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GOOGLE TO INVEST ADDITIONAL \$2.3 BILLION IN OHIO THIS YEAR

Investments in skilling and infrastructure to support cloud business and demand for AI

COLUMBUS, OHIO (June 18, 2024) - Today, Google announced plans to invest \$2.3 billion in Ohio this year at an event held at the company's Columbus data center campus. This 2024 investment will support its three sites in Columbus, Lancaster and New Albany, as the company expands its technical infrastructure across the state. This builds on the more than \$4.4 billion Google has already invested in the state since breaking ground on its first Ohio data center in New Albany in 2019.

Google's [data centers](#) are the backbone of the digital services — like Google Cloud, Search, Maps and Workspace — that people and organizations use to power their daily lives. Data centers are the engines behind the growing [digital economy](#), and Google's continued investment in this technical infrastructure plays an essential role in supporting the company's AI innovations and customer base.

The [Columbus cloud region](#), opened in 2022, is part of Google Cloud's global network of 40 regions that delivers high-performance and low-latency services to large enterprises, startups, and public sector organizations, including the [State of Ohio](#), [Nationwide](#), [Victoria's Secret](#), [Wendy's](#) and [Huntington National Bank](#). Customers benefit from key controls that allow them to maintain the highest security, data residency, and compliance standards, including specific data storage requirements.

Google creates economic opportunities across Ohio. Last year, Google helped provide more than \$14 billion of [economic activity](#) for tens of thousands of Ohio businesses, publishers, nonprofits, creators and developers. Additionally, the company has trained over 325,000 residents in digital skills in partnership with 330 local organizations such as public libraries, chambers of commerce, community colleges, and more.

Ohio continues to be a growing technology hub, and close collaboration across the business community helps ensure the state remains a leader in the digital economy.

"Data centers are essential to our digital lives and Google's additional multibillion dollar investment further establishes central Ohio as an important tech hub in America," said **Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted**. "We value Google's continued investment for the jobs and economic impact, and we look forward to additional partnerships in education, AI, and energy to further enhance Ohio's position as the tech hub of the Midwest."

"For the second time in less than a year, Google has chosen to invest in our state's future. Today's announcement will provide good-paying jobs in the Fifteenth District and support technical infrastructure in the Midwest and beyond," **said Congressman Mike Carey**. "The 'Silicon Heartland' is excited to work hand-in-hand to move our country forward!"

"Ohio has firmly established itself as a national leader in private sector innovation and growth," said **Congressman Troy Balderson**. "Businesses, both large and small, recognize the value of our skilled workforce and are choosing to invest in our communities. Today's announcement from Google further solidifies Ohio's reputation as the 'Silicon Heartland.' While this investment will help create jobs today, it will also open doors and provide opportunities for the next generation."

"Google's selection of the Central Ohio region for their new \$2.3 billion data center site demonstrates that Ohio has the capacity and dedicated workforce to help build the foundation for digital transformation and AI innovations that will propel our nation into the future," said **Congresswoman Joyce Beatty**. "I'm proud to support this historic project as Google and Ohio forge a strong partnership that will lead to job growth and technical innovation serving people and businesses around the world. This is a great moment for Central Ohio."

"Google's continued investment in Ohio is made possible by our close collaboration with business and community leaders across the state," said **Jim Anderson, VP of North America Partner Ecosystem and Channels, Google Cloud**. "We hope to continue the momentum of economic growth across Ohio and help accelerate its digital future, which includes continuing to deliver AI innovation across our enterprise and consumer services."

"Nationwide understands first-hand the talent, creativity, and technological prowess that comes from and is drawn to Ohio," said **Jim Fowler, Chief Technology Officer, Nationwide**. "We're looking forward to our continued collaboration with Google and the innovation we can drive together."

As part of its commitment to the community, Google will collaborate with the Hamilton Local School District to support workforce and teacher professional development with a grant of \$100,000. This funding will help equip educators and students with the tools they need to train for the jobs of today, as well as tomorrow's economy.

"By investing in our local schools, we aren't just thinking about jobs," said **Ohio native Mark Isakowitz, VP of Government Affairs and Public Policy, US & Canada**. "We are helping inspire and develop the communities of tomorrow. This is an investment in all of our futures."

As a pioneer in computing infrastructure, Google's data centers are among the most efficient in the world. Google was the first major company to set an ambitious 2030 goal to run its data centers and campuses worldwide on carbon-free energy (CFE), every hour of every day. As Google continues to work toward this 24/7 CFE goal, it remains committed to collaborating with utilities and partners to ensure sustained access to reliable, clean power. Last year, the company announced a partnership with EDP Renewables North America (EDPR NA) to create a

500-megawatt (MW) community-based solar energy portfolio, adding new generation to the grid with projects primarily in Ohio. This collaboration also funds pre-weatherization efforts, helping low- and moderate-income (LMI) households access energy efficiency programs and reduce the burden of energy costs.

Learn more about Google in Ohio at: g.co/economicimpact/ohio.

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