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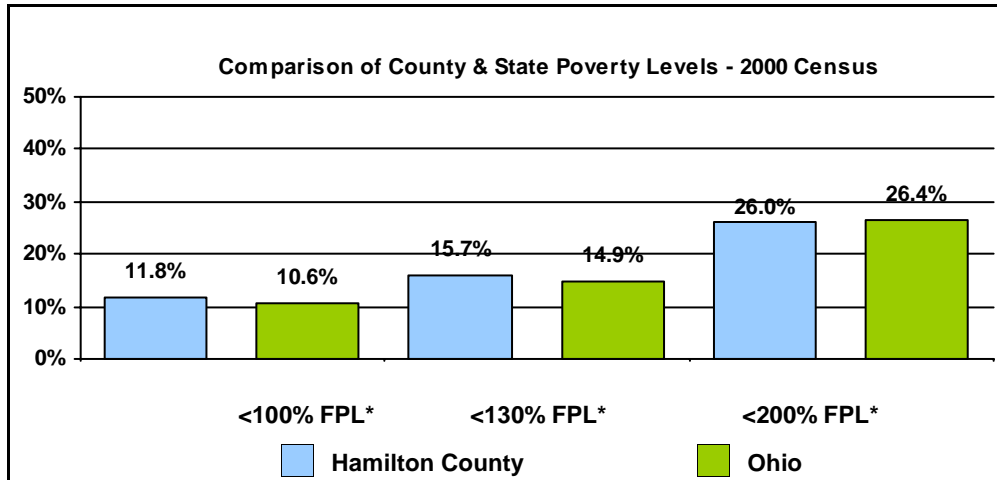
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Job and Family Services Profile

County Overview

Through its partnerships with community organizations and state and federal government agencies, Hamilton 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.



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

Population	2007 Census Population	842,369	2000 Census Population	845,273
	Population		% of Total Population	
Age Census (2006)	County	State	County	State
Age 0-19	229,869	3,082,492	27.9%	26.9%
Age 60 and Older	146,323	2,051,874	17.8%	17.9%
Median Age (2000)	35.5	36.2		
Average Household Size (2000)	2.38	2.49		
High School Graduation Rate (2005-2006)	86.6%	86.1%		
High School Honors Graduation Rate (2005-2006)	17.0%	17.8%		

Vital Statistics	2006			
	County	County Rate per 1,000	State	State Rate per 1,000
All Births	11,724	14.3	150,510	13.1
Teen Births:				
<15 Years of Age	30	1.1	238	0.6
15-17 Years of Age	469	26.6	4,764	19.8
18-19 Years of Age	922	81.3	10,835	68.9
Marriages	4,760	5.9	72,833	6.4
Divorces	2,334	2.9	40,314	3.5

Dependency Rate	County	State
Rate of Dependency on Income Supports* (2005)	14.1%	17.1%
County Rank	78 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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Child Support

The Hamilton County Child Support Enforcement Agencies establish paternities and obtains, enforces, and collects child support funds for children.

\$132,616,870 in IV-D child support was collected by the county during 2007.

Child Support Cases	FFY 2007		FFY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Cases	84,868	979,749	90,882	956,491
Paternity Establishment Rate*	76.7%	87.9%	78.4%	89.9%
Cases with Support Orders	58,147	723,521	57,748	701,380
Percentage of Cases with Support Orders	68.5%	73.8%	63.5%	73.3%
Collection Rate on Current Support Due	65.6%	68.9%	65.9%	69.1%
Rate of Cases Paying on Arrears	64.3%	67.1%	64.6%	67.3%

*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 Stamps (FS)

The federal Food Stamp Program helps families pay for food, targeting those families whose gross monthly income is within 130 percent of the federal poverty guideline. Half of all recipients are children, and 65 percent live in single-parent households.

Food Stamps	CY 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	38,083	611,173	36,801	589,300
Average Monthly Child Recipients	40,852	550,242	40,323	537,920
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	112,362	1,686,146	110,304	1,635,591
Percent of Population	13.3%	14.7%	13.0%	14.3%
Net Expenditures	\$94,117,792	\$1,329,422,597	\$90,005,478	\$1,273,752,532
Average Annual FS Payment per Recipient	\$838	\$788	\$816	\$779

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.

40 out of every 1,000 residents in Hamilton County received cash benefits through OWF during CY 2007.

Cash Assistance (CA)	CY 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	4,004	40,496	3,983	43,369
Average Monthly Child Recipients	13,165	127,124	13,062	131,949
Total # of Recipients(Annual Unduplicated)	33,864	340,861	35,429	354,866
Percent of Population	4.0%	3.0%	4.2%	3.1%
Net Expenditures	\$30,837,872	\$306,467,349	\$30,512,190	\$317,628,259
Average Annual CA Payment per Recipient	\$911	\$899	\$861	\$895

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Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) and TANF Support Services

The PRC program is the part of Ohio's TANF program designed to provide job training, employment assistance, and work support services to help parents find and maintain employment.

PRC/TANF Service Category	CY 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Training, Employment and Career Advancement	\$6,736,434	\$46,509,880	\$7,991,339	\$42,733,492
Help Me Grow	\$3,058,768	\$38,453,319	\$3,332,858	\$38,200,855
Short-Term Basic Needs	\$591,760	\$31,469,757	\$456,822	\$28,935,686
Child Welfare and Family Support	\$869,005	\$24,152,026	\$1,298,781	\$28,040,775
Youth Education and Support	\$27,763	\$17,706,397	\$58,550	\$16,231,783
Transportation	\$1,000	\$12,687,131	\$4,643	\$11,995,067
After School Program (Student Intervention Project)	\$314,409	\$3,795,558	\$63,417	\$1,587,378
Out-of-wedlock Pregnancy Prevention	\$0	\$3,553,326	\$0	\$4,379,912
Community and Economic Development	\$0	\$2,258,970	\$0	\$1,632,660
Domestic Violence	\$0	\$1,454,792	\$500	\$1,329,610
Disaster Assistance	\$0	\$562,580	\$500	\$485,368
TOTAL PRC Expenditures	\$11,599,140	\$182,603,737	\$13,207,409	\$175,552,585

To find out more about the county's PRC program, go to:

<http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/owf/prc/county/countytable.stm>

Help Me Grow

Ohio's Help Me Grow (HMG) program is designed to promote the health, learning, and development of children up to age 3. It offers welcome home visits to parents of newborns, health screenings, developmental information, and early intervention to identify developmental delays.

# At Risk Children	# Completed Newborn Home Visits	SFY 2006	
		# Referred for Ongoing HMG Services	% Referred for Ongoing HMG Services
1,870	3,857	49	1.3%

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Child Safety and Care/Placement

The Hamilton 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.

	CY 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Reports and Investigations - Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases	6,862	81,371	6,559	76,167
Number of Children Reunified	369	6,746	442	9,315
Number of Children Reunified within 12 Months	232	5,001	298	7,138
Percent of Child Reunifications <12 Months	62.9%	74.1%	67.4%	76.6%

	CY 2007		
	County	State	
Children in Licensed/Certified Foster Homes	743	8,894	
Children Entering Custody	729	11,148	
Children Reentering Custody	57	1,283	
Children in Permanent Custody	600	5,435	
Number of Child Deaths	5	90	
Number of Child Deaths in Substitute Care	1	16	

		CY 2006	
		County	State
Homes/Institutions Average Monthly # Children		104	6,461
Homes/Institutions Total Annual Expenditures		\$986,214	\$74,381,463
Annual Unduplicated Number of Children in Care/Placement*		1,922	28,569

*Number of children in care/placement is calculated by counting the number of children in the care/placement of public agencies on January 1 of the reporting year, plus the unduplicated number of children who entered care/placement during the year. Any child who was in care/placement, even for a single day, was counted. Even if a child re-entered care/placement during the year, they were only counted once. The source data is from FACSIS, which may include children in the care of Juvenile Court.

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.

	CY 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Adopted	135	1,661	83	1,829
Adoptions Completed within 24 Months	34	581	21	609

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 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Receiving KPI Payments	387	4,364	152	1,778

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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 185 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.

The state's Early Learning Initiative (ELI), which was implemented in 2006, gives low-income children the kinds of social and educational experiences they need to be ready for kindergarten.

Children Served	CY 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Using Publicly Funded Child Care (Unduplicated Count)	23,592	191,172	22,643	185,059
Public Funds Used for Child Care Expenditures	\$76,036,644	\$512,179,646	\$64,955,625	\$460,727,131
Annual Average Expenditure per Child	\$3,223	\$2,679	\$2,869	\$2,490
Children Enrolled in Early Learning Initiative Programs (ELI)	784	15,318	824	13,280

Providers

Number of Licensed Child Care Centers	309	3,597	304	3,433
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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, 2007: 50

For additional information about child care services, including the Early Learning Initiative (ELI), 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 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Adult Cases	708	16,650	804	16,427
Cases Deemed Emergencies	18	1,210	30	943
Cases in Need of Protective Services	355	7,484	382	7,629
Cases Where Protective Services Not Available	0	125	1	119
Expenditures	\$1,895,985	\$19,956,788	\$1,919,920	\$17,734,395

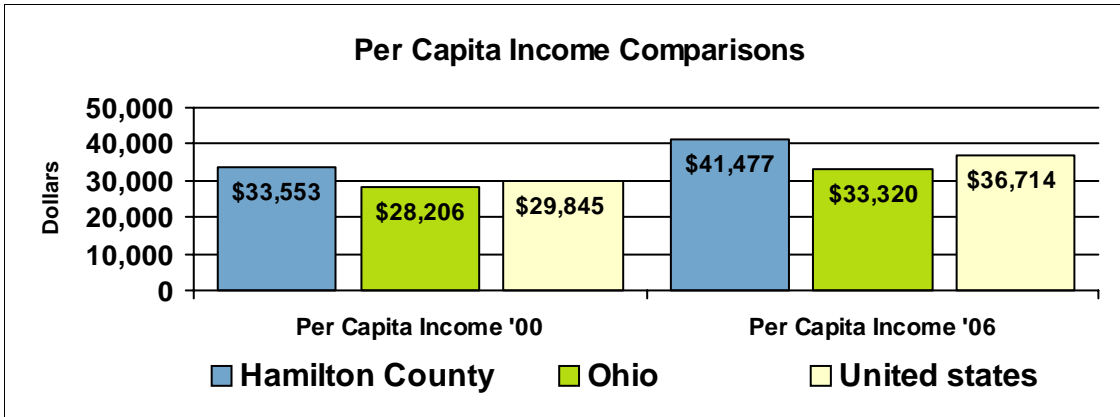
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Income

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 2007			CY 2006		
	County	State	U.S.	County	State	U.S.
Labor Force	431,200	5,976,500	153,124,000	423,500	5,934,000	151,428,000
Employment	409,400	5,640,100	146,047,000	402,200	5,609,100	144,427,000
Unemployment	21,700	336,400	7,078,000	21,300	324,900	7,001,000
Unemployment Rate	5	5.6	4.6	5.0	5.5	4.6
1st UC Benefit Payments	12,987	278,006	N/A	13,460	275,431	N/A
Total UC Benefits Issued	\$58,140,130	\$1,206,523,647	N/A	\$60,478,046	\$1,177,610,230	N/A
Average Weekly Benefit	\$265	\$290	N/A	\$263	\$287	N/A
UC Duration	16.4	15.2	N/A	16.3	15.0	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. WARN also provides for notice to State dislocation worker units so that dislocated worker assistance can be promptly provided. During calendar year 2007:

Number of Employer WARN Notices 4 **Number of Employees Affected** 323

Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA)

887 Hamilton County residents, during FFY 2007, through their local One-Stop Centers, 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 find out more about Labor Market and Employment information, go to:
<http://www.ohioworkforceinformer.org/>

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:

49.40% / net commuter flow

23.0 minutes average commute time

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Workforce Investment Act

The federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) provides federal funds to states for job training and employment services. Ohio has a network of offices and 91 One-Stop Centers that provide free job training and other employment services to Ohioans looking for work. One-Stop Centers also provide services to employers looking to hire workers. The goal is to increase employment, job retention, earnings, and occupational skills. The following data is from Ohio's Annual Report for Program Year 2007:

Adult Program	County	State
Total Participants	2,370	18,863
Total Exiters	1,371	8,564
Entered Employment		
Exiters	856	6,107
Employed in Q1 After Exit	661	4,794
Employment Rate	77.2%	78.5%
Employment Retention		
Exiters	819	7,436
Employed in Q1, Q2, Q3 After Exit	687	6,413
Retention Rate	83.9%	86.2%
Earnings		
Exiters	384	3,715
Post-Program Earnings after Exit	\$5,779,397	\$55,875,189
Average Earnings	\$15,051	\$15,040
Dislocated Workers		
Total Participants	1,174	9,228
Total Exiters	426	3,608
Entered Employment		
Exiters	338	3,618
Employed after Exit	276	3,154
Employment Rate	81.7%	87.2%
Employment Retention		
Exiters	243	3,331
Employed after Exit	213	3,079
Retention Rate	87.7%	92.4%
Earnings		
Exiters	160	2,269
Post-Dislocation Earnings Q2 + Q3 After Exit	\$3,083,262	\$39,595,670
Average Earnings	\$19,270	\$17,451

Youth Programs	County	State
In-School Youth		
Total Participants	289	8,013
Total Exiters	121	2,592
Out-of-School Youth		
Total Participants	202	3,885
Exiters	140	1,488
Total Youth		
Total Participants	491	11,898
Total Youth Exiters	261	4,080
Placement in Employment or Education Exiters	174	3,616
Attainment of Employment or Education by Q1 after Exit	152	2,262
Placement in Employment or Education Rate	87.4%	62.6%
Diploma or Equivalent		
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Exiters	190	4,162
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma By Q3 after Exit	108	2,244
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Rate	56.8%	53.9%
Literacy/Numeracy		
Literacy _Numeracy Gains Exiters	49	882
Increased Educational Functioning Level	18	328
Literacy/ Numeracy Gains Rate	36.7%	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 Hamilton County:

- 4.4% of hospital visits occurred outside the county (2007)
- 13.4% of all residents were enrolled in the Medicaid program (2007)
- 35.2% of all children were enrolled in the Medicaid program (2005)
- 28.9% of all births were paid by Medicaid (2005)
- N/A of mothers receiving Medicaid had two or more risk factors for poor birth outcomes (2005)

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>CY 2007</u>		<u>CY 2006</u>	
	County	State	County	State
Residents Enrolled in Medicaid*	112,499	1,651,697	115,357	1,682,053
Annual Medicaid Expenditures**	\$886,297,890	\$11,893,762,808	\$916,009,817	\$11,952,173,555
Average Annual Medicaid Cost/Eligible	\$7,878	\$7,201	\$7,941	\$7,106

*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

	<u>CY 2007</u>		<u>CY 2006</u>	
	County	State	County	State
Nursing Homes	73	933		
Residential Care Facilities	37	547		
Medicaid Eligibles Living in Nursing Facilities	3,707	53,579	3,802	54,353
Total Expenditures	\$234,610,306	\$3,093,825,746	\$252,075,297	\$3,156,021,772

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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 2006 and 2007, and the number of Hamilton County residents participating in them.

Unduplicated Number of Residents Receiving Services Waiver Type	CY 2007		CY 2006	
	County	State	County	State
Choices - Age 60 or older	0	362	0	269
PASSPORT - Pre-admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today - Age 60 or older	2,048	33,334	1,997	32,235
Assisted living - Age 21 or older	41	405	11	71
Individual Options Waiver - Available to all ages	1,149	13,135	1,001	12,082
Level One Waiver - Available to all ages with an ICF/MR Level of Care	649	5,306	622	4,812
Ohio Home Care - Age 59 or younger	327	9,697	342	9,579
Transitions - Age 60 or older	103	3,184	105	3,235
Transitions Carve Out - All ages	46	1,575	20	548

For more Medicaid Information on Hamilton County, go to:

http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/reports/documents/OMR_SFY2006.pdf