



Building The **Columbus** Region

2008 Business Attractions
and Expansions

In 2008, more than 120 companies and 12,000 employees were attracted to, or expanded within, the Columbus Region, investing \$2.5 billion. Our regional team of economic development professionals, representing counties, cities, and villages, partnered to grow the region through business attraction, retention and expansion. The team worked closely with the State of Ohio.

The Columbus Chamber leads and supports economic growth and development in the Greater Columbus community.

At a glance

- 120 total companies attracted or expanded
- Nearly 12,000 new employees
- Nearly 50 new companies

About Columbus

- Eight-county region with rural, urban, suburban locations
- One of the fastest-growing major metropolitan areas in the Midwest
- Columbus is the 14th largest city in the U.S
- Home to more than 25 colleges and universities; more than 110,000 students
- 14 Fortune 1,000 companies, including six Fortune 500

Highlights

Nationwide Children's Hospital *(expansion)*

Nationwide Children's Hospital, a national leader in pediatric care and research, announced an \$800 million expansion project that will construct a new, 12-story, 700,000 square-foot hospital building and create 2,400 jobs by 2012.

PharmaForce *(new)*

PharmaForce, Inc., a privately held pharmaceutical company, is joining New Albany's Research and Information District. This three-phased project will be located on a 31-acre site within the 128-acre Research and Information District. Phase I will include a 70,000 square foot production and research facility, expanding its sterile product manufacturing capabilities anchored by corporate offices. The project is expected to bring 200 employees to the New Albany facility.

NetJets, Inc. *(expansion)*

NetJets Inc., a Berkshire Hathaway company and worldwide leader in private aviation, announced a major expansion that will create at least 810 new jobs, retain more than 2,000 jobs and more than double the size of FlightSafety, creating the largest flight training facility in the world. The company will invest more than \$200 million to expand its campus over 120 acres.



The Columbus Region, also known as the Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area, encompasses eight counties – Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway and Union. The region grew 8.8 percent between 2000 and 2007, making it one of the fastest-growing major metropolitan areas in the Midwest.

For additional information about counties and communities in the Columbus Region, including economic development contacts, visit www.columbusregion.com.

2008 Business Attractions, Retentions and Expansions (Listed by community)

COMPANY NAME	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	NEW OR EXPANSION	JOBS (NEW / EXPANDED)	INVESTMENT (IN \$M)	
					COMMUNITY
Manifold & Phalor	Metal fabrication	New	25 / --	--	Canal Winchester
Tobin Merritt & Associates	Medical office building	New	30 / --	--	Canal Winchester
Nifco	Plastic injection molding	Expansion	-- / 21	--	Canal Winchester
Olan Plastics	Plastic injection molding	Expansion	-- / 15	--	Canal Winchester
TS Tech	Plastic injection molding	Expansion	-- / 100	--	Canal Winchester
Cloverleaf Cold Storage	Cold storage and distribution	New	25 / --	7.00	Columbus
Bardwil Industries, Inc.	Manufactures and distributes table linens and kitchen textiles	New	60 / --	40.10	Columbus
Abercrombie & Fitch	Retail apparel distribution	New	70 / --	5.84	Columbus
Fitch, Inc.	Architecture, implementation of brand, environmental design, and product development	New	52 / --	0.50	Columbus
JD Equipment, Inc.	Farm equipment dealing	New	40 / --	3.86	Columbus
Schottenstein Stores Corp. & 4300 Venture Equity, Inc.	Owens interest in retail businesses	New	348 / --	11.80	Columbus
	Real estate development, brokerage, construction and property management	New	17 / --	0.61	Columbus
International Diversified Funding	Consumer and business finance	New	-- / 102	2.31	Columbus
Floyd Browne Group	Engineering services and consulting	New	10 / --	--	Columbus
KLH Engineers	Engineering services and consulting	New	14 / --	--	Columbus
NetJets & Flight Safety	Business jet charter and aircraft management	Expansion	-- / 810	196.14	Columbus
American Signature Inc. and JAL Realty Co.	Furniture distribution	Expansion	-- / 178	10.33	Columbus
Nationwide Children's Hospital	Hospital/Medical	Expansion	-- / 2400	842.00	Columbus
Navigator Management Partners, LLC	Consulting in project management, business process design & enterprise technology strategy services	Expansion	-- / 19	0.46	Columbus
Nexergy, Inc	Designs, integrates, & manufactures custom batteries	Expansion	-- / 10	2.30	Columbus
Express Holding, LLC	Retail apparel administration	Expansion	-- / 120	7.90	Columbus
BriskHeat Corporation	Thermal controllers	Expansion	-- / 35	1.40	Columbus
Advanced Engineering Consultants	Engineering services and consulting	Expansion	-- / 14	0.20	Columbus
Information Control Corporation	Information technology	Expansion	-- / 90	0.20	Columbus
Enguage	Interactive marketing	Expansion	-- / 50	0.30	Columbus
Motorists Insurance Group	Motor vehicle insurance provider	Expansion	53 / 646	0.20	Columbus
State Auto	Data center	New	10 / --	18.40	Delaware
North American Bus Industries	Bus parts	Expansion	100 / --	9.00	Delaware
Associated Hygienic Products	Disposable diapers	Expansion	-- / 100	5.00	Delaware

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PPG	Water based auto finish	Expansion	-- / 40	12.00	Delaware
Manning & Napier	Investment management	New	31 / --	--	Dublin
Interstate Gas Supply (IGS)	Headquarters, natural gas distribution	Expansion	-- / 222	--	Dublin
CareWorks	Managed care health plan provider	Expansion	-- / 50	--	Dublin
Caster Ventures	Online streaming video service for business	Expansion	-- / 44	--	Dublin
WorthPoint/GoAntiques	Online antique and collectible research and auction	Expansion	-- / 32	--	Dublin
Northwoods Consulting	Software development	Expansion	-- / 64	--	Dublin
Barton Hall, LLC/ Scotts Lawncare	Chemical distribution, training call center facility	New	10 / --	1.40	Gahanna
Roslevic Building	Construction	New	10 / --	1.60	Gahanna
Net Jets Services, Inc.	Human resources	New	395 / --	1.50	Gahanna
Van Huffel Properties	Leased office spaced	New	25 / --	2.05	Gahanna
JCS Investments	Office/Warehouse	New	92 / 3	1.13	Gahanna
R&K Investments of Florida	Warehousing and office space	New	80 / --	24.00	Gahanna
Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education	Classrooms and mixed use	New	350 / --	26.25	Gahanna
People To My Site LLC	Search engine management	Expansion	-- / 30	1.50	Gahanna
Gummer Wholesale	Cigarettes, candy, groceries	Expansion	-- / 65	--	Heath
OMT	Aluminum suspension and air conditioning components	Expansion	-- / 18	4.50	Hebron
Hendrickson Axle	Bumpers and lift axles	Expansion	-- / 40	1.50	Hebron
MPW Industrial	Facility support	Expansion	-- / 25	3.00	Hebron
Verizon Wireless	Customer service center	New	500 / --	30.00	Hilliard
Connect Television	Satellite dish service and installation	New	100 / --	--	Hilliard
Star Dynamics	Missile defense radar	New	100 / --	--	Hilliard
Echostar DishNetwork	Inbound call center	Expansion	-- / 200	--	Hilliard
Integralink LLC	Business services	Expansion	100 / --	--	Hilliard
NetWave	Business services	Expansion	25 / --	--	Hilliard
Rich's Products	Food products	Expansion	45 / --	4.00	Hilliard
US Corrugated, Inc.	Corrugated packaging	New	110 / --	25.50	Lancaster
Anchor Hocking Co.	Glass stemware	Expansion	-- / 125	9.00	Lancaster
Citygroup Technology	Data collection facility	New	-- / --	3.00	Liberty Township
State Auto Insurance Co.	Insurance records carrier	New	-- / --	18.00	Liberty Township

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Honda of America Mfg.	Automobile manufacturer	New	-- / --	4.12	Marysville
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Honda of America Mfg.	Automobile manufacturer	Expansion	-- / --	0.19	Marysville
Veyance Technology	Manufacturer of Goodyear engineered products	Expansion	-- / --	0.12	Marysville
Honda R&D	Automobile research and development	Expansion	-- / --	10.00	Marysville
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Honda R&D	Automobile research and development	Expansion	-- / --	3.64	Marysville
Honda R&D	Automobile research and development	Expansion	-- / --	2.20	Marysville
Honda R&D	Automobile research and development	Expansion	-- / --	1.00	Marysville
Honda R&D	Automobile research and development	Expansion	-- / --	0.50	Marysville
Honda R&D	Automobile research and development	Expansion	-- / --	0.11	Marysville
HPM America LLC	Molding machinery	Expansion	-- / 100	4.40	Mt. Gilead
McCoy Center for the Performing Arts	Performing arts facility	New	5 / --	15.00	New Albany
CVG	Offices/Research and development	New	-- / 40	11.60	New Albany
Nationwide	Data center	New	40 / --	180.00	New Albany
PharmaForce	Sterile pharmaceuticals	New	200 / --	36.50	New Albany
American Electric Power	Transmissions facility	New	80 / --	42.00	New Albany
Abercrombie	Data center and offices	Expansion	-- / 50	40.00	New Albany
Tween Brands	Offices	Expansion	-- / 150	15.00	New Albany
Luxottica	Eyewear	New	300 / --	--	Obetz
Billing Connection	Medical billing	New	20 / --	--	Pataskala
Highland Retail	Retail center and bank	New	15 / --	2.00	Pataskala
Parr Public Safety	Distributors of emergency vehicle lighting and safety equipment	New	-- / --	0.25	Plain City
Custom Glass Designs	Custom shower enclosures and closets	New	-- / --	0.27	Plain City
Velocys Inc.	Energy research	New	10 / --	8.10	Plain City
Golf Car Company	Rental of specialty event vehicles	Expansion	-- / --	0.14	Plain City
Kroger's	Food and retail	New	300 / --	2.00	Sunbury
Tech Resources	Large-scale customer support functions	Expansion	17 / --	0.64	Upper Arlington
HRH/Willis	Consolidation of key regional center for newly merged worldwide insurance risk manager	Expansion	-- / 25	--	Upper Arlington
USI Affinity - Collegiate Insurance Resources	Insurance products to affinity groups such as alumni association	Expansion	-- / 9	0.49	Upper Arlington

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FedEx Ground Package System Inc.	Business-to-business and business-to-residential package distribution business	New	334 / --	30.25	Whitehall
U.S. Dep't of Veteran Affairs Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center	Medical services	New	350 / --	95.00	Whitehall
U.S. Social Security Administration - East	Government services	Expansion	-- / 32	1.38	Whitehall
MedVet Medical and Cancer Center for Pets	Veterinary emergency services	Expansion	-- / --	1.10	Worthington
Special Projects					
Altercare	Acute care/Rehab services	New	30 / --	--	Canal Winchester
Mount Carmel/ Fairfield Medical Center	Medical campus	New	-- / --	--	Canal Winchester
Canal Pointe Phase IV	Industrial park phase	New	-- / --	--	Canal Winchester
Daimler Group Inc.	Medical office building	New	-- / --	--	Canal Winchester
Village of Canal Winchester	Water treatment plant and well field	New	-- / --	--	Canal Winchester
High Street 2008, LLC	Office speculative building	New	7 / --	1.25	Columbus
P & D Builders	Construction company	New	15 / --	1.81	Delaware
7001 Post LLC	Technology startup incubator	New	-- / --	--	Dublin
OSU Physicians, Inc.	Medical services	New	87 / --	11.04	Gahanna
Stonybrook Medical Center	Medical services	New	25 / --	2.35	Gahanna
Central Park	Business park	New	Potentially 4000 / --	150.00	Gahanna
Traditions (National Church Residences)	Assisted living/Health services	Expansion	-- / --	0.82	Gahanna
Altercare	Acute care/Rehab services	New	90 / --	--	Hilliard
Erickson Retirement Communities	Continuing care retirement community	New	800 / --	226.00	Hilliard
David Laslow	Medical office complex	New	-- / --	0.48	Marysville
Smith Mill Venture	Offices/Retail/Hotel	New	760 / --	39.00	New Albany
Water's Edge	Offices	New	1000 / --	21.00	New Albany
Water's Edge	Offices	New	432 / --	14.00	New Albany
Pataskala Family Dental	Dental practice	New	5 / --	--	Pataskala
Tuscany Gardens Nursing Home	100 bed facility	New	130 / --	5.00	Pataskala
Highland Retails	Retail center and bank	New	15 / --	2.00	Pataskala
The Pagura Company	Speculative building	New	-- / --	0.17	Plain City
Hochstetler Buildings	Speculative building	New	-- / --	0.30	Plain City
Jerry Wolf	Speculative building	New	-- / --	1.20	Richwood

Special Projects

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Central Ohio Medical Office	Primary care physician practice	New	38 / --	3.20	Upper Arlington
InCare - Divison of National Church Residences	Home health care and independent living services	Expansion	-- / 47	1.01	Upper Arlington
Arlington Falls	20,000 SF office condominium	New	-- / --	3.20	Upper Arlington
Arlington Falls	20,000 SF office condominium	New	-- / --	2.50	Upper Arlington
Village of Millersport	Water treatment	New	1 / --	4.50	Village of Millersport

Note: Information contained in this document was obtained from economic development professionals and developers. This is a comprehensive, but not complete list. The Columbus Chamber is not responsible for its accuracy and omissions.

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Interested in what the Columbus Region can do for your business?

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- *Site selection*
- *Available real estate*
- *Incentives and business tax information*
- *Key contacts and introductions*
- *Community tours/site visits*

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