

# Speaker Series



## Central Ohio Today: Understanding a Period of Incredible Growth & Change

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McConnell Arts Center  
777 Evening Street

Our comprehensive planning process continues with the first in a series of community presentations about forces shaping our community and region. This presentation is an opportunity to learn about regional trends, how those trends are impacting housing and neighborhoods in other central Ohio communities. Our comprehensive plan should acknowledge these forces and set policies that are appropriate for Worthington.

There is still time to participate in the first round of community input.

To take the online survey,  
scan the QR code or visit:

**WorthingtonTogether.org**



Michael Wilkos brings over 35 years of community development experience and deep knowledge of central Ohio's growth patterns. He holds a B.A. in Geography and a Master of City & Regional Planning, both from The Ohio State University. He has served as grant maker for The Columbus Foundation and United Way of Central Ohio for over two decades, investing tens of millions of dollars in community improvement projects.



# Quick Facts



## Worthington demographics compared to Franklin County 2010-2023

| Demographics                                              | Worthington, 2023 | % Change | Franklin County, 2023 | % Change |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Population                                                | 14,754            | +7.1%    | 1,321,635             | +15.8    |
| Median age                                                | 42.4              | +2.4%    | 34.7                  | +3.9%    |
| Population aged 25-54                                     | 38.5%             | -4.7%    | 43.3%                 | -2.5%    |
| Population over age 65                                    | 21.3%             | +35.7%   | 12.7%                 | +28.3%   |
| Households                                                | 6,064             | +9.7%    | 547,922               | +19.7%   |
| Average household size                                    | 2.39              | -3.6%    | 2.36                  | -3.3%    |
| Single person households                                  | 29.1%             | +26.0%   | 33.2%                 | +3.8%    |
| Households with one or more people under the age of 18    | 33.0%             | -6.2%    | 26.8%                 | -7.9%    |
| Non-white population                                      | 9.2%              | +53.3%   | 39.6%                 | +36.2%   |
| Foreign born population                                   | 3.6%              | -35.0%   | 12.7%                 | +40.6%   |
| Population over age 25 with a bachelor's degree or higher | 72.6%             | +12.2%   | 42%                   | +20.0%   |
| Median household income                                   | \$124,734         | +51.2%   | \$73,795              | +50.3%   |
| Median home value                                         | \$417,700         | +81.8%   | \$265,700             | +71.1%   |
| Housing units                                             | 6,362             | +9.9%    | 588,892               | +12.5%   |
| Population in owner-occupied housing units                | 87.9%             | +9.2%    | 56.4%                 | +9.1%    |

Sources: US Census (2010), 2010 and 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimate