City also offers a variety of stores to suit any shopper's needs, an indoor soccer complex, and several city parks.



Canal Fulton

Located in Western Stark County, Canal Fulton is a historic town with several restaurants and many quaint shops. Canal Fulton's "claim to fame" is the canal boat St. Helena III, an authentic reproduction of a freighter from the late 1800s, which offers rides along the Ohio and Erie Canal. The village also offers several types of recreational facilities including the Canal Days Museum, Indian River Canoe Livery, Sluggers and Putters Family Fun Park, and Clay's Park Resort.

Canton

Canton, the largest city in the county, is known across the country as the home of the Pro-Football Hall of Fame, visited by more than 6 million people since its opening 32 years ago. The Hall of Fame is a five building complex where football greats are featured. The Hall of Fame festival is a weeklong event that features a rib burnoff, a food festival, a balloon classic, the induction ceremonies, and a football game.



Photo: James Carman

Canton is committed to the preservation and restoration of its historic buildings, including the Saxton House and the Stark County Courthouse. The city boasts a cultural complex featuring the Canton Ballet, The Canton Museum of Art, The Player's Guild, the Canton Civic Opera, and the Canton Symphony. Another featured attraction in the city is the McKinley Memorial where President McKinley's body is entombed. Shopping facilities and restaurants are plentiful.



Jackson-Belden

From its rural agricultural roots, in a short time the Jackson-Belden area grew into a thriving community of 32,000. The area is the leader in new home construction in the county, with upscale housing quickly replacing farmland. Jackson-Belden is also the retail center of the county, home to over 130 restaurants in the Belden Village Mall area and constant

expansion of retail and commercial establishments. Over 129 acres of parks in the Jackson Township Park System provide many recreational opportunities. There are five private county clubs and several golf courses.

Lake Township

The village of Hartville, nestled in Lake Township, is known for its Amish legacy. The Quail Hollow State Park, and the Hartville Flea Market, along with dozens of quaint shops and restaurants with homestyle cooking complete a picture of country charm. The village holds several fairs and festivals and has several recreational opportunities.



Louisville

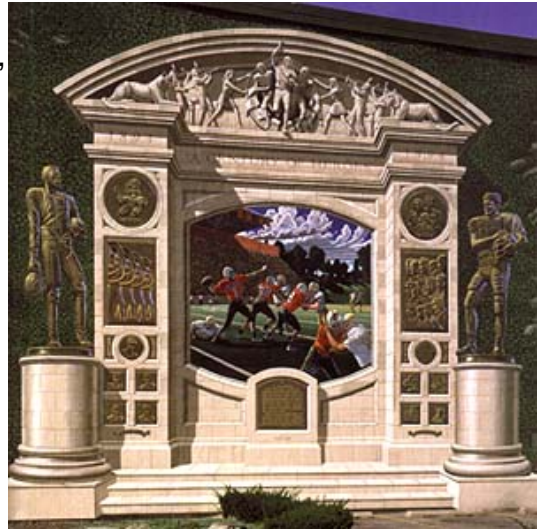
Situated northeast of Canton, Louisville is the Constitution Town and hosts a weeklong event honoring the Constitution. Downtown Louisville features many historic buildings built in the beginning of the 1830s. A 125-year-old elegant Victorian mansion that now

houses a community center for the senior population is highlighted. Louisville also has five city parks offering many types of recreational activities.



Massillon

Massillon, the second largest city in the county, is known for its sports tradition. The city's pride is its widely recognized high school football team, the Massillon Tigers. The Massillon Museum, containing contemporary art and the history of the city, as well as the Romanesque Five Oaks mansion, are popular sightseeing spots. In addition, the city is home to the Spring Hill Historic Home and three churches on the National Register. The Ohio Society of Military History Museum displays exhibits honoring Ohio veterans. In the summer, golfing and attending Ohio's largest cruise-in are popular activities.



Minerva

Located at the crossroads of Stark, Carroll and Columbiana Counties, Minerva calls itself "The Biggest Little Town in Ohio." The town is peacefully rural with its beautiful wooded rolling hills, streams, and rich agriculture. Colonial era music provides a background for thousands to shop at the Great Trail Festival, an arts and crafts festival held each fall.

North Canton

North Canton, located in the North Central part of the County, is a quaint town offering beautiful parks, a playhouse, restaurants and unique shops. The center of North Canton is its Victorian style main street with a Victorian flair. Popular attractions include the famous Harry London's Candies and the Hoover Historical Center. The founder of the Hoover Company called North Canton his home. The area is also home to Walsh University, a University educating over 1,000 students annually. During the summer, people from all over the County visit the Main Street Festival.



Area Public Golf Courses **Canton-Massillon was rated one of Places**
Rates Almanac's nineteen "Surprising Golf Hot Spots" in 2000!

Course Name	Type	Nbr Holes	Adv. Tee Times	Green Fees
Barberton Brookside Country Club				
Norton, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$25 wknd
Bob-O-Link Golf Club -North				
North Canton, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$17 wknd
Bob-O-Link Golf Club -South				
North Canton, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$17 wknd
Carroll Meadows Golf Course				
Carrollton, OH	Public	18	7 days	\$16 wknd
Challenge Golf Course				
Akron, OH	Public	3	Yes	\$9 wknd
Chippewa Golf Club				
Doylestown, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$25 wknd
Clearview Golf Club				
East Canton, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$20 wknd
Copley Greens				
Copley, OH	Public	9	Yes	\$10 wknd
Edgewater Golf Club				
Minerva, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$17 wknd
Elms, The -Middle/Back				
North Lawrence, OH	Public	18	7 days	\$24 wknd
Elms, The -Front/Middle				
North Lawrence, OH	Public	18	7 days	\$24 wknd
Elms, The -Front/Back				
North Lawrence, OH	Public	18	7 days	\$24 wknd
Green Valley Golf Club				
New Philadelphia, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$23 wknd
Lake View Golf Course				
Hartville, OH	Public	9	Yes	\$12 wknd
Legends Of Massillon, The -North				
Massillon, OH	Public	9	30 days	\$34 wknd
Legends Of Massillon, The -South				
Massillon, OH	Public	9	Yes	\$45 wknd
Legends Of Massillon, The -East				
Massillon, OH	Public	9	Yes	\$45 wknd
Loyal Oak Golf Course -Third				
Norton, OH	Public	9	1 days	\$18.50 wknd
Loyal Oak Golf Course -First/Second				
Norton, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$20 wknd
Lyons Den Golf Course				
Canal Fulton, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$20 wknd
Mayfair Country Club -East				
Uniontown, OH	Public	18	3 days	\$28 wknd

Mayfair Country Club -West	Uniontown, OH	Public	18	3 days	\$37 wknd
Meadowlake Golf Club	Canton, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$15 wknd
Oak Grove Golf Course	Atwater, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$15 wknd
Paradise Lake Country Club	Mogadore, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$23 wknd
Pleasant View Golf Club	Paris, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$20 wknd
Raintree Country Club	Uniontown, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$27 wknd
Raymond C. Firestone Golf Course	Akron, OH	Public	9	7 days	\$20 wknd
Rolling Green Golf Course	Massillon, OH	Public	18	Yes	\$13 wknd
Sable Creek Golf Course	Hartville, OH	Public	18	7 days	\$24 wknd
Seven Hills Country Club	Hartville, OH	Public	18	14 days	\$29 wknd
Skyland Pines Golf Club	Canton, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$25 wknd
Spring Hills Golf Club	Clinton, OH	Public	18	7 days	\$20 wknd
Spring Valley Country Club	East Sparta, OH	Public	18	2 days	\$25 wknd
Suffield Springs Golf Club	Mogadore, OH	Public	9	14 days	\$17 wknd
Tam O'shanter Public Golf Course -Dales	Canton, OH	Public	18	7 days	\$28 wknd
Tam O'shanter Public Golf Course -Hills	Canton, OH	Public	18	7 days	\$28 wknd
Tannenhauf Golf Club	Alliance, OH	Public	18	90 days	\$25 wknd
Turkeyfoot Lake Golf Links -Long 9/Middle 9	Akron, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$25 wknd
Turkeyfoot Lake Golf Links -Water Nine	Akron, OH	Public	9	1 days	\$22 wknd
West's Mogadore Country Club	Mogadore, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$15 wknd
Wilkshire Golf Course	Bolivar, OH	Public	18	1 days	\$22 wknd
Zoar Village Golf Course	Zoar, OH	Public	18	365 days	\$24 wknd