



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

State of the Region 2009

Issue: People

Metric: Election Participation

The right to vote is the one of the most fundamental components of democracy. The chart below shows election participation (voter turnout) in central Ohio for presidential and midterm general elections over the past 8 years. From the 2000 and 2008 presidential elections, voter turnout increased in 11 of the 12 counties, and participation in the region as a whole was 8.9% higher. However, voter turnout in central Ohio has been consistently lower than statewide and nationwide turnout.

	Percentage of Registered Voters Who Voted					% Change, 2000-2008
	2000 Presidential	2002 Midterm	2004 Presidential	2006 Midterm	2008 Presidential	
Delaware	69.8%	47.3%	80.6%	61.1%	77.8%	11.5%
Fairfield	67.3%	52.9%	75.2%	57.6%	68.2%	1.3%
Fayette	64.5%	49.8%	74.3%	55.9%	72.1%	11.8%
Franklin	61.3%	40.4%	63.1%	50.3%	66.9%	9.1%
Knox	61.1%	46.5%	73.9%	58.7%	73.6%	20.4%
Licking	64.3%	49.5%	72.3%	59.3%	74.2%	15.4%
Madison	64.4%	47.2%	76.7%	59.5%	73.1%	13.5%
Marion	60.7%	45.3%	68.5%	50.7%	69.8%	14.9%
Morrow	62.1%	46.9%	68.9%	53.5%	65.9%	6.2%
Pickaway	61.4%	45.0%	76.8%	59.7%	73.6%	19.9%
Ross	66.9%	50.9%	73.6%	57.5%	73.2%	9.3%
Union	66.5%	48.7%	75.9%	58.1%	76.2%	14.6%
Region	62.9%	43.8%	67.7%	53.6%	69.4%	10.3%
Ohio	63.6%	47.2%	71.8%	56.0%	69.7%	9.6%
USA	85.5%	69.4%	88.5%	70.8%	N/A	

Sources:

Ohio Secretary of State

<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/electResultsMain.aspx>

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>



