Ohio Population

Total Population

- Ohio’s population is 11,658,609.
- Ohio accounts for 3.6% of the nation’s population of 325,719,178.
- Ohio is the 7th most populous state.
- Ohio’s population increased 2.7% since 2000. During the same time, the U.S. population increased 15.7%.
- Current projections indicate that Ohio’s population will remain level for some time.

Age Structure

- Ohio’s median age is 39.4 years. The nation’s median age is a year-and-a-half younger at 38.0 years.
- Since 2000, Ohio’s median age increased 3.2 years.
- 17% of the population is aged 65 years or more.
- Ohio’s population as a whole is getting older. The aging of the state has been slowing over the past few years.

Race/Ethnicity

- Minorities comprise 21% of Ohio’s population.
- The minority population increased 35% since 2000 while the white, non-Hispanic population decreased 3%.
- The Hispanic population more than doubled since 2000. The Asian population grew by 95%.
- For the nation, minorities comprise 39% of the population and grew 48% since 2000.
Population Distribution

- 80% of Ohioans live in metropolitan areas.
- 31% of Ohio’s population live in the four northeast metropolitan areas: Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown, and Canton.
- Over 22% live in the three southwest metropolitan areas: Cincinnati, Dayton, and Springfield.
- Central Ohio, which consists of the Columbus metro area has nearly 18% of the population.
- The Appalachian hills of southeastern Ohio are the least densely populated area of the state.

Foreign Born

- More than 528,000 foreign-born persons live in Ohio accounting for 5% of the total population.
- The number of immigrants in Ohio increased 56% since 2000.
- Over 43% of Ohio’s foreign-born residents are from Asia. India accounted for 63,000 and China accounted for 39,000.
- Over 46,000 persons have immigrated from Mexico with another 21,000 persons coming from other Central American countries.

Households/Families

- 28% of households consist of families with children. Nationally, the figure is 31%.
- Nearly 38% of Ohio families with children have only one parent at home.
- In Ohio, 30% of households consist of a person living alone. Nearly 542,000 persons 65 or older live alone.
- The average household size is 2.43 persons. In 1950, the figure was 3.43. Nationally, the current figure is 2.65 persons.