

Why Ohio?

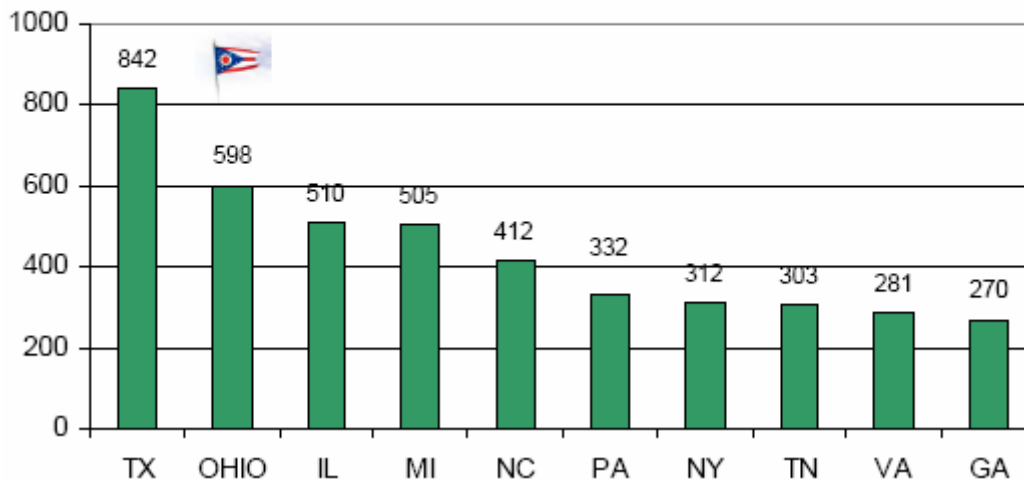


In Ohio, we will minimize your risk and help you make business decisions with ease and confidence. Our team will work in partnership with you to ensure that you receive the information needed to maximize your company's success.

For companies selling products to US manufacturers, Ohio is the ideal location. In 2005, Ohio ranked second in the United States in new plants and expansions and first in the Midwest with 598 new capital investment projects. Capital investment in Ohio in 2005 exceeded \$3.8 billion.

The Midwest Region continues to lead the nation in manufacturing. There were over 1,900 new facilities and expansions in the Midwest states, more than twice the number of new plants and expansions than in any other region of the U.S.

Site Selection 2005 Top Ten States



Ohio communities welcome new investments in manufacturing and distribution and are skilled in providing the resources that growing companies need.

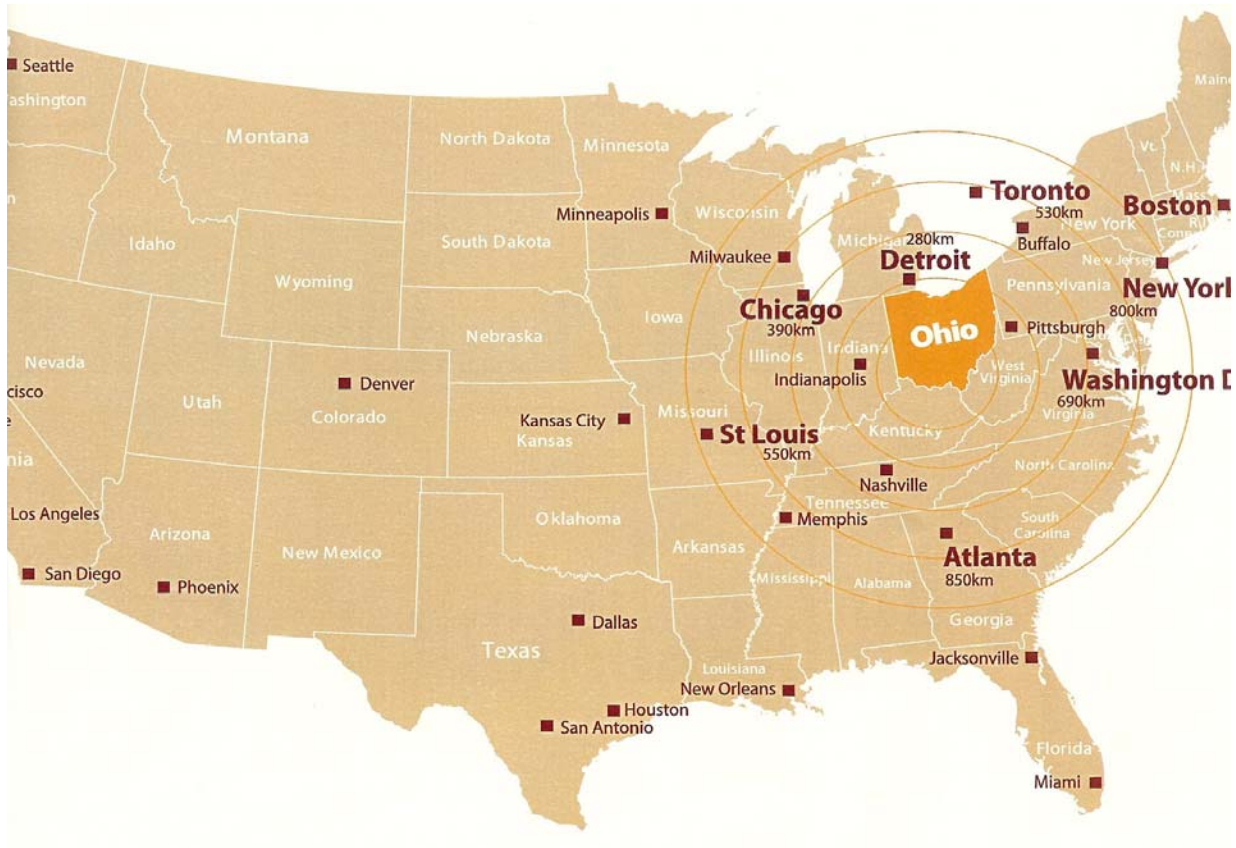
Ohio has a world-class supplier network that can provide all of the services you need for sub-contracting, packaging, shipping and equipment maintenance.

Ohio's ongoing international commerce and foreign trade zones make it easy to import and export and our highway access, rail and water access make it easy to move products within the US.

Ohio is at the Heart of American Markets.

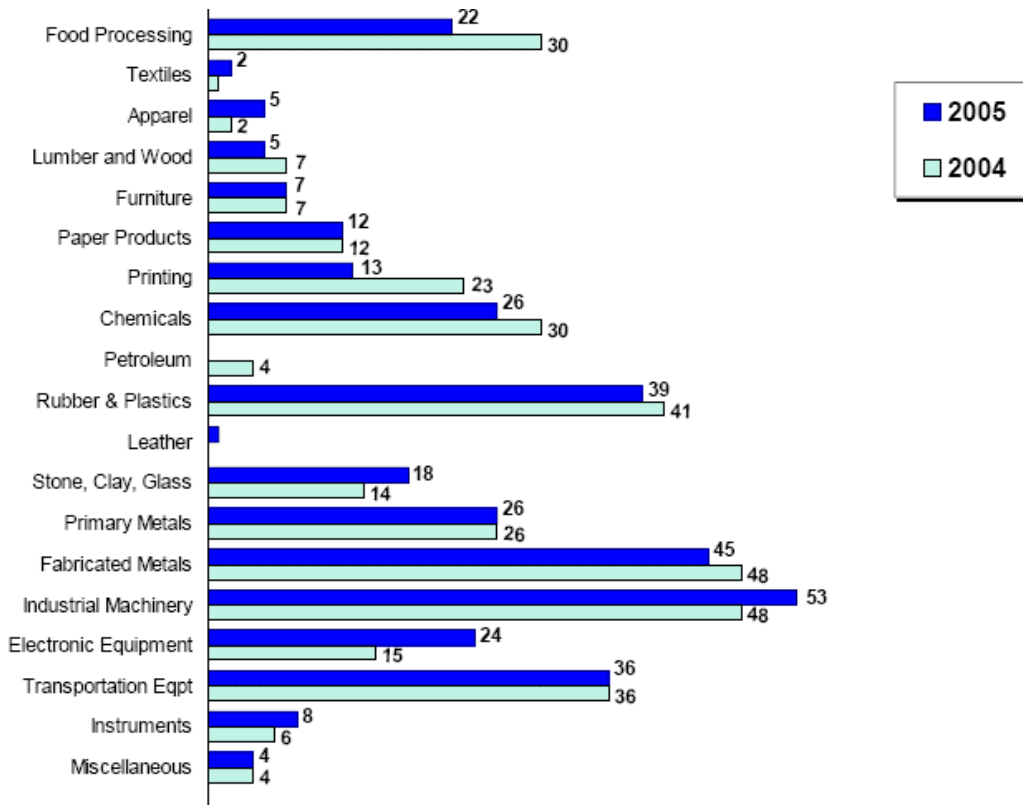
In Ohio, your company will be located within 1,000 km of 61 percent of the U.S. population and 50% of the Canadian population.

You will find that the majority of your existing or potential customers involved in North American manufacturing are within 500 kilometers or a six hour drive.



Ohio is centrally located to the North American automotive and truck assembly facilities. Ohio leads the country in the production of auto parts, polymers and steel.

Ohio companies in many sectors are continuing to expand here. The following chart shows the number of companies in each sector that invested over \$1,000,000, added 20,000 square feet or added 25 new employees.



Ohio has always been a leading State in direct foreign investment. In 2004 and 2005, European companies invested in 50 new and expanded facilities in Ohio.

Ohio has a workforce of 5.4 million people which is more than the entire population of 31 other states.

Ohio is now preparing the workforce of the future. Ohio currently has 500,000 high school students and 550,000 college students.

Ohio's new corporate tax structure is unique. In 2005, Ohio eliminated property taxes on new machinery and equipment and initiated tax reforms that will reduce personal income tax by 21% and eliminate the Corporate Franchise Tax.

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