



THE CITY OF
CANTON
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Welcome to Canton!

Founded in 1805 and becoming a city in 1838, Canton, Ohio was named after Canton, China. Located in northeastern Ohio, the City of Canton is America's #1 mid-size metropolitan area. For recruitment and attraction of new business, Canton is the ideal location. Discover what "Made in Canton" means for Chinese Businesses. Canton puts you in the center of many opportunities and is located within a day's drive of 52% of the United States population and 44% of all Canadians. Population in the City of Canton is approximately 73,000; and the Canton Metropolitan Area is nearly 400,000.

Canton is home to many well-known national landmarks like the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame, the William McKinley Presidential Library/National Monument, and the National First Ladies Library and Research Center. We are home to currently over 5,800 businesses, including several international businesses, five colleges and universities, and we are centrally located in the heart of the Utica Shale formation containing the largest deposits of natural gas and oil. Canton sits above this formation with a world-class infrastructure, which is why Canton is also known as the "Utica Capital."

Canton is located conveniently at the intersection of two major highway systems, closely located near the Akron/Canton Regional Airport, and connects to over 800 miles of freight line through two railway systems. Foreign trade is made simple through our local Foreign Trade Zone, which operates at the Akron Canton Airport for economic delivery around the globe. Canton is also an EB-5 Visa Targeted Employment Area.

The City of Canton has some of the lowest costs of resources needed to keep your business competitive. If your business runs on electricity or natural gas, needs large amounts of water, or has significant needs for waste-water treatment, there is nowhere in the county with a lower overall cost of doing business than here in Canton. And we are positioned to be the low cost provider in these areas for decades to come.

The City of Canton is looking forward to working with developers as a governmental partner with the ability to create security and flexibility for your business projects. If you are looking for specific types of projects, Canton will assist and connect your business with investors. We look forward to working with you and discovering how Canton can assist with your business needs.

