Live Uniquely. Live Intentionally.
Live Cuyahoga.
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Cuyahoga County is on the move

There's not a lot of places where you can go from playing a game of volleyball by the shores of a beautiful lake to a show at the second-largest theater district in the country to dinner at a restaurant created by an “Iron Chef” winner all in one day. But you can in Cuyahoga County.

A goal of mine is to help foster an environment where everyone can live, work and play in Cuyahoga County. This includes residents that have lived here for decades, entrepreneurs looking to make their dream a reality and immigrants coming to start a new life.

There is something here for everyone.

We have a perfect mix of booming businesses, a thriving job market and lush greenspaces perfect for recreation, as well as our river and lake. But the best part about Cuyahoga County? Our residents.

I hope you consider joining us.

Sincerely,

County Executive, Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County ranked the most diverse county in Ohio

117 different nationalities speaking more than 60 languages call this area home

Cleveland ranked the best metro area for immigrants to become U.S. citizens

Ohio has 6th largest LGBTQ+ population in the U.S.

Cleveland received Human Rights Campaign perfect-100 score on Municipal Equality Index
A critical mass of highly educated people is either staying or coming back, as Cleveland is an ideal place to start a business or new project, given the low overhead and unusually strong, cohesive community support.

The growth in the number of 25 to 34-year-olds in Downtown Cleveland increased by 76% from 2002 to 2012.

Cleveland’s percentage gain of young college graduates is ranked the third largest in the nation, beating Silicon Valley and Portland, Oregon.

The Cleveland metro’s gains of college-educated young adults since 2007 is quickening at a faster pace than the nation as a whole.

The estimated population of Downtown Cleveland is expected to grow by over 52% by 2020, according to Downtown Cleveland Alliance forecasts.

**WE ARE AFFORDABLE**

- Average single-family home purchase price: $139,000
- Average apartment rental rate: $1,088
- Cost of living 11.4% below national average
- 30 municipalities received an “A” or “A+” grade for livability
- Cleveland has 93% residential occupancy
We Know How to Have Fun

Cleveland Metroparks is a four-time winner of the “Best Park in the Nation” National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management

Creates **$873 million** in economic value each year

Reservations and trails raise the value of nearby homes by **$155 million**, spanning 23,000 acres

Cleveland is one of the few cities with three professional sports teams

**Indians, Cavaliers and Browns**

Cleveland ranked as the seventh best food city in the country

L.A. Times hails Cleveland as a “**hot new dining city**”

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is one of the largest public funders of arts and culture in the nation

Invested more than **$170 million** in over 400 Cuyahoga County organizations that bring arts and culture to life in our communities

The **Cleveland Orchestra** is acknowledged as one of the world’s very best orchestras
The **Cleveland Museum of Art** was named the second best museum in the U.S. by Business Insider Magazine, just behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

**Cleveland among the 12 best American “Music Cities”**

**University Circle:** the most concentrated square mile of arts and cultural institutions in the country

**Playhouse Square**

**Second largest** theater district in the country, just behind Broadway

Draws more than 1 million people annually

10 performance spaces

$43 million in local economic impact annually exclusively from performing arts activity

**THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM**

Created **1,800 jobs**

Supported **$59.9 million** in earned income

Total attendance of **12 million**

$199 million total economic impact in business sales in Cuyahoga County
Our Thriving Job Market

Cleveland ranked **NUMBER NINE** in “Best Cities for Jobs in 2018” by Glassdoor

Cleveland is rated one of the **10 best places for job seekers** thanks to the combination of:

- **JOB OPENINGS**
- **ECONOMIC GROWTH**
- **LOW COST OF LIVING**

Greater Cleveland is home to more than **700** biotechnology and biomedical companies with **230,000** employees

**TWENTY-NINE** colleges and universities with over **175,000** students are located in the Cleveland region, providing a great talent pool.
Our Businesses Are Booming

Cleveland is home to eight Fortune 1000 company headquarters

Top employers in Cuyahoga County

- Cleveland Clinic
- University Hospitals
- Group Management Services Inc.
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management
- Progressive Corp.
- Giant Eagle Inc.

Cleveland Clinic

A top U.S. hospital in U.S. News and World Report’s “2018-19 Best Hospitals”

Provided 48,750 direct jobs → $3.7 billion in wages and benefits

Directly and indirectly supported $17 billion in economic activity in the regional economy in 2016
We Are Innovators

Cleveland ranked number 12 for Tech Hiring in 2018

Greater Cleveland region ranked “hotter” for entrepreneurs than San Francisco, Boston, Seattle and New York by Entrepreneur Magazine

Moody’s Economy.com projects $4 billion in gross regional product (GRP) growth by 2025, taking our GRP to $49 billion

The Internet of Things, a partnership between Case Western Reserve and Cleveland State University, is estimated to create $400 trillion in profitability enhancement opportunities spanning all major industrial sectors

Plug and Play connects the best technology startups and the world’s largest corporations

In partnership with world-renowned healthcare organizations and corporate partners, it creates an environment that empowers entrepreneurs to connect with investors and develop their cutting-edge technology

BioEnterprise is helping grow northeast Ohio’s bioscience industry by partnering with scientists, entrepreneurs, innovators and company founders to improve health and wellbeing

- Has helped create, recruit and accelerate more than 350 companies
- Has helped companies raise more than $2 billion in new funding
- 4% growth in high-tech employment
Blockland: A movement to explore new ways to use blockchain technology in the local economy to make Cleveland a leader in Blockchain.

JumpStart: A venture development organization that uses the principles of private venture capital and non-profit economic development to help entrepreneurs start and grow companies.

Invested more than **$55 million** into 117 Ohio tech startups

43% of total investment capital has been deployed into companies led by women and people of color

Ohio Third Frontier: Works with innovative startup companies to help take advanced ideas and turn them into new technology businesses.

Created a **10:1 return on investment for Ohio**

18.5% annual growth in early-stage venture capital investment.