



Japan and Ohio



Japanese Investment in Ohio

- Japan continues to be leading foreign investor in Ohio
- Ohio has the second largest investment from Japan after California
- 365 facilities located across the state
- 80 Japanese facilities in the Central Ohio area
- Majority in industrial sectors (over half automotive related)
- Among non-industrial facilities, 55% are in the commercial trade sector

Jobs

- Japanese facilities provide over 64,000 jobs in Ohio, 94% of which are held by Ohioans
- In last decade, more than 10,000 new jobs created at Japanese facilities
- 104 facilities in central Ohio provide 26,714 jobs, 59% of which are manufacturing positions

Japanese Population

- 7,414 Japanese nationals live in Ohio, mostly in Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Cuyahoga
- There are 2,470 Japanese people living in Franklin county
- Increased by 16% in the last ten years

Sister State Relationship

Ohio-Saitama:

- Became sister states in May 1990
- Ohio-Saitama Company Internship began in 1991, 72 students in Japan as of 2008
- Saitama-Ohio Company Internship began in 2002, 18 participants in Ohio as of 2008
- Many other programs and delegations between Ohio and Saitama

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Columbus Japanese Language School

- One of 60 Japanese weekend schools in America approved by the Japanese Ministry of Education
- Helps children keep up with their Japanese language skills while they stay in the U.S.
- 5 locations in Ohio
- The Columbus school is the 5th largest Japanese school in U.S.
- 566 students enrolled grades K-12
- There are 33 teachers and 4 administrative staff

Japan-America Society of Central Ohio

- A private, not-for-profit membership association of Americans and Japanese (JASCO)
- Brings the Japanese and American communities together in various programming including business seminars, outreach in the schools and social events.
- Promotes goodwill through the sharing of knowledge about Japan
- One of 38 Japan-America Societies located throughout the United States
- A member of the National Association of Japan-America Societies

The Ohio State University

- 100+ Japanese students enrolled at OSU
- 68 (24 non language and 44 language) courses are offered by various departments
- 26 OSU faculty teach courses in Japan related studies
- 5 annual study abroad programs to Japan
- 60+ visiting scholars from Japan

Japanese Restaurants/Bookstores

- Japanese restaurants are located in over 60 Ohio cities
- There are 20 Japanese restaurants in the Columbus area

Year	Facilities	Employees			
		Total	Japanese	Local	Manufacturing
1997	362	59,655	1,573	58,082	39,404
2002	395	66,984	1,677	65,307	38,293
2006	389	65,331	1,587	63,744	39,572
2007	381	66,516	1,594	64,922	39,021
5 yr. gain/loss	-3.5%/ -14	-0.7%/ -468	-4.9%/ -83	-0.6%/ -385	1.9%/ 728
10 yr. gain/loss	5.2%/ 19	11.5%/ 6,861	1.3%/ 21	11.8%/ 6,840	-1.0%/ -383