



Appalachian Counties

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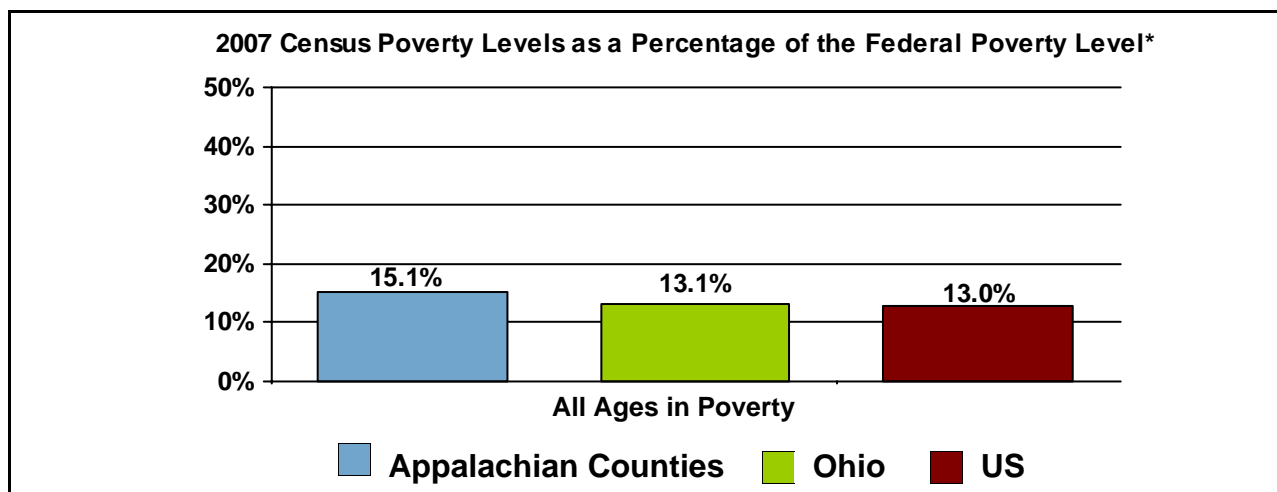
Regional Overview

Appalachia is a 200,000-square-mile region that follows the spine of the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi. It encompasses all of West Virginia, and parts of 12 other states, including Ohio.

In Ohio, Appalachia encompasses 32 counties in the southern and eastern parts of the state. This portion of Ohio ranks as the poorest economic region in the state.

The Appalachian Region's economy, once characterized by its dependence on heavy industry, agriculture, and mining, is gradually diversifying its economy, with a greater emphasis on service industries, retailing, government, and tourism.

Appalachian counties work in concert with community organizations and state and federal government agencies to provide a number of services to families and individuals in need of employment and family assistance. These services range from food stamps, cash assistance, and child care subsidies to child support enforcement, job training, and access to medical care.



*Federal Poverty Level as issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and published in the Federal Register.

Population 2008 Census Population 2,017,575 2000 Census Population 1,454,782

Age Census (2008)	Population		% of Total Population	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Age 0-19	511,336	3,049,827	25.3%	26.6%
Age 60 and Older	409,595	2,155,509	20.3%	18.8%

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Vital Statistics

	Appalachian Counties	<u>2007</u> State	State Rate per 1,000
All Births	18,565	150,784	13.1
Teen Births:			
<15 Years of Age	23	225	0.6
15-17 Years of Age	529	4,798	19.7
18-19 Years of Age	1,643	11,553	75.7
Marriages	9,304	70,704	6.2
Divorces	6,097	39,305	3.4

Dependency Rate

	Appalachian Counties	State
Rate of Dependency on Income Supports* (2007)	24.2%	17.6%

**The 'Rate of Dependency on Income Supports' is the total amount of income support provided by taxpayer dollars (e.g. Retirement and Disability payments, Unemployment Compensation, Worker's Compensation, TANF, SSI, etc.) divided by total personal income. Note: Ranking based on highest (1) Rate of Dependency to lowest (88) Rate of Dependency.*

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Child Support

The Appalachian counties Child Support Enforcement Agency establishes paternities and obtains, enforces, and collects child support funds for children.

\$304,251,136 in IV-D child support was collected by the county during 2008.

Child Support Cases	FFY 2008		FFY 2007	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Number of Cases	175,410	978,385	120,133	979,749
Paternity Establishment Rate*	98.6%	91.6%	100.9%	87.9%
Cases with Support Orders	139,123	739,995	99,149	723,521
Percentage of Cases with Support Orders	79.3%	75.6%	82.5%	73.8%
Collection Rate on Current Support Due	69.8%	68.8%	70.9%	68.9%
Rate of Cases Paying on Arrears	71.0%	68.2%	72.1%	67.1%

*The Paternity Establishment Rate is the total number of children born out-of-wedlock, who had active child support cases, for whom paternity was established or acknowledged as of the end of the reporting period, divided by the total number of children born out-of-wedlock, who had active child support cases, as reported 12 months prior to the reporting period. In some cases, the rate can exceed 100%.

Food Assistance (FA)

The Food Assistance program is designed to raise nutritional levels, to expand buying power and to safeguard the health and well-being of individuals and families whose gross monthly income is within 130 percent of the federal poverty guideline. Half of all recipients are children.

Food Stamps	CY 2008		CY 2007	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	165,736	734,421	106,259	611,173
Average Monthly Child Recipients	141,342	719,893	79,821	550,242
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	392,897	1,825,865	273,786	1,686,146
Percent of Population	19.5%	15.9%	18.7%	14.7%
Net Expenditures	\$322,718,476	\$1,603,760,076	\$200,610,439	\$1,329,422,597
Average Annual FS Payment per Recipient	\$821	\$878	\$733	\$788

Ohio Works First (OWF)

Ohio Works First (OWF) is the financial-assistance portion of the state's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which provides cash benefits to needy families for up to 36 months.

35 out of every 1,000 residents in Appalachian Counties received cash benefits through OWF during CY 2008.

Cash Assistance (CA)	CY 2008		CY 2007	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	8,596	44,998	4,728	40,496
Average Monthly Child Recipients	24,440	132,601	15,052	127,124
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	70,240	368,211	43,547	340,861
Percent of Population	3.5%	3.2%	3.0%	3.0%
Net Expenditures	\$61,001,874	\$328,588,993	\$36,360,000	\$306,467,349
Average Annual CA Payment per Recipient	\$868	\$892	\$835	\$899

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Child Safety and Care/Placement*

The Appalachian Counties Public Children Services Agency administers local adoption assistance, foster care services, and child welfare intervention programs. The agency strives to reunify children with their families when possible, or find other permanent living arrangements for them when they cannot safely return home.

	CY 2008	
	Appalachian Counties	State
Reports and Investigations - Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases	12,474	86,072

	FFY 2008	
	Appalachian Counties	State
Children Entering Custody	1,229	8,279
Children Reentering Custody	195	1,261
Number of Children Reunified	737	4,678
Number of Children Reunified within 12 Months	587	3,206
Percent of Child Reunifications <12 Months	79.6%	68.5%

	2008 (Snapshot Date 9/30/2008)		2007 (Snapshot Date 9/30/2007)	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Children in Licensed/Certified Foster Homes	1,540	9,057	1,087	8,894
Children in Permanent Custody	737	5,200	517	5,435

	CY 2008		CY 2007	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Number of Child Deaths	15	74	10	90
Number of Child Deaths in Substitute Care	3	22	6	16

Adoption*

Ohio counties provide a comprehensive scope of services to birth parents, adoptive parents, and adoptive children, particularly those children who have been in foster care.

	FFY 2008	
	Appalachian Counties	State
Number of Children Adopted	203	1,390
Adoptions Completed within 24 Months	56	426

*The above data, used for Federal reporting purposes, represents member counts, not unduplicated counts.

Kinship Permanency Incentive

KPI provides time-limited incentive payments to relatives caring for minor children who would be at risk of harm if they remained in their own homes.

	CY 2008		CY 2007	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Number of Children Approved for Initial KPI Payments*	533	3,074	271	2,586

*Unduplicated count of initial case approvals.

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Child Care

Ohio counties provide child care services and early learning opportunities that families need to succeed at work and at school. Through state and federal funding, families whose income is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guideline can receive payment for all or part of their monthly child care expenses while parents work or attend job training. A family may remain eligible until income increases to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

Children Served	CY 2008		CY 2007	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Number of Children Using Publicly Funded Child Care (Unduplicated Count)	28,221	198,244	18,562	191,172
Public Funds Used for Child Care Expenditures	\$60,164,165	\$558,762,587	\$35,802,737	\$512,179,646
Annual Average Expenditure per Child	\$2,132	\$2,819	\$1,929	\$2,679

Providers

Number of Licensed Child Care Centers*	539	3,683	377	3,597
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*Includes licensed full-time, part-time, Head Start, school-based and combination centers with 7 or more children

"Step Up To Quality" Program

Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is Ohio's voluntary quality rating system for child care programs. SUTQ is designed to increase the number of high-quality programs, recognize and support programs that achieve higher quality standards, and provide parents with an easy-to-use tool to assist them in making more informed choices on behalf of their children. Programs with the highest ratings qualify for monetary awards.

The number of Licensed Child Care Centers Earning Quality Ratings as of June 30, 2009: **149**

For additional information about child care services, Step Up to Quality (SUTQ), or to search for child care in your area, go to: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/childcare.stm>

Adult Protective Services (APS)

County Departments of Job and Family Services provide Adult Protective Services to the elderly who are in danger of harm, unable to protect themselves, and/or have no one to assist them.

	CY 2008		CY 2007	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Adult Cases	3,659	17,351	2,354	16,805
Cases Deemed Emergencies	352	1,215	240	1,214
Cases in Need of Protective Services	1,640	7,469	1,134	7,538
Cases Where Protective Services Not Available	21	68	30	127
Expenditures	\$3,125,473	\$21,095,720	\$1,842,431	\$19,956,788

*CY 2007 data was revised in CY 2009 to reflect updated source data.

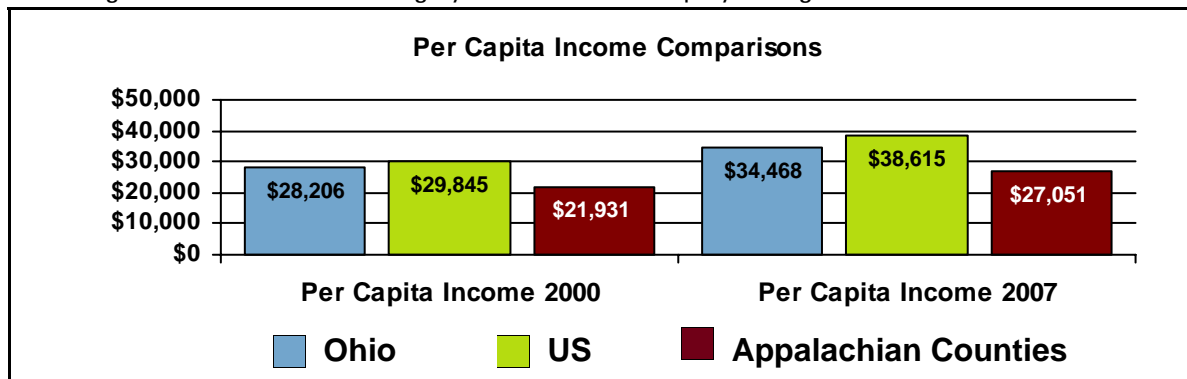
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Income

The per capita income of a region provides a good barometer of its economic health. Over the last decade, per capita income growth in Ohio has been highly correlated with employment growth.



Labor Force and Employment

The size of a county's labor force is an indication of economic health. It is influenced by both the economy and the size and composition of the population.

	CY 2008			CY 2007		
	Appalachian Counties	State	U.S.	Appalachian Counties	State	U.S.
Labor Force	981,100	5,971,900	154,287,000	712,600	5,976,500	153,124,000
Employment	910,400	5,582,100	145,362,000	667,700	5,640,100	146,047,000
Unemployment	70,700	389,700	8,924,000	44,500	336,400	7,078,000
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.5	5.8	6.2	5.6	4.6
1st UC Benefit Payments	62,077	357,192	N/A	37,148	278,006	N/A
Total UC Benefits Issued	\$269,791,556	\$1,586,561,241	N/A	\$154,280,952	\$1,206,523,647	N/A
Average Weekly Benefit	\$0	\$303	N/A	\$0	\$290	N/A
UC Duration	0.0	14.9	N/A	0.0	15.2	N/A

Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN)

WARN provides protection to workers, their families and communities by requiring employers to provide notification 60 calendar days in advance of plant closings and mass layoffs.

	CY 2008		CY 2007	
	County	State	County	State
Employer WARN Notices	18	165	9	103
WARN Employees Affected	3,924	27,417	1,147	15,119

Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA)

5,766 Appalachian Counties residents, during FFY 2008, participated in the Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) program, which provides unemployed job seekers with services that promote quicker re-entry into the workforce.

*To learn more about Labor Market and Employment information, go to:

<http://lmi.state.oh.us/asp/laus/vbLAUS.htm>

Commuting to Work

Metropolitan areas tend to draw the most commuters from their own and neighboring counties. The net commuter flow is the difference between the number of people commuting into a county for work and the number of people commuting out of the county for work. According to the 2000 census:

-32.70% / net commuter flow

25.3 minutes average commute time

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Workforce Investment Act

The federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is a federally funded program that assists employers in obtaining skilled and productive employees; expands the available pool of skilled workers whose skills match current job opportunities; and measures program achievements in terms of customer outcomes and increased local accountability. Ohio has 31 comprehensive, full-service One-Stop sites, and 59 satellite sites throughout 20 local workforce development areas, with at least one site in every Ohio county. The following data is from Ohio's Annual Report for Program Year 2007:

Adult Program	Appalachian Counties	State
Total Participants	2,619	18,863
Total Exitters	1,090	8,564
Entered Employment		
Exitters	622	6,107
Employed in Q1 After Exit	513	4,794
Employment Rate	82.5%	78.5%
Employment Retention		
Exitters	879	7,436
Employed in Q1, Q2, Q3 After Exit	803	6,413
Retention Rate	91.4%	86.2%
Earnings		
Exitters	515	3,715
Post-Program Earnings after Exit	\$8,228,783	\$55,875,189
Average Earnings	\$15,978	\$15,040
Dislocated Workers		
Total Participants	1,388	9,228
Total Exitters	551	3,608
Entered Employment		
Exitters	471	3,618
Employed after Exit	430	3,154
Employment Rate	91.3%	87.2%
Employment Retention		
Exitters	567	3,331
Employed after Exit	526	3,079
Retention Rate	92.8%	92.4%
Earnings		
Exitters	399	2,269
Post-Dislocation Earnings Q2 + Q3 After Exit	\$6,515,379	\$39,595,670
Average Earnings	\$16,329	\$17,451

Youth Programs	Appalachian Counties	State
In-School Youth		
Total Participants	1,519	8,013
Total Exitters	486	2,592
Out-of-School Youth		
Total Participants	616	3,885
Exitters	205	1,488
Total Youth		
Total Participants	2,135	11,898
Total Youth Exitters	691	4,080
Placement in Employment or Education Exitters	479	3,616
Attainment of Employment or Education by Q1 after Exit	305	2,262
Placement in Employment or Education Rate	63.7%	62.6%
Diploma or Equivalent		
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Exitters	577	4,162
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma By Q3 after Exit	352	2,244
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Rate	61.0%	53.9%
Literacy/Numeracy		
Literacy/Numeracy Gains Exitters	74	882
Increased Educational Functioning Level	26	328
Literacy/ Numeracy Gains Rate	35.1%	37.2%

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Medical Assistance

Ohio offers a variety of assistance programs to give those with limited resources access to basic medical care. The most comprehensive of these is Medicaid, the federally funded, state-administered program that reimburses doctors and health-care facilities for providing services to eligible individuals with low income.

Health Care Statistics

In Appalachian Counties:

- 97.4% of hospital visits occurred outside the county (2008)
- 47.4% of all births were paid by Medicaid (2007)
- 56.0% of mothers receiving Medicaid had two or more risk factors for poor birth outcomes (2007)

Medicaid Enrollment and Expenditures

Medicaid is the state and federally funded program that pays for health care services for eligible low-income people of all ages, including children, pregnant women, families, older adults and Ohioans with disabilities. Medicaid services are delivered via contracted health care providers, ensuring that Medicaid consumers get access to needed services, such as physician visits, hospital inpatient care, prescription drugs and home health services.

	Appalachian Counties		SFY 2008	
				State
Residents Enrolled in Medicaid*	389,895	19.3%	1,789,934	15.6%
Children Enrolled in Medicaid*	194,707	41.8%	958,118	34.8%
Annual Medicaid Expenditures**	\$2,518,171,184	N/A	\$11,962,683,659	N/A
Average Annual Medicaid Cost/Eligible	\$6,548	N/A	\$6,770	N/A

*Data is point-in-time, not cumulative.

**Expenditures reflect payments made directly to providers as well as capitation payments to HMOs.

Nursing Facilities/Residential Care

	Appalachian Counties		Appalachian Counties	
		State		State
Nursing Homes*	211	961		
Residential Care Facilities**	95	583		
Medicaid Eligibles Living in Nursing Facilities	11,474	51,917	8,113	53,579
Total Expenditures	\$690,781,956	\$3,090,753,003	\$417,583,603	\$3,093,825,746

*Total includes state-licensed and Medicaid-certified facilities. Data is point in time, as of 6/24/2009.

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Alternatives to Nursing Facilities (Waiver Programs)

Waiver programs allow people on Medicaid with disabilities to receive care in their homes and communities instead of in nursing homes. The following chart lists the waiver programs available in Ohio for CY 2007 and CY 2008, and the number of Appalachian Counties residents participating in them.

Unduplicated Number of Residents Receiving Services Waiver Type	CY 2008		CY 2007	
	Appalachian Counties	State	Appalachian Counties	State
Choices - Age 60 or older	249	462	168	362
PASSPORT - Pre-admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today - Age 60 or older	8,760	34,419	8,585	33,334
Assisted Living - Age 21 or older	365	1,209	149	405
Individual Options Waiver - Available to all ages	2,063	14,675	1,857	13,135
Level One Waiver - Available to all ages with an ICF/MR Level of Care	718	6,210	542	5,306
Ohio Home Care - Age 59 or younger	2,458	8,907	2,714	9,697
Transitions - Age 60 or older	775	3,213	773	3,184
Transitions Carve Out - All ages	478	1,766	396	1,575

For more Medicaid Information on Appalachian Counties, go to:

http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/reports/documents/OMR_SF2006.pdf