

Ohio African Americans



Ohio's African American community is comprised of more than 1.6 million people, accounting for 13.9 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2015 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's African American population has increased 17.5 percent since 2000. For the United States taken as a whole, the African American population is more than 44.6 million, accounting for 13.9 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the African American community in the U.S. has experienced an increase of more than 8.2 million persons, or 22.6 percent.

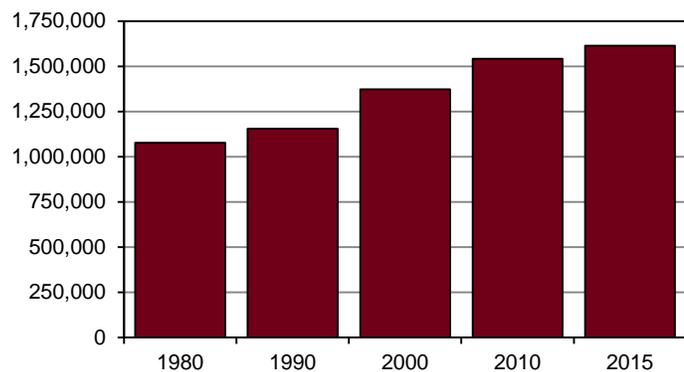
OVERVIEW

- o 1,613,348 people - 13.9 percent of Ohio's total population
- o 17.5 percent increase in population since 2000
- o 69,000 were born outside the U.S.
- o Median age of 33.6 years compared to 39.3 years for Ohioans taken as a whole
- o 278,000 enrolled in public schools
- o Median household income: \$29,608
- o 81,000+ African American-owned businesses with \$9.1 billion in receipts

Note: African American refers to a person reporting their race as African American alone or in combination with one or more other race for total population counts only. A person reporting their race as African American alone is used for the other population characteristics. The recording of specific, multiple races was not done prior to 2000.

Ohio's African American Population: 1,613,000

The African American community accounts for 13.9 percent of Ohio's population with steady growth occurring in recent years. Since 2000 the number of African Americans has increased by 17.5 percent. In 1980 there were more than 1,000,000 African Americans, comprising 10 percent of Ohio's total population.

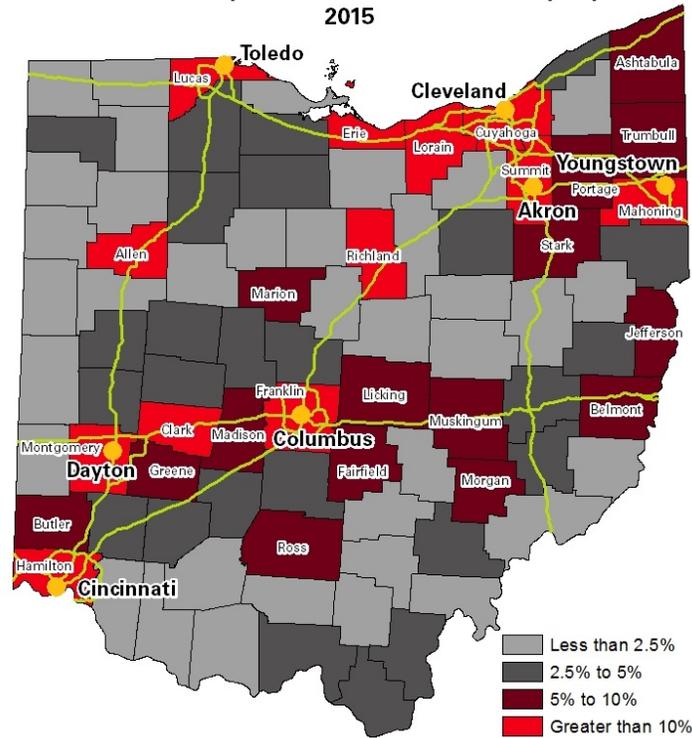


African American Population

African American Population by County: 2015			
Total African American Population		Percent of County Population	
Cuyahoga	398,494	Cuyahoga	31.7%
Franklin	307,194	Hamilton	27.8%
Hamilton	224,379	Franklin	24.5%
Montgomery	121,344	Montgomery	22.8%
Lucas	94,913	Lucas	21.9%
Summit	88,687	Mahoning	17.3%
Mahoning	40,171	Summit	16.4%
Butler	36,661	Allen	14.7%
Stark	35,953	Clark	11.6%
Lorain	33,133	Erie	11.6%
Trumbull	20,102	Richland	10.9%
Allen	15,326	Lorain	10.9%

The majority of African Americans in Ohio live in urban areas. Four out of every ten African Americans in the state live in the cities of Cincinnati, Cleveland, or Columbus. In Columbus there are 257,000 African American residents; in Cleveland there are 205,000; and in Cincinnati there are 133,000 African American residents. The Cleveland metropolitan area alone is home to more than one-quarter of Ohio's African American population.

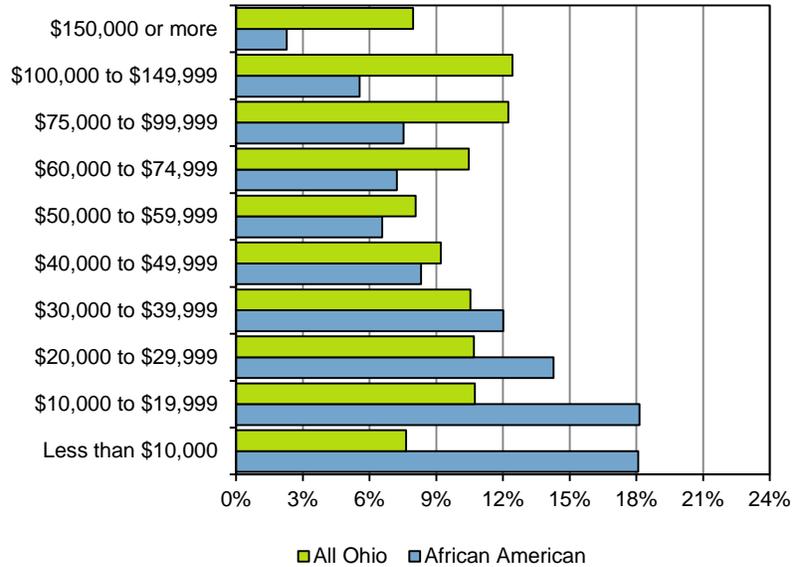
**African American Population as Percent of County Population:
2015**



Median Household Income: \$29,600

The income of African American Ohioans tends to be

lower than that of Ohioans taken as a whole. The median household income for African Americans is nearly \$29,600. For Ohio households overall, the median household income is more than \$51,000. A lack of full-time, year-round employment is one factor accounting for the lower income. Less than 35 percent of African American Ohioans aged 16 and older worked full-time over the previous year compared to 41 percent of Ohioans taken as a whole. The median earnings for African American Ohioans working less than full time is approximately \$8,500 compared to \$21,800 for African American workers employed full-time year-round.



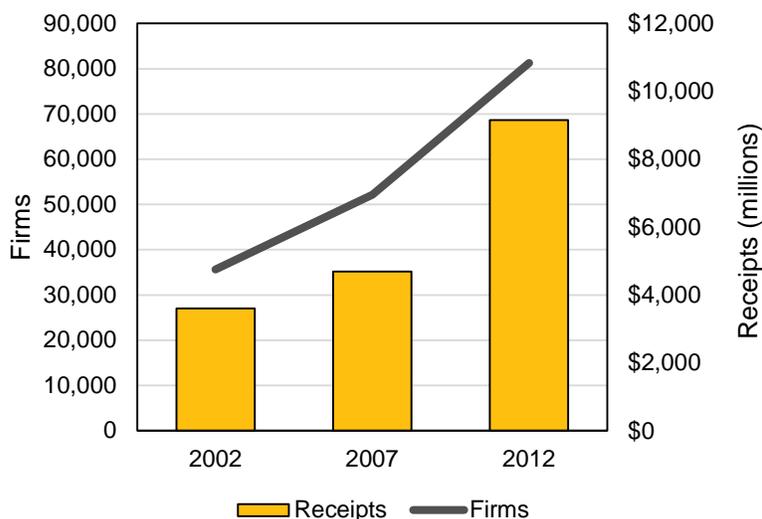
Household Income Distribution

Thirty-two percent of African Americans in Ohio live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 322,000 African American family households, 28 percent live below the poverty line. Around 41 percent these households have children younger than 5 years of age. Thirty-four percent of African American households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.

**Receipts:
\$9.1 billion**

There are over 81,000 African American-owned businesses in Ohio, according to the most recent Survey of Business Owners conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Of that number, businesses with a payroll total more than 3,300 and, combined, employ nearly 44,000 workers with an annual payroll of more than \$1.2 billion. Receipts for those businesses were more than \$7.6 billion with receipts for all African American-run businesses more than \$9.1 billion.

With respect to business sectors, health care/social assistance businesses represent the largest portion of African American-owned firms at 24 percent. Within the African American business community, this sector is two-and-a-half times larger than the proportion of Ohio businesses taken as a whole. Administrative/support/waste management services make up a significant proportion of firms accounting for more than 11 percent of all African American-owned businesses.



The distribution of receipts for African American-owned firms by sector is similar to that of Ohio firms overall. At the top of the list are wholesale trade and manufacturing accounting for 19 percent and 18 percent of receipts, respectively. Construction and health care/social assistance are also major contributors at 11 percent. For Ohio businesses overall, manufacturing brings in more than one-fourth of receipts and wholesale trade accounts for only 21 percent.

**Unemployment
Rate: 14.3%**

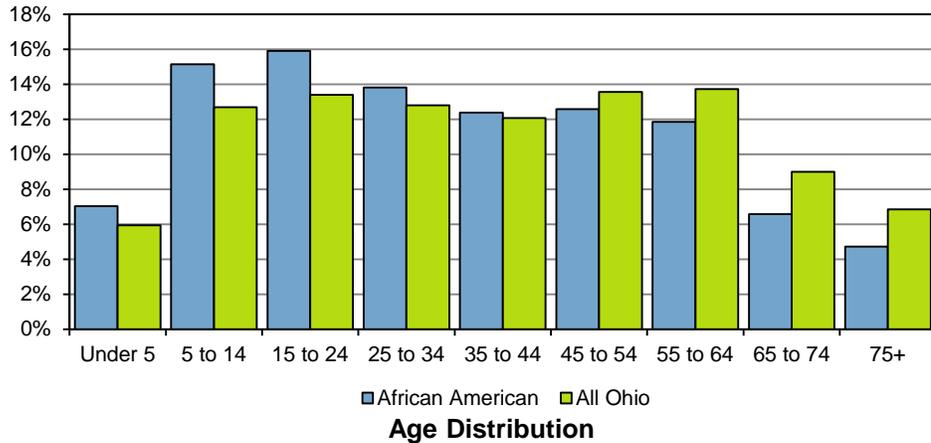
The number of African American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is over 664,000; the unemployment rate for African American Ohioans is 14.3 percent. African Americans in the labor force between the ages of 20 and 24 have an unemployment rate of 25.4 percent. For Ohio, as a whole, the same age group has an unemployment rate of 11.5 percent.

Employed African Americans are heavily represented in service occupations. Of the more than 569,000 employed African Americans in Ohio, 27 percent are in service occupations with 43,800 in food service and 34,700 in healthcare support occupations. By comparison, 17 percent of all Ohioans are in service occupations. Production/transportation/material moving occupations account for 18 percent with 48,700 African American Ohioans involved in production occupations alone.



**Median Age:
33.6 years**

The median age of African Americans in Ohio is 33.6 years. For comparison, the median age of Ohioans taken as a whole is 39.3 years.

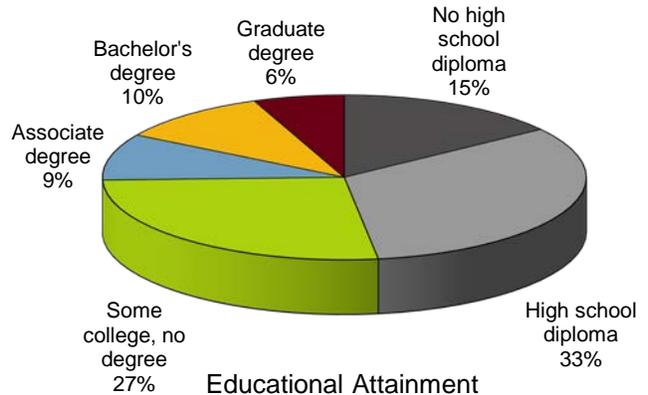


In Ohio, there are 124,700 marriages that include at least one African American spouse. Forty-five percent of these couples have children living at home. For married couples in Ohio taken as a whole, thirty-nine percent have children at home. Sixty-two percent of African American families with children younger than 18 living with them consist of single mothers.

**Public School Enrollment:
278,000**

For the 2015-2016 schoolyear, there were more than 278,000 African American

students enrolled in Ohio's public schools, making up 16.5 percent of Ohio's total student body. African American enrollment in public schools dropped 3.5 percent since the 2010-2011 schoolyear.



The educational attainment level of the African American community lags behind the state as a whole. Twenty-five percent of African American Ohioans have obtained a post-secondary degree compared to 35 percent for Ohioans taken as a whole. Correspondingly, almost 15 percent of African Americans do not have a high school diploma or equivalency compared to 10 percent for the state overall. Nonetheless, over 109,000 African American Ohioans are enrolled in college or graduate school.



**Foreign Born:
69,000**

There are more than 69,000 foreign-born African Americans living in Ohio. This constitutes 14 percent of all foreign-born residents. This percentage has held steady over the past few years. Most of foreign-born African Americans emigrated from Africa. Over one-third of the African migration came from Eastern Africa with a similar figure coming from Western Africa. Of foreign-born African Americans, more than three-quarters report speaking only English or English “very well”.

The statistical source of this profile is the 2010 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau’s 2015 American Community Survey. Business data came from the Census Bureau’s 2012 Survey of Business Owners. Although the census is the most comprehensive set of socio-economic data available, the estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling error that may result in some over- or under-estimation of actual population characteristics. The source of public school enrollment was the Ohio Department of Education.