

# Coshocton County

There's the Coshocton County Career Center, the Coshocton Off-Campus Program of the Central Ohio Technical College, a branch campus of Kent State University, the nearby Buckeye Joint Vocational School, and other institutions ready to work with companies that want to locate or grow in Coshocton County.

In fact, the county Career Center recently established, in cooperation with local manufacturers, a four-week, pre-employment training program. One hundred people paid their own tuition to attend the pilot program, and 99 of them found new, more challenging jobs after completing the program. What about the one-hundredth person? He earned a promotion from his current employer!

The Tuscarawas Branch of Kent State University provides access to one of the state's largest plastics and polymers programs, offering learning opportunities for an industry targeted for major growth in Ohio.

Of course, for college- and university-level learning, there are nearby branches of The Ohio State



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University and Ohio University. Within a half-hour's drive, you'll find Muskingum College and internationally-recognized Dennison University.

**For More Information**

To learn more about Coshocton County, contact Jobs Plus, 124 Chestnut Street, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. Phone 740-622-7005. Fax 740-622-9902. E-Mail jobsplus@coshocton.com.



*This laboratory, known throughout the state, is the result of the Coshocton Adopt-A-School Program.*



## History—And Growth—Repeat Themselves

Ohio's Coshocton County, nestled in the western foothills of the Appalachians, knows just how important transportation can be to a region's economic development.

Back in the mid-1800s, Coshocton County and its communities enjoyed their first economic boom, thanks to construction of the Ohio and Lake Erie Canal. The canal, which offered low-cost transportation to Lake Erie to the north and the Ohio River to the south, carried products from Coshocton County to the nation.

Today, the canal is history, but a new wave of transportation development — this time, four-lane highways — is about to help write a new chapter in Coshocton County's growth.

It should be an exciting chapter, too, because employers and employees alike will find that this Ohio community can offer them a lot more than just transportation access.

**East of Columbus, South of Cleveland...**

Coshocton County and its seat, the City of Coshocton, are just about dead center in a region remarkable for its economic strength and vitality. Two hours to the north and there's Cleveland, with everything from heavy industry to high-tech aerospace operations. Head south 65 miles, and you're on the Ohio River, one of the busiest transportation arteries in the world.

To the east, there's Pittsburgh, and to the west, there's Columbus, Ohio's capital city.

Over the years, this great location, just a few miles from the intersection of north-south I-77 and east-west I-70, has helped Coshocton County maintain a

strong commercial and industrial base. Today, its manufacturers produce everything from stainless steel to automotive components.

But, in an era of just-in-time delivery and supply chain management, those "just a few miles" off the Interstate can make a difference. That's why economic development officials in Coshocton County are so excited about the new wave of transportation development in the region.

**New Four-Lanes**

The newly completed, four-lane Route 36, will directly connect the City of Coshocton, the community's commercial and industrial center, to nearby I-77, a major north-south Interstate.



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