

A Brief History of Middletown, Ohio



Middletown, Ohio was founded by Daniel Doty in 1791, incorporated by the Ohio General Assembly in 1833 and officially a city by 1886. It is approximately 25.8 square miles. The city's claim to fame was being home to AK Steel Holding Corporation. Many families wanted to live closer to the factory and moved to Middletown. Miami University took note of the growing population and opened a regional campus in Middletown in 1966.

Middletown is governed by a seven-member City Council, a directly elected Mayor, two members elected "at large" and four elected "by ward."

The cost of living in Middletown is 21.04% below the U.S. average. The median home cost in Middletown is \$105,870 with a home appreciation of -6%. The unemployment rate in Middletown is 11.90 percent (U.S. avg. is 8.50%). With this struggling economy, job growth is negative and available jobs have decreased by 5.10%.

Source:

<http://www.cityofmiddletown.org/government/>

Recent History of Middletown

Article #1:

<http://www.cityofmiddletown.org/docs/planning/dart.pdf>

This is the 2007 DART Report of downtown Middletown. This report involves discussion about the revitalization process and how it might relate specifically to the downtown portion of the city. This report examines organization, promotion economic restructuring, and design.

Article #2:

http://www.cityofmiddletown.org/docs/ed/2008_edreport.pdf

This is the 2008 State of Economic Development Report brochure for Middletown. This report highlights success stories and the many advantages of doing business in Middletown. Success in the Middle 2008 State of Economic Development report focuses on the community's many successes over the past year. The report provides an overview of the City's Economic Development Plan for Success and the key industries they target.

Article #3:

<http://www.cityofmiddletown.org/docs/ednews/34.pdf>

This is a newsletter of the city of Middletown's economic development quarterly for 2008. Inside this issue discusses topics such as Wausau Paper invests \$31 million to update Middletown's facility, and success in the Middle.

Article #4:

<http://www.cityofmiddletown.org/docs/ednews/37.pdf>

This recent news article is from October 12, 2009 and it discusses the completion of the Quaker Chemical Facility expansion in Middletown. This expansion will be a very good opportunity to provide more jobs for the people of Middletown.

Article #5:

http://www.cityofmiddletown.org/docs/ed/midd_fact_sheet.pdf

This is a retail fact sheet for the city of Middletown that provides information on the city's retail recruitment efforts. This fact sheet provides Middletown's plans for proactively redefining its retail for its residents and workforce.