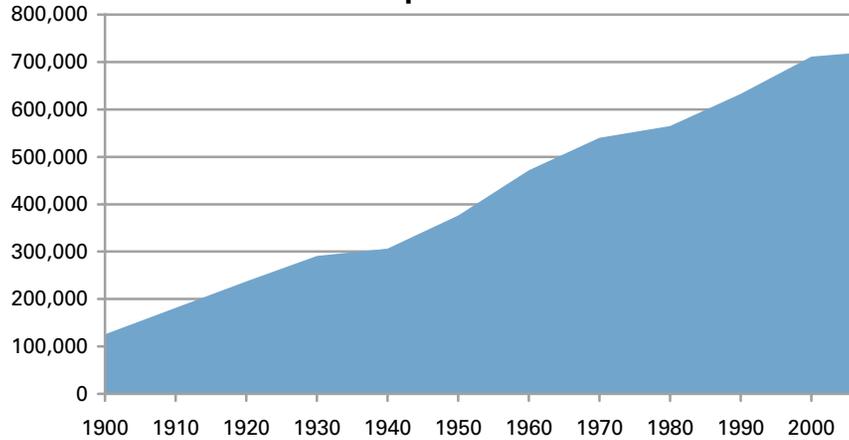
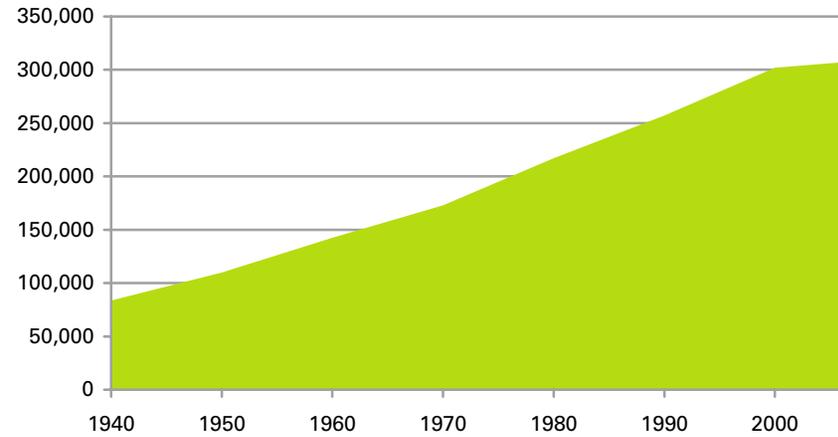


## Population



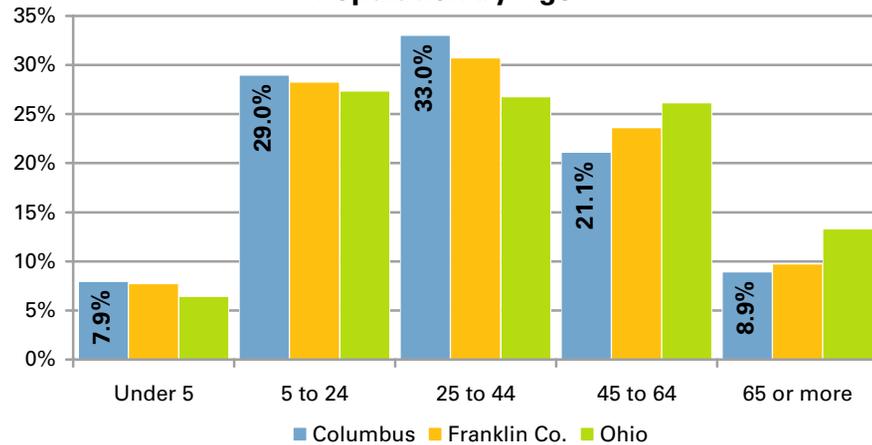
According to the American Community Survey, the 2006 population estimate for Columbus was 718,500. It has been growing steadily since 1900 with slowdowns during the Depression and the 1970's. The population grew an estimated 1.0% from 2000 to 2006.

## Households



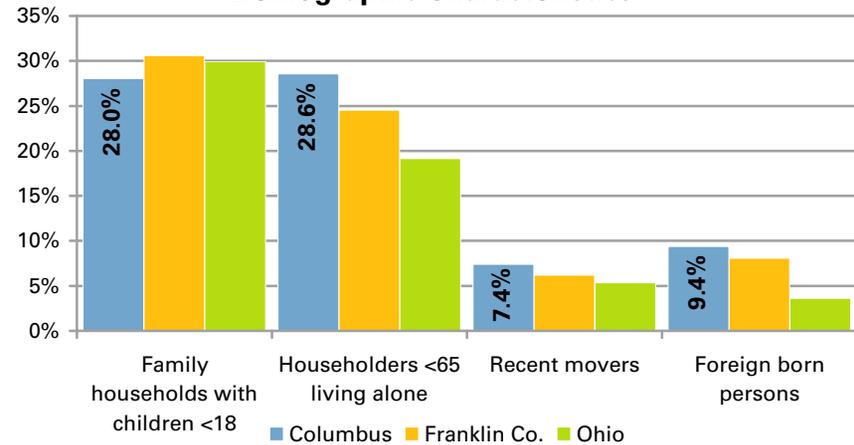
The number of households in Columbus increased to 306,900 in 2006. This represented a slowdown in the rate of growth. The persons per household dropped from 3.14 in 1960 to 2.27 in 2006.

## Population by Age



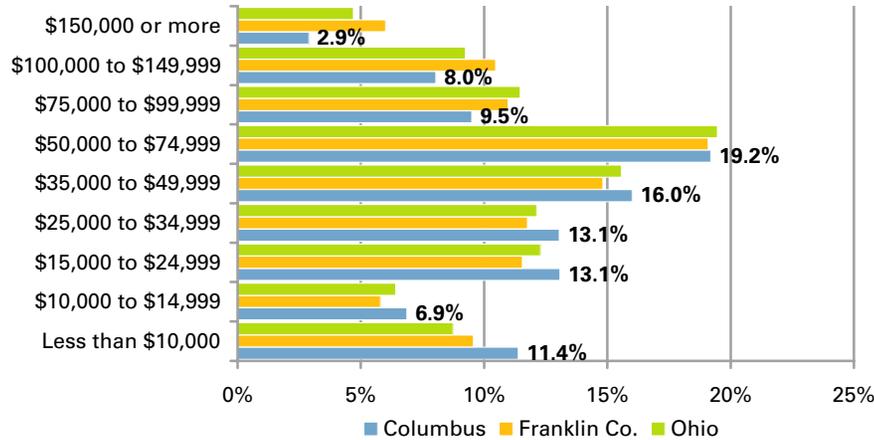
Columbus had a younger population than Ohio with a median age of 32.5 compared to Ohio's 37.6. One-third of the Columbus population was aged 25 to 44. There were an estimated 90,600 college-age (18 - 24) persons which contributed to the lower median age.

## Demographic Characteristics



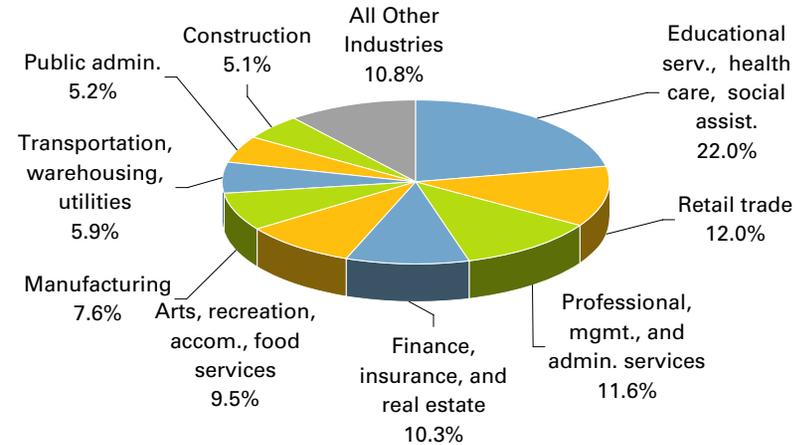
Well over one-fourth of the households in Columbus, around 87,700, consisted of a person under 65 living alone. --- Over 67,000 persons were foreign-born with 45% of those arriving since 2000. Most of the persons came from Asia accounting for over 36% of the foreign-born.

## Household Income Distribution



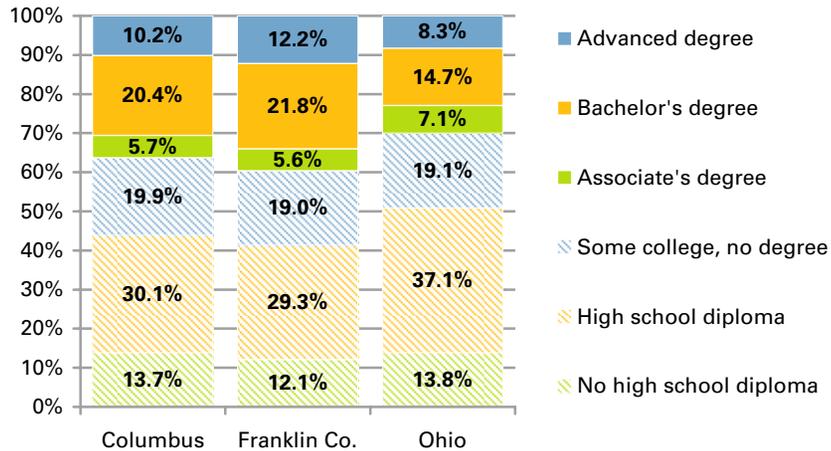
The median household income for Columbus was \$40,100 compared to Ohio's \$44,500. The median family income was \$49,600. Over 33,500 households had income of at least \$100,000.

## Employment by Industry



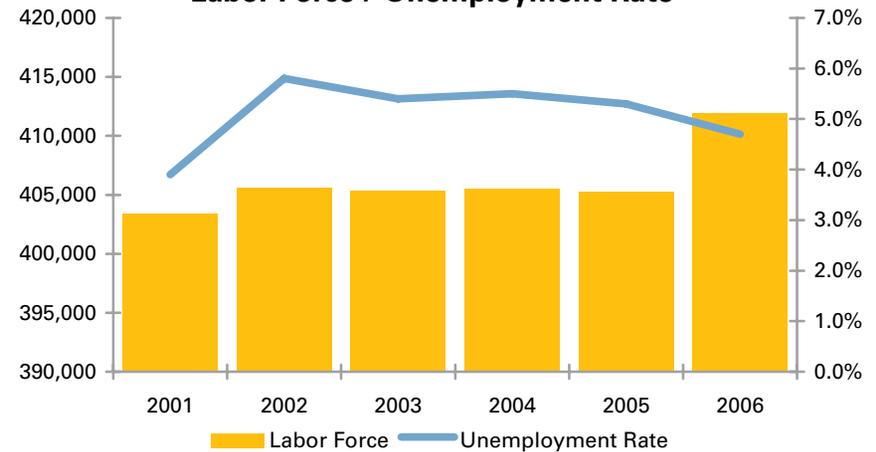
Columbus had 37,000 residents employed in finance, insurance, and real estate. This 10.3% of the employed was 3.5 percentage points higher than the State with most of the difference being in finance and insurance. Professional and administrative services were noticeably higher also.

## Educational Attainment



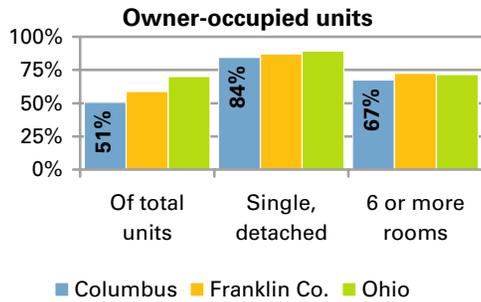
In Columbus, over 36% of persons 25 or older had an Associate's degree or higher compared to the State's 30%. When persons with 'Some College' were added the figure topped 56%. An estimated 46,000 persons had an Advanced degree.

## Labor Force / Unemployment Rate

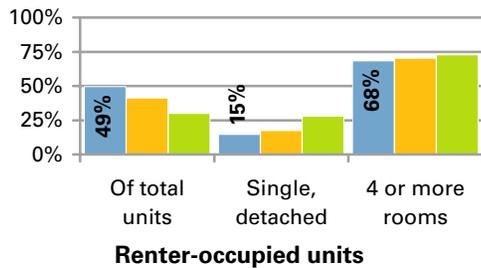


The average annual labor force for Columbus in 2006 was 411,900, an increase of 8,500 since 2001. The unemployment rate increased from 3.9% in 2001 to 4.7% in 2006.

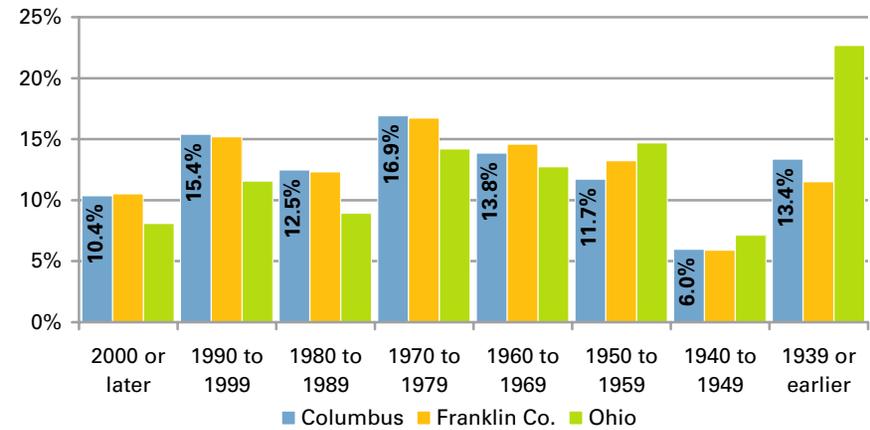
## Housing Unit Characteristics



**Owner-Occupied** - Of the 307,000 occupied housing units in Columbus just over half were owner-occupied. Of these units, over 84% were free-standing houses. Seventy-nine percent had three or more bedrooms. The median monthly housing costs was \$1,230 for units with a mortgage. The median real estate taxes paid was \$1,900. Eighty-nine percent of the units used utility gas for heating. **Renter-Occupied** - An estimated 30% of the rental units were in structures with at least 10 units. Seventy percent of the units had at least 2 bedrooms. The median monthly housing costs was \$690. Thirty-four percent of the units were heated by electricity.

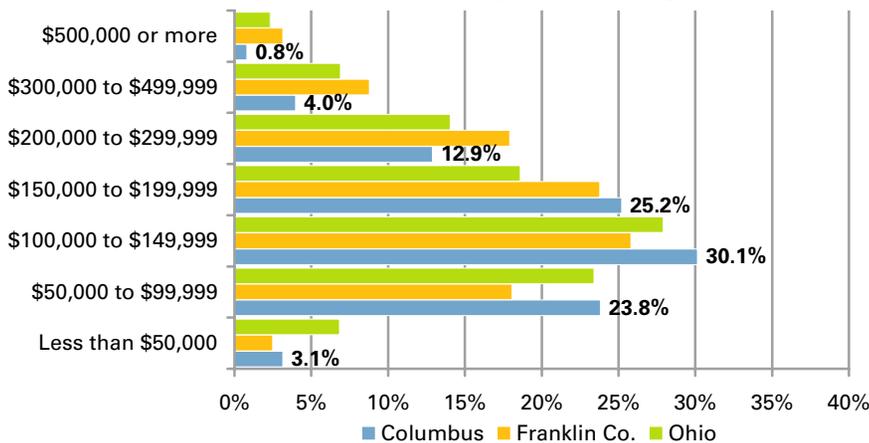


## Year Structure Built



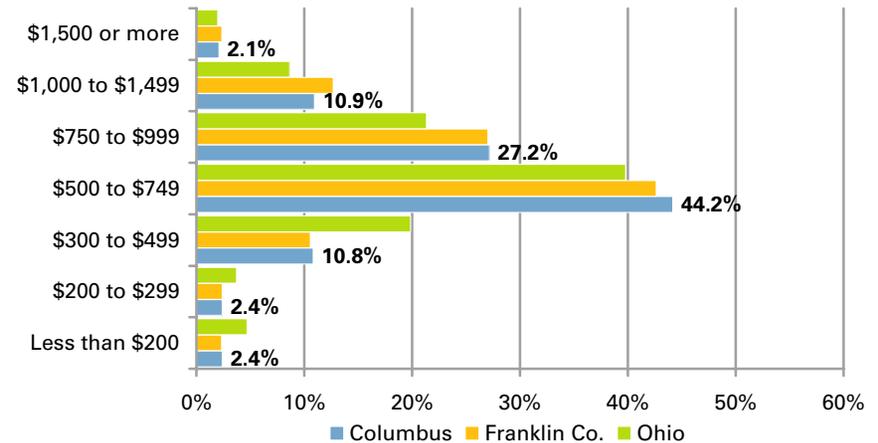
The median year of construction for structures built in Columbus was 1973. Housing units built in the 1970's accounted for 60,900 units, with 32,400 of them being used as rental units. An estimated 37,300 units have been built since 2000.

## Value of Owner-Occupied Housing



The median value of owner-occupied housing in Columbus was \$139,000, slightly higher than Ohio's \$135,200. An estimated 1,300 of the 155,000 units were valued at \$500,000 or more as opposed to 4,900 valued under \$50,000.

## Gross Rent



The median gross rent for Columbus was \$690 compared to a figure of \$630 for Ohio. Over 44% of the 151,900 rental units paid between \$500 and \$749. Approximately 19,500 had rent over \$1,000.