

Strong Workforce



Technological advances have changed the way many companies do business, but even in today's high-tech world, quality employees are still critical to a company's success.

Available Workers

Two key factors contribute to the availability of quality workers. First, the county's pool of available workers is growing. During the past decade, the labor pool has grown by nearly 20 percent, and presently totals more than 40,000. In addition to the local labor supply, workers from nearby counties routinely travel to Muskingum County for job opportunities.

During its first 16 months of operation, the employee count at Dollar General's Muskingum County distribution center climbed from 350 to 500 they now employ over 900. General Manager Ron Dennis found no shortage of candidates to choose from.



College, Muskingum College and Ohio University-Zanesville all play important roles in the continuing education of the area's workforce.

Workforce Preparation

The next generation of employees is currently progressing through Muskingum County's educational and training systems. Nearly 18,000 students are enrolled in Muskingum County's public and private schools. To help create top-quality learning environments, local voters have approved bond issues providing funding for \$250 million in new or renovated school facilities. After completing high school, education and training opportunities remain plentiful in Muskingum County and vary from short-term training in business and technical skills to master's degree programs. Mid-East Career & Technology Center, Zane State Community

"We have been able to hire very talented, enthusiastic and hard-working people from the local community."

**Ron Dennis,
General Manager,
Dollar General**

Diverse Economy

Muskingum County's economy is diverse and growing with workers being employed across many business sectors. However, manufacturing remains a key component of the local economy with nearly 25 percent of the workforce employed in manufacturing operations.

Major Employers

With such a significant percentage of county residents employed in manufacturing, it is no surprise six of the county's top 10 private-sector employers are manufacturers.

