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# Ohio County Indicators

## Ohio Population

Snapshot from the 2024  
American Community Survey



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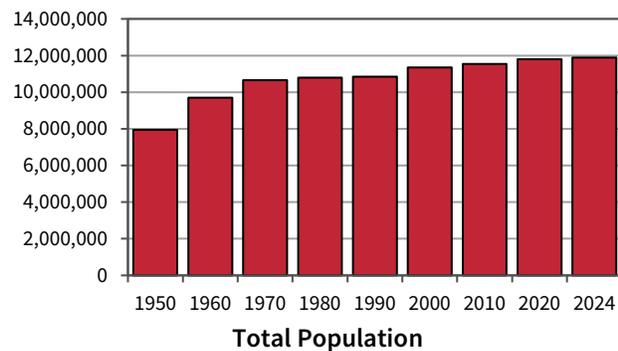
# Ohio Population

The state of Ohio is comprised of more than 11,883,000 people, accounting for 3.5 percent of the nation’s total population. Ohio’s total places it 7<sup>th</sup> in the state rankings. According to the 2024 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio’s population has grown 4.7 percent since 2000 and 10.1 percent since 1980. For the United States, the population has grown 20.9 percent since 2000 and 50.1 percent since 1980.

## Overview

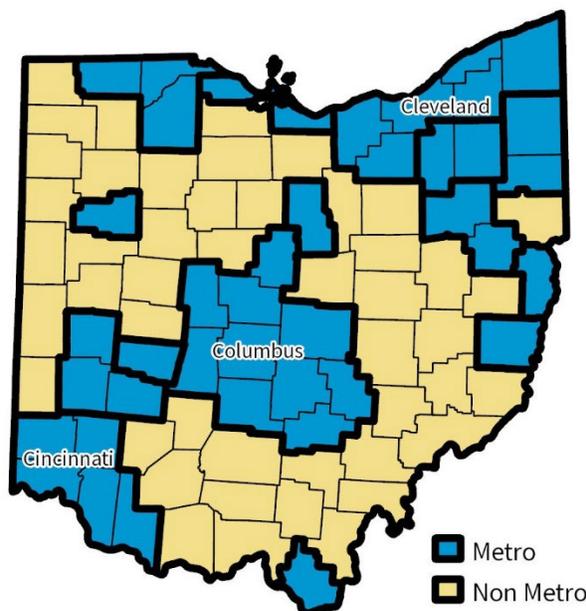
- 82 percent of the population lives in metropolitan areas.
- The median household income is \$72,200.
- 654,800 Ohioans are foreign born.
- 41.5% of people 25 and older have at least an associate’s degree.
- The median age is 39.8 years.
- 847,100 people work in the manufacturing sector.

Ohio’s population increased slightly over the past four years, rising 0.7 percent. Since 2000 the total population of the state has slowly increased. There are 530,000 additional Ohioans than there were in 2000.



## Population Distribution

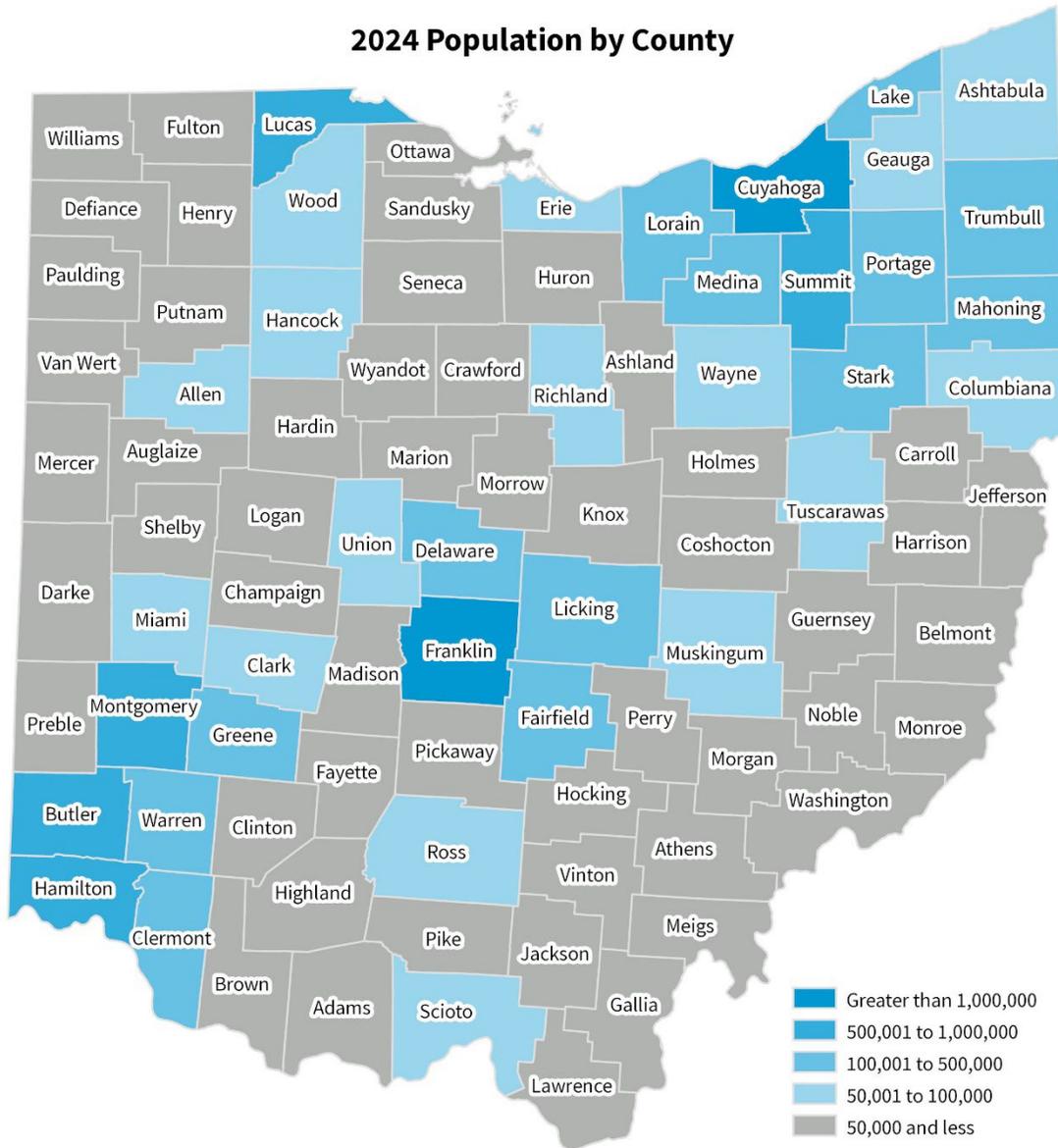
Ohio has 15 metropolitan statistical areas, whole or parts thereof. Of the 88 Ohio counties, 41 comprise metropolitan areas. Metropolitan areas account for 82 percent of the state’s population.



Columbus metropolitan area, located in the center of the state, is the largest with 2,225,000 residents. Cleveland is the second largest with 2,172,000 people. Third in Ohio population is Cincinnati with 1,751,000 residents. Cincinnati metropolitan area crosses into Kentucky and Indiana. Including the out-of-state portion, the population for the Cincinnati metropolitan area is 2,305,000.

The city of Columbus has a population of 931,600, an increase of 95,300, or 11.4 percent, since 2014. The city of Cleveland has a population of 365,400, a decrease of 24,100, or 6.2 percent over the decade. Cincinnati has a population of 314,900, an increase of 16,800, or 5.6 percent in 10 years.

## 2024 Population by County

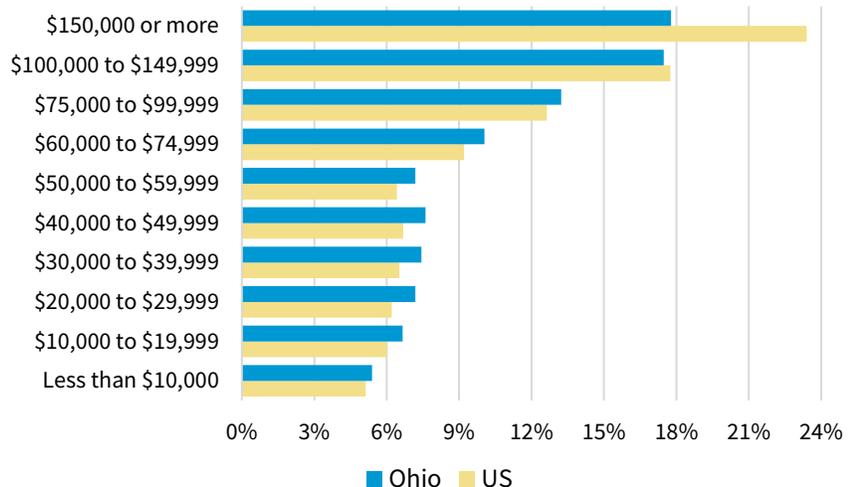


### Income

The median household income of Ohioans in 2024 is \$72,200. The national figure is 13 percent higher at \$81,600. The state figure places Ohio 40th in the nation. In 2014, Ohio ranked 36th.

The proportion of Ohioans living below the poverty threshold is 12.7 percent. The national figure is 12.2 percent.

### Household Income Distribution



Ohio has the 37th lowest percentage. In 2014, Ohio had a higher rate at 15.8 percent but ranked 31st. Of Ohio's 3,018,000 family households, more than 261,000, or 8.7 percent, live below the poverty line. Of these 261,000, more than 181,000 have children at home with 76 percent being a single-parent family. Of all Ohio households, 11.6 percent received food stamps within the last 12 months. The national figure of food stamp recipients is 11.8 percent.

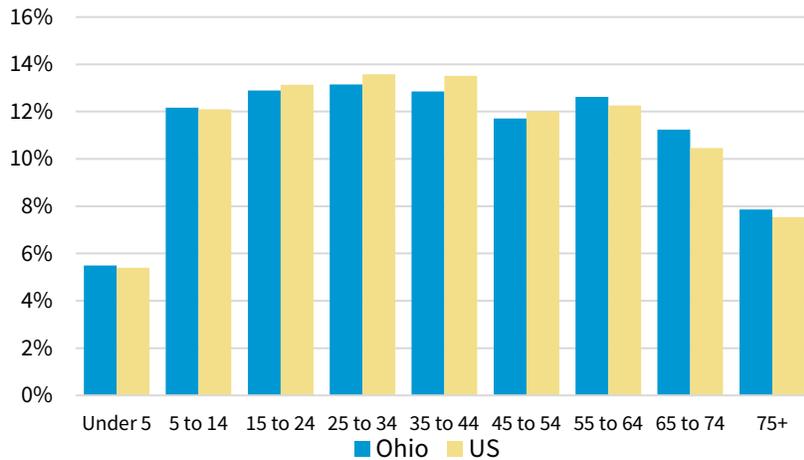
### Age and Household Structure

The median age for Ohio is 39.8 years. The median age for the nation is 39.2 years. Ohio has the 22nd oldest population. In 2014, Ohio had the 14th oldest population at 39.4 years.

There are 4,929,000 households in Ohio. Over 32 percent of households consist of people living alone. Additionally, 29 percent of people 65 and older, 658,100, are living alone.

There are 3,018,000 families in Ohio. Of these, 2,196,000 are married-couple families. Nearly 38 percent have children under the age of 18 at home. There are 479,800 families which consist of single parents with children under 18 living at home. These families make up 36.5 percent of all families with children at home.

Age Distribution

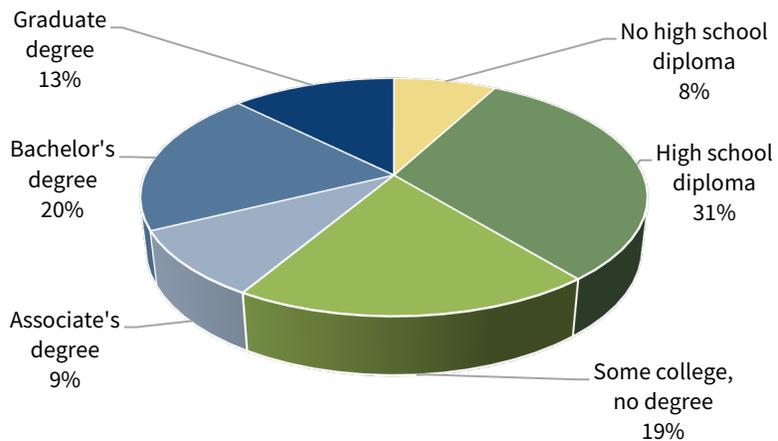


### Education

The proportion of Ohioans with at least an associate degree is 41.5 percent. This lags the national figure of 45.7 percent. In 2014, only 35 percent of Ohioans had at least an associate degree. In 2024, 673,300 more Ohioans have a post-secondary degree than 10 years ago.

Nearly 31.6 percent of bachelor's degrees of Ohioans are in science and engineering. At the national level, the figure is nearly 36.4 percent. For Ohioans younger than 40, 34.8 percent have a degree in science and engineering while for people 40 and older the figure drops to 30.1 percent.

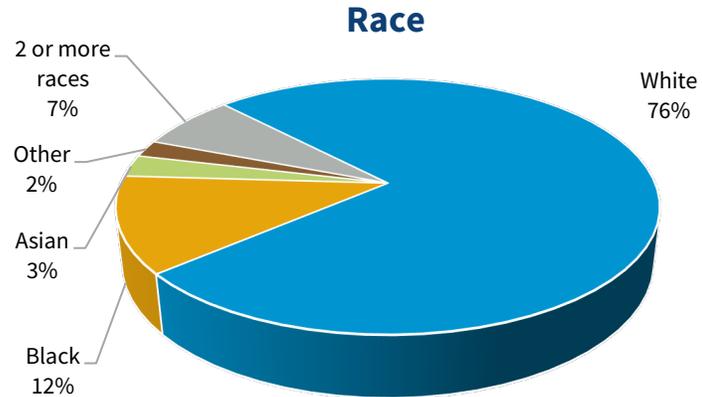
Educational Attainment



Ohio has 858,100 children enrolled in grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>. A further 420,400 enrolled in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. There are 609,400 enrolled in secondary school. There are 660,100 people enrolled in college. Of these 21.4 percent are enrolled in graduate or professional school.

## Race and Ethnicity

The largest racial group in Ohio is white alone which accounts for 76 percent of the population. In 2014, the white alone category accounted for 82.1 percent of Ohioans. Much of the decrease of the white category was made up in increases in “other race” or “two or more races”. This could be actual growth in those categories or changes in how responders see themselves. The national figure for white alone population is 59.8 percent.



Hispanics make up 5.1 percent of Ohio’s population. In 2014, the figure was 3.4 percent. The national Hispanic proportion has also increased over the decade from 17.3 percent to 20 percent. [Hispanic is considered an ethnicity and can be of any race.]

## Place of Birth

Across the country, 57 percent of people currently live in the state in which they were born. For Ohio, the rate is significantly higher at 74 percent, the 3rd highest state percentage. Conversely, 6 percent of the Ohio population is foreign born, which is the 38th highest state percentage.

| Origins of Foreign-Born Population |        |
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| India                              | 70,600 |
| Mexico                             | 48,700 |
| China                              | 35,600 |
| Bhutan                             | 19,600 |
| Philippines                        | 17,500 |
| Ukraine                            | 16,800 |
| Canada                             | 15,000 |
| Haiti                              | 14,900 |
| United Kingdom                     | 14,000 |
| Venezuela                          | 13,700 |
| Guatemala                          | 13,600 |
| Vietnam                            | 12,800 |

Of the 654,800 foreign-born Ohio population, 51 percent came to the United States in 2010 or later. More than 261,200, or 40 percent, of all immigrants are from Asia. Fifty-three percent of these arrived since 2010. Approximately 70,600 are from India and an additional 35,600 are from China. Foreign born from Mexico total 48,700. Nearly 79 percent of the Mexican migration occurred since 2000. Since 2010 there has been an increase of migrants from Central America and the Caribbean, with 20,000 and 21,300 arriving over the last 14 years respectively. Ohio has a significant immigrant population from Bhutan totaling 19,600. There are also significant immigrant communities from the Philippines and Ukraine.

## Employment, Occupation, and Industry

The unemployment rate for Ohio in 2024 is 4 percent. This was lower than the national figure of 4.6 percent. For people 16 and older that worked in the previous 12 months, 66 percent worked full time. The number of people aged 65 and older in the labor force in Ohio is 489,200. This figure represents 22 percent of the total population in that age cohort and is comparable to the national figure. Forty-two percent of workers 65 and older are working full-time.

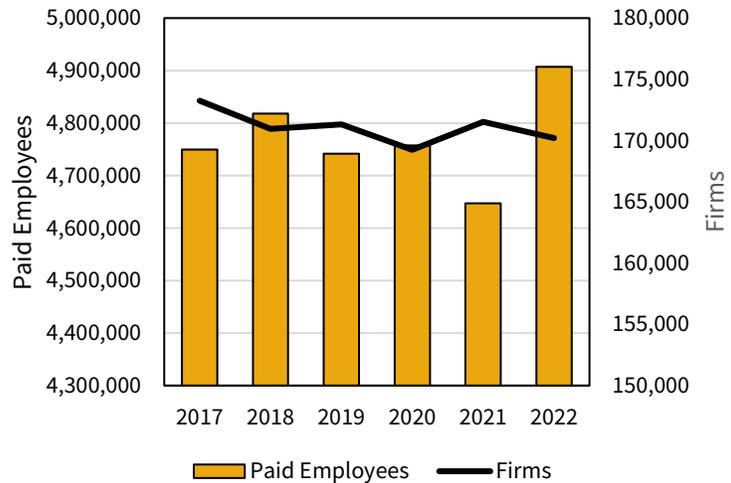
Occupations in Ohio have a higher concentration in production, transportation, and material moving compared to the nation. More than 16 percent of Ohio workers have jobs in this occupation category compared to 13 percent for the nation. There are 436,100 people in production occupations, 280,600 in material moving occupations, and 228,500 people in transportation occupations.

Ohio has a higher concentration of jobs in the manufacturing industry than the nation. In Ohio, the manufacturing sector accounts for 14.5 percent of jobs compared to 9.6 percent for the nation.

Of the 847,100 manufacturing jobs, 154,900 are in transportation equipment manufacturing, 136,300 are in metal and metal products, and 93,000 are in machinery. In 2014, the manufacturing sector had 844,100 jobs and 15.5 percent of the total.

## Businesses

There are more than 170,000 firms with paid employees in Ohio, according to the 2022 Annual Business Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. These businesses employ more than 4,907,000 people with an annual payroll of nearly \$274 billion. More than 18,000 of the businesses are minority-owned and 8,600 are veteran-owned. Sixteen percent of private-sector employees are working in the health care/social work sector. The manufacturing sector accounts for 14 percent of paid employees.



Nearly 13 percent of firms in Ohio have been in business for less than two years. Conversely, 43 percent have been in business for more than 16 years. Firms with sales/receipts of \$1 million or more account for 36 percent. Firms with 500 or more employees make up 2.5 percent of the total while firms with one to four employees make up 44 percent.

In addition to businesses with payrolls, there were approximately 870,000 nonemployer businesses according to the 2021 Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics of the Annual Business Statistics. The transportation/warehousing sector was the largest of this group at 13 percent.

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The statistical source of this profile is the Census Bureau’s 2024 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. Although the American Community Survey is the most comprehensive set of socio-economic data available, the estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling error that may result in some over- or under-estimation of actual population characteristics. Business data came from the Census Bureau’s 2022 Annual Business Survey and the 2021 Nonemployers Statistics by Demographics.