



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

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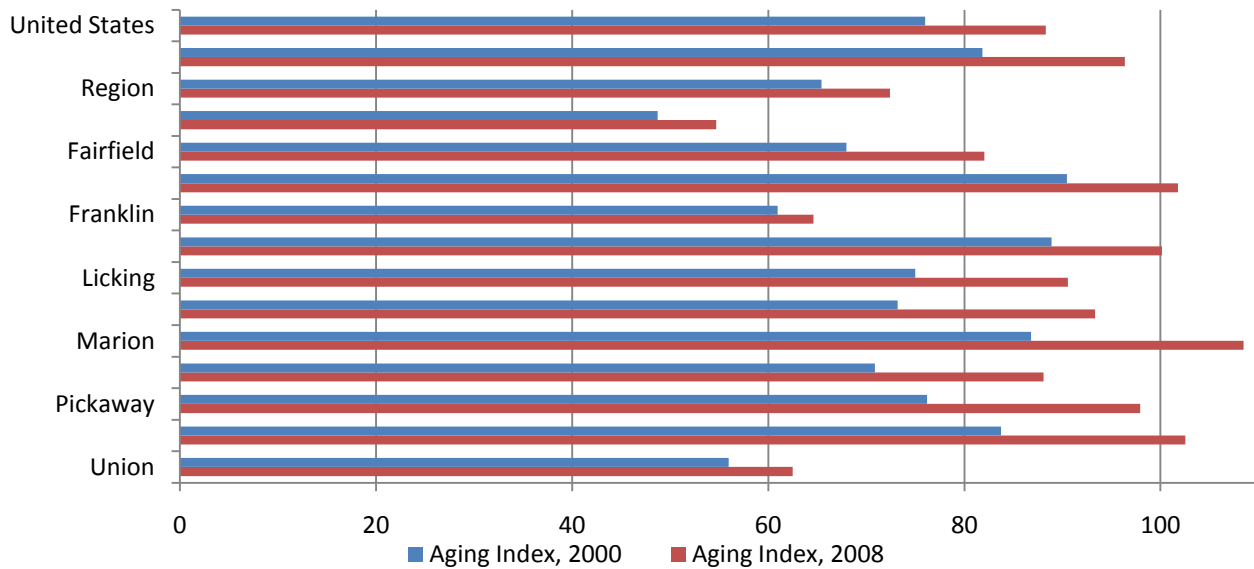
Issue: People
Metric: Aging Trends

By 2030, 20 percent of Americans will be over 65 years old compared to 12 percent in 2000. The aging trend represents the need to continue to plan for community services. One way to visualize the generational change is by an aging index, a comparison of people over age 60 (seniors) to those under age 15 (children). An index value of 50 indicates that there are 50 people over age 60 per 100 people under age 15, or there are twice as many children as there are seniors. An index value over 100 indicates that there are more seniors than children.

The chart below shows that all central Ohio counties have aging populations. The aging index increased the least in Franklin County. Fayette, Marion, and Ross Counties' aging indexes are all now above 100, indicating that these counties now have more people over age 60 than under age 15.

Ohio is a leader in providing for its senior citizens through senior services property tax levies. All central Ohio counties except Fayette provide some sort of funding mechanism for senior services. To read the chart, use this example: In Franklin County, taxpayers owe \$89.74 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Aging Index: Ratio of People over age 60 to People under age 15, 2000 and 2008



Senior Services Property Tax Levies

County	Residential/Agricultural Effective Rate	Year Enacted	County	Residential/Agricultural Effective Rate	Year Enacted
Delaware	0.9000	2008	Madison	0.7304	2006
Fairfield	0.4217	2004	Marion	0.7310	2006
Fayette	n/a	n/a	Morrow	0.3733	2002
Franklin	0.8974	2007	Pickaway	0.4721	2006
Knox	0.7078	2007	Ross	0.4488	2007
Licking	0.8177	2005	Union	n/a--sales tax	n/a

Sources: [U.S. Census Bureau](#) [Ohio Department of Aging](#) [Ohio Department of Taxation](#)