



OHCAC 2023 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

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About the Needs Assessment

The 2023 Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission (OHCAC) Community Needs Assessment is a synopsis of indicators surrounding poverty in Crawford, Marion, Morrow, and Richland Counties, Ohio. The purpose of the research in this needs assessment is to uncover major indicators and themes concerning poverty within OHCAC's service area.

Themes interconnected to poverty that recur throughout the assessment are issues of employment and income, education, cultural diversity, household and family types, housing, health and nutrition, and the digital divide. Linkages between these themes, supported by data, suggest a clear correlation of a perpetuated cycle that can result in poverty.

Identifying needs for services and addressing identified issues to give all individuals access to technology; education; employment training and opportunities; health and mental health services; access to nutritional food and education; and affordable and safe housing for low-income individuals, families, youth, and seniors living in OHCAC's service area is essential to offset the cycle of poverty.

As part of the needs assessment process, key stakeholder groups were surveyed to elicit feedback to be incorporated in identifying the needs in the county. Specifically, those surveys included:

1. **Partner agencies** - A total of 23 partner agencies serving low-income individuals in OHCAC's service area completed a web survey. Of those who completed the survey, 48% were public sector or government, 39% were community-based organizations or non-profits, 9% were educational institutions, and 4% were faith based organizations.
2. **OHCAC Staff**- A total of 97 OHCAC staff members completed a web survey. Of those who completed the survey, 42% were instructional staff, 20% were management, 17% were component staff, and the remaining 22% reported being 'other'.
3. **Head Start Parents**- A total of 64 Head Start parents completed either a web or paper survey. Of those who completed the survey, 42% attend part-day Head Start, 47% receive full-day Head Start and 22% receive Early Head Start.

In addition, this needs assessment utilizes secondary data in conjunction with the primary data mentioned above to measure incidents of poverty in multiple facets within areas of the region.





About Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission (OHCAC)

Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission (OHCAC) is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to providing services to benefit low-income people in Crawford, Marion, Morrow, and Richland, Ohio Counties. The overall goal of OHCAC is to help low-income persons break the cycle of poverty and better their economic situation.

History

OHCAC was established in accordance with the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. It has been in operation since November 16, 1965 – initially in Marion and Crawford Counties. The Commission currently has major administrative offices in Marion, Galion, Mt. Gilead and Mansfield, Ohio.

The original agency administrative office was briefly located in Crestline. The agency relocated to a rented space at 2375 Harding Highway East, Marion, and operated out of that location for many years. The former Swink Advertising facility at 372 East Center Street was purchased in 1979 but was sold in 1982 after the exodus of the second Executive Director and cessation of a management contract with another community action agency in the interim. OHCAC then purchased the former Smith Clinic facility at 240 East Church Street in 1983. The agency outgrew that facility when it took over Head Start Program services for Richland and Morrow Counties in 1999 and finally re-purchased the current facility at 372 East Center Street in 2001.

Foundation

The Promise of Community Action – Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Governance

The OHCAC is controlled by a Board of Trustees, often known as the Governing Board, which consists of twenty-four members.

Marion County is represented by eight members, Crawford County by eight members, Morrow County by five members, and Richland County is represented by three members.

The Board is divided into three sectors: **public, private, and low-income**. Each sector is represented by one-third of the Board.

- **Public Sector:** Officials from the government represent the public sector.
- **Private Sector:** Private people from enterprises and organizations make up the private sector.
- **Low-Income Sector:** Residents with low income make up the Low-Income Sector.

Mission Statement

The Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission (OHCAC) will foster and promote planning services and developmental efforts for the mobilization and utilization of resources, public and private, for coordinated attack upon conditions of poverty affecting the inhabitants of the area. OHCAC will solicit, contract for, receive, administer, and disburse any funds, grants, bequests,



devises, and other resources for the execution and implementation of specific or general programs in carrying out its purposes.

Community Action Programs

1. HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START

Head Start is a free, developmentally appropriate preschool and early education and socialization program for low-income children aged from birth to five years old and their families. Special needs children are also eligible.

OHCAC's Head Start program is a "**5-star rated step up to quality**" program that seeks to offer a safe and enriching environment for children. Children will have opportunities to attain adequate educational and social development. Children are encouraged to study and explore topics that interest them at their own pace.

We work with parents to decrease stress and build critical parenting and life skills so that they can offer their children a safe, loving environment and inner strengths to help them attain their full developmental potential.

The program follows the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Child Care Licensing and Head Start Performance Standards.

The Head Start program, which serves children aged 3 to 5, teaches vulnerable young children the skills they need to succeed in school and in life. Healthy ties between parents and other essential family members are also encouraged in Head Start programs, with a focus on family well-being.


Early Head Start (EHS) programs are intended to foster positive parent-child relationships (and child and caregiver), from pregnancy until a child's third birthday. Services cover the whole spectrum of a family's requirements.

2. ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Electric Partnership Program - Funded by a contract with the Ohio Department of Development, the EPP program provides energy audits to specific service areas, providing customers with energy saving techniques along with energy saving LED light bulbs, and replacement of qualified refrigerators and/or freezers with energy star rated units.

Community Connections Program - Funded by First Energy, Ohio Edison and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, FE customers receive help in reducing their electric usage with energy saving LED light bulbs, refrigerators and/or freezers, and electric stoves.





AEP Community Assistance Program - Funded by American Electric Power, AEP customers receive help in reducing their electric usage with energy saving LED light bulbs, refrigerators and/or freezers.

Home Weatherization Assistance Program - (HWAP) This program consists of a home inspection to determine the most cost-effective energy saving services that could be performed, including insulation, air leakage reduction, safety inspection of heating units, and consumer education.

WarmChoice Program - (WC) Funded by Columbia Gas or Ohio/NiSource through a rate payer surcharge, WC is designed to increase the energy efficiency of homes owned or occupied by income-eligible Columbia Gas customers in Ohio. Consisting of an energy inspection to determine which cost effective weatherization services can be installed; safety inspections on the gas appliances, such as furnaces and water heaters, to verify they are operating safely and efficiently, including tune-ups and replacements where warranted; installation of insulation in the walls, attic, basement, crawl space, and floors as appropriate, sealing of major sources of air leakage.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) (also called "Regular HEAP") - is a federally funded program designed to help income-eligible Ohioans with their winter heating bills. The program runs from July 1 to May 31 this year. Clients at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) receive a benefit in the form of a direct payment toward their main heating account. HEAP benefits are typically credited directly towards the eligible client's energy heating bill beginning in the month of January. The benefit amount depends on funding received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, household poverty level, household main heating source, household location, if someone in the home is disabled, if a person in the home is 60 years of age or older, or if the household is enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP).

Winter Crisis Program (WCP) (also called "Emergency HEAP" or "E-HEAP") - is part of HEAP that provides a benefit once per heating season to an income-eligible Ohioan's main heating and/or electric accounts. Clients must apply in person at the local Energy Assistance Provider (EAP) for WCP. Eligible clients are those at or below 175% of the FPG who are disconnected (or have a pending disconnection notice), need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, or have 25% (or less) of a bulk fuel supply remaining. The program can also assist with fuel tank placement, fuel tank testing and heating system repair. As a last resort, electric portable space heaters may be provided. The program operates from November 1 to March 31 each year. Clients with a current medical certificate on file with their utility are ineligible to receive WCP assistance until the medical certificate protection expires.

Summer Crisis Program (SCP) (also called "Summer Cooling") - is part of HEAP that provides a benefit once per cooling season to an income-eligible Ohioan's electric bill, and/or for the purchase of fans and air conditioners. Clients must have an appointment with the local EAP for SCP. Eligible clients are those at or below 175% of the FPG with a household member over the age of 60 and/or a household member with a documented medical condition, a COVID-19 diagnosis, a disconnect notice, have been shut off, or are trying to establish new service on their electric bill or require air conditioning. This year the program operated from July 1 to September 30, 2020.

Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Plus Program - helps income-eligible Ohioans manage their energy bills year-round. The program allows income-eligible Ohioans to pay their energy bill each



month based on a percentage of their income. To be eligible for the program, a client must receive residential electric or gas service from a company regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), have a total household income at or below 150% of the FPG, and must apply for all Ohio Development Services Agency (Development) Energy Assistance Programs for which he or she is eligible. A client's PIPP payment will be set at 10% of the last 30 days of household income for households that heat with electric and 6% for households with a different main heating source. The minimum payment amount is \$10.

Ohio Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program – The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program, administered by Dollar Energy Fund, provides eligible customers with a utility assistance grant applied directly to their AEP Ohio energy bill. This grant helps limited-income customers maintain or restore their basic electric service. The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program helps those who are experiencing financial hardships and need assistance to help them get back on their feet. The maximum grant amount an applicant may receive is \$300.

3. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Emergency Services Program – The Emergency Services Program is made available to low-income people who are in need of emergency type services – food, clothing, utility bills assistance – to become more self-sufficient. Ohio Heartland CAC directors, office managers, program coordinators, intake workers, and other staff within the Marion-Crawford-Morrow service areas provide the assistance. Customers not directly served were referred to other local service providers.


United Community Prescription Program – The Prescription Program is operated by OHCAC in conjunction with the Marion Area Physicians and local pharmacies. Its mission is to help customers find the most cost-effective way of obtaining prescriptions. The program is open to Marion County residents of any age or income level who are without prescription insurance coverage. We receive funding from the Marion Community Foundation to operate this program.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – The VITA program began in 2013. This program offers free tax filing assistance to low-to moderate-income people. IRS certified trained volunteers and staff assist with preparing electronic Federal, State, and school district returns. Customers are provided with information about special tax credits such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or Disabled. Taxes are prepared on Thursdays from 10 am to 6 pm in late January to early April. There is no charge for this program.

Backpack Program – The regular Backpack Program provides school age children in Galion City Schools with food over the weekend. The regular program operates during the school year. The summer Backpack Program provides food over the weekend for children ages one through eighteen who participate in the Galion Summer Feeding Program. Both programs provide shelf stable food for Saturday and Sunday

4. INDEPENDENT LIVING





Rapid Rehousing Program – Marion and Crawford counties are served by Rapid Rehousing and Homeless prevention through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Rapid Rehousing Ohio through the Continuum of Care HUD grant. These individuals or families are homeless or facing homelessness within 14 days of application. Through the grants, we are able to help secure housing, pay the deposit and first month's rent, provide additional rental assistance through case management, and assist with job seeking skills, resumes and food assistance. This program began in 2018 assisting families who were homeless to find stable, affordable housing.





Key Findings: Community Needs Assessment

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS:

- The four-county area has a population of approximately 267,317. Of this, approximately 18.9% or 50,526 are under the age of 5 and 12.2% are in poverty.
- The median age is higher in all four counties (Crawford-43.1; Marion-41.0; Morrow-42.6; Richland-40.7) than it is in the state as a whole (Ohio-39.6).
- More than a quarter of households in all four counties in 2021 are families with children, ranging from 25.1% in Richland County to 32.7% in Morrow County.
- In 2021, three of the four counties (all but Richland) had a percentage of grandparents responsible for raising their grandchildren—higher than the state average of 11.2%.

KEY STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS:

- All parents were asked what they felt were the three most important issues facing their family or household. The issues mentioned most often were money, basic needs, parenting challenges, and childcare. Staff reported that the biggest needs or stressors they are currently seeing in the families they are working with are basic needs, school transportation, and an unstable family unit. Community partners reported that the biggest needs or stressors they are currently seeing in the families they are working with are basic needs, childcare, and transportation.
- A significant portion of families, 30%, have no alternative to Head Start if Head Start weren't available.
- Most, 97% of parents agreed that, *“Attending classes every day is important to my child’s school readiness,”* indicating that this is a strength of the program. On the other hand, two-thirds agreed that, *“Staff encourages father/male involvement in the program,”* indicating this as an area of possible improvement.
- More than half of staff members, 54%, reported that their biggest concern about OHCAC’s Head Start/Early Head Start program was staffing.
- The service that staff members believe Head Start/Early Head Start families need most is guidance on how best to utilize services that are available.
- Nearly two-thirds, 62%, of staff members felt that OHCAC could better meet the scheduling needs of the families served by providing more transportation or transportation on different schedules.
- The most significant issues that families are facing, according to community partners, were *having a mortgage or rent that is affordable* (80% stated it was a significant problem), *finding childcare that is available* (78%), *the availability of low-income housing* (76%), *assistance with mental health* (74%), and *drug abuse* (73%).
- Nearly a sixth, 61%, of community partners felt it was very difficult for low-income families to find childcare in the community they serve. Following childcare were mental health counseling (48%) and housing support (44%).
- According to community partners, the populations most likely to need more services were people with mental illness (78%), homeless or transient (70%), individuals and families living in poverty (65%), children ages 0 to 5 (61%), and children ages 6 to 17 (61%).
- The majority of partners, 89%, indicated that the number of multi-generational families they serve has increased. Slightly fewer, 81%, reported that the need for their services in general has increased over



the past year. More than two-thirds, 68%, said that the number of low-income families that have contacted their agency has increased. On the other hand, nearly two-thirds, 60%, stated that the number of licensed childcare providers in the area has decreased over the past year.

POVERTY AND INCOME:

- In 2021, the percentage of individuals in poverty was slightly higher in Marion County (15.2%), Crawford County (14.1%), and Richland County (13.6%) than the state of Ohio (13.4%) while the percentage of individuals in poverty in Morrow County was slightly lower than the state (10.2%).
- In all counties but Morrow County, the poverty rate for those under 18 was higher than the state average of 18.6%. It should be noted that while Morrow County had the lowest poverty rate for those under the age of 18, it is the only geography that had an increase in poverty rate over the past five years.
- Poverty rates among minority individuals, particularly African Americans, is drastically higher than it is for Caucasians over time and across all geographies. In some instances, African American poverty is two times, if not three times more than Caucasian poverty.
- Female-headed households are struggling to make ends in all four counties and Ohio. In every instance in which data exists, families with a female householder are impoverished at a rate *significantly higher* than families headed by a married couple or among all family types in general.
- The percentage of children enrolled in public schools that are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in all four counties is higher than the state average of 36% ranging from 41% in Morrow County to 52% in Crawford County.
- The median household income for households in Crawford, Marion, and Richland Counties is significantly lower than the state as a whole. The median household income of households in Morrow County is slightly higher than the state average of \$61,938. The median income for families in all four counties was significantly lower than the median income of families in Ohio.
- As the level of educational attainment increased, median earnings also increased.

EMPLOYMENT:

- Unemployment in Morrow County mirrored that of the State of Ohio in 2022, while unemployment rates for all three other counties have been slightly higher.
- Regarding unemployment by racial/ethnic group affiliation, Caucasians are unemployed at a much lower rate than African American residents in all five geographies.

EDUCATION:

- Nearly a third of Ohio adults, 29.7%, had a bachelor's degree or higher compared to just 13.1% of Marion County, 14.9% of Morrow County, 16.6% of Crawford County, and 17.8% of Richland County residents.
- Females ages 18 to 24 in all five geographies are attaining higher education at a higher rate than their male counterparts.
- Not surprisingly, as the level of educational attainment *increases*, unemployment rate *decreases*.
- The average 4-year graduation rate for the area schools for 2021-2022 was 93.9% ranging from 78.9% in Crestline Exempted Village to 98.9% in Pleasant Local. The average 5-year graduation rate for area schools for 2021-2022 was 95.0% ranging from 86.0% in Mansfield City to 100.0% in Buckeye Central and Ridgedale Local.



- The percentage of third graders who scored proficient or better on the reading portion of the state test ranged from a low of 33.0% in Mansfield City to a high of 79.7% in Shelby City. During the 2021-2022 school year, there were 33,297 students who attended a public school in the area. The 22 districts varied greatly demographically: the percentage of non-Caucasian students ranged from 2.5% (Wynford Local) to 49.9% (Mansfield City), the percentage of students with disabilities ranged from 9.5% (River Valley Local) to 25.6% (Mansfield City), and the percentage of students designated as economically disadvantaged ranged from 21.8% (Lexington Local) to 100% (Marion City). District mobility ranged from 4.9% (Colonel Crawford Local) to 24.1% (Plymouth-Shiloh Local). The attendance rate ranged from 83.7% (Marion City) to 95.6% (Ontario Local).

AGE OF POPULATION AND TRENDS

- The median age is higher in all four counties (Crawford-43.1; Marion-41.2; Morrow-42.6; Richland-41.3) than it is in the state as a whole (Ohio-39.4). The age groups with the largest increases over the past five years were 65 and over.

HOUSING

- Over the past five years, the number of housing units in Morrow County, Richland County and the state of Ohio have increased while the number of housing units in both Crawford and Marion Counties has decreased.
- The largest changes between 2017 and 2021 appeared in the median monthly housing costs of renters: Crawford County, 9.1% increase; Marion County, 9.8% increase; Morrow County, 31.7% increase; Richland County, 8.7% increase.
- The foreclosure and 90-day mortgage delinquency rate are higher in all four counties than the State of Ohio average. In terms of eviction filings, rates were higher than the state average in both Marion and Richland Counties and were lower than the state average in Crawford and Morrow Counties.
- A higher percentage of houses in each of the four counties are at-risk of lead-paint hazard than the state average.
- Both Marion and Richland Counties have a higher percentage of students experiencing homelessness than the state of Ohio as a whole, while both Crawford and Morrow Counties are lower. Two school districts in the area are in the top 20 in the state for the percentage of students who are homeless.

CHILDCARE AND PARENTING

- All four counties and Ohio saw significant decreases in the number of children served since 2018 through the Ohio Works Workforce childcare assistance program, although the decrease was considerably higher in all four counties than Ohio.
- There are twenty-six public schools in the four-county area that offer pre-kindergarten instruction.
- The number of children in care of Children Services has increased significantly in both Crawford and Richland Counties while the number of children in care has decreased in Marion and Morrow Counties as well as in the state of Ohio.
- While the percentage of children removed from home due to parental substance use decreased in three of the four counties as well as the state of Ohio over the past five years, the percentage increased slightly in Marion County.



- Over the past five years the total number of child abuse and neglect intakes in the county has decreased slightly in both Crawford and Morrow Counties as well as the state while increasing significantly in both Marion and Richland Counties.
- There was a decrease in the number of children discharged from care over the past five years in both Marion and Morrow Counties as well as the state while the number discharged increased in both Crawford and Richland Counties.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- The percentage of the population without insurance in Morrow and Richland Counties (9%) is slightly higher than the state (8%) level while Crawford and Marion Counties hold the same percentage as the state.
- In Ohio, there is one Primary Care Physician for every 1,300 residents. The ratio for all four counties is significantly worse, ranging from one PCP for every 2,050 residents in Richland County to one PCP for every 5,850 residents in Morrow County.
- In Ohio, there is one Mental Health Provider for every 380 residents. In Richland County, there is one Mental Health Provider for every 260 residents. The ratios for the other three counties are significantly worse than the state average: one provider for every 600 residents in Marion County, one provider for every 720 residents in Crawford County, and one provider for every 1,960 residents in Morrow County.
- In Ohio, there is one dentist for every 1,560 residents. The ratio for Richland County is slightly better— one dentist for every 1,440 residents. The ratios for the other three counties are significantly worse than the state average: one dentist for every 1,760 residents in Marion County, one dentist for every 1,730 residents in Crawford County and one dentist for every 5,890 residents in Morrow County.


PREGNANCY AND PRENATAL CARE

- The percentage of pregnant women accessing prenatal care in the first trimester is slightly higher in all counties except Richland County than the state (59% compared to 69%).
- The number of births to young mothers (19 and younger) decreased between 2018 to 2022 in all four counties while increasing slightly in the state as a whole over the same time period.
- More than half of births in Ohio in 2022, 57.7%, were births to married mothers, while less than half of births were to married mothers in both Crawford (46.8%) and Marion (42.8%) Counties. Richland County was also slightly lower than the state average at 53.4% while Morrow County had the highest percentage of births to married mothers, 69.0%.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- On average, more than half of client admissions in each county were associated with a primary diagnosis of opiate abuse or dependence in 2021, slightly higher than the previous year and higher than the state average of 51.5% (Crawford-56.2%; Marion-64.1%, Morrow-52.6%; Richland-55.4%).
- Also, in 2021, 20.2% of clients in Ohio in treatment had a primary diagnosis of alcohol use disorder which was higher than both Marion (13.8%) and Morrow (17.3%) but lower than Crawford (22.1%) and Richland (20.5%) Counties.
- In 2021, 27.2 prescription opioid doses were dispensed per patient in Ohio. Average doses were higher in all counties except Richland (23.8), Crawford- 33.6; Marion-48.9; Morrow-31.4. Over the five-year time span, rates have decreased significantly in all four counties and the state.



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- The rate per 100,000 residents is higher in all counties except Morrow (34.8) than the state of Ohio (46.8): Crawford-49.0; Marion-53.9; and Richland-76.8. All counties except Crawford as well as the state saw increases in the number of unintentional drug overdose deaths over the past five years.
 - Fentanyl-related overdoses caused the deaths of 4,134 Ohio residents and at least 100 area residents of the 4-county area in 2021. In all areas where data was available, all counties except Marion County saw significant increases in the number of fentanyl related deaths over the past five years. Both Richland County and Marion County had higher death rates than the state rate.



County Demographics

The four-county area has a population of approximately 267,317. Of this, approximately 18.9% or 50,526 are under the age of 5 and 12.2% or 32,571 are living in poverty. The table below shows recent population estimates for each zip code in each county. Additional data included in the table includes median household income, the percentage of the population below the poverty level, and the percentage of the population under the age of five. The top five most populated zip codes, the ten lowest median income, and the ten zip codes with the highest percentage below the poverty level as well as the highest percentage with children under 5 are highlighted.

Demographic Summary by County				
Zip Code (Cities)	2021 Pop	Median HH Income*	% Below poverty*	% under 5*
CRAWFORD COUNTY				
44820 (Bucyrus)	17,239	\$49,246	13.4%	21.0%
44833 (Galion)	16,537	\$49,886	14.9%	25.0%
44827 (Crestline)	7,003	\$48,730	13.0%	44.3%
44854 (New Washington)	1,445	\$49,758	8.7%	0.0%
44887 (Tiro)	1,036	\$69,554	4.3%	14.1%
44856 (North Robinson)	190	\$22,083	10.0%	5.7%
44825 (Chatfield)	233	\$48,750	30.9%	39.4%
44881 (Sulphur Springs)	98	\$101,719	0.0%	0.0%
MARION COUNTY				
43302 (Marion)	55,090	\$48,359	16.8%	22.2%
43342 (Prospect)	3,465	\$77,750	2.8%	2.2%
43314 (Caledonia)	2,943	\$70,568	9.4%	0.0%
43332 (La Rue)	1,482	\$44,712	11.4%	9.4%
43356 (Waldo)	1,003	\$75,250	0.9%	0.0%
43337 (Morral)	836	\$43,095	17.4%	0.0%
43341 (New Bloomington)	946	\$58,257	13.8%	0.0%
43322 (Green Camp)	349	\$52,500	5.4%	0.0%
MORROW COUNTY				
43338 (Mount Gilead)	10,163	\$60,735	9.1%	15.5%
43334 (Marengo)	6,329	\$71,934	10.6%	6.9%
43320 (Edison)	1,258	\$44,194	5.7%	0.0%
43321 (Fulton)	346	\$51,875	26.0%	53.1%
43317 (Chesterville)	175	\$56,250	19.6%	31.3%
RICHLAND COUNTY				
44903 (Mansfield)	25,012	\$59,570	16.4%	44.6%
44905 (Mansfield)	16,693	\$51,425	12.9%	21.5%
44906 (Mansfield)	16,461	\$43,753	12.2%	17.4%
44904 (Lexington, Mansfield)	14,389	\$66,514	8.1%	11.3%
44875 (Shelby)	13,815	\$62,410	11.5%	3.2%
44813 (Bellville)	7,806	\$70,264	7.8%	10.0%
44902 (Mansfield)	5,458	\$23,598	49.1%	73.5%
44822 (Butler)	3,418	\$59,312	3.8%	0.5%
44878 (Shiloh)	3,028	\$69,412	6.4%	1.2%
44843 (Lucas)	2,667	\$72,355	3.8%	7.6%

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey

While the population of the state of Ohio, Morrow County, and Richland County have all increased since 2021, the population of both Crawford and Marion Counties have declined. The median age is higher in all four counties than it is in the state as a whole. Likewise, the percentage of residents ages 65 and over is higher in three of the four counties than the state of Ohio (the lone exception is Morrow County that has 17.6% of their population ages 65 and over compared to 17.8% in Ohio). Ohio is more racially diverse than all four counties. While the percentage of families in poverty is lower in all four counties than it is in Ohio, the percentage of individuals in both Crawford and Marion Counties in poverty is higher than the state. The percentage of working age residents (16 and over) in the labor force is lower in three of the four counties than the state, while the percentage of disabled residents is higher in all four counties than Ohio. Ohio has a higher percentage of foreign-born residents than all four counties.

Demographic Comparison Table					
	Crawford	Marion	Morrow	Richland	Ohio
2021 Population Estimate	41,939	65,291	34,892	125,195	11,780,017
Total Pop Change 2010-2021	-1,845	-1,210	+65	+720	+243,513
AGE					
Median Age	43.1	41.0	42.6	40.7	39.6
% Under 5 years	5.7%	5.4%	5.4%	5.5%	5.7%
% 18 years and over	78.0%	78.7%	77.5%	78.1%	77.9%
% 65+ years	20.5%	19.2%	17.6%	20.1%	17.8%
RACE/ETHNICITY					
% Caucasian	94.5%	86.9%	95.5%	83.2%	76.6%
% African American	1.2%	4.5%	0.7%	5.8%	11.8%
% Asian	0.7%	0.6%	0.4%	0.9%	2.4%
% Hispanic/Latino	1.8%	3.1%	1.6%	2.2%	4.3%
% American Indian	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
% Bi/Multiracial	1.8%	4.3%	1.7%	6.1%	4.4%
% Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.4%
INCOME/POVERTY					
Families Below Poverty Line	9.2%	8.5%	6.1%	7.8%	9.4%
Individuals Below Poverty Line	14.1%	15.9%	10.2%	12.3%	13.4%
OTHER					
In Labor Force (16+)	60.1%	51.2%	64.0%	58.1%	62.6%
Civilian Veterans (18+)	7.6%	9.3%	8.2%	6.7%	6.8%
Disability Status [^]	16.6%	19.0%	15.5%	16.3%	13.9%
Foreign Born population	1.5%	1.2%	1.1%	1.9%	5.0%
<i>Sources: http://www.census.gov, ACS 2021 5-Year Estimates, [^]defined as percent with a disability of the civilian non-institutionalized population,</i>					

All four counties, as well as the state of Ohio, saw a decrease in the number of children under the age of 18 and the number of children under the age of five.

County Population Trends Projections- Children UNDER 5						
	Crawford	Marion	Morrow	Richland	4-County Region	Ohio
2010	2,486	3,799	2,255	7,471	16,011	724,665
2011	2,497	3,824	2,220	7,364	15,905	720,783
2012	2,405	3,820	2,139	7,217	15,581	712,820
2013	2,419	3,824	2,127	7,085	15,455	706,439
2014	2,408	3,766	2,104	6,999	15,277	700,088
2015	2,377	3,842	1,984	6,971	15,174	695,996
2016	2,412	3,807	1,967	7,032	15,218	695,764
2017	2,412	3,840	1,963	7,021	15,236	695,704
2018	2,418	3,829	1,892	6,996	15,135	695,933
2019	2,419	3,815	1,889	6,926	15,049	694,711
2020	2,414	3,878	1,839	6,938	15,069	692,983
2021	2,409	3,515	1,879	6,947	14,750	668,935
Change 2010 to 2021	-77	-284	-376	-524	-1,261	-55,730
% Change	-3.1%	-7.4%	-16.6%	-7.0%	-7.8%	-7.6%
County Population Trends Projections- Children UNDER 18						
2010	10,434	15,005	9,093	28,720	63,252	2,757,516
2011	10,247	14,785	Not available	28,318	53,350	2,735,947
2012	10,039	14,577	8,899	27,709	61,224	2,710,735
2013	9,913	14,282	8,861	27,275	60,331	2,688,864
2014	9,734	14,164	8,661	26,982	59,541	2,666,652
2015	9,506	13,998	8,636	26,706	58,846	2,649,557
2016	9,413	13,777	8,655	26,482	58,327	2,633,277
2017	9,322	13,721	8,574	26,373	57,990	2,620,542
2018	9,219	13,646	8,318	26,257	57,440	2,611,520
2019	9,142	13,671	8,128	26,142	57,083	2,598,908
2020	9,079	13,613	7,958	26,128	56,778	2,587,248
2021	9,222	13,890	7,840	27,360	58,312	2,603,410
Change 2010 to 2021	-1,212	-1,115	1,253	-1,360	-4,940	-154,106
% Change	-11.6%	-7.4%	-13.7%	-4.7%	-7.8%	-5.5%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder, 2010-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

More than a quarter of households in all five geographies in 2021 are families with children, ranging from 25.1% in Richland County to 32.7% in Morrow County.

Families with Children as a Percent of Households						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change 17-21
Crawford County	27.6%	27.9%	28.2%	28.2%	29.6%	+2.0%
Marion County	28.4%	28.7%	28.9%	26.7%	27.5%	-0.9%
Morrow County	33.1%	33.0%	32.8%	34.0%	32.7%	-0.4%
Richland County	28.1%	27.7%	27.6%	26.0%	25.1%	-3.0%
Ohio	29.8%	29.6%	29.3%	28.9%	28.8%	-1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The estimated percentage of male householder families in 2021 is slightly lower in the 4-county area (4.7%) than the state (4.8%). The same is true for female headed households, 11.5% of households in the four-county area compared to 12.2% in the state.

Number of Households by Family Types, 2017-2021					
	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	Married couple, family	Male householder family	Female householder family	Non-Family
2021					
Crawford	18,028	8,740	754	2,134	6,400
Marion	24,251	11,184	1,141	2,957	8,969
Morrow	13,048	7,291	915	1,325	3,517
Richland	49,505	22,665	2,143	5,594	19,103
4 County Region	104,832	49,880	4,953	12,010	37,989
Ohio	4,754,161	2,154,854	228,400	581,699	1,789,208
2017					
Crawford	17,833	8,573	928	2,079	6,253
Marion	24,699	12,118	1,004	3,101	8,476
Morrow	12,781	7,495	586	1,258	3,442
Richland	47,987	22,517	1,978	5,818	17,674
4 County Region	103,300	50,703	4,496	12,256	35,845
Ohio	4,633,145	2,150,233	216,840	589,364	1,676,708
Change 2017-2021					
Crawford	+1.1%	+1.9%	-23.1%	+2.6%	+2.3%
Marion	-1.8%	-8.3%	+13.6%	-4.8%	+5.5%
Morrow	+2.1%	-2.8%	+35.9%	+5.1%	+2.1%
Richland	+3.1%	+0.6%	+7.7%	-4.0%	+7.4%
4 County Region	+1.4%	-1.6%	+10.2%	-2.1%	+5.6%
Ohio	+2.5%	+0.2%	+5.1%	-1.3%	+2.3%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table S1101

In 2021, three of the four counties (all but Richland) had a percentage of grandparents responsible for raising their grandchildren that was higher than the state average of 11.2%. Over the past five years, there has been a slight decrease in the number of grandparents responsible for their grandchildren in Ohio and Morrow County and a significant decrease in Crawford County. However there was a slight increase in the percentage of grandparents responsible for their grandchildren in both Marion and Richland Counties.

Percentage of grandparents responsible for grandchildren						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change 17-21
Crawford	36.1%	23.5%	17.6%	21.6%	17.5%	-18.6%
Marion	12.4%	10.2%	10.9%	12.7%	13.6%	+1.2%
Morrow	19.7%	20.1%	21.8%	10.3%	13.6%	-6.1%
Richland	10.9%	9.8%	10.5%	10.3%	11.1%	+0.2%
Ohio	12.5%	11.6%	11.4%	11.5%	11.2%	-1.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



While the population of Ohio is expected to slightly increase between 2020 and 2040 (0.9%), the population of all four counties is expected to decrease over the same time period.

County Population Trends and Projections						
	Crawford	Marion	Morrow	Richland	4-County Region	Ohio
2010	43,784	66,501	34,827	124,475	269,587	11,536,504
2011	43,310	66,599	34,810	123,144	267,863	11,544,663
2012	42,776	66,277	34,834	122,633	266,520	11,548,923
2013	42,713	65,964	34,846	122,314	265,837	11,576,684
2014	42,407	64,791	34,937	121,999	372,505	11,602,700
2015	42,300	65,431	34,943	121,688	264,362	11,617,527
2016	42,095	65,467	34,922	121,242	263,726	11,634,370
2017	41,710	65,076	34,911	120,430	262,127	11,659,650
2018	41,484	65,427	35,113	120,987	263,011	11,676,341
2019	41,494	65,093	35,328	121,154	263,069	11,689,100
2020	40,890	63,840	34,870	120,200	259,800	11,574,870
2021	41,939	65,291	34,892	125,195	267,317	11,780,017
2025	39,500	63,110	34,690	118,190	255,490	11,598,670
2030	38,150	62,400	34,540	116,640	251,730	11,615,100
2035	36,840	61,840	34,420	115,410	248,510	11,635,110
2040	35,530	61,910	34,260	115,160	246,860	11,678,990
% Change 2020-40	-18.8%	-6.9%	-1.6%	-7.4%	-8.4%	+1.2%

SOURCE: Trends- U.S. Census Bureau, Projections: Ohio Development Services Agency, <https://development.ohio.gov/files/research/P>

Below are tables that break out the population by age and gender as well as an age breakdown zip code for all four counties.

Crawford County Distribution by Age and Gender, 2021			
Ages	Total	Male	Female
Under 5 Years	2,409	1,291	1,118
5 to 9 Years	2,591	1,385	1,206
10 to 14 Years	2,563	1,284	1,279
15 to 19 Years	2,499	1,272	1,227
20 to 24 Years	2,296	1,189	1,107
25 to 29 Years	2,503	1,277	1,226
30 to 34 Years	2,173	1,041	1,132
35 to 39 Years	2,457	1,197	1,260
40 to 44 Years	2,420	1,225	1,195
45 to 49 Years	2,675	1,366	1,309
50 to 54 Years	2,754	1,417	1,337
55 to 59 Years	2,948	1,470	1,478
60 to 64 Years	3,058	1,539	1,519
65 to 69 Years	2,990	1,395	1,595
70 to 74 Years	1,903	925	978
75 to 79 Years	1,561	680	881
80 to 84 Years	992	382	610
85 Years and Over	1,147	439	708
Total	41,939	20,774	21,165

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Marion County Distribution by Age and Gender, 2021			
Ages	Total	Male	Female
Under 5 Years	3,515	1,904	1,611
5 to 9 Years	4,098	2,148	1,950
10 to 14 Years	4,064	1,798	2,266
15 to 19 Years	3,167	1,879	1,288
20 to 24 Years	3,877	2,042	1,835
25 to 29 Years	4,094	2,317	1,777
30 to 34 Years	4,363	2,605	1,758
35 to 39 Years	4,775	2,928	1,847
40 to 44 Years	3,213	1,782	1,431
45 to 49 Years	4,196	2,460	1,736
50 to 54 Years	4,251	2,447	1,804
55 to 59 Years	3,289	2,181	1,108
60 to 64 Years	5,827	2,752	3,075
65 to 69 Years	4,166	2,103	2,063
70 to 74 Years	3,505	1,559	1,946
75 to 79 Years	2,348	1,162	1,186
80 to 84 Years	1,001	438	563
85 Years and Over	1,542	452	1,090
Total	65,291	34,957	30,334

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Morrow County Distribution by Age and Gender, 2021			
Ages	Total	Male	Female
Under 5 Years	1,879	934	945
5 to 9 Years	1,956	1,077	879
10 to 14 Years	2,427	1,259	1,168
15 to 19 Years	2,444	1,278	1,166
20 to 24 Years	1,782	944	838
25 to 29 Years	1,906	968	938
30 to 34 Years	1,909	954	955
35 to 39 Years	2,026	1,080	946
40 to 44 Years	2,193	1,100	1,093
45 to 49 Years	2,446	1,247	1,199
50 to 54 Years	2,424	1,242	1,182
55 to 59 Years	2,482	1,315	1,167
60 to 64 Years	2,885	1,414	1,471
65 to 69 Years	2,451	1,251	1,200
70 to 74 Years	1,340	595	745
75 to 79 Years	1,083	470	613
80 to 84 Years	810	338	472
85 Years and Over	449	191	258
Total	34,892	17,657	17,235

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Richland County Distribution by Age and Gender, 2021			
Ages	Total	Male	Female
Under 5 Years	6,947	3,251	3,696
5 to 9 Years	8,129	3,751	4,378
10 to 14 Years	7,331	4,218	3,113
15 to 19 Years	7,891	4,433	3,458
20 to 24 Years	7,274	3,805	3,469
25 to 29 Years	8,192	4,812	3,380
30 to 34 Years	8,087	4,315	3,772
35 to 39 Years	7,537	4,117	3,420
40 to 44 Years	6,949	3,872	3,077
45 to 49 Years	7,515	3,829	3,686
50 to 54 Years	7,831	4,144	3,687
55 to 59 Years	7,580	4,005	3,575
60 to 64 Years	8,740	3,990	4,750
65 to 69 Years	7,159	3,219	3,940
70 to 74 Years	7,230	3,650	3,580
75 to 79 Years	5,156	1,661	3,495
80 to 84 Years	2,859	1,207	1,652
85 Years and Over	2,788	1,296	1,492
Total	125,195	63,575	61,260

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

44820 (Bucyrus)- Crawford County Age by Zip Code					
Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	6.7%	30 to 34 Years	6.0%	60 to 64 Years	7.1%
5 to 9 Years	6.1%	35 to 39 Years	5.3%	65 to 69 Years	5.6%
10 to 14 Years	5.9%	40 to 44 Years	5.6%	70 to 74 Years	5.6%
15 to 19 Years	5.5%	45 to 49 Years	5.5%	75 to 79 Years	3.8%
20 to 24 Years	4.6%	50 to 54 Years	5.8%	80 to 84 Years	2.5%
25 to 29 Years	7.4%	55 to 59 Years	7.5%	85 Years/Over	3.4%
Total population for zip code: 17,239			Median Age: 42.4		
44833 (Galion)- Crawford County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	4.5%	30 to 34 Years	6.0%	60 to 64 Years	6.9%
5 to 9 Years	6.1%	35 to 39 Years	6.9%	65 to 69 Years	8.3%
10 to 14 Years	6.1%	40 to 44 Years	6.5%	70 to 74 Years	4.0%
15 to 19 Years	6.5%	45 to 49 Years	6.6%	75 to 79 Years	3.6%
20 to 24 Years	6.0%	50 to 54 Years	6.1%	80 to 84 Years	2.1%
25 to 29 Years	5.2%	55 to 59 Years	6.7%	85 Years/Over	2.0%
Total population for zip code: 16,537			Median Age: 42.5		
44827 (Crestline)- Crawford County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	6.0%	30 to 34 Years	3.0%	60 to 64 Years	6.1%
5 to 9 Years	4.5%	35 to 39 Years	4.6%	65 to 69 Years	9.5%
10 to 14 Years	6.4%	40 to 44 Years	4.9%	70 to 74 Years	5.5%
15 to 19 Years	5.8%	45 to 49 Years	7.9%	75 to 79 Years	4.2%
20 to 24 Years	6.0%	50 to 54 Years	8.7%	80 to 84 Years	2.0%
25 to 29 Years	6.3%	55 to 59 Years	7.2%	85 Years/Over	1.5%
Total population for zip code: 7,003			Median Age: 46.9		

44854 (New Washington)- Crawford County Age by Zip Code					
Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	2.8%	30 to 34 Years	6.7%	60 to 64 Years	12.1%
5 to 9 Years	9.4%	35 to 39 Years	7.0%	65 to 69 Years	8.0%
10 to 14 Years	3.7%	40 to 44 Years	2.4%	70 to 74 Years	3.7%
15 to 19 Years	6.0%	45 to 49 Years	7.6%	75 to 79 Years	2.1%
20 to 24 Years	3.2%	50 to 54 Years	6.6%	80 to 84 Years	3.7%
25 to 29 Years	9.1%	55 to 59 Years	4.2%	85 Years/Over	1.6%
Total population for zip code: 1,445			Median Age: 42.8		
44887 (Tiro)- Crawford County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	8.3%	30 to 34 Years	5.2%	60 to 64 Years	4.7%
5 to 9 Years	13.6%	35 to 39 Years	8.9%	65 to 69 Years	5.3%
10 to 14 Years	12.6%	40 to 44 Years	6.6%	70 to 74 Years	3.3%
15 to 19 Years	3.4%	45 to 49 Years	5.2%	75 to 79 Years	1.1%
20 to 24 Years	3.8%	50 to 54 Years	7.2%	80 to 84 Years	2.0%
25 to 29 Years	2.7%	55 to 59 Years	5.0%	85 Years/Over	1.1%
Total population for zip code: 1,036			Median Age: 35.1		
44856 (North Robinson)- Crawford County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	18.4%	30 to 34 Years	8.4%	60 to 64 Years	3.7%
5 to 9 Years	11.1%	35 to 39 Years	2.1%	65 to 69 Years	1.6%
10 to 14 Years	0.0%	40 to 44 Years	0.0%	70 to 74 Years	4.7%
15 to 19 Years	0.0%	45 to 49 Years	0.0%	75 to 79 Years	7.4%
20 to 24 Years	1.1%	50 to 54 Years	2.6%	80 to 84 Years	24.7%
25 to 29 Years	13.2%	55 to 59 Years	1.1%	85 Years/Over	0.0%
Total population for zip code: 190			Median Age: 31.8		
44825 (Chatfield)- Crawford County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	14.2%	30 to 34 Years	6.0%	60 to 64 Years	9.0%
5 to 9 Years	4.3%	35 to 39 Years	0.0%	65 to 69 Years	2.6%
10 to 14 Years	5.2%	40 to 44 Years	9.9%	70 to 74 Years	1.7%
15 to 19 Years	4.3%	45 to 49 Years	9.9%	75 to 79 Years	0.4%
20 to 24 Years	17.2%	50 to 54 Years	5.2%	80 to 84 Years	5.2%
25 to 29 Years	2.1%	55 to 59 Years	2.6%	85 Years/Over	0.4%
Total population for zip code: 233			Median Age: 32.4		
44881 (Sulphur Springs)- Crawford County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	0.0%	30 to 34 Years	0.0%	60 to 64 Years	24.5%
5 to 9 Years	0.0%	35 to 39 Years	0.0%	65 to 69 Years	8.2%
10 to 14 Years	0.0%	40 to 44 Years	8.2%	70 to 74 Years	0.0%
15 to 19 Years	0.0%	45 to 49 Years	0.0%	75 to 79 Years	0.0%
20 to 24 Years	13.3%	50 to 54 Years	37.8%	80 to 84 Years	0.0%
25 to 29 Years	8.2%	55 to 59 Years	0.0%	85 Years/Over	0.0%
Total population for zip code: 98			Median Age: 51.6		
<i>Source: American Community Survey 2020 5-Year Estimates</i>					



43302 (Marion)- Marion County Age by Zip Code					
Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	5.7%	30 to 34 Years	7.0%	60 to 64 Years	6.9%
5 to 9 Years	5.5%	35 to 39 Years	6.2%	65 to 69 Years	6.0%
10 to 14 Years	6.7%	40 to 44 Years	6.1%	70 to 74 Years	4.5%
15 to 19 Years	6.2%	45 to 49 Years	6.5%	75 to 79 Years	2.7%
20 to 24 Years	5.8%	50 to 54 Years	6.6%	80 to 84 Years	2.0%
25 to 29 Years	7.0%	55 to 59 Years	6.7%	85 Years/Over	2.1%
Total population for zip code: 55,090			Median Age: 40.0		
43342 (Prospect)- Marion County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	8.0%	30 to 34 Years	4.0%	60 to 64 Years	7.9%
5 to 9 Years	3.7%	35 to 39 Years	4.2%	65 to 69 Years	9.8%
10 to 14 Years	5.2%	40 to 44 Years	3.6%	70 to 74 Years	5.6%
15 to 19 Years	4.3%	45 to 49 Years	7.2%	75 to 79 Years	2.4%
20 to 24 Years	11.0%	50 to 54 Years	8.1%	80 to 84 Years	0.0%
25 to 29 Years	6.3%	55 to 59 Years	6.2%	85 Years/Over	1.8%
Total population for zip code: 3,465			Median Age: 44.4		
43314 (Caledonia)- Marion County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	1.6%	30 to 34 Years	1.8%	60 to 64 Years	9.0%
5 to 9 Years	3.0%	35 to 39 Years	5.9%	65 to 69 Years	5.8%
10 to 14 Years	8.4%	40 to 44 Years	9.5%	70 to 74 Years	5.7%
15 to 19 Years	12.6%	45 to 49 Years	12.5%	75 to 79 Years	2.1%
20 to 24 Years	6.3%	50 to 54 Years	8.0%	80 to 84 Years	1.5%
25 to 29 Years	2.2%	55 to 59 Years	3.6%	85 Years/Over	0.3%
Total population for zip code: 2,943			Median Age: 44.6		
43332 (La Rue)- Marion County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	6.5%	30 to 34 Years	6.3%	60 to 64 Years	4.8%
5 to 9 Years	3.1%	35 to 39 Years	6.7%	65 to 69 Years	7.8%
10 to 14 Years	7.8%	40 to 44 Years	12.1%	70 to 74 Years	3.5%
15 to 19 Years	4.0%	45 to 49 Years	4.0%	75 to 79 Years	4.0%
20 to 24 Years	3.5%	50 to 54 Years	7.3%	80 to 84 Years	3.2%
25 to 29 Years	5.8%	55 to 59 Years	8.8%	85 Years/Over	0.8%
Total population for zip code: 1,482			Median Age: 43.1		
43356 (Waldo)- Marion County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	9.4%	30 to 34 Years	7.0%	60 to 64 Years	6.9%
5 to 9 Years	6.9%	35 to 39 Years	2.1%	65 to 69 Years	10.8%
10 to 14 Years	5.0%	40 to 44 Years	1.8%	70 to 74 Years	4.1%
15 to 19 Years	0.6%	45 to 49 Years	11.6%	75 to 79 Years	0.5%
20 to 24 Years	0.7%	50 to 54 Years	2.7%	80 to 84 Years	0.0%
25 to 29 Years	9.1%	55 to 59 Years	10.2%	85 Years/Over	10.9%
Total population for zip code: 1,003			Median Age: 47.6		
43341 (New Bloomington)- Marion County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	8.8%	30 to 34 Years	3.1%	60 to 64 Years	7.5%
5 to 9 Years	1.6%	35 to 39 Years	4.1%	65 to 69 Years	3.4%
10 to 14 Years	3.0%	40 to 44 Years	3.0%	70 to 74 Years	0.7%
15 to 19 Years	1.4%	45 to 49 Years	1.3%	75 to 79 Years	3.6%
20 to 24 Years	4.7%	50 to 54 Years	17.9%	80 to 84 Years	1.7%
25 to 29 Years	8.8%	55 to 59 Years	17.8%	85 Years/Over	7.9%
Total population for zip code: 946			Median Age: 52.1		

43337 (Morral)- Marion County Age by Zip Code					
Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	3.9%	30 to 34 Years	3.9%	60 to 64 Years	6.6%
5 to 9 Years	6.8%	35 to 39 Years	2.0%	65 to 69 Years	2.2%
10 to 14 Years	3.7%	40 to 44 Years	9.7%	70 to 74 Years	14.0%
15 to 19 Years	3.8%	45 to 49 Years	6.3%	75 to 79 Years	9.6%
20 to 24 Years	2.5%	50 to 54 Years	4.5%	80 to 84 Years	3.1%
25 to 29 Years	4.4%	55 to 59 Years	9.4%	85 Years/Over	3.3%
Total population for zip code: 836			Median Age: 54.0		
43322 (Green Camp)- Marion County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	2.0%	30 to 34 Years	2.9%	60 to 64 Years	12.3%
5 to 9 Years	3.2%	35 to 39 Years	2.0%	65 to 69 Years	10.0%
10 to 14 Years	9.2%	40 to 44 Years	8.0%	70 to 74 Years	2.0%
15 to 19 Years	10.0%	45 to 49 Years	7.7%	75 to 79 Years	1.4%
20 to 24 Years	5.4%	50 to 54 Years	7.2%	80 to 84 Years	4.3%
25 to 29 Years	8.0%	55 to 59 Years	3.7%	85 Years/Over	0.6%
Total population for zip code: 349			Median Age: 44.6		
43338 (Mount Gilead)- Morrow County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	6.4%	30 to 34 Years	4.8%	60 to 64 Years	9.4%
5 to 9 Years	6.3%	35 to 39 Years	6.9%	65 to 69 Years	7.1%
10 to 14 Years	7.1%	40 to 44 Years	5.5%	70 to 74 Years	2.5%
15 to 19 Years	6.2%	45 to 49 Years	5.2%	75 to 79 Years	2.9%
20 to 24 Years	3.1%	50 to 54 Years	6.6%	80 to 84 Years	4.3%
25 to 29 Years	6.6%	55 to 59 Years	7.4%	85 Years/Over	1.9%
Total population for zip code: 10,163			Median Age: 42.6		
43334 (Marengo)- Morrow County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	4.1%	30 to 34 Years	6.9%	60 to 64 Years	8.3%
5 to 9 Years	5.3%	35 to 39 Years	4.3%	65 to 69 Years	8.1%
10 to 14 Years	9.0%	40 to 44 Years	8.3%	70 to 74 Years	5.3%
15 to 19 Years	6.4%	45 to 49 Years	8.7%	75 to 79 Years	4.9%
20 to 24 Years	2.7%	50 to 54 Years	5.5%	80 to 84 Years	0.5%
25 to 29 Years	2.8%	55 to 59 Years	7.2%	85 Years/Over	1.7%
Total population for zip code: 6,329			Median Age: 45.1		
43320 (Edison)- Morrow County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	2.1%	30 to 34 Years	2.3%	60 to 64 Years	3.2%
5 to 9 Years	4.8%	35 to 39 Years	11.8%	65 to 69 Years	16.8%
10 to 14 Years	7.7%	40 to 44 Years	5.3%	70 to 74 Years	4.0%
15 to 19 Years	8.7%	45 to 49 Years	5.3%	75 to 79 Years	2.2%
20 to 24 Years	7.3%	50 to 54 Years	3.3%	80 to 84 Years	0.6%
25 to 29 Years	1.5%	55 to 59 Years	8.7%	85 Years/Over	4.3%
Total population for zip code: 1,258			Median Age: 44.0		
43321 (Fulton)- Morrow County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	9.2%	30 to 34 Years	2.6%	60 to 64 Years	4.0%
5 to 9 Years	1.4%	35 to 39 Years	10.0%	65 to 69 Years	9.0%
10 to 14 Years	4.0%	40 to 44 Years	3.8%	70 to 74 Years	4.3%
15 to 19 Years	1.4%	45 to 49 Years	6.1%	75 to 79 Years	0.9%
20 to 24 Years	12.7%	50 to 54 Years	3.5%	80 to 84 Years	4.0%
25 to 29 Years	13.3%	55 to 59 Years	6.4%	85 Years/Over	3.2%
Total population for zip code: 346			Median Age: 38.1		

43317 (Chesterville)- Morrow County Age by Zip Code

Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	9.1%	30 to 34 Years	4.0%	60 to 64 Years	10.9%
5 to 9 Years	3.4%	35 to 39 Years	4.0%	65 to 69 Years	4.0%
10 to 14 Years	6.3%	40 to 44 Years	9.1%	70 to 74 Years	3.4%
15 to 19 Years	3.4%	45 to 49 Years	2.9%	75 to 79 Years	8.0%
20 to 24 Years	12.6%	50 to 54 Years	1.7%	80 to 84 Years	2.9%
25 to 29 Years	5.1%	55 to 59 Years	6.9%	85 Years/Over	2.3%
Total population for zip code: 175			Median Age: 41.4		
<i>Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>					

44813 (Bellville)- Richland County Age by Zip Code

Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	6.0%	30 to 34 Years	6.1%	60 to 64 Years	7.3%
5 to 9 Years	4.3%	35 to 39 Years	4.9%	65 to 69 Years	5.9%
10 to 14 Years	7.9%	40 to 44 Years	5.6%	70 to 74 Years	6.1%
15 to 19 Years	7.2%	45 to 49 Years	6.4%	75 to 79 Years	5.6%
20 to 24 Years	7.0%	50 to 54 Years	5.7%	80 to 84 Years	1.9%
25 to 29 Years	3.5%	55 to 59 Years	6.6%	85 Years/Over	2.0%
Total population for zip code: 7,806			Median Age: 42.8		

44822 (Butler)- Richland County Age by Zip Code

Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	10.7%	30 to 34 Years	7.5%	60 to 64 Years	4.3%
5 to 9 Years	7.6%	35 to 39 Years	4.9%	65 to 69 Years	5.2%
10 to 14 Years	10.1%	40 to 44 Years	5.3%	70 to 74 Years	2.3%
15 to 19 Years	6.3%	45 to 49 Years	5.2%	75 to 79 Years	3.9%
20 to 24 Years	6.9%	50 to 54 Years	3.6%	80 to 84 Years	0.8%
25 to 29 Years	6.3%	55 to 59 Years	8.1%	85 Years/Over	0.9%
Total population for zip code: 3,418			Median Age: 31.6		

44843 (Lucas)- Richland County Age by Zip Code

Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	7.6%	30 to 34 Years	5.2%	60 to 64 Years	5.9%
5 to 9 Years	4.5%	35 to 39 Years	6.4%	65 to 69 Years	7.9%
10 to 14 Years	5.2%	40 to 44 Years	5.2%	70 to 74 Years	5.5%
15 to 19 Years	4.1%	45 to 49 Years	6.6%	75 to 79 Years	8.2%
20 to 24 Years	7.9%	50 to 54 Years	6.3%	80 to 84 Years	3.2%
25 to 29 Years	4.7%	55 to 59 Years	4.6%	85 Years/Over	0.7%
Total population for zip code: 2,667			Median Age: 44.3		

44875 (Shelby)- Richland County Age by Zip Code

Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	5.8%	30 to 34 Years	3.9%	60 to 64 Years	5.7%
5 to 9 Years	7.8%	35 to 39 Years	4.3%	65 to 69 Years	4.1%
10 to 14 Years	7.9%	40 to 44 Years	7.2%	70 to 74 Years	4.8%
15 to 19 Years	6.3%	45 to 49 Years	5.5%	75 to 79 Years	4.0%
20 to 24 Years	3.3%	50 to 54 Years	8.0%	80 to 84 Years	3.3%
25 to 29 Years	5.8%	55 to 59 Years	8.4%	85 Years/Over	3.8%
Total population for zip code: 13,815			Median Age: 43.5		

44878 (Shiloh)- Richland County Age by Zip Code					
Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total	Age Group	% Total
Under 5 Years	11.6%	30 to 34 Years	4.1%	60 to 64 Years	8.6%
5 to 9 Years	8.2%	35 to 39 Years	5.7%	65 to 69 Years	6.1%
10 to 14 Years	9.7%	40 to 44 Years	5.3%	70 to 74 Years	3.1%
15 to 19 Years	5.0%	45 to 49 Years	6.0%	75 to 79 Years	1.0%
20 to 24 Years	7.7%	50 to 54 Years	5.7%	80 to 84 Years	2.9%
25 to 29 Years	5.1%	55 to 59 Years	3.9%	85 Years/Over	0.1%
Total population for zip code: 3,028			Median Age: 33.4		
44902 (Mansfield)- Richland County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	10.2%	30 to 34 Years	7.8%	60 to 64 Years	4.1%
5 to 9 Years	9.4%	35 to 39 Years	7.5%	65 to 69 Years	2.5%
10 to 14 Years	4.5%	40 to 44 Years	4.7%	70 to 74 Years	3.3%
15 to 19 Years	7.8%	45 to 49 Years	5.1%	75 to 79 Years	1.6%
20 to 24 Years	8.1%	50 to 54 Years	5.4%	80 to 84 Years	1.6%
25 to 29 Years	7.4%	55 to 59 Years	7.8%	85 Years/Over	1.3%
Total population for zip code: 5,458			Median Age: 31.0		
44903 (Mansfield)- Richland County Age by Zip Code					
Under 5 Years	8.0%	30 to 34 Years	5.4%	60 to 64 Years	7.2%
5 to 9 Years	5.2%	35 to 39 Years	5.4%	65 to 69 Years	5.9%
10 to 14 Years	7.1%	40 to 44 Years	4.9%	70 to 74 Years	4.5%
15 to 19 Years	6.4%	45 to 49 Years	7.3%	75 to 79 Years	3.0%
20 to 24 Years	6.9%	50 to 54 Years	6.8%	80 to 84 Years	2.2%
25 to 29 Years	5.5%	55 to 59 Years	6.8%	85 Years/Over	1.5%
Total population for zip code: 25,012			Median Age: 40.0		
44904 (Lexington, Mansfield)- Richland County Age by Zip					
Under 5 Years	3.7%	30 to 34 Years	6.3%	60 to 64 Years	8.4%
5 to 9 Years	5.0%	35 to 39 Years	4.4%	65 to 69 Years	7.4%
10 to 14 Years	6.1%	40 to 44 Years	6.9%	70 to 74 Years	5.8%
15 to 19 Years	8.1%	45 to 49 Years	7.1%	75 to 79 Years	2.9%
20 to 24 Years	4.8%	50 to 54 Years	6.8%	80 to 84 Years	3.0%
25 to 29 Years	3.7%	55 to 59 Years	8.1%	85 Years/Over	1.5%
Total population for zip code: 14,389			Median Age: 45.9		
44905 (Mansfield)- Richland County Age by Zip					
Under 5 Years	3.4%	30 to 34 Years	9.4%	60 to 64 Years	6.1%
5 to 9 Years	5.2%	35 to 39 Years	7.7%	65 to 69 Years	6.5%
10 to 14 Years	3.6%	40 to 44 Years	8.9%	70 to 74 Years	3.9%
15 to 19 Years	3.1%	45 to 49 Years	5.2%	75 to 79 Years	2.1%
20 to 24 Years	8.3%	50 to 54 Years	6.6%	80 to 84 Years	0.9%
25 to 29 Years	9.8%	55 to 59 Years	7.0%	85 Years/Over	2.3%
Total population for zip code: 16,693			Median Age: 39.8		
44906 (Mansfield)- Richland County Age by Zip					
Under 5 Years	5.0%	30 to 34 Years	4.2%	60 to 64 Years	7.8%
5 to 9 Years	5.5%	35 to 39 Years	7.1%	65 to 69 Years	7.3%
10 to 14 Years	6.0%	40 to 44 Years	5.1%	70 to 74 Years	5.6%
15 to 19 Years	4.0%	45 to 49 Years	5.2%	75 to 79 Years	3.6%
20 to 24 Years	5.1%	50 to 54 Years	5.3%	80 to 84 Years	3.0%
25 to 29 Years	7.4%	55 to 59 Years	5.9%	85 Years/Over	6.6%
Total population for zip code: 16,461			Median Age: 45.5		
<i>Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>					

KEY STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS: *Detailed Results*

The three primary data components included in this assessment include:

1. **Partner agencies** - A total of 23 partner agencies serving low-income individuals in OHCAC's service area completed a web survey. Of those who completed the survey, 48% were public sector or government, 39% were community-based organizations or non-profits, 9% were educational institutions, and 4% were faith based organizations.
2. **OHCAC Staff**- A total of 97 OHCAC staff members completed a web survey. Of those who completed the survey, 42% were instructional staff, 20% were management, 17% were component staff and the remaining 22% reported being 'other'.
3. **Head Start Parents**- A total of 64 Head Start parents completed either a web or paper survey. Of those who completed the survey, 42% attend part-day Head Start, 47% receive full-day Head Start and 22% receive Early Head Start.

SUMMARY

All three key stakeholders were asked what they thought were the biggest needs of stressors facing families served by OHAC. For families, the biggest need mentioned was money. For both OHCAC staff and community partners, the top need or stressor mentioned was basic needs.

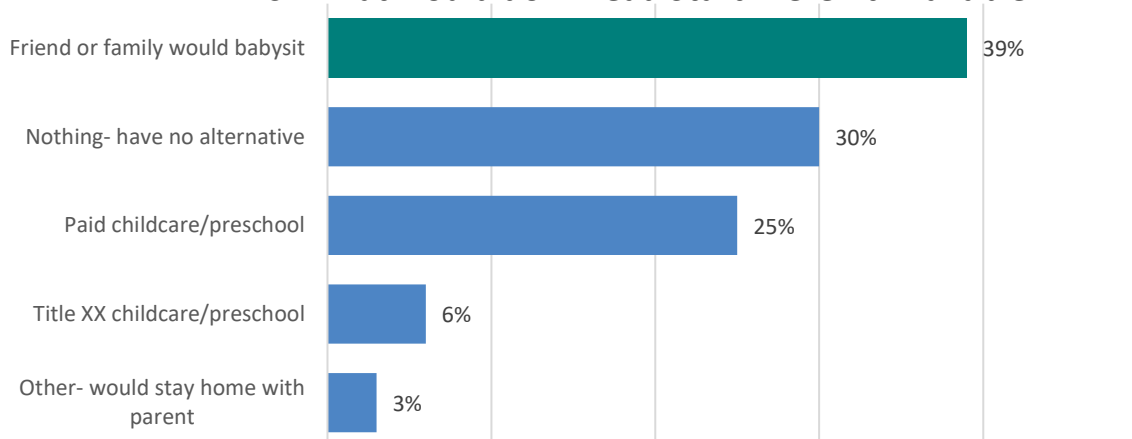
Biggest Need or Stressor Facing Families						
	PARENTS		STAFF		COMMUNITY PARTNERS	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Money	32	60.4%	-	-	-	-
Basic needs	15	28.3%	33	41.8%	15	65.2%
Parenting challenges	12	22.6%	13	16.5%	2	8.7%
Childcare	12	22.6%	-	-	14	60.9%
Transportation	8	15.1%	27	34.2%	9	39.1%
No support system	7	13.2%	20	25.3%	4	17.4%
Family communication	6	11.3%	-	-	-	-
Health	6	11.3%	-	-	-	-
Inconsistent school schedule	-	-	15	19.0%	-	-
<i>Total</i>	98	(n= 53)	108	(n=79)	44	(n=23)



CLIENTS/PARENTS

All parents were asked what they would do for childcare if Head Start were not available. More than a third of parents, 39%, would have a friend or family member that would babysit. A significant portion, 30%, have no alternative to Head Start while a quarter, 25%, would utilize paid childcare or preschool. A small percentage, 6%, would use Title XX childcare or preschool.

PARENTS: What would do if Head Start Weren't Available



Parents like the small-town atmosphere and the close knit community most about the community that they live in. In terms of what would improve, the most common improvements mentioned were more activities and better communication.

PARENTS: Like best about community		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Small town atmosphere	24	44.4%
Close knit community	17	31.5%
Resources available	7	13.0%
Amenities	6	11.1%
Total	54	(n=54)

Question: What do you like best about the community you live in?

PARENTS: What IMPROVE about community		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
More activities	18	31.6%
Nothing I can think of	10	17.5%
Communication	8	14.0%
Additional resources	7	12.3%
Basic needs met	6	10.5%
Deal with drug problem	6	10.5%
Infrastructure	3	5.3%
Less crime/violence	3	5.3%
Schools	2	3.5%
More diversity	2	3.5%
Better morals	1	1.8%
Total	66	(n= 57)

Question: If there were something you could IMPROVE about your community, what would it be?

All parents were next asked what they felt were the three most important issues facing their family or household. The issues mentioned most often were money, basic needs, parenting challenges, and childcare. Other issues mentioned are listed in the table below.

PARENTS: Most important issues facing family		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Money	32	60.4%
Basic needs	15	28.3%
Parenting challenges	12	22.6%
Childcare	12	22.6%
Transportation	8	15.1%
No support system	7	13.2%
Family communication	6	11.3%
Health	6	11.3%
Total	98	(n= 53)
<i>Question: What would you say are the 3 MOST important ISSUES facing your household or family today?</i>		

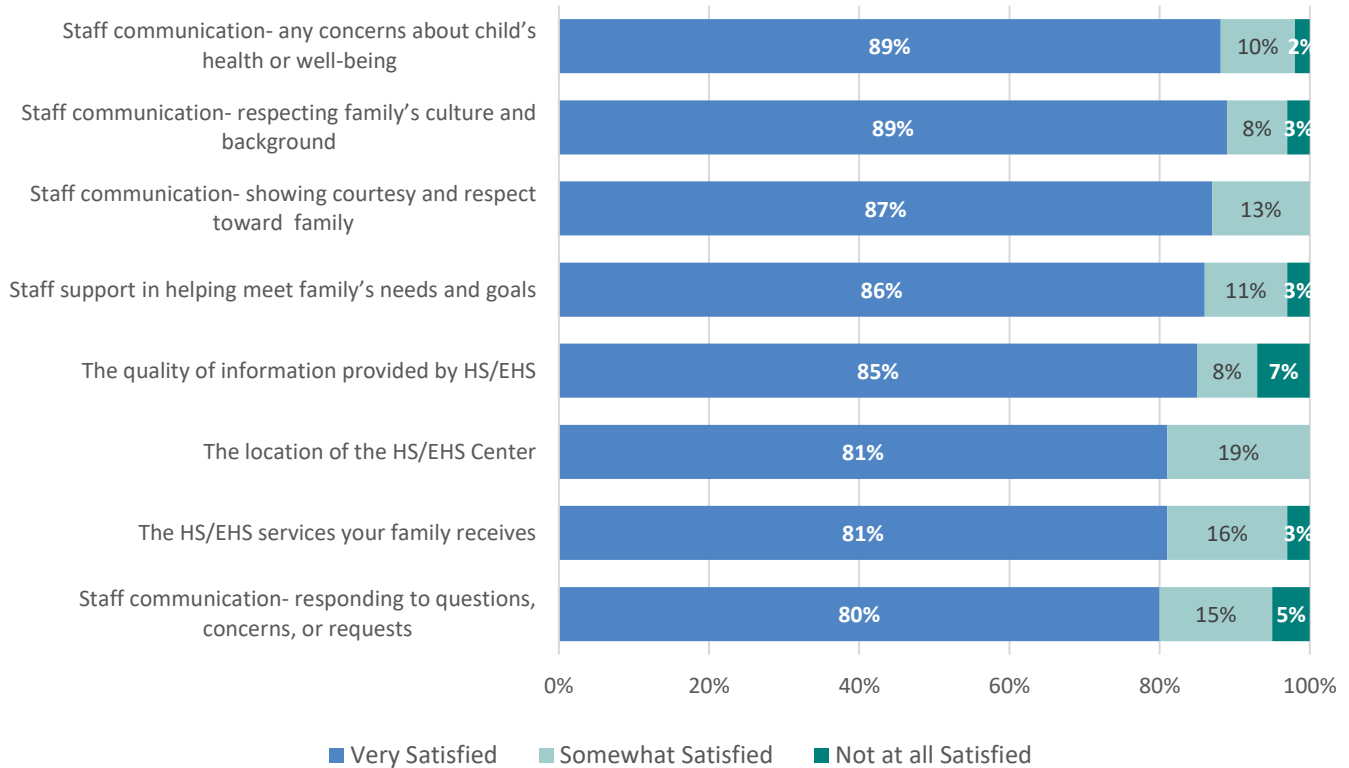
About one-sixth, 16%, of parents reported that there are services their family needed that they were unable to get in their community. The most common services needed were speech therapy and utility and home maintenance assistance. Other needed services are listed in the table below.

PARENTS: Needed services unable to get in the community		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Speech therapy	2	20.0%
Utility/home maintenance assistance	2	20.0%
Flexible childcare	1	10.0%
Affordable childcare	1	10.0%
Counseling for preschool age children	1	10.0%
Internet	1	10.0%
Access to a grocery store	1	10.0%
Transportation	1	10.0%
Occupational therapy	1	10.0%
Therapy for autistic child	1	10.0%
Total	12	(n=10)
<i>Question: Are there any services that your family needs or wants that you aren't able to get in your community? IF YES: What services would that be?</i>		



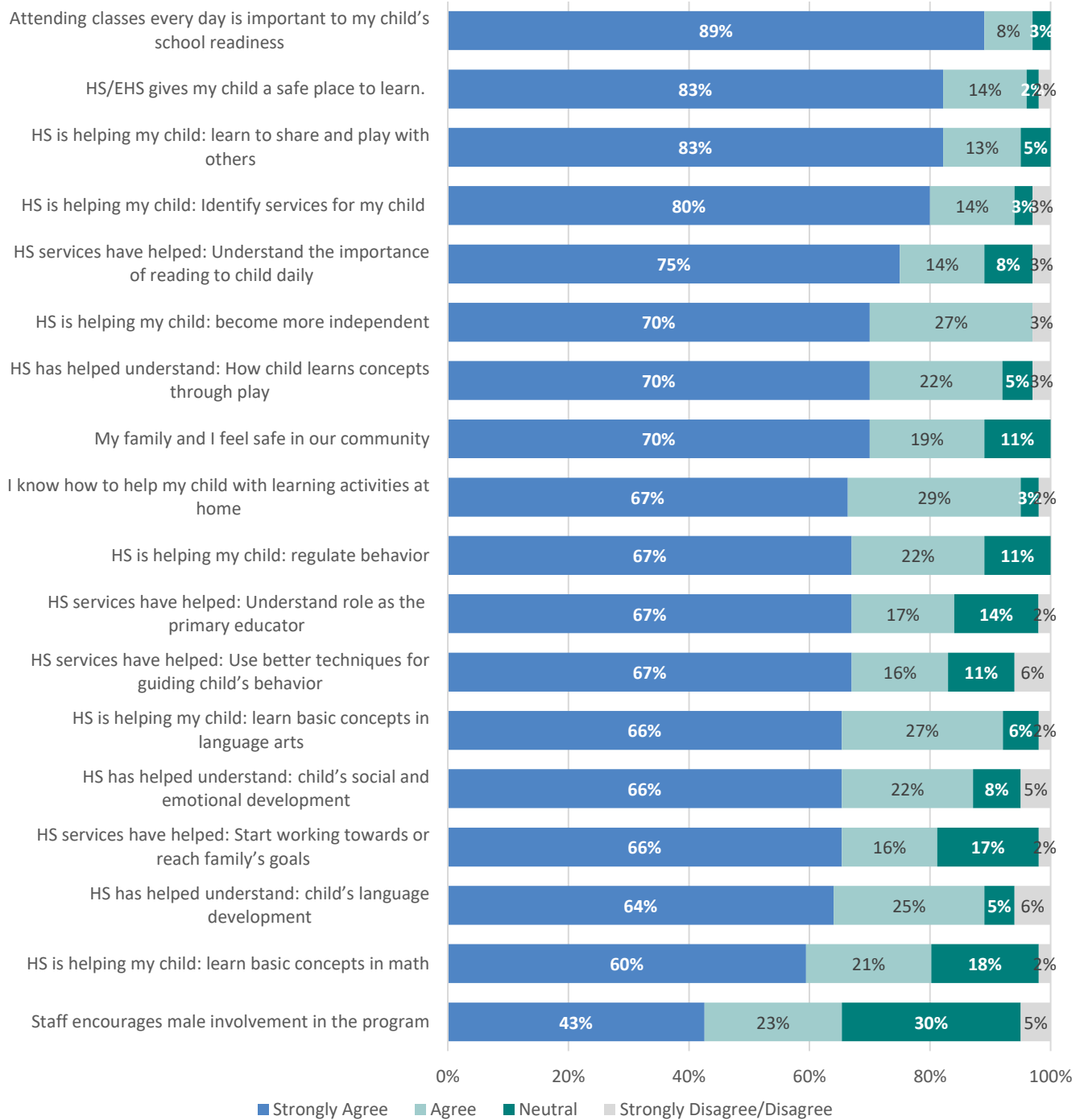
Next, parents were given a list of eight areas and asked how satisfied they were with each. It should be noted that the majority (80%) of parents were very satisfied in all eight areas. The two areas with the highest level of satisfaction were “Staff communication regarding any concerns about your child’s health or well-being” and “Staff communication regarding respecting your family’s culture and background”, each had 89% of parents rate the area as very satisfied.

PARENTS: Satisfaction with Head Start Items



All parents were also given a list of eighteen statements and asked how much they agreed with each. Agreement levels for all eighteen statements are in the chart below. The statement with the highest level of agreement was, *“Attending classes every day is important to my child’s school readiness,”* with 89% of parents strongly agreeing and 8% agreeing with this statement. The statement with the lowest level of agreement was, *“Staff encourages father/male involvement in the program.”* Less than half, 43%, of parents strongly agreed and 23% agreed with this statement.

PARENTS: Agreement with statements

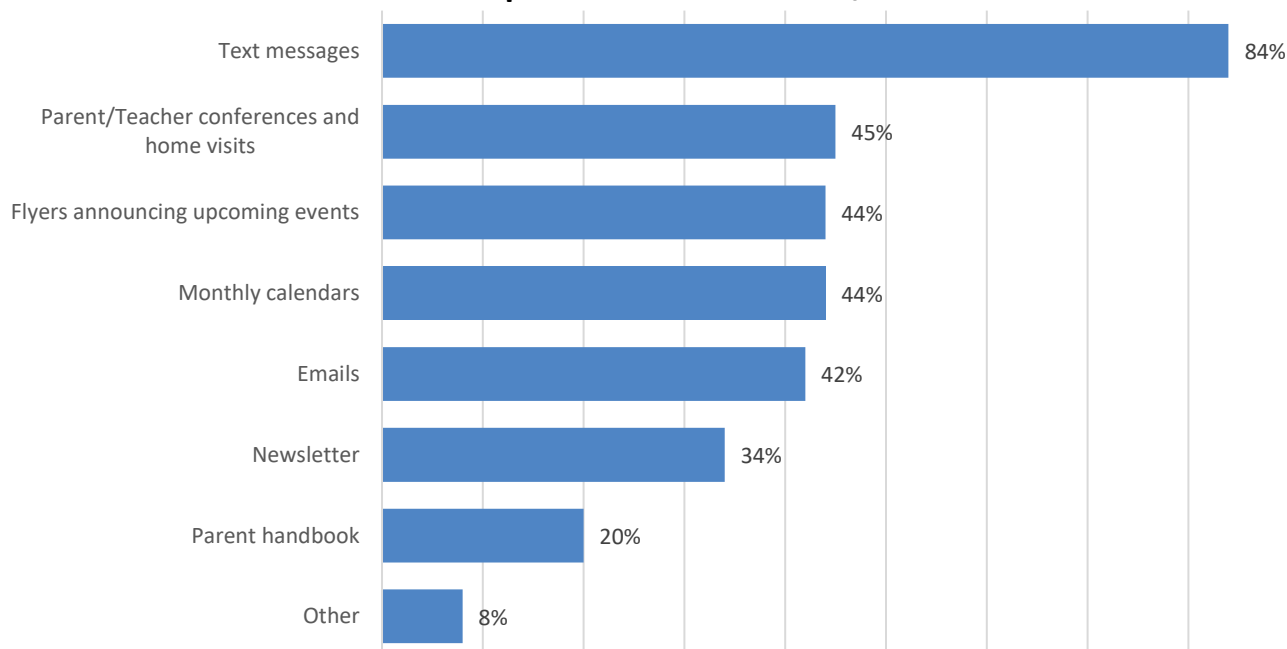


The most common methods parents currently receive information from Head Start or Early Head Start are from text messages and handouts sent home. Other ways that they are currently receiving information are listed below.

PARENTS: How currently receive information from HS/EHS		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Text messages	34	60.7%
Handouts sent home	28	50.0%
Email	21	37.5%
Phone calls	17	30.4%
Talking to teachers	15	26.8%
Pamphlets/Flyers	6	10.7%
Advocate	5	8.9%
Mailings/Letters	3	5.4%
Parent teacher conference	2	3.6%
Total	131	(n=56)
<i>Question: How do you currently receive information from Head Start/Early Head Start?</i>		

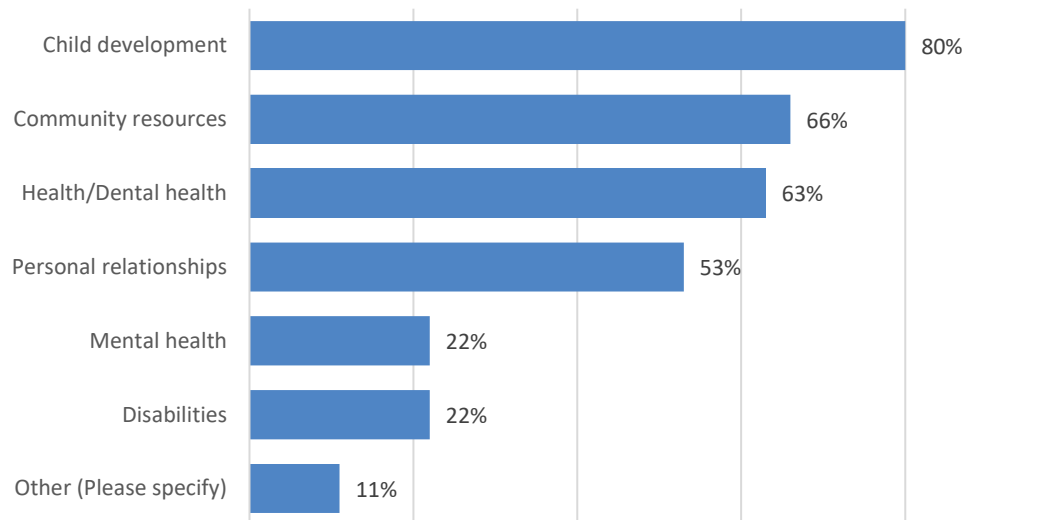
Next, parents were asked how they would prefer to hear from Head Start or Early Head Start in the future given seven different options. The most popular response, by far, was text messages with the majority of parents, 84%, stating that they would prefer to hear from OHCAC this way in the future. Nearly half of parents reported that they would prefer to hear from OHCAC in the future through parent/teacher conferences and home visits (45%), flyers announcing upcoming events (44%), monthly calendars (44%), and emails (42%). More than a third, 34%, prefer to hear through the newsletter and just 20% prefer to hear through the parent handbook. Other methods mentioned include Class Dojo, phone calls, Zoom, and face to face.

PARENTS: How prefer to hear from HS/EHS in future



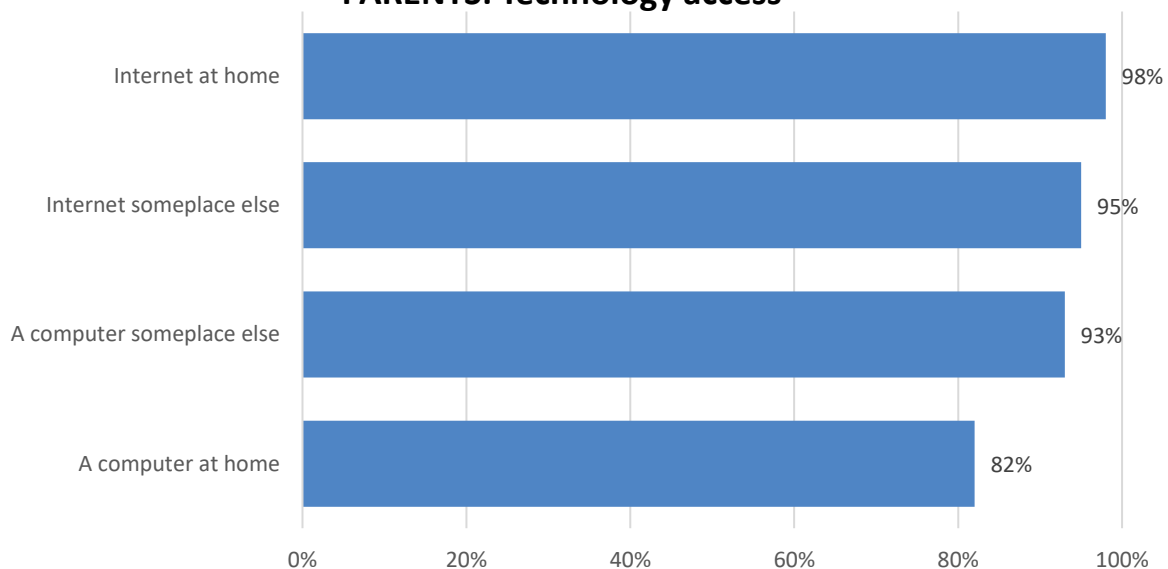
The majority of parents, 80%, reported that had received informational support that was provided by Head Start/Early Head Start in the area of child development. Around two thirds of parents indicated that they had received information on community resources (66%) and health/dental health (63%) while more than half, 53%, received information on personal information. Nearly a quarter, 22%, of parents received information on mental health and disabilities. Two parents reported that they had not received any information but would appreciate any information given to them.

PARENTS: Areas of information support provided by HS/EHS



Nearly all parents, 98%, reported having access to the internet at home while a majority have access to the internet someplace else (95%), a computer someplace other than home (93%), and a computer at home (82%).

PARENTS: Technology access



STAFF

First, staff were asked what they liked best about working at OHCAC. Nearly a third of respondents, 30%, said that they like their coworkers best while 26% like the impact that OHCAC makes on the community. Other things mentioned include, in order of importance, the clients (23%), the work-life balance that OHCAC allows (13%), OHCAC's leadership (6%), and their pay and benefits (2%).

STAFF: Like best about working at OHCAC		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Coworkers	29	30.2%
Making an impact	25	26.0%
Clients	22	22.9%
Work-life balance	12	12.5%
Leadership	6	6.3%
Pay and benefits	2	2.1%
Total	96	(n= 96)
<i>Question: What do you like best about working at OHCAC?</i>		

More than half of staff members, 54%, reported that their biggest concern about OHCAC's Head Start/Early Head Start program was staffing. Following staffing concerns were communication (24%), behavioral problems (8%), and the future of the program (7%). A notable portion, 8%, reported that they have no concerns.

STAFF: Biggest concern about program		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Staffing	49	53.8%
Communication	22	24.2%
Behavioral problems	7	7.7%
No concerns	7	7.7%
Future of program	6	6.6%
Total	91	(n=91)
<i>Question: What is your biggest concern about OHCAC's HS/EHS programs?</i>		

Staff reported that the biggest needs or stressors that they are currently seeing in the families that they are working with are basic needs (42%), school transportation (34%), unstable family unit (25%), inconsistent school schedule (19%), and parenting challenges (17%).

STAFF: Biggest Needs or Stressors		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Basic needs	33	41.8%
School transportation	27	34.2%
Unstable family unit	20	25.3%
Inconsistent school schedule	15	19.0%
Parenting challenges	13	16.5%
Total	108	(n=79)
<i>Question: What are the biggest needs or stressors that you are currently seeing in the families that you work with?</i>		

The services that staff members believe that Head Start/Early Head Start families need most is guidance on how best to utilize services that are available (36%). Other services mentioned include, in order of importance, a dependable schedule (31%), transportation (24%), strategies for parenting (19%), a safe environment for their child (11%), and a full-day program (8%).

STAFF: Services that families need most		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Guidance to utilize resources	31	36.0%
Dependable schedule	27	31.4%
Transportation	21	24.4%
Strategies for parenting	16	18.6%
Safe environment for their child	9	10.5%
Full day program	7	8.1%
Doing a good job	2	2.3%
Total	113	(n=86)
<i>Question: What services do you believe that OHCAC's Head Start/Early Head Start families most need or want?</i>		

When asked how they felt that OHCAC could do a better job meeting the needs of families served, nearly a quarter, 24%, of staff members felt that OHCAC is doing a good job as is. Suggestions given for how OHCAC could better meet families' needs include better understand the clientele served (22%), adequate staffing (16%), guidance to utilize resources (14%), better communication (11%), a supportive work environment (9%), and transportation assistance (6%),

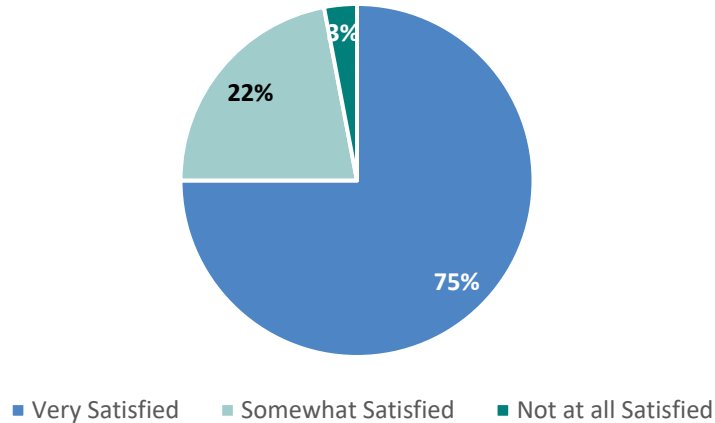
STAFF: How OHCAC can better meet needs of families served		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
<i>Doing a good job as is</i>	19	23.5%
Better understand clientele served	18	22.2%
Adequate staffing	13	16.0%
Guidance to utilize resources	11	13.6%
Communication	9	11.1%
Supportive work environment	7	8.6%
Transportation	5	6.2%
Parenting strategies	5	6.2%
Community gatherings	4	4.9%
Dependable schedule	3	3.7%
Total	94	(n=81)
<i>Question: How do you think OHCAC can do a better job meeting the needs of the families' served?</i>		





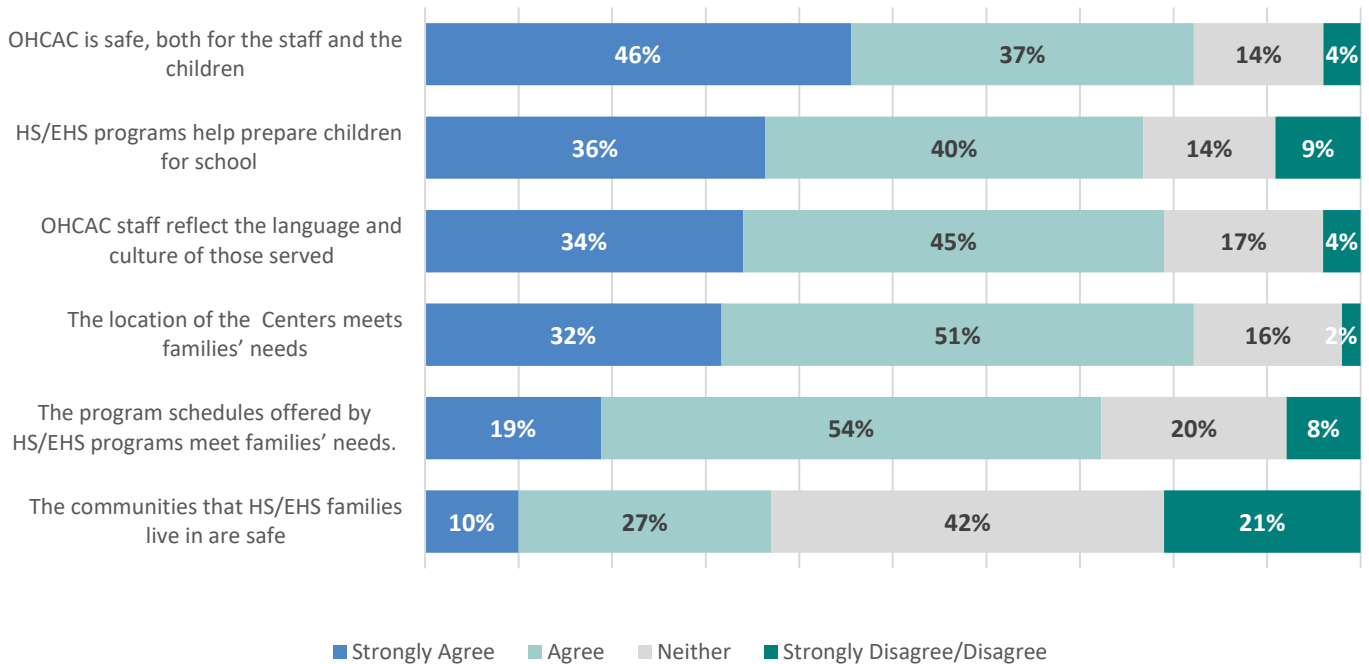
Three quarters of the staff, 75%, are very satisfied with the location of the Head Start Center while another 22% are somewhat satisfied. Only a small percentage of staff, 3%, are not satisfied with the location of the Center.

Satisfaction with Location of Head Start Center



All staff members were also given a list of six statements and asked how much they agreed with each. Agreement levels for all statements are in the chart below. The statements with the highest level of agreement were, *“The place where I work is safe, both for the staff and the children,”* and, *“The location of the Head Start/Early Head Start enters meets families’ needs,”* each with 83% of staff members agreeing. Just a third of staff members, 37%, agreed, *“The communities that OHCAC’s Head Start/Early Head Start families live in are safe.”*

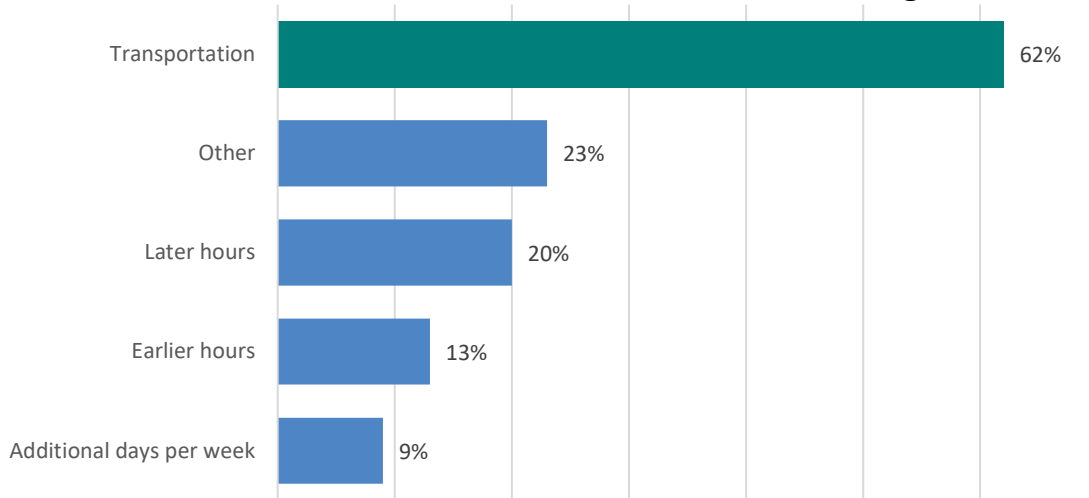
STAFF: Agreement with Statements





When asked how OHCAC could better meet the scheduling needs of the families served, the most common response, given by 62% of respondents, was more transportation or transportation on different schedules. A fifth of respondents mentioned having later hours while slightly less, 13%, felt earlier hours would help. Less than one in ten, 9%, suggested additional days per week.

STAFF: How OHCAC can better meet families' scheduling needs

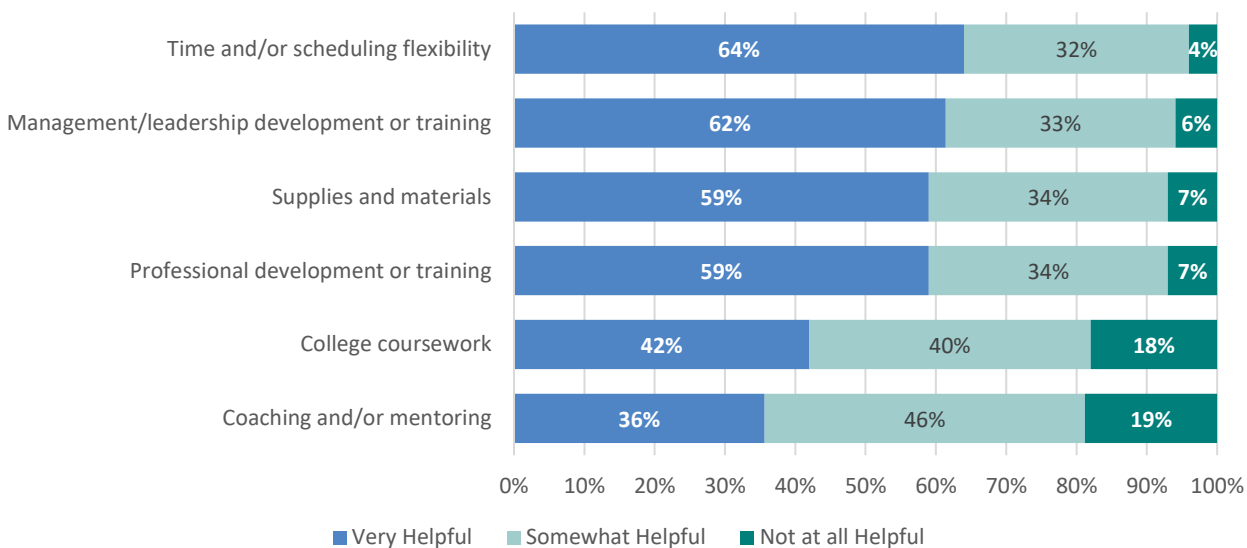


STAFF: Other ways OHCAC can meet families' scheduling needs		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Offer full-day rooms	4	19.0%
More staff	4	19.0%
Later school pick-up option	3	14.3%
Head Start on Fridays	3	14.3%
Make all classes 4 days a week	2	9.5%
Additional childcare resources	1	4.8%
Babysitting options for closed classrooms	1	4.8%
Focus on kindergarten readiness	1	4.8%
Offer EHS in other locations	1	4.8%
Open classrooms	1	4.8%
Total	21	(n=21)
<i>Question: Other: How do you think that OHCAC can better meet families' scheduling needs?</i>		



Finally, staff members were given a list of six items and asked how helpful each would be in improving their current position at OHCAC. Nearly two-thirds mentioned that having time and/or scheduling flexibility (64%) and management/leadership development or training (62%) was very important. More than half felt that additional supplies and materials (59%) and professional development or training (59%) would be very helpful. Lastly, more than a third of staff reported that college coursework (42%) and coaching and/or mentoring (36%) would be very helpful.

STAFF: Helpfulness in improving current position



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

First, community partners were asked what they liked best about the community that their organization serves. More than a third of community partners, 39%, said they like that the community is supportive, while 35% like the collaborative nature of the community. The remaining 26% said they like the resources available in the community.

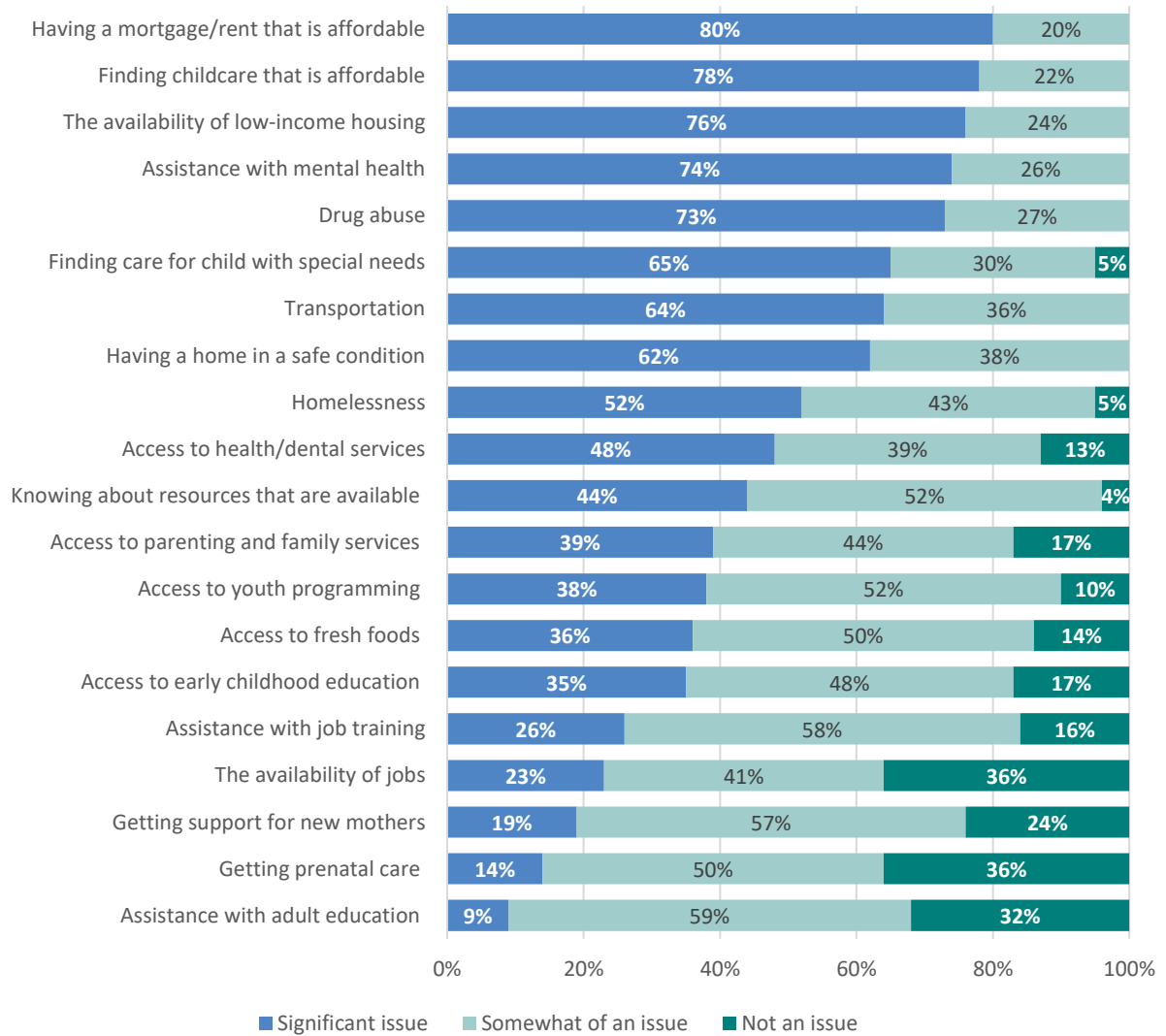
PARTNERS: Like best about community served		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Supportive	9	39.1%
Collaborative	8	34.8%
Resources available	6	26.1%
Total	23	(n=23)
<i>Question: What do you like best about the community that your organization serves?</i>		

Community partners reported that the biggest needs or stressors they are currently seeing in the families that they are working with are basic needs (65%), childcare (61%), transportation (39%), unstable family unit (17%), and parenting challenges (9%).

PARTNERS: Most important issues facing families work with		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Basic needs	15	65.2%
Childcare	14	60.9%
Transportation	9	39.1%
Unstable family unit	4	17.4%
Parenting challenges	2	8.7%
Total	44	(n=23)
<i>Question: What are the biggest needs or stressors that you are currently seeing in the families that you work with?</i>		

Next, community partners were given a list of twenty different issues and asked how significant an issue each was to the families that their organization serves. The most significant issues families are facing, according to community partners, were **having a mortgage or rent that is affordable** (80% stated it was a significant problem), **finding childcare that is available** (78%), **the availability of low-income housing** (76%), **assistance with mental health** (74%), and **drug abuse** (73%). Other problems are listed on the chart below.

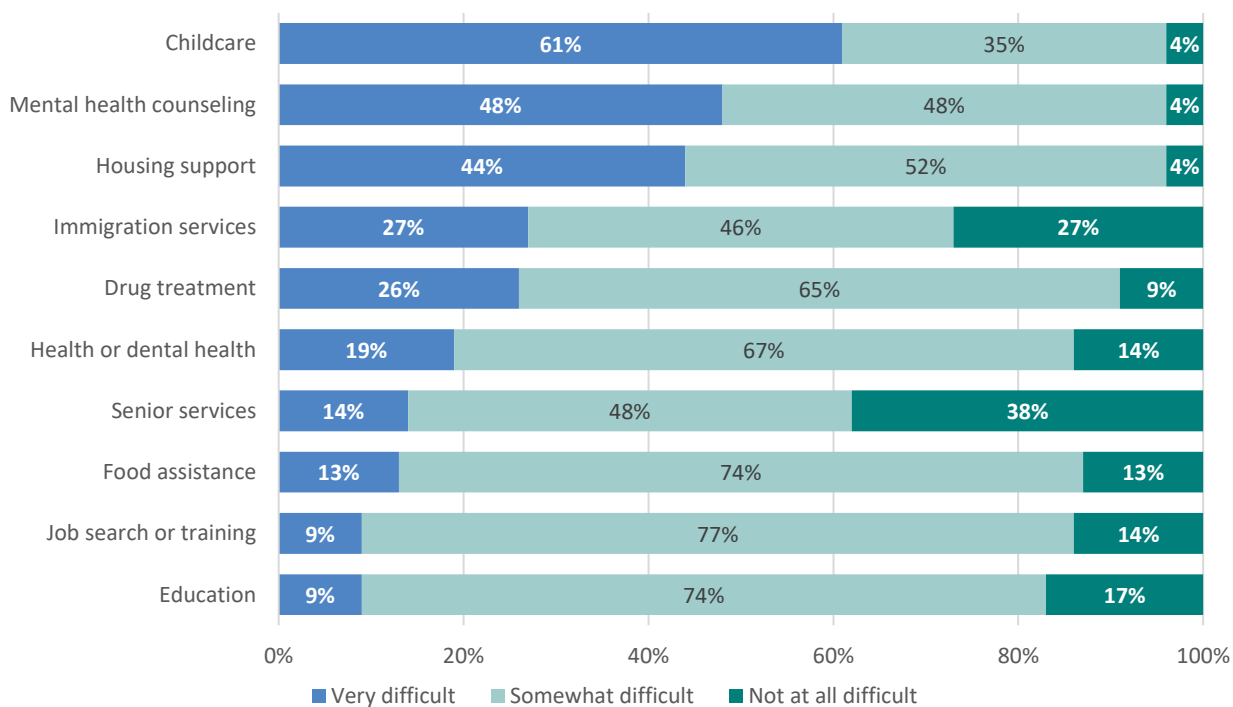
PARTNERS: Issues facing families served



Community Partners were also asked how difficult they thought it would be for low-income individuals to find or access ten different services. Nearly a sixth, 61%, of community partners felt it was very difficult for low-income individuals to find childcare in the community they serve. Following childcare were mental health counseling (48%) and housing support (44%).



PARTNERS: Difficulty of low-income families accessing



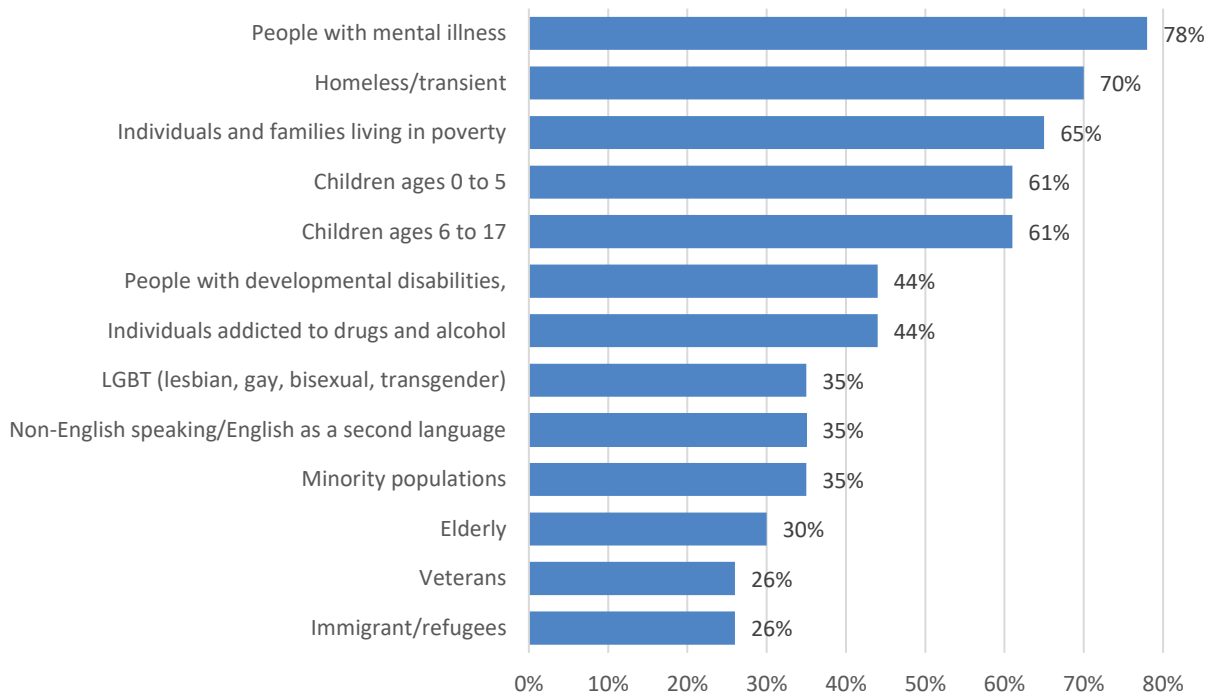
When asked what additional programs, resources, or services are needed in the community they serve that are not currently available, the top response once again was childcare, given by 56% of community partners. Following childcare was transportation (28%), mental health (22%), medical (11%), employment (11%) and mentoring (11%). Other services and programs mentioned by just one community partner are listed in the table below.

PARTNERS: Additional services needed		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Childcare	10	55.6%
Transportation	5	27.8%
Mental health	4	22.2%
Medical	2	11.1%
Employment	2	11.1%
Mentoring	2	11.1%
Strategies for parenting	1	5.6%
Doing a good job	1	5.6%
Animal therapy	1	5.6%
Total	28	(n=18)

Question: What additional programs, resources or services are needed in the community you serve that are not currently available?

Next, community partners were given a list of thirteen populations and asked which ones needed more services than what are available in their area. The populations most likely to need more services were people with mental illness (78%), homeless or transient (70%), individuals and families living in poverty (65%), children ages 0 to 5 (61%), and children ages 6 to 17 (61%).

PARTNERS: Populations need more services than are available

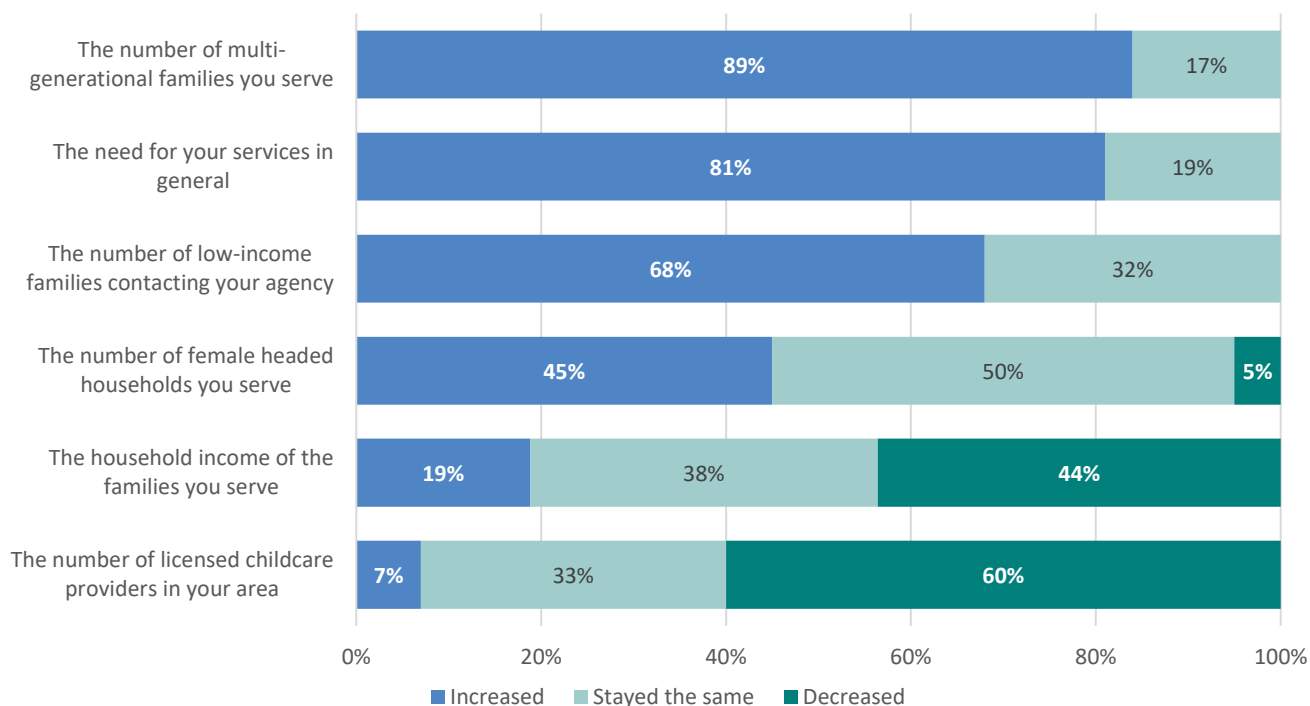


For the next set of questions, community partners were asked to next to think specifically about the services they provide and the people and families they serve. When asked for their agency's strengths when working with low-income individuals and families the strengths mentioned most often were being able to connect resources to their clients, that their agency is respectful to the people and families they serve, and that they accept all income levels.

PARTNERS: Agency strengths		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Connect resources to clients	17	81.0%
Respectful	8	38.1%
All level of incomes accepted	5	23.8%
Total	30	(n=21)
<i>Question: What do you think are your agency's strengths when working with low-income individuals or families?</i>		

Community partners were given a list of six items and asked if each had increased, decreased, or stayed the same over the past year. The majority of partners, 89%, indicated that the number of multi-generational families they serve has increased. Slightly fewer, 81%, reported that the need for their services in general has increased over the past year. More than two-thirds, 68%, said the number of low-income families that have contacted their agency has increased while nearly half, 45%, said the number of female headed households they serve has increased. On the other hand, nearly half, 44%, of community partners indicated that the household income of the families they serve has decreased over the last year while nearly two-thirds, 60%, stated that the number of licensed childcare providers in the area has decreased over the past year.

PARTNERS: In past year. . . .



Finally, community partners were asked how OHCAC’s Head Start and Early Head Start programs can better partner or work with their agency to better meet the needs of low-income children and their families. The most common suggestions included better collaboration between agencies, expanding programs, and make referrals. A fifth of respondents, 21%, said that they are doing a good job now and no changes are necessary.

PARTNERS: How can better partner with OHCAC		
	# of Responses	% of Responses
Collaboration	10	52.6%
Expand programs	6	31.6%
Doing a good job	4	21.1%
Make referrals	2	10.5%
Total	22	(n=19)
<i>Question: How do you think that OHCAC’s Head Start and Early Head Start program could better partner or work with your agency to better meet the needs of low-income children and families?</i>		



POVERTY AND INCOME

Individual Poverty Trends

In 2021, the percentage of individuals in poverty was slightly higher in Marion County (15.2%), Crawford County (14.1%), and Richland County (13.6%) than the state of Ohio (13.4%) while the percentage of individuals in poverty in Morrow County was slightly lower than the state (10.2%). Poverty rates for all five geographies have been relatively stable over the past five years.

Percent of population below poverty level, 2015-2019						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	16.2%	15.0%	14.9%	13.6%	14.1%	-2.1%
Marion County	16.6%	16.0%	14.8%	13.7%	15.2%	-1.4%
Morrow County	9.7%	10.2%	9.7%	9.1%	10.2%	+0.5%
Richland County	15.6%	14.3%	13.5%	13.7%	13.6%	-2.0%
Ohio	14.9%	14.5%	14.0%	13.6%	13.4%	-1.5%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Over 65 Poverty Trends

In 2021, the percentage of individuals over the age of 65 in poverty was slightly higher in Richland County (9.0%) and Marion County (8.7%) than the state of Ohio (8.5%) while the percentage of individuals over the age of 65 in poverty in both Crawford County (8.4%) and Morrow County (7.2%) was slightly lower than the state. Poverty rates for those over the age of 65 for all five geographies have been relatively stable over the past five years.

Over 65 Individual Poverty Rate 2017-2021						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	10.5%	10.6%	10.8%	7.4%	8.4%	-2.1%
Marion County	7.9%	7.1%	6.5%	7.2%	8.7%	+0.8%
Morrow County	5.7%	5.0%	5.4%	5.9%	7.2%	+1.5%
Richland County	8.5%	8.5%	8.0%	8.3%	9.0%	+0.5%
Ohio	8.0%	8.1%	8.1%	8.2%	8.5%	+0.5%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Under 18 Poverty Trends

In all counties except Morrow County, the poverty rate for those under 18 was higher than the state average of 18.6%. It should be noted that while Morrow County had the lowest poverty rate for those under the age of 18, it is the only geography that had an increase in poverty rate over the past five years.

When looking specifically at poverty rates for those under the age of five, the trends were similar with the exception of both Marion and Morrow Counties which had a lower poverty rate than the state (21.4%). Once over the past five years, poverty rates for children under the age of five decreased in four geographies while Morrow County saw an increase.

Poverty rates for children ages 5 to 17 were higher than in the state average (17.6%) in both Marion (23.1%) and Crawford (20.3%) Counties while rates were lower in Richland (17.3%) and Morrow (11.8%). Over the past five years, poverty rates for children ages 5 to 17 decreased in Ohio, Richland County and Crawford County while it increased in Marion County and stayed stable in Morrow County.

Under 18 Individual Poverty Rate 2017-2021						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
UNDER 18						
Crawford County	26.1%	23.1%	22.9%	21.0%	22.1%	-4.0%
Marion County	23.9%	23.7%	21.8%	20.9%	21.9%	-2.0%
Morrow County	12.4%	13.9%	12.4%	11.5%	13.5%	+1.1%
Richland County	22.5%	19.4%	18.6%	19.0%	19.6%	-2.9%
Ohio	21.3%	20.8%	19.9%	19.1%	18.6%	-2.7%
UNDER 5						
Crawford County	30.3%	28.1%	33.3%	23.7%	27.4%	-2.9%
Marion County	29.4%	27.6%	23.4%	20.8%	18.9%	-10.5%
Morrow County	14.5%	19.7%	16.2%	17.0%	18.9%	+4.4%
Richland County	30.6%	28.0%	26.3%	25.9%	26.3%	-4.3%
Ohio	25.1%	24.3%	23.0%	21.8%	21.4%	-3.7%
AGES 5-17						
Crawford County	24.7%	21.3%	19.2%	20.0%	20.3%	-4.4%
Marion County	21.7%	22.2%	21.2%	21.0%	23.1%	+1.4%
Morrow County	11.7%	12.2%	11.3%	9.8%	11.8%	+0.1%
Richland County	19.6%	16.3%	15.9%	16.5%	17.3%	-2.3%
Ohio	20.0%	19.5%	18.8%	18.1%	17.6%	-2.4%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Minority Poverty Trends

Poverty rates among minority individuals, particularly African Americans, is drastically higher than it is for Caucasians over time and across all geographies. In some instances, African American poverty is two times, if not three times more than Caucasian poverty. In addition, poverty among African American residents occurs at a higher rate in three of the four counties (all but Marion) than the state.

Minority Poverty 2017-2021							
	Race	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	Caucasian	15.9%	14.5%	14.6%	13.3%	13.8%	-2.1%
	African American	16.8%	36.2%	33.8%	27.9%	34.4%	+17.6%
	Asian	41.0%	29.3%	20.5%	0.0%	0.0%	-41.0%
	Hispanic/Latino	7.9%	4.6%	3.1%	2.6%	10.6%	+2.7%
Marion County	Caucasian	15.8%	15.4%	13.9%	12.6%	14.2%	-1.6%
	African American	32.7%	27.2%	25.7%	27.6%	20.2%	-12.5%
	Asian	8.7%	5.1%	15.0%	19.1%	30.6%	+21.9%
	Hispanic/Latino	20.8%	24.5%	33.7%	46.4%	45.2%	+24.4%
Morrow County	Caucasian	9.7%	10.0%	9.4%	9.0%	10.2%	+1.1%
	African American	19.6%	20.8%	18.5%	26.1%	32.3%	+12.7%
	Asian	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Hispanic/Latino	0.4%	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
Richland County	Caucasian	13.7%	12.5%	11.7%	12.0%	11.3%	-2.4%
	African American	35.6%	32.6%	29.2%	29.3%	32.1%	-3.5%
	Asian	4.9%	5.9%	7.1%	6.6%	7.1%	+2.2%
	Hispanic/Latino	30.4%	31.3%	31.8%	26.3%	30.1%	-0.3%
Ohio	Caucasian	11.9%	11.5%	11.1%	10.8%	10.6%	-1.3%
	African American	32.0%	31.2%	29.6%	28.4%	27.7%	-4.3%
	Asian	13.7%	14.0%	13.2%	12.6%	12.1%	-1.6%
	Hispanic/Latino	26.1%	25.9%	24.7%	23.9%	23.1%	-3.0%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Like poverty among minority individuals, poverty rates for minority families, particularly African Americans, was also drastically higher than it was for Caucasians over time and across all geographies. In some instances, African American family poverty is two times, if not three times more than Caucasian poverty. In terms of how poverty rates for African American families differ by geography, rates were higher for African American families in Crawford County and lower in Marion and Richland Counties than the state. Due to the low number of African American families in Morrow County, poverty rates are not available.

Not surprisingly, poverty rates for female headed households were significantly higher than married households across all geographies and all racial groups.

Families in Poverty by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2017 – 2021							
	Race/Origin	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
ALL FAMILIES							
Crawford County	Caucasian	12.0%	10.2%	9.9%	8.5%	9.1%	-2.9%
	African American	47.2%	51.2%	22.0%	20.8%	31.1%	-16.1%
	Multi-racial	0.0%	17.5%	16.7%	20.8%	12.9%	+12.9%
	Hispanic/Latino	1.3%	1.8%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.3%
Marion County	Caucasian	11.2%	10.9%	9.8%	8.0%	9.1%	-2.1%
	African American	30.9%	27.5%	22.7%	27.4%	13.7%	-17.2%
	Multi-racial	19.7%	22.2%	24.8%	29.1%	29.7%	+10.0%
	Hispanic/Latino	17.0%	29.7%	39.1%	49.2%	57.4%	+40.4%
Morrow County	Caucasian	6.4%	7.3%	6.7%	6.0%	6.3%	-0.1%
	African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Multi-racial	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-3.4%
	Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Richland County	Caucasian	9.9%	9.0%	8.5%	8.9%	8.2%	-1.7%
	African American	28.4%	24.6%	21.6%	21.1%	21.3%	-7.1%
	Multi-racial	31.3%	25.4%	45.1%	41.1%	43.1%	+11.8%
	Hispanic/Latino	30.5%	30.4%	38.2%	37.6%	34.3%	+3.8%
Ohio	Caucasian	11.9%	11.5%	11.1%	10.8%	10.6%	-1.3%
	African American	32.0%	31.2%	29.6%	28.4%	27.7%	-4.3%
	Multi-racial	27.5%	26.9%	26.1%	23.6%	21.4%	-6.1%
	Hispanic/Latino	26.1%	25.9%	24.7%	23.9%	23.1%	-3.0%
MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES							
Crawford County	Caucasian	5.6%	5.0%	5.2%	3.7%	3.6%	-2.0%
	African American	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Multi-racial	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	+4.1%
	Hispanic/Latino	3.6%	5.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	-3.6%
Marion County	Caucasian	5.2%	5.3%	5.1%	4.1%	4.2%	-1.0%
	African American	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Multi-racial	31.1%	44.8%	49.6%	51.6%	35.3%	+4.2%
	Hispanic/Latino	3.8%	10.4%	30.3%	45.1%	41.7%	+37.9%
Morrow County	Caucasian	3.9%	4.6%	4.3%	3.5%	3.6%	-0.3%
	African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Multi-racial	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Richland County	Caucasian	4.7%	3.9%	3.7%	3.4%	3.0%	-1.7%
	African American	14.7%	11.8%	7.0%	6.1%	1.1%	-13.6%
	Multi-racial	9.2%	11.9%	17.3%	8.5%	7.2%	-2.0%
	Hispanic/Latino	22.9%	16.5%	24.5%	26.6%	26.0%	+3.1%
Ohio	Caucasian	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%	-0.6%
	African American	9.0%	8.6%	8.2%	8.2%	7.4%	-1.6%
	Multi-racial	8.3%	8.3%	7.6%	5.8%	6.1%	-2.2%
	Hispanic/Latino	12.2%	12.4%	12.0%	11.6%	10.6%	-1.6%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Families in Poverty by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2017 – 2021							
	Race/Origin	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
<i>FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT</i>							
Crawford County	Caucasian	39.4%	32.4%	30.5%	28.6%	32.2%	-7.2%
	African American	0.0%	37.5%	22.5%	21.3%	31.8%	+31.8%
	Multi-racial	0.0%	33.3%	34.6%	95.7%	31.3%	+31.3%
	Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Marion County	Caucasian	32.9%	29.7%	27.7%	23.2%	27.2%	-5.7%
	African American	63.6%	61.3%	48.4%	49.7%	23.5%	-40.1%
	Multi-racial	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	15.4%	+11.7%
	Hispanic/Latino	38.0%	39.5%	42.9%	51.9%	77.1%	+39.1%
Morrow County	Caucasian	17.0%	19.5%	17.7%	19.4%	19.9%	+2.9%
	African American	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Multi-racial	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
	Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%
Richland County	Caucasian	31.6%	31.0%	29.5%	31.0%	31.0%	-0.6%
	African American	36.3%	32.9%	32.4%	36.1%	39.9%	+3.6%
	Multi-racial	47.2%	34.0%	39.8%	45.9%	60.0%	+12.8%
	Hispanic/Latino	47.1%	53.4%	59.0%	58.0%	64.4%	+17.3%
Ohio	Caucasian	27.8%	26.9%	25.6%	25.1%	24.3%	-3.5%
	African American	41.5%	40.5%	38.6%	36.4%	35.6%	-5.9%
	Multi-racial	43.9%	42.8%	43.8%	41.7%	39.8%	-4.1%
	Hispanic/Latino	44.6%	43.9%	41.8%	39.7%	41.0%	-3.6%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Poverty by Families with Related Children under 18 and Under 5

The table below consists of longitudinal data depicting rates of selected familial segments that fall below the poverty line in each county and the State of Ohio. It is clear that female-headed households, and more importantly, single-mother headed households are struggling to make ends in all areas. In every instance in which data exists, families with a female householder are impoverished at a rate **significantly higher** than families headed by a married couple or among all family types.

When looking specifically at all families with children under the age of 18, poverty rates were higher than the state average in three of the four counties (all but Morrow County).

Poverty by Families with Related Children Under 18 & Under 5, 2017– 2021							
	Dependent Age	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
ALL FAMILIES							
Crawford County	All Age Cohorts	12.1%	10.5%	10.1%	8.6%	9.2%	-2.9%
	Under 18	22.4%	19.5%	18.8%	17.5%	18.2%	-4.2%
	Under 5	24.7%	24.8%	26.0%	22.2%	23.5%	-1.2%
Marion County	All Age Cohorts	11.7%	11.5%	10.4%	8.9%	9.8%	-1.9%
	Under 18	21.1%	20.3%	17.9%	16.0%	16.8%	-4.3%
	Under 5	28.1%	27.2%	23.7%	23.8%	18.5%	-9.6%
Morrow County	All Age Cohorts	6.3%	7.1%	6.5%	5.9%	6.1%	-0.2%
	Under 18	10.7%	11.4%	10.5%	9.7%	10.3%	-0.4%
	Under 5	14.3%	12.9%	10.1%	13.6%	19.3%	+5.0%
Richland County	All Age Cohorts	11.3%	10.1%	9.7%	10.0%	9.8%	-1.5%
	Under 18	19.9%	17.2%	16.3%	17.7%	18.0%	-1.9%
	Under 5	25.4%	22.6%	24.4%	29.3%	29.8%	+4.4%
Ohio	All Age Cohorts	10.8%	10.4%	9.9%	9.6%	9.3%	-1.5%
	Under 18	18.2%	17.6%	16.8%	16.1%	15.6%	-2.6%
	Under 5	20.6%	19.6%	18.3%	17.1%	16.4%	-4.2%
MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES							
Crawford County	All Age Cohorts	5.6%	4.9%	5.7%	3.6%	3.6%	-2.0%
	Under 18	8.5%	7.2%	7.7%	6.6%	6.8%	-1.7%
	Under 5	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Marion County	All Age Cohorts	5.4%	5.6%	5.6%	4.8%	5.0%	-0.4%
	Under 18	9.1%	9.3%	9.5%	8.3%	8.0%	-1.1%
	Under 5	11.0%	11.3%	14.7%	16.3%	14.8%	+3.8%
Morrow County	All Age Cohorts	3.8%	4.5%	4.2%	3.4%	3.5%	-0.3%
	Under 18	6.4%	7.5%	6.9%	5.3%	5.4%	-1.0%
	Under 5	11.4%	11.5%	10.1%	6.2%	4.2%	-7.2%
Richland County	All Age Cohorts	5.0%	4.2%	4.0%	3.7%	3.2%	-1.8%
	Under 18	8.4%	5.7%	4.9%	4.8%	3.6%	-4.8%
	Under 5	12.3%	5.3%	2.6%	4.0%	2.4%	-9.9%
Ohio	All Age Cohorts	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%	-0.7%
	Under 18	6.3%	5.9%	5.5%	5.2%	5.0%	-1.3%
	Under 5	5.5%	5.0%	4.7%	3.9%	3.9%	-1.6%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2015-2019 5-Year Estimates



Poverty by Families with Related Children Under 18 & Under 5, 2017– 2021							
	Dependent Age	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
FAMILIES WITH FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT							
Crawford County	All Age Cohorts	38.8%	32.9%	30.9%	29.2%	32.1%	-6.7%
	Under 18	54.5%	48.7%	44.5%	44.1%	45.4%	-9.1%
	Under 5	68.8%	66.4%	66.7%	68.0%	70.3%	+1.5%
Marion County	All Age Cohorts	33.7%	30.4%	27.9%	24.4%	26.9%	-6.8%
	Under 18	48.4%	42.3%	34.6%	30.6%	34.5%	-13.9%
	Under 5	61.1%	53.3%	45.1%	46.9%	38.4%	-22.7%
Morrow County	All Age Cohorts	17.2%	19.4%	17.6%	19.3%	19.8%	+2.6%
	Under 18	22.3%	23.9%	21.5%	23.3%	26.3%	+4.0%
	Under 5	25.0%	26.0%	17.1%	51.9%	81.6%	+56.6%
Richland County	All Age Cohorts	32.8%	31.4%	30.2%	32.3%	33.7%	+0.9%
	Under 18	43.2%	42.2%	42.4%	45.4%	51.3%	+8.1%
	Under 5	49.8%	52.6%	62.4%	66.4%	75.2%	+25.4%
Ohio	All Age Cohorts	32.3%	31.5%	30.0%	29.2%	28.5%	-3.8%
	Under 18	43.0%	42.1%	40.4%	39.3%	38.4%	-4.6%
	Under 5	51.9%	50.3%	47.8%	46.5%	45.7%	-6.2%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2015–2019 5-Year Estimates

Poverty by Zip code

The table below lists all zip codes in each county and the 2021 poverty rate associated with each. The 5-year poverty rate for each county is listed in the table. Zips codes in **bold** indicate a poverty rate greater than the county average.

Poverty Number and Rates by Zip Code, 2021					
Zip Code	Population	# below Poverty	% below poverty	# at 125% of poverty level	# at 200% of poverty level
CRAWFORD COUNTY- County poverty rate is 14.1%					
44820 (Bucyrus)	17,239	2,226	13.4%	3,331	6,175
44833 (Galion)	16,537	2,424	14.9%	74	6,178
44827 (Crestline)	7,003	904	13.0%	1,261	2,266
44854 (New Washington)	1,445	125	8.7%	263	495
44887 (Tiro)	1,036	45	4.3%	53	364
44856 (North Robinson)	190	19	10.0%	109	164
44825 (Chatfield)	233	72	30.9%	99	123
44881 (Sulpher Springs)	98	0	0.0%	0	0
MARION COUNTY- County poverty rate is 15.2%					
43302 (Marion)	55,090	8,328	16.8%	11,029	19,177
43342 (Prospect)	3,465	97	2.8%	152	570
43314 (Caledonia)	2,943	274	9.4%	289	909
43332 (La Rue)	1,482	169	11.4%	202	555
43356 (Waldo)	1,003	9	0.9%	83	305
43337 (Morrall)	836	144	17.4%	150	263
43341 (New Bloomington)	946	131	13.8%	158	286
43322 (Green Camp)	349	19	5.4%	33	118

Poverty Number and Rates by Zip Code, 2021

Zip Code	Population	# below Poverty	% below poverty	# at 125% of poverty level	# at 200% of poverty level
MORROW COUNTY- County poverty rate is 10.2%					
43338 (Mount Gilead)	10,163	918	9.1%	1,369	3,583
43334 (Marengo)	6,329	653	10.6%	701	1,122
43320 (Edison)	1,258	71	5.7%	473	586
43321 (Fulton)	346	90	26.0%	108	141
43317 (Chesterville)	175	29	19.6%	33	48
RICHLAND COUNTY- County poverty rate is 13.6%					
44903 (Mansfield)	25,012	4,066	16.4%	4,956	8,414
44905 (Mansfield)	16,693	1,476	12.9%	2,534	4,220
44906 (Mansfield)	16,461	1,952	12.2%	2,847	6,100
44904 (Lexington, Mansfield)	14,389	1,147	8.1%	1,734	3,385
44875 (Shelby)	13,815	1,525	11.5%	1,822	3,543
44813 (Bellville)	7,806	603	7.8%	874	1,924
44902 (Mansfield)	5,458	2,476	49.1%	2,724	3,856
44822 (Butler)	3,418	122	3.8%	387	1,200
44878 (Shiloh)	3,028	193	6.4%	526	863
44843 (Lucas)	2,667	79	3.0%	79	321

SOURCE: Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Poverty Levels

When looking at three different poverty levels: 50%, 125%, and 200%, the number of individuals at 50% and 125% of the poverty level has significantly decreased over the past five years in three of the four counties (all but Morrow) while the number of individuals at 200% of the poverty level has decreased in all four counties over the same time period.

Poverty Rates- Number of Individuals at Poverty Levels

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change 17-21
CRAWFORD COUNTY						
50%	3,175	2,768	2,725	2,223	2,392	-24.6%
125%	9,360	8,605	8,697	7,920	8,017	-14.3%
200%	16,018	15,879	15,503	15,354	15,634	-5.1%
MARION COUNTY						
50%	5,004	4,822	4,840	4,677	4,895	-2.1%
125%	13,875	12,942	12,111	11,181	12,004	-13.4%
200%	23,215	23,328	22,984	21,230	22,034	-5.1%
MORROW COUNTY						
50%	1,241	1,174	1,137	1,095	1,465	+18.1%
125%	4,700	4,699	4,746	4,390	4,790	+1.9%
200%	10,041	9,946	10,009	9,720	9,535	-5.0%
RICHLAND COUNTY						
50%	8,349	6,900	6,427	6,389	6,715	-19.5%
125%	24,621	22,909	21,663	21,351	21,912	-11.0%
200%	43,224	41,729	40,296	40,785	40,665	-5.9%

SOURCE: Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Children Eligible for Free Lunch

The percentage of children enrolled in public schools that are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in all four counties is higher than the state average. Over the five-year period, the percentage of children eligible for free lunch decreased considerably for the state and both Marion and Richland Counties while increasing in Crawford County. The percentage of children enrolled in public schools that are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in Morrow County remained unchanged over the past five years.

Children Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 18-22
Crawford	48%	56%	56%	54%	52%	+4.0%
Marion	48%	43%	42%	40%	42%	-6.0%
Morrow	41%	43%	43%	42%	41%	-
Richland	50%	54%	54%	45%	45%	-5.0%
Ohio	45%	39%	37%	36%	36%	-9.0%

SOURCE: <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/explore-health-rankings/ohio/crawford?year=2022>

Ohio Works First Summary

Ohio Works First (OWF) is the financial assistance portion of Ohio's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. OWF was established to provide time-limited assistance to eligible families. OWF provides cash benefits to eligible, needy families for up to 36 months. Since November 2022 the number of OWF recipients significantly decreased in Ohio and all four counties.

Ohio Works First Summary								
	Monthly Active # Ohio Works First Recipients							% recipients children
	May 2020	Nov 2020	May 2021	Nov 2021	May 2022	Nov2022	% change	
Crawford	360	309	301	269	261	250	-30.5%	96.4%
Marion	672	764	726	584	541	572	-14.8%	96.5%
Morrow	218	204	202	216	207	189	-13.3%	97.3%
Richland	1,324	1,230	1,115	1,100	1,061	1,001	-24.4%	95.2%
4-County	2,574	2,507	2,344	2,169	2,070	2,012	-21.8%	-
Ohio	102,639	93,499	83,078	75,567	73,514	73,435	-28.4%	91.8%

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Summary

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities. Individuals qualify for SNAP based on their income, assets, and expenses. In Ohio, 42% of SNAP recipients were children. For all counties but Marion, the percentage was lower than the state average. For both the state and the counties, there was a decrease since November 2022 in the number of monthly SNAP recipients.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Summary								
	Monthly Active # SNAP Recipients							% recipients children
	May 2020	Nov 2020	May 2021	Nov 2021	May 2022	Nov2022	% change	
Crawford	6,872	6,462	6,908	6,664	6,687	6,645	-3.3%	37.5%
Marion	11,936	10,756	10,970	10,949	10,906	11,023	-7.6%	41.7%
Marrow	3,253	2,989	3,088	3,081	3,198	3,095	-4.8%	36.8%
Richland	20,115	18,958	20,058	19,763	19,703	19,048	-5.3%	39.7%
4-County	42,176	39,165	41,024	40,457	40,494	39,811	-5.6%	
Ohio	1,609,629	1,467,959	1,554,836	1,503,706	1,515,605	1,459,246	-9.3%	42.0%

Average monthly payment per recipient statewide in 2022 was \$273

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, <https://jfs.ohio.gov/pams/>



Median Income by Family Type

The median household income for households in Crawford, Marion, and Richland Counties is significantly lower than the state as a whole. The median household income of households in Morrow County is slightly higher than the state average. Of all household types, nonfamily households had the smallest median income while married couple households had the highest. This held true for all five geographies. Median incomes have increased by 9% or more in all five geographies and for all four family types over the last five years.

Median Income by Family Type, 2017 - 2021							
	Family Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	Households	\$41,726	\$42,892	\$44,971	\$46,391	\$48,449	+16.1%
	Families	\$53,296	\$55,283	\$56,791	\$58,138	\$61,498	+15.3%
	Married-Couple Families	\$62,521	\$62,994	\$65,965	\$67,104	\$71,993	+15.1%
	Nonfamily Households	\$26,010	\$25,650	\$28,125	\$28,914	\$30,903	+18.8%
Marion County	Households	\$44,708	\$45,464	\$47,498	\$49,225	\$51,144	+14.4%
	Families	\$56,081	\$56,930	\$59,647	\$63,084	\$65,508	+16.8%
	Married-Couple Families	\$66,406	\$67,435	\$68,895	\$72,359	\$78,686	+18.4%
	Nonfamily Households	\$24,705	\$26,439	\$27,061	\$27,786	\$29,735	+20.3%
Morrow County	Households	\$52,767	\$56,010	\$59,452	\$61,769	\$63,411	+20.1%
	Families	\$65,976	\$69,275	\$70,160	\$69,767	\$71,967	+9.1%
	Married-Couple Families	\$71,136	\$75,970	\$77,123	\$79,938	\$83,705	+17.6%
	Nonfamily Households	\$27,647	\$30,153	\$32,013	\$39,796	\$42,268	+52.8%
Richland County	Households	\$44,138	\$47,346	\$49,547	\$49,186	\$52,605	+19.1%
	Families	\$56,843	\$59,866	\$62,062	\$63,284	\$68,184	+19.9%
	Married-Couple Families	\$65,323	\$68,905	\$72,179	\$75,191	\$81,297	+24.5%
	Nonfamily Households	\$27,620	\$28,673	\$30,213	\$30,619	\$31,216	+13.0%
Ohio	Households	\$52,407	\$54,533	\$56,602	\$58,116	\$61,938	+18.1%
	Families	\$66,885	\$69,837	\$72,439	\$74,391	\$79,470	+18.8%
	Married-Couple Families	\$81,198	\$84,407	\$87,575	\$90,009	\$95,940	+18.1%
	Nonfamily Households	\$30,986	\$31,989	\$33,281	\$34,626	\$36,811	+18.8%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Median Income by Educational Attainment (25+ yrs.)

As the level of educational attainment increased, median earnings also increased. Between 2017 and 2021, total median earnings increased for all groups in all geographies.

Median Income Educational Attainment (25+ yrs.), 2017 - 2021							
	Educational Attainment	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	Less than High School	\$31,573	\$24,507	\$25,813	\$30,282	\$31,702	+0.4%
	High School Graduate/GED	\$22,153	\$28,794	\$30,790	\$31,026	\$32,628	+47.2%
	Some College/Associate's	\$32,162	\$31,672	\$33,020	\$33,372	\$36,434	+13.2%
	Bachelor's or Higher	\$41,705	\$41,250	\$42,679	\$45,044	\$47,987	+15.0%
	Graduate/Professional Degree	\$50,938	\$51,801	\$51,677	\$53,080	\$56,014	+9.9%
	Total Median Earnings (25+ yrs.)	\$31,573	\$32,155	\$32,991	\$33,620	\$35,417	-0.4%
Marion County	Less than High School	\$15,985	\$17,404	\$19,417	\$20,386	\$19,702	+23.2%
	High School Graduate/GED	\$30,193	\$30,868	\$30,608	\$31,976	\$34,798	+15.2%
	Some College/Associate's	\$33,777	\$35,331	\$36,932	\$36,913	\$37,984	+12.4%
	Bachelor's or Higher	\$45,174	\$43,734	\$46,856	\$46,173	\$49,434	+9.4%
	Graduate/Professional Degree	\$51,793	\$56,429	\$56,458	\$59,024	\$63,333	+22.2%
	Total Median Earnings (25+ yrs.)	\$32,383	\$32,973	\$34,297	\$35,323	\$37,112	+14.6%
Morrow County	Less than High School	\$22,003	\$26,902	\$24,690	\$30,113	\$30,355	+37.9%
	High School Graduate/GED	\$31,423	\$35,400	\$36,095	\$34,880	\$34,569	+10.0%
	Some College/Associate's	\$36,095	\$37,779	\$38,293	\$40,731	\$43,514	+20.5%
	Bachelor's or Higher	\$50,082	\$47,145	\$47,410	\$53,056	\$48,996	-2.1%
	Graduate/Professional Degree	\$57,832	\$58,462	\$64,063	\$57,500	\$60,563	+4.7%
	Total Median Earnings (25+ yrs.)	\$35,164	\$36,974	\$38,828	\$39,931	\$40,109	+14.1%
Richland County	Less than High School	\$21,202	\$23,704	\$23,761	\$24,082	\$26,524	+25.1%
	High School Graduate/GED	\$27,151	\$28,552	\$29,646	\$28,503	\$30,125	+10.9%
	Some College/Associate's	\$32,142	\$32,266	\$32,880	\$32,923	\$34,277	+6.6%
	Bachelor's or Higher	\$41,638	\$43,820	\$45,556	\$45,038	\$50,053	+20.2%
	Graduate/Professional Degree	\$58,980	\$60,837	\$60,523	\$59,596	\$60,620	+2.7%
	Total Median Earnings (25+ yrs.)	\$31,462	\$32,764	\$33,840	\$33,299	\$35,109	+11.5%
Ohio	Less than High School	\$20,931	\$21,907	\$22,881	\$24,237	\$26,234	+25.3%
	High School Graduate/GED	\$29,954	\$30,708	\$31,277	\$32,046	\$33,778	+12.7%
	Some College/Associate's	\$34,096	\$35,125	\$36,098	\$36,046	\$39,112	+14.7%
	Bachelor's or Higher	\$51,083	\$52,656	\$53,703	\$54,403	\$57,676	+12.9%
	Graduate/Professional Degree	\$65,351	\$67,468	\$69,233	\$70,412	\$74,231	+13.5%
	Total Median Earnings (25+ yrs.)	\$36,831	\$38,303	\$39,722	\$40,661	\$42,811	+16.2%

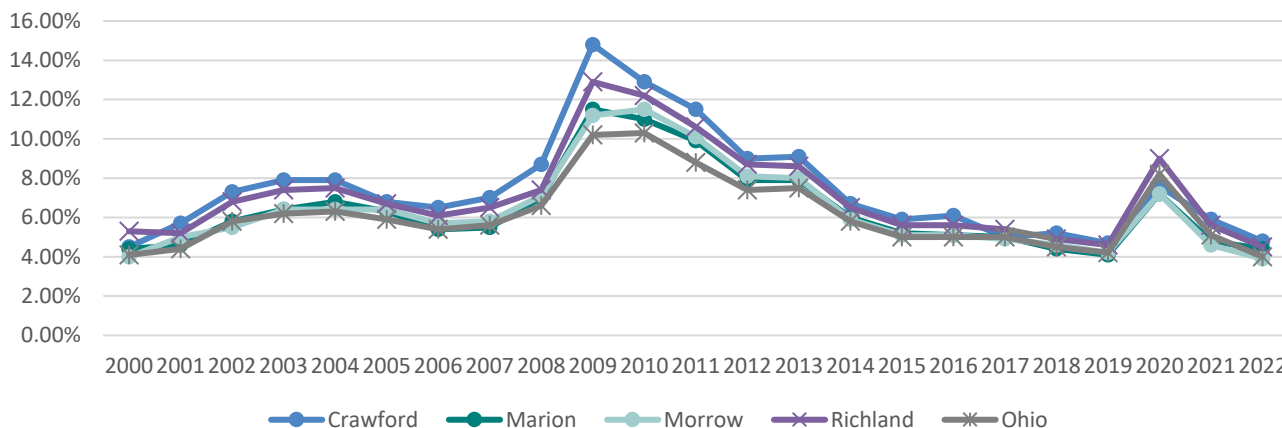
Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Employment

Unemployment Figures

Unemployment in Morrow County mirrored that of the State of Ohio in 2022, while unemployment rates for all three other counties have been slightly higher. Unemployment rates had been declining from 2010 until 2020, in which there was a sharp increase, largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Annual Unemployment Rate



Annual Unemployment Figures (Not Adjusted)					
	Crawford	Marion	Morrow	Richland	Ohio
2002	7.3%	5.8%	5.5%	6.8%	5.8%
2003	7.9%	6.4%	6.4%	7.4%	6.2%
2004	7.9%	6.8%	6.4%	7.5%	6.3%
2005	6.8%	6.3%	6.4%	6.7%	5.9%
2006	6.5%	5.4%	5.7%	6.1%	5.4%
2007	7.0%	5.5%	5.8%	6.5%	5.6%
2008	8.7%	7.0%	7.1%	7.4%	6.6%
2009	14.8%	11.5%	11.2%	12.9%	10.2%
2010	12.9%	11.0%	11.5%	12.2%	10.3%
2011	11.5%	9.9%	10.1%	10.6%	8.8%
2012	9.0%	7.9%	8.1%	8.7%	7.4%
2013	9.1%	7.9%	8.0%	8.6%	7.5%
2014	6.7%	6.0%	5.9%	6.5%	5.8%
2015	5.9%	5.2%	5.1%	5.6%	5.0%
2016	6.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.6%	5.0%
2017	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	5.4%	5.0%
2018	5.2%	4.4%	4.6%	4.9%	4.5%
2019	4.7%	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%
2020	7.6%	7.2%	7.2%	9.0%	8.2%
2021	5.9%	4.8%	4.6%	5.6%	5.1%
2022	4.8%	4.4%	3.9%	4.5%	4.0%

Source: Ohio Labor Market Information. https://ohiolmi.com/Home/DS_Results_LAUS



Major Employers by County

The largest employers for Marion, Morrow, and Richland Counties are listed in the tables below. The largest employers in Crawford County were not available.

Largest Employers in Marion County	
Employer	Employer
Whirlpool Corporation	Silver Line Windows and Doors
OhioHealth Marion General Hospital	The Kroger Co.
Marion City Schools	Wyandot, Inc.
Anderson	Yachiyo
Utlx	Marion Industries
Nucor	Graphic Packaging International

Source: Columbusregion.com, <https://columbusregion.com/meet-the-region/marion-county/>

Largest Employers in Morrow County	
Employer	Employer
Cardington Yukata Technologies	Lubrication Specialties Inc
Dollar Tree	Fibercore
Glen-Gery	Renergy
MFS	Baillie
Fishburn Services	Lilly Industries, Inc.

Source: Columbusregion.com, <https://columbusregion.com/meet-the-region/morrow-county/>

Largest Employers in Richland County	
Employer	Employer
OhioHealth	Jay Industries
Newman Technologies	Charter Next Generation
Stoneridge, Inc.	The Gorman-Rupp Company
Startek	Nanogate Jay Systems
Arcelor Mittal	179 th Airlift Wing

Source: Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development, <https://richlandareachamber.com/economic-development/largest-employers/>

Unemployment Rate by Racial/Ethnic Group

Regarding unemployment by racial/ethnic group affiliation, Caucasians are unemployed at a much lower rate than African American residents in all five geographies.

Unemployment Rate by Race and Hispanic Origin, 2015 – 2019							
	Race/Origin	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	Caucasian	6.1%	5.0%	5.0%	5.4%	5.6%	-0.5%
	African American	18.2%	19.2%	24.7%	17.1%	19.5%	+1.3%
	Multi-racial	22.6%	16.8%	16.4%	0.0%	0.9%	-21.7%
	Hispanic/Latino	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.9%
Marion County	Caucasian	7.2%	6.0%	6.1%	5.7%	5.5%	-1.7%
	African American	17.5%	15.9%	14.2%	13.4%	12.1%	-5.4%
	Multi-racial	17.5%	28.9%	23.0%	15.2%	9.8%	-7.7%
	Hispanic/Latino	25.6%	3.5%	2.5%	17.3%	23.3%	-2.3%
Morrow County	Caucasian	4.3%	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%	3.3%	-1.0%
	African American	4.8%	2.1%	2.6%	8.3%	5.4%	+0.6%
	Multi-racial	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Hispanic/Latino	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Richland County	Caucasian	6.7%	5.7%	4.5%	5.0%	4.5%	-2.2%
	African American	18.1%	16.1%	14.0%	11.1%	12.1%	-6.0%
	Multi-racial	9.4%	11.2%	9.4%	16.4%	15.5%	+6.1%
	Hispanic/Latino	13.6%	15.2%	11.5%	15.5%	11.5%	-2.1%
Ohio	Caucasian	5.3%	4.7%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	-1.0%
	African American	14.2%	12.8%	11.5%	10.8%	10.6%	-3.6%
	Multi-racial	12.3%	11.3%	10.5%	9.3%	8.9%	-3.4%
	Hispanic/Latino	8.9%	8.2%	7.3%	7.2%	7.3%	-1.6%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Educational Attainment

Youth (18 – 24 yrs.) Educational Attainment

Across all four counties, the plurality of youth (18-24 yrs.) educational attainment falls in the realm of some college coursework or the attainment of a 2-year (associates) degree. Compared to the state of Ohio, all four counties have a significantly lower percentage of residents with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Youth (18 – 24 yrs.) Educational Attainment, 2017 – 2021							
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	Less than High School	18.8%	16.9%	19.1%	17.7%	16.8%	-2.0%
	High School Grad	42.6%	41.5%	39.9%	45.8%	45.6%	+3.0%
	Some College/Assoc.	33.2%	36.8%	36.1%	31.9%	32.5%	-0.7%
	Bachelor's or Higher	5.4%	4.8%	4.9%	4.7%	5.1%	-0.3%
Marion County	Less than High School	17.0%	17.2%	15.2%	20.3%	21.5%	+4.5%
	High School Grad	42.1%	42.8%	45.4%	45.2%	45.6%	+3.5%
	Some College/Assoc.	36.6%	36.1%	34.4%	30.5%	29.6%	-7.0%
	Bachelor's or Higher	4.4%	3.9%	5.0%	4.1%	3.4%	-1.0%
Morrow County	Less than High School	16.5%	24.2%	25.8%	31.6%	28.6%	+12.1%
	High School Grad	46.2%	43.2%	45.8%	45.1%	41.8%	-4.4%
	Some College/Assoc.	32.6%	30.0%	27.7%	22.1%	27.8%	-4.8%
	Bachelor's or Higher	4.7%	2.6%	0.6%	1.1%	1.9%	-2.8%
Richland County	Less than High School	21.8%	19.3%	20.3%	18.9%	18.1%	-3.7%
	High School Grad	41.2%	42.5%	41.6%	40.2%	39.7%	-1.5%
	Some College/Assoc.	32.2%	32.4%	32.8%	34.8%	35.3%	+3.1%
	Bachelor's or Higher	4.8%	5.8%	5.4%	6.0%	6.9%	+2.1%
Ohio	Less than High School	13.7%	13.3%	13.1%	12.7%	12.5%	-1.2%
	High School Grad	32.5%	33.4%	34.0%	34.7%	35.5%	+3.0%
	Some College/Assoc.	43.9%	43.2%	42.6%	42.0%	41.0%	-2.9%
	Bachelor's or Higher	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.6%	11.0%	+1.0%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021, 5-Year Estimates

Youth (18 – 24 yrs.) Educational Attainment by Gender

Females ages 18 to 24 in all five geographies are attaining higher education at a higher rate than their male counterparts.

Youth (18 – 24 yrs.) Educational Attainment by Gender, 2017 – 2021							
		Males			Females		
		2017	2021	Change	2017	2021	Change
Crawford County	Less than High School	17.9%	20.0%	+2.1%	19.9%	13.4%	-6.5%
	High School Grad	49.0%	52.0%	+3.0%	35.6%	38.7%	+3.1%
	Some College/Assoc.	26.0%	25.5%	-0.5%	41.0%	40.0%	-1.0%
	Bachelor's or Higher	7.1%	2.5%	-4.6%	3.5%	7.9%	+4.4%
Marion County	Less than High School	20.1%	25.4%	+5.3%	12.9%	16.6%	+3.7%
	High School Grad	46.0%	44.8%	-1.2%	37.1%	46.5%	+9.4%
	Some College/Assoc.	30.3%	27.4%	-2.9%	44.6%	32.4%	-12.2%
	Bachelor's or Higher	3.5%	2.5%	+1.0%	5.5%	4.5%	-1.0%
Morrow County	Less than High School	16.3%	31.9%	+15.6%	16.7%	24.8%	+8.1%
	High School Grad	53.7%	44.5%	-9.2%	37.6%	38.7%	+1.1%
	Some College/Assoc.	27.3%	21.5%	-5.8%	38.7%	34.9%	-3.8%
	Bachelor's or Higher	2.6%	2.0%	-0.6%	7.0%	1.6%	-5.4%
Richland County	Less than High School	29.0%	20.8%	-8.2%	12.7%	14.8%	+2.1%
	High School Grad	45.1%	43.3%	-1.8%	36.2%	35.1%	-1.1%
	Some College/Assoc.	23.4%	28.0%	+4.6%	43.4%	44.5%	+1.1%
	Bachelor's or Higher	2.5%	7.8%	+5.3%	7.7%	5.7%	-2.0%
Ohio	Less than High School	15.2%	14.0%	-1.2%	12.1%	10.9%	-1.2%
	High School Grad	35.9%	38.6%	+2.7%	28.9%	32.2%	+3.3%
	Some College/Assoc.	40.9%	38.3%	-2.6%	47.1%	43.8%	-3.3%
	Bachelor's or Higher	8.1%	9.0%	+0.9%	11.9%	13.0%	+1.1%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Adult (25+) Educational Attainment

Educational attainment has been relatively flat over the past five years, with the bulk of adults having either a high school education/equivalency or some college coursework. Nearly a third of Ohio adults, 29.7%, had a bachelor's degree or higher compared to just 13.1% of Marion County, 14.9% of Morrow County, 16.6% of Crawford County, and 17.8% of Richland County residents.

Adults (25+ yrs.) Educational Attainment, 2017 – 2021							
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	Less than High School	10.4%	9.8%	9.8%	9.5%	9.9%	-0.5%
	High School Grad	45.1%	45.8%	46.8%	46.2%	46.2%	+1.1%
	Some college	20.1%	19.7%	18.6%	18.0%	17.9%	-2.2%
	Associate degree	9.7%	10.1%	10.3%	11.0%	10.3%	+0.6%
	Bachelor's degree	9.4%	9.5%	9.2%	10.0%	10.1%	+0.7%
	Graduate degree	5.2%	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%	5.5%	+0.3%
Marion County	Less than High School	12.8%	12.4%	12.1%	10.2%	10.1%	-2.7%
	High School Grad	42.5%	43.4%	44.5%	44.8%	44.3%	+1.8%
	Some college	22.8%	23.1%	23.3%	24.6%	24.0%	1.2%
	Associate degree	8.3%	8.0%	7.6%	7.6%	8.5%	+0.2%
	Bachelor's degree	8.4%	8.0%	7.8%	8.4%	8.5%	+0.1%
	Graduate degree	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%	4.5%	4.6%	-0.5%
Morrow County	Less than High School	12.2%	13.4%	12.3%	11.7%	11.0%	-1.2%
	High School Grad	45.7%	44.5%	43.9%	44.5%	45.5%	-0.2%
	Some college	19.8%	19.8%	20.9%	21.0%	20.4%	+0.6%
	Associate degree	8.7%	8.7%	9.0%	8.0%	8.1%	-0.6%
	Bachelor's degree	9.3%	9.5%	9.5%	10.2%	10.6%	+1.3%
	Graduate degree	4.3%	4.0%	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%	0.0%
Richland County	Less than High School	13.1%	13.2%	13.0%	12.1%	11.6%	-1.5%
	High School Grad	40.4%	39.8%	39.4%	40.5%	40.6%	+0.6%
	Some college	20.9%	20.7%	20.3%	20.5%	20.8%	+0.1%
	Associate degree	8.5%	8.4%	8.9%	9.1%	9.2%	+0.7%
	Bachelor's degree	11.8%	11.7%	12.0%	11.8%	11.5%	-0.3%
	Graduate degree	5.4%	6.1%	6.3%	6.0%	6.3%	+0.9%
Ohio	Less than High School	10.2%	9.9%	9.6%	9.2%	8.9%	-1.3%
	High School Grad	33.6%	33.3%	33.0%	32.8%	32.6%	-1.0%
	Some college	20.5%	20.5%	20.4%	20.3%	20.0%	-0.5%
	Associate degree	8.5%	8.6%	8.7%	8.8%	8.8%	+0.3%
	Bachelor's degree	17.0%	17.3%	17.6%	17.9%	18.4%	+1.4%
	Graduate degree	10.2%	10.5%	10.7%	10.9%	11.3%	+1.1%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Adult (25+ yrs.) Educational Attainment by Gender

As with adults aged 18 to 24, females are receiving their degrees in higher education (whether that is in the form of some college coursework, an Associate, or a Bachelor's) at a higher rate than males.

Adults (25+ yrs.) Educational Attainment by Gender, 2017 – 2021							
		Males			Females		
		2017	2021	Change	2017	2021	Change
Crawford County	Less than High School	11.2%	10.8%	-0.4%	9.7%	9.1%	-0.6%
	High School Grad	48.3%	50.0%	+1.7%	42.3%	42.7%	+0.4%
	Some college	19.1%	17.5%	-1.6%	21.1%	18.3%	-2.8%
	Associate degree	7.9%	7.6%	-0.3%	11.3%	12.7%	+1.4%
	Bachelor's	9.3%	9.3%	0.0%	9.5%	10.9%	+1.4%
	Graduate degree	4.2%	4.7%	+0.5%	6.1%	6.3%	+0.2%
Marion County	Less than High School	14.0%	10.7%	-3.3%	11.6%	9.4%	-2.2%
	High School Grad	43.6%	46.6%	+3.0%	41.3%	41.6%	+0.3%
	Some college	23.4%	23.9%	+0.5%	22.0%	24.0%	+2.0%
	Associate degree	5.8%	7.1%	+1.3%	11.2%	10.2%	-1.0%
	Bachelor's	8.7%	7.4%	-1.3%	8.0%	9.9%	1.9%
	Graduate degree	4.5%	4.3%	-0.2%	5.9%	4.9%	-1.0%
Morrow County	Less than High School	13.2%	13.0%	-0.2%	11.1%	9.0%	-2.1%
	High School Grad	47.7%	47.0%	-0.7%	43.8%	44.1%	+0.3%
	Some college	20.5%	21.2%	+0.7%	19.0%	19.5%	+0.5%
	Associate degree	6.6%	7.3%	+0.7%	10.8%	8.9%	-1.9%
	Bachelor's	8.7%	9.2%	+0.5%	10.0%	12.1%	+2.1%
	Graduate degree	3.3%	2.2%	-1.1%	5.3%	6.4%	+1.1%
Richland County	Less than High School	14.8%	11.8%	-3.0%	11.4%	11.3%	-0.1%
	High School Grad	40.7%	42.2%	+1.5%	40.1%	39.0%	-1.1%
	Some College	21.7%	22.0%	+0.3%	20.1%	19.6%	-0.5%
	Associate degree	7.6%	7.8%	+0.2%	9.4%	10.7%	+1.3%
	Bachelor's	10.1%	10.4%	+0.3%	13.5%	12.6%	-0.9%
	Graduate degree	5.2%	5.7%	+0.5%	5.6%	6.9%	+1.3%
Ohio	Less than High School	10.7%	9.4%	-1.3%	9.7%	8.3%	-1.4%
	High School Grad	34.5%	34.2%	0.3%	32.7%	31.2%	-1.5%
	Some College	20.5%	20.0%	-0.5%	20.4%	19.9%	-0.5%
	Associate degree	7.1%	7.4%	+0.3%	9.8%	10.2%	+0.4%
	Bachelor's	17.0%	18.1%	+1.1%	17.0%	18.6%	+1.6%
	Graduate degree	10.1%	10.8%	+0.7%	10.3%	11.8%	+1.5%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Adult Unemployment (25-64) by Educational Attainment

Not surprisingly, as the level of educational attainment *increases*, unemployment rate *decreases*. This is true for all geographies.

Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment, 2017 – 2021							
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	Less than High School	17.5%	14.3%	15.9%	16.0%	15.6%	-1.9%
	High School Grad	7.3%	5.4%	5.2%	4.9%	5.0%	-2.3%
	Some College/Assoc.	4.6%	4.0%	3.1%	3.7%	3.1%	-1.5%
	Bachelor's or Higher	2.6%	1.9%	1.4%	1.0%	1.0%	-1.6%
Marion County	Less than High School	20.7%	19.7%	18.4%	16.6%	11.1%	-9.6%
	High School Grad	7.5%	6.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.7%	+0.2%
	Some College/Assoc.	5.4%	4.4%	2.9%	4.0%	4.5%	-0.9%
	Bachelor's or Higher	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%	1.4%	1.0%	-2.7%
Morrow County	Less than High School	14.4%	13.6%	13.3%	8.9%	7.3%	-7.1%
	High School Grad	3.6%	3.1%	1.7%	1.0%	2.1%	-1.5%
	Some College/Assoc.	2.4%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	1.1%	-1.3%
	Bachelor's or Higher	1.4%	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%	1.4%	0.0%
Richland County	Less than High School	18.1%	20.8%	17.3%	16.6%	11.0%	7.1%
	High School Grad	7.1%	5.4%	4.0%	5.7%	6.4%	-0.7%
	Some College/Assoc.	6.1%	5.1%	4.7%	4.7%	4.1%	-2.0%
	Bachelor's or Higher	2.6%	1.6%	1.9%	1.6%	1.5%	1.1%
Ohio	Less than High School	14.1%	13.2%	12.0%	11.5%	11.2%	-2.9%
	High School Grad	6.6%	6.1%	5.7%	5.9%	5.9%	-0.7%
	Some College/Assoc.	5.3%	4.6%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	-0.9%
	Bachelor's or Higher	2.4%	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	-0.2%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates



School Performance- Ohio School Report Cards

The format and metrics of School District Report Cards from the Ohio Department of Education have changed significantly over the last few years making year to year comparisons not possible. The most recent School District Report Cards are for the 2021-2022 school year and rate each district on each of the following five components using a five-point star rating system:

1. The **Achievement Component** represents the number of students who passed the state tests and how well they performed on them. None of the area's 22 school districts received a 5-star rating on this component, seven earned a 4-star rating, eleven earned a 3-star rating and the remaining four earned a 2-star rating. None of the area's districts had a 1-star rating for this component.
2. The **Progress Component** looks closely at the growth all students are making based on their past performances. Four of the regions' 22 school districts received a 5-star rating on this component, one earned a 4-star rating, eleven earned a 3-star rating, and four earned a 2-star rating. The remaining two of the regions' districts received just a 1-star rating for this component.
3. The **Gap Closing Component** is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups. Seven of the regions' 22 school districts received a 5-star rating on this component, seven earned a 4-star rating, five earned a 3-star rating, and two earned a 2-star rating. None of the regions' districts received a 1-star rating for this component.
4. The **Graduation Component** looks at the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four or five years. Ten of the regions' 22 school districts received a 5-star rating on this component, six earned a 4-star rating, two earned a 3-star rating, and two earned a 2-star rating. The remaining two of the regions' districts received just a 1-star rating for this component.
5. The **Early Literacy Components** looks at reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade. None of the regions' 22 school districts received a 5-star rating on this component, only one earned a 4-star rating, seven earned a 3-star rating, and ten earned a 2-star rating. The remaining four of the regions' districts received just a 1-star rating for this component.



Overall, Northmor Local had the strongest scores while Crestline Exempted Village had the weakest.

School District Star Performance Rating, 2021-2022 (Number of Stars, 5 being the highest)					
School District	Achievement	Progress	Gap Closing	Graduation	Early Literacy
CRAWFORD COUNTY					
Buckeye Central Local	4	3	5	5	3
Bucyrus City School District	2	2	3	2	1
Colonel Crawford Local	4	5	4	4	3
Crestline Exempted Village	2	1	3	1	1
Galion City School District	3	3	5	4	2
Wynford Local School District	3	3	2	4	3
MARION COUNTY					
Elgin Local School District	3	5	3	4	2
Marion City School District	2	2	3	3	1
Pleasant Local School District	3	2	4	5	2
Ridgedale Local School District	3	3	2	5	2
River Valley Local School District	3	3	4	5	2
MORROW COUNTY					
Cardington-Lincoln Local	3	1	4	2	2
Highland Local School District	4	3	5	5	3
Northmor Local School District	4	5	5	5	2
RICHLAND COUNTY					
Clear Fork Valley Local	3	3	4	4	4
Lexington Local School District	4	2	5	5	3
Lucas Local School District	4	3	4	5	2
Madison Local School District	3	3	4	4	2
Mansfield City School District	2	3	3	1	1
Ontario Local School District	3	4	5	5	3
Plymouth-Shiloh Local	3	5	5	5	2
Shelby City School District	4	3	5	3	3

Source: Ohio Department of Education, District Report Cards

School District K-3 Literacy

The K-3 Literacy Component looks at how successful the school is at getting readers on track to proficiency in third grade and beyond. No districts received a 5-star rating in this area and only one, Clear Fork Valley, received a 4-star rating. The percentage of third graders who scored proficient or better on the reading portion of the state test ranged from a low of 33.0% in Mansfield City to a high of 79.7% in Shelby City.

School District K-3 Literacy, 2021-2022			
School District	Component Star Rating	% of 3 rd graders meeting 3 rd Grade Reading Guarantee	% of 3 rd Graders Scoring Proficient on reading on state test
CRAWFORD COUNTY			
Buckeye Central Local School District	3	97.1%	71.1%
Bucyrus City School District	1	100.0%	41.0%
Colonel Crawford Local Schools	3	100.0%	69.4%
Crestline Exempted Village School District	1	97.3%	42.1%
Galion City School District	2	100.0%	53.8%
Wynford Local School District	3	100.0%	64.0%
MARION COUNTY			
Elgin Local School District	2	100.0%	52.5%
Marion City School District	1	99.0%	44.7%
Pleasant Local School District	2	100.0%	57.0%
Ridgedale Local School District	2	100.0%	46.8%
River Valley Local School District	2	97.8%	59.9%
MORROW COUNTY			
Cardington-Lincoln Local School District	2	100.0%	53.6%
Highland Local School District	3	100.0%	77.2%
Northmor Local School District	2	98.8%	55.0%
RICHLAND COUNTY			
Clear Fork Valley Local School District	4	100.0%	72.2%
Lexington Local School District	3	92.9%	79.3%
Lucas Local School District	2	100.0%	57.6%
Madison Local School District	2	100.0%	51.1%
Mansfield City School District	1	100.0%	33.0%
Ontario Local School District	3	99.3%	73.6%
Plymouth-Shiloh Local School District	2	100.0%	46.5%
Shelby City School District	3	100.0%	79.7%

Source: Ohio Department of Education

County School District Graduation Rates

The average 4-year graduation rate for the area schools for 2021-2022 was 93.9% ranging from 78.9% in Crestline Exempted Village to 98.9% in Pleasant Local. The average 5-year graduation rate for area schools for 2021-2022 was 95.0% ranging from 86.0% in Mansfield City to 100.0% in Buckeye Central and Ridgedale Local.

County School District Graduation Rates, 2021-2022		
School District	4-year rate	5-year rate
CRAWFORD COUNTY		
Buckeye Central Local School District	95.6%	100.0%
Bucyrus City School District	90.4%	86.5%
Colonel Crawford Local Schools	97.6%	94.7%
Crestline Exempted Village School District	78.9%	91.1%
Galion City School District	95.9%	94.7%
Wynford Local School District	95.5%	95.8%
MARION COUNTY		
Elgin Local School District	91.3%	98.7%
Marion City School District	91.7%	91.1%
Pleasant Local School District	98.9%	99.0%
Ridgedale Local School District	97.4%	100.0%
River Valley Local School District	97.3%	97.3%
MORROW COUNTY		
Cardington-Lincoln Local School District	87.7%	87.7%
Highland Local School District	97.8%	95.1%
Northmor Local School District	97.3%	96.0%
RICHLAND COUNTY		
Clear Fork Valley Local School District	95.2%	95.9%
Lexington Local School District	96.5%	98.3%
Lucas Local School District	97.9%	97.8%
Madison Local School District	95.6%	95.5%
Mansfield City School District	82.1%	86.0%
Ontario Local School District	97.1%	96.0%
Plymouth-Shiloh Local School District	98.1%	98.2%
Shelby City School District	89.7%	94.1%
<i>Source: Ohio Department of Education</i>		

School District College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness

The College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness Component measures how well-prepared Ohio's students are for all future opportunities.

- The percentage of 2019 graduates who entered college within 2 years averaged 50.0% ranging from a low of 26.4% in Mansfield City to a high of 70.3% in Lexington Local.
- The percentage 2015 graduates who graduated college within 6 years averaged 28% for the area ranging from a low of 8.3% in Crestline Exempted Village to a high of 48.9% in Ontario Local.
- The percentage 2021 graduates who graduated with industry recognized credentials averaged 13.3% for the area ranging from a low of 3.6% in Highland Local to a high of 30.0% in Elgin Local.
- The percentage 2021 graduates who graduated with dual enrollment credit averaged 20.5% for the area ranging from a low of 0.0% in Clear Fork Valley Local and Plymouth-Shiloh Local to a high of 62.4% in Pleasant Local.

School District College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness, 2021-2022				
School District	% of 2019 Grads Entering College within 2 years	% of 2015 Grads graduating from college w/in 6 years	% 2021 Grad with industry recognized credential	% 2021 Grad with Dual Enrollment Credit
CRAWFORD COUNTY				
Buckeye Central Local	64.8%	29.4%	15.6%	20.0%
Bucyrus City School District	43.1%	22.0%	8.5%	6.4%
Colonel Crawford Local Schools	58.5%	44.7%	10.7%	42.9%
Crestline Exempted Village	39.0%	8.3%	15.8%	21.1%
Galion City School District	41.6%	30.7%	14.4%	21.6%
Wynford Local School District	47.8%	31.5%	18.2%	23.9%
MARION COUNTY				
Elgin Local School District	40.5%	18.5%	30.0%	20.0%
Marion City School District	37.0%	16.2%	13.9%	15.0%
Pleasant Local School District	62.5%	47.3%	11.8%	62.4%
Ridgedale Local School District	56.6%	27.4%	26.3%	28.9%
River Valley Local	53.2%	34.1%	13.3%	6.7%
MORROW COUNTY				
Cardington-Lincoln Local	47.7%	22.5%	6.8%	6.8%
Highland Local School District	49.0%	28.6%	3.6%	27.3%
Northmor Local School District	51.4%	25.5%	17.3%	24.0%
RICHLAND COUNTY				
Clear Fork Valley Local	53.2%	29.9%	6.2%	0.0%
Lexington Local School District	70.3%	39.8%	6.6%	32.3%
Lucas Local School District	59.3%	25.0%	12.8%	38.3%
Madison Local School District	29.9%	17.6%	24.1%	14.5%
Mansfield City School District	26.4%	13.9%	8.4%	0.6%
Ontario Local School District	67.1%	48.9%	10.9%	27.4%
Plymouth-Shiloh Local	50.8%	21.9%	7.7%	0.0%
Shelby City School District	50.0%	32.4%	10.3%	11.5%

Source: Ohio Department of Education

School District Demographics

During the 2021-2022 school year, there were 33,297 students who attended a public school in the area. The 22 districts varied greatly demographically: the percentage of non-Caucasian students ranged from 2.5% (Wynford Local) to 49.9% (Mansfield City), the percentage of students with disabilities ranged from 9.5% (River Valley Local) to 25.6% (Mansfield City), and the percentage of students designated as economically disadvantaged ranged from 21.8% (Lexington Local) to 100% (Marion City). District mobility ranged from 4.9% (Colonel Crawford Local) to 24.1% (Plymouth-Shiloh Local). The attendance rate ranged from 83.7% (Marion City) to 95.6% (Ontario Local).

School District Demographics, 2021-2022							
School District	# of Students	% Non-Caucasian	% with disabilities	% Econ. Disadv.	% English Learner	District Mobility	Attendance Rate
CRAWFORD COUNTY							
Buckeye Central Local	643	4.6%	15.9%	24.1%	NC	8.4%	92.8%
Bucyrus City	1,044	9.7%	23.1%	51.2%	NC	12.6%	89.3%
Colonel Crawford Local	922	3.7%	15.1%	27.5%	NC	4.9%	94.7%
Crestline Exempted Village	584	8.4%	16.6%	99.0%	NC	17.0%	88.8%
Galion City School District	1,617	8.8%	18.1%	61.1%	NC	10.2%	90.5%
Wynford Local	1,098	2.5%	17.1%	26.9%	NC	7.5%	92.3%
MARION COUNTY							
Elgin Local School District	1,015	8.3%	16.5%	46.8%	1.8%	6.9%	89.3%
Marion City School District	4,210	26.6%	19.6%	100.0%	2.0%	14.3%	83.7%
Pleasant Local	1,230	7.6%	11.0%	29.9%	1.5%	8.0%	93.3%
Ridgedale Local	614	6.5%	13.8%	40.6%	NC	9.0%	90.4%
River Valley Local	1,886	9.9%	9.5%	34.4%	0.5%	9.2%	93.6%
MORROW COUNTY							
Cardington-Lincoln Local	1,002	6.4%	19.1%	35.6%	NC	7.8%	90.8%
Highland Local	1,690	6.1%	15.4%	30.4%	NC	6.8%	91.3%
Northmor Local	1,012	4.2%	13.8%	25.4%	NC	8.1%	92.9%
RICHLAND COUNTY							
Clear Fork Valley Local	1,583	5.8%	20.0%	23.3%	NC	6.1%	94.3%
Lexington Local	2,272	10.9%	15.3%	21.8%	NC	6.2%	92.7%
Lucas Local School District	434	4.7%	12.7%	22.0%	NC	6.9%	93.8%
Madison Local	2,776	15.3%	17.8%	51.6%	NC	10.1%	90.8%
Mansfield City	3,248	49.9%	25.6%	99.8%	0.7%	19.2%	88.7%
Ontario Local	1,927	16.5%	12.0%	29.5%	1.2%	5.5%	95.6%
Plymouth-Shiloh Local	674	9.6%	16.1%	53.6%	NC	24.1%	91.3%
Shelby City School District	1,816	4.6%	17.5%	29.0%	NC	9.4%	91.9%

Source: Ohio Department of Education *If enrollment is less than 10, results are Not Calculated (NC)

Access to Affordable Higher Education

In the 4-county areas, there are many avenues to receiving one's education above the high school level. There are two regional campuses, two community colleges and a private college. Each is discussed in more detail below.

- **The Ohio State University- Mansfield** is a satellite campus of Ohio State University in Mansfield, Ohio with around 950 students. The campus offers ten bachelor's degree programs and graduate level coursework in education. Students can start at Mansfield and finish their degrees at The Ohio State University, Columbus, with one or more of Ohio State's 200+ majors. Tuition (per year) for Ohio residents is \$8,562. For out of state students, the annual tuition is \$31,644.
- **The Ohio State University- Marion** is a satellite campus of Ohio State University in Marion, Ohio with around 1,250 students. Several bachelor's programs and an Associate of Arts can be completed entirely at the Marion campus. Students can start at Marion and finish their degrees at The Ohio State University, Columbus, with one or more of Ohio State's 200+ majors. Tuition (per year) for Ohio residents is \$8,944.
- **Marion Technical College-** is a public technical college in Marion, Ohio. The college offers associate degrees, certificates, and transfer programs in the areas of business, engineering, information technology, public service, health, and arts and sciences. As of 2023, it now offers one Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. High school students comprise about 49% of MTC's enrollment. The average in-state tuition for the college is \$5,625.
- **North Central State College (NCSC)** is a public community college in Mansfield, Ohio. NCSC offers associate degrees and certification programs in a number of career fields including business, computers, engineering, health science and public service, technology, and workforce development. NCSC also has a Crawford County Campus. The average in-state tuition for the college is \$5,625.
- **Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU)** is a private Christian university in Mount Vernon, Ohio, with satellite locations in the surrounding area. It offers a variety of bachelor's and master's degrees to both traditional and non-traditional students. Tuition per year is \$32,614.

Age of Population and Trends

Age Breakdown

Over the last five years, the total population of Crawford and Morrow Counties has declined slightly while the population of Marion and Richland Counties and the state of Ohio slightly increased. The median age is higher in all four counties (Crawford-43.1; Marion-41.2; Morrow-42.6; Richland-41.3) than it is in the state as a whole (Ohio-39.4). The age groups with the largest increases over the past five years were 65 and over.

Age Breakdown						
	CRAWFORD COUNTY			MARION COUNTY		
	2017	2021	Change	2017	2021	Change
Total population	42,231	41,939	-0.6%	65,483	65,515	+0.05%
Median age	43.0	43.1	+0.1	40.8	41.2	+0.4
# under 5	2,412	2,409	-0.1%	3,840	3,729	-2.8%
# 5-9	2,436	2,591	+6.3%	3,706	3,452	-6.8%
# 10-14	2,731	2,563	-6.1%	3,766	4,362	+15.8%
# 15-19	2,599	2,499	-3.8%	3,702	3,869	+4.5%
# 20-24	2,470	2,296	-7.0%	4,185	3,834	-8.3%
# 25-34	4,514	4,676	+3.5%	8,706	8,744	+0.4%
# 35-44	4,949	4,877	-1.4%	8,325	7,960	-4.3%
# 45-54	5,642	5,429	-3.7%	9,267	8,820	-4.8%
# 55-64	6,106	6,006	-1.6%	9,127	9,125	-0.02%
# 65+	8,372	8,593	+7.0%	10,859	11,620	+7.0%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Age Breakdown									
	MORROW COUNTY			RICHLAND COUNTY			Ohio		
	2017	2021	Change	2017	2021	Change	2017	2021	Change
Total population	34,935	34,892	-0.1%	121,533	124,504	+2.4%	11,609,756	11,769,923	+1.3%
Median age	41.8	42.6	+0.8	41.4	41.3	-0.1	39.3	39.4	+0.4
# under 5	1,963	1,879	-4.2%	7,021	7,157	+1.9%	695,704	689,126	-0.9%
# 5-9	2,332	1,956	-16.1%	6,860	7,212	+5.1%	721,139	712,811	-1.1%
# 10-14	2,534	2,427	-4.2%	8,011	8,214	+2.5%	747,158	764,371	+2.3%
# 15-19	2,486	2,444	-1.6%	7,330	7,367	+0.5%	774,385	777,556	+0.4%
# 20-24	1,851	1,782	-3.7%	7,552	7,619	+0.8%	783,220	748,606	-4.4%
# 25-34	3,580	3,815	+6.5%	14,730	15,367	+4.3%	1,482,711	1,543,258	+4.1%
# 35-44	4,444	4,219	-5.0%	14,470	15,094	+4.3%	1,397,632	1,430,057	+2.3%
# 45-54	4,953	4,870	-1.6%	16,042	15,244	-4.9%	1,573,683	1,478,888	-6.0%
# 55-64	5,280	5,367	+1.6%	16,997	17,082	+0.5%	1,589,482	1,620,448	+1.9%
# 65+	5,512	6,133	+11.5%	19,422	24,148	+24.3%	1,844,642	2,004,802	+8.6%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates

Age by Zip Code, 2021

The table below shows, by zip code, the total population, median age, number of residents under the age of 5, number of residents ages 5 to 9, and the number of residents ages 65 and over.

Age Demographics by Zip Code						
Zip	City	Total Population	Median Age	# Under 5	# 5-9	# 65 and over
CRAWFORD COUNTY						
44820	Bucyrus	17,239	42.4	1,147	1,054	3,597
44833	Galion	16,537	42.5	750	1,013	3,303
44827	Crestline	7,003	46.9	422	316	1,594
44854	New Washington	1,445	42.8	41	136	277
44887	Tiro	1,036	35.1	86	141	132
44856	North Robinson	190	31.8	35	21	73
44825	Chatfield	233	32.4	33	10	24
44881	Sulphur Springs	98	51.6	0	0	8
MARION COUNTY						
43302	Marion	55,090	40.0	3,114	3,004	9,524
43342	Prospect	3,465	44.4	277	129	701
43314	Caledonia	2,943	44.6	47	89	455
43332	La Rue	1,482	43.1	96	46	287
43356	Waldo	1,003	47.6	94	69	263
43341	New Bloomington	946	52.1	83	15	164
MORROW COUNTY						
43337	Morral	836	54.0	33	57	269
43322	Green Camp	349	44.6	7	11	64
43338	Mount Gilead	10,163	42.6	650	641	1,885
43334	Marengo	6,329	45.1	262	333	1,298
43320	Edison	1,258	44.0	26	60	351
43321	Fulton	346	38.1	32	5	74
43317	Chesterville	175	41.4	16	6	36
RICHLAND COUNTY						
44813	Bellville	7,806	42.8	472	335	1,686
44822	Butler	3,418	31.6	367	259	447
44843	Lucas	2,667	44.3	202	120	683
44875	Shelby	13,815	43.5	803	1,078	2,764
44878	Shiloh	3,028	33.4	352	248	402
44902	Mansfield	5,458	31.0	558	515	559
44903	Mansfield	25,012	40.0	2,009	1,305	4,262
44904	Lexington, Mansfield	14,389	45.9	529	721	2,962
44905	Mansfield	16,693	39.8	572	861	2,634
44906	Mansfield	16,461	45.5	815	913	4,307

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2021 5-Year Estimates

Housing

Housing Costs and Demographics

Over the past five years, the number of housing units in Morrow County, Richland County, and the state of Ohio have increased while the number of housing units in both Crawford and Marion Counties has decreased. The percentage of vacant housing decreased slightly in all areas except Marion County over the same time period. The largest changes between 2017 and 2021 were in the median monthly housing costs of renters: Crawford County, 9.1%; Marion County, 9.8%; Morrow County, 31.7%; Richland County, 8.7%.

Housing Demographics, 2017 – 2021						
	Crawford County			Marion County		
	2017	2021	Change	2017	2021	Change
Total housing units	20,084	19,889	-0.9%	27,894	27,428	-1.6%
% vacant housing	11.2%	9.4%	-1.8%	11.5%	11.6%	+0.1%
% of houses built before 1979	82.2%	79.6%	-2.6%	76.5%	75.3%	-1.2%
% occupied by owner	69.3%	69.1%	-0.2%	68.4%	67.3%	-1.1%
% occupied by renter	30.7%	30.9%	+0.2%	31.6%	32.7%	+1.1%
Median value of owner occupied	\$85,600	\$98,600	+15.1%	\$93,700	\$114,800	+22.5%
Median Monthly Housing Cost (w/ mortgage)	\$939	\$931	-0.8%	\$1,006	\$1,074	+6.7%
Median Monthly Housing Cost (w/o mortgage)	\$374	\$399	+6.6%	\$387	\$426	+10.1%
Median Monthly Housing Cost (Renters)	\$637	\$695	+9.1%	\$712	\$782	+9.8%
	Morrow County			Richland County		
	2017	2021	Change	2017	2021	Change
Total housing units	14,234	14,420	+1.3%	54,274	54,558	+0.5%
% vacant housing	10.2%	9.5%	-0.7%	11.6%	9.3%	-2.3%
% of houses built before 1979	50.0%	51.3%	+1.3%	76.3%	74.5%	-1.8%
% occupied by owner	82.3%	80.6%	-1.7%	67.7%	67.2%	-0.5%
% occupied by renter	17.7%	19.4%	+1.7%	32.3%	32.8%	+0.5%
Median value of owner occupied	\$139,400	\$163,300	+17.1%	\$103,700	\$123,900	+19.4%
Median Monthly Housing Cost (w/ mortgage)	\$1,200	\$1,307	-8.9%	\$1,026	\$1,100	+7.2%
Median Monthly Housing Cost (w/o mortgage)	\$446	\$461	+3.3%	\$387	\$426	+10.1%
Median Monthly Housing Cost (Renters)	\$646	\$851	+31.7%	\$638	\$694	+8.7%
	Ohio					
	2017	2021	Change	2017	2021	Change
Total housing units	5,174,838	5,232,733	+1.1%			
% vacant housing	10.5%	9.1%	-1.4%			
% of houses built before 1979	67.5%	65.3%	-2.2%			
% occupied by owner	66.1%	66.6%	+0.5%			
% occupied by renter	33.9%	33.4%	-0.5%			
Median value of owner occupied	\$135,100	\$159,900	+18.3%			
Median Monthly Housing Cost (w/ mortgage)	\$1,247	\$1,338	+7.3%			
Median Monthly Housing Cost (w/o mortgage)	\$458	\$504	+10.0%			
Median Monthly Housing Cost (Renters)	\$764	\$870	+13.8%			

Source: US Census, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates



Foreclosures and Evictions

The foreclosure and 90-day mortgage delinquency rate in all four counties has significantly decreased since 2014. However, the foreclosure and 90-day mortgage delinquency rate is higher in all four counties than the State average. In terms of eviction filings, rates were higher than the state average in both Marion and Richland Counties and were lower than the state average in Crawford and Morrow Counties.

Foreclosure and Eviction Data						
	Foreclosure Rate		90- Day Mortgage Delinquency Rate		Eviction Filing, 2019	
	2014	2019	2014	2019	Rate	#
Crawford County	2.13%	1.13%	6.34%	2.36%	4.11%	219
Marion County	2.48%	1.00%	6.28%	2.39%	8.23%	650
Morrow County	2.23%	0.84%	5.65%	1.93%	4.87%	111
Richland County	1.74%	0.76%	5.34%	2.20%	7.34%	1,129
Ohio	-	0.58%	-	1.78%	6.58%	105,265

Source: Ohio Housing Finance Agency 2021 needs assessment, <https://ohiohome.org/hna-20/executivesummary-hna.aspx>

Additional Housing Data

The percentage of housing units that are single-family detached are higher in all four counties than the state of Ohio (68.4%), ranging from 74.0% to 78.7%. At the same time, all four counties have a higher percentage of mobile homes than the state average (3.6%), ranging from 3.7% to 13.1%. A higher percentage of houses in each of the four counties are at-risk of lead-paint hazard than the state average.

Additional Housing and Housing Market Data					
	Crawford County	Marion County	Morrow County	Richland County	Ohio
% of Housing Units that are Single-Family Detached	77.1%	77.7%	78.7%	74.0%	68.4%
% of Housing Units that are Multifamily	6.8%	8.4%	2.8%	9.1%	14.8%
% of Housing Units that are Mobile Homes	4.3%	3.9%	13.1%	3.7%	3.6%
% At-Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	11.1%	11.7%	9.7%	10.4%	9.1%
% of Homes with Negative Equity	2.9%	3.3%	4.7%	4.4%	4.4%
Median Gross Rent	\$648	\$721	\$703	\$664	\$797
% of Severe Housing Cost Burden for Renters	18.9%	22.6%	15.3%	20.0%	23.0%
# of Available/Affordable Rental Units per 100 Extremely Low Income	77	71	93	81	80
Median Selected Owner (mortgage)	\$966	\$1,040	\$1,211	\$1,055	\$1,248

Source: Ohio Housing Finance Agency 2021 needs assessment, <https://ohiohome.org/hna-20/executivesummary-hna.aspx>



Homelessness

Both Marion and Richland Counties have a higher percentage of students experiencing homelessness than the state of Ohio as a whole, while both Crawford and Morrow Counties are lower. Two school districts in the area are in the top 20 in the state for percentage of students who are homeless. Mansfield City Schools has the tenth highest percentage of enrollment of students experiencing homelessness in the state, 8.33%, and Marion City Schools has the fifteen highest percentage, 6.99%.

Percent of Students experiencing homelessness		
	# of homeless students	% of enrollment
Crawford County	102	1.56%
Marion County	366	3.70%
Morrow County	18	0.33%
Richland County	459	2.52%
Ohio	-	2.01%

Source: Ohio Housing Finance Agency 2021 needs assessment, <https://ohiohome.org/hna-20/executivesummary-hna.aspx>

Childcare and Parenting

Children Receiving Child Care Public Assistance

Through Ohio Works First (OWF) childcare assistance, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services aids low-income parents who are working or in school. The table below outlines OWF-related childcare for each area with each column showing the number of children served in November over the last five years in which the data is available. All four counties and Ohio saw significant decreases in the number of children served since 2018, although the decrease was considerably higher in all four counties than Ohio.

Children Receiving Child Care Public Assistance Summary- OWF Related Child Care						
	Number of children served monthly (used November data)					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% change
Crawford County	127	185	130	116	91	-28.3%
Marion County	257	281	219	237	167	-35.0%
Morrow County	230	214	160	156	105	-54.3%
Richland County	1,673	1,861	1,226	1,197	1,210	-27.6%
4-Counties	2,287	2,541	1,735	1,706	1,573	-31.2%
Ohio	139,645	149,294	120,992	115,165	116,547	-16.5%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, "Public Assistance Monthly Statistics (PAMS) Report."
<https://jfs.ohio.gov/pams/index.stm>

Early Learning and Developing Spaces

There are approximately 6,146 early learning and developing spaces in the four-county area. Of these, 2,650 or 43.1% are ODE licensed preschools and 3,496 or 56.9% are ODJFS licensed childcare centers.

Early Learning and Developing Spaces						
School district	Population under 6	Economically Disadvantaged	ODE Spaces	ODE Enrollment	ODJFS Spaces	ODJFS Enrollment
CRAWFORD COUNTY						
Buckeye Central	371	50.7%	39	0	71	58
Bucyrus	552	65.4%	208	104	149	138
Colonel Crawford	312	42.6%	37	31	0	0
Crestline	535	67.3%	102	76	45	26
Galion	1,016	73.0%	135	114	263	222
Wynford	323	42.4%	38	27	63	60
MARION COUNTY						
Elgin	481	55.3%	27	28	38	47
Marion	2,900	73.2%	209	149	267	278
Pleasant	456	39.3%	0	0	86	131
Ridgedale	193	59.1%	0	0	0	0
River Valley	606	29.0%	224	88	157	181
MORROW COUNTY						
Cardington-Lincoln	510	45.3%	0	0	36	32
Highland	755	37.0%	77	0	57	33
Mount Gilead	660	52.7%	347	193	113	118
Northmor	758	53.7%	0	0	0	0
RICHLAND COUNTY						
Clear Fork Valley	1,060	67.5%	21	20	51	84

Early Learning and Developing Spaces						
School district	Population under 6	Economically Disadvantaged	ODE Spaces	ODE Enrollment	ODJFS Spaces	ODJFS Enrollment
Crestview	666	53.9%	70	202	51	16
Lexington	741	31.8%	0	0	142	169
Lucas	293	22.5%	0	0	0	0
Madison	1,711	50.4%	404	345	368	490
Mansfield	2,719	68.9%	489	416	992	799
Ontario	615	19.0%	32	68	100	46
Plymouth-Shiloh	314	51.6%	19	24	237	105
Shelby	701	41.4%	172	129	210	220
4-COUNTY AREA	19,248	NA	2650	2014	3496	3253
ODE Spaces are the total number of spaces in ODE licensed preschools that are located within a given school district.						
ODJFS Spaces are the total number of spaces in ODJFS licensed childcare centers that are located within a given school district.						
Economically Disadvantaged – students who are eligible to receive free or reduced lunches or who are recipients of public assistance.						
Source: Early Childhood Advisory Council, Early Learning and Development County Profiles						

Child Care Centers in Each County

Below is a list of licensed childcare centers in each county found using the ODJFS (Ohio Department of Job & Family Services) Early Learning & Development Database. Funded age groups are also designated. In the table below, SUTQ stands for "Step-Up to Quality Rating." An SUTQ rating of '0' indicates that the facility does not have a SUTQ rating. SUTQ rating ranges from '1' (lowest) to '5' (highest). More detailed information about each star rating can be found here: <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS01554/pdf>.

Child Care Centers in Crawford County				
Program Name	City	SUTQ Rating	Program Type	Publicly Funded Child Care
BUCYRUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BUCYRUS	0	School age	No
BUCYRUS SECONDARY SCHOOL	BUCYRUS	0	School age	No
GALION INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL R.O.A.R.	GALION	0	School age	No
GALION MIDDLE SCHOOL R.O.A.R.	GALION	0	School age	No
GALION PRIMARY SCHOOL R.O.A.R.	GALION	0	School age	No
GOOD HOPE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL	BUCYRUS	0	Childcare center	No
HANNAH CRAWFORD ELEMENTARY PREK-GRADE 2	CRESTLINE	0	Preschool	No
SONSHINE DAY CARE	BUCYRUS	0	Childcare center	Yes
ST JOSEPH	CRESTLINE	0	Preschool	No
ST JOSEPH	GALION	0	Preschool	No
ST PAUL PRESCHOOL	GALION	0	Childcare center	No
Total number without a Rating		11		
Total Number with 1 Star Rating		0		
Total Number with 2 Star Rating		0		
CRESTLINE CHILD CARE INC	CRESTLINE	3	Childcare center	Yes
GALION COMMUNITY CENTER YMCA CHILD CARE	GALION	3	Childcare center	Yes
SARA BEEGLE CHILD DAY CARE CENTER	GALION	3	Childcare center	Yes
YMCA OF BUCYRUS CHILD CARE	BUCYRUS	3	Childcare center	Yes
Total Number with 3 Star Rating		4		
Total Number with 4 Star Rating		0		
BUCKEYE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	NEW WASH.	5	Preschool	No
BUCYRUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BUCYRUS	5	Preschool	No
CRESTLINE PRESCHOOL	CRESTLINE	5	Preschool	No
FAIRWAY SCHOOL	BUCYRUS	5	Preschool	No
OHCAC BUCYRUS HEAD START	BUCYRUS	5	Childcare center	No
OHCAC GALION 1 AND 2 HEAD START	GALION	5	Childcare center	No
PRIMARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	GALION	5	Preschool	No
WYNFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BUCYRUS	5	Preschool	No
Total Number with 5 Star Rating		8		

0= Not Rated

Home Childcare Centers in Crawford County			
Program Name	City	License Type	SUTQ Rating
GUARDIAN ANGELS CHILDCARE	BUCYRUS	TYPE A	1
SIMMS, AMY	BUCYRUS	TYPE B	1
TINY TOTS DAYCARE	CRESTLINE	TYPE B	1

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Child Care Centers in Marion County				
Program Name	City	SUTQ Rating	Program Type	Publicly Funded Child Care
BENJAMIN HARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	0	Preschool, School age	No
CROSSWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHRISTIAN	MARION	0	Childcare center	No
DAYSRING CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL	MARION	0	Childcare center	No
ELGIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	0	School age	No
ELGIN PRESCHOOL	MARION	0	Preschool	No
GEORGE WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	0	School age	No
HERITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	0	School age	No
JAMES A. GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	0	School age	No
LARUE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL	LARUE	0	Childcare center	No
LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CALEDONIA	0	School age	No
MARION FAMILY YMCA AFTERSCHOOL	MARION	0	Childcare center	No
MARION FAMILY YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP	MARION	0	Day camp	No
NCOESC PRESCHOOL	MARION	0	Preschool	No
PLEASANT MIDDLE SCHOOL	MARION	0	School age	No
PROSPECT CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL	PROSPECT	0	Childcare center	No
RIDGEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MORRAL	0	School age, preschool	No
RIDGEDALE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	MORRAL	0	School age	No
RIVER VALLEY DAYCARE	CALEDONIA	0	Childcare center	No
RUTHERFORD B. HAYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	0	School age	No
YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP AT GW	MARION	0	Day camp	No
Total number without a Rating		20		
MARION FAMILY YMCA	MARION	1	Childcare center	Yes
ULYSSES S. GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL	MARION	1	School age	No
Total Number with 1 Star Rating		2		
GEORGE WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	2	Preschool	No
Total Number with 2 Star Rating		1		
EMANUEL CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL	MARION	3	Childcare center	Yes
Total Number with 3 Star Rating		1		
OHAC JAN HULSE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	MARION	4	Childcare center	No
Total Number with 4 Star Rating		1		
JAMES A. GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	5	Preschool	No
LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CALEDONIA	5	Preschool	No
MARIAN CLARK CENTER	MARION	5	Childcare center	No
OHAC BUEHRER CENTER	MARION	5	Childcare center	No
RUTHERFORD B. HAYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	5	Preschool	No
WILLIAM H. TAFT ELEMENTARY	MARION	5	Preschool	No
WILLIAM MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARION	5	Preschool	No
Total Number with 5 Star Rating		7		
0= Not Rated				

Home Childcare Centers in Marion County			
Program Name	City	License Type	SUTQ Rating
BRACY, MARTIS	MARION	TYPE B	1
CARR, DEBBY	MARION	TYPE B	1
GENATRY PITTMAN	MARION	TYPE B	1
HAY, TAMMY	MARION	TYPE B	1
LANDON FAMILY CARE	MARION	TYPE B	1
LEWIS, DORIS	MARION	TYPE B	1
MILLISOR, TINA	MARION	TYPE B	1
RACHAEL'S DAYCARE	MARION	TYPE B	1
RICKEY, SARAH	MARION	TYPE B	1
SHEPHERD, REGINA	MARION	TYPE B	1
SPEARS, CAROL	MARION	TYPE B	1
STERRITT, DENISE	MARION	TYPE B	1
BROWN, MARIANNE	MARION	TYPE B	3
ERICSON, MARETHA	MARION	TYPE B	3
SEVERNS, AIMEE	MARION	TYPE B	3
DEBBIE'S DAY CARE	MARION	TYPE A	4
GREASHABER, LORRI	MARION	TYPE B	4
CONNIE KELLEY	MARION	TYPE B	5
JOYCE BREWER	MARION	TYPE A	5
MURRELL, BRANDI	MARION	TYPE B	5
PRATER, CHERYL	MARION	TYPE B	5

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Child Care Centers in Morrow County				
Program Name	City	SUTQ Rating	Program Type	Publicly Funded Child Care
CARDINGTON-LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CARDINGTON	0	School age	No
CARDINGTON-LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL	CARDINGTON	0	School age	No
GILEAD CHRISTIAN	MOUNT GILEAD	0	School age	No
GILEAD PRESCHOOL AND SUMMER SACC	MOUNT GILEAD	0	School age	No
PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MOUNT GILEAD	0	School age	No
Total number without a Rating		5		
GILEAD PRESCHOOL AND SUMMER SACC	MOUNT GILEAD	1	Preschool	Yes
Total Number with 1 Star Rating		1		
KAREN'S KIDS CAMPUS	MARENGO	2	Childcare center	Yes
Total Number with 2 Star Rating		1		
Total Number with 3 Star Rating		0		
Total Number with 4 Star Rating		0		
CARDINGTON-LINCOLN ELEMENTARY	CARDINGTON	5	Preschool	No
HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MARENGO	5	Preschool	No
NORTHMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	GALION	5	Preschool	No
PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MOUNT GILEAD	5	Preschool	No
WHETSTONE MT. GILEAD CENTER	MOUNT GILEAD	5	Childcare center	No
Total Number with 5 Star Rating		5		

0= Not Rated



Home Childcare Centers in Morrow County			
Program Name	City	License Type	SUTQ Rating
SHAINA AND RACHEL'S DAYCARE	MARENGO	TYPE A	0
COOMES, ERIN	MOUNT GILEAD	TYPE B	1
MESAROS-GALE, AUDREY	CARDINGTON	TYPE B	1
ROUSH, MARY	BELLVILLE	TYPE B	1
GREENAWALT, CHRIS	CARDINGTON	TYPE B	3
BUMP, JENNIFER	MOUNT GILEAD	TYPE B	5
HELPING HANDS CHILDCARE	MOUNT GILEAD	TYPE A	5

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Child Care Centers in Richland County				
Program Name	City	SUTQ Rating	Program Type	Publicly Funded Child Care
CLEAR FORK CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL	BUTLER	0	Childcare center	No
GLCAP MIGRANT AND SEASINAL HS- SHILOH	SHILOH	0	Childcare center	No
KIDS KORNER OF LEXINGTON	LEXINGTON	0	Childcare center	No
LEXINGTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	LEXINGTON	0	Childcare center	No
MADISON SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MANSFIELD	0	School age	Yes
MANSFIELD 1 ST EPC PRESCHOOL	MANSFIELD	0	Childcare center	No
MANSFEILD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	MANSFIELD	0	Preschool	No
MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	MANSFIELD	0	School age	No
SACRED HEART	SHELBY	0	Preschool	No
ST MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL	MANSFIELD	0	Preschool	No
ST PETER	MANSFIELD	0	Preschool	No
WOODVILLE GRACE BRTHREN PRESCHOOL	MANSFIELD	0	Childcare center	No
Total number without a Rating		12		
IMAGINATION CHILD CARE INC.	MANSFIELD	1	Childcare center	Yes
LITTLE WARRIORS CHILDCARE	ONTARIO	1	Childcare center	Yes
PARK AVENUE CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION	MANSFIELD	1	Childcare center	Yes
STEP-BY-STEP CHILD CARE INC	MANSFIELD	1	Childcare center	Yes
WEEKEND CLUBHOUSE	MANSFIELD	1	Childcare center	Yes
Total Number with 1 Star Rating		5		
LORINE'S LITTLE LEARNERS CHILD CARE	MANSFIELD	2	Childcare center	Yes
Total Number with 2 Star Rating		1		
ASSEMBLY OF GOD PRESCHOOL & DAY CARE	MANSFIELD	3	Childcare center	Yes
CARPENTER CENTER @ THE YMCA	MANSFIELD	3	Childcare center	Yes
FRAN'S CHILD CARE CENTER	MANSFIELD	3	Childcare center	Yes
JC KIDS DAYCARE & LEARNING CENTER	MANSFIELD	3	Childcare center	Yes
LITTLE BLESSINGS N MORE LLC	MANSFIELD	3	Childcare center	Yes
MANSFIELD AREA Y, ONTARIO CHILD CARE	MANSFIELD	3	Childcare center	Yes
ST MARY	SHELBY	3	Preschool	No
Y KIDS CLUB @ EASTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LEXINGTON	3	Childcare center	Yes
Total Number with 3 Star Rating		8		
CHILDTIME CHILDREN'S CENTERS INC	MANSFIELD	4	Childcare center	Yes
FRIENDLY HOUSE DAY CARE	MANSFIELD	4	Childcare center	Yes
Total Number with 4 Star Rating		2		
CLEAR FORK VALLEY PRESCHOOL	BUTLER	5	Preschool	No



Child Care Centers in Richland County

Program Name	City	SUTQ Rating	Program Type	Publicly Funded Child Care
DISCOVERY	MANSFIELD	5	Preschool	No
EASTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MANSFIELD	5	School age	Yes
FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN EARLY LEARNING	MANSFIELD	5	Childcare center	Yes
FIRST LUTHERAN ABC LEARNING CENTER	SHELBY	5	Childcare center	Yes
K-CITY	SHELBY	5	Childcare center	Yes
LEXINGTON "Y" CHILDCARE	MANSFIELD	5	Childcare center	Yes
MADISON EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER	MANSFIELD	5	School age, preschool	Yes
MADISON SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MANSFIELD	5	Preschool	No
NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE CHILD DEV	MANSFIELD	5	Childcare center	Yes
OHCAC BARBARA HAXTON EARLY CHILDHOOD	MANSFIELD	5	Childcare center	No
PIONEER CAREER & TECHNOLOGY JVSD SCHOOL	SHELBY	5	Preschool	Yes
SHELBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	SHELBY	5	Preschool	No
SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MANSFIELD	5	Preschool	No
SHILOH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PLYMOUTH	5	Preschool	No
STINGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	ONTARIO	5	Preschool	No
TRINITY SHINING LIGHTS PRESCHOOL	SHELBY	5	Childcare center	Yes
WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LEXINGTON	5	Preschool	No
Y KIDS CLUB @ CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	MANSFIELD	5	Childcare center	Yes
Y KIDS CLUB @ WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LEXINGTON	5	Childcare center	Yes
Total Number with 5 Star Rating		20		
<i>0= Not Rated</i>				

Home Childcare Centers in Richland County

Program Name	City	License Type	SUTQ Rating
BOND, JACQUELYNN	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	0
MIDDLETON, CRYSTAL	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	0
TEMPLE, LOIS	BUTLER	TYPE B	0
ATOINETTE'S DAYCARE	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
BILLHEIMER, BECKY J	SHELBY	TYPE B	1
BLESSINGS ON BLESSINGS CHILDCARE	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
BROOK, MARCELLA M	BELLVILLE	TYPE B	1
CALLAN'S LITTLE LEARNER'S CHILDCARE	SHELBY	TYPE B	1
CAMERIN, ELLEENA	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
CRADDOLPH, TAWANA R	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
GORDON, FELICIA F	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
LIBERTY'S DAYCARE	BUTLER	TYPE A	1
MANN, HEATHER N	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
MOSIER, JULIE	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
MS JUDY'S DAY CARE	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
OWENS, CHARMIN M	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
SARAH'S LOVE AND CARE	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
SHEPHERD, KRISTIN	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
TIARRA VICKERS	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	1
WADE, ANNA	BUTLER	TYPE B	1

Home Childcare Centers in Richland County

Program Name	City	License Type	SUTQ Rating
A HOME AWAY FROM HOME	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	2
REUER, CARLA M	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	3
CANADA, MELISSA S	MANSFIELD	TYPE B	5
KUBBYS EARLY LEARNING INTERVENTION	MANSFIELD	TYPE A	5

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Pre-K Programs in Each County

There are twenty-six public schools in the four-county area that offer pre-kindergarten instruction. They are listed in the table below.

Pre-K Programs		
School Name	District	Grades
CRAWFORD COUNTY		
HANNAH CRAWFORD ELEMENTARY	Colonel Crawford	PK-2
BUCKEYE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Buckeye Central	PK
BUCYRUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Bucyrus City	PK
PRIMARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Galion City	PK
WYNFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Wynford Local	PK
MARION COUNTY		
BENJAMIN HARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Marion City	PK
ELGIN PRESCHOOL	Elgin Local	PK
RIDGEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Ridgedale Local	PK
GEORGE WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Marion City	PK
JAMES A. GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Marion City	PK
LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	River Valley	PK
RUTHERFORD B. HAYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Marion City	PK
WILLIAM H. TAFT ELEMENTARY	Marion City	PK
WILLIAM MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Marion City	PK
MORROW COUNTY		
CARDINGTON-LINCOLN ELEMENTARY	Cardington-Lincoln Local	PK
HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Highland Local	PK
NORTHMOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Northmor Local	PK
PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Mount Gilead Local	PK
RICHLAND COUNTY		
CLEAR FORK VALLEY PRESCHOOL	Clear Fork Valley Local	PK
MADISON SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Madison Local	PK
PIONEER CAREER & TECHNOLOGY JVSD SCHOOL	Shelby, Ohio	PK
SHELBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Shelby City	PK
SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Mansfield City	PK
SHILOH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Plymouth-Shiloh Local	PK
STINGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Ontario Local	PK
WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Lexington Local	PK

Source: Ohio Department of Education

Child Abuse and Maltreatment

The table below is a point in time count of the number of children in custody (each count was completed in January of each year). Children in custody can include children who are in placements such as family foster care, kinship care, independent living, congregate care and other settings. The number of children in care has increased significantly in both Crawford and Richland Counties while the number of children in care has decreased in Marion and Morrow Counties as well as the state of Ohio.

Point in Time Count of Children in Care						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2018-2022
Crawford County	60	68	66	61	66	+10.0%
Marion County	72	78	89	65	55	-23.6%
Morrow County	41	38	33	26	28	-31.7%
Richland County	94	98	90	109	131	+39.3%
4- County	267	282	278	261	280	+4.8%
Ohio	15,682	15,922	16,383	15,348	14,921	-4.8%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Data Dashboard <https://data.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm>

The table below is a point in time count of active case participants on open child abuse and neglect cases. Over the last five years, the number of active case participants has decreased for all four counties as well as the state.

Point in Time Count of Participants on an Open Child Abuse and Neglect Case						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2018-2022
Crawford County	670	882	801	506	620	-7.4%
Marion County	1,259	1,437	1,278	1,082	1,232	-2.1%
Morrow County	371	462	362	458	327	-11.8%
Richland County	2,535	2,300	2,145	2,452	2,186	-13.7%
4- County	4,835	5,081	4,586	4,498	4,365	-9.7%
Ohio	146,563	154,626	150,823	136,794	136,905	-6.5%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Data Dashboard <https://data.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm>

The table below shows the percentage of all removals which have parental substance abuse/use prevalence as a removal reason. While the percentage of children removed from home due to parental substance use decreased in three of the four counties as well as the state of Ohio over the past five years, the percentage increased slightly in Marion County.

Children Removed from Home due to Parental Substance Use/Abuse						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2018-2022
% of cases with parent substance abuse						
Crawford County	36.6%	14.0%	28.5%	41.9%	27.0%	-9.6%
Marion County	31.8%	33.7%	44.6%	34.2%	34.1%	+2.3%
Morrow County	72.7%	52.9%	47.0%	30.4%	44.4%	-28.3%
Richland County	42.0%	22.5%	35.0%	44.7%	35.9%	-6.1%
Total cases removed with parent substance abuse						
Ohio	4,137	3,964	3,288	3,368	3,066	-25.8%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Data Dashboard <https://data.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm>

Over the past five years, the number of intakes that end up in alternative response or were substantiated decreased while the number of unsubstantiated cases increased over the same time period.

Count of Disposition						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2018- 2022
Total Intakes: ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE						
Crawford County	82	114	109	180	107	+30.5%
Marion County	65	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
Morrow County	115	113	146	93	136	+18.2%
Richland County	587	511	516	495	501	-14.6%
4-County Region	849	738	771	768	744	-12.3%
Ohio	37,306	36,939	32,024	32,713	31,672	-15.1%
Total Intakes: SUBSTANTIATED						
Crawford County	86	93	58	66	56	-34.8%
Marion County	228	370	327	345	275	+20.6%
Morrow County	21	16	22	28	17	-19.1%
Richland County	130	139	159	205	109	-16.1%
4-County Region	465	618	566	644	457	-1.7%
Ohio	13,579	12,810	12,031	12,280	9,693	-28.6%
Total Intakes: UNSUBSTANTIATED						
Crawford County	45	37	33	25	28	-37.7%
Marion County	286	271	264	322	351	+22.7%
Morrow County	0	24	23	34	35	-
Richland County	152	132	165	131	96	-36.8%
4-County Region	483	464	485	512	510	+5.6%
Ohio	28,752	27,994	25,185	26,921	23,195	-19.3%
Total Intakes: INDICATED						
Crawford County	15	15	17	17	0	-
Marion County	108	111	86	116	90	-16.6%
Morrow County	0	0	0	0	20	-
Richland County	59	69	70	70	70	+18.6%
4-County Region	182	195	173	203	180	-1.1%
Ohio	4,443	5,327	5,220	5,778	4,669	+5.1%
Total Intakes: Disposition Not Available						
Crawford County	849	842	780	861	843	-0.7%
Marion County	1,115	1,158	1,031	1,371	1,519	+36.2%
Morrow County	582	551	465	520	497	-14.6%
Richland County	1,105	1,627	1,202	1,413	1,452	+31.4%
4-County Region	3,651	4,178	3,478	4,165	4,311	+18.1%
Ohio	110,141	111,118	96,622	111,420	121,095	+9.9%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Data Dashboard <https://data.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm>

Over the past five years the total number of child abuse and neglect intakes in the county has decreased slightly in both Crawford and Morrow Counties as well as the state while increasing significantly in both Marion and Richland Counties. Over the past five years, the number of intakes with multiple causes increased by 6% in the county while the number of other intakes decreased. Counts by types of abuse or neglect are listed in the table below.

TOTAL # of Child Abuse and Neglect Intakes by Intake Type						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2018- 2022
Crawford County	1,080	1,101	998	1,152	1,053	-2.5%
Marion County	1,848	1,913	1,719	2,154	2,250	+21.7%
Morrow County	736	712	665	684	706	-4.1%
Richland County	2,042	2,482	2,135	2,336	2,236	+9.5%
4- County	5,706	6,208	5,518	6,326	6,245	+9.4%
Ohio	198,702	202,430	175,028	193,347	196,824	-0.9%
Count by Intake Type: Emotional Maltreatment						
Crawford County	23	20	23	19	25	+8.7%
Marion County	0	0	0	15	17	+17.0%
Morrow County	20	29	17	33	24	+20.0%
Richland County	153	160	123	143	146	-4.5%
4- County	196	209	163	210	212	+8.1%
Ohio	4,614	4,376	3,829	4,518	4,572	-0.9%
Count by Intake Type: Medical Neglect						
Crawford County	32	30	28	36	26	-18.7%
Marion County	27	35	20	32	26	-3.7%
Morrow County	0	280	11	14	16	-
Richland County	44	56	48	50	28	-36.3%
4- County	103	401	107	132	96	-6.8%
Ohio	4,037	3,989	3,016	3,346	3,471	-14.0%
Count by Intake Type: Multiple						
Crawford County	200	204	186	249	207	+3.5%
Marion County	257	277	232	310	378	+47.1%
Morrow County	97	101	107	139	127	+30.9%
Richland County	303	384	411	523	492	+62.3%
4- County	857	966	936	1,221	1,204	+40.4%
Ohio	34,993	37,193	34,621	39,138	39,469	+12.7%
Count by Intake Type: Neglect						
Crawford County	427	506	402	417	372	-12.8%
Marion County	941	975	951	1,036	1,092	+16.1%
Morrow County	293	280	269	236	275	-6.1%
Richland County	789	980	789	752	772	-2.1%
4- County	2,450	2,741	2,411	2,441	2,511	+2.4%
Ohio	66,156	66,207	55,445	58,730	60,313	-8.8%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Data Dashboard <https://data.ifs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm>

TOTAL # of Child Abuse and Neglect Intakes by Intake Type						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2018- 2022
Count by Intake Type: Physical Abuse						
Crawford County	218	227	235	254	270	+23.8%
Marion County	387	392	319	482	490	+26.6%
Morrow County	203	185	171	167	178	-12.3%
Richland County	489	580	467	484	503	+2.8%
4-County	1,297	1,384	1,192	1,387	1,441	+11.1%
Ohio	64,711	66,218	56,420	62,192	63,077	-2.5%
Count by Intake Type: Sexual Abuse						
Crawford County	180	114	123	177	152	-15.5%
Marion County	224	226	192	278	246	+9.8%
Morrow County	114	108	87	95	86	-24.5%
Richland County	261	318	295	381	291	+11.4%
4- County	779	766	697	931	775	-0.5%
Ohio	23,975	24,209	21,524	25,244	25,726	+7.3%
<i>SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Data Dashboard https://data.ifs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm</i>						

The table below shows the number of children removed from their home by removal reason. Please note that there can be multiple removal reasons listed for a single child, so the reasons are not mutually exclusive. It is also important to note that if the count for any one reason is less than 10, the data is not available to protect the privacy of the child. In 2021, the most common reason for removal was parent or family issues followed by neglect.

Summary of Children Removed						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2018- 2022
Removal Reason: Abuse						
Crawford County	10	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Marion County	15	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Morrow County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Richland County	NA	NA	NA	17	NA	-
4- County	25	-	-	17	-	-
Ohio	2,378	2,261	1,797	1,968	2,001	-15.8%
Removal Reason: Neglect						
Crawford County	31	25	27	16	13	-58.1%
Marion County	15	17	18	12	21	+40.0%
Morrow County	NA	NA	NA	10	NA	-
Richland County	NA	NA	15	27	22	-
4- County	46	42	60	65	56	+21.7%
Ohio	4,701	4,439	3,345	3,494	3,701	-21.2%
Removal Reason: Parent/Family Issues						
Crawford County	34	13	24	40	22	-35.2%
Marion County	39	67	27	27	24	-38.4%
Morrow County	20	16	12	16	20	-
Richland County	59	42	75	69	36	-38.9%
4- County	152	138	138	152	102	-32.8%
Ohio	8,579	8,401	6,539	6,544	5,398	-37.1%
Removal Reason: Parental Problems with Child						
Crawford County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Marion County	NA	24	10	NA	NA	-
Morrow County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Richland County	15	24	10	14	21	+40.0%
4- County	15	48	20	14	21	+40.0%
Ohio	1,745	1,585	1,237	1,183	1,317	-24.5%
Removal Reason: Abandonment/Relinquishment						
Crawford County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Marion County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Morrow County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
Richland County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-
4- County	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	186	211	146	133	105	-43.5%

*SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Data Dashboard <https://data.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm>
NA= Less than 10 cases, not reported by state to protect privacy of child*

There was a decrease in the number of children discharged from care over the past five years in both Marion and Morrow Counties as well as the state while the number discharged increased in both Crawford and Richland Counties.

Number of Children Discharged from Care						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change 2018-2022
Crawford County	52	52	46	57	53	+1.9%
Marion County	63	69	70	46	34	-46.0%
Morrow County	25	22	24	21	23	-8.0%
Richland County	65	70	58	62	74	+13.8%
4-County Region	205	213	198	186	184	-10.2%
Ohio	12,027	11,748	10,708	10,251	9,647	-19.7%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Data Dashboard <https://data.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/ChildWelfare.stm>

Between 2016 and 2021, in Crawford County, the percentage of both licensed foster home and group placements increased while adoptive placements decreased. For Marion County, the percentage placed in licensed foster homes decreased significantly while group home placements increased. In Morrow County, the number of foster home and group home placements increased while relative/kinship and adoptive placements decreased. In Richland County, shifts were minimal with a slight decrease in foster home placements coinciding with a slight increase in group placements.

Child in Custody, by Placement Type (children refer to those ages 0-21)										
	2016					2021				
	Licensed Foster Home	Approved Relative/Kinship	Group/Residential Care	Adoptive Placement	Ind. Living/Other	Licensed Foster Home	Approved Relative/Kinship	Group/Residential Care	Adoptive Placement	Ind. Living/Other
Crawford	71%	0%	14%	14%	0%	79%	0%	19%	2%	0%
Marion	95%	0%	5%	0%	0%	71%	0%	23%	4%	2%
Morrow	50%	23%	15%	12%	0%	61%	12%	21%	6%	0%
Richland	83%	5%	8%	2%	1%	79%	9%	12%	0%	1%
Ohio	60%	21%	14%	3%	2%	55%	26%	13%	3%	2%

SOURCE: Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO)

Both Crawford and Richland Counties have a higher rate of children in placement, 36.1 for every 1,000 children in Crawford and 21.4 for every 1,000 children in Richland County, than the state (10.0). The rates for Marion and Morrow Counties were lower than the state rate. The rate of children in placement has increased in all areas except Marion County which has stayed the same.

Rate of Children Under 18 in Placement per 1,000				
County	2016	2018	2021	Change 2016-2021
Crawford County	12.4	Not available	36.1	+23.7
Marion County	8.1	9.8	8.1	0.0
Morrow County	5.4	Not available	6.4	+1.0
Richland County	4.8	6.2	21.4	+16.6
Ohio	9.0	10.5	10.0	+1.0

SOURCE: Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO).



The total number of children who aged out of care are listed on the table below.

Total # of Youth Who Aged Out of Care					
County	2013	2016	2018	2021	% change 13- 21
Crawford County	2	1	Not available	3	+50.0%
Marion County	3	3	4	4	+33.3%
Morrow County	3	1	Not available	3	0.0%
Richland County	7	5	7	2	-71.4%
Ohio	914	895	913	923	+0.9%

SOURCE: Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO).

Health and Wellness

Uninsured

The table below shows the percentage of the population under age 65 without health insurance. The percentage of the population without insurance in Morrow and Richland Counties is slightly higher than the state level while Crawford and Marion Counties are the same percentage as the state. The percentage of persons in both the counties and the state remained relatively steady over the last five years.

Uninsured – Under 65						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 15-19
Crawford County	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%	0%
Marion County	8%	6%	7%	7%	8%	0%
Morrow County	7%	7%	8%	9%	9%	+2%
Richland County	8%	7%	8%	9%	9%	+1%
Ohio	8%	7%	7%	8%	8%	0%

SOURCE: County Health Rankings

Uninsured Children

The table below shows the percentage of children under the age of 19 without health insurance. The percentage of children without insurance in Crawford County is slightly lower than the state level while the percentage was slightly higher in Morrow County. The percentage of children in both the counties and the state remained relatively steady over the last five years.

Uninsured Children						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change 15-19
Crawford County	5%	4%	7%	5%	4%	-1%
Marion County	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	0%
Morrow County	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%	+1%
Richland County	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%	0%
Ohio	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	0%

SOURCE: County Health Rankings

Primary Care Physicians

Primary Care Physicians is the ratio of the population to total primary care physicians. Primary care physicians include non-federal, practicing physicians (M.D.'s and D.O.'s) under the age of 75 specializing in general practice medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, and pediatrics. In Ohio, there is one Primary Care Physician for every 1,300 residents. The ratio for all four counties is significantly worse, ranging from one PCP for every 2,050 residents in Richland County to one PCP for every 5,850 residents in Morrow County.

Primary Care Physicians					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Crawford County	3,020:1	3,010:1	2,610:1	2,770:1	2,960:1
Marion County	2,510:1	3,710:1	3,420:1	3,630:1	3,830:1
Morrow County	5,850:1	5,840:1	5,830:1	5,850:1	5,890:1
Richland County	1,870:1	1,860:1	1,860:1	2,050:1	2,020:1
Ohio	1,310:1	1,300:1	1,310:1	1,300:1	1,290:1

SOURCE: County Health Rankings



Mental Health Providers

Mental Health Providers is the ratio of the county population to the number of mental health providers including psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, counselors, marriage and family therapists, mental health providers that treat alcohol and other drug abuse, and advanced practice nurses specializing in mental health care. In Ohio, there is one Mental Health Provider for every 380 residents. In Richland County, there is one Mental Health Provider for every 260 residents. The ratios for the other three counties are significantly worse than the state average: one provider for every 600 residents in Marion County, one provider for every 720 residents in Crawford County, and one provider for every 1,960 residents in Morrow County.

Mental Health Providers					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Crawford County	860:1	770:1	730:1	720:1	740:1
Marion County	670:1	620:1	630:1	600:1	500:1
Morrow County	1,840:1	1,750:1	2,070:1	1,960:1	1,690:1
Richland County	450:1	350:1	280:1	260:1	230:1
Ohio	560:1	470:1	410:1	380:1	350:1

SOURCE: County Health Rankings

Dental Providers

Dentists is the ratio of the population to dentists. In Ohio, there is one dentist for every 1,560 residents. The ratio for Richland County is slightly better- one dentist for every 1,440 residents. The ratios for the other three counties are significantly worse than the state average: one dentist for every 1,760 residents in Marion County, one dentist for every 1,730 residents in Crawford County, and one dentist for every 5,890 residents in Morrow County.

Dentists					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Crawford County	1,680:1	1,740:1	1,730:1	1,730:1	1,650:1
Marion County	1,630:1	1,800:1	1,920:1	1,760:1	1,750:1
Morrow County	7,010:1	7,000:1	5,850:1	5,890:1	7,080:1
Richland County	1,460:1	1,440:1	1,440:1	1,440:1	1,460:1
Ohio	1,660:1	1,620:1	1,610:1	1,560:1	1,570:1

SOURCE: County Health Rankings

Pregnancy and Prenatal Care

Prenatal Care

The percentage of pregnant women accessing prenatal care in the first trimester is slightly higher in all counties but Richland County than the state (59% compared to 69%). The percentage of women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester has stayed relatively stable in three counties and the state. The exception is Richland County in which the percentage of pregnant women accessing prenatal care in the first trimester decreased by more than 10% over the last five years.

Trimester of First Prenatal Visit											
	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		% Change 18-22
	Birth Count	%	Birth Count	%	Birth Count	%	Birth Count	%	Birth Count	%	
Crawford County											
First trimester	345	76.0%	349	76.9%	352	79.5%	337	74.9%	323	75.6%	-0.4%
Second trimester	55	12.1%	55	12.1%	43	9.7%	52	11.6%	46	10.8%	-1.3%
Third trimester	15	3.3%	12	2.6%	13	2.9%	11	2.4%	14	3.3%	0.0%
None	7	1.5%	7	1.5%	5	1.1%	2	0.4%	4	0.9%	-0.6%
Unknown	32	7.0%	31	6.8%	30	6.8%	48	10.7%	40	9.4%	+2.4%
Marion County											
First trimester	601	81.5%	611	82.6%	560	82.0%	563	79.5%	598	81.6%	+0.1%
Second trimester	86	11.7%	84	11.4%	81	11.9%	95	13.4%	76	10.4%	-1.3%
Third trimester	23	3.1%	20	2.7%	15	2.2%	21	3.0%	17	2.3%	-0.8%
None	9	1.2%	7	0.9%	11	1.6%	15	2.1%	20	2.7%	+1.5%
Unknown	18	2.4%	18	2.4%	16	2.3%	14	2.0%	22	3.0%	+0.6%
Morrow County											
First trimester	265	66.9%	268	72.8%	254	72.6%	276	71.0%	252	69.2%	+2.3%
Second trimester	81	20.5%	55	14.9%	54	15.4%	67	17.2%	54	14.8%	-5.7%
Third trimester	28	7.1%	30	8.2%	25	7.1%	24	6.2%	36	9.9%	+2.8%
None	4	1.0%	7	1.9%	2	0.6%	7	1.8%	2	0.5%	-0.5%
Unknown	18	4.5%	8	2.2%	15	4.3%	15	3.9%	20	5.5%	+1.0%
Richland County											
First trimester	937	68.8%	970	67.7%	848	63.6%	939	66.5%	765	58.5%	-10.3%
Second trimester	289	21.2%	314	21.9%	379	28.4%	323	22.9%	340	26.0%	+4.8%
Third trimester	53	3.9%	71	5.0%	64	4.8%	63	4.5%	88	6.7%	+2.8%
None	8	0.6%	12	0.8%	11	0.8%	23	1.6%	22	1.7%	+1.1%
Unknown	75	5.5%	65	4.5%	31	2.3%	64	4.5%	92	7.0%	+1.5%
Ohio											
First trimester	91,857	67.9%	92,295	68.6%	89,164	68.9%	91,028	70.1%	87,958	68.6%	+0.7%
Second trimester	26,411	19.5%	26,273	19.5%	25,256	19.5%	23,724	18.3%	24,637	19.2%	-0.3%
Third trimester	6,143	4.5%	5,867	4.4%	5,389	4.2%	5,063	3.9%	5,364	4.2%	-0.3%
None	2,013	1.5%	2,063	1.5%	1,900	1.5%	2,114	1.6%	2,131	1.7%	+0.2%
Unknown	8,802	6.5%	8,066	6.0%	7,611	5.9%	7,995	6.2%	8,159	6.4%	-0.1%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse

Birth Outcomes

The percentage of low birth rates in Crawford County is slightly higher than the state while the percentage is slightly lower than the state average in the other three counties. Due to the low number of infant deaths in each county, infant mortality rates cannot be calculated. The number of infant deaths by county and year are listed in the table below.

Rate of Low Birthweight Births										
	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	# of live births	% low weight	# of live births	% low weight	# of live births	% low weight	# of live births	% low weight	# of live births	% low weight
Crawford	47	10.4%	46	10.1%	31	7.0%	42	9.4%	40	9.4%
Marion	58	7.9%	76	10.3%	49	7.2%	60	8.5%	55	7.5%
Morrow	30	7.6%	17	4.6%	37	10.6%	20	5.1%	15	4.1%
Richland	110	8.1%	93	6.5%	99	7.4%	104	7.4%	103	7.9%
Ohio	11,481	8.5%	11,548	8.6%	10,968	8.5%	11,310	8.7%	11,153	8.7%

Percentage of live births with low birthweight (< 2500 grams).
 SOURCE: Ohio Department of Health, Data Warehouse

Number of Infant Deaths, 2018-2022						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change
Crawford County	1	2	2	3	7	600%
Marion County	2	5	2	6	6	200%
Morrow County	*	*	*	*	0	0%
Richland County	8	8	10	12	8	0%
Ohio	938	929	864	912	909	-3.1%

Source: Ohio Department of Health, Data Warehouse

Births to Young Mothers

The number of births to young mothers (19 and younger) decreased between 2018 to 2022 in all four counties while increasing slightly in the state as a whole over the same time period.

Number of Births by Young Mothers, 2018-2022									
	2018				2022				Change 2018-2022
	>15	15-17	18-19	Total	>15	15-17	18-19	Total	
Crawford	0	5	30	35	0	5	24	29	-17.1%
Marion	0	16	51	67	1	19	42	62	-7.4%
Morrow	0	8	15	23	0	2	13	15	-34.7%
Richland	0	31	74	105	1	16	60	77	-26.6%
Ohio	56	1,666	5,379	5,435	70	1,339	4,281	5,690	+4.6%

SOURCE: Ohio Health Department Secure Data Warehouse

Marital Status of Mothers

More than half of births in Ohio in 2022, 57.7%, were births to married mothers, while less than half of births were to married mothers in both Crawford (46.8%) and Marion (42.8%) Counties. Richland County was also slightly lower than the state average at 53.4% while Morrow County had the highest percentage of births to married mothers, 69.0%.

Percentage of Births to Married Mothers						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Change
Crawford	47.1%	45.6%	43.3%	48.0%	46.8%	-0.3%
Marion	42.9%	43.0%	43.9%	45.3%	42.8%	-0.1%
Morrow	65.9%	64.9%	61.7%	68.1%	69.0%	+3.1%
Richland	53.9%	50.8%	51.3%	54.4%	53.4%	-0.4%
Ohio	56.9%	56.4%	56.4%	57.4%	57.7%	+0.8%

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse.

Children with Physical or Mental Disabilities

The table below measures the percentage of children with a disability. Disabilities include difficulties with hearing, vision, cognition, ambulation, and self-care. The percentage of children with disabilities is slightly higher in three of the four counties (all except Morrow County) than in the state. The percentage has been relatively stable over the past three years for all five areas.

Percentage of Children with Disabilities						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford County	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%	5.3%	5.9%	+1.4%
Marion County	5.7%	7.3%	7.1%	5.3%	6.6%	+0.9%
Morrow County	4.5%	5.4%	4.8%	5.3%	4.2%	-0.3%
Richland County	5.1%	5.5%	5.9%	6.2%	5.6%	+0.5%
Ohio	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	+0.2%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Substance Abuse

Prescription Opioid Doses

The table below examines per capita distribution of prescription opioids. “Doses per Capita” is a measure that gives the average number of doses dispensed per each individual resident in a county in a year. For example, if a county has a prescription opioid doses per capita measure of 25, it means that for every person living in the county, 25 doses of prescription opioids were dispensed in the county during that year. Rates are likely underestimated because data from drugs dispensed at physician offices and the Veteran’s administration are not included in the calculations. In 2021, the rates for three of the four counties were higher than the state. Over the five-year time span in which data is available, rates have significantly decreased in both the counties and the state.

Prescription Opioid Doses per Capita						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford	58.8	49.4	44.1	37.4	33.6	-25.2
Marion	75.2	68.2	62.8	54.0	48.9	-26.3
Morrow	49.5	42.3	38.8	33.6	31.4	-18.1
Richland	42.6	36.0	32.5	26.5	23.8	-18.8
Ohio	49.3	40.5	36.0	30.4	27.2	-22.1

SOURCE: Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services, Multi Agency Community Information Systems

The table below examines the number of prescription opioid doses dispensed per patient. “Doses per Patient” is a measure that gives the average number of doses dispensed per each opioid prescription patient in a county in a year. This is based on county residents who had opioid prescriptions dispensed to them. For example, if a county has a prescription opioid doses per patient measure of 50, it means that for every person living in the county who had an opioid prescription dispensed to them, 50 doses of prescription opioids were dispensed to them in the county during that year. In 2021, 27.2 doses were dispensed per patient in Ohio. Average doses were higher in all counties but Richland (23.8), Crawford- 33.6; Marion-48.9; Morrow-31.4. Over the five-year time span, rates have decreased significantly in all four counties and the state.

Prescription Opioid Doses Dispenses per Patient						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford	58.8	49.4	44.1	37.4	33.6	-25.2
Marion	75.2	68.2	62.8	54.0	48.9	-26.3
Morrow	49.5	42.3	38.8	33.6	31.4	-18.1
Richland	42.6	36.0	32.5	26.5	23.8	-18.8
Ohio	49.3	40.5	36.0	30.4	27.2	-22.1

SOURCE: Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services, Multi Agency Community Information Systems

Treatment Admissions

The table below represents the percentage of clients in treatment with an opiate-related diagnosis (heroin and prescription opioid) and alcohol use disorders. On average, more than half of client admissions in each county were associated with a primary diagnosis of opiate abuse or dependence in 2021, slightly higher than the previous year and higher than the state average of 51.5%.

Also, in 2021, 20.2% of clients in Ohio in treatment had a primary diagnosis of alcohol use disorder, which was higher than both Marion (13.8%) and Morrow (17.3%) but lower than Crawford (22.1%) and Richland (20.5%) Counties. It should be noted that this data comes from the OhioMHAS Multi Agency Community Information System (MACSIS). While MACSIS data is required to be submitted for billing purposes, there are minimal sanctions for failing to submit so underreporting of these numbers is likely. It should also be noted that reported data only reflects information for clients whose treatment was provided with public dollars, thus private insurance and self-pay clients are not reflected in this data.

Percent of Unduplicated Clients with a primary diagnosis of an Opiate Use Disorder						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford	62.5%	64.0%	55.2%	54.4%	56.2%	-6.3%
Marion	59.3%	62.8%	57.4%	60.3%	64.1%	+4.8%
Morrow	56.1%	56.5%	55.1%	51.8%	52.6%	-3.5%
Richland	59.6%	56.9%	57.0%	54.1%	55.4%	-4.2%
Ohio	48.1%	49.4%	48.4%	49.4%	51.5%	+3.4%
Percent of Unduplicated Clients with a primary diagnosis of an Alcohol Use Disorder						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
Crawford	19.8%	16.8%	19.9%	21.5%	22.1%	+2.3%
Marion	19.9%	17.0%	16.2%	13.4%	13.8%	-6.1%
Morrow	22.1%	22.2%	18.0%	13.5%	17.3%	-4.8%
Richland	16.3%	17.4%	17.9%	20.5%	20.5%	+4.2%
Ohio	24.1%	21.2%	21.5%	19.2%	20.2%	-3.9%

SOURCE: Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services, Multi Agency Community Information Systems

Overdose Deaths

Unintentional drug overdoses continued to be the leading cause of injury-related deaths in Ohio in 2021, ahead of motor vehicle traffic crashes—a trend which began in 2007. Unintentional drug overdoses caused the deaths of 5,174 Ohio residents and at least 130 residents in the four-county area in 2021. The rate per 100,000 residents is higher in all counties but Morrow than the state of Ohio. All counties but Crawford as well as the state saw increases in the number of unintentional drug overdose deaths over the past five years.

Number of Unintentional Drug Overdose Deaths							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017-2021	2021 Rate per 100K
Crawford County	17	14	11	16	Not Available	-5.8%	49.0 (2020 rate)
Marion County	30	29	30	39	32	+6.6%	53.9
Morrow County	11	Not Available	13	16	12	+9.1%	34.8
Richland County	49	51	54	62	82	+67.3%	76.8
Ohio	4,854	3,764	4,028	5,017	5,174	+6.6%	46.8

Source: ODH, Bureau of Vital Statistics & Injury Prevention Program

Fentanyl-related overdoses caused the deaths of 4,134 Ohio residents and at least 100 area residents of the four-county area in 2021. In all areas that data was available, except Marion County saw significant increases in the number of fentanyl related deaths over the past five years. Both Richland County and Marion County had higher death rates than the state rate.

Number of Fentanyl-Related Overdose Deaths							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017-2021	2021 Rate per 100K
Crawford County	13	10	10	11	Not Available	-15.3%	33.3 (2020 rate)
Marion County	23	19	18	32	23	0.0%	39.9
Morrow County	0	0	10	10	10	-	29.3
Richland County	42	37	44	54	67	+59.5%	65.2
Ohio	3,431	2,733	3,070	4,041	4,134	+20.5%	37.8

Source: ODH, Bureau of Vital Statistics & Injury Prevention Program

Additional Community Resources in County

Below is a list of services available in each county for specific community needs. The list is not exhaustive, and some resources may have been inadvertently omitted. Please note that not all resources are included on the list.

FOOD RELATED SERVICES		
Agency	Type of Service	County
WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)	Provides supplemental food for women that are pregnant, infants and children up to age five.	Crawford
WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)		Marion
WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)		Morrow
WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)		Richland
HOUSING RELATED SERVICES		
Agency	Type of Service	County
METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (METRO)	Subsidizes rent for low-income families.	Crawford
MORROW COUNTY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (MHA)	Subsidizes rent for low-income families.	Morrow
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEV./FAIR HOUSING	Subsidizes rent for low-income families.	Richland
OHAC RAPID REHOUSING	Housing assistance	4-county
MARION METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY	Provides housing vouchers/other programs	Marion
UTILITIES/TRANSPORTATION RELATED SERVICES		
Agency	Type of Service	County
HEAP/COMMUNITY ACTION	Utility assistance	Crawford
SCAT SENECA-CRAWFORD AREA TRANSPORTATION	Transportation assistance	Crawford
CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT	Transportation assistance	Crawford
MARION AREA TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION	Transportation assistance	Marion
MORROW COUNTY UTILITY ASSISTANCE	Utility assistance	Morrow
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM/HEAP	Utility assistance	Richland
RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSIT	Transportation assistance	Richland
CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS RELATED SERVICES		
Agency	Type of Service	County
SALVATION ARMY	Clothing/household items assistance	Crawford
LEAPIN OUTREACH CENTER	Providing free clothing & other items.	Marion
SALVATION ARMY	Low-cost items and clothing	Marion
CENTS FOR SHOES OF MARION COUNTY	Helping children obtain shoes	Marion
UNITED WAY OF MORROW COUNTY	Building bridges between people who want to help and people who need help.	Morrow
EMPLOYMENT RELATED SERVICES		
Agency	Type of Service	County
CRAWFORD SUCCESS CENTER	Employment support	Crawford
MARION GOODWILL EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER	Provides training and support for people who are having difficulty finding a job.	Marion
PEER (PROGRAM ENCOURAGING EMPLOYMENT & RECOVERY) @ MARION AREA COUNSELING CENTER	Employment services for eligible individuals.	Marion
HEALTH RELATED SERVICES		
Agency	Type of Service	County
CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS (CMH)	Medical	Crawford
GALION HEALTH DEPARTMENT	Medical	Crawford
GALION CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	Medical	Crawford
NATIONWIDE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	Medical	Marion

OHCAC UNITED COMMUNITY RX PROGRAM	Assistance with obtaining medication for those who have no insurance	Marion
MARION PUBLIC HEALTH	Medical	Marion
MARION ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PROGRAM	Free pregnancy tests, parenting education	Marion
PATIENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES, INC.	Free prescriptions.	Marion
MORROW PUBLIC HEALTH	Medical	Morrow
RICHLAND PUBLIC HEALTH	Medical	Richland
MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE RELATED SERVICES		
<i>Agency</i>	<i>Type of Service</i>	<i>County</i>
NAMI OF MARION AND CRAWFORD COUNTY	Dedicated to improving quality of life for person experiencing major brain disorders.	Crawford/ Marion
COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES	Mental Health	Crawford
CRAWFORD FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL	Mental Health	Crawford
CRAWFORD-MARION BOARD OF ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	Responsible for planning, funding, and monitoring of public mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services.	Crawford/ Marion
DELAWARE-MORROW HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES		Marion
TAX/LEGAL RELATED SERVICES		
<i>Agency</i>	<i>Type of Service</i>	<i>County</i>
LEGAL AID OF WESTERN OHIO	Free legal services to low-income	Crawford
LEGAL AID SOCIETY	Free legal services to low-income	Marion
EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES		
<i>Agency</i>	<i>Type of Service</i>	<i>County</i>
CORPORATION FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT (COAD) CHILD CARE RESOURCE NETWORK	Provides assistance in locating quality childcare	Crawford
GRAD'S PROGRAM	In-school program for pregnant/teen parents.	Crawford
HELP ME GROW (CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH)	Parenting support and early intervention for children under 3.	Crawford
JOB & FAMILY SERVICES CHILD CARE PROGRAM	Free or reduced cost childcare	Marion
HELP ME GROW	Home visiting/early intervention services for pregnant women, babies, and young children.	Morrow
HELP ME GROW		Richland
YOUTH/FAMILY RELATED SERVICES		
<i>Agency</i>	<i>Type of Service</i>	<i>County</i>
CRAWFORD COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST	Parent and family support groups	Crawford
LA LECHE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL	Breastfeeding support	Crawford
THE PARENT PROJECT! FAMILY LIFE COUNSELING	Parent support groups	Crawford
TURNING POINT	Domestic violence shelter	Marion

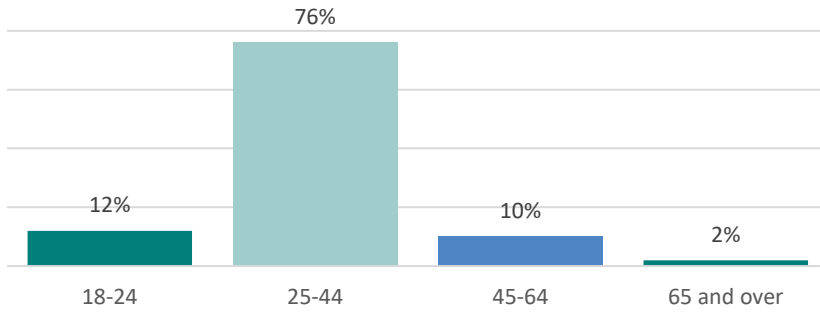




Respondent Demographics

PARENTS

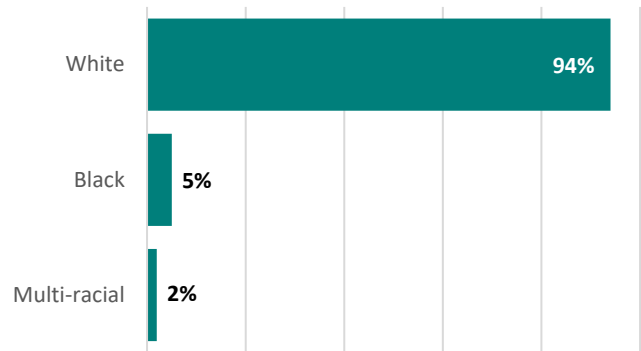
Age of Respondent



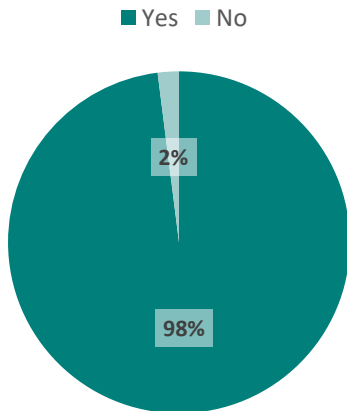
Age	#	%
18 to 24	7	11.8%
25 to 44	45	76.2%
45 to 64	6	10.1%
65 and over	1	1.6%
Total	59	100.0%

Race of Respondent

Race	#	%
Caucasian	58	93.5%
African American	3	4.8%
Multi-racial	1	1.6%
Total	N=62	100.0%



Hispanic or Latino

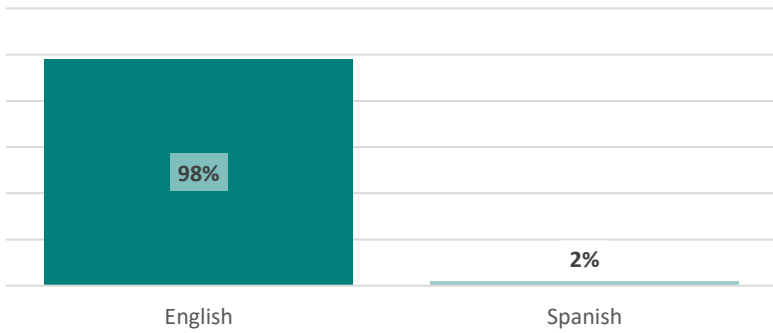


Hispanic Origin	#	%
Yes	1	1.6%
No	61	98.4%
Total	N=61	100.0%



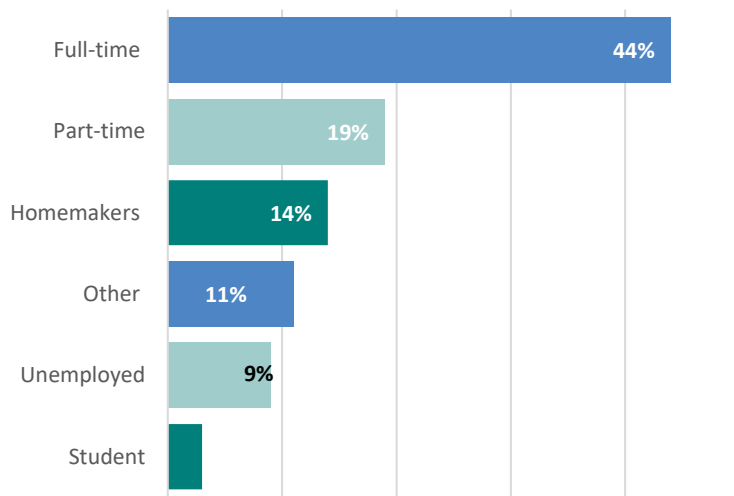


Language Spoken in Home



Language Spoken in Home	#	%
English	63	98.4%
Spanish	1	1.6%
Total	N=64	100.0%

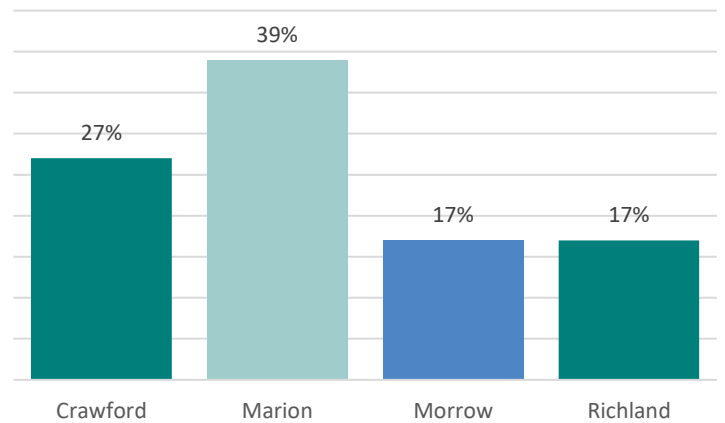
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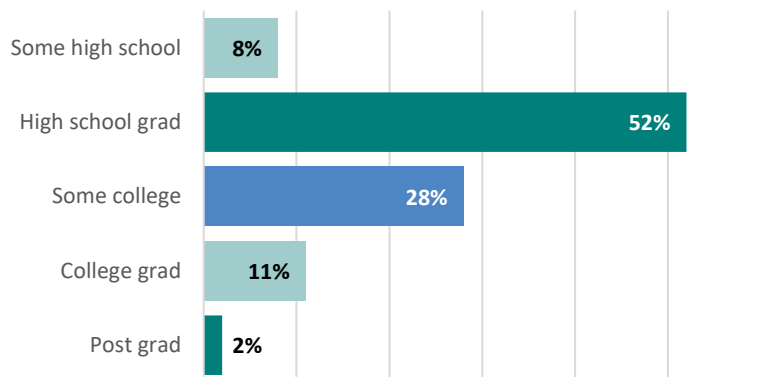
Employment	#	%
Full-time	28	43.8%
Part-time	12	18.8%
Homemaker	9	14.1%
Other	7	10.9%
Unemployed	6	9.4%
Student	2	3.1%
Total	N=64	100.0%

Head Start Location

Head Start Location	#	%
Crawford	17	26.6%
Marion	25	39.1%
Morrow	11	17.2%
Richland	11	17.2%
Total	N=64	100.0%



Educational Attainment

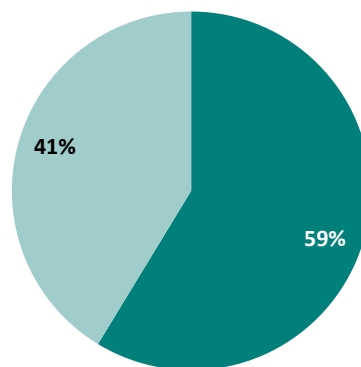


Education	#	%
Some high school	5	7.8%
High school grad	33	51.6%
Some college	18	28.1%
College grad	7	10.9%
Post grad	1	1.6%
Total	N=64	100.0%

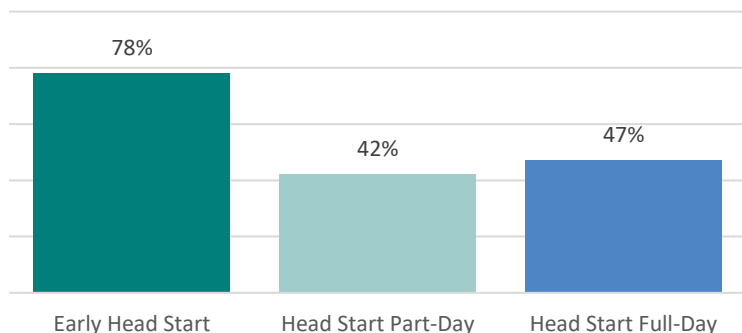
Own or Rent

■ Rent ■ Own

Own or Rent	#	%
Rent	37	58.7%
Own	26	40.6%
Total	N=64	100.0%



Head Start Program



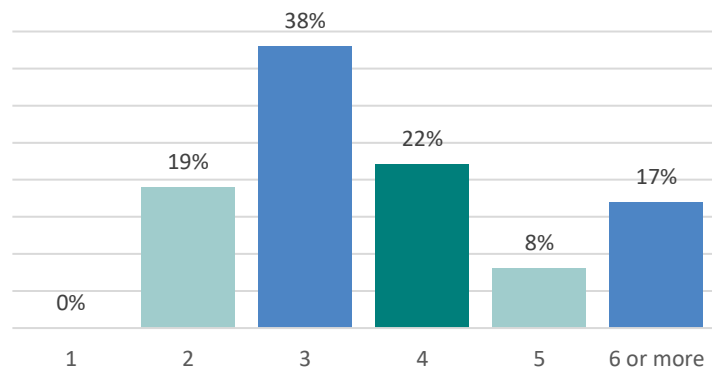
Head Start Program	#	%
Early Head Start (ages 0-3)	14	21.9%
Head Start (ages 3-5) PT	27	42.2%
Head Start (ages 3-5) FT	30	46.9%
Total	N=64	100.0%



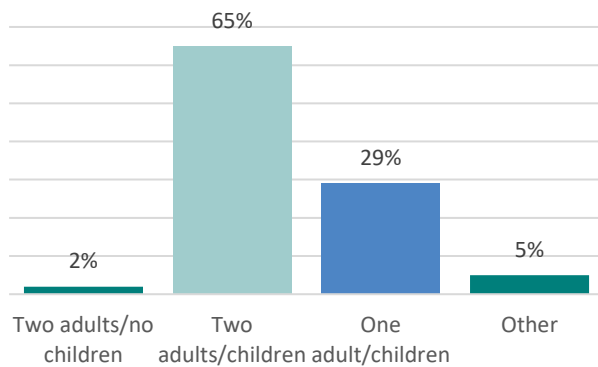


Household Size	#	%
1	0	0.0%
2	3	18.8%
3	12	37.5%
4	24	21.9%
5	14	7.8%
6 or more	11	17.1%
Total	N=64	100.0%

Household Size



Household Type



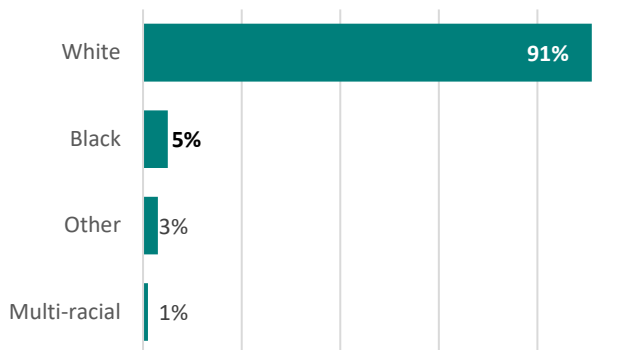
Household Type	#	%
Two+ adults/no children	1	1.6%
Two + adults/at least one child	40	64.5%
One adult/ at least one child	18	29.0%
Other	3	4.8%
Total	N=62	100.0%



STAFF

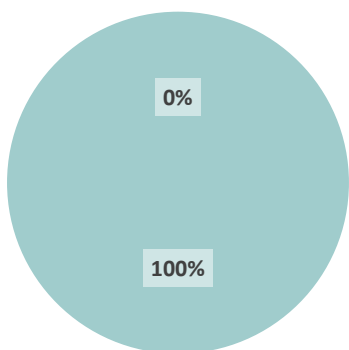
Race of Respondent

Race	#	%
Caucasian	88	90.7%
African American	5	5.2%
Multi-racial	1	1.0%
Other	3	3.1%
Total	N=97	100.0%



Hispanic or Latino

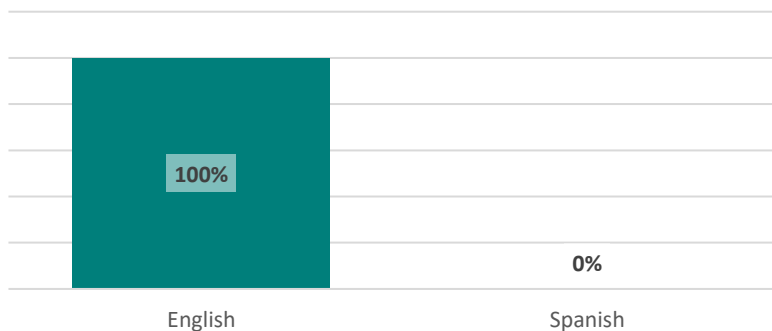
■ Yes ■ No



Hispanic Origin	#	%
Yes	0	0.0%
No	97	100.0%
Total	N=97	100.0%

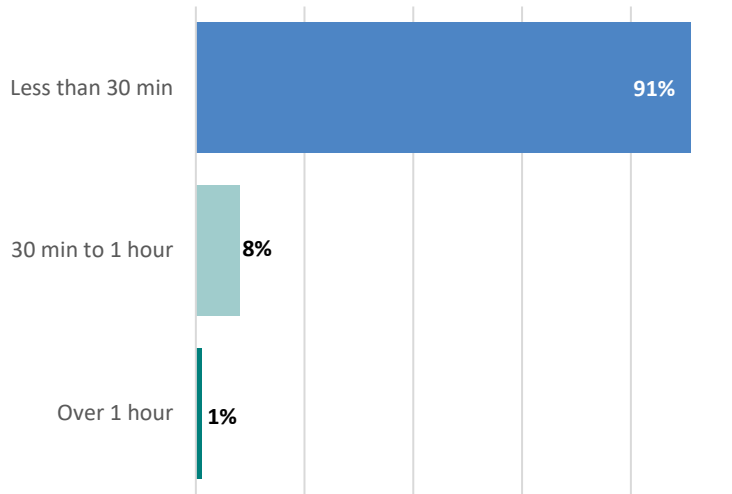
Language Spoken in Home

Language spoken in home	#	%
English	97	100.0%
Spanish	0	0.0%
Total	N=97	100.0%





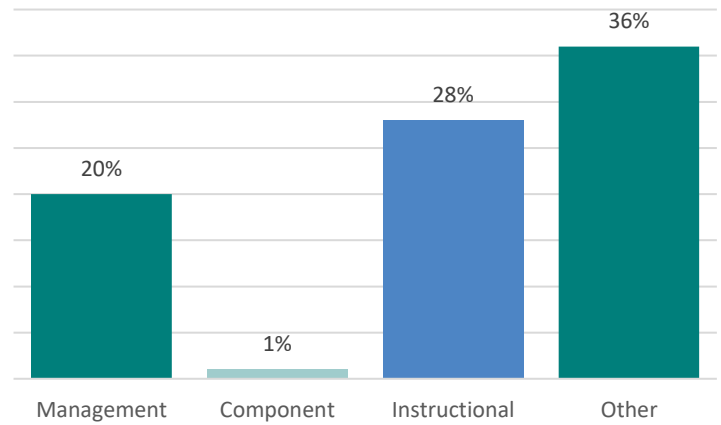
Commute to Work



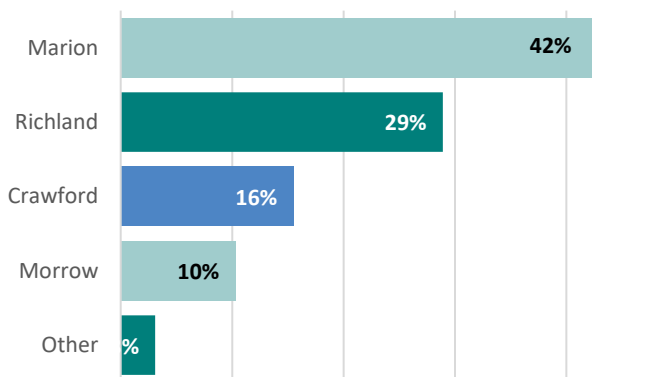
Commute to Work	#	%
Less than 30 minutes	88	90.7%
30 minutes to 1 hour	8	8.2%
Over 1 hour	1	1.0%
Total	N=97	100.0%

Current Position

Current Position	#	%
Management staff	19	19.6%
Component staff	16	16.5%
Instructional staff	27	63.9%
Other	35	36.1%
Total	N=97	100.0%



County Work in Most Often

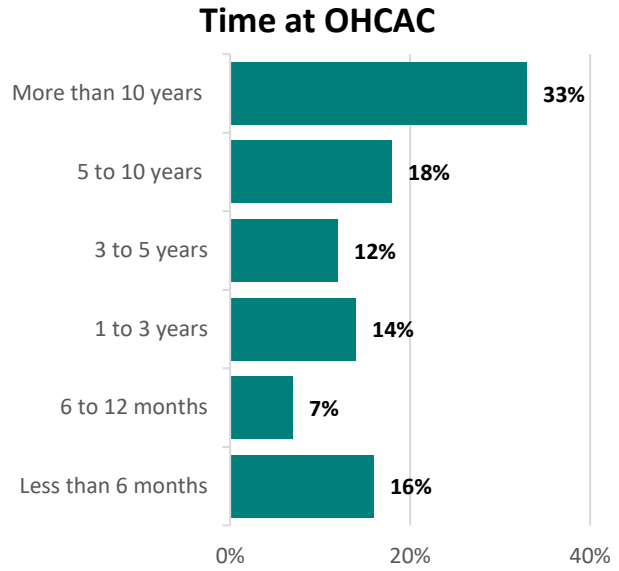


County Work in Most Often	#	%
Crawford	15	15.5%
Marion	41	42.3%
Morrow	10	10.3%
Richland	28	28.9%
Other	3	3.1%
Total	N=97	100.0%



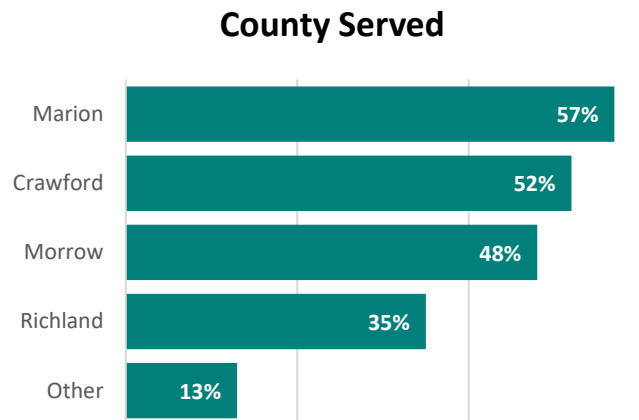


Time at OHCAC	#	%
Less than 6 months	15	15.5%
6 to 12 months	7	7.2%
1 to 3 years	14	14.4%
3 to 5 years	12	12.4%
5 to 10 years	17	17.5%
More than 10 years	32	33.0%
Total	N=97	100.0%

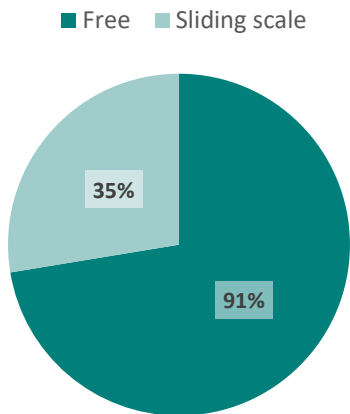


COMMUNITY PARTNERS

County Organization Serves	#	%
Crawford	12	52.2%
Marion	13	56.5%
Morrow	11	47.8%
Richland	8	34.8%
Other	3	13.0%
Total	N=23	100.0%



Cost of Service Provided

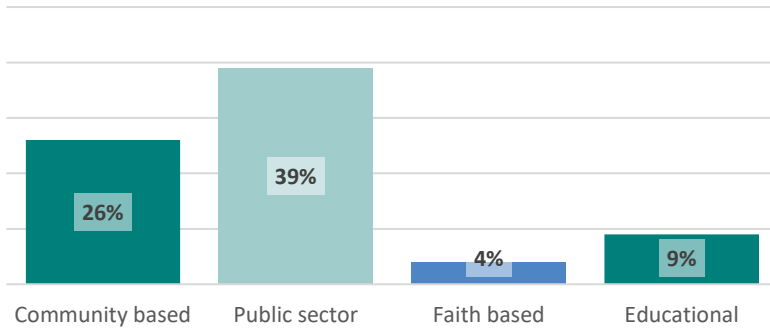


Cost of Service Provided	#	%
Free	21	91.3%
Sliding scale	8	34.8%
Total	N=23	100.0%





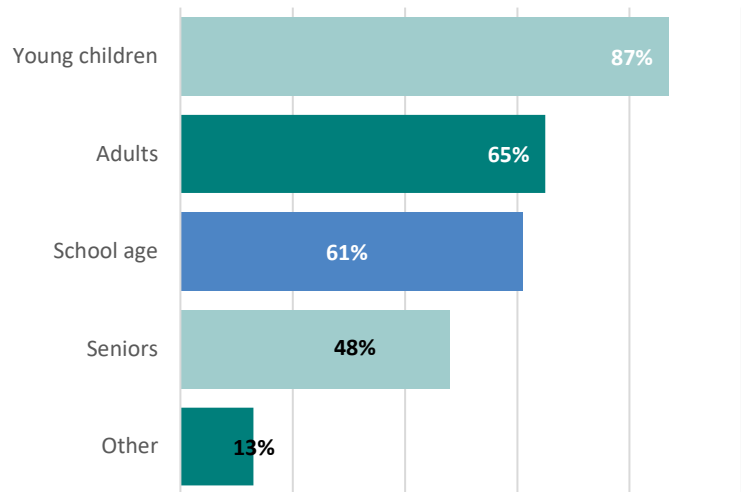
Type of Organization



Type of Organization	#	%
Community Based	6	26.1%
Public sector	9	39.1%
Faith based	1	4.3%
Educational	2	8.7%
Other	5	21.7%
Total	N=23	100.0%

Populations Served

Populations Served	#	%
Young children	20	87.0%
Adults	15	65.2%
School age	14	60.9%
Seniors	11	47.8%
Other	3	13.0%
Total	N=23	100.0%



Type of Service Provided	#	%
Education	9	39.1%
Food assistance	6	26.1%
Childcare	4	17.4%
Counseling	4	17.4%
Health/dental health	3	13.0%
Job search or training	3	13.0%
Senior services	3	13.0%
Drug treatment	1	4.3%
Immigration services	1	4.3%
Other	16	69.6%
Total	N=23	100.0%





Research Methodology

Key Stakeholder Surveys

The 2023 Ohio Heartland Community Action Client/Parent Survey was conducted with 64 parents or clients served by Ohio Heartland Community Action Agency (19.8% response rate), yielding an 11% margin of error at a 95% confidence level. Data Collection began on January 16 and ended on March 4, 2023.

Client/Parent Surveys were conducted online via email invitation and on paper. The first email invitation was sent on January 16th. Subsequent reminder email invitations were sent at varying days of the week and times of day. Recipients who completed the survey or unsubscribed were not sent additional reminder invitations.

The 2023 Staff Survey was conducted with 97 staff members of Ohio Heartland Community Action Agency (71.3% response rate), yielding an 5.3% margin of error at a 95% confidence level. Data Collection began on January 13 and ended on February 13, 2023. The 2023 Community Stakeholder Survey was conducted with 23 community stakeholders (26.4% response rate), yielding a 13% margin of error at a 95% confidence level. Data Collection began on January 13 and ended on March 1, 2023.

Staff and Community Stakeholder Surveys were conducted online via email invitation. The first email invitation was sent on January 13th. Subsequent reminder email invitations were sent at varying days of the week and times of day. Recipients who completed the survey or unsubscribed were not sent additional reminder invitations.

Secondary Data

This project consisted of reviewing and analyzing secondary data sources to identify priority areas when analyzed alongside primary data. CMOR gathered and compiled data from various sources (outlined below). When available, data was compared to previous year's information as well as the state.

Sources of Data:

- ✓ Columbusregion.com
- ✓ County Health Rankings and Roadmaps
- ✓ Early Childhood Advisory Council
- ✓ Ohio Department of Education
- ✓ Ohio Department of Health Data Warehouse
- ✓ Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, and Injury Prevention Program
- ✓ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, *Public Assistance Monthly Statistics (PAMS) Report*
- ✓ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, *Bureau of Labor Market Information*
- ✓ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, *Early Learning and Development Database*
- ✓ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, *Data Dashboard*
- ✓ Ohio Housing Finance Agency
- ✓ Ohio Labor Market Information
- ✓ Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, Multi-Agency Community Information Systems
- ✓ Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO)
- ✓ Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development
- ✓ U.S Census Bureau, American Community Survey



