



State of the Region 2009

Issue: People
Metric: Population Growth

Central Ohio continues to be a growing region. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates populations each year between decennial censuses; according to these estimates, the region's population has grown continuously since 2000. The greatest growth by far has been in Delaware County. Only Fayette and Marion Counties have had an overall decrease in population between 2000 and 2008.

Between 2007 and 2008 (the most recent period for which Census estimates are available), population grew in all counties in the region except for Morrow. Delaware and Union Counties continued to grow at the highest rates.

Population growth is divided into two categories: natural growth (births minus deaths) and net migration (people moving in minus people moving out). Between 2007 and 2008, 71% of population growth was natural, and 29% was due to net migration. Significantly, central Ohio continued to have positive net migration (an estimated 6,087 people) from 2007 to 2008, while the state's overall net migration was -39,320. Even though Ohio as a whole lost people to migration, more people are moving to central Ohio than moving away.

| | Total Population | | | | | | | | | Percent Change, 2000-2008 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | |
| Delaware | 109,989 | 119,083 | 126,988 | 134,874 | 141,936 | 149,334 | 155,315 | 160,358 | 165,026 | 50.0% |
| Fairfield | 122,759 | 125,971 | 128,872 | 132,006 | 135,094 | 137,511 | 139,387 | 141,045 | 142,223 | 15.9% |
| Fayette | 28,433 | 28,170 | 28,153 | 28,135 | 28,082 | 28,217 | 28,213 | 28,296 | 28,319 | -0.4% |
| Franklin | 1,068,978 | 1,082,170 | 1,086,682 | 1,091,389 | 1,094,588 | 1,098,818 | 1,107,090 | 1,116,949 | 1,129,067 | 5.6% |
| Knox | 54,500 | 55,370 | 56,133 | 56,835 | 57,487 | 58,009 | 58,368 | 58,890 | 59,324 | 8.9% |
| Licking | 145,491 | 147,326 | 148,439 | 150,194 | 152,125 | 153,974 | 155,315 | 156,734 | 157,721 | 8.4% |
| Madison | 40,213 | 40,178 | 40,361 | 40,592 | 40,736 | 40,809 | 41,259 | 41,673 | 41,861 | 4.1% |
| Marion | 66,217 | 66,005 | 65,880 | 65,903 | 65,740 | 65,716 | 65,520 | 65,536 | 65,768 | -0.7% |
| Morrow | 31,628 | 32,390 | 32,867 | 33,373 | 33,832 | 34,027 | 34,189 | 34,477 | 34,455 | 8.9% |
| Pickaway | 52,727 | 52,264 | 51,557 | 51,644 | 51,774 | 52,384 | 53,308 | 54,163 | 54,544 | 3.4% |
| Ross | 73,345 | 73,592 | 73,895 | 74,305 | 74,328 | 74,808 | 75,240 | 75,799 | 76,073 | 3.7% |
| Union | 40,909 | 42,479 | 42,901 | 43,719 | 44,644 | 45,391 | 46,615 | 47,611 | 48,223 | 17.9% |
| Region | 1,835,189 | 1,864,998 | 1,882,728 | 1,902,969 | 1,920,366 | 1,938,998 | 1,959,819 | 1,981,531 | 2,002,604 | 9.1% |
| Change from previous year | | 1.6% | 1.0% | 1.1% | 0.9% | 1.0% | 1.1% | 1.1% | 1.1% | |
| Ohio | 11,353,140 | 11,391,298 | 11,410,582 | 11,430,306 | 11,445,095 | 11,450,954 | 11,458,390 | 11,477,641 | 11,485,910 | 1.2% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html? lang=en>

| Population Change, 2007-2008 | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Natural Growth | Net Migration |
| Delaware | 1,857 | 2,838 |
| Fairfield | 788 | 325 |
| Fayette | 60 | -43 |
| Franklin | 9,760 | 2,384 |
| Knox | 193 | 210 |
| Licking | 832 | 91 |
| Madison | 164 | 17 |
| Marion | 187 | 32 |
| Morrow | 186 | -179 |
| Pickaway | 186 | 187 |
| Ross | 197 | 42 |
| Union | 438 | 183 |
| Region | 14,848 | 6,087 |
| Ohio | 46,267 | -39,320 |

