

# A Community Profile

## MARYSVILLE, OHIO (Union County)

The City of Marysville, county seat of Union County, offers the advantages of a metropolitan area with the charm and hospitality of a rural smaller community. Settled along Mill Creek early in the 1820's, the city serves as the hub for the county. The city's administration and leaders are committed to embracing the opportunities for growth, but are careful to maintain control so that growth is orderly and productive. The 2000 census population recorded at 15,932 and estimates the population to be 17,483 (2005).

Marysville's location is among its greatest assets – conveniently located 25 miles northwest of Columbus, the state capital. Located on U.S. 33, a main interstate-like highway connects Columbus to the southeast and Fort Wayne, Indiana to the northwest. Other principal highways in Marysville are U.S. Route 36 and State Routes 4, 31, 38, 245 and 736.

Marysville is the home of both large and small industries and a diversified business base that helps to provide a "quality of life" that cannot be matched. Marysville is a city of proud people and offers much to many. Few communities in the country have enjoyed the international spotlight which has focused on Marysville in recent years, mostly as a result of the Honda of America Mfg., Inc. facilities located seven miles northwest of the City. Other major industries located in Marysville are The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Parker Hannifin Hydraulics, Nestle, and Univenture.

The Union County Airport, which is located in Marysville, has a 4,220 foot runway. The airport provides complete air service, including passenger and freight and can accommodate private and executive aircraft. Port Columbus International Airport is located 35 minutes to the southeast and offers commercial service from most major carriers.

Excellent educational opportunities are available through the Marysville Exempted School District. There are five elementary schools, one intermediate school, one middle school, one high school and six parochial schools. Career-training programs are offered to students in grades 11 and 12 and adult courses are available at the Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School. Marysville Public Library continues to provide a great service to the community and is a gathering place for children and young families.

The City has a park system that exceeds any other community of its size. Within the City you will find nine parks totaling over 300 acres including such features as a walking and bike nature trail along Mill Creek (Jim Simmons Trail) and a Frisbee golf course and skateboard park. The City of Marysville owns and operates a municipal swimming pool located in the midst of tree-laden American Legion Park. The pool's well-kept grounds, bathhouse and Olympic-size lanes make it an ideal and much used community resource. Schwartzkopf Park is home of a lighted horseshoe pits and is a great area for family activities. The Union County YMCA located in Marysville provides a fully serviced fitness center including an indoor swimming pool and basketball courts. The Ohio Army National Guard is constructing a 45,000 square foot facility adjacent to the YMCA which will include a gym, kitchen and classrooms for the community.

Memorial Hospital of Union County is a modern 107 bed facility just south of the Uptown area. Located on attractive tree-dotted grounds, the county owned hospital serves the area's health care needs including a state of the art women's health center. It also offers mobile meals daily to area shut-ins and seniors.

Marysville and Union County are one of the fastest growing cities and counties in the State of Ohio. Marysville has numerous residential developments which have homes typically ranging from \$130,000 to over \$500,000. Recent major commercial developments – Coleman's Crossing and City Gate – have opened over 800,000 square feet of commercial space providing a number of retail options for residents.

Along the US 33 and Industrial Parkway corridor, numerous properties are available for commercial and industrial business expansion. The City is currently investing in a new sanitary sewer facility and a new water reservoir which will prepare the community for future growth and development.

The City's Uptown area (downtown) has recently experienced a rebirth led by a public-private partnership group known as the Uptown Renewal Team (URT). Over \$1,000,000 has recently been invested in Uptown by various business owners; and monthly Friday events during the summer and fall provide festivals known as "*Friday Nights Uptown.*"

In 2006, Marysville was named one of the best five hometowns in Ohio by *Ohio Magazine*. The City prides itself upon a rich heritage, conservative family values, and a populous with an unparalleled work ethic. With its strong corporate and business base and its continual growth and development, Marysville is a great place to call home.

You can learn more information about Marysville at the City's website – [www.marysvilleohio.org](http://www.marysvilleohio.org) – or at the Union County Chamber of Commerce's website – [www.unioncounty.org](http://www.unioncounty.org).

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