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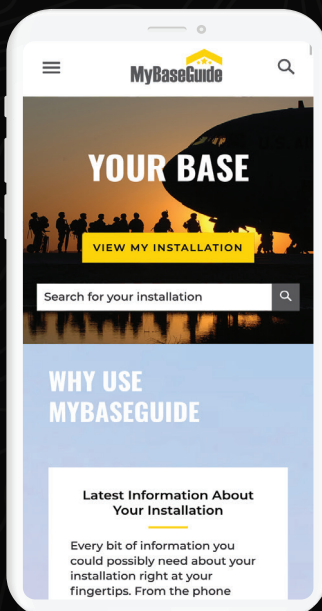
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Our Military

at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

NORTHEAST OF DAYTON, OHIO, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base encompasses parts of Greene and Montgomery counties. Surrounding communities include Beavercreek, Fairborn, Riverside and Huber Heights. The base covers more than 8,000 acres of land (12.5 square miles) and provides operational support for more than 100 associate units at Wright-Patterson. There are two runways, supporting an average of 47,000 aircraft operations every year. The base is divided into two areas: A and B. State Route 444 runs between the two areas.

The base has a rich aviation heritage and has been a leader in military aviation development from the time of Orville and Wilbur Wright to today's aerospace age. The pioneering work of the Wright brothers from 1899 to 1903 enabled them to achieve the first manned, powered flight. After their success at Kitty Hawk, they returned home to Dayton, Ohio, where in 1904 and 1905 they perfected their flying skills while turning the Wright Flyer into the first practical airplane capable of fully controlled flight. They

accomplished this work at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, now a part of Wright-Patterson AFB. From 1910 to 1916 the brothers operated a flying school at Huffman Prairie. Among their 119 students were Henry "Hap" Arnold, who commanded the Army Air Forces in World War II, and H. Roy Brown, the Canadian ace who was credited with shooting down the Red Baron in World War I.

The base is headquarters for a vast, worldwide logistics system and a world-class laboratory research function, and is the foremost acquisition and development center in the U.S. Air Force. Dozens of associate organizations representing a broad spectrum of Air Force and Department of Defense activities call Wright-Patterson home. Major units at Wright-Patterson AFB include the 88th Air Base Wing, the 445th Airlift Wing, the Air Force Installation Contracting Center, the Air Force Institute of Technology, the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, the Air Force Research Laboratory, the National Air

and Space Intelligence Center, and the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Wright-Patterson also hosts the annual United States Air Force Marathon on a September weekend closest to the date the service was created: Sept. 18, 1947. The events include a two-day expo, a full and half marathon, and wheelchair, 10K and 5K races.

Population

More than 30,000 military members and civilian and government contractor employees work at Wright-Patterson AFB, making the base the largest single-site employer in the state of Ohio and one of the largest employers among Air Forces bases worldwide.

Economic Impact

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and other area military sites have infused billions of dollars into the local economy. The Dayton Development Coalition found in 2019 that Wright-Patterson AFB had a direct economic impact of \$4.2 billion.

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Kittyhawk.....	937-257-9016

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Prairie Trace.....	937-257-7961
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HISTORY

The past, present and future at Wright-Patterson are inextricably linked with the Wright brothers' legacy. The stories of the brothers' early years, their bicycle shop, their printing business and their early aviation efforts are in evidence throughout greater Dayton.

Wright-Patterson's history as a military installation dates from World War I. Its aviation history, however, began around 1904 or 1905 when Wilbur and Orville Wright used an 84-acre plot of land, known as the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, for their experimental test flights. Here the Wright Brothers solved the final secrets of aerodynamics, learned to fly and developed the first truly practical airplane — their 1905 Flyer. They returned to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field in 1910 to operate a pilot training school — The Wright Company School of Aviation — and a flight exhibition company.

By the time they ended their operations in 1916, aviation had become a reality, and a rich tradition of invention, operations and education had been established on these 84 acres. The Huffman Prairie Flying Field was officially designated a National Historic Landmark in 1990 and became part of the newly created Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park two years later.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, three military installations were established in the Dayton area. Two of these would become part of Wright-Patterson AFB; the third was near downtown Dayton. Their original missions — logistics, research and development, and military education — remain the missions at Wright-Patterson to this day.

Wilbur Wright Field and the Fairfield Aviation General Supply Depot were adjacent installations on what is today Area A of the base. Wilbur Wright Field was on a 2,075-acre tract of land adjacent to the Mad River that was leased to the Army by the Miami Conservancy District. The lease included the Huffman Prairie Flying Field. The Signal Corps Aviation School established at the new airfield began operations in June 1917 as a training school for pilots. The field also housed an aviation mechanics' school and a school for armorers.

The Fairfield Aviation General Supply Depot was constructed on 40 acres of land purchased by the Army from the Miami Conservancy District, next to Wilbur Wright Field. It provided logistics support to Wilbur Wright Field and three other Signal Corps aviation schools in the Midwest. Each day the depot received, stored and issued equipment and supplies to Signal Corps aviation schools in the region.

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www.twitter.com/WrightPattAFB

- do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
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The third World War I military installation was McCook Field. This 254-acre complex, just north of downtown Dayton between Keowee Street and the Great Miami River, was named for the “Fighting McCook” family of Civil War fame who once owned part of the land. McCook Field was the temporary home of the U.S. Army Signal Corps’ Airplane Engineering Division. As an engineering and research facility, McCook Field has been described as “the single most influential agency in the early years of American air power.” McCook’s engineers and technicians researched, developed, manufactured, tested and evaluated military aircraft and all their associated components and equipment.

Cooperation between the two geographically separated flying fields began in 1918 when Wilbur Wright Field agreed to let McCook Field use hangar and shop space as well as a force of enlisted mechanics to assemble and maintain airplanes and engines. Wilbur Wright Field’s expansive and relatively isolated open flying field also proved ideal for testing the Air Service’s experimental aircraft and the larger, more powerful models developed during the 1920s.

Following World War I, the training school at Wilbur Wright Field was eliminated, and the field and the depot merged to form the Fairfield Air Depot, which was active until 1946.

McCook Field remained in operation only until 1927, doomed by its location; its limited size could not accommodate the larger, more sophisticated aircraft that quickly emerged after World War I. “This Field is Small — Use It All!” was painted atop the airfield’s hangars as a warning to pilots. When the Air Corps announced its intention to close McCook Field,

local businessmen and citizens protested. The field offered a stable and expanding economic base for the community and was also a great source of pride to the city that considered itself the birthplace of aviation.

Under leadership of the Patterson family (who had founded the National Cash Register Co.), prominent citizens formed the Dayton Air Service Committee Inc. This organization mounted a massive public campaign that raised \$425,000 in two days. It used the money to purchase 4,520.47 acres of land northeast of Dayton, including Wilbur Wright Field and the Huffman

Prairie Flying Field, and in 1924, the committee presented the deeds to President Calvin Coolidge to build a new aviation-engineering center there. The entire acreage (including the Fairfield Air Depot) was designated Wright Field in honor of both Wright brothers.

Between 1925 and 1927, modern facilities were built on the portion of Wright Field west of Huffman Dam to house all functions being relocated from old McCook Field. Orville Wright raised the flag over the new engineering center at the dedication ceremony Oct. 12, 1927, and the name “Wright Field” soon became synonymous with advances in aeronautical engineering, a reputation that Wright-Patterson retains. This new portion of Wright Field became headquarters of the Materiel Division, the main branch of the Army Air Corps responsible for developing advanced aircraft, equipment and accessories. The division also procured and provided maintenance for these systems and was charged with managing the extensive Air Corps depot system.

The Wright Field name covered the entire installation, but many local residents believed that part of the field should honor the Patterson family to recognize their leadership in keeping the engineering center in Dayton. This happened July 1, 1931, when the portion of Wright Field east of Huffman Dam was redesignated Patterson Field in honor of Lt. Frank Stuart Patterson. Patterson enlisted in May 1917 and was commissioned in September 1917 as a first lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps with the aeronautical rating of pilot. The following May,



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1st Lt. Patterson was assigned to the 137th Aero Squadron as a test pilot at Wilbur Wright Field. On June 19, 1918, little more than a month after his arrival, Patterson and his aerial observer, Lt. LeRoy Amos Swan, went aloft in their DH-4 to test newly installed machine gun synchronizers. They completed two trials successfully, but, during a steep dive on the third test, the airplane's wings collapsed and the aircraft crashed, killing both crewmen.

Patterson Field is known today as Area A of Wright-Patterson AFB. It includes the Fairfield Air Depot and the Huffman Prairie Flying Field. Patterson Field soon became the Army's center for aviation logistics, maintenance and supply. Although Wright Field and Patterson Field were now two separate installations, their missions continued to be intertwined.

Both fields experienced dramatic expansion during World War II, in real estate as well as structures. Employment at the fields jumped from approximately 3,700 in December 1939 to nearly 50,000 by mid-1945. Wright Field grew from a modest installation with approximately 30 buildings to a 2,064-acre facility with some 300 buildings and one of the Air Corps' first modern paved runways. The Hilltop area, acquired from private landowners from 1943 to 1944, provided housing and services for the thousands of troops assigned to Wright Field. Office and laboratory buildings and test facilities crowded the original part of the field.

The outbreak of World War II provided a crucial test for the Materiel Division, which since 1926 had managed its experimental, engineering

and procurement functions with limited peacetime appropriations. To accommodate the massive wartime Air Corps expansion program, the division's functions were ultimately broken into two separate commands: the Materiel Command and the Air Service Command.

The Materiel Command, headquartered at Wright Field, was responsible for procuring airplanes and equipment in production quantities and for sustaining an accelerated program of testing and development. The Air Service Command, at Patterson Field, assumed responsibility

for all logistics functions, including maintenance and supply.

The separation proved cumbersome and confusing. The Army Air Forces addressed this problem in August 1944 by inactivating the two commands and reuniting their functions in the newly established Air Technical Service Command. This action made Wright Field subordinate to the new headquarters at Patterson Field and had a psychologically divisive effect on the installation.

To solve that problem, the portion of Patterson Field from Huffman Dam through the Brick Quarters (including the command headquarters in Building 262) was reassigned from Patterson Field to Wright Field. To avoid confusing the two areas of Wright Field, the former Patterson Field portion was designated "Area A" of Wright Field and the original field became "Area B."

Patterson Field likewise saw the addition of hundreds of barracks and their supporting mess halls, chapels, hospitals, clubs and recreational facilities. Two densely populated housing and service areas across Highway 444, Wood City and Skyway Park, were geographically separated from the central core of Patterson Field and developed almost self-sufficient community status. (Wood City was acquired in 1924 as part of the original donation of land to the government but was used primarily as a radio range until World War II. Skyway Park was acquired in 1943.) They supported the vast numbers of recruits who enlisted and were trained in the two fields as well as thousands of civilian laborers, especially single women recruited to work at



PHOTO BY SCOTT ASH

the depot. Skyway Park was demolished after the war. Wood City was eventually transformed into Kittyhawk Center, the base's modern commercial and recreation core.

Patterson Field and Wright Field remained separate installations throughout WWII, but as the war drew to a close, base leaders recognized to make the most efficient use possible of their facilities. In 1945, they integrated the master plans for both fields and increasingly administered the functions and services of the two as a single installation. This practice was formalized in December 1945 with the establishment of the Army Air Forces Technical Base in Dayton, which provided base operational support to the combined bases.

On Jan. 13, 1948, the newly created U.S. Air Force officially merged Wright and Patterson fields to create Wright-Patterson AFB. To facilitate daily management, Patterson Field became "Area A" and Skyway Park became "Area D" of the installation. Area D was donated to the state of Ohio in 1963 for the creation of Wright State University.

Today, Wright-Patterson AFB is one of the Air Force's largest installations. This is where America's Air Force of tomorrow are conceived, developed and acquired. Wright-Patterson's age and history coupled with its vital air power missions also make it one of the Air Force's most historically significant bases. The heritage of a legendary past spurs aerospace acquisition specialists, scientists and engineers, and logisticians, educators and trainers to "keep 'em flying" faster, higher, farther and safer than man has ever flown before.



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ORGANIZATIONS

88TH AIR BASE WING

The 88th Air Base Wing is the host organization for Wright-Patterson AFB. The Wing maintains more than 8,000 acres of land, a physical plant of more than 16 million square feet and two runways that support an average of 47,000 aircraft operations annually. The Wing provides operational support for more than 100 associate units at Wright-Patterson. The Wing also handles the payroll; keeps records on the workforce;

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445TH AIRLIFT WING

The 445th Airlift Wing is under Air Force Reserve Command. If mobilized, the Wing becomes part of Air Mobility Command. It is composed of an aerospace medicine squadron, aeromedical staging squadron and three attached groups: the 445th Maintenance Group, the 445th Operations Group and the 445th Mission Support Group. The Wing's mission is to attain and maintain operational readiness; provide strategic transport of personnel and equipment; provide aeromedical evacuation; and recruit and train toward these goals.

The Wing flies the C-17 Globemaster III — the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The C-17 provides a major portion of the Air Force's strategic airlift capability.



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ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties chapter on Page 22 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Dayton International Airport in Dayton, Ohio, about 23 miles from the base. A commercial van service provides transportation between the base and the airport. Call 937-898-4043 to make a reservation.



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SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable before your arrival at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

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If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit or call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 937-257-3592.

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State Route 235 south ramp. Turn left onto State Route 235. Turn right onto North Broad Street/State Route 235/State Route 444. Continue to follow North Broad Street/State Route 444 south. Turn right at Gate 12A.

From Columbus, Ohio

Take Interstate 70 west to Exit 44 (Interstate 675) to the State Route 444/Broad Street exit. Turn right; proceed through town (approximately six lights) to Gate 1A. Go through the gate and turn right at the traffic light; turn right onto Chase Street. Continue through the stop sign; on the left will be Building 2. The Airman & Family Readiness entrance is located at the second double doors.

From Cincinnati, Ohio

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From West of Ohio

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<http://af.dodlodging.net/property/Wright-Patterson-AFB>

Newcomers Orientation

At the Newcomers Orientation, you will be greeted by base leadership, meet local community representatives and receive in-processing briefings. The event is mandatory for military members, but spouses and new civilian employees are also encouraged to attend. Call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 937-257-3592 for more information.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Air Force Inns

Building 825, Area A 937-257-3451

<http://af.dodlodging.net/properties/>

Wright-Patterson-AFB

The Air Force Inns facility provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for active-duty, reserve and retired military members, as well as DOD civilians. Temporary lodging facilities feature microwaves, refrigerators, free Wi-Fi and other amenities. The facility also has fitness rooms, a conference room, a business center, a game room and several guest laundry facilities. Pet-friendly accommodations are available for an additional fee.

Arrange for temporary quarters as soon as you receive your PCS; check availability and room rates online. Contact the lodging office directly for reservations with children and pet-friendly rooms.

GETTING SETTLED

HEALTH CARE

88th Medical Group

4881 Sugar Maple Drive

Appointments 937-522-2778

Information 937-257-0837

Pharmacy 937-257-9696

Kittyhawk 937-257-9016

www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/MTF/

Wright-Patterson

The 88th Medical Group is one of the largest Air Force military treatment facilities, providing primary and specialty care to more than 62,000 eligible beneficiaries. The group is a major military and civilian integrated platform with many



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formal programs in advanced specialty training of physicians, nurses and technicians. The group's clinics and services include emergency services, family health, flight medicine, general surgery, mental health, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, optometry, pediatrics, physical therapy and more. Visit the group's website for a full list of clinics and services.

Dental care is available for active-duty military. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.wrightpatterson.tricare.mil.

HOUSING

Military Housing Office

1450 Littrell Road 937-257-8415

www.housing.af.mil/Units/Wright-Patterson

The Wright-Patterson AFB Military Housing Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, visit the MHO for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

5571 Hemlock St. 937-257-0377

www.housing.af.mil/Units/Wright-Patterson

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each airman is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. Permanent party unaccompanied housing consists of five buildings for permanent-party airmen and one building for pipeline students.

Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service will move into housing in the local community.

Wright-Patterson Family Housing

5924 Hickam Drive

Dayton, OH 45431 937-257-8415

www.wpafbhomes.com

At Wright-Patterson AFB, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local



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community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with the Properties at Wright Field, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the Wright-Patterson privatized housing community, visit the website.

MAIL

Post Office

2275 D St.937-255-6001
4881 Sugar Maple Drive, Building 830,
Medical Center.....937-257-4219
5237 Cooper St.937-257-7208
5435 Hemlock St., Building 1226,
Kittyhawk937-257-4458

The U.S. Postal Service has four postal units to serve the base. The temporary mailing address for all incoming PCS military personnel is:

Postal Service Center
General Delivery
Your Name
5435 Hemlock St.
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433

PETS

Veterinary Services

3892 Communications Blvd., Building 1425,
Area A.....937-257-6853

The Veterinary Treatment Facility provides care to pets at Wright-Patterson. These services include surgical services, laboratory tests, blood workups, allergy treatment, vaccinations, nail trims, X-rays, ultrasounds, microchipping and preventative medications for heartworms, fleas and ticks at a discount for the dog and cats of military ID cardholders.

All pets living on base must be registered with the VTF upon arrival. Residents in Wright-Patterson AFB's military family housing may keep up to two pets without paying a deposit. There are no breed restrictions on dogs, but vicious pets or those that become a public nuisance will be banned. Call The Properties at Wright Field at 937-253-6009 for more information.

Due to staffing and resource limitations, pet emergencies are best handled by a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Wright-Patterson AFB Chapel Community

5030 Patterson Parkway, Building 219,
Area A.....937-257-7427
www.wpafb.af.mil/units/hc1

The chapel supports the religious needs of all Air Force members. The chapel offers many programs, including worship, liturgy, rites and religious education. Chaplains also offer counseling. All communications with the chapel are confidential and protected by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. If you are seeking spiritual support for any denomination or faith group, contact the chapel. For current service times, visit the chapel's website.

SERVING YOU

DINING

Food on the Run

.....937-522-2160

Grille at Prairie Trace

4690 Skeel Ave.937-257-7961

Grill at Twin Base

3565 Communications Blvd.937-257-4130

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Huffman Food Court

Building 262, Area A 937-257-6082

Mandarin Chef

Building 262, Area A 937-257-2679

Pitsenbarger Dining Facility

5500 Buckeye Circle (Area A).... 937-257-7151

Refueling Station (NMUSAF)

1100 Spaatz St. 937-255-2735

Spartime Grill (Bowling Center)

2241 Birch St., Area A 937-257-7796

Sphinx Cafe (NASIC)

Building 828, Area A 937-257-4417

Valkyrie Cafe (NMUSAF)

1100 Spaatz St. 937-255-2735

Wingman's Corner Cafe

Building 16, Area B 937-255-3511

Wings Grille & Lounge

Building 800, Area A 937-522-2172

Young's Cafe

Building 22, Area A 937-257-4728

For hours of operation, menus and special event information, visit www.wrightpattfss.com/food.

EDUCATION

Education and Training

2130 Fifth St., Area B 937-904-4801

www.fb.com/WrightPattEducationAndTraining

Education and Training provides educational opportunities and counseling services

to all military members and their families and civilian employees. The center offers testing facilities for college entrance exams such as the ACT, SAT and GRE, as well as CLEP and DANTES exams. For information about testing times and specific programs, call the education office.

Higher education institutions represented on base include the Air Force Institute of Technology, Central Michigan University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Park University and Sinclair Community College.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Airman & Family Readiness Center

2000 Albroom Drive, Building 2...937-257-3592

www.wpafb.af.mil/afrc

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is the focal point for a full range of services, resources and programs that respond to the unique needs of military families. Services are provided to military members of all branches, DOD employees and their families. The A&FRC provides services for deployments, financial counseling and assistance, employment assistance, transition and relocation assistance (including a loan closet), family life development, volunteer resources, grocery and personal care assistance, and informational and referral services. The center offers direct service or referrals to local agencies.

Child Development Centers

Resource and Referral Office..... 937-257-1672

New Horizons CDC

Building 1403, Area A 937-904-1444

Wright Field North CDC

Building 630A, Area B 937-255-6254

Wright Field South CDC

Building 630B, Area B..... 937-255-6474

Wright Care CDC

Building 6933, The Prairies 937-904-8055

www.wrightpattfss.com/family/

child-development-center

Four full-day child development centers operate at Wright-Patterson AFB. All centers offer full-day care to the base's eligible patrons



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for children 6 weeks to 5 years old. Centers also offer hourly care to children from 6 months to 12 years old when space is available.

The centers' program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is certified by the Department of Defense and the Department of the Air Force. Centers offer a safe, healthy and loving environment for children. For more information, contact the Child Development Resource and Referral Office.

Exceptional Family Member Program

2000 Albrook Drive, Building 2.....937-656-0946
www.wpaafb.af.mil/afmf

The Exceptional Family Member Program is designed to give information to military families with members in need of special assistance. The EFMP coordinator provides resources from local, county, state and federal agencies, both educational and medical, to accommodate special-needs members and their families.

Family Child Care

156 Spinning Road, Building 6933
937-656-8686
www.wrightpattfss.com/family/family-child-care

Family Child Care offers developmentally appropriate child care in licensed homes on or within a designated radius of Wright-Patterson AFB for children 2 weeks through 12 years old. The program provides care for families that need evening care, weekend care and care during extended duty, as well as care for children with special needs. Providers set their own fees. The administrative office for the Family Child Care program is in The Prairies Youth Center.

School Liaison

2000 Albrook Drive, Building 2,
 Room 239, Area A937-656-0942

The school liaison officer coordinates and assists school-aged children and youth of base military families with educational opportunities and information necessary to achieve academic success. Working in partnership with existing base programs and initiatives, the officer helps identify, communicate and seek resolution concerning issues and barriers to academic success by encouraging relationships between the school, military families, installation and community. The officer develops programs and provides training to help teachers, counselors, principals, superintendents and coaches better understand the unique needs and gifts of the military child and family. The officer also supports on-going base educational and recreational programs and training initiatives designed to enhance the military family lifestyle.

School Age Programs

156 Spinning Road, Building 6933
937-656-8688
www.wrightpattfss.com/family/school-age-programs

School-age care programs are offered for children ages 5 to 12 years before and after school and during holidays and summer vacations. Programs are designed to meet community needs, reinforce family values, and promote the cognitive, social, emotional and physical development of children. SAC programs are accredited by the Council of Accreditation (COA).

School age children are separated by age — primary (ages 5 to 8) and pre-teen (ages 9 to 12). Daily activities feature age-appropriate activities including art, science, drama, outdoor play, homework time and more.

Youth Sports

156 Spinning Road, Building 6933
937-656-8693
www.wrightpattfss.com/family/youth-sports

The Youth Sports Program provides recreational leagues and instructional clinics to youth throughout the year. Athletic activities include soccer, taekwondo, cheerleading and more. All volunteer coaches are certified through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association. The Youth Sports Program also includes a special needs sports program for youth ages 9 to 13.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Chase Bank

2130 Sycamore St., Building 1250
937-443-6340
www.chase.com

Wright-Patt Credit Union

Building 262, Area A800-762-0047
 2195 10th St., Area B800-762-0047
 Building 1224, Kittyhawk800-762-0047
www.wpcu.coop

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

5135 Pearson Road, Building 10,
 Area A937-257-6142

Tax Center

5215 Thurlow St., Building 70,
 Area A937-656-1423
www.wpaafb.af.mil/units/ja

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate provides legal advice and support in the areas of civil law, contract law, labor law, environmental law, claims and military justice for courts-martial and nonjudicial punishment actions. The office also provides legal assistance to military members, retirees and family members on personal, noncriminal legal matters.

Air Force attorneys and paralegals can assist eligible patrons with wills, powers of attorney, notary service, or advice on personal civil legal matters such as adoption, landlord-tenant issues, taxes and consumer law.

Visit the Air Force Legal Assistance website at <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil> to review basic information on legal assistance topics that commonly affect military members and to fill out online legal worksheets prior to a visit to the legal office for expedited service.

LIBRARY

AFRL D'Azzo Research Library

2950 Hobson Way, Building 642,
Area B 937-255-3005
www.wpafb.af.mil/afrl/wrslibrary

The AFRL D'Azzo Research Library is open to all Wright-Patterson AFB employees during core duty hours.

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at Wright-Patterson AFB, visit the 88th Force Support Squadron online at www.wrightpattfss.com.

Air Force Outdoor Recreation

FAMCAMP & Rec Lodging List

http://myairforcelife.com/CentralPrograms/Outdoor/reclodging_list.aspx

The Air Force maintains 36 recreational lodging camps with more than 500 cabins and nearly 100 fixed RV trailers across the globe. Additionally, its 71 Family Camps feature thousands of RV hookups and primitive tent sites. Outdoor recreation programs vary by geography, climate and natural resources. Search the website to find a location near you.

Bowling

2241 Birch St. 937-257-7796
www.wrightpattfss.com/fun/bowling-center

Kittyhawk Lanes Bowling offers leagues for all ages, open bowling and special events like glow-in-the-dark bowling. The center has a pro shop and snack bar as well.

Fitness Centers

Dodge Fitness Center

4719 Lahm Circle, Area A 937-257-4225



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The Health Club

Building 262, Area A 937-257-4402

Jarvis Fitness Center

1245 Kittyhawk Area A 937-257-4469

Wright Field Fitness Center

Building 571, Area B 937-255-1961
www.wrightpattfss.com

Three fitness centers and a health club offer many programs to motivate you toward your next workout. Sports and fitness programs range from the self-directed, such as open play basketball, volleyball and racquetball, to instructional classes, such as aerobics and kickboxing. Visit the website for more information, including hours of operation and class schedules.

Golf

Prairie Trace Golf Course

4690 Skeel Ave., Area A 937-257-7961
www.wrightpattfss.com/fun/prairie-trace-golf-course

Twin Base Golf Course

3565 Communications Blvd. 937-257-4130
www.wrightpattfss.com/fun/twin-base-golf-course

The golf courses at Wright-Patterson AFB are open to active-duty military, retired military, reservists, civilian employees, family members and guests. Prairie Trace Golf Course has an 18-hole course and a nine-hole course, three putting greens, a driving range, rental clubs, a club house and snack bar, a golf repair shop, and leagues for men, women and youth. The 18-hole Twin Base Golf Course has three practice greens, a club house and snack bar, a pro shop, rental clubs, and leagues for men, women and youth.

Hobby Shop

www.wrightpattfss.com

Visit the Consolidated Hobby Shop online for information about its programs and services. Wood, multi-craft, stained glass, frame and graphics shop areas are available in the complex, and each offers custom work as well as resources to do-it-yourself. Specialty classes for beginners and experts alike are offered in stained glass, basket weaving, framing and matting, and woodworking.

Arts & Crafts Center 937-257-7025

Feeling crafty? Unleash your creativity using the center's tools and tables.



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OUR MILITARY

Auto Hobby Shop 937-257-3310

Do your own vehicle maintenance at the center using its stalls, lifts and tools. Mechanics are available for those who prefer to leave their repairs in expert hands. The Auto Hobby Shop has a resale lot for vehicles, motorcycles, boats and recreational vehicles as well as a 24/7 car wash with two self-service bays, one automatic bay and a vacuum center.

Information, Tickets & Travel

5450 Hemlock St., Building 1227,
Kittyhawk Area 937-257-7670
www.wrightpattfss.com/fun/information-tickets-travel

Find information and get military discount tickets for local and nationwide attractions, including Cedar Point, Walt Disney World, Kings Island, The Beach Waterpark, Universal Studios, Busch Gardens and more. Whatever travel destinations you seek, the ITT staff can also help you plan your trips with assistance with airline tickets, hotels, rental cars and even cruises.

Outdoor Recreation

5265 Miller Road 937-257-9889
www.wrightpattfss.com/fun/outdoor-recreation

Outdoor Recreation provides safe, expertly managed outdoor recreation programs and equipment rentals. Equipment rentals include

camping gear, canoes, kayaks, bikes, sporting equipment, tools, party supplies, outdoor games, grills and more. For information on upcoming Outdoor Recreation group trips and a price list of rentals, visit Outdoor Recreation's website.

Rod and Gun Club

Building 892, Area A 937-257-3935
www.wrightpattfss.com/fun/rod-gun-club

Wright-Patterson's Rod and Gun Club offers hunting and fishing activities, skeet and trap leagues, and registered shoots. The club has skeet fields, trap fields, stocked hunting and fishing areas, a clubhouse and a pro shop. It offers hunter education, trap shooting and skeet shooting classes.

Swimming Pools

Dodge Fitness Center Pool

4719 Lahm Circle 937-257-3044

Patterson Outdoor Pool

Behind the Wright-Patt Club..... 937-257-3764

Prairies Outdoor Pool

Chapel Road Area 937-255-8566
www.wrightpattfss.com/fun/pools

The Patterson and Prairies outdoor pools are open seasonally. An indoor pool can be found at the Dodge Fitness Center. For more information about programs, classes and hours of operation, visit the aquatics website.

Tennis Club

Building 90, Area A 937-257-7248
www.wrightpattfss.com/fitness/tennis-club

Wright-Patterson's indoor Tennis Club is the only membership tennis club in the Air Force. Active-duty and retired military, reservists, base civilian employees, retired civilians, family members and contractors are eligible to join. The club's facility has four indoor courts, automatic ball machines and a pro shop. Adult and youth lessons and clinics are available.

SHOPPING

Wright-Patterson Commissary

2130 Sycamore St.,

Suite 1 937-257-7717
www.commissaries.com

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary.

Main Exchange

Building 1250, Area A 937-879-5730
www.shopmyexchange.com

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours for services outside the main exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.



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Welcome

to Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties

WELCOME TO OHIO, THE Buckeye State! Part of the East North Central Division, along with Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, Ohio and these states are also part of the Great Lakes region. Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties are in western and central Ohio, north of Cincinnati.

Clark County has a population of nearly 135,000, and its county seat is Springfield. Greene County has nearly 168,000 residents, and its county seat is Xenia. Miami County has about 106,000 residents, and its county seat is Troy. Montgomery County has more than 532,000 residents and is home to Dayton, its county seat. Preble County has roughly 41,000 residents, and its county seat is Eaton. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is in Greene and Montgomery counties.

The counties offer many historical and cultural attractions, plus modern amenities. In addition to their wide-open landscapes, open skies and peaceful natural settings, there are archeological sites, museums and parks. Outdoor activities

abound, including fishing, golfing, horseback riding and camping.

HISTORY

Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties were all created in the early 1800s: Clark County in 1818, Greene County in 1803, Miami County in 1807, Montgomery County in 1803 and Preble County in 1808.

Clark County was named for George Rogers Clark, a hero of the American Revolution. It was originally part of Greene, Champaign and Madison counties. The county began to flourish during the 1830s, with the completion of the National Road through Ohio.

Greene County was named for Gen. Nathanael Greene, an officer in the Revolutionary War. In 1818, a small amount of territory was taken from Greene County to form Clark County. Greene County's territory has remained the same since that time.

Miami County residents named the county in honor of the Miami Indians. Previously, the county had been part of Montgomery County.

Montgomery County was named in honor of Richard Montgomery, an American Revolutionary War general killed in 1775 while attempting to capture Quebec City, Quebec. Montgomery County flourished during the 19th century. With the completion of the Miami and Erie Canal in 1829, Dayton was connected to Cincinnati.

Preble County was formed from portions of Butler and Montgomery counties. It is named for Edward Preble, a naval officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War and against the Barbary Pirates.

SAFETY

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

Visit the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's website at <http://ema.ohio.gov> for information on preparedness and the Safer Ohio App — a mobile public safety tool for reporting suspicious activity, requesting emergency or roadside help, and monitoring traffic conditions.



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Ready Ohio is Ohio's official emergency preparedness campaign managed by the Department of Homeland Security. The Ready Ohio campaign gives residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools valuable information and resources regarding a variety of emergency scenarios. The website provides information on creating an emergency plan and emergency kit, pet preparedness and disaster preparedness for seniors. For more information about disaster preparedness, visit www.ready.ohio.gov.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.

Clark County

Emergency Management..... 937-521-2175
www.clarkcountyohio.gov/index.aspx?NID=158

The Clark County Emergency Management Agency provides information for community and individual disaster and emergency preparedness. The agency manages Hyper-Reach, a mass notification system that sends community alerts via telephone, text and email in the event of emergency situations. Alert examples include tornado warnings, missing child notifications, boil alert notices and evacuation notices. Visit the agency's website for disaster preparedness information.

Greene County

Emergency Management..... 937-562-5994
www.co.greene.oh.us/191/Emergency-Management-Agency

Greene County's Emergency Management Agency provides a comprehensive emergency management program that coordinates people and resources in order to protect the lives, property and environment within the county. Visit the website for the county's safety checklists and information on Hyper-Reach alerts.

Miami County

Emergency Management..... 937-332-8560
www.co.miami.oh.us/Index.aspx?NID=753

Miami County's Emergency Management Agency strives to lessen the loss of life, reduce injuries and reduce property damage during incidents through mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The agency maintains an alert center that allows users to view alerts and emergencies in their area. Visit the agency's website to subscribe.

Montgomery County

Emergency Management..... 937-224-8934
www.mcoho.org/departments/emergency_management

Montgomery County's Office of Emergency Management is responsible for coordinating the county's efforts to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters. Visit the

office's website for information on personal preparedness, seasonal weather hazards and other resources.

Preble County

Emergency Management..... 937-472-0087
www.preblecountyhealth.org/#/emergency-preparedness/c1qw6

Preble County Public Health maintains on-call personnel 24/7 to respond to public health emergency situations. Preble County Public Health works with representatives from local law enforcement, the Emergency Management Agency, the Emergency Medical System, fire departments, Red Cross, county agencies, school districts and elected officials to develop plans that minimize the effects of an adverse event. Visit the department's website for the county's emergency response plan and other disaster preparedness information.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

The climate in much of Ohio is hot and muggy in the summers and cold and dry in the winters. Cooler nights and mornings provide respite from higher summertime temperatures. In Dayton, the warmest month is July, with an average high of 87 degrees and an average low of 67 degrees. The coldest month is January, with an average high of 36 degrees and an average low of 21 degrees. Dayton's average yearly rainfall is about 41 inches.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau

1 Chambers Plaza, Suite A

Dayton, OH 45402937-226-8211

www.daytoncvb.com

Greene County Ohio Convention & Visitors Bureau

1221 Meadow Bridge Drive, Suite A

Beavercreek, OH 45434937-429-9100

www.greenecountyohio.org

Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau

1221 Meadow Bridge Drive, Suite A

Beavercreek, OH 45434937-429-9100

www.homegrowngreat.com

Preble County Convention & Visitors Bureau

P.O. Box 604

Eaton, Ohio 45320

www.preblecountypassport.com

Visit Greater Springfield

20 S. Limestone St., Suite 100

Springfield, OH 45502800-803-1553

www.visitgreaterspringfield.com



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Getting To & Around

Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties

MOST PEOPLE TRAVELING IN Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties choose to drive, enjoying the relaxing scenic byways through the central plains in the western portion of the state. The counties link easily to other parts of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky via several highways.

Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties have several public transportation services. For those flying into the area, there are two major airports within 100 miles of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base with numerous airlines to choose from.

AIRPORTS

Dayton International Airport

3600 Terminal Drive, Suite 300
Vandalia, OH 45377 937-454-8200
www.flydayton.com

Dayton International Airport is approximately 20 miles from Wright-Patterson AFB and serves nearly a million travelers each year. Major carriers include Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines.

Ground transportation includes bus and taxi service as well as nine rental car companies. Charter Vans, a commercial van service, provides transportation between Wright-Patterson AFB and the airport. For hours, rates and reservation info, visit www.chartervans.com.

John Glenn Columbus International Airport

4600 International Gateway
Columbus, OH 43219 614-239-4000
www.flycolumbus.com

John Glenn Columbus International Airport is approximately 75 miles from Wright-Patterson AFB. Tens of thousands of people pass through this airport each day, using major carriers like Air Canada, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines, among others. Ground transportation includes bus, taxi and shuttle service as well as eight rental car companies.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority

4 S. Main St.
Dayton, OH 45402 937-425-8300
www.i-riderta.org

RTA is Ohio's greenest fleet, and operates diesel, hybrid diesel and electric trolley buses. There are more than 3,000 stops on 34 routes throughout the region. More than 9 million passenger trips are made on RTA buses each year.

All RTA buses include bike racks and are wheelchair-accessible. For more information on fares and the system's service area, visit the RTA website.

Greene CATS Public Transit

2380 Bellbrook Ave.
Xenia, OH 45385 937-708-8322
www.co.greene.oh.us/253/Greene-CATS-Public-Transit

Greene CATS is a small county public transit system operated by the Greene County Transit Board. It provides transportation for the residents of Greene County with special attention to those who are transportation disadvantaged. Greene CATS offers two types of demand-responsive service: scheduled rides and flex routes. Scheduled rides pick up and drop off riders at any location within Greene County with limited service

to Montgomery County. Flex routes have defined routes with scheduled time points that circulate and link the Greene County communities of Beavercreek, Fairborn, Xenia and Yellow Springs. A flex express route that connects Xenia to downtown Dayton is also available.

For more information on fares and the system's service area, visit the Greene CATS website.

Miami County Transit

2036 N. County Road 25-A

Troy, OH 45373937-335-7433

www.co.miami.oh.us/index.aspx?NID=187

Miami County Transit provides curb-to-curb, reservation-based service within the boundaries of Miami County or 2 miles across the county line in Vandalia or Huber Heights. Miami County Transit also offers service to two Greater Dayton RTA bus stops. Visit the website for more information on fares and reservations.

Springfield City Area Transit

100 W. Jefferson St.

Springfield, OH 45502937-328-7228

www.springfieldohio.gov/scat

Springfield City Area Transit is a fixed-route transit system with both ADA paratransit and dial-a-ride transportation options. For more information on fees and schedules, visit SCAT's website.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties are traversed by four interstates and various state routes.

Clark County is bisected from east to west by Interstate 70. U.S. highways 40, 42 and 68 and more than half a dozen state routes connect residents to areas within and around the county as well.

In Greene County, Interstate 675 connects Fairborn and Beavercreek while U.S. highways 35, 42 and 68 connect Xenia to other parts of the county. State Route 444 connects Fairborn residents with Wright-Patterson AFB.

Interstate 75 connects Miami County residents to Dayton (in Montgomery County) while numerous state routes cross the county.

In addition to interstates 75 and 675 and U.S. highways 35 and 40, numerous state routes in Montgomery County join the area to its surrounding counties. State Route 4 connects Dayton residents to Wright-Patterson AFB.

In Preble County, U.S. Highway 35 connects Eaton residents to Dayton. U.S. Highway 127 bisects the state from north to south, while Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 40 in the upper third of the county run from east to west. Numerous other U.S. and state highways connect communities within the county.



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The Ohio Department of Transportation offers resources for commuters at www.ohgo.com. Travelers can view up-to-the-minute updates on traffic, road restrictions and closures, and winter conditions.

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

1970 W. Broad St.

Columbus, OH 43223 614-752-7500

<http://bmv.ohio.gov>

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The bureau issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms, office locations and general information at the BMV's website.

Driver's Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Ohio from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all Ohio residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license within 30 days of establishing residency.

The state spells out what is required for licensing under various scenarios in its Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws, which can be downloaded at www.bmv.ohio.gov/forms-general.aspx. The BMV also has a "New Ohio Residents Guide to Obtaining a Driver License, Vehicle Title and License Plates" at www.bmv.ohio.gov (select the "New to Ohio" box on the home page).

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at www.bmv.ohio.gov/forms-general.aspx, including BMV forms, requests for driving records and more.

Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain BMV exemptions and allowances. For more information on military and veteran exceptions and requirements, visit the website.

Distracted Driving

The state of Ohio passed a law in 2018 that prohibits drivers from making calls on hand-held wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Making or receiving calls with any device, hands-free or not, is illegal for all drivers under 18. Texting is illegal for drivers of all ages.

Ohio Department of Transportation

www.dot.state.oh.us

Visit the Ohio Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, and to view live traffic cameras.



Housing & Real Estate

in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties

A LOW COST OF living and abundant natural amenities in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties contribute to a high quality of life not often found in large metropolitan areas. Population density in Clark County was 348 people per square mile, 391 people per square mile in Greene County, 252 people per square mile in Miami County, 1,160 people per square mile in Montgomery County and 100 people per square mile in Preble County in 2010, the U.S. Census found.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Greene and Montgomery counties, has more than 27,000 military members and civilian and government contractor employees, so many personnel live off base in the surrounding communities.

CLARK COUNTY

Clark County has a population of nearly 135,000. It is predominantly rural, with less than 1 percent of the county's 400 square miles consisting of urban areas.

Elevation across the county ranges from 843 feet at Park Layne to 1,305 feet at Pleasant

Township. Miami and Montgomery counties lie to the west, Greene County to the south, Madison County to the east and Champaign County to the north. For more information, visit www.clarkcountyohio.gov.

Cities in Clark County near Wright-Patterson AFB include Springfield and New Carlisle.

Springfield

<https://springfieldohio.gov>

Springfield is centrally located between Dayton and Columbus and sits 20 miles northeast of Wright-Patterson AFB. The city's 25.29 square miles are home to approximately 59,000 residents.

Springfield was founded by James Demint, a former teamster from Kentucky, in 1801. When Clark County was created from parts of Champaign, Madison and Greene counties, Springfield was named for Springfield, Massachusetts — which, at the time, was important for hosting the U.S. Federal Springfield Armory, enduring the Attack on Springfield during King Philip's War in 1675 and Shays' Rebellion in 1787.

Several factors contributed to the rapid growth of Springfield and Clark County. The Old National Road was completed through Springfield in 1839, and the railroads of the 1840s provided profitable business to the area. Agriculture, then industry, flourished. By the beginning of the Civil War, the two had joined to help Springfield become one of the world's leading manufacturers of agricultural equipment.

Springfield is still known for agriculture, but there is more to the city than that. The city also offers countless miles of biking and hiking trails, historic sites, shopping and an abundance of outdoor activities.

Median rent in Springfield is \$715, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$882. Mean travel time to work for Springfield residents is 20.3 minutes.

New Carlisle

www.newcarlisle.net

The small city of New Carlisle is about 15 miles north of Wright-Patterson AFB. Approximately 5,600 residents live in the city's 2.74 square miles.

Established in 1810, New Carlisle is a progressive, forward-looking community. Recent annexations have nearly doubled the city's size. That growth has led to new housing developments, bringing citizens new choices in housing, from modest two-bedroom condominiums to \$300,000 family homes and beyond.

New Carlisle has numerous recreational facilities, including an amphitheater, baseball diamonds, basketball and tennis courts, picnic shelters, playgrounds, a skate park and an outdoor, heated swimming pool.

Median rent in New Carlisle is \$733, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$857. Mean travel time to work is about 26 minutes.

GREENE COUNTY

Greene County in southwest Ohio covers more than 413 square miles and has a population of nearly 168,000. South of Clark County, Greene is bordered on the west by Montgomery County, Warren and Clinton counties to the south and Fayette County to the east. Elevation across the county ranges from 756 feet in Spring Valley to

more than 1,100 feet in Ross. For more information, visit www.co.greene.oh.us.

Communities in Greene County near Wright-Patterson AFB include Beavercreek, Fairborn, Xenia and Yellow Springs.

Beavercreek

www.beavercreekohio.gov

The Beavercreek area was first settled in the early 1800s, but the city itself was incorporated Jan. 11, 1980. Now, the city has more than 47,000 residents and encompasses 26.4 square miles.

Beavercreek is characterized by a spacious, rolling, wooded environment, providing an attractive setting for residential neighborhoods. Beavercreek is considered to be among the most desirable locations in the Dayton area with an outstanding quality of life. Consequently, it is one of the fastest-growing suburbs with housing ranging from exclusive, custom-built homes to charming older neighborhoods. Beavercreek still contains a considerable amount of open, undeveloped property with neighboring unincorporated areas subject to future annexation. Many Beavercreek residents are current or former Air Force and civilian employees of nearby Wright-Patterson AFB and its defense industry contractors. For more information about Beavercreek's neighborhoods and housing choices, visit the city's website.

Median rent in Beavercreek is \$1,202, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,572. Mean travel time to work is 19.5 minutes.

Fairborn

<http://ci.fairborn.oh.us>

Centrally located from downtown Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus, Fairborn is the home of Wright-Patterson AFB. The city is 13.16 square miles with a population of 33,700.

It is the only city in the world with the name of Fairborn, a portmanteau word created from the names Fairfield and Osborn; the two villages that merged after the Great Dayton Flood of 1913 forced Osborn to move out of a flood plain and alongside Fairfield. Fairfield was originally founded in 1816 and Osborn in 1850. Fairborn was officially incorporated more than 100 years later, in 1950.

From the historical to the latest in new home designs, Fairborn offers numerous neighborhoods with a wide variety of housing choices. Additionally, the city's parks and recreation division maintains more than 750 acres of park land consisting of 22 parks, including a nature reserve, a historical home and the Wright Brothers Huffman Prairie Bikeway.

Selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,121, and median rent is \$794. Mean travel time to work is 20.5 minutes.

MOVING CHECKLIST

Six weeks prior to move

- Contact a real estate agent in the local area. Start by looking in the Military Buyer's Guide of this publication.
- Obtain quotes from moving and self-service companies and gather DIY estimates. Decide on the type of move best for your circumstances.
- Determine employer-covered expenses.

Four weeks prior to move

- Check the preregistration procedures to enroll children in school. Get children's transcripts, textbook list and a copy of their current school's grading system. Ask teachers to write descriptions of each student's achievement level, interests and any unusual courses taken.
- Request that copies of all family members' medical and dental records and birth certificates be sent to your new home. Don't forget your pets' veterinary records.
- Notify the post office of your new address and obtain a change-of-address kit. Send change-of-address cards to friends, subscription services, creditors, alumni associations, the Department of Motor Vehicles and insurance companies.
- Begin packing seldom-used items and dispose of unwanted items through charities — get receipts for tax purposes.
- Contact the IRS for forms and regulations regarding tax-deductible moving expenses.
- Transfer or arrange for insurance to cover your home, furnishings and automobile.

Three weeks prior to move

- Arrange to have appliances, utilities, newspapers, laundry, phone and cable television disconnected. Check on deposits. Set up connections at your new home.
- Make travel arrangements.

Two weeks prior to move

- Handle bills, stocks, investments and banking transfers.
- Arrange to transport pets and plants. Some states prohibit certain plants, so research before you move.
- Clean cupboards and plan remaining meals so you can pack what you don't need.

One week prior to move

- Discontinue delivery services such as the newspapers.
- Clean and sort items in the garage and attic.
- Clean out your safety deposit box and place all valuables and documents together. If the items can't be replaced, carry them with you.

Two days prior to move

- Defrost and dry refrigerators and freezers.
- Arrange for cash or traveler's checks for trip expenses and payment to the mover upon delivery.
- Reconcile and close checking account. Withdraw savings.
- Conclude any financial matters relating to the lease or sale of your home.
- Pack luggage. Set aside items you will need immediately upon arrival — a few dishes, pots and pans, towels, soap, bedding, light bulbs, flashlights and toilet paper.
- Leave a forwarding address with new tenant or neighbor.

Moving day

- Confirm your delivery date with your mover and provide directions to your new residence as well as primary and secondary contact numbers or email addresses.
- Pay close attention to the mover's paperwork. You will need to sign it upon completion of loading and then unloading at your new residence.
- Supervise the movers to make sure your instructions are understood. Review any damage to your belongings noted by the moving foreman or supervisor.
- Double-check your residence for forgotten items before leaving.

Move-in day

- Clear and mark paths to all rooms to help the movers place the boxes.
- Supervise unloading.
- Note any damage to your boxes or furniture.
- Review paperwork carefully to make sure all your belongings arrived.

Xeniawww.ci.xenia.oh.us

Xenia (pronounced Zeen-yuh) derives its name from the Greek word for hospitality. The “City of Hospitality” lives up to its name with its central location and easy access to the cultural amenities of three metropolitan areas while retaining the traditions and atmosphere of a Midwestern town. The city is 13.28 square miles with a population of approximately 27,000.

Greene’s county seat was founded in 1803 when Ohio was admitted into the Union. However, it wasn’t incorporated until 1817 and became a city in 1834. But it was the arrival of the Little Miami Railroad (now the site of the Little Miami Scenic Trail) in 1843 that gave the city its first big industrial impetus.

In Xenia, the selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,001, and median rent is \$728. Mean travel time to work is about 22 minutes.

Yellow Springswww.yso.com

Yellow Springs is an eclectic village of approximately 3,800, known for its recreational attractions, unique shops and restaurants, lively arts and healthful living. The community is culturally diverse, values self-expression and prides itself on being open, friendly and creative. Green space and farmland create a lovely rural ambience, but Yellow Springs is only 12 miles from Wright-Patterson AFB and less than an hour from Cincinnati and Columbus.

Founded in the early 1800s, the town quickly became a popular health resort, famous for the curative waters of the yellow spring. Today, this vibrant community of artists features a variety of visual and performing arts. Find art all around town, in restaurants and shops, murals on the sides of buildings, a bronze sculpture trail and much more.

Yellow Springs has a varied employment base, from a large, international company to small startups and a brewery. Many residents find work locally, but Yellow Springs is an easy commute to jobs elsewhere in the region and less than 30 minutes from Wright-Patterson AFB.

The selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage in Yellow Springs are \$1,456, and median rent is \$778.

MIAMI COUNTY

Miami County covers 406.58 square miles with a population of more than 106,000. North of Montgomery County, Miami is bordered on the west by Darke County. Shelby County lies to the north and Champaign and Clark counties to the east. Elevation across the county ranges from 827 feet in the middle of the county near

Troy and Tipp City to more than 1,170 feet in Brown Township. For more information, visit www.co.miami.oh.us.

Communities in Miami County near Wright-Patterson AFB include Huber Heights.

Huber Heightswww.hhoh.org

Huber Heights developed northeast of Dayton on land between the Great Miami River and the Mad River. The city’s 22.27 square miles is home to approximately 38,000 people.

The city is named for Charles Huber, the developer who constructed a number of the houses that would later comprise the city. Suburban development began in the area in 1956. The former Wayne Township, now defunct, incorporated as the city of Huber Heights on Jan. 23, 1981. Huber Heights continued to grow by annexing parcels in Greene and Miami counties.

Quality homes and friendly neighborhoods make Huber Heights a great place to live. The city is home to a YMCA, community parks and a vast array of sports fields.

Median rent in Huber Heights is \$894, and median selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,151. Mean travel time to work is 22.9 minutes.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The population of Montgomery County is more than 532,000, making it the fifth-most populous county in Ohio. The county sits on 461.55 square miles.

Elevation across the county ranges from 699 feet near the Great Miami River to 1,090 in Kettering. Preble County lies to the west, Miami County to the north, Green County to the east, and Butler and Warren counties to the south. For more information, visit www.mcohio.org.

Communities in Montgomery County near Wright-Patterson AFB include Centerville, Dayton, Kettering and Riverside.

Centervillewww.centervilleohio.gov

Centerville is primarily in Montgomery County, with a small portion in Greene County. The city’s 10.78 square miles are home to nearly 24,000 residents.

Benjamin Robbins named the community “Centreville” after his hometown, Centreville, New Jersey, and because it was located between two rivers and central to other communities like Dayton and Lebanon. Centreville was founded in 1796. By 1900, the U.S. Post Office changed the spelling to Centerville. It became a city in December 1968.

The architecture in the city reflects its long history. Many of the homes were built before World War I and reflect different styles of the era. The city has the largest collection of early stone houses in Ohio; they are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Median rent in Centerville is \$886, and median selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,539. Mean travel time to work for those living in Centerville is 20.4 minutes.

Daytonwww.daytonohio.gov

Dayton is the sixth-largest city in Ohio and is Montgomery County’s county seat. It is 12 miles southwest of Wright-Patterson AFB. This residential community is 55.65 square miles with an estimated population of 140,640.

Dayton was founded April 1, 1796, by a group of 12 settlers known as The Thompson Party. In 1797, Daniel C. Cooper laid out Mad River Road, the first overland connection between Cincinnati and Dayton, opening the Mad River Country to settlement. Ohio was admitted into the Union in 1803, and the city of Dayton was incorporated in 1805. The city was named after Jonathan Dayton, a captain in the American Revolutionary War who signed the U.S. Constitution and owned a significant amount of land in the area.

Today, the birthplace of aviation is a bustling urban center surrounded by close-knit neighborhoods. The city is driven by aerospace technology, advanced manufacturing, abundant natural resources and a rich cultural heritage. It is home to fine arts of every persuasion and well-maintained parks and rivers.

Mean travel time to work for those who reside in Dayton is 20.7 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$681, and median selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$974.

Ketteringwww.ketteringoh.org

The earliest settler in what is now Kettering was John Patterson, a farmer who built the area’s first log cabin in 1798. In 1841, an expanding population forced the creation of Van Buren Township, a name that would remain for over 100 years. In November 1952, voters of Van Buren Township approved the incorporation of the Village of Kettering, named for its most outstanding citizen, the famous philanthropist and inventor of the automobile self-starter, Charles F. Kettering. A special census in 1955 recorded the village’s population at 38,118, qualifying it for city status. Kettering’s population now sits at approximately 55,000 and encompasses

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18.68 square miles. A small portion of Kettering is in Greene County.

The selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,204, and median rent is \$787. Mean travel time to work is about 20 minutes.

Riverside

www.riversideoh.gov

Riverside is about 7 miles from Wright-Patterson AFB, with more than 25,000 residents in the city's 9.72 square miles. The city is home to numerous technology, industrial, research and development, logistics and service-based businesses.

The city's business-friendly atmosphere and growing housing inventory offers many opportunities for new residents. There are paved scenic trails, water access and four major parks in the city with opportunities for organized sports such as baseball, softball, soccer or football.

Mean travel time to work for residents of Riverside is 18.6 minutes. Median rent is \$854, and median selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$991.

PREBLE COUNTY

Preble County was formed in 1808 from portions of Butler and Montgomery counties. The county covers approximately 424 square miles

with an estimated population of 40,997. Preble is on the western border of Ohio, surrounded by Darke County to the north, Montgomery County to the east and Butler County to the south. Elevation across the county ranges from 837 feet in Camden Township to 1,240 feet in Jefferson Township. For more information, go to www.prebco.org.

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org

or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of

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what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

Tenant and landlord rights and obligations can be viewed at the Ohio State Bar Association's website at www.ohiobar.org/LegalHelp.

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The counties' communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Ohio Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and services. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at <http://ohiorealtors.org>.

State Programs

Ohio provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit www.hud.gov/states and select "Ohio" from the list.

Local Programs

The HomeOwnership Center provides housing programs and incentives to help residents of Montgomery County with first-time home buying and down payment assistance. The center also helps homeowners save their current homes from foreclosure. For more information, visit www.homeownershipdayton.org or call 937-853-1600.

The Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield helps low and moderate income residents with home ownership as well. The NHP helps residents secure affordable loans so they can purchase homes or make repairs or improvements to their existing homes. NHP counselors also work with homeowners who have fallen behind on mortgage payments. For more information, visit www.springfieldnhp.org or call 937-322-4623.



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Employment & Economy

in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties

WESTERN OHIO IS PART of the Till Plains, which include Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties. The Till Plains are characterized by soil that is deep and fertile, making it ideal for agriculture, and the state's food and agricultural cluster accounts for 14 percent of Ohio jobs, but whether you're in agribusiness, manufacturing, technology, logistics or a service industry, you'll be in good company here.

Ohio has been a leading manufacturing state since the mid-1800s. During the last two decades of the 20th century, Ohio became the nation's leader in machine-tool manufacturing, the second-leading steel producer and a pioneer in oil refining. Installation of new oil pipelines has boosted the demand for steel throughout the state, and domestic oil and gas production is projected to create 1.1 million jobs in related manufacturing sectors like steel over the next few years. Manufacturing contributed \$108 billion to Ohio's total economic output of \$656 billion in 2017 — a 12.6 percent share. Manufacturing isn't the only thing driving Ohio's

economy. Food production is also big business in the Buckeye State.

Ohio has long been a state that supported small businesses and entrepreneurs. The state is home to Development Services Agency, which includes the Community Development Corporation Economic Development Program. This program encourages entrepreneurship; creates and retains long-term, private-sector jobs; and enables community and economic development investment in underserved neighborhoods throughout the state. Eligible individuals and businesses may apply for funds from either of these programs:

- **Microenterprise Business Development Program:** Funding to provide training, technical assistance and business loans to low- and moderate-income Ohioans interested in establishing or expanding microenterprise businesses.
- **Community Development Finance Fund Program:** Funds for community and economic development programs benefiting low- and moderate-income individuals and neighborhoods.

The median age in these five counties ranges from 37 in Greene County to 40 in Miami and Preble counties, meaning the workforce skews older and more experienced. Median household income in Clark County is \$48,502; \$67,109 in Greene County; \$57,544 in Miami County; \$49,314 in Montgomery County; and \$55,374 in Preble County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and other area military sites have infused billions of dollars into the local economy. The Dayton Development Coalition found in 2019 that Wright-Patterson AFB, the Springfield Air National Guard Base and the Dayton VA had a combined direct and indirect economic impact of \$16.68 billion in the 14 counties surrounding Dayton, with the majority of that coming from Wright-Patterson. The three entities also generate more than 88,000 jobs with an estimated payroll of \$5.87 billion, according to the report by the coalition.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

4020 E. Fifth Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215 888-296-7541
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/owd>

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services offers a wide range of assistance for

Ohioans seeking work or to hire workers. This includes employment and training assistance, guidance for young people, grants for dislocated workers, an incentive program, labor market information, help for veterans and more. Visit the website for additional information about these services and how to access them.

State of Ohio

www.ohio.gov/working

Employment opportunities with the state of Ohio are posted online. Search by category, department or location, then apply online.

Clark County

50 E. Columbia St.
Springfield, OH 45501 937-521-2005
www.clarkcountyohio.gov/jobs

Clark County's website has jobs posted online with benefits information, and applications are available for download along with submission instructions. You can also view developmental disabilities job postings and state of Ohio job postings.

Greene County

Jobs and Family Services
541 Ledbetter Road
Xenia, OH 45385 937-562-6000
www.governmentjobs.com/careers/greeneoh

Jobs are posted by category, department and date. Benefits and salary information

are included for most positions, and you can apply online. For help or support, visit www.governmentjobs.com/Home/ApplicationGuide.

Miami County

201 W. Main St.
Troy, OH 45373 937-440-5900
www.co.miami.oh.us/index.aspx?NID=333

Miami County's website has jobs posted online with benefits information, and applications and submission instructions are available for download.

Montgomery County

Human Resources Department
451 W. Third St., Ninth Floor
Dayton, OH 45422 937-225-4018
www.mcoho.org/departments/human_resources/job_opportunities.php

Montgomery County uses an online applicant tracking system. Applications must be submitted online. Jobs are posted online with benefits information, and applications are available for download with submission instructions.

Preble County

101 E. Main St.
Eaton, OH 45320 937-456-8143
www.prebco.org/Preble_County_Commissioners_Jobs.htm

Visit Preble County's website for a list of current job opportunities. Information to apply for



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available positions is posted online with benefits information, and applications are available for download.

City of Beavercreek

1368 Research Park Drive
Beavercreek, OH 45432 937-426-5100
www.ci.beavercreek.oh.us/jobs

Visit the city's website to connect with job opportunities and the city's online application process. You can also subscribe to job posting notifications.

City of Centerville

Human Resources Department
100 W. Spring Valley Road
Centerville, OH 45458 937-433-7151
www.centervilleohio.gov

From the main menu on the city's website, click "Government" then "Human Resources" to view job openings and download the city's application for employment.

City of Dayton

101 W. Third St.
Dayton, OH 45402 937-496-6720
www.jobapscloud.com/daytonohio

Visit Dayton's online employment center to view job opportunities and to register for a profile, which can be used to apply for positions online and to indicate qualifications for future employment.

City of Fairborn

Human Resources Division
44 W. Hebble Ave.
Fairborn, OH 45324 937-754-3021
www.fairbornoh.gov/government/human_resources

Visit Fairborn's webpage for its Department of Human Resources for the city's job openings

and online application. You can also view and apply for volunteer opportunities and fill out a job interest card. Only online applications are accepted.

City of Huber Heights

6131 Taylorsville Road
Huber Heights, OH 45424 937-233-1423
www.hhoh.org/Jobs

The city of Huber Heights posts current job openings on its website, including links to download applications and to apply for jobs online.

City of Kettering

3600 Shroyer Road
Kettering, OH 45429 937-296-2400
www.ketteringoh.org/departments/human-resources-department

Visit the website to view the page for its Human Resources Department. There you will find links to current job opportunities, links to applications and more information about employee benefits and policies.

City of Riverside

5200 Springfield St., Suite 100
Riverside, OH 45431 937-233-1801
www.riversideoh.gov/government/careers

The city's website features current city job openings and application forms, which can be submitted via the website, by email or by regular mail to the city manager.

City of Springfield

76 E. High St., Third Floor
Springfield, OH 45502 937-324-7318
<https://springfieldohio.gov/employment-in-springfield>

Visit Springfield's website to find open positions, employment resources, positions that were

previously open, employment applications and answers to frequently asked questions. A general employment application is available for download, and applications for current open positions can be turned in to the Personnel Department on the third floor of City Hall.

City of Xenia

City Administration Building
107 E. Main St.
Xenia, OH 45385 937-376-7273
www.ci.xenia.oh.us/188/Human-Resources

Visit the city's website to access Xenia's current openings. Unsolicited applications and/or resumes are not accepted. Applications can be downloaded online, or packets can be picked up at City Hall. Completed applications can be emailed, mailed or delivered in person to the Human Resources Department.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

References

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Cover Letters

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Social Media

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Interviews

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's

not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Follow Up

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies are able to follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, including openings in lodging, marina, recreation areas and more (nonappropriated fund positions), visit www.wrightpattfss.com/force-support/civilian-jobs.

Exchange Jobs

For base exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange> and search for Wright-Patterson.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Ohio Small Business Development Center

The Ohio Small Business Development Center offers small-business resources and workshops for those looking to start a business in the state. Visit www.cantonsbdc.org or contact the center at 6000 Frank Ave. NW, Dayton. Call 330-244-3290 for more information.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.



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Health Care

in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties for military, civilians and veterans. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act. Ohio currently has multiple carriers that offer many different plans to its residents. Two groups — the Ohio Department of Insurance (<https://insurance.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odi/consumers>) and HealthCare.gov (<https://localhelp.healthcare.gov>) — can help walk applicants through the maze of choices.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept

most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a full list of community health centers in Ohio, visit the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers website at www.ohiochc.org and select "Find a Community Health Center."

DENTAL CARE

The Ohio Dental Association's website, www.oda.org, is a useful place to start in finding a dentist. Select "Find a Dentist" from the "About the ODA" drop-down menu for suggestions. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the eLicense Ohio online search at https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh_verifylicense. You can browse for a provider by name, location or

type. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit eLicense Ohio at https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh_verifylicense.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties are served within the Veterans Integrated Service Network 10. VISN 10 is the result of the integration of VISN 10 and VISN 11 as part of VA's MyVA Transformation plan. The newly integrated VISN 10 is composed of 10 medical centers and the

independent Columbus, Ohio, ambulatory care clinic and a network of 63 community-based outpatient clinics. VISN 10 provides personalized, proactive, patient-centered care to more than 685,000 veterans throughout the lower peninsula of Michigan, Ohio, northern Kentucky and Indiana. The closest medical center to Wright-Patterson AFB is the Dayton VA Medical Center, about 15 miles away.

Dayton VA Medical Center

4100 W. Third St.
Dayton, OH 45428 937-268-6511
www.dayton.va.gov

The Dayton VA Medical Center is a state-of-the-art teaching facility that has been serving veterans for more than 150 years, having accepted its first patient in 1867. The center provides a full range of health care through medical, surgical, mental health (inpatient and outpatient), home and community health programs, geriatric (nursing home), physical medicine and therapy services, neurology, oncology, dentistry and hospice.

The medical center has 356 hospital beds: 185 nursing home beds, 80 acute care beds and 91 domiciliary beds. The center also has

contracts with Wright-Patterson AFB and 11 area hospitals.

The following is a list of community-based outpatient clinics and vet centers near Dayton. For a full list of clinics and other facilities, go to www.dayton.va.gov.

Dayton Vet Center

East Medical Plaza
627 Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Sixth Floor
Dayton, OH 45417 937-461-9150

Lima Clinic

1303 Bellefontaine Ave.
Lima, OH 45804 419-222-5788

Middletown Clinic

4337 N. Union Road
Middletown, OH 45005 513-423-8387

Springfield Clinic

512 S. Burnett Road
Springfield, OH 45505 937-328-3385

Ohio Department of Veterans Services

77 S. High St., Seventh Floor
Columbus, OH 43215 614-644-0898
Veterans Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255
<http://dvs.ohio.gov>

The Department of Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for Ohio's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

It operates service offices in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties:

Clark County Service Office

120 S. Center St., Third Floor
Springfield, OH 45502 937-521-2030

Greene County Service Office

571 Ledbetter Road
Xenia, OH 45385 937-562-6020

Miami County Service Office

510 W. Water St., Suite 140
Troy, OH 45373 937-440-8126

Montgomery County Service Office

East Medical Plaza
627 Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Fourth Floor
Dayton, OH 45417 937-225-4801

Preble County Service Office

108 N. Barron St.
Eaton, OH 45320 937-456-6111



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HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference.

Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

Dayton Children's Hospital

1 Children's Plaza
Dayton, OH 45404 937-641-3000
www.childrensdayton.org



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Grandview Medical Center

405 W. Grand Ave.
Dayton, OH 45405 937-723-3200
www.ketteringhealth.org/grandview

Greene Memorial Hospital

1141 N. Monroe Drive
Xenia, OH 45385 937-352-2000
www.ketteringhealth.org/greene

Kettering Medical Center

3535 Southern Blvd.
Kettering, OH 45429 937-298-4331
www.ketteringhealth.org/kettering

Miami Valley Hospital

1 Wyoming St.
Dayton, OH 45409 937-208-8000
www.miamivalleyhospital.org

Miami Valley Hospital North

9000 N. Main St.
Dayton, OH 45415 937-734-6784
premierhealth.com/locations/hospitals/miami-valley-hospital-north

Miami Valley Hospital South

2400 Miami Valley Drive
Centerville, OH 45459 937-438-2400
premierhealth.com/locations/hospitals/miami-valley-hospital-south

Soin Medical Center

3535 Pentagon Blvd.
Beavercreek, OH 45431 937-702-4000
www.ketteringhealth.org/soin

Southview Medical Center

1997 Miamisburg-Centerville Road
Centerville, OH 45459 937-401-6000
www.ketteringhealth.org/southview

Springfield Regional Medical Center

100 Medical Center Drive
Springfield, OH 45504 937-523-1000
www.mercy.com/locations/hospitals/springfield/springfield-medical-center

Sycamore Medical Center

4000 Miamisburg-Centerville Road
Miamisburg, OH 45342 937-866-0551
www.ketteringhealth.org/sycamore

Upper Valley Medical Center

3130 N. County Road 25-A
Troy, OH 45373 937-440-4000
www.premierhealth.com/locations/hospitals/upper-valley-medical-center



Family Resources

in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community resources. This key Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food,

clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA
www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of

defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Child Care Aware
www.childcareaware.org

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State by State Resources" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information for families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include

FAMILY RESOURCES

budgeting templates and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Military OneSource

..... 800-342-9647
www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for

wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

30 E. Broad St., 32nd Floor
 Columbus, OH 43215 614-466-4815
<https://jfs.ohio.gov>

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is responsible for supervising the state's public assistance, employment services, unemployment compensation, child and adult protective services, adoption, child care and child support programs. The department's programs include an abuse hotline; Safe Haven for Newborns; foster care licensing and placement policy; putative father registry; ProtectOHIO and more.

Clark County Department of Job & Family Services

1345 Lagonda Ave.
 Springfield, OH 45503 937-327-1700
www.clarkdjfs.org

The Clark County Department of Job & Family Services partners with families,

businesses and community organizations to provide a number of services including food assistance, childcare program, child abuse reporting and elderly protection services. The department's website provides information on various family programs and services, as well as employment information.

Greene County Children's Services

601 Ledbetter Road
 Xenia, OH 45385 937-562-6600
www.co.greene.oh.us/index.aspx?NID=1042

Greene County Children's Services provides family-centered services to protect children from abuse and neglect by building safe and permanent families. Greene County offers a spectrum of services from family assessment and support to temporary and permanent child placement through foster care, adoption and independent living programs. Greene County Children's Services are available by phone 24/7.

Miami County Children's Services

510 W. Water St., Suite 210
 Troy, OH 45373 937-335-4103
www.miamicountykids.org

Miami County Children's Services provides assistance to ensure that all children grow up in a safe, nurturing and stable environment. The division's website provides information on various family programs and services, including adoption support group, community Christmas program, parenting program and school supply programs.

Montgomery County Children Services

3304 N. Main St.
 Dayton, OH 45405 937-224-5437
www.mcoho.org/childrenservices

Montgomery County Children Services works to protect children and restore families, and provides services when violence or unsafe environments are in place. The division's website provides information on various family programs and services, including adoption, foster care, medical coverage, employment prep/mentoring and crisis intervention.

Preble County Job & Family Services

1500 Park Ave.
 Eaton, OH 45320 937-456-6205
www.prebco.org/Preble_County_Commission_Childrens_Services.htm

The Preble Job & Family Services Agency is the mandated agency responsible for investigating complaints of abuse or neglect of children in Preble County. The division's website provides information on various family programs and services, including adoption, foster care, kinship care and adult protective services.



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United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder.

Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip's contact information up to date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

In some cities in Ohio it is illegal to leave your pet outside in cold weather. The conditions can be brutal, and leaving pets outside can be harmful. Make sure you're following the laws for your area. In some cases it is OK to leave pets outside during the colder months as long as proper precautions are taken. That means that outdoor animal shelters, like a doghouse, must have some sort of flap covering the entrance to keep out the cold. They also need to be insulated with something, like straw.

Animal Services

Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Division of Wildlife

Wild animal issues 800-945-3543
<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov>

Wildlife management consists of projects that usually involve habitat manipulation, management of wildlife populations, land acquisition, research or the creation of opportunities for people to enjoy wildlife. Healthy wildlife populations depend on good habitat, so habitat maintenance and improvement receive a lot of emphasis. On private lands, efforts are geared



toward incentive programs to improve habitat, especially for agricultural and woodland landowners. Habitat manipulation is practiced more directly on the more than 135,000 acres of public land owned by the division.

Clark County Dog Shelter

5201 Urbana Road
Springfield, OH 45502 937-521-2140
www.fb.com/clarkcountydogshelter

Clark County's Dog Shelter provides adoption and redemption services for cats and dogs, as well as spay/neuter services, heartworm testing and licensing. For more information on the county's animal shelter and pet adoption, visit the shelter's Facebook page.

Greene County Animal Control

641 Dayton-Xenia Road
Xenia, OH 45385 937-562-7400
www.co.greene.oh.us/index.aspx?nid=112

Greene County Animal Control serves as the dog warden in the county. This includes abandonment/cruelty, enforcing laws, licensing and maintaining shelter for strays and adoptable dogs or cats.

Humane Society of Preble County

951 S. Barron St.
Eaton, OH 45320 937-456-7387
www.fb.com/HSPCpets

Preble County's humane society provides temporary refuge for lost, abandoned, abused, unwanted or injured Preble County animals.

Miami County Animal Shelter

1110 N. County Road 25A
Troy, OH 45373 937-332-6919
www.co.miami.oh.us/shelter

The Miami County Animal Shelter takes in stray and owner-released dogs and cats, provides lost and found service, adopts dogs and cats to new homes, sells dog licenses and provides shelter for dogs and cats under quarantine.

Montgomery County Animal Resource Center

6790 Webster St.
www.mcoho.org/departments/animal_resource_center

The Montgomery County Animal Resources Center serves as the dog warden in the county and provides a number of services, including spay/neuter, adoption of dogs and cats, licensing, vacation registration and stray animal sheltering.

Pets for Patriots

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association website www.ohiovma.org.



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Education & Academics

in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines the public schools system in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in an Ohio school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Aug. 1 or Sept. 30 of the school year, depending on the district. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on Alabama's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, please visit the Alabama State Department of Education's website at www.alsde.edu. Check with the school for additional requirements.

In 2010, Ohio, along with the majority of other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands,

the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity, adopted Common Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, a student's education is often disrupted because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics though Ohio has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit www.corestandards.org.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a list of charter (community) schools in Ohio, visit the Ohio Department of Education's website at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Community-Schools>.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in Ohio, visit the Ohio Department of Education's website at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Quality-School-Choice/Home-Schooling>. Here

you will find information on home-school rules and regulations, testing information, home-school curriculum providers and more.

College Credit Plus

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-Education-Options/Home-Schooling/College-Credit-Plus-for-Home-School-Families>

Ohio's College Credit Plus gives students in grades seven through 12 the chance to earn high school and college credit simultaneously by taking courses at participating Ohio colleges or universities. All public colleges and certain private colleges in Ohio are participating. Tuition is free if your home-school student takes classes at a public college. There may be modest fees for private college credit.

Home School - Education of Children at Home

P.O. Box 39
Alpha, OH 45301
<http://peachhomeschool.org>

This nonprofit Christian organization is dedicated to providing support, encouragement, information and fellowship for home-schoolers in the southwest Ohio area. Visit the group's website for more information.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Ohio, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Beavercreek City Schools

3040 Kemp Road
Beavercreek, OH 45431 937-426-1522
www.gocreek.org

The Beavercreek City Schools district has a preschool center, six elementary schools,

two middle schools and one high school. The district has an enrollment of more than 7,500 students.

Centerville City Schools

111 Virginia Ave.
Centerville, OH 45458 937-433-8841
www.centerville.k12.oh.us

Centerville City Schools has six elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school, one school that serves grades two through 12 and a preschool. The district has an enrollment of approximately 8,300 students.

Fairborn City School District

306 E. Whittier Ave.
Fairborn, OH 45324 937-878-3961
www.fairborn.k12.oh.us

Fairborn City School District has one primary school, one all-day kindergarten campus, one intermediate school, one middle school and one high school.



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Huber Heights City School District

5954 Longford Road
Huber Heights, OH 45424 937-237-6300
www.huberheightscityschools.org

The Huber Heights City School District has one preschool, five elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school. The district serves nearly 6,000 students from Montgomery, Miami and Greene counties.

Kettering City Schools

3750 Far Hills Avenue
Kettering, OH 45429 937-499-1400
www.ketteringschools.org

The Kettering City School District has an early childhood education center, eight elementary schools, two middle schools and Kettering Fairmont High School. The district serves approximately 7,500 students from Kettering and portions of Moraine.

Mad River Local School District

801 Old Harshman Road
Riverside, OH 45431 937-259-6606
www.madriverschools.org

There are four elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school and an early childhood center in the Mad River Local School District; the high school and middle school are state

STEM designated buildings. The district has an enrollment of more than 3,300 students.

Oakwood City School District

20 Rubicon Road
Oakwood, OH 45409 937-297-5332
www.oakwoodschoools.org

Oakwood City School District has three elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school. The district has an enrollment of approximately 2,100.

Springfield City School District

1500 W. Jefferson St.
Springfield, OH 45506 937-505-2800
www.scsdoh.org

Springfield City School District has one preschool, 10 elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school and one alternative school. The Springfield City School District serves approximately 7,500 students in preschool through 12th grade in a community of 59,500 residents in west-central Ohio.

Xenia Community Schools

819 Colorado Drive
Xenia, OH 45385 937-376-2961
www.xeniaschools.org

Xenia Community Schools has one preschool, five elementary schools, one middle school, one

high school and one virtual school. The district has an enrollment of 4,600 students.

UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties offer plenty of opportunity for additional education. Central Michigan University, Park University and Embry-Riddle University have offices on Wright-Patterson AFB. Sinclair Community College holds some classes on base. A free, public STEM school — for middle and high school students specializing in science, technology, engineering and math — is a department of Wright State University.

Air Force Institute of Technology

2950 Hobson Way
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
..... 937-255-6565
www.afit.edu

Central Michigan University – Global Campus

2130 Fifth St., Bldg. 50, Area B
Wright Patterson AFB, OH 45433
..... 937-252-5600
www.cmich.edu/global/locations/Pages/location.aspx?site=WPAFB

Embry-Riddle University

2130 Fifth St., Bldg. 50, Area B
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
..... 937-904-4859
<http://worldwide.erau.edu/locations/wright-patterson>

The Ohio State University

281 W. Lane Ave.
Columbus, OH 43210 614-292-6446
www.osu.edu

Park University

2130 Fifth St., Bldg. 50, Area B
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
..... 937-904-4806
www.park.edu/academics/explore-majors-programs/?location=oh-wright-patterson-afb

Sinclair Community College

2130 Fifth St., Bldg. 50, Area B
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
..... 937-781-9800
www.sinclair.edu/about/locations/wpafb

University of Dayton

300 College Park
Dayton, OH 45469 937-229-1000
www.udayton.edu

Wright State University

3640 Colonel Glenn Highway
Dayton, OH 45435 937-775-1000
www.wright.edu

LIBRARIES

Public

Public libraries in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free.

Schools

In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities.

Residents can enjoy and make use of academic and public libraries in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites.

For a full list of libraries in Ohio, visit the State Library of Ohio website at <https://library.ohio.gov>.

EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

• **Ohio Department of Education:**
<http://education.ohio.gov>

• **Ohio PTA:**
www.ohiopta.org

• **Reading is Fundamental:**
www.rif.org

• **U.S. Department of Education:**
www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.



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Living

in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties

THERE ARE PLENTY OF entertaining activities in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping. Take a ride in an antique biplane, for instance, or tee off at one of the many golf courses in the region. Don't miss the Outdoor Experience, Dayton Air Show or Montgomery County Fair. And be sure to check out the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble counties have dozens of annual events, festivals and community gatherings at their fingertips.

Air Force Marathon

www.usafmarathon.com

Stretch your legs and lungs at this annual running event held the third Saturday in September. Challenge yourself with marathon, half-marathon or 10K routes traversing historical landmarks on Wright-Patterson and in Fairborn, or tackle the 5K route the Friday before. About

15,000 participants enjoy the races, a fitness expo, pre-race pasta dinner and more. The marathon is also a qualifier for the renowned Boston Marathon. Visit the website to register or for more details, including entry fees and schedules.

Beavercreek Popcorn Festival

www.beavercreekpopcornfestival.org

The Beavercreek Popcorn Festival is held annually the weekend after Labor Day. The festival has more than 200 booths with tantalizing festival food, crafts and special treats made with popcorn. There is also a children's area, entertainment and the 5K Popcorn Run and Car Show.

Dayton Air Show

www.daytonairshow.com

The Dayton Air Show is an annual event held in mid-June at the Dayton International Airport in Vandalia, 8 miles north of Dayton. The history of this flight exhibition dates to 1910 and the Wright Company. The Dayton Air Show showcases some of the world's best known civilian and military pilots, including the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

First Friday in Xenia

www.xeniafirstfridays.com

First Friday is a community event in downtown Xenia held May through September from 5 to 9 p.m. It features live music, street entertainers, activities for kids, special sales at downtown businesses and plenty of food, art and retail vendors.

Hometown Holiday Celebration

www.fairbornoh.gov/government/parks_recreation/festivals_parades.php

This annual event in Fairborn features carriage rides, a parade and tree lighting. The celebration takes place the first Friday in December and also includes store specials in the area. Visit the city's website for more information about event times and locations.

Montgomery County Fair

www.montcofair.com

The Montgomery County Fair is held in July at the county fairgrounds in Dayton. The fair features free concerts, a rodeo, livestock shows, a demolition derby, a pie-eating contest, carnival rides, games and more.

Outdoor Experience

www.metroparks.org/outdoorx

This free event is held the first weekend in October at Eastwood MetroPark. Formerly known as GearFest, Outdoor Experience has grown beyond just gear and exploded into a multiday event, featuring camping, competitions, regional music acts, demos, a beer garden and more.

Trebein Holiday Bazaar

www.fb.com/trebeinholidaybazaar

Local vendors and crafters flock to Trebein Elementary School for the annual holiday bazaar held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Children have the opportunity to take their picture with Santa or enjoy the holiday shop for kids, while parents can win door prizes.

ARTS

Artistic opportunities from theater to music to dance and more are no strangers to Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble county residents.

Clark State Performing Arts Center

300 S. Fountain Ave.
Springfield, OH 45506 937-328-3874
<https://pac.clarkstate.edu>

Clark State's Performing Arts Center is a hub to a number of national troupes and artists. With its 1,500-seat Kuss Auditorium, 200-seat

Turner Studio Theatre and the Salerno Educational Center, the 86,000-square-foot facility can accommodate a wide range of events and educational activities. The Kuss Auditorium is known for its acoustics and regularly plays host to national touring acts and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance

126 N. Main St., Suite 210
Dayton, OH 45402 937-224-3521
www.daytonperformingarts.org

In July 2012, Dayton Philharmonic, Dayton Ballet and Dayton Opera announced a groundbreaking merger, forming the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, the first and only merger of its kind in the nation. Founded in 1933, the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra comprises 83 contracted musicians. The second-oldest regional ballet company in the U.S., Dayton Ballet is one of the top three dance companies in the nation that produces and presents new work, as well as the only dance company to establish a fund designated specifically to create new full-length 21st-century ballets. From the first meetings of its founders in 1960, Dayton Opera has enriched the cultural life of the Miami Valley. In 2003, Dayton Opera moved to its new home at the Schuster Center, enabling the company to produce bigger and better productions in an acoustically superior theater.

Human Race Theatre Company

126 N. Main St., Suite 300
Dayton, OH 45402 937-461-3823
www.humanracetheatre.org

The Human Race Theatre Company has been producing dramas, comedies, musicals and more for 30 years. Its season runs from September through June in the 212-seat Loft Theatre.

Springfield Symphony Orchestra

300 S. Fountain Ave.
Springfield, OH 45506 937-325-8100
www.springfieldsym.org

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1943 by Edwin Juergens, William Minnick and William Fiedler, the organization's first conductor. The SSO sponsors a Youth Symphony, Youth Chamber Orchestra, Youth String Ensemble and Children's Choir. During the summer months, the SSO presents a free outdoor concert as part of the Springfield Arts Council's Summer Arts Festival.

MUSEUMS

Learn about Ohio's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

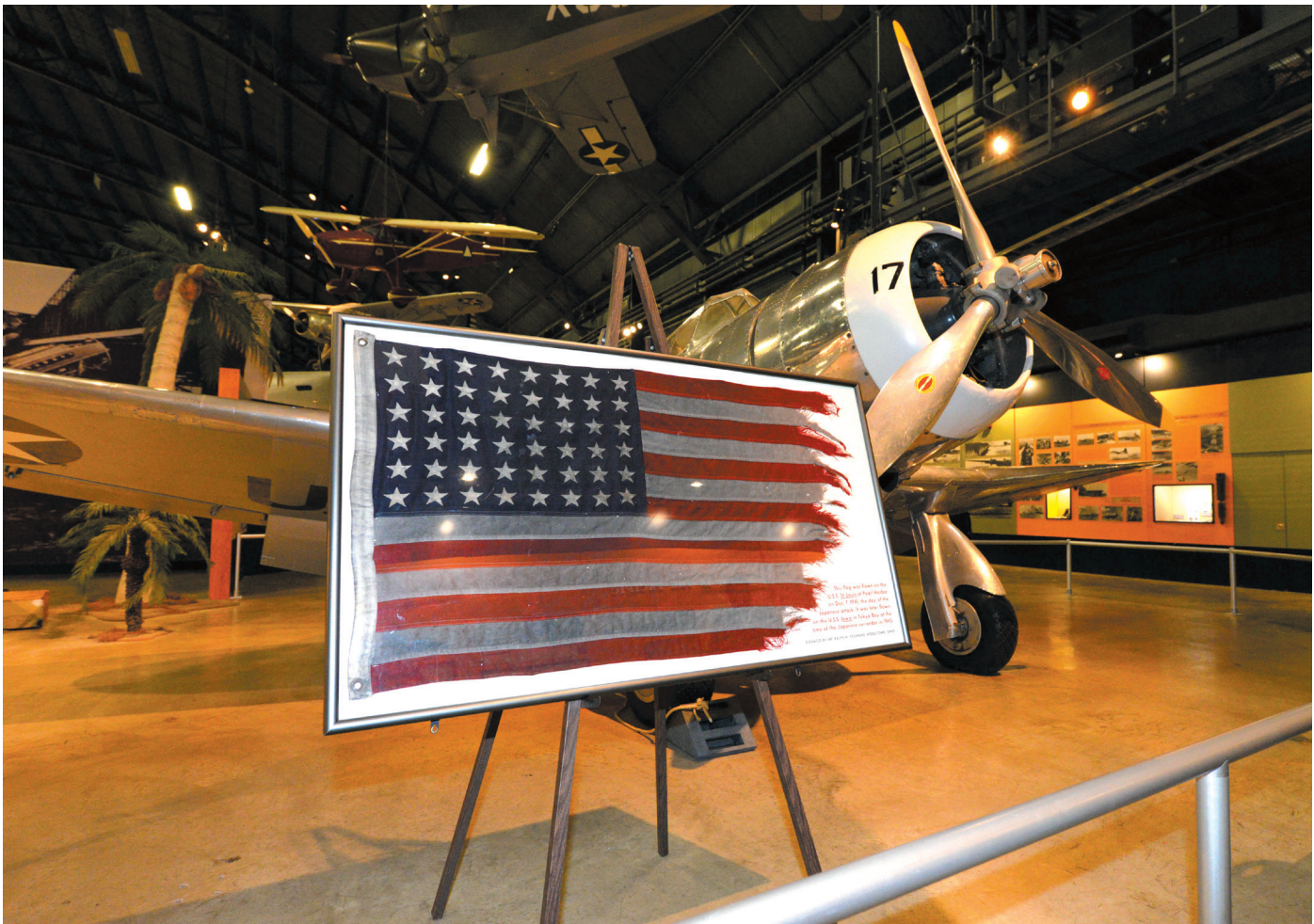
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

2600 DeWeese Parkway
Dayton, OH 45414 937-275-7431
www.boonshoftmuseum.org

The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery grew out of a collection gathered by prominent



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Dayton citizens on their trips around the world that were contributed to the Dayton Library and Museum. The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery is a children's museum, a science and technology center and an accredited zoo. It also houses a planetarium and an observatory.

Carillon Historical Park

1000 Carillon Blvd.

Dayton, OH 45409 937-293-2841
www.daytonhistory.org

This 65-acre park and museum complex in Dayton features numerous historical buildings, including its Wright Brothers Aviation Center, the 151-foot-tall Deeds Carillon and the Kettering Family Education Center, which anchors the park and features changing exhibits in the National City Exhibit Gallery. Special events include carillon concerts, living history days, classic car shows, festive holiday celebrations and more. After stepping back in time on a learning adventure, you can sit down and relax with a bite or pint at the park's cafe or brewery. Visit the website for hours, admission and

more information about the various museums, grounds and gift shop at the park.

Dayton Art Institute

456 Belmonte Park N.

Dayton, OH 45405 937-223-4278
www.daytonartinstitute.org

Over the past several years, Dayton Art Institute's collection has grown significantly through generous gifts of artwork by local donors, including important Oceanic art, Asian art, and American fine and decorative art collections. The collection spans 5,000 years of art history.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House

85 S. Greenmont Ave.

Springfield, OH 45505 937-327-9291
www.westcotthouse.org

The Westcott House, the product of arguably the most important architect of the modern era, was designed in 1906 and built in 1908. The Westcott House not only embodies Frank Lloyd Wright's innovative Prairie School architectural design but also extended Wright's concept of relating the building to its site by means of a

terrace, a lily pond, gardens and other landscape elements. Hours vary by season; visit the website for more information.

Miami Valley Military History Museum

120 Ohio Ave., Bldg. 120

Dayton, OH 45428 937-267-7629
www.mvmhm.com

The Miami Valley Military History Museum preserves the memory of the veterans of our armed forces — past, present and future. The exhibits begin with the Revolutionary War and continue through to more recent conflicts in Iraq and elsewhere. Hours are contingent on volunteer availability; check the museum's website for more information.

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force

1100 Spaatz St.

Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433

..... 937-255-3286
www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. The museum collects,

researches, conserves, interprets and presents the Air Force's history, heritage and traditions in air, space and cyberspace to a global audience through exhibits, educational outreach, special programs and the stewardship of the national historic collection.

Springfield Museum of Art

107 Cliff Park Road
Springfield, OH 45504 937-325-4673
www.springfieldart.net

The Springfield Museum of Art was accepted into the Smithsonian Affiliates program in 2012, currently the only art museum in Ohio with that distinction. The museum has a rotating list of exhibits and collections. Visit the website for information on current and upcoming exhibitions.

Wright "B" Flyer Inc.

10550 Springboro Pike
Miamisburg, OH 45342 937-885-2327
www.wright-b-flyer.org

Wright "B" Flyer Inc. is an all-volunteer, membership-based corporation on the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport near Dayton. The corporation flies one Model B look-alike during the summer months, and the hangar doubles as a museum.

PARKS

Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Beaver Creek State Park

12021 Echo Dell Road
East Liverpool, OH 43920 330-385-3091
<http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/beavercreek>

Beaver Creek State Park, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, is one of Ohio's most scenic parks. The park includes Little Beaver Creek, a state and national wild and scenic river, and 2,722 acres of forest wilderness.

Cox Arboretum MetroPark

6733 N. Springboro Pike
Dayton, OH 45449 937-275-7275
www.metroparks.org/Parks/CoxArboretum

This 189-acre facility is a place for visitors to escape among trees, shrubs, specialty gardens, mature forests and prairies. The arboretum hosts year-round educational programs that teach children and adults about sustainable horticulture, plant science and conservation. The park is also home to a native-Ohio butterfly house.

Dayton Aviation Heritage

National Historical Park
16 S. Williams St.
Dayton, OH 45402 937-225-7705
www.nps.gov/daav

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park preserves and interprets the history and legacies of the Wright Brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar. There are five National Historic Landmarks and a National Register Historic District within the park. These include the Wright Cycle Company building, Hoover Block, Huffman Prairie Flying Field, the 1905 Wright Flyer III, Hawthorn Hill and the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial. The park also offers plenty of activities for kids, including Junior Ranger and nature programming.

Miamisburg Mound

900 Mound Road
Miamisburg, OH 45342 866-580-6508
www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-and-site-locator/miamisburg-mound

The Miamisburg Mound is one of the two largest conical-shaped mounds of its kind in eastern North America, standing at 65-feet tall. Excavations in 1869 suggest the mound was built



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GO, TEAM, GO!

You may carry your sports team loyalties with you, no matter where you go, but you can root, root, root for the local favorites too. Check out www.Govx.com for discounted sports and race tickets for current and former military members.

by the Adena culture (800 B.C. to A.D. 100). The mound's top observation platform offers fantastic views of the area.

SHOPPING

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

Dayton Mall

2700 Miamisburg Centerville Road
Dayton, OH 45459 937-433-9834
www.daytonmall.com

Dayton Mall, the largest regional mall in the Springfield-Dayton metro area, has more than 90 specialty stores and eateries.

Second Street Market

600 E. Second St.
Dayton, OH 45402 937-228-2088
www.metroparks.org/places-to-go/2nd-street-market

The second Street Market operates in a historic block-long former 1911 B&O Railroad building. It was saved from demolition and renovated in 2001. The market strives to promote sustainable, local food systems. Local growers, bakers, culinary specialists and artisans fill this historic freight house.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you are looking to take in a game or cool off with a trip down a waterslide, you will find what you are after in the southwest region of Ohio.

Adventure Reef Water Park

2900 Glengarry Drive
Kettering, OH 45420 937-296-2587
www.playkettering.org/adventure-reef-water-park

This 3-acre outdoor aquatic facility features a leisure pool with a large water playground, water slides, an interactive splash pad and a baby/toddler pool. Visit the website for information on when the water park is open for the season.

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

3400 Vine St.
Cincinnati, OH 45220 513-281-4700
<http://cincinnatizoo.org>

The Zoological Society of Cincinnati was founded in 1873 and officially opened its doors in 1875, making the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden the second-oldest zoo in the United States. The zoo is home to nearly 2,000 animals that represent more than 500 species, including alligators, giraffes, rhinos, lions, tigers, wallabies and monkeys. A gift shop and a number of eateries are also available.

Dayton Dragons

Fifth Third Field
220 N. Patterson Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45402 937-228-2287
www.milb.com/dayton

The Dayton Dragons are a Class A minor league baseball team playing in the Midwest

League. The Dragons are affiliated with the Cincinnati Reds. In 2011, the Dragons set the new record of the most consecutive home game sellouts (815 total) in all of professional sports. As of the end of the 2019 season, the still-in-progress record stands at nearly 1,300 straight games.

Golf

Ohio is home to one of the greatest golfers in the last century, Jack Nicklaus. With such an iconic pro in the state, it's easy to see why there are such fantastic courses to choose from. For more information on courses in Ohio, visit your city or county websites, local chamber of commerce websites or the TourismOhio's website at www.ohio.org/interests/sports-recreation.

Goodfolk and O'Tymes Airplane Rides

177 S. Monroe Siding Road
Xenia, OH 45385 937-877-0837
www.gobiplanerides.com

Goodfolk and O'Tymes is the only antique biplane ride company in the Dayton area. Experience the birthplace of aviation firsthand in an authentic 1929 Travel Air 4000. For more information on hours and prices, visit the website.

Kings Island

6300 Kings Island Drive
Kings Mills, OH 45034 513-754-5700
www.visitkingsisland.com

Kings Island is a 364-acre amusement park 21 miles north of Cincinnati in Mason. There is something for everyone, including a water park, thrilling rides, an award-winning kids' area, an animatronic dinosaur park, live entertainment and more. For more information on hours and ticket prices, visit the park's website.

Miami Valley Bike Trails

www.miamivalleytrails.org

Explore the countryside by bicycle with more than 300 miles of trails. The trail winds its way near the Great Miami River, parks, museums, picnic facilities, acres of natural land and over gently rolling terrain.

Young's Jersey Dairy

6880 Springfield Xenia Road
Yellow Springs, OH 45387 937-325-0629
www.youngsdairy.com

Young's Jersey Dairy is a working dairy farm with a traditional ice cream parlor, two restaurants, miniature golf, a petting zoo, batting cages, a driving range and events throughout the year. Open year-round, it's especially a favorite summertime stop for a cool scoop of ice cream on a hot day.



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