

SEEKING A SISTER CITY IN AUSTRALIA

City: Toledo
State: Ohio
County: Lucas

Demographics:

Mid-sized Midwestern, industrial City in transition.
Diverse population; White, Black, Hispanic/Latino, European/Eastern European, an increasing population from Asian countries of origin including China, Vietnam, India, Pakistan and a large Middle Eastern/Arab population including Lebanon, Syria.

List your existing SC affiliations

Toledo currently has 11 active Sister City affiliates

1. Toledo, Spain, 1931 (America's oldest Sister City relationship)
2. Qinhuangdao, China; 1985
3. Szeged, Hungary; 1990
4. Csongrad County, Hungary 1996
5. Poznan, Poland; 1991
6. Beqaa Valley, Lebanon 1998
7. Toyohashi, Japan 2001
8. Tanga, Tanzania 2001
9. Delmenhorst, Germany 2002
10. Coimbatore, India 2010
11. Hyderabad, Pakistan 2011

Rate the importance of the following economic activities in your city from N/A, low, medium or high

- Agricultural: High (Northern Ohio farms surround Toledo. Corn, Soy and Wheat)
- Services: High; Growing medical center, communications and transportation center
- Industry: High: Automotive (home of Jeep)
- Technology: University of Toledo research of Solar and other Alternative Energy sources

Toledo background/History

Toledo) is a city in and the county seat of Lucas County, Ohio, United States.^[7] Toledo is in northwest Ohio, at the western end of Lake Erie bordering the state of Michigan. The city was founded by United States citizens in 1833 on the west bank of the Maumee River, and originally incorporated as part of Monroe County, Michigan Territory. It was re-founded in 1837, after conclusion of the Toledo War, when it was incorporated in Ohio.

After construction of the Miami and Erie Canal, Toledo grew quickly; it also benefited from its position on the railway line between New York City and Chicago. It has since become a city with an art community, auto assembly businesses, education, healthcare, and local sports teams. The city's glass industry has earned it the nickname, "The Glass City".

The population of Toledo as of the 2010 Census was 287,208, making it the 67th-largest city in the United States. It is the fourth most populous city in the U.S. state of Ohio after Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati. The Toledo metropolitan area had a 2010 population of 651,429, and was the sixth-largest metropolitan area in the state of Ohio, behind Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Akron.^[8]

International Service Clubs:

All: Kiwanis, Rotary, Moose, Veteran Organizations, Exchange Club. Pretty much all Service Clubs have a presence in Toledo..

Data to help match with a sister city:

Desired characteristics of a sister city:

A city with a working class history, strong arts community, ethnic diversity and work ethic

Please rank interest in the following with regards to starting a new affiliation from low, medium or high:

Arts and Culture: High: Toledo Museum of Art is among the most richly endowed Art Museums in US

Quality Symphony, growing arts community

Education: High: University of Toledo, UT Medical School, Lourdes University, And University of Michigan ½ hour north. Several other Universities and Industrial Research facilities

Sports and recreation: High. Professional baseball Mudhens, (Triple A affiliate of Detroit Tigers); Professional Hockey, Walleye (Affiliate of Detroit Redwings/Chicago Blackhawks). NCAA, Mid-American Conference, College Football.

Youth; High

Economic Development: High

Municipal Cooperation: High

Technology: High

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