



columbus living

Forbes.com named Columbus one of the **Top Ten “Prettiest Towns in America.”** Experts from the Travel Channel, National Geographic, and Fodor’s helped compile the list, calling Columbus an “unexpected municipal gem” (March 2012). In addition, Forbes also named Columbus as one of the **“Best Small Cities to Raise a Family”** (Nov. 2010).

Columbus was named to Relocate-America’s **Top 100 Places to Live**, which noted “the city’s impeccable art, lush landscaping, a first-rate park system, and of course, the outstanding architecture.”

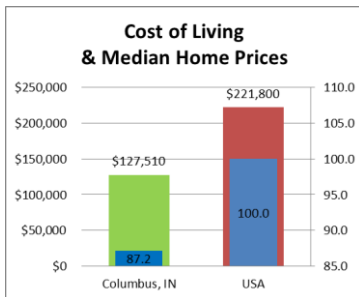
Columbus has hundreds of acres in a city park system ranked **best in the country** by the National Recreation and Park Association for cities the size of Columbus. Parks feature unique facilities such as an indoor ice skating rink, a skateboard park, an observation tower, 18 miles of cross-city bike trails, as well as fishing, hiking, biking, and golf activities.

Columbus, Indiana (population 44,000) is ranked **sixth in the nation for architectural innovation and design** by the American Institute of Architects, right behind Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Boston and Washington, D.C.

Ranks as **one of the U.S.’s safest metropolitan areas** (14th out of 342) according to FBI Uniform Crime Reports of violent crime (2010)

In their Sept./Oct. 2011 magazine article **“10 Affordable Cities for Retirement,”** AARP chose Columbus as one of its top ten cities to retire in, saying, “Never heard of Columbus? That’s fine - residents love this little city’s under-the-radar charm.”

Otter Creek Golf Course has been **ranked among the top 25 public golf courses in the U.S.** since its inception in 1964, with renowned golf course designers Robert Trent Jones and Rees Jones having created the 27-hole championship course.



Columbus offers a cost of living that is 12.8% lower than the U.S. average, and median home prices are almost \$100,000 lower than the U.S. average.

columbus working

Columbus is home to the **world headquarters of Cummins Inc.** (NYSE: CMI), ranking #186 on the *Fortune 500*.

Columbus is one of America’s **Top 100 best places** to live and launch a business (*Fortune Small Business* - April 2008).

The workforce in Columbus, Indiana, is **highly specialized** in nine industry sub-sectors:

- Engine Manufacturing (18x the U.S. average)
- Transportation Equipment Mfg (7.98x)
- Paper Manufacturing (3.20x)
- Fabricated Metals Manufacturing (2.52x)
- Truck Transportation (2.31x)
- Plastics & Rubber Manufacturing (2.25x)
- Chemical / Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (1.44x)
- Management of Companies (1.36x)
- Construction of Buildings (1.33x)

The Columbus economy is **internationally diverse** and **welcoming of foreign direct investment** – Over the last 25 years, companies such as Toyota Industrial Equipment, Faurecia, Dorel, NTN Driveshaft, Enkei and many more have chosen Columbus for their U.S. operations.

quick facts

Population: 77,000 (County) | 1.7 Million (Workforce Region)
 Median Household Income (2010): \$49,045
 Adults w/ Bachelor’s Degree: 26.7% | Ranked Top 20% U.S.
 Adults w/ Graduate Degrees: 11.2% | Ranked Top 10% U.S.

Location U.S. Midwest, on I-65 in south central Indiana, within 11-hours (approximate 600-mile) of 65% of U.S. pop.



Did you know?

With 21.6 mechanical engineers per thousand workers, Columbus has the **highest concentration of mechanical engineers** in the nation & **three times the U.S. average** for overall engineering strength.