Ohio Population

Total Population

- Ohio’s population is 11,614,373.
- Ohio accounts for 3.6% of the nation’s population of 323,127,513.
- Ohio is the 7th most populous state.
- Ohio’s population increased 2.3% since 2000. During the same time, the U.S. population increased 14.8%.
- Current projections indicate that Ohio’s population will remain level for some time.

Age Structure

- Ohio’s median age is 39.3 years. The nation’s median age is a year-and-a-half younger at 37.9 years.
- Since 2000, Ohio’s median age increased 3.1 years.
- 16% of the population is aged 65 years or more.
- Ohio’s population as a whole is getting older. The aging of the state seems to be slowing over the past few years.

Race/Ethnicity

- Minorities comprise 20% of Ohio’s population.
- The minority population increased 30% since 2000 while the white, non-Hispanic population decreased 3%.
- The Hispanic population grew by 89% since 2000. The Asian population grew by 74%.
- For the nation, minorities comprise 39% of the population and grew 43% 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

- Nearly 504,000 foreign-born persons live in Ohio accounting for 4% of the total population.

- The number of immigrants in Ohio increased 49% since 2000.

- Over 42% of Ohio’s foreign-born residents are from Asia. India accounted for 56,000 and China accounted for 44,000.

- Over 45,000 persons have immigrated from Mexico with another 19,000 persons coming from other Central American countries.

Households/Families

- 29% 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 529,000 persons 85 or older live alone.

- The average household size is 2.45 persons. In 1950, the figure was 3.43. Nationally, the current figure is 2.65 persons.