ABOUT GREATER OHIO POLICY CENTER

An outcome-oriented statewide non-profit that champions revitalization and sustainable redevelopment in Ohio:

• Revitalize Ohio’s urban cores and metropolitan regions

• Achieve sustainable land reuse and economic growth
OHIO’S POPULATION GROWTH HAS SLOWED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE 1970S

Exhibit 1-1. Total Population, 1910-2014

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses and 2014 State Total Population Estimates
OHIO’S PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH FOR NEXT 25 YEARS IS MINIMAL

2015-2040: Population growth

Ohio: expected to grow 0.04% per year (bringing state’s total population to ~11,678,970 by 2040)
  • Ohio 2014 population: 11,594,163
  • Net gain of ~85,000 residents by 2040

United States: expected to grow 0.69% per year (adding nearly 60 million people to the populace)
  • US 2014 population: 318,857,056
THERE HAS BEEN OVERALL POPULATION LOSS IN OHIO’S LARGE LEGACY CITIES

Population Change in Ohio Cities, 1970-2013

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
CHANGE IN POPULATION FROM 2000 TO 2013 FOR OHIO’S SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED CITIES

- Canton: -9.63%
- Hamilton: 2.74%
- Lima: -3.77%
- Lorain: -6.75%
- Mansfield: -4.02%
- Middletown: -5.70%
- Portsmouth: -2.64%
- Springfield: -7.55%
- Youngstown: -18.91%
- Ohio: -15.00%
- Toledo: -11.52%
- Cleveland: -10.00%
- Akron: -9.62%
IN 2013 RESIDENTIAL VACANCY RATES EXCEEDED 10% IN OHIO’S MAJOR CITIES

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
RESIDENTIAL VACANCY RATES EXCEEDED 10% IN OHIO’S MID- AND SMALL-SIZED CITIES, IN 2013

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
OHIO IS AGING; OLDER COUNTIES ARE NOT EXPECTING YOUNGER COHORTS TO REPLACE AGING RESIDENTS

2015: population age 55+

Projected overall population growth 2015-2040
OHIO’S MILLENNIALS (AGES 25-34)

91% of Ohio’s millennials with college degrees live in the state’s 8 largest metros
OHIO IS BECOMING MORE RACIALLY/ETHNICALLY DIVERSE: THIS IS A GOOD TREND

Exhibit 1-11. Percent Change in Minority Population, By County, 2000-2013

Sources: 2009-2013 American Community Survey and 2000 Decennial Census
OHIO’S IMMIGRANT POPULATION TRENDS

Foreign-Born Population Total

Source: 2000 SF3 Sample Data and 2009-2013 ACS 5-Year Estimates
OHIO’S FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

461,339 foreign born
  • 4.25% of state population

  • ~50% naturalized; ~50% not US citizen
OHIO’S FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

Largest foreign born population groups in Ohio:

1. Mexican (50,843)  
2. Indian (47,150)  
3. Chinese (28,543)  
4. German (17,677)  
5. Canadian (15,291)  
6. British (14,233)  
7. Korean (12,345)  
8. Filipino (13,867)  
9. Vietnamese (10,597)  
10. Russian (9,856)
GOPC’S STATE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Create a loan program that links small business lending with neighborhood improvement efforts
2. Develop programming that connects entrepreneurs with vacant commercial buildings
3. Establish innovative financing programs that support infrastructure modernization and fund brownfield redevelopment
4. Increase state funding and federal funds flexed for transit
5. Implement a statewide Safe Streets policy to ensure safety of all users and encourage economic development