



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

State of the Region 2009

Issue: Prosperity
Metric: Free School Lunch

The proportion of students receiving free school lunches is a way to measure financial distress. The chart below shows the percentage of public school students who applied to receive free school lunch between 2002 and 2007. Numbers increased in all 12 counties from 2007 to 2008.

	Percent of Students Receiving Free School Lunches						% Change, 2003-2008
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Delaware	8.1%	7.9%	9.3%	9.4%	9.5%	10.0%	22.9%
Fairfield	14.2%	15.2%	16.6%	18.8%	18.1%	19.4%	36.5%
Fayette	21.0%	21.9%	21.8%	23.6%	24.6%	29.8%	42.2%
Franklin	30.7%	29.4%	28.5%	31.1%	34.4%	36.4%	18.6%
Knox	16.5%	18.9%	18.8%	20.9%	25.5%	27.9%	69.0%
Licking	15.7%	16.9%	18.4%	20.0%	21.2%	22.7%	44.8%
Madison	12.5%	13.5%	15.5%	18.2%	19.7%	19.9%	59.6%
Marion	22.2%	22.6%	27.4%	29.1%	27.2%	32.3%	45.6%
Morrow	16.8%	18.5%	19.0%	20.4%	21.6%	23.1%	37.6%
Pickaway	18.0%	18.0%	19.8%	21.1%	22.3%	22.9%	27.2%
Ross	19.2%	20.3%	26.1%	29.7%	31.3%	34.1%	77.8%
Union	8.9%	9.6%	10.4%	12.2%	15.4%	16.2%	81.6%
Region	24.0%	23.8%	24.1%	26.2%	28.3%	30.2%	25.7%

Source: Ohio Department of Education

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=828&Content=53032>

