OSU EXTENSION IN THE CITY
2019 City Highlights Report

Connecting The Ohio State University to Ohioans

Urban. With 11.7 million residents, Ohio is the seventh most populous state in the nation. More than 50% of Ohio residents live in 10 of the 88 counties. **Alignment.** Ohio State University Extension has a presence in all Ohio communities and continues to advance engagement with rural, suburban, and urban Ohioans.

Highlights of OSU Extension in Ohio's 15 most populous counties

4-H Youth Development

21,802 youth enrolled in 4-H in Ohio's urban counties.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

1,339 active Master Gardener Volunteers worked a total of 165,945 hours for a value of nearly $2 million in Ohio's urban counties.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Community nutrition (SNAP-Ed and EFNEP) programs impacted over 475,000 individuals in Ohio's urban communities.

Community Development

Through partnerships, Community Development applied cutting-edge, science-based knowledge and innovations to improve and enhance local businesses and urban communities.

Ohio's Urban Influence

Ohio's largest counties and cities bring opportunities and challenges due to population density (scale), influence of multiple jurisdictions (complexity), Ohio's rural-urban interface, and the diversity of residents, workforce, community partners, and visitors.

County	Largest City	County Population	Net Commuter Flow	Ohio House Members	Ohio Senate Members	Number of Cities	Number of Languages
Franklin	Columbus	1,316,756	146,806	10	4	13	39
Cuyahoga	Cleveland	1,235,072	159,178	11	4	37	39
Hamilton	Cincinnati	817,473	131,494	7	3	20	38
Summit	Akron	541,013	19,535	5	2	13	39
Montgomery	Dayton	531,687	25,491	5	2	17	36
Lucas	Toledo	428,348	18,108	4	2	4	37
Butler	Hamilton	383,134	-22,484	4	2	7	37
Stark	Canton	370,606	-9,252	4	2	4	35
Lorain	Lorain	309,833	-41,157	3	1	9	34
Warren	Mason	234,602	-12,495	2	1	7	32
Lake	Mentor	230,149	-21,399	2	1	9	35
Mahoning	Youngstown	228,683	372	2	1	4	35
Delaware	Delaware	209,177	-5,634	2	1	5	35
Clermont	Milford	206,428	-39,030	2	1	2	30
Trumbull	Warren	197,974	-15,023	2	1	7	33
Top 15 County total		7,240,935 (62%)		65 (65%)	28 (84.8%)		

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RELEVANT LOCALLY, RESPONSIVE STATEWIDE, RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY

OSU Extension addresses priority areas in all of Ohio's 88 communities.
Here are a few examples in urban communities.
For more information, see the story map at cityextension.osu.edu/annualreport or visit our blog at u.osu.edu/cityextension

Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities

Mahoning County had over 10 "growing teams" this year in the Good-Natured Garden Partners program. Through these teams, participants learned the importance of hard work, dedication, and responsibility, while also learning where their food comes from and how to provide for themselves.

Workforce Development

Hamilton County started a rabbit spin club as part of an "AgriScience in the City" initiative at Pleasant Hill Academy. This club reached students who previously were not exposed to animals and livestock.

Sustainable Food Systems

Ohio State University Extension partnered with urban growers to increase the production of local foods and to create jobs. Columbus now has an estimated 30 urban farms, and Cleveland has 45.

Thriving Across the Lifespan

Stark County reported more than 650 youth participated in STEM programs. This included Chick Quest, 10-minute science activities, and Rockets Away. In addition to increasing their subject-area knowledge, students developed an understanding of a wide variety of STEM careers.

Environmental Quality

Franklin County had 18 active duty military veterans graduate in 2019, from a five-month farming and gardening training program called the "Heroes Garden." The project was a collaboration between the Franklin County office of OSU Extension and the Central Ohio Veterans Administration Healthcare System.

Health and Wellness

Cuyahoga County piloted the WIC Perks program in partnership with MetroHealth-Cuyahoga County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and local farmers' markets. Over the course of the pilot program Ohio State University Extension provided $13,640 worth of farmers' market vouchers to 682 families in Cuyahoga County.

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