

Ohio African Americans



Ohio's African American community is comprised of more than 1.6 million people, accounting for 14.2 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2016 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's African American population has increased 19.8 percent since 2000. For the United States, the African American population is more than 45.1 million, accounting for 14.0 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the African American community in the U.S. has experienced an increase of more than 8.7 million persons, or 23.9 percent.

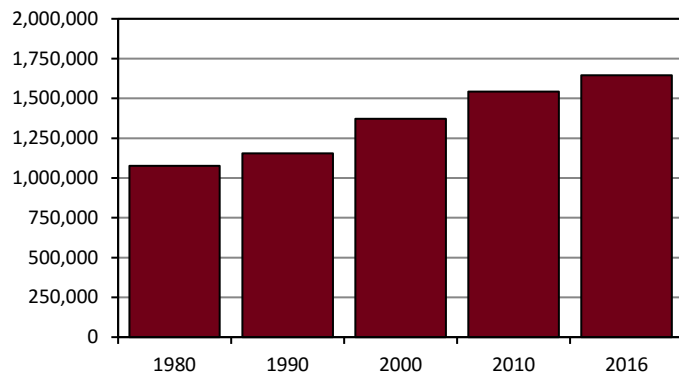
OVERVIEW

- 1,644,622 people - 14.2 percent of Ohio's total population
- 19.8 percent increase in population since 2000
- 66,500 were born outside the U.S.
- Median age of 33.5 years compared to 39.3 years for all Ohioans
- 278,800 enrolled in public schools
- Median household income: \$31,035
- 81,000+ African American-owned businesses with \$9.1 billion in receipts

Note: African American refers to a person reporting their race as African American alone or in combination with one or more other race for total population counts only. A person reporting their race as African American alone is used for the other population characteristics. The recording of specific, multiple races was not done prior to 2000.

Ohio's African American Population: 1,644,000

The African American community accounts for 14.2 percent of Ohio's population with steady growth occurring in recent years. Since 2000 the number of African Americans has increased by 19.8 percent. In 1980 there were more than 1,000,000 African Americans, comprising 10 percent of Ohio's total population.

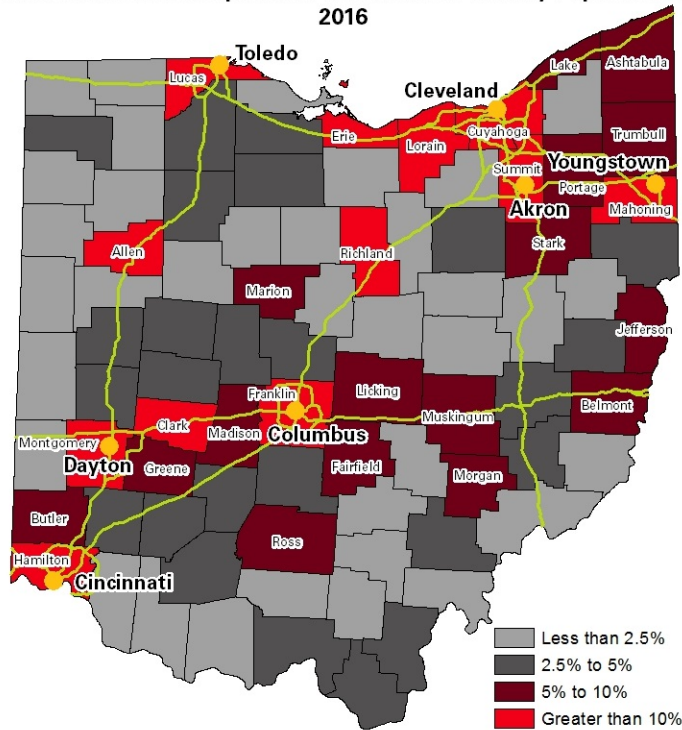


African American Population

African American Population by County: 2016			
Total African American Population		Percent of County Population	
Cuyahoga	399,316	Cuyahoga	32.0%
Franklin	316,148	Hamilton	28.1%
Hamilton	226,977	Franklin	25.0%
Montgomery	122,101	Montgomery	23.0%
Lucas	95,852	Lucas	22.2%
Summit	88,943	Mahoning	17.4%
Mahoning	40,101	Summit	16.5%
Butler	37,391	Allen	14.8%
Stark	35,941	Erie	11.0%
Lorain	33,258	Clark	10.9%
Trumbull	19,894	Richland	10.9%
Allen	15,333	Lorain	10.9%

Most African Americans in Ohio live in urban areas. Four out of every ten African Americans in the state live in the cities of Cincinnati, Cleveland, or Columbus. In Columbus, there are 274,000 African American residents; in Cleveland, there are 202,000; and in Cincinnati there are 134,000 African American residents. The Cleveland metropolitan area alone is home to more than one-quarter of Ohio's African American population.

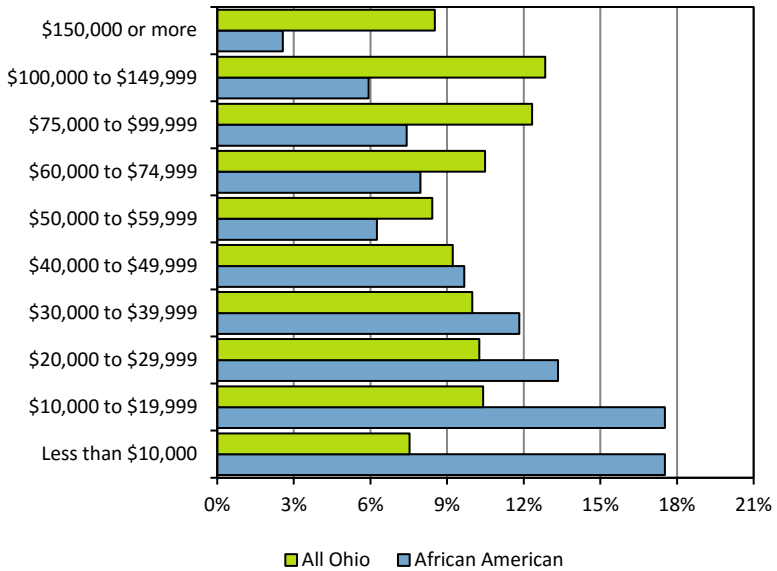
**African American Population as Percent of County Population:
2016**



Median Household Income: \$31,035

The income of African American Ohioans tends to be

lower than that of all Ohioans. The median household income for African Americans is over \$31,000. For Ohio households overall, the median household income is more than \$52,300. A lack of full-time, year-round employment is one factor accounting for the lower income. Less than 36 percent of African American Ohioans aged 16 and older worked full-time over the previous year compared to 42 percent of all Ohioans. The median earnings for African American Ohioans working less than full time is approximately \$8,500 compared to \$22,500 for African American workers employed full-time year-round.



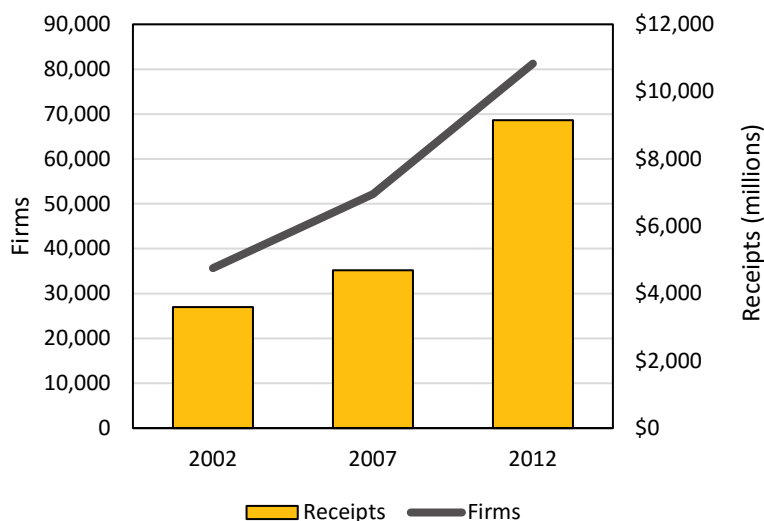
Household Income Distribution

Thirty-one percent of African Americans in Ohio live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 324,000 African American family households, 27 percent live below the poverty line. Around 44 percent these households have children younger than 5 years of age. Thirty-two percent of African American households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.

**Receipts:
\$9.1 billion**

There are over 81,000 African American-owned businesses in Ohio, according to the most recent Survey of Business Owners conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Of that number, businesses with a payroll total more than 3,300 and, combined, employ nearly 44,000 workers with an annual payroll of more than \$1.2 billion. Receipts for those businesses were more than \$7.6 billion with receipts for all African American-run businesses more than \$9.1 billion.

With respect to business sectors, health care/social assistance businesses represent the largest portion of African American-owned firms at 24 percent. Within the African American business community, this sector is two-and-a-half times larger than the proportion of Ohio businesses taken as a whole. Administrative/support/waste management services make up a significant proportion of firms accounting for more than 11 percent of all African American-owned businesses.



The distribution of receipts for African American-owned firms by sector is similar to that of Ohio firms overall. At the top of the list are wholesale trade and manufacturing accounting for 19 percent and 18 percent of receipts, respectively. Construction and health care/social assistance are also major contributors at 11 percent. For Ohio businesses overall, manufacturing brings in more than one-fourth of receipts and wholesale trade accounts for only 21 percent.

**Unemployment
Rate: 12.6%**

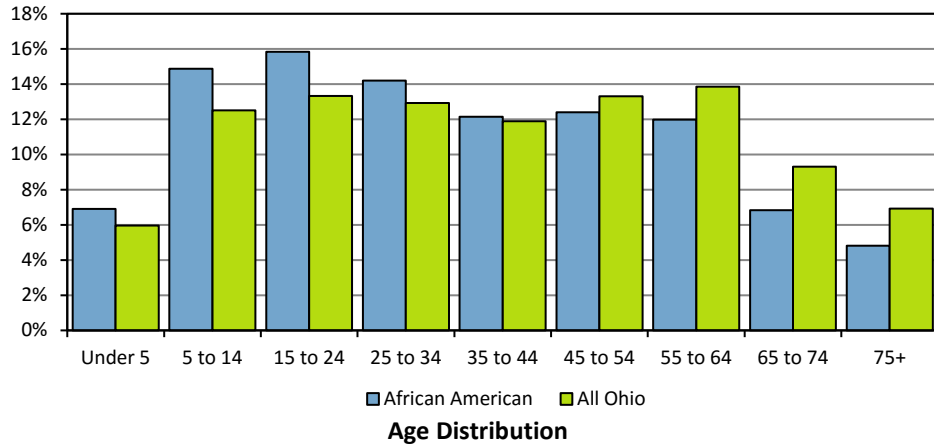
The number of African American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is over 685,800; the unemployment rate for African American Ohioans is 12.6 percent. African Americans in the labor force between the ages of 20 and 24 have an unemployment rate of 20.9 percent. For Ohio, the same age group has an unemployment rate of 9.8 percent.

Employed African Americans are heavily represented in service occupations compared to all of Ohio. Of the more than 599,000 employed African Americans in Ohio, 26 percent are in service occupations with 44,300 in food service and 37,200 in healthcare support occupations. By comparison, 18 percent of all Ohioans are in service occupations. Production/ transportation/ material moving occupations account for 20 percent with 53,900 African American Ohioans involved in production occupations alone.



**Median Age:
33.5 years**

The median age of African Americans in Ohio is 33.5 years. For comparison, the median age of all Ohioans is 39.3 years.

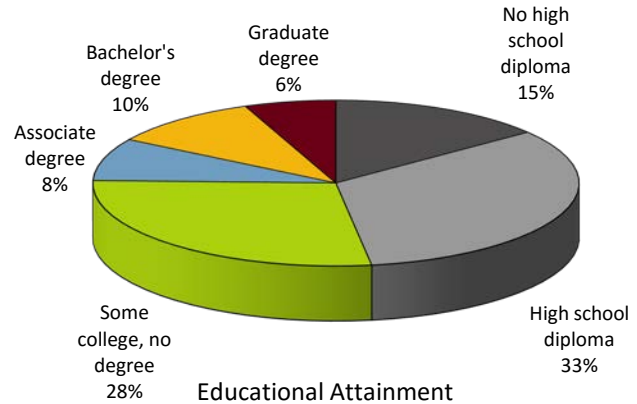


In Ohio, there are 128,200 marriages that include at least one African American spouse. Forty-three percent of these couples have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, thirty-nine percent have children at home. Sixty-one percent of African American families with children younger than 18 living with them consist of single mothers.

**Public School Enrollment:
278,800**

For the 2016-2017 schoolyear, there were more than 278,800 African American

students enrolled in Ohio's public schools, making up 16.7 percent of Ohio's total student body. For the 2011-2012 schoolyear, the figure was 15.9 percent.



The educational attainment level of the African American community lags the total state population. Twenty-four percent of African American Ohioans have obtained a post-secondary degree compared to 35 percent for all Ohioans. Correspondingly, almost 15 percent of African Americans do not have a high school diploma or equivalency compared to 10 percent for the state overall. Nonetheless, over 100,000 African American Ohioans are enrolled in college or graduate school.

**Foreign Born:
66,500**

There are more than 66,500 foreign-born African Americans living in Ohio. This constitutes 13 percent of all foreign-born residents. This percentage has held steady over the past few years. Most of foreign-born African Americans emigrated from Africa. Over one-third of the African migration came from Eastern Africa with a similar figure coming from Western Africa. Of foreign-born African Americans, nearly three-quarters report speaking only English or English “very well”.

The statistical source of this profile is the 2010 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau’s 2016 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. Business data came from the Census Bureau’s 2012 Survey of Business Owners. Although the census 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. The source of public school enrollment was the Ohio Department of Education.