Cincinnati, Ohio, was founded in 1788 along the Ohio River opposite the Bucking River. Originally named Losantiville, Cincinnati was renamed by Arthur St. Clair, the first Governor of the Northwest Territory, in honor of the Society of Cincinnati, an association of Revolutionary War officers. Cincinnati has many museums and historic homes. The Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal is home to the Cincinnati History Museum, Duke Energy Children’s Museum, the Museum of Natural History & Science, the Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX Theater, and the Cincinnati Historical Society Library.

Other museums in the city include the Cincinnati Art Museum, Contemporary Arts Center, Taft Museum of Art, American Sign Museum, Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum, German Heritage Museum, Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati, The Art Museum at Milburn, Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Pendleton Art Center, Verdin Bell and Clock Museum, 21c Museum Hotel Cincinnati, American Classical Music Hall of Fame, Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, and Cincinnati Observatory Center.

Historic homes include those belonging to President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft, Uncle Tom’s Cabin author Harriet Beecher Stowe, 19th-century German immigrant and brewer John Hauck, and Revolutionary War veteran Christian Waldschmidt.

Cincinnati offers many opportunities for plays, concerts, and shows at the Aronoff Center, Taft Theater, Playhouse in the Park, Riverbend Music Center, Covadale Center for the Performing Arts, Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati, U.S. Bank Arena, the Kennedy Center of Cincinnati, the University of Cincinnati's Corbett Center for the Performing Arts, and the new Warsaw Federal Incline Theater. Music Hall is home to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, Cincinnati Opera, and May Festival Chorus, among other local performing arts organizations. The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company performs in its own theater and offers a free summer outdoor series at the Seasongood Pavilion in Eden Park.

**Neighborhoods**

Cincinnati has numerous distinct neighborhoods, many with historic connections. Bettes–Longworth features houses dating from the 1860s to 1910s in Italianate and Queen Anne styles. Prospect Hill consists of mostly tall brick structures with long, narrow floor plans built in Italianate, Queen Anne, Federal, and Greek Revival styles. Both of these neighborhoods are located in the downtown. The Mt. Auburn neighborhood, Cincinnati’s first suburb, contains the William Howard Taft House, a National Historic Landmark and Cincinnati’s only National Park site. Columbia–Tusculum has bright Victorian houses, some restored and others in need of renovation. In Mt. Lookout, historic houses far out from a square, apartments are also available. Mt. Adams sits atop a hill adjacent to downtown and offers upscale homes and apartments. Oakley and Hyde Park offer older homes along with duplexes and four-family homes. Located around the University of Cincinnati and several hospitals, Clifton has restored older homes, and Corryville has many fixer-uppers and brand-new apartments. Sections of Avondale have large historic homes. Pleasant Ridge also has generously sized older homes.

New luxury condominiums and town homes can be found on the East End, along the Ohio River. In addition, developers continue to transform historic buildings within the city’s core into high-design living spaces that range in style. New construction also can be found in the areas surrounding the city.

**Parks and Recreation**

Cincinnati has 5 regional parks, 70 neighborhood parks, and 34 nature preserves. Downtown’s Fountain Square hosts special events, free concerts, tailgates, lunchtime contests, and the U.S. Bank Ice Rink during the winter.

The new 45-acre downtown Smale Riverfront Park features the Schmiddlap Stage and Event Lawn, the Walnut Street Steps and interactive fountain, the Main Street Interactive fountain, the Black Brigade Monument, a carousel, tree groves, and a labyrinth.

Highlights of Sawyer Point & Yeatman’s Cove include award-winning landscaping, a performance pavilion, 8 outdoor tennis courts, 3 sand volleyball courts, a playground, the Armeleder Memorial Sprayground, Wheel Fun Rentals, the Serpentine Wall, and the National Steamboat Monument. This park connects Smale Riverfront Park with the Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park, which displays sculpture and plants that represent five continents and has a riverside bike trail and walking paths.

Washington Park includes a large playground, interactive water features, a historic restored bandstand gazebo, and a fenced—in off-leash dog area park and hosts various entertainment events and festivals throughout the year. The 90-acre Burnet Woods is home to the Wolf Park, which is located in the Trailside Nature Center, and also has hiking trails, a fishing lake, a historic bandstand, playgrounds, and a disc golf course.

Other attractions include the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden; Eden Park’s Krohn Conservatory, which displays more than 3,500 plant species from around the world; and the 73-acre Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, which is a National Historic Landmark and the second largest cemetery in the country.

Professional sports teams include the Cincinnati Reds (baseball), Cincinnati Bengals (football), and Cincinnati Cyclones (hockey).

**Education**

Cincinnati Public Schools educate 33,000 students in 39 elementary schools (grades K-6 and K-8), 12 high schools (grades 7-12), and 4 combination schools (grades K-12).

Undergraduate and graduate degree programs are available at the University of Cincinnati, a public research university with Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy; Xavier University, a Jesuit Catholic university with a College of Nursing; Mount St. Joseph University, a Catholic university; Cincinnati Christian University; Art Academy of Cincinnati; and Union Institute & University.

Associate’s degree programs are available at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Raymond Walters College of the University of Cincinnati, Brown Mackie College, and Antionelli College.

Hebrew Union College offers graduate degrees in Jewish studies, and The Athenaeum of Ohio is a graduate school of Catholic theology.

Nursing programs are also available at Good Samaritan Hospital and Christ Hospital.

**Health Care**

Christ Hospital (555 beds), Good Samaritan Hospital (460 beds), University of Cincinnati Medical Center (515 beds), and the Cincinnati VA Medical Center (93 medical-surgical beds, 288 total beds) are located within Cincinnati.

The city is also served by Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Shriners Hospital for Children.

Select Specialty Hospital, the Daniel Drake Center, and Daniel Drake Center at Christ Hospital provide long term acute care services.

Mercy Health–West Hospital (250 beds), Jewish Hospital–Mercy Health (209 beds), Mercy Health–Anderson Hospital (226 beds), Bethesda North (560 beds), and TriHealth Evendale Hospital (30 beds) are located within Hamilton County near Cincinnati.

**City Stats**

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