



**Ohio**

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# 2009 Athens County Profile

Statistical and Demographic Data

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### County Overview

Through its partnerships with community organizations and state and federal government agencies, Athens County provides a number of services to families and individuals in need of assistance. These services range from food stamps, cash assistance, and child care subsidies to child support enforcement, job training, and access to medical care.

#### 2008 Census Poverty Levels as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level\*

	County	Ohio	U.S.
<18 Years of Age in Poverty	30.2%	18.5%	18.2%
All Ages in Poverty	29.6%	13.3%	13.2%

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

Population	2009 Census Population	63,026	2000 Census Population	62,223	
		Population		% of Total Population	
Age Census (2009)		County	State	County	State
Age 0-17		10,246	2,714,341	16.3%	23.5%
Age 65 and Older		7,298	1,832,736	11.6%	15.9%
Median Age (2006-2008)*		25.7	37.9		
Average Household Size (2006-2008)*		2.42	2.48		

\*Data was not available for the following 6 Ohio counties: Harrison, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Paulding, and Vinton. The data provided on these 6 counties is from the 2000 Census.

	2008-2009		2007-2008	
High School Graduation Rate	93.1%	83.0%	88.5%	84.6%
High School Honors Graduation Rate	22.2%	18.7%	20.1%	18.0%

#### Vital Statistics

	CY 2008			
	County	County Rate per 1,000	State	State Rate per 1,000
All Births	532	8.4	148,592	12.9
Teen Births:				
<15 Years of Age	0	0.0	201	0.5
15-17 Years of Age	14	15.8	4,717	19.7
18-19 Years of Age	54	15.4	11,467	73.7

  

2007				
Marriages	373	6.0	70,704	6.2
Divorces	203	3.3	39,305	3.4

#### Dependency Rate

	2008		2007	
	County	State	County	State
Rate of Dependency on Income Supports*	24.1%	18.2%	23.6%	17.6%
County Rank	27 of 88	N/A	27 of 88	N/A

\*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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### Jobs

#### 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.

Per Capita Income Comparisons	County	Ohio	U.S.
Per Capita Income 2000	\$17,873	\$28,206	\$29,845
Per Capita Income 2008	\$24,957	\$35,889	\$40,166

#### 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 2009			CY 2008		
	County	State	U.S.	County	State	U.S.
Labor Force	31,600	5,970,200	154,142,000	30,500	5,984,900	154,287,000
Employment	28,900	5,359,000	139,877,000	28,500	5,592,200	145,362,000
Unemployment	2,700	611,200	14,265,000	2,000	392,700	8,924,000
Unemployment Rate	8.6	10.2	9.3	6.6	6.6	5.8
1st UC Benefit Payments	1,080	503,921	N/A	1,003	357,192	N/A
Total UC Benefits Issued	\$6,871,523	\$3,164,939,681	N/A	\$4,878,638	\$1,586,561,241	N/A
Average Weekly Benefit	\$292	\$321	N/A	\$277	\$303	N/A
UC Duration	20.7	19.9	N/A	17.2	14.9	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 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Employer WARN Notices	0	197	0	165
WARN Employees Affected	0	31,550	0	27,417

#### Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA)

134 Athens County residents, during FFY 2009, 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.

In Athens County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, **16.8%** of workers who are at least 16 years of age commute to jobs that are outside their county of residence. An average commute time is **20.0** minutes.

\*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A"

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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 2008:

<b>Adult Programs</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
Total Participants	123	18,918
Total Exiters	52	7,711
Entered Employment Rate	85.7%	75.3%
Retention Rate	85.2%	84.4%
Average Earnings	\$10,679	\$15,324

<b>Dislocated Worker Programs</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
Total Participants	79	14,765
Total Exiters	45	3,796
Entered Employment Rate	94.5%	84.9%
Retention Rate	87.2%	90.2%
Average Earnings	\$14,789	\$17,697

<b>Youth Programs</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
Total Participants	134	12,220
Total Exiters	51	3,759
Placement in Employment or Education Rate	61.5%	64.3%
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Rate	63.0%	57.9%
Literacy/ Numeracy Gains Rate	56.3%	42.7%

\*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A"

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### Family Services

#### Child Support

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

\$6,023,192 in IV-D child support was collected by the county during 2009.

Child Support Cases	FFY 2009		FFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Cases	4,426	985,863	4,434	978,385
Paternity Establishment Rate*	99.6%	93.6%	97.4%	91.6%
Cases with Support Orders	3,775	754,903	3,727	739,995
Percentage of Cases with Support Orders	85.3%	76.6%	84.1%	75.6%
Collection Rate on Current Support Due	62.6%	67.4%	64.1%	68.8%
Rate of Cases Paying on Arrears	61.7%	66.5%	62.6%	68.2%

\*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 Assistance	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	5,813	843,420	5,031	672,065
Average Monthly Child Recipients	3,601	691,148	3,254	587,273
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	12,995	2,142,502	11,877	1,825,865
Percent of Population	20.6%	18.6%	18.8%	15.8%
Net Expenditures	\$14,091,911	\$2,367,566,809	\$9,950,134	\$1,603,760,076
Average Annual FA Payment per Recipient	\$1,084	\$1,105	\$838	\$878

#### 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.

61 out of every 1,000 residents in Athens County received cash benefits through OWF during CY 2009.

Cash Assistance (CA)	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	700	59,600	640	44,998
Average Monthly Child Recipients	1,168	154,499	1,086	132,601
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	3,839	429,404	3,653	368,211
Percent of Population	6.1%	3.7%	5.8%	3.0%
Net Expenditures	\$3,390,115	\$410,769,562	\$2,945,509	\$328,588,993
Average Annual CA Payment per Recipient	\$883	\$957	\$806	\$892

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#### Child Safety and Care/Placement\*

The Athens County 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.

	FFY 2009	
	County	State
Reports and Investigations - Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases	425	79,906
Number of Maltreatment Cases	144	15,358
Percentage of Children with No Recurrence of Maltreatment	90.3%	92.7%

	FFY 2009		FFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Children Entering Custody	48	7,743	45	8,279
Children Reentering Custody	12	952	7	1,261
Number of Children Reunified	34	5,847	38	4,678
Number of Children Reunified within 12 Months	32	4,008	33	3,206
Percent of Child Reunifications <12 Months*	94.1%	68.5%	86.8%	68.5%

	2009 (Snapshot Date 9/30/2009)		2008 (Snapshot Date 9/30/2008)	
	County	State	County	State
Children in Licensed/Certified Foster Homes	70	8,161	66	9,057
Children in Permanent Custody	53	4,907	34	5,200

	FFY 2009		FFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Child Deaths	0	91	0	74
Number of Child Deaths in Substitute Care	0	14	0	22

#### 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 2009		FFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Adopted	11	1,452	10	1,390
Adoptions Completed within 24 Months	4	497	2	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.

(Unduplicated Counts)	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Children Approved for Initial KPI Funding	2	2,586	5	3,074
Children Receiving KPI Payments Redeterminations	19	5,366	19	3,705
Total Number of Children Receiving KPI Payments	21	7,952	24	6,779

\*Blank Field = N/A

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#### Child Care

Ohio counties provide child care services and early learning opportunities that families need to succeed at work and 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/educational activities. A family may remain eligible until income increases to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

Children Served	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Using Publicly Funded Child Care (Unduplicated Count)	502	192,697	557	198,244
Public Funds Used for Child Care Expenditures	\$1,058,732	\$569,657,458	\$1,087,589	\$558,762,587
Annual Average Expenditure per Child	\$2,109	\$2,956	\$1,953	\$2,819

#### Providers

Number of Licensed Child Care Centers*	16	4,483	15	3,683
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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, 2010: 6

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 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Adult Cases	67	16,208	51	17,351
Cases Deemed Emergencies	1	802	0	1,215
Cases in Need of Protective Services	65	6,967	46	7,469
Cases Where Protective Services Not Available	0	84	1	68

	SFY 2009		SFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Expenditures*	\$142,966	\$21,435,882	\$162,869	\$21,095,720

\*APS funds are allocated at the beginning of the SFY (State Fiscal Year), July 1st to June 30th.

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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 Athens County:

- 45.4%** of hospital visits occurred outside the county (2009)
- 50.3%** of all births were paid by Medicaid (2007)
- 54.5%** 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.

	<u>SFY 2009</u>	
	County	State
<b>Residents Enrolled in Medicaid (Unduplicated Count)</b>	14,356	2,407,572
<b>Average Members per Year*</b>	11,291	1,883,288
<b>Percent of Members Enrolled**</b>	22.7%	21.0%
<b>Residents Enrolled in Medicaid (Ages 0-17 Yrs Unduplicated Count)</b>	6,207	1,218,390
<b>Average Members per Year (Ages 0-17 Yrs.)***</b>	4,985	982,283
<b>Percent of Members Enrolled (Ages 0-17 Yrs.) ****</b>	59.0%	44.6%
<b>Annual Medicaid Expenditures <sup>+</sup></b>	\$78,710,139	\$13,162,469,167
<b>Total Cost of Coverage per Member per Year</b>	\$6,971	\$6,989

\*Average Members per Year = Member Months/12

\*\*Percent of Members Enrolled = Members/Population Enrolled

\*\*\*Average Members per Year (Ages 0-17 Yrs.) = Member Months/12

\*\*\*\*Percent of Members Enrolled (Ages 0-17 Yrs.) = Members (Ages 0-17 Yrs.)/Population Enrolled (Ages 0-17 Yrs.)

<sup>+</sup> Expenditures reflect payments made directly to providers as well as capitation payments to HMOs.

#### Nursing Facilities/Residential Care

	<u>CY 2009</u>		<u>CY 2008</u>	
	County	State	County	State
<b>Nursing Homes*</b>	4	959	4	961
<b>Residential Care Facilities**</b>	1	593	1	583
<b>Medicaid Eligibles Living in Nursing Facilities</b>	191	49,088	190	51,917
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$10,619,761	\$2,946,913,921	\$9,401,179	\$3,090,753,003

\*Total includes state-licensed and Medicaid-certified facilities. Data is point in time, as of 3/31/2010.

\*\*Data is point in time, as of 4/14/2010.

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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 2008 and CY 2009, and the number of Athens County residents participating in them.

Unduplicated Number of Residents Receiving Services Waiver Type	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
<b>Choices</b> - Age 60 or older	11	601	8	462
<b>PASSPORT</b> - Pre-admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today - Age 60 or older	210	35,372	226	34,419
<b>Assisted living</b> - Age 21 or older	1	2,322	0	1,209
<b>Individual Options Waiver</b> - Available to all ages	81	15,939	74	14,675
<b>Level One Waiver</b> - Available to all ages with an ICF/MR Level of Care	43	8,004	34	6,210
<b>Ohio Home Care</b> - Age 59 or younger	91	9,751	91	8,907
<b>Transitions</b> - Age 60 or older	16	3,066	17	3,213
<b>Transitions Carve Out</b> - All ages	31	1,910	25	1,766

For more Medicaid Information on Athens County, go to:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/reports/>