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Immunization Program – Provides county residents with immunity against specific diseases. Immunizations are administered to infants through adults. Medicaid, underinsured, uninsured and some other insurance accepted. Call for an appointment. Individuals can also be signed up for MyVaxIndiana, which gives access to immunization records anytime and anywhere in the world.

Lead Program – Every child should be tested for lead at 12 and 24 months of age. Lead testing can be completed at the primary physician's office or the Bartholomew County Health Department for no charge. Education on lead poisoning, sources of lead, symptoms of lead poisoning and ways to reduce your child's risk of lead poisoning can also be provided.

Pregnancy Testing and Prenatal Vitamins – Available by appointment at no charge.

Public Health Nursing Program – Provides home visits to our high-risk elderly population who are in need of assistance with medication setup.

Sharps Program – Provides and disposes of sharps containers at no charge to county residents. Residents must provide proof of need via prescription or medication box at initial pickup.

STD/HIV/Hepatitis Program – All potential clients are assessed for individual risk factors. The STD/HIV/Hepatitis program provides testing, diagnosis and treatment. All services are provided by appointment, often at no charge. Condoms are available at the Health Department – Nursing Division upon request.

Tuberculosis - TB skin testing is available to individuals on Mondays from 8 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 4 p.m., available by appointment. Please call for fee. QuantiFERON Gold blood test is also available by appointment and is recommended for foreign-born individuals.

Know Your Status - Anyone who has immunization records from previous years can bring them to the Health Department to have them entered into the registry.



Bartholomew County Health Department

2625 Foxpointe Drive | Columbus, IN 47203
812-379-1555 opt 1 | Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

****Some services may not be currently available. Please contact the health department for service availability update. ****

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A view of the Chaos I kinetic sculpture by Swiss artist Jean Tinguely in The Commons in Columbus, Ind.



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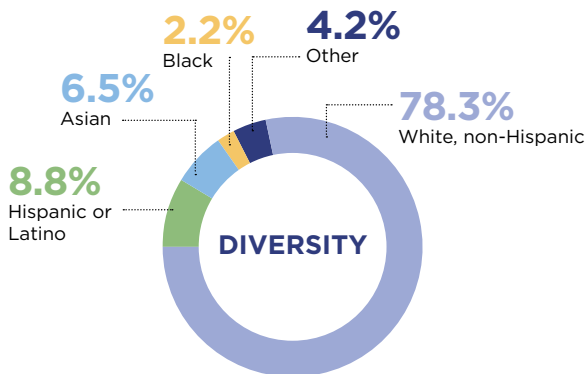
TOTAL POPULATION

82,208

UNDER 5 YEARS OLD: 6.6%

UNDER 18 YEARS OLD: 24%

65 YEARS AND OLDER: 16.1%



EDUCATION



PERCENTAGE OF THOSE
25 AND OLDER WITH:

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
90%

BACHELOR'S DEGREE
OR HIGHER
33.9%

HOUSING



34,687

HOUSING UNITS

70.9%

HOME OWNERSHIP

\$66,978

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Q: I'm new to Bartholomew County. Where can I go to learn more about the area, meet new people and ask for help in adjusting?

A: • **Columbus Visitors Center** is at the corner of Fifth and Franklin streets. Information: 812-378-2622, www.columbus.in.us.

• **Columbus Newcomers Club** is an all-inclusive group of people in Columbus that was set up to help those new to the area settle in and meet new friends. The club hosts events that feature speakers from local businesses and non-profit organizations to keep members informed about everything that Columbus has to offer. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at various locations throughout the community. Information: www.newcomerscolumbus.com, Columbus Newcomers Club on Facebook.

• **Su Casa Columbus** offers help for Spanish-speaking people at 1531 13th St., Ste. G110. Call 375-9370.

Q: What number do I call to get my utilities hooked up, disconnected or repaired?

A: The following utilities are available to Columbus and Bartholomew County residents:

• **Bartholomew County REMC:** 812-372-2546 for hook-up and questions; 800-927-5672 for after-hours emergency service; or www.bcremc.com.

• **Duke Energy:** 800-521-2232 for service or questions; 800-343-3525 for emergency problems; or www.duke-energy.com.

• **Columbus City Utilities:** 812-372-8861 for hook-up, questions and emergencies; or www.columbusutilities.org.

• **Eastern Bartholomew Water Corp.:** 812-526-9777 or www.ebwconline.net.

• **Southwestern Bartholomew Water Corp.:** 812-342-4421 or www.swbwc.com.

• **Centerpoint energy:** 800-227-1376, www.midwest.centerpointenergy.com.

• **Indiana Natural Gas Corp.:** 812-988-2512 for service or questions; 800-778-0659 for emergencies; or www.indiananatural.com.

Q: What TV services are available?

A: • **Comcast/XFINITY:** 3051 Columbus Center, 800-934-6489 or www.xfinity.com

• **Dish Network:** 800-333-3474 or www.dish.com

• **DIRECTV:** 2615 Central Ave. (In AT&T). 260-673-5099 or www.directv.com

Q: What telephone services are available?

A: • **AT&T:** 2615 Central Ave. 260-673-5099 or 800-288-2020 or www.att.com.

• **Cricket Wireless:** 3052 Columbus Center, 812-552-5173 www.cricketwireless.com.

• **Metro by T-Mobile:** 2640 Eastbrook Plaza, 812-552-5998 or www.metrobyt-mobile.com.

• **T-Mobile:** 2473 Jonathan Moore Pike, 812-372- 2135, 800-937-8997; 2415 N. National Road, 463-900-2386; or www.t-mobile.com.

• **Verizon:** 1269 N. National Road, 812-880-1077 or www.verizonwireless.com

Q: What internet services are available?

A: • **AT&T:** 2615 Central Ave. 260-673-5099 or 800-288-2020 or www.att.com.

• **Bartholomew County REMC:** 812-372-2546 for hook-up and questions; 800-927-5672 for after-hours emergency service; or www.bcremc.com.

• **Comcast/XFINITY:** 3051 Columbus Center, 800-934-6489 or www.xfinity.com.

• **Unlimited Net:** 812-546-1001 or www.unlimitednet.us.

Q: Where can I take my recyclables?

A: Bartholomew County Solid Waste District has several collection points located throughout Bartholomew County:

- **The Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center** at 720 S. Mapleton St. is open for residential recycling from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.
- Some materials can be recycled at the **Bartholomew County Landfill**, 811 E. Road 450S, during regular landfill hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.
- Bartholomew County has a **rural recycling program** for residents in outlying areas. The Harrison Township site, located at 10293 Old Nashville Road, and the Petersville Convenience Station, located at 11110 25th St. are open Saturdays only, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information and for materials accepted by each location: www.bcswm.com.



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Around Town

Q: Where can I find agencies that serve the Hispanic community?

A: **Su Casa** at 1531 13th St., Ste. G110, offers Spanish classes, English as a second language courses, a cultural awareness program, documentation services and instruction in laws and customs. More information: 812-375-9370 or www.sucasaindiana.org.

Q: Where is the public library?

A: The Bartholomew County Public Library is at 536 Fifth St. There also is a branch in Hope, located at 635 Harrison St., and the bookmobile visits county locations. More information: 812-379-1255 or www.mycpl.org.

Q: I'm thinking about having a garage sale. Is there a permit I should have?

A: No permit is required. Garage/yard sales are permitted twice a year for no more than three consecutive days for each occurrence.

Q: I want to trim some tree limbs, but they are close to power lines. What should I do?

A: Call **Duke Energy** at 800-521-2232; or **Bartholomew County REMC** at 812-372-2546, after-hours, 800-927-5672.

Q: I have lost a pet. Who can help?

A: **Bartholomew County Humane Society** at 812-372-6063; **Columbus Animal Care Services** at 812-376-2505; and **The Republic Classifieds** at 812-379-5600.

Q: Where is the Bartholomew County Extension Service?

A: The office, which offers information on agriculture, foods and 4-H, is at 783 S. Marr Road. Call 812-379-1665.

Q: Where are the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds?

A: The Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds are at 750 W. County Road 200S, off State Road 11. Call 812-372-6133.

Q: What shopping centers are in Columbus and Bartholomew County?

A: • **25th Street Shopping Center:** 25th Street and Central Avenue

• **Clifty Crossing:** U.S. 31 and 10th Street

• **Clover Center:** 25th Street and Beam Road

• **Columbus Center:** North National and Beam roads

• **Downtown Columbus:** Washington Street between Third and 11th streets.

• **Eastbrook Plaza:** North National Road and 25th Street

• **Indiana Premium Outlets:** U.S. 31, north of I-65 between Taylorsville and Edinburg

• **NexusPark:** 25th Street and Central Avenue

• **Holiday Center:** 25th Street and Taylor Road

• **Northern Villager:** North National and Middle roads

• **Shoppes at Riverbend:** Jonathan Moore Pike, west of I-65

• **Westhill Shopping Center:** Jonathan Moore Pike and County Road 325W

Q: What are some of the service clubs in Columbus?

A: CAMEO (Columbus Area Multi-Ethnic Organization), Leadership Bartholomew County, Pride Alliance Columbus, Kiwanis, Columbus Lions Club, Psi Iota Xi, Rotary Club and Shrine Club. For more information, call the United Way helpline at 211.

Q: Where can I request city services?

A: Columbus department heads meet at the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesdays in City Council Chambers at City Hall. Information: 812-376-2500 or www.columbus.in.gov.



The Bartholomew County Public Library

Q: What are post office business hours?

A: Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Stamp vending and post office boxes are accessible 24 hours a day at 450 Jackson St. The toll-free number for ZIP codes, rates and other information is 800-275-8777, or visit www.usps.com.

Q: Where do I go to get a driver's license?

A: Columbus BMV Branch located at 4445 Ray Boll Blvd., 888-692-6841. Hours 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information: www.in.gov/bmv.

Q: Where do I apply for a marriage license?

A: The county clerk's office in Bartholomew County Courthouse, 234 Washington St., 812-379-1600. Present valid driver's license or birth certificate. Fee is \$25 if at least one of the parties is an Indiana resident, \$65 for out-of-state couples.

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Government

Q: Who represents me in city government?

A: Columbus' mayor is Jim Lienhoop, email him at mayor@columbus.in.gov.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

- Jerone Wood, 1st District, jwood@columbus.in.gov.
- Elaine Hilber, 2nd District, ehilber@columbus.in.gov.
- David Bush, 3rd District, dbush@columbus.in.gov.
- Frank Miller, 4th District, fmiller@columbus.in.gov.
- Tim Shuffett, 5th District, tshuffett@columbus.in.gov.
- Tom Dell, at-large, tdell@columbus.in.gov.
- Grace Kestler, at-large, gkestler@columbus.in.gov.

The City Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at City Hall. All city employees can be reached by entering their first initial and last name followed by @columbus.in.gov. Information: 812-376-2500, www.columbus.in.gov.

Q: Who represents me in the county?

A: THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONSISTS OF:

- Larry Kleinhenz, 1st District.
- Carl Lienhoop, 2nd District.
- Tony London, 3rd District.

The commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Mondays in the Governmental Office Building. Call 812-379-1515.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

- Scott Bonnell, 1st District.
- Greg Duke, 2nd District.
- Mark Gorbett, 3rd District.
- Jorge R. Morales, 4th District.
- Evelyn S. Pence, at-large.
- Matt Miller, at-large.
- William Lentz, at-large.

Auditor is Pia O'Connor, 812-379-1510.

The County Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Governmental Office Building.



The Bartholomew County Public Courthouse

Q: What courts of law are in Bartholomew County?

A: There are three courts in Bartholomew County's justice system: Circuit Court, Superior Court No. 1 and Superior Court No. 2.

• **CIRCUIT COURT** is under constitutional jurisdiction and handles adult felony cases, criminal cases, adoptions, estates, guardianship, civil collection, mortgage foreclosure, civil torts, civil plenary, paternity action/dissolution, protective orders and reciprocal cases.

• **SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1** is under jurisdiction of the General Assembly. It handles felony cases for Levels 1 through 6 violations; some misdemeanor charges; civil torts aligning with medical malpractice, automobile accidents and property damage; some cases regarding owner or guardianship such as child support, parenting time, divorce, child custody, wills, disputes and trusts; well-being cases such as cases involving adult protective services and protective orders; and all mental health cases and all civil case collections exceeding the six-thousand-dollar limit of small claims. The court also oversees the Bartholomew County Veterans Treatment Court, which is a certified problem-solving court specializing in issues surrounding veterans involved with the criminal justice system who suffer from substance abuse and/or mental health issues related to their service.

• **SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2** is a general jurisdiction court created by state legislation. It also handles all of Bartholomew County's misdemeanor criminal cases, traffic cases, small claims, ordinance violations, a variety of felony criminal cases and all types of civil cases.

Q: Who are the judges in Bartholomew County?

A: Judge Kelly Benjamin oversees Circuit Court, Judge James Worton handles Superior Court No. 1 and Judge Jonathan (Jon) L. Rohde is in charge of Superior Court No. 2.

Q: Who represents me in Congress?

A: Indiana's senators are:

- Todd Young (R), 185 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, 202-224-5623, www.young.senate.gov.
- Mike Braun (R), 404 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510, 202-224-4814, www.braun.senate.gov.
- Columbus and Northern Bartholomew County are in the 6th District, covered by Rep. Greg Pence, R-Ind. His office is at 211 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, 202-225-3021, pence.house.gov.
- Southern Bartholomew County is in the 9th District, represented by Rep. Trey Hollingsworth, R-Ind. His office is at 1641 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, 202-225-5315, hollingsworth.house.gov.

Q: How do I register to vote?

A: Residents may register to vote in the November election at the Bartholomew County Voter Registration Office in the courthouse, at the corner of Third and Washington streets. They also may register at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles license branch. Forms also will be mailed on request. Voter registration office: 812-379-1604.

Q: Who represents me in the state?

- A: • Sen. Greg Walker, R-Columbus, represents the city in the Senate; contact him at 317-232-9400 or 800-382-9467.
- Rep. Ryan Lauer, R-Columbus, represents the city in the House; contact him at 317-232-9657 or 800-382-9841.
- Rep. Sean Eberhart, R-Shelbyville, represents much of eastern Bartholomew County in the House; contact him at 317-234-9447 or 800-382-9841.



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Helping Hands

Q: Who will help me with a legal problem if I cannot afford a lawyer?

A: Bartholomew County Area Legal Aid, 1531 13th St, Ste. G330, 812-378-0358 or www.legalaidpbi.org.

Q: What organization raises money for local social service agencies?

A: • **United Way of Bartholomew County** annually raises \$4 million for nonprofit agencies in the community. The United Way of Bartholomew County can be found at 1531 13th St., Ste. 1100, Columbus, IN 47201, 812-376-3001, www.uwbarthco.org.

• **Heritage Fund — The Community Foundation of Bartholomew County**, 538 Franklin St., Columbus, IN 47201, 812-376-7772 or 812-376-0051, www.heritagefundbc.org.

Q: Where can I donate items I no longer need?

A: • **American Red Cross**, 812-379-9551, 800-813-3260, www.heritagefundbc.org.

• **Am-Vet/Indianapolis**, 575 N. Pennsylvania St. Ste. 314, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-916-3612.

• **Angel Tree Christmas Assistance, Salvation Army**, 812-372-7118

• **Big Top Kid Shop**, 1135 Jonesville Road, Columbus, IN 47201, 812-372-0807.

• **Christmas Cheer Fund, Columbus Fire Department**, 812-390-0152

• **Goodwill Industries**, 812-372-3530

• **Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Family Center** — Coat program, 812-379-1630

• **Orphan Grain Train**, 812-405-2045

• **Clarity Pregnancy Services**, 812-378-4730

• **Sans Souci Inc.**, 812-372-3419

• **St. Bartholomew Catholic Church**, 812-379-9353

• **Turning Point Domestic Violence Services**, 800-221-6311

• **Wheels to Work — Cars**, 812-372-8407

Q: How can I volunteer?

A: Start with United Way of Bartholomew County, 812-376-3001, www.uwbarthco.org.

Q: Where may I purchase used items?

A: • **Big Top Kid Shop**, 1135 Jonesville Road, 812-372-0807

• **Good Used Furniture**, 921 23rd St., 812-376-0733

• **Goodwill Industries**, 980 Creekview Drive, 812-372-3530 or 55 Carr Hill Road, 812-669-1943

• **Sans Souci Inc.**, 1526 13th St., 812-372-3419

Q: Where may my family and I get help with food?

A: • **Aging and Community Services of South Central Indiana Inc.** Senior Nutrition Program and Meals for Better Living, 1531 13th St., Ste. G900, 812-372-6918

• **Senior Center Services, Meals on Wheels, Hot Meal Site**, Mill Race Center, 900 Lindsey St., 812-376-9241.

• **Bartholomew County Division of Family Resources**, food stamps assistance, 2330 Poshard Drive 800-403-0864

• **Community Center of Hope Food Bank**, 543 Washington St., 812-546-4499

• **Human Services Inc. Food Pantry**, 1585 Indianapolis Road, 812-372-8407

• **Love Chapel Food Pantry**, 311 Center St., 812-372-9421

• **Salvation Army Food Pantry**, 2525 Illinois Ave., 812-372-7118

Q: What are the times and locations of the local hot meal sites that provide free dinner for all who attend?

A: • Sunday 5 p.m. — St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 1306 27th St.

• **Monday 5 p.m.** — First United Methodist Church, 618 Eighth St., and Hope Moravian Church, 202 Main St.

• **Tuesday 5 p.m.** — Memorial Baptist Church, 2320 Seventh St.

• **Wednesday 5 p.m.** — Love Chapel Food Pantry, 311 Center St.

• **Thursday 4:30 p.m.** — Salvation Army, 2525 Illinois St.

• **Friday 5 p.m.** — First Presbyterian Church, 512 Seventh St.; Columbus Baptist Church (fourth Friday of each month at 6 p.m.), 4821 N. U.S. 31.

• **Saturday 4 p.m.** — First Christian Church (all but third Saturday of the month), 531 Fifth St.; Second Baptist Church (third Saturday of the month only), 1325 10th St.; Ogilville Christian Church (second Saturday of the month only, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), 7891 W. County Road 450S.



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Helping Hands

Q: Where can I find free and low-cost recreation and socialization for all ages?

A: • Aging & Community Services, 812-372-6918

- Art and Dance Center of Columbus/Dancers Studio, 812-376-8080
- Bartholomew County Public Library, 812-379-1255
- Boy Scouts of America, Hoosier Trails Council, 812-336-6809
- Ceraland Park, 812-377-5849
- Columbus Area Arts Council, 812-376-2539
- Columbus Area Visitors Center, 812-378-2622
- Columbus Newcomers Club, www.newcomerscolumbus.com
- Columbus Parks and Recreation, 812-376-2680
- Community Center of Hope, 812-546-4499
- Eastside Community Center, 812-376-7840
- Foundation for Youth, 812-348-4558
- Hamilton Center Ice Arena, 812-376-2686
- Kidscommons Columbus Community Children's Museum, 812-378-3046
- Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Family Center, 812-379-1630
- Mill Race Center, 812-376-9241



Hamilton Center Ice Arena

Q: What is available to help deal with stress and behavior problems?

A: • Aging & Community Services, 812-372-6918

- Association of Personal and Family Counselors, 812-372-3177
- Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp., Student Assistance Program, 812-376-4449
- Centerstone Crisis Line, 800-832-5442
- Centerstone, 812-314-3400
- Columbus Behavioral Center, 812-376-1711
- Columbus Pediatrics, 812-376-9219
- Columbus Regional Hospital Crisis Line, 800-266-2341
- Community Church of Columbus, 812-376-9478
- Family Service, Inc., 812-372-3745
- Hope Community Health Center, 812-546-6000
- Human Services Inc., 812-372-8407
- Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Family Center, 812-379-1630
- Love Chapel, 812-372-9421
- Sandcrest Family Medicine, 812-373-2700
- St. Peter's Lutheran Church Life Works, 812-525-0727
- Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, 800-221-6311
- Our Hospice of South Central Indiana, 800-841-4938

Q: Where can I get information about local support groups?

A: Support groups can be a helpful way to address stress, and most are tailored to special issues, such as parenting, relationships and grief, or specific health conditions such as diabetes, addictions and weight loss. Indiana 211 has information about area support groups.



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Location

Q: How big is Bartholomew County?

A: It's 409 square miles, or 1.12% of the total land area of Indiana.

Q: Where is the highest point in Bartholomew County?

A: Taylor Hill on Youth Camp Road is 1,018 feet above sea level, while the city of Columbus is 630 feet above sea level.

Q: What are the names of the cities and towns in Bartholomew County?

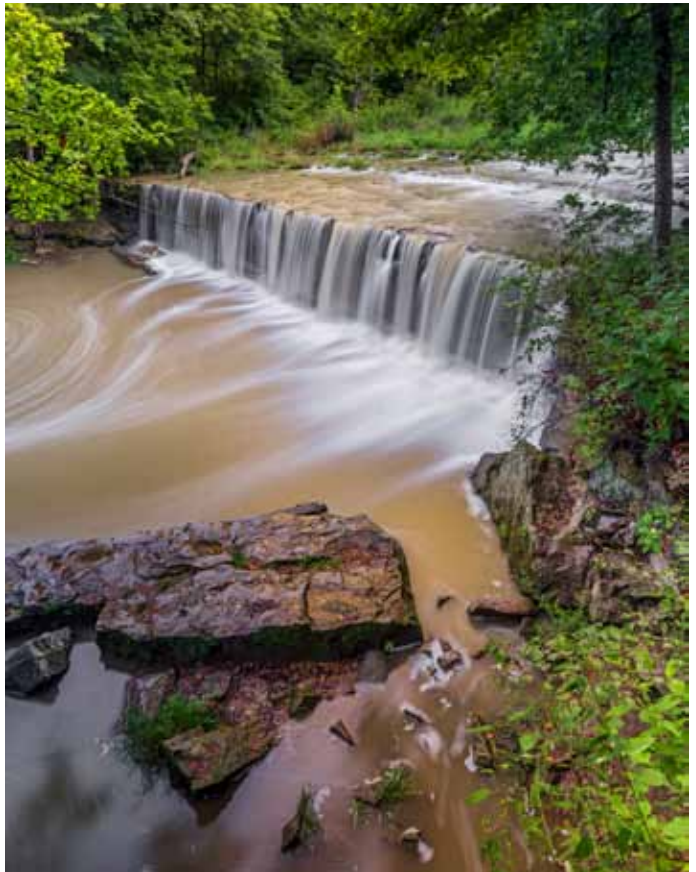
A: • Clifford
• Columbus
• Edinburgh (part)
• Elizabethtown
• Hartsville
• Hope
• Jonesville

Q: What are the main thoroughfares in Bartholomew County?

A: • Indiana 7
• Indiana 9
• Indiana 11
• Indiana 46
• Interstate 65
• U.S. 31



Robert N. Stewart Bridge



Anderson Falls in Hartsville

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ONE HOUR

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90 MINUTES

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90 MINUTES

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90 MINUTES

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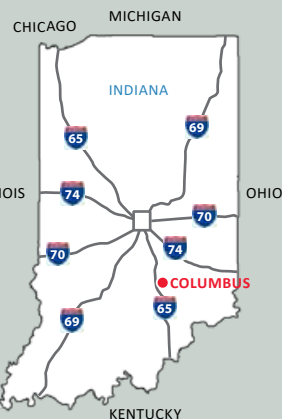
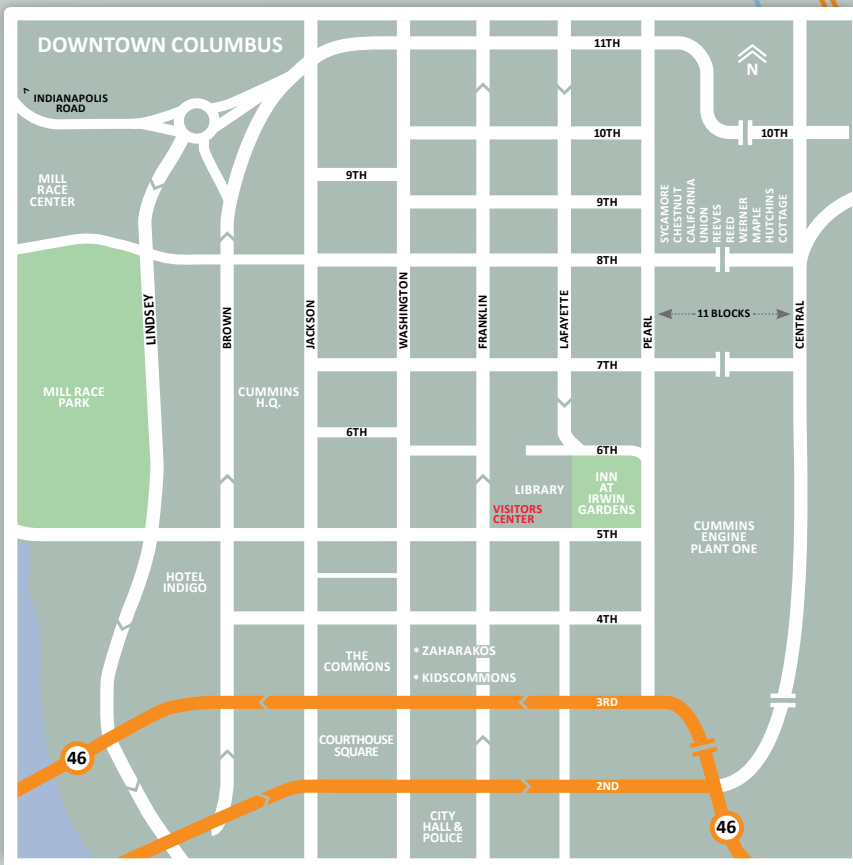
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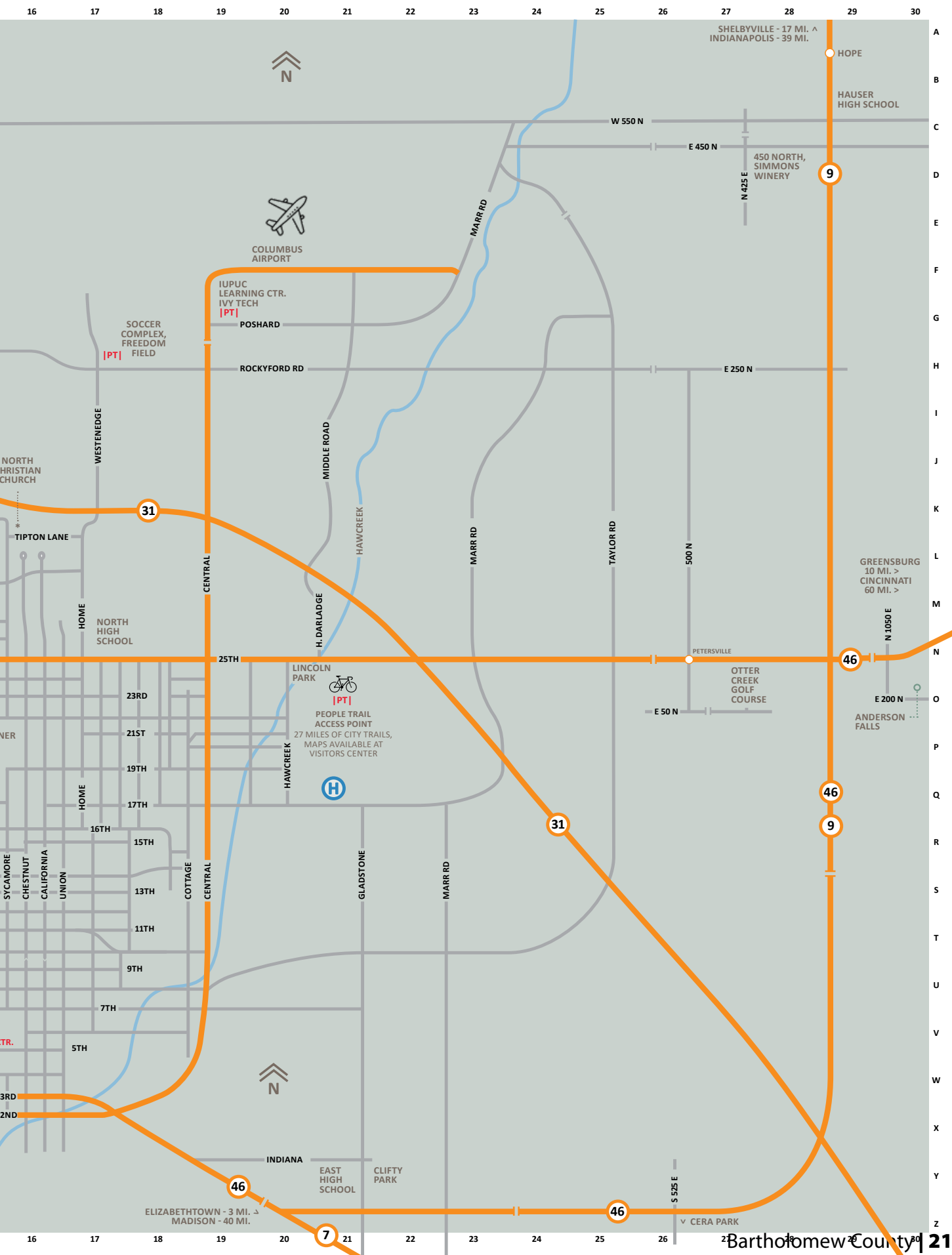


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Education

Q: What public school corporations are in Bartholomew County?

A: Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. has about 11,500 students attending 19 schools, plus the Columbus Virtual Pathway. Those schools are:

- BCSC Pre-K
 - C4 Columbus Area Career Connection
 - Central Middle School
 - Clifty Creek Elementary School
 - Columbus East High School
 - Columbus North High School
 - CSA Fodrea Elementary School
 - CSA Lincoln Elementary School
 - CSA New Tech
 - L.C. Schmitt Elementary School
 - L. Frances Smith Elementary School
 - McDowell Education Center
 - Mt. Healthy Elementary School
 - Northside Middle School
 - Parkside Elementary School
 - Rockcreek Elementary School
 - Southside Elementary School
 - Taylorsville Elementary School
 - W.D. Richards Elementary School
- Jim Roberts is the superintendent. He can be reached at robertsj@bcsc.k12.in.us.
- Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corp. is in northeastern Bartholomew County. Approximately 1,000 students attend Hauser Junior-Senior High School, Cross Cliff Primary School and Hope Intermediate School. Shawn Price is the superintendent. He can be reached at 812-546-4922.

Q: What about other schools?

A: Several parochial and private schools are located throughout the county.

They are:

- ABC-Stewart Montessori School
- St. Bartholomew Catholic School
- Columbus Christian School
- St. Peter's Lutheran School
- White Creek Lutheran School
- North Star Montessori School
- Midway Christian Academy



Parkside Elementary School



W.D. Richards Elementary School



Members of Columbus North's Class of 2022 take part in the processional for their commencement ceremony at Columbus North High School.

Q: What is the phone number of Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.?

A: 812-372-8211.

Q: What is the number of the administration building?

A: 812-376-4234.

Q: What is the number of the transportation building?

A: 812-376-4246.

Q: Who are the school board members?

A: Residents in Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. elect seven school board members for four-year terms. Those members are Dr. Jill Shedd, Dr. Julie Bilz, Mr. Todd Grimes, Mrs. Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer, Mrs. Nicole Wheeldon,

Mr. Pat Bryant and Mr. Rich Stenner. The Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Board has five members, two each representing Flat Rock and Hawcreek townships and one at-large. They are Brian Rose, Patrick Walters, Dr. John D. Harker, Chad Miller and Matthew Bruner.

Q: What adult education programs are available?

A: McDowell Adult Education Center, 2700 McKinley Ave., tailors its programs to individuals whose schooling has been interrupted. Call 812-376-4451 for more information.

Q: What post-secondary schools are in Columbus?

A: • **Indiana University—Purdue University Columbus**, 4601 Central Ave., 812-348-7311

• **Purdue Polytechnic Columbus**, 4444 Kelly St., 812-348-2025

• **Ivy Tech Community College**, 4475 Central Ave., 812-372-9925



Parks & Recreation



Mill Race Park

Q: What public parks are in Columbus?

A: The major ones are:

- **Donner Park**, bounded by 22nd and 17th streets, Lafayette Avenue and Chestnut Street, includes a swimming pool and playground.
- **Mill Race Park**, west of Lindsey Street, features a round lake, observation tower, amphitheater, playground, fishing pier and boat ramp.
- **Blackwell Park**, north of Parkside Drive, has plenty of room for soccer. Freedom Field Playground for children with disabilities is located here.
- **Clifty Park**, east of Marr Road and south of Indiana Avenue, where city and Babe Ruth baseball is played, has outdoor volleyball and basketball courts and Jolie Crider Memorial Skatepark 2.0.
- **Dunn Softball Stadium**, 876 Spears St., North of 4-H Fairgrounds.
- **Lincoln Park**, east of 25th Street, between Hawcreek Avenue and Lincoln Park Drive, is home of the city's softball program, ice arena, lighted tennis courts, basketball courts and playground.
- **Noblitt Park**, west of Lawton Avenue, bounded by Newsom Avenue on the north and 15th Street on the south, has picnic tables and access to the Mill Race People Trail.

• **Ceraland Park**, 3989 S. County Road 525E, a semi-private facility, has a swimming pool, amphitheater, trails and picnic areas. Information: www.ceraland.org.

Q: Where are Columbus pedestrian trails?

A: Columbus has a People Trail system that stretches 27 miles and counting. Within the trail system are several smaller loops of people and bike trails which vary in length:

- 2-mile Downtown Architecture Loop.
- 3-mile Downtown Architecture Loop.
- 5-mile North Christian Loop.
- 6-mile North Christian Loop.
- 6-mile Historic Architecture Loop.
- 15-mile The Big Loop.

OTHER TRAILS IN THE SYSTEM INCLUDE:

- Clifty Park Loop Trail — 1.25 miles.
- Haw Creek trail — 5.8 miles.
- Donner Park trail — 1 mile.
- Touch the Earth Nature Preserve west of Columbus on Country Club Road, south of west Indiana 46. A 1.9-mile trail provides public access from a parking area to the 108 acres.

Q: What type of outdoor recreational facilities are in the Bartholomew County area, at least within an hour or so drive?

A: Brown County State Park is 16 miles away and offers 15,543 acres of scenic rolling topography. Monroe Lake, a 10,750-acre lake, is 49 miles away. Other outdoor recreational areas include Anderson Falls County Park, Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area, Brush Creek Reservoir, Crosley Fish and Wildlife Area, Grouse Ridge Public Fishing Area, Hoosier National Forest, Jackson-Washington State Forest, Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge and Yellowwood State Forest.

Q: Where are the local golf courses?

A: There are several courses:

- **Clifty Creek**, 12000 E. County Road 225N, Hope, 812-372-6031.
- **Greenbelt**, 1000 N. Gladstone Ave., 812-376-2684.
- **Harrison Lake Country Club**, a private course, 588 S. Country Club Road, 812-342-4457.
- **Otter Creek**, 11522 E. County Road 50N, 812-579-5227.
- **Par 3**, 3362 Fairlawn Drive, 812-799-1437.
- **Timbergate**, 151 St. Andrews Ave., Edinburgh, 812-526-3523.
- **Salt Creek**, 2359 E. State Road 46, 812-988-7888.

Q: Where can our family play miniature golf?

A: They can play at **Putt-Putt Fun Center**, 1080 N. Marr Road, 812-376-3136.

- **CERA Miniature Golf Course**, 3989 S. County Road 525E, 812-377-5849.

Q: How do I get my children involved in area youth sports?

A: The Columbus Express Soccer League is the major outlet for youth soccer. The Express has city teams and travel teams. Home games are at Chapman T. Blackwell III Park. Information: www.columbusexpress.com. Columbus Parks and Recreation Department also has seasonal leagues for other youth sports. Information: Donner Center at 812-376-2680.



The People Trail system stretches 27 miles

Parks & Recreation

Q: Whom do I call to reserve a city baseball diamond?

A: Columbus Softball Association at 812-379-4872. Youth baseball teams and T-ball teams can call Donner Center, 812-376-2680.

Q: When is Donner Aquatic Center open to the public?

A: May 27 through Aug. 5 hours are 1-6 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 12-6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Free public swim is from 5-6 p.m. daily. Aug. 6-15 hours are 4-7 p.m. Information: 812-376-2683.

Q: Where can I go skating?

A: • **Hamilton Center Ice Arena** in Lincoln Park is open all year for ice skating, 812-376-2686.

• **Columbus Skateland**, 2660 N. Talley Road, is open for roller skating, 812-372-6677.

Q: What health clubs are in Columbus?

A: There are several. Call for details.

- **Anytime Fitness**, 812-372-3488.
- **Ceraland Sports and Fitness Center**, 812-377-5849.
- **Columbus Fit**, 812-418-8738.
- **CrossFit Ripcord**, 812-799-7525.
- **Deathproof CrossFit**, 812-343-9237.
- **Elemental Yoga**, 812-371-5453.
- **Farrell's Extreme Bodyshaping**, 812-375-9920.
- **Planet Fitness**, 812-376-3000.
- **Tipton Lakes Athletic Club**, 812-342-4495.
- **Total Fitness**, 812-373-9992.
- **Zen Fitness**, 812-552-5900.



Columbus Rock Gym

1551 Cottage Ave.,
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www.columbusrockgym.com



Ceraland Park



Jolie Crider 2.0 Memorial Skate Park



Covered Bridge at Mill Race Park



Health

Q: What medical facilities are in Columbus?

A: • **Columbus Regional Hospital**, 2400 E. 17th St., 800-841-4938.

• **Columbus Behavioral Center**, 2223 Poshard Drive, 812-376-1711.

• **Cummins LiveWell Center**, 806 Jackson St., 812-748-3412, for Cummins employees and their families.

• **Centerstone**, 720 N. Marr Road, offers treatment for depression, grief, mental illness and other problems. To schedule an appointment, call 812-314-3400 or 1-877-HOPE123 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or the crisis line at 800-832-5442.

• **Edinburgh Prompt Medical**, 3875 W. Presidential Way, Edinburgh, 812-526-0171. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

• **PromptMed**, 2502 25th St., 812-372-8883, walk-in medical care 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Appointments recommended.

• **VIMCare Clinic**, 2400 17th St., 812-375-3660, medical care for low-income, uninsured Bartholomew County residents, patients with Medicare or Medicaid and patients enrolled in HIP 2.0. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

• **Workplace Occupational & Wellness Inc. (WOW)**, clinic, 2329 Marr Road, 812-378-4511

Q: What are some services offered by the Bartholomew County Health Department?

A: Located at 2675 Fox Pointe Drive, Ste. B, the health department offers disease prevention, COVID-19 testing, tuberculosis testing, HIV counseling and testing, sexually transmitted disease/infection testing, pregnancy testing, prenatal vitamins, sharp container distribution and disposal, health education, vital records, environmental health and public health preparedness.

• The department offers a blood pressure, blood sugar and total cholesterol screening clinic on second

Tuesdays.

• An STD Clinic is held every Tuesday and Wednesday, by appointment. All counseling and provider referral services are confidential. Assistance can be provided to minors, 13 years and older, without parental consent.

• Immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases for infants, children and adults are available by appointment.

• Lead screening is available by appointment for children up to age 6.

• Older adult outreach clinics offer screening monthly at sites around Columbus.

• Prenatal vitamins are provided for pregnant clients.

• WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program offers nutrition education and supplemental food programs for pregnant and breast-feeding women, infants and children 5 or younger. The program is available for county residents who qualify on medical and income criteria.

• Information: 812-379-1555

Q. What is the Poison Alert hotline?

A: (800) 222-1222.

Q. What are the area abuse hotlines?

A: • **Adult Abuse Hotline:** 1-800-992-6978.

• **Child Abuse Hotline:** 1-800-800-5556.

• **Violence/Rape Crisis:** 1-800-221-6311.

• **Indiana 211:** 211.

• **Domestic Violence Crisis:** 1-800-221-6311



Columbus Regional Hospital



Public Safety



Columbus Police Department

Q: How do I contact the Columbus Police Department?

A: Columbus Police Department is at 123 Washington St. Call 812-376-2600.

Q: How do I contact the Columbus Fire Department?

A: Administrative calls to the fire department, 1101 Jackson St., can be made at 812-376-2679.

Q. How do I contact the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department?

A: The sheriff's department is at 543 Second St. Administrative calls to the sheriff's department may be made at 812-379-1650.

Q. Where in the county are criminals incarcerated?

A: Bartholomew County Jail is at 543 Second St. It opened in 1990.

Q. Who provides emergency medical services?

A: Columbus Regional Hospital's ambulance service. For emergency service, dial 911. For non-emergency ambulance service, call 812-376-5700.



Seniors

Q: Who will help me find services for my elderly parents?

A: For respite caregiver lists and other answers call:

- Aging and Community Services, 812-372-6918.
- American Nursing Care, 812-376-3411.
- Columbus Transitional Care and Rehabilitation, 812-372-8447.
- Developmental Services Inc. (services for the disabled), 812-376-9404.
- FirstLight HomeCare South Central, 812-375-1293.
- Four Seasons Retirement Center, 812-372-8481.
- GreenTree at Westwood, 812-363-1488
- Hickory Creek at Columbus, 812-372-6136.
- Holiday Parkside Court, 812-359-1601.
- Home Helpers, 812-378-4673
- Just Friends Adult Day Services, 812-372-6415.
- Keepsake Village of Columbus (assisted living), 812-372-0950.

- Miller's Merry Manor, 812-546-4416.
- Silver Oaks Health Campus, 812-657-0750.
- Vivera Senior Living, 812-376-0698.
- Willow Crossing Health and Rehabilitation Center, 812-379-9669.

Q: Where can we order meals to be delivered?

A: Meals on Wheels delivers a meal prepared by Keepsake Village of Columbus to Columbus residents. Information: 812-376-9241. Aging and Community Services of South Central Indiana operates a countywide meal program. Information: 812-372-6918.

Q. How can I find out about senior center activities?

A: Mill Race Center offers entertainment, trips, card games and other activities for those 50 and older. Information on events and activities: 812-376-9241, or drop by the center, 900 Lindsey St., any weekday.



Mill Race Center



Transportation



ColumBUS

Q. What taxi service is available in Columbus?

A: A Fast Break Taxi & Courier Service, 1939 Hiker Trace, 812-374-9279.

Q. What bus service is available in Columbus?

A: ColumBUS bus service operates from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Cost is 25 cents per person per trip. Bus passes may be purchased at the Mill Race Station Depot, 850 Lindsey St. Fixed route passes are \$5 and are good for 25 rides. Children younger than 18 can ride free with an Easy Rider Pass. People 60 and older, disabled individuals who qualify and Medicare cardholders can ride for 10

cents. Call a Bus is available for 50 cents for people who are unable to access the fixed routes because of disability, age or injury. All fixed bus routes are wheelchair accessible and have bike racks. Information: 812-376-2506

Q. Where can I get a rental car in Columbus?

A: Avis (inside Walmart), 735 Whitfield Drive, 812-378-2674.

Enterprise Rent A Car, 2021 25th St., 812-375-1198.

Hertz Car Rental, 1643 Central Ave., 812-314-8283.



Churches

Q: It's Sunday morning and I would like to go to church. What churches are there to choose from?

A: • PREDOMINANTLY BLACK CHURCHES:

Calvary Community Church, 1031 Chestnut St.

Dayspring Church of God Apostolic, 2127 Doctors Park Drive.

Faith Hope and Love Church of God in Christ, 11401 E. State Road 7, Elizabethtown.

FaithMinistries Church, 5103 W. State Road 46.

God's House Missionary Baptist Church, 423 Eighth St.

Second Baptist Church, 1325 10th St.

Assemblies of God Columbus First Assembly, 2100 10th St.

• BAPTIST:

Bethel Baptist Church, 142 Deaver Road.

Columbus Baptist Church, 4812 N. U.S. 31.

Corner Stone Baptist Church. 1425 Jonesville Road.

First Baptist Church, 3300 Fairlawn Drive.

First Baptist Church of Hope, 455 Jackson St., Hope.

First Baptist Church of Taylorsville, 9118 Main St., Taylorsville.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 5520 E. Base Line Road.

Memorial Baptist Church, 2320 Seventh St.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 2222 Ohio Ave.

Parkside Baptist Church, 1780 Rocky Ford Road.

• CATHOLIC:

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, (offers Spanish language Mass) 1306 27th St.

• CHRISTIAN:

East Columbus Christian Church, 3170 Indiana Ave.

First Christian Church, 531 Fifth St.

Garden City Church of Christ, 3245 Jonesville Road.

Jonesville Christian, 609 Commerce St., Jonesville.

New Hope Christian Church, 1404 W. Road 400N.

North Christian Church, 850 Tipton Lane.

• LUTHERAN:

Faith Lutheran Church, 6000 W. State Road 46.

First Lutheran Church, 3600 E. 25th St.

Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Central Ave.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 16270 S. County Road 300W.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, (offers Spanish language services) 6045 E. State St.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 719 Fifth St.

• EPISCOPAL:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2651 California St.

• HINDU:

Hindu Society of Southern Indiana Temple, 7930 W. Goeller Road.

Hindu Temple of Central Indiana, 3350 N. German Church Road, Indianapolis.

• JEWISH:

Sha'arei Shalom Columbus Hebrew Congregation, 7850 W. Goeller Road.

• METHODIST:

Asbury United Methodist Church, 1751 27th St.

Columbus Free Methodist Church, 1511 22nd St.

East Columbus United Methodist Church, 2439 Indiana Ave.

First United Methodist Church, 618 Eighth St.

Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church, 3990 Rocky Ford Road.

Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, 1610 Taylor Road.

White Creek United Methodist Church, 6730 W. County Road 930S.

• MUSLIM:

The Islamic Center of Columbus, 2310 Chestnut St.

• **PENTECOSTAL:**

The Sanctuary, 3939 Central Ave.

• **PRESBYTERIAN:**

Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, 2611 Fairlawn Drive.

First Presbyterian Church, 512 Seventh St.

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Columbus, 550 N. National Road.

• **OTHER:**

25th Street Church of Christ, 5620 E. 25th St.

Athens Church, 725 Seventh St. (in Central Middle School).

Apostolic Revival Tabernacle, 2264 Illinois Ave.

Bible Church of Columbus, 3010 10th St.

Calvary Community Church of the Apostolic Faith, 1031 Chestnut St.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3330 30th St.; 4850 W. Goeller Road.

Community Church of Columbus, 3850 N. Marr Road.

Crossroads Community Church, 9550 N. County Road 700W, Elizabethtown.

Faith Victory Church, 4286 W. Jonathan Moore Pike.

Flintwood Wesleyan Church, 5300 25th St.

Lakeview Church of Christ, 4040 N. County Road 150W.

First Church of the Nazarene, 1245 McClure Road.

Hope Moravian Church, 202 Main St., Hope.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2809 N. Talley Road.

Seventh Street Church of God, 2005 Seventh St.

TerraceLake Community Church, 4260 W. Road 200S.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbus, 7850 W. Goeller Road.

Westside Apostolic Church, 1285 Indianapolis Road.

Westside Community Church, 124 Tipton Lakes Blvd.

Wilson Chapel Church, 9435 N. State Road 7, Elizabethtown.



St. Peter's Lutheran Church



People



Cummins Irwin Office Building

Q: Who are some Columbus people, past and present, who might be considered famous?

A: They include:

- Race driver **Tony Stewart**, a Columbus North High School graduate and two- time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion.
- **Chuck Taylor**, whose name adorns the Converse All-Star basketball shoe. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1968.
- **J. Irwin Miller**, former chairman of Cummins Inc. and a former president of the National Council of Churches. Miller, who died in 2004, was the first living American to be inducted into the Building Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed by the National Building Museum in Washington. In 1998 Miller and his wife, Xenia, were named Hoosier Millennium Treasures. In 2001 they were named Indiana Living Legends by the Indiana Historical Society. Xenia Miller died in 2008.

- Western actor **Ken Maynard**, born in Vevay and raised in Columbus, made dozens of films and serials in the 1920s and '30s. He would often return to the Columbus home of his parents.

- Columbus is the hometown of former NFL quarterbacks **Mike Phipps** and **Blair Kiel**.

- Opera diva **Madame Thea Dorré**, born Effie Critchfield in Jonesville around 1860.

- **Mike Pence**, former Indiana governor who served as the 48th vice president of the United States from 2017 to 2021.

Q: What was Cummins Inc. founder Clessie Cummins' profession before he started making diesel engines?

A: He was a chauffeur in Columbus.



The Arts

Q: What arts organizations are in Columbus?

A: Columbus Area Arts Council brings cultural programming to the community. It has offices downtown at 431 Sixth St., 812-376-2539, www.artsincolumbus.org.

Other arts organizations are:

- **Columbus City Band**, www.columbuscityband.org.
- **Columbus Indiana Philharmonic**, 315 Franklin St., 812-376-2638.
- **Columbus Symphony Orchestra**, 313-687-4201, www.csoindiana.org.
- **Dancers Studio Inc.**, 2158 Cottage Ave., 812-376-8080.
- **Kidscommons**, 309 Washington St., 812-378-3046.
- **Mill Race Players**, www.millracetheatre.org.
- **Tri-State Artisans**, 422 Washington St., 812-528-5748.

Q: What about art exhibits?

A: • **411 Gallery**, 411 Sixth St., 411@artsincolumbus.org.

- **Exhibit Columbus**, www.exhibitcolumbus.org.



**The Dale Chihuly
Yellow Chandelier
at the Columbus
Area Visitors Center**



A view of the completed paint design for Sixth Street Arts Alley in downtown Columbus



Did you know?



Columbus City Hall

Q: Who was the first mayor of Columbus?

A: SMITH JONES, elected Oct. 24, 1864.

Q: Who is the longest serving mayor in Columbus history?

A: Former Mayor FRED ARMSTRONG was in office from 1997-2011 for an unprecedented four terms.

Q: How many other mayors has Columbus had since 1864?

A: Current Mayor JIM LIENHOOP is the 37th person to hold the office of mayor. The first was SMITH D. JONES, elected Oct. 24, 1864, just 20 days after Columbus was incorporated as a city.

Q: Have all Columbus mayors been men?

A: No. NANCY ANN BROWN became the first woman ever elected mayor of Columbus on Nov. 6, 1979, and in 2011, KRISTEN BROWN became the second.

Q: Have any Columbus mayors served two nonconsecutive terms?

A: Yes, two:

- H. KARL VOLLAND, 1914-1918 and 1930-1935.
- FRED C. OWENS, 1940-1943 and 1956-1959.

Q: Who was Columbus purchased from?

A: GEN. JOHN TIPTON, for \$1,000.

Q: What was the original name of Columbus?

A: Tiptona.

Q: What is Columbus' nickname?

A: The city's collection of outstanding architecture has earned it the nickname **ATHENS OF THE PRAIRIE**.

Q: When was Bartholomew County founded?

A: 1821.

Q: Who founded the town of Hope?

A: Martin Hauser.

Q: What name was first given to the town of Hope?

A: Goshen.

Q: What was the first Columbus

product to go nationwide and overseas?

A: **CEREALINE**, a hominy-based product sold mainly for use in food preparation and in making beer, but also sold as a breakfast cereal. In 1892 the Cerealine company moved to Indianapolis and changed its name to American Hominy.

Q: What did an acre of land in the county cost in the early 1800s?

A: \$1.25 at the land office.

Q: Who had the only gold watch in the county in 1821?

A: John Lindsey.

Q: How much did it cost Cummins Inc. founder Clessie Cummins to drive his diesel-powered car from Indianapolis to New York in 1930?

A: \$1.38.



Irwin Gardens

Did you know?



Exterior of The Republic building

Q: When was The Republic first published?

A: The Evening Republic was founded in 1872 by Isaac T. Brown and Frank W. Lantz. Lantz sold his interest a year later, and the paper was owned and operated by the Brown family until 2015 — when it was sold to AIM Media, ending 143 years of local ownership.

Q: What is the oldest tavern in Columbus?

A: The Columbus Bar on Fourth Street, in operation since 1939.

Q: When was the Columbus Symphony Orchestra established?

A: 1922, predating the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra by eight years.

Q: Who were some of the famous people who appeared at

Columbus' Distinguished Visitors Series in the 1970s and '80s?

A: Actors Leonard Nimoy, Patricia Neal and Vincent Price; writers Maya Angelou, Joseph Heller and David Halberstam; journalists Tom Brokaw, David Brinkley and Erma Bombeck; and sports figures Hank Aaron and Bill Russell.

Q: What was the Columbus Municipal Airport property previously known as?

A: Bakalar Air Force Base, which closed in 1970.

Q: How long has Henry Moore's "Large Arch" sculpture graced the plaza in front of Bartholomew County Public Library?

A: The sculpture was dedicated in 1971, three years before Jean Tinguely's "Chaos I" was installed in The Commons.



AT&T Switching Center



Weather

Q: What has been the hottest day in Columbus' history?

A: That would have been July 24, 1934, when the temperature reached 111 degrees as measured by Lynn A. Barnaby, a longtime florist who took the reading at his greenhouse on Lawton Avenue.

Q: What was the warmest year in Columbus history? Coldest?

A: The warmest year on record was 1938, which was more than 3 degrees above normal. The coldest year on record occurred in 1958 when readings were about 21/2 degrees below normal.

Q: What was the wettest year in Columbus history? The driest?

A: The wettest was 1929, when 57 inches of rain and melted snow fell, nearly 50 percent more than the normal 40 inches. That year included a whopping 8.6 inches in January and 9.10 inches in May. It even included a drier than normal August. The driest year on record is 1934, when just 26.88 inches fell. That year, also one of the warmest on record, included three months when less than an inch of rain fell.

Q: What has been the heaviest snowfall in a single day in Columbus?

A: That's an easy one. It was from the morning of Dec. 22 to Dec. 23, 2004, when 24 to 36 inches fell at various locations in and around Columbus.

Q: Where is Columbus' official weather data recorded?

A: It's at the Columbus Wastewater Treatment Plant on Water Street south of downtown. That's been the official station since June 17, 1953. There, plant operators record temperatures, precipitation and the level of East Fork White River.

Q: What has been the coldest morning in Columbus history?

A: Officially, it's 27 degrees below zero, recorded twice: Jan. 13, 1912, and Feb. 13, 1899, readings taken by John A. Perry. Unofficially, it would be the 42 degrees below zero reading taken on New Year's Day, 1864

Q: What has been the heaviest rainfall in a day in Columbus?

A: That occurred on March 25, 1913, when 7 inches of rain fell in 24 hours. That rain was partly responsible for the worst flood in Indiana weather history, until 2008. Also, official rainfall of 6.51 inches was recorded on July 20, 1998, although unofficial totals of 10 or more inches were recorded in only five hours that day.

Q: What has been the most significant weather-related disaster in Columbus?

A: On June 7, 2008, torrential rains north of the city caused flash flooding of the East Fork of White River and Haw Creek. In a matter of just a few hours flood waters quickly destroyed hundreds of homes and businesses throughout Bartholomew County, killed two people and caused the evacuation and temporary closure of Columbus Regional Hospital. White River crested at 18.9 feet, surpassing the previous record of 17.9 feet set in 1913.

WHAT'S THE WEATHER?

There's a popular saying that goes, "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes."

While things really aren't quite that unpredictable, Columbus definitely has four distinct seasons. Over the course of a year, wardrobe requirements will range from shorts and T-shirts to snow boots and parkas.

64.6°

The average high temperature for the year is 64.6 degrees Fahrenheit, though hot summer days frequently register in the 90s.

43.5°

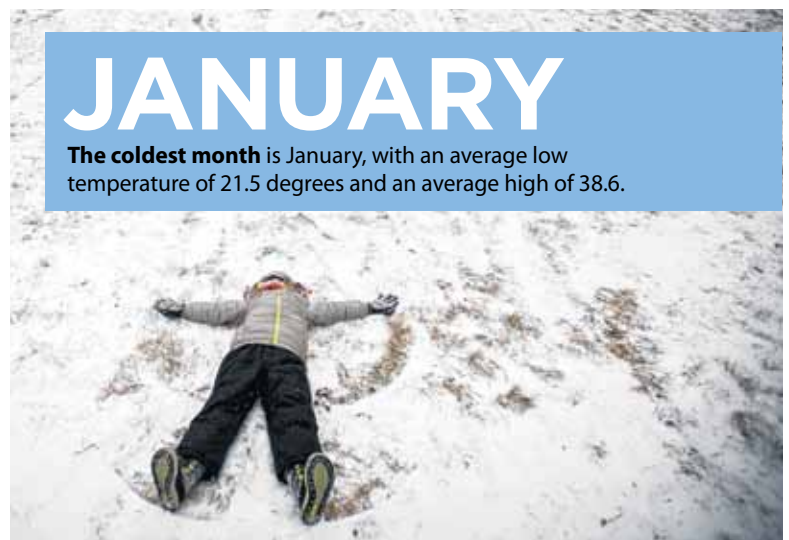
The average low temperature is 43.5 degrees. While temperatures below zero are fairly rare, they do occur.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SEVERE WEATHER THREAT

in this area comes in the form of springtime thunderstorms that can pack high winds, hail and even tornadoes. The city is equipped with storm warning sirens that public safety officials sound when severe weather threatens.

{ **note** Severe weather warning sirens are tested at noon on the first Friday of every month. }

SOURCE: NATIONAL CLIMATIC DATA CENTER CLIMATE NORMALS, 1991-2020





Taxes



Robert N. Stewart Bridge

Q: Who sets property taxes?

A: Each governmental unit sets its rates. For example, school boards determine rates for school corporations, and the City Council sets the city's rates. Bartholomew County charges a local income tax. Property tax rates are subject to state limits.

Q: What does a tax abatement do?

A: Tax abatements are used to encourage local industries and businesses to invest in new jobs. Companies may apply for abatement of property taxes on new construction or new equipment. Tax

abatements must be approved by the Columbus City Council or Bartholomew County Council. Under a tax abatement, companies do not immediately pay property tax on new construction or equipment. Instead, taxes are phased in, usually over a decade. Under a usual tax abatement, a company would, for example, pay taxes on about 50 percent of the property's value after five years. Eventually, the company will pay the entire tax that is due on the new equipment or construction. Since the tax abatement is based on the assessed value of the new equipment or construction, it affects revenues for schools and other governmental units.



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