Starting a Business

Where to get Ideas
(The following list is a few suggestions from each area of our collection)

Magazines
- Inc.
- Entrepreneur
- Forbes

Newspapers
- Business Journal
- Vindicator
- Tribune Chronicle
- The Herald
- The London Times

Books to check out
- Starting a business for dummies / by Colin Barrow
- The women's small business start-up kit : a step-by-step legal guide / Peri Pakroo, J.D
- The small business start-up guide : a surefire blueprint to successfully launch your own business / Matthew Thompson & Michael Giabrone

Digital Resources
- Overdrive
- App Savvy
- Google Advertising
- hoopla
- Make Talent Your Business
- Winning the Global Talent Showdown
- Pinfluence
- Facebook The Missing Manual
- Growing & Managing A Business
- The Small-Mart Revolution

Databases (http://www.libraryvisit.org/business -Research and Information)
- Business Insights: Global
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Regional Business News
- Medical Device Directory

BIC Collection @ Main Library
- Business Plan Handbook
- Food and Beverage Market Place
- Medical Device Directory
Business Sources on the Web

Ohio Job Outlook-  http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/file.asp?id=2250&type=application/pdf

Steps to Starting a Business in Ohio
Ohio Steps for Starting a Business-  http://business.ohio.gov/starting/

1. Registering with the Sec of State - Search a business name, filings on file for other business, register your business, check trademarks / service marks.  http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/Businesses.aspx

2. Contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN). (The IRS video.gov portal has helpful videos to guide you through the steps of filing taxes.)
https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Apply-for-an-Employer-Identification-Number-%28EIN%29-Online
http://www.irsvideos.gov/SmallBusinessTaxpayer

3. Open a Bank Account. - You will need an EIN to do this.
http://www.libraryvisit.org/research/business-resources/local-banks/

4. Contact the Ohio Department of Taxation. - Register with the Ohio Department of Taxation.
http://www.tax.ohio.gov/


6. Contact the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation.  https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/


8. Obtain the proper licenses and permits.  (See step 3 in the link to select your business)

Questions call:
Phone: 1-800-248-4040 or 614-466-4232
Email: 1stStop@development.ohio.gov
Mailing address: Ohio Development Services Agency, 1st Stop Business Connection, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001

Business Plans
A written document that describes in detail how a new business is going to achieve its goals. A business plan will lay out a written plan from a marketing, financial and operational viewpoint. Sometimes a business plan is prepared for an established business that is moving in a new direction.

Entrepreneur Magazine  https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/247574
SCORE Business Plans  https://www.score.org/content/search/all/655,633/all/73/10650

Calculators
Calculates payments based on your selected criteria

Mortgage Calculator  http://www.mortgagecalculator.org/
Provides payment information on a home mortgage

Retirement Calculator  http://money.cnn.com/calculator/retirement/retirement-need/
This calculator estimates how much you will need for retirement

Financial Assistance
Rob Portman Federal Domestic Assistance
Sherrod Brown Federal Domestic Assistance
Both Senators have lists of resources available to their constituents for financial assistance.
http://www.brown.senate.gov/services/grants

Ohio Department of Development- Business Services
Information on business incentives, loans, and grants from the website of Ohio’s Department of Development. https://development.ohio.gov/businessservices.htm

Ohio 1st Stop Business – Step 2 in Link
The Ohio Development Service Agency provides 1st Stop Business Connection as a service for people to start a business. Step 1 deals with basic explaining business formation in Ohio. Step 2 deals with financial assistance programs. Step 3 provides a list of requirements that Ohio has for each type of business including EPA, Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Administrative Code, Vendors Licenses and more.  http://business.ohio.gov/starting/

SBA Loan Programs
Basics of financing, as well as calculators for estimating costs, lists of resources, a summary of loan requirements and information on the agency’s own loan programs.  https://www.sba.gov/loans-grants/see-what-sba-offers/sba-loan-programs

Local Area Banks
Chemical Bank
https://www.chemicalbank.com/
Citizen’s Bank
https://www.citizensbank.com
Cortland Banks
http://www.cortland-banks.com
Farmers National Bank
http://www.fnbcanfield.com
Fifth Third Bank
http://www.53.com
First National Bank
http://www.fnb-online.com
Homes Savings & Loan
http://www.homesavings.com
Huntington National Bank
http://www.huntington.com
JP Morgan Chase Bank
http://www.chase.com
Key Bank
http://www.key.com
PNC
https://www.pnc.com
US Bank
http://www.usbank.com


Local Credit Unions
Associated School Employees Credit Union
https://www.asecu.com/
Cardinal Credit Union
https://www.cardinalcu.com/
Credit Union One
https://www.cuoneohio.org/
DOY Federal Credit Union
http://www.doyfcu.com/
First Choice Community Credit Union
http://www.fcccu.com/
First Choice Federal Credit Union
http://www.firstchoicefcu.com/
McDonald Community Federal Credit Union
Penn Star Federal Credit Union
http://www.pennstarfederal.com/ASP/home.asp
Seven Seventeen Credit Union
https://www.sscu.net/
Struthers Federal Credit Union
http://www.strutherscreditunion.com/
Trumbull County Postal Employees Credit Union
YHA South Unit Credit Union
**Alternative Lenders by Category**

**Nonprofit**
- Kiva Zip
- Accion
- Tilt Forward

**Invoice Financing**
- Blue Vine
- Fund Box

**Crowdfunding**
- Indiegogo
- Kickstarter
- Rockethub
- Gofundme

**Online Business Loans**
- OnDeck
- Kabbage
- Funding Circle
- Fundation
- Lending Club

**Loan Matching Site**
- Apple Pie Capital
- Funding Wonder
- Street Shares
- Smart Biz

**Legal Structure**


**Local Links**

Promotes cooperative regional efforts of public sector activities for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties.

Mahoning County Auditor - Vendor’s License
The Mahoning County Auditor’s link provides information on the vendor’s license requirements for county businesses. [http://www.mahoningcountyooh.gov/173/Vendor-Licenses](http://www.mahoningcountyooh.gov/173/Vendor-Licenses)

Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation
The Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit organization, has been dedicated to the economic growth and vitality of our area. MVEDC provides “technical procurement for various federal government agencies plus technical assistance for companies and lenders.” In addition it owns and develops two industrial parks, and also owns an industrial railroad that serves Warren industries. [http://www.mvedc.com/](http://www.mvedc.com/)

Mahoning Valley Technical Procurement Center (MVTPC)
This agency is inside the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation to assist local small businesses in identifying and securing federal, state, and local government contracts, and sub-contracting opportunities. [http://www.mvedc.com/services/](http://www.mvedc.com/services/)

OhioMeansJobs
OhioMeansJob is online self-service database for employers and job seekers in Ohio. Search for job listings compiled from state, local, and national job boards, post a resume, and find career information via this website. [https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/](https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/)

OhioMeansJobs Mahoning County
OhioMeansJobs Mahoning County center can provide assistance for those looking for a job and for companies looking for employees. It is a collaborative partnership that brings many organizations, services, and programs together so that only one stop is needed to take advantage of the help available. [https://www.onestopohio.org/](https://www.onestopohio.org/)

Traffic Counts
Do you need traffic counts information for your business or marketing plan? Are you considering a location for a business opportunity? Check out the Eastgate Traffic Count database for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. There is
also a link to the State of Ohio’s Department of Transportation traffic county data by county, via the department’s traffic survey reports and traffic survey flow maps.  http://www.eastgatecog.org/DataCenter/TrafficCounts.aspx

Youngstown Business Incubator
Organization whose focus is the formation and growth of technology-based businesses in the Mahoning Valley.  http://ybi.org/

Youngstown SCORE
SCORE is an organization under the umbrella of the Small Business Administration and is comprised of counselors who assist those who aspire to own a business or who already operate one. The local chapter recently celebrated 50 years of service to our area. Be sure to visit its website.  https://youngstown.score.org/

Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce
Local association that promotes the economic growth of the Mahoning Valley.  http://www.regionalchamber.com/

Manufacturers
Canadian Trade Index
The Canadian Trade Index is a buyer’s guide to the products of over 30,000 industrial companies in Canada. It is an excellent source to use finding manufacturers, exporters, distributors and service companies.  http://www.ctidirectory.com/

EUROPAGES
Search by product, service, company, or industry sector on this database of 500,000 companies from 30 European countries.  http://www.europages.com/

HVACR Directory and Source Guide
A directory/sourcebook from HVAC News, a trade journal for the heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration industry. Find products and companies in this industry from this useful link.  http://www.achrnews.com/directories/2937-hvacr-directory

MacRAE’s Blue Book
MacRae’s is a website that connects buyers and sellers of industrial products. Find North American suppliers, distributors, and manufacturers of these products on this searchable database.  http://www.macraesbluebook.com/

RN Database
A registered identification number, or RN, is a number issued by the Federal Trade Commission to a business residing in the U.S. that is engaged in the manufacture, importing, distribution, or sale of textile, wool, or fur products. The number is not required, but may replace the company name on a label or tag.  https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/selected-industries/registered-identification-number-database

Thomasnet.com
Search the Thomas Register of Manufacturers database of over 168,000 companies by product, service, or brand name for free.  http://www.thomasnet.com/

Marketing

Facebook Places
Claim your small business and start creating buzz on Facebook.  https://www.facebook.com/directory/pages/

Foursquare
Claim your business, connect with customers, share your business through others talking about it, enhancing your listings and attract customers to get discovered!  http://business.foursquare.com/
Google My Business
Connect with customers on Google +, search, and map functions. http://www.google.com/business/

SBA Marketing Info

Social Media Examiner
This source provides almost anything you need to know about social media. http://www.socialmediaexaminer.com/

Yelp for Business Owners
Find places, discover reviews, and pictures to connect with businesses. https://biz.yelp.com/

State of Ohio Links

1st Stop Business Connection
The Ohio Department of Development’s website contains much useful information from the business owner. Its 1st Stop Business Connection link provides free state-level information through a four step process for aspiring and established entrepreneurs. http://business.ohio.gov/starting/

Ohio Department of Development
Need marketing information for your business plan or other projects? Need special assistance for a start-up business or an established one? Look to the web site of the Ohio Department of Development and its unique programs for Ohio businesses. https://development.ohio.gov/

Ohio Department of Development/Loans & Grants
Visit this link on the Ohio department of Development’s website to learn about the financial assistance that is available from this department. https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_busgrantsloans.htm

Ohio Major Business Structure
Information on all of the following: Business Starts: Distribution of Largest Manufacturing Establishments, International Corporate Investments in Ohio, Major Cities and Highways, Ohio Exports, Ohio Imports, Ohio Regional Roads, Ohio Regional Highways, Ohio Regional Airports, Ohio’s Strategic Location in the United States. https://development.ohio.gov/reports/reports_business_structure.htm

Ohio Secretary of State
Business services provided through the web site of the Ohio Secretary of State - requirements, guides, forms. http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/Businesses.aspx

Ohio Tax Finder
According to its website, the Finder provides information on local taxing jurisdictions and tax rates for all addresses in the State of Ohio. Currently the following data are available: Municipal Tax, Ohio Public School District Income Tax, and the Sales and Use Tax. The Finder will soon provide other local tax data. A Tips link assists in navigating the website. http://www.tax.ohio.gov/online_services/thefinder.aspx

OhioMeansJobs Mahoning County
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U.S. Export Assistance Center of Northern Ohio
The U.S. Export Assistance Center (USEAC) of Northern Ohio covers the exporting needs of companies in 28 counties. The Northern Ohio USEAC assists companies who wish to export their sources and services, and it “provides expert
counseling, advise, and advocacy; produces research on overseas markets and industries; promotes companies’ products and services in overseas markets; find international partners (agents, distributors, JV, licensing, etc.)
http://www.export.gov/ohio/northernohio/

General

BusinessUSA
Starting, Growing, Assessing, Exporting, Opportunities, Resources for Veterans, and Disaster Assistance.
http://business.usa.gov/ (Chrome only)

FTC Franchise Opportunities
Considering the route to business via a franchise? Check information from the Federal Trade Commission to become more aware of this category of business opportunity. https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/selected-industries/franchises,-business-opportunities,-and-investments

International Business Etiquette, Manners, and Culture
Having a successful business means that one must become observant to customs across the globe. This website will make you aware of etiquette in the United States and abroad. http://www.cyborlink.com/

IRS for Small Businesses
Connect to information for small businesses from the Small Business and Self-Employed One-Stop Resource link on the website of the Internal Revenue Service. Find information on a variety of business topics as well as tax topics specific to the business owner. https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed

SCORE—Counselors to America's Small Business
The online website of SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business, in partnership with the Small Business Administration. SCORE aids in the formation and growth of small businesses. https://www.score.org/

Small Business Administration
An award-winning site from the federal government's Small Business Administration that provides information and services to the business community. https://www.sba.gov/

Small Business Administration Licenses-Permits Search
SBA.gov's Business Licenses and Permits Search Tool allows you to get a listing of federal, state and local permits, licenses, and registrations you'll need to run a business. By noting the location of your business and choosing a business type, you'll get a results page showing federal, state and local licenses you'll need along with links to web pages, application forms and instructions. For local permits, links to local government websites and contact information are provided. https://www.sba.gov/starting-business/business-licenses-permits/state-licenses-permits

Small Business Development Center's Small Business Toolbox
Links for Ohio Small Businesses about almost everything.