

# OSU Extension in the City

## 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

### Connecting The Ohio State University to Ohioans

**Urban.** With 11.6 million residents, Ohio is the seventh most populous state in the nation. More than half of Ohio residents live in 10 of the 88 counties. Ohio has six cities with populations of more than 100,000. Only 12 other states have more cities of this size.

**Connections.** Strengthening connections along the urban-rural continuum, strengthens Ohio. With a presence in all Ohio communities, OSU Extension continues to advance engagement with rural, suburban, and urban Ohioans.

**Collective Impact.** Community conditions require unique strategies to bring people and ideas together. Partnering with public and private organizations at the neighborhood, city, county, state, and national levels creates a larger impact.



### OHIO'S URBAN INFLUENCE

Ohio's largest cities and counties bring complex opportunities and challenges due to population density, the influence of multiple jurisdictions, and the diversity of residents, labor force, community partners, workforce, and visitors.

Largest Counties (Largest Cities)	County Population	Net Commuter Flow	Ohio House Members	Ohio Senate Members	Number of Cities	Number of Languages
Franklin (Columbus)	1,291,981	114,615	10	4	13	39
Cuyahoga (Cleveland)	1,248,514	135,812	11	4	37	39
Hamilton (Cincinnati)	813,822	121,118	7	3	20	38
Summit (Akron)	541,228	14,153	5	2	13	39
Montgomery (Dayton)	531,542	24,498	5	2	17	36
Lucas (Toledo)	430,887	18,472	4	2	4	37
Butler (Hamilton)	380,604	-21,995	4	2	7	37
Stark (Canton)	372,542	-6,235	4	2	4	35
Lorain (Lorain)	307,924	30,438	3	1	9	34
Lake (Mentor)	230,117	-18,579	2	2	9	22
Top 10 County Total	6,149,161 (52.7%)		55 (55.5%)	24 (72.7%)		

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- Ohio Statistical Areas, [development.ohio.gov/reports/reports\\_ohio\\_statistical\\_areas.htm](http://development.ohio.gov/reports/reports_ohio_statistical_areas.htm)
- Number of cities in each county, U.S. Census Bureau, Community Facts, 2010, [factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov)
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## RELEVANT LOCALLY, RESPONSIVE STATEWIDE, RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY

Following is a sampling of 2017 Extension in the City activities. For more information, see the story map linked at [cityextension.osu.edu/annual-report](http://cityextension.osu.edu/annual-report).

### Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities

Extension is working with city and regional planning teams to address strategies to re-use vacant/abandoned city lots. The effort has incorporated strategies for engaging local stakeholders in addressing food insecurity.

### Sustainable Food Systems

“Ohio Days” in the state’s largest school district (in Franklin County), now serves one meal each month in which the foods were all grown, raised and/or processed in Ohio. About 17% of the district’s food service budget is now spent on foods sourced from Ohio.



### Thriving Across the Lifespan

In Ohio’s most populated counties, OSU Extension served more than 34,000 youth through 4-H clubs, camps, school enrichment, Agri-Science in the City, Metro Parks partnerships, and other innovative programs reaching diverse audiences through community partnerships.

### Job Skills and Careers

Extension educators provide education such as the hands-on Real Money. Real World. program and college planning nights in which students learn about prepping for their college career.

### Health and Wellness

In Lorain County 16,812 residents participated in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education’s (SNAP-Ed) nutrition lessons. More than 86,000 in the 10 most populated counties participated in SNAP-Ed’s direct programming.

### Environmental Quality

Extension helps to protect urban forests by offering educational programs, plant and pest walks, and monitors for invasive species such as gypsy moth, spotted lanternfly, and diseases including oak wilt.

