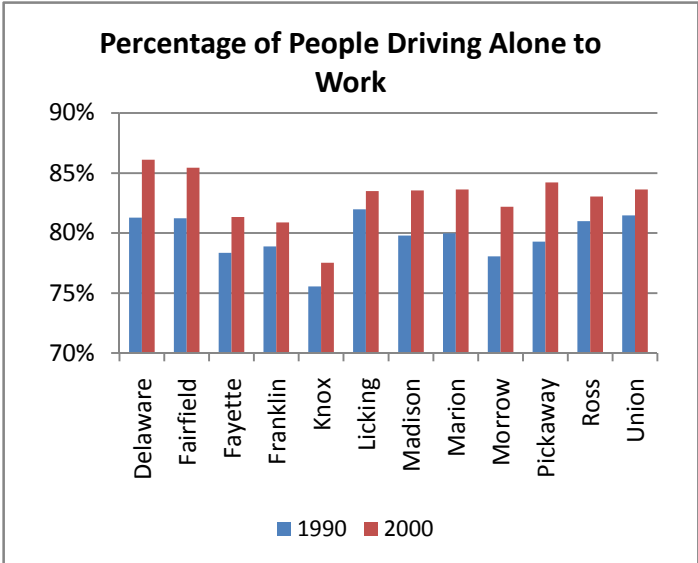
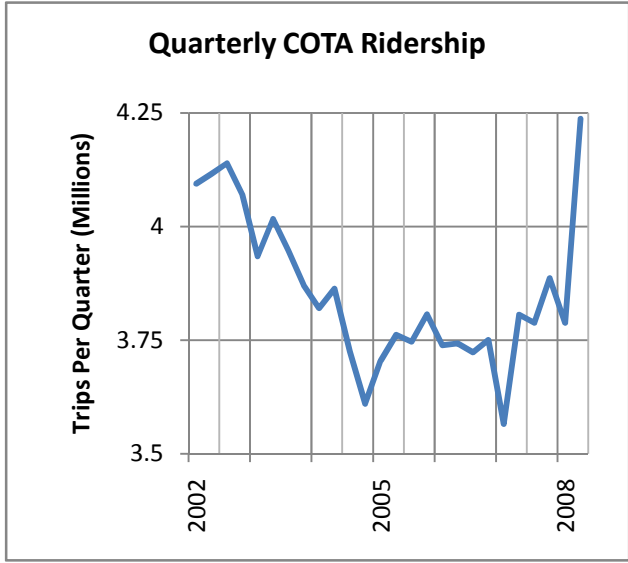
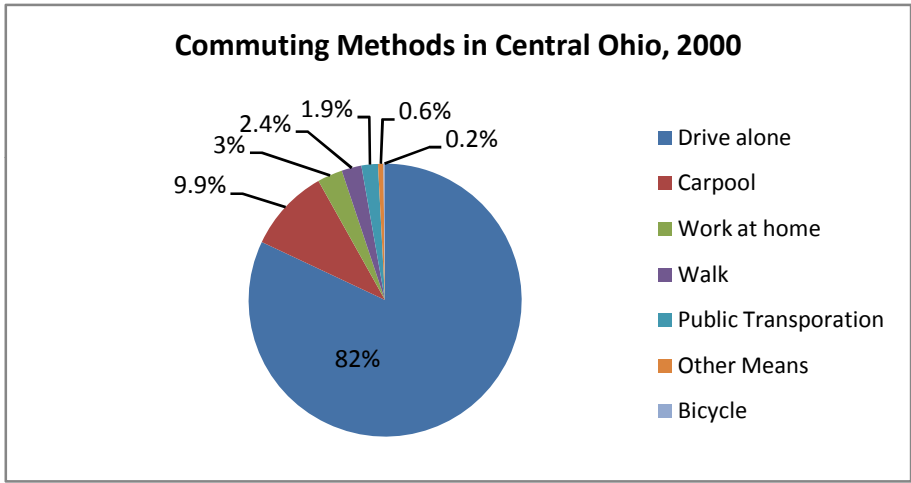


The vast majority of central Ohio residents drive alone to work. But alternatives are available, such as carpooling, public transit, walking, and bicycling. These methods are often cheaper, less stressful, and better for the environment than driving alone. MORPC's RideSolutions department offers benefits to people who carpool, bike, walk, or take buses to work, such as the Guaranteed Ride Home program, which assures that commuters will not be stranded. MORPC is also partnering with the City of Columbus and local cycling groups to produce a Bicycle User Map of Franklin County, which will be published in May 2009.

Mass transit ridership is on the rise in Central Ohio. Between 2007 and 2008, COTA (Central Ohio Transit Authority) ridership increased by over 1 million trips, with a yearly total of 15.6 million. Other public transit agencies in the region include DATA in Delaware County, LPTS in Fairfield County, and LCATS in Licking County.

This page shows some information about public transit and commuting methods in central Ohio. In 2000, Knox County had the lowest percentage of people driving alone to work (78%), while Delaware County had the highest (86%).



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau  
<http://www.census.gov>

Federal Transit Administration National Transit Database  
<http://www.ntdprogram.gov/ntdprogram/data.htm>

In central Ohio, a fair amount of commuting between counties takes place. At the time of the 2000 census, 77.1% of workers in the region lived and worked in the same county. 22.9% worked outside their county of residence. However, only 3.1% of workers residing in central Ohio were working outside the 12-county region.

The chart below shows the wide variation in the percentages of workers who are employed in their counties of residence. Only 33% of workers residing in Morrow County also work there, while 93 percent of workers who live in Franklin County work there.

