



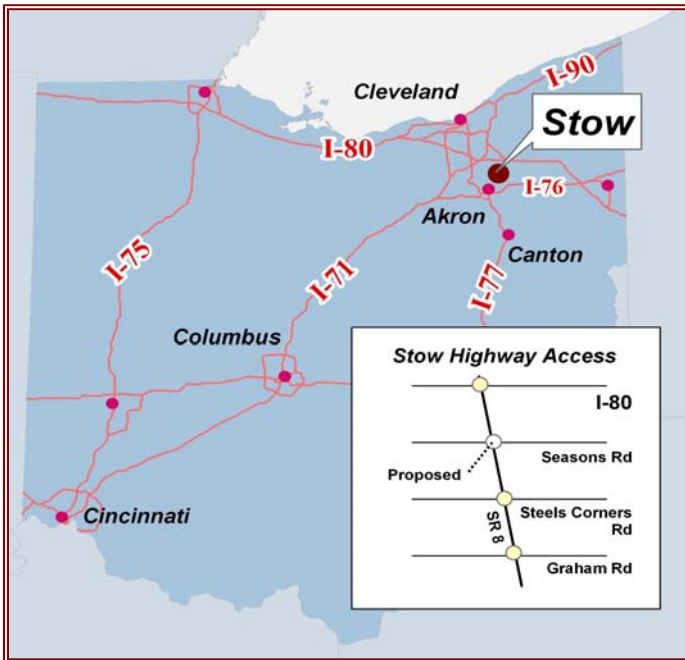
Karen Fritschel, Mayor

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Community Profile



The City of Stow is a dynamic community located in northern Summit County which has experienced steady growth in the last decade. Stow is conveniently located between Akron and Cleveland and offers excellent access to major highways. Stow's 2006 population of 34,335 represents a 7% increase since 2000 and makes it the third largest city in Summit County. The City has long recognized the benefits of a diverse tax base and a balance between residential, commercial, and industrial development. Stow is committed to providing an environment where citizens may safely raise their children and businesses can thrive.



Stow's Growth Trends

	1990	2000
Population	27,998	34,335*
Housing Units	10,676	12,852
Median Household Income	\$39,638	\$57,525
Median Family Income	\$44,306	\$67,822
Median House Value	\$106,938	\$141,500
Percent of City Developed	68.3%	74.7%

* U.S. Census 2006 estimate

Top Ten Private Employers

MacTac – Morgan Adhesives	362
Wrayco Industries, Inc.	281
Matco Tools Corp.	250
National Machine Co.	215
Akron General Medical Center	151
Centimark Corporation	126
Audio Technica U.S., Inc.	112
GOJO Industries, Inc.	84
Saint-Gobain Norpro Corporation	80
Spectrum Surgical Instruments Corp.	71

Transportation

Two interchanges and one proposed, with SR 8; within 5 miles of Ohio Turnpike (I-80) and 10 miles of I-76 & I-77.

Airports:
[Cleveland Hopkins Int'l](#) is 33 miles to the north
[Akron-Canton Regional](#) is 20 miles to the south
[Kent State University Airport](#) is located within Stow

Stow Industry by Type

Polymers, Plastics & Chemicals	44	33.3%
Metals, Machining	36	27.3%
Instruments & Controls	19	14.4%
Medical	13	9.8%
Other	20	15.2%
Total Industrial Companies	132	100%

Taxes

Local Income Tax – 2%
 Real Property Tax Rate - .05496
 Personal Property Tax Rate - .06862
[Tax incentives available from the City of Stow]

Utility Information

Water	City of Stow	[330] 689-2889
Sanitary Sewer	Summit County	[330] 926-2400
Electricity	FirstEnergy	[800] 633-4766
Gas	Dominion East Ohio	[800] 362-7557
Telephone	AT&T – Residential	[800] 288-2020
Telephone	AT&T – Business	[800] 660-3000

City of Stow Contacts

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Law Director	Brian Reali	[330] 689-2860
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Building	Bud Carey	[330] 689-2729
Fire	Bill Kalbaugh	[330] 689-3200
Police	Louis Dirker	[330] 689-5700
Parks	Nick Wren	[330] 689-5100
Service	Dano Koehler	[330] 689-2829

City Services

Council, Mayor form of government
Police – 44 Officers
Fire/EMS – 57 Firefighters

Business Organizations

Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce	[330] 688-1579
Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce	[330] 376-5550
Greater Cleveland Partnership	[216] 621-3300

Community Events

Spring - Stow-Munroe Falls Community Showcase
Summer – Pride in Stow Festival / 4th of July Parade
Fall – Summer Sunset Blast
Aviation Heritage Fair
Winter – Stow Holiday Lighting Celebration

Housing

Total Housing Units	13,297	100%
Single Family	9,589	74.6%
Two Family	40	5.8%
Multi-Family	2,432	18.9%
Other	91	0.7%
Average Household Size	2.57	
39% of Housing Stock Built Since 1980		
72% of Housing Units are Owner Occupied		

Education

Pupil / Teacher Ratio	23 to 1
Expenditures / Pupil	\$7,880
89% of Stow-Munroe Falls High School graduates pursue higher education	

Local Universities:

[University of Akron](#) – Polymer Institute (8 miles)

[Kent State Univ](#) - Liquid Crystal Institute (5 miles)

These specialized programs provide extensive research facilities in these emerging fields which are an important local resource available to Stow industry.

Parks & Recreation

410 acres of parkland - 6 neighborhood parks; 4 community parks with amenities including an award-winning 18-hole golf course, softball/baseball complex, 2 soccer fields, several playgrounds, a campground and 8 miles of hike and bike trails.

Area Attractions

Blossom Music Center	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
Inventor's Hall of Fame	Pro Football Hall of Fame
E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Center	Great Lakes Science Center

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