ABOUT DAYTON, OHIO

Dayton is the sixth-largest city in the U.S. state of Ohio and is the county seat of Montgomery County. In the 2010 census, the population was 141,527, and the Dayton metropolitan area had 799,232 residents, making it Ohio's fourth-largest metropolitan area, after Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Columbus and the 63rd-largest in the United States. Dayton is within Ohio's Miami Valley region, just north of the Cincinnati–Northern Kentucky metropolitan area.

Ohio's borders are within 500 miles of roughly 60% of the country's population and manufacturing infrastructure, making the Dayton area a logistical centroid for manufacturers, suppliers, and shippers. Dayton also hosts significant research and development in fields like industrial, aeronautical, and astronautical engineering that have led to many technological innovations. Much of this innovation is due in part to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and its place within the community. With the decline of heavy manufacturing, Dayton's businesses have diversified into a service economy that includes insurance and legal sectors as well as healthcare and government sectors.

Dayton is also noted for its association with aviation; the city is home to the National Museum of the United States Air Force and is the birthplace of Orville Wright. Other well-known individuals born in the city include poet Paul Laurence Dunbar and entrepreneur John H. Patterson. Dayton is also known for its many patents, inventions, and inventors that have come from the area, most notably the Wright brothers' invention of powered flight.

Nickname -- Dayton is known as the "Gem City." The nickname's origin is uncertain, but several theories exist. In the early 19th century, a well-known racehorse named "Gem" hailed from Dayton. In 1845, an article published in the *Cincinnati Daily Chronicle* by an author known as "T" stated:

> In a small bend of the Great Miami River, with canals on the east and south, it can be fairly said, without infringing on the rights of others, that Dayton is the gem of all our interior towns. It possesses wealth, refinement, enterprise, and a beautiful country, beautifully developed.

In the late 1840s, Major William D. Bickham of the *Dayton Journal* began a campaign to nickname Dayton as the "Gem City". The name was adopted by the city's Board of Trade several years later. Paul Laurence Dunbar referred to the nickname in his poem, "Toast to Dayton", as noted in the following excerpt:

> She shall ever claim our duty,
> For she shines—the brightest gem
> That has ever decked with beauty
>   Dear Ohio's diadem.

Dayton also plays a role in a nickname given to the state of Ohio: "Birthplace of Aviation". Dayton is the hometown of the Wright brothers, aviation pioneers who are credited with inventing and building the world's first successful airplane. After their first manned flights in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, which they had chosen due to its ideal weather and climate conditions, the Wrights returned to Dayton and continued testing at nearby Huffman Prairie.

Climate -- Dayton's climate features hot, muggy summers and cold, dry winters. Dayton's climate features hot, muggy summers and cold, dry winters. Average highs in September in Dayton are near 80°F with lows around 55°F. Precipitation averages 41.1 inches annually, with total rainfall peaking in May. Average rainfall in number of days in September is 7 with 2.7" total rain.

Dayton is subject to severe weather typical of the Midwestern United States. Tornadoes are possible from the spring to the fall. Floods, blizzards, and severe thunderstorms can also occur from time to time.

General Information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dayton,_Ohio

Weather Statistics: http://www.currentresults.com/