

Wilmington, Ohio

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Wilmington is a city in and the county seat of Clinton County, Ohio, United States.^[5] The population was 12,520 at the 2010 census. At city entrances from state routes, county roads, and U.S. highways, the city slogan of "We Honor Our Champions" is seen, accompanied by signs that highlight various athletic accomplishments from Wilmington individuals and teams. The city is served by the Wilmington Public Library of Clinton County, and also features a weather forecast office of the National Weather Service, which serves all of Southwestern Ohio and portions of Kentucky and Indiana.

Wilmington was featured in *Time* magazine on December 8, 1997 as a small town that is attractive to suburban families. The city was also featured in a 1995 publication entitled *The 100 Best Small Towns in America*.^[6] Home to Wilmington College, founded in 1870 by the Society of Friends, the city and the surrounding area include more than a dozen Quaker meeting houses.

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City of Wilmington

City

Motto: A Worthy Heritage, A Winning Future



Location of Wilmington, Ohio

Coordinates: 39°26'45"N 83°49'45"W

Country	United States
State	Ohio
County	Clinton
Established	1810
Government • Mayor	Randy Riley (R)
Area ^[1] • Total	10.93 sq mi (28.31 km2)
 • Land	10.89 sq mi (28.20 km2)
 • Water	0.04 sq mi (0.10 km2)
Elevation ^[2]	1,017 ft (310 m)
Population (2010) ^[3] • Total	12,520
 • Estimate (2012)^[4]	12,448
 • Density	1,149.7/sq mi (443.9/km2)
Time zone	Eastern (EST) (UTC-5)
 • Summer (DST)	EDT (UTC-4)
ZIP code	45177

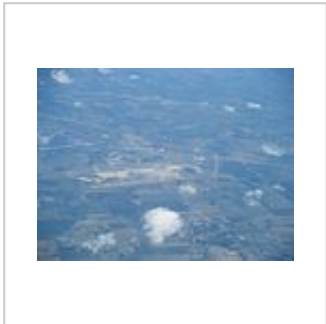
History

The town of Clinton was founded in 1810 as seat of the newly formed Clinton County; the name was changed to Wilmington in 1811. The village was incorporated in 1828.^[7]

Area code(s)	937
FIPS code	39-85792
GNIS feature ID	1061792[2]
Website	www.ci.wilmington.oh.us (http://www.ci.wilmington.oh.us/)

In 1833, Wilmington contained a brick courthouse, a jail, fourteen stores, two taverns, two groceries, four churches, and 100 residential houses.^[8]

Gallery



Aerial view of
Wilmington



Wilmington
corporation limit sign



Looking east on West
Main Street in
Wilmington



College Hall, the main
building at Wilmington
College

Economy and business

In the early 1950s the city became home to a number of U.S. Department of Defense facilities, most notably the Clinton County Air Force Base. Following its closure in 1971, the economy of the city hovered in recession for more than a decade. After a number of small attempts to reuse the abandoned air force base, Airborne Express purchased the facility in 1979 for \$850,000, a fraction of the estimated \$100 million spent to construct it. During the next 24 years, Airborne invested more than \$250 million to build a hub for its national delivery network, including new sort centers, a 9,000-foot (2,700 m) runway, aircraft hangars, machine shops, flight simulators, a state of art control tower, and a modern administration building to accommodate an estimated 6,000 employees and its fleet of 125 DC-8, DC-9 and Boeing 767 aircraft.

In 2003, Airborne Express reorganized and ABX Air, Inc. was created. ABX Air is a contract freight forwarding business with the primary customer being DHL, one of the world's largest international shipping firms. ABX's parent company, Air Transport Services Group, is based in Wilmington. Owned by the Deutsche Post WorldNet, a German holding company, DHL consolidated its US flight and sorting hub operations in Wilmington in 2005. In May 2008, DHL announced a restructuring plan involving its United States operations, resulting in layoffs of approximately 8,000 employees at ABX Air.^[9] On November 10, 2008, DHL announced that domestic shipping operations in the United States would be discontinued, and that the hub in Wilmington would close. This resulted in layoffs of 8,000 more employees, approximately

3,000 of whom were residents of Wilmington or elsewhere in Clinton County.^[10] The town's plight was the focus of a *60 Minutes* (CBS television news program) broadcast on January 25, 2009.^[11] DHL moved to a much smaller sorting operation at the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport.

The final shift at the Wilmington plant was July 23, 2009. Currently, the airport hosts a comparatively smaller MRO (Maintenance Repair and Overhaul) venture, along with Airborne Maintenance and Engineering Services, employing several hundred employees under the auspices of the ABX Air parent company, ATSG (Air Transport Services Group).^[12]

Wilmington is also home to CMH Regional Health System,^[13] a growing regional health provider. From its base of operations at Clinton Memorial Hospital, the non-profit corporation has established health clinics in almost a dozen satellite locations in Southwestern Ohio. In 2007, CMH opened the Foster J. Boyd, MD, Regional Cancer Center in Wilmington, providing cancer treatment services for patients throughout Southwest Ohio. The hospital in Wilmington has 95 staffed beds, and employs nearly 1000 people as of fiscal year 2006.^[14] The hospital also offers a six-bed Intensive Care Unit, a dedicated Emergency Room (with an average of over 30,000 visits from 2004–2006), an Obstetrics Unit (with 725 births in FY 2006), Surgical services (6,356 surgical procedures and 1,184 endoscopies FY 2006), Medical-Telemetry care, Medical-Surgical and Pediatric care, Physical Rehabilitation, Nuclear Medicine and CT services, and a Sleep Study center, amongst other various professional services at the hospital. RegionalCare Hospital Partners of Brentwood, Tennessee purchased Clinton Memorial Hospital on November 30, 2010. The total sale price after adjustments was \$82,137,477.^[15]

In addition to air freight services and medical services, the city of Wilmington also robustly competes in the truck freight industry, serving as corporate home to R+L Carriers, a trucking and shipping company located off of the intersection between U.S. 68 and I-71 north of Wilmington.^[16]

On July 16, 2009, the Wilmington City Council voted unanimously to establish Wilmington as a "Green Enterprise Zone". The legislation will facilitate green economic development by creating financial incentives for the creation of green collar jobs. The City Council passed the measure in response to an economic grassroots movement initiated in October 2008 by two Wilmington High School graduates aided by Pure Blue Energy, LLC a consulting firm out of North Carolina. Wilmington is the first city in the United States to pass such a law.

Education

The Wilmington City Schools system includes Roy E. Holmes Elementary, Denver Place Elementary, East End Elementary, as well as Rodger O. Borror Middle School (formerly known as Wilmington Middle School) and Wilmington High School. The school district includes 166 square miles (430 km²), and is the largest in the county. ACT scores are above both the state and national averages, and over three quarters of students go on to attend college, which is far above the state average of 40% although both are the lowest among the four high schools within the county.^[17]

In addition, two college campuses are located in the city. Southern State Community College operates its North Campus in Wilmington, with other campuses in Washington Court House, Hillsboro, and Sardinia, with primary focus on transfer credits and health sciences, such as Nursing and Medical Assisting and Respiratory Therapy, as well as a Practical Nursing.^[18]

Most notable is the campus of Wilmington College, a Quaker established college that dates from the nineteenth century, which focuses on liberal arts education with themes of global peace and understanding and majors in agriculture, education, athletic training, and small business.^[19]

Geography

Wilmington is located at 39°26′45″N 83°49′45″W﻿ / ﻿39.445913, -83.829128﻿ / 39.445913; -83.829128.^[20]

According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 10.93 square miles (28.31 km²), of which 10.89 square miles (28.20 km²) is land and 0.04 square miles (0.10 km²) is water.^[1]

Media

The city and surrounding areas are served by a daily newspaper published in Wilmington, the *News Journal*.

State routes and transportation

The city is the nexus of several State Routes and U.S. Routes that traverse Southwest Ohio, including routes 73, 68, 134, 22&3, and 730 List of U.S. Routes in Ohio List of State Routes in Ohio. Traveling on Interstate 71, Wilmington is accessible from Exit 50 U.S. Route 68 and Exit 45 (State Route 73) along I-71, which is precisely halfway between Exit 1 in downtown Cincinnati and Exit 100 just outside of Columbus, providing convenient access to both cities.

Airborne Airpark serves Wilmington. It formerly had substantial air cargo airline service but is currently not served by any airline.

Demographics

2010 census

As of the	Historical population		
	Census	Pop.	%±
census ^[3] of 2010, there were 12,520 people, 5,072 households, and 2,995 families residing in the city. The population density was 1,149.7 inhabitants per square mile	1860	915	—
	1870	2,023	121.1%
	1880	2,745	35.7%
	1890	3,079	12.2%
	1900	3,613	17.3%
	1910	4,491	24.3%
	1920	5,037	12.2%
	1930	5,332	5.9%
	1940	5,971	12.0%
	1950	7,387	23.7%
	1960	8,915	20.7%
	1970	10,051	12.7%

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(443.9/km ²).	1980	10,442	3.9%
There were	1990	11,199	7.2%
5,827 housing	2000	11,921	6.4%
units at an	2010	12,520	5.0%
average density	Est. 2012	12,448	−0.6%
of 535.1 per	U.S. Decennial Census (http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decennial/)		
square mile	2012 estimate (http://www.census.gov/popest/data/cities/totals/2012/tables/SUB-EST2011-03-39.csv)		

(206.6/km²). The racial makeup of the city was 88.3% White, 6.1% African American, 0.2% Native American, 0.8% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 0.9% from other races, and 3.5% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 2.6% of the population.

There were 5,072 households of which 31.6% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 37.8% were married couples living together, 16.3% had a female householder with no husband present, 4.9% had a male householder with no wife present, and 41.0% were non-families. 35.3% of all households were made up of individuals and 15% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.27 and the average family size was 2.92.

The median age in the city was 33.7 years. 23.5% of residents were under the age of 18; 14.8% were between the ages of 18 and 24; 24.2% were from 25 to 44; 23% were from 45 to 64; and 14.5% were 65 years of age or older. The gender makeup of the city was 46.7% male and 53.3% female.

2000 census

As of the census of 2000, there were 11,921 people, 4,867 households, and 2,929 families residing in the city. The population density was 1,599.9 people per square mile (617.8/km²). There were 5,284 housing units at an average density of 709.2 per square mile (273.8/km²). The racial makeup of the city was 90.66% White, 6.72% African American, 0.23% Native American, 0.65% Asian, 0.01% Pacific Islander, 0.25% from other races, and 1.49% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 0.84% of the population.

There were 4,867 households out of which 30.1% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 42.7% were married couples living together, 13.7% had a female householder with no husband present, and 39.8% were non-families. 33.7% of all households were made up of individuals and 13.4% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.28 and the average family size was 2.92.

In the city the population was spread out with 23.7% under the age of 18, 15.8% from 18 to 24, 27.3% from 25 to 44, 19.2% from 45 to 64, and 14.1% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 32 years. For every 100 females there were 89.9 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 84.4 males.

The median income for a household in the city was \$34,880, and the median income for a family was \$43,619. Males had a median income of \$31,645 versus \$22,627 for females. The per capita income for the city was \$17,346. About 8.9% of families and 11.7% of the population were below the poverty line, including 14.6% of those under age 18 and 10.5% of those age 65 or over.

Culture and recreation

Wilmington is situated within one hour driving distance to Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus. In the mid 90's, the annual Banana Split Festival^[21] was started to commemorate the town's alleged creation of the famous treat in Wilmington in 1907. In addition, each year the city hosts the Clinton County Corn Festival, which pays homage to the agricultural tradition of the county.^[22] In 2007, a new festival, the Hometown Holidazzle, was started, taking place in the late fall.^[23] Aside from the annual events, Wilmington played host to a festival each year that a new *Harry Potter* book was released. Thousands would gather in downtown Wilmington at the Books 'N' More bookstore and surrounding businesses to celebrate each release.^[24]

Located in the downtown business district is the historic Murphy Theatre, which can be seen in the film *Lost In Yonkers*, part of which was filmed in the city in the early 1990s.^[25] The Murphy Theater stages productions throughout the year from various acts and ensembles as well as staging musicals and plays from neighboring school districts in the county. More recently, the Murphy is home to free screenings of classic movies, sponsored by a community group. The Murphy Theatre saw the marriage of actor John Ritter and wife Amy Yasbeck on September 18, 1999, with the marquee simply stating "Congratulations John and Amy."^[26] Nearby in downtown Wilmington is the historic General Denver Hotel, which is named in honor of General James W. Denver, founder of the city of Denver, Colorado. General James Denver is also buried in Wilmington.

NCAA sports

Wilmington is home to Wilmington College, a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference and participant in NCAA Division III sports. In 2004, the Wilmington College women's basketball team won the NCAA Women's Division III Basketball Championship, the most prestigious national title won by a Wilmington sport team.

In the summer of 2008, the Quakers football home, Williams Stadium, underwent a major renovation, with new stadium lights and artificial playing field installed. Since the renovation, the local high school, Wilmington High School, plays home football games on Friday nights at the stadium.

Notable people

- Kroger Babb – film and TV producer
- Michael Bray – anti-abortion activist and author
- General James W. Denver – soldier, politician, and lawyer, for whom Denver, Colorado is named
- John R. Ellis – filmmaker and special effects artist, was born in Wilmington in 1955.
- James Henry Garland – Roman Catholic bishop
- Charles Murphy – former owner of the Chicago Cubs
- Gary Sandy – actor
- Charles B. Timberlake – U.S. Representative from Colorado
- Norris Turney – jazz musician
- Michael DeForest Wilson – NFL and CFL football player



The Wilmington College Quakers take on the Otterbein Cardinals at Williams Stadium

- Quinten Rollins - NFL Football Player for the Green Bay Packers

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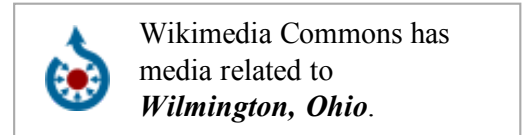
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