

State of Downtown

Downtown Columbus concludes 2025 with unmistakable momentum, shaped by major investments, residential growth, and renewed activity from employers, institutions, and small businesses alike. From new housing and catalytic developments to a revitalized retail scene and a year packed with events, these collective efforts are transforming Downtown into a more connected, vibrant, and livable urban neighborhood, one that reflects the future we’re building together.

*Numbers below reflect a measuring period of December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025.

Major Investments

Sources Vary

Significant construction and redevelopment efforts reflect strong confidence in Downtown’s future. Institutional investments and upcoming mobility improvements will further strengthen connection, opportunity, and growth.



Housing

Source: CoStar

As the population grows, so does the housing supply, with hundreds of new units delivered this year and more than a thousand in the pipeline, including market-rate and affordable units.



Office & Employment

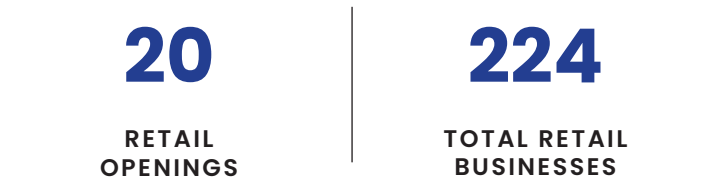
Source: Placer.ai

Downtown remains the region’s economic hub, strengthened by continued return-to-office activity led by both the public and private sectors, driving the income tax revenue that helps fund essential services across Columbus.



Retail

As Downtown’s population grows, retail is evolving with new galleries, cafés, boutiques, and home-goods shops—enhancing the street-level experience.




Tourism

Source: Placer.ai


Downtown remains Columbus’s cultural hub, drawing people through attractions, festivals, and events that keep the city vibrant year-round.




ACTIVATING DOWNTOWN




41,000
DORA stickers distributed




\$143,250
Invested in public art




361
DCI events




1,000+
Hours of Scioto Mile Fountain run time



8
Local artists collaborations




10,648
carousel spins at Columbus Commons




500,000+
LED lights aglow during Wanderlights


Here’s a snapshot of some of the events produced by DCI in 2025:




FREE NELLY CONCERT
COLUMBUS COMMONS



UNDERCURRENT
GAY & HIGH



FREE FOUNTAIN FITNESS
SCIOTO MILE

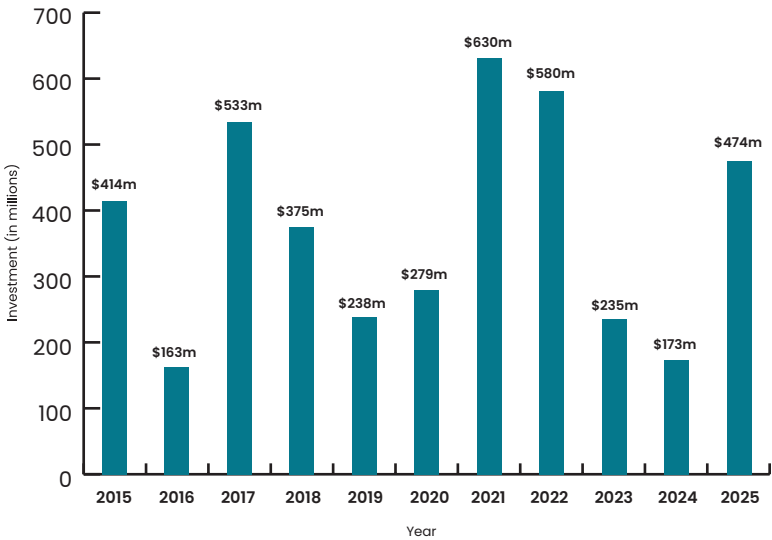


SUNSET MOVIE NIGHT
COLUMBUS COMMONS

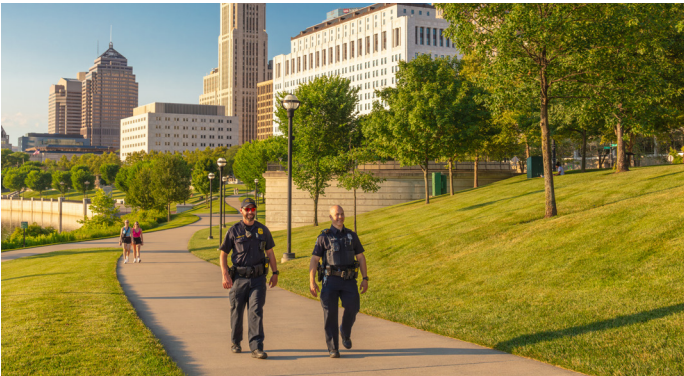
Projects Completed in 2025

PROJECT	COST	UNITS ADDED
70/71 Phase 4R/6R – Front to Souder	\$280M	n/a
Continental Tower Conversion	\$107.7M	409
Two Twenty Vine Apartments	\$22.5M	124
Pembroke Apartments	\$44M	164
Elevate 340	\$20M	74
TOTAL	\$474M	771

Investment over 10 Years



Safer Downtown



Downtown is a neighborhood where everyone should feel safe. Safer Downtown is utilizing public-private partnerships to expand coverage, modernize tools and focus every dollar on safety, cleanliness and outreach.

Need assistance? Call **614-227-3788** for security escorts, assistance, and homeless outreach, available 24/7.

