



Union County Backgrounder

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The City of Marysville: Population 17,622 (U.S. Census Population Estimate 7/07)

www.marysvilleohio.org

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. In 2008, Marysville was designated a Preserve America Community in recognition of its comprehensive historic preservation efforts. In 2006, Marysville was recognized as one of the Best 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. Marysville is one of the fastest-growing cities in Ohio. City leaders are committed to community pride, healthy families, well-planned neighborhoods and a vibrant economy.

Marysville's location is among its greatest assets – conveniently located 30 miles northwest of Columbus, the state's capital, and connected by U.S. 33, a main Interstate-like highway which also runs to the northwest to Fort Wayne, Ind. Within 25 minutes of I-270, I-75 and I-70, Marysville is easily accessible.

The Village of Plain City: Population 3,537 (U.S. Census Population Estimate 7/07)

www.plain-city.com

Plain City citizens enjoy rural living with the convenience of local services and the advantage of a broad range of cultural and recreational activities offered in the surrounding cities. Plain City was built on a strong agricultural base with large Amish and Mennonite communities contributing significantly to the local economy and culture. Today, residents are proud of their great school system – Jonathan Alder, historical society, library and Pastime Park with over 40-acres, a pool, a nature trail, baseball diamonds, disc golf, camping facilities and home to several national festivals and events. Plain City is also home to two Der Dutchman restaurants which draws visitors from through the Midwest.

Plain City was settled in 1818 along the Big Darby Creek and is located in both Madison and Union Counties. It is centrally located between Marysville, Delaware, London, Springfield, and Columbus, with a population of 190,000 residing in a 15-mile radius. After years of planning,

U.S. 42 by-pass became a reality in 2007 by re-routing traffic, primarily heavy truck traffic, around Uptown Plain City. The new U.S. 42 not only sets the stage for the revitalization of Uptown Plain City, but also opens 100 acres to industrial and office uses along the by-pass.

The Village of Richwood: Population: 2,156 (U.S. Census Population Estimate 7/07)
“Where the Clock Strikes Hospitality” perfectly describes the people who live and work in Richwood. Richwood is proud of its rich heritage and large farming community. The village maintains a 29-acre park at the center of town that offers fishing, a beach, picnic shelters, hiking trails, playground, horseshoes, basketball, and baseball.

The American Quarter Horse Association is located in Richwood and is responsible for planning the annual American Quarter Horse Congress at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus. The Congress, which attracts more than 650,000 people during its three-week run as well as more than 8,000 horses, has grown to become one of the most prestigious horse shows in the world with attendees from nearly every state and horse owners from more than 15 counties. The Congress is one of the largest annual conventions in Ohio.

Richwood is located in northeastern Union County and conveniently located 15 miles from Marysville, Marion and Delaware, assisting in the development of the Richwood Industrial Park.