OSU Extension in the City

2018 City Highlights

Connecting The Ohio State University to Ohioans

Urban. With 11.7 million residents, Ohio is the seventh most populous state in the nation. More than half of Ohio residents live in 15 of the 88 counties. Ohio has six cities with populations of more than 100,000. Only 12 other states have more cities of this size.

Alignment. Ohio State University Extension has a presence in all Ohio communities and continues to advance engagement with rural, suburban, and urban Ohioans. OSU Extension in the City strategically aligns with
- OSU Extension community priorities, as well as Extension's Program Council, Operations Unit, Learning and Organization Team, and Executive cabinet;
- the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) rural-urban interface grand challenge;
- Ohio State's urban vision;
- the National Urban Extension Leaders (NUEL) framework; and
- the shared missions of diverse public and private partners at local, state, and national levels.

Ohio's Urban Influence

Ohio's largest cities and counties bring complex opportunities and challenges due to population density, influence of multiple jurisdictions, and the diversity of residents, workforce, community partners, and visitors.

Largest Counties	Largest City	County Population	Net Commuter Flow	Ohio House Members	Ohio Senate Members	Number of Cities	Number of Languages
Franklin	Columbus	1,310,300	114,615	10	4	13	39
Cuyahoga	Cleveland	1,243,857	135,812	11	4	37	39
Hamilton	Cincinnati	816,684	121,118	7	3	20	38
Summit	Akron	541,918	14,153	5	2	13	39
Montgomery	Dayton	532,331	24,498	5	2	17	36
Lucas	Toledo	429,899	18,472	4	2	4	37
Butler	Hamilton	382,378	-21,995	4	2	7	37
Stark	Canton	371,574	-6,235	4	2	4	35
Lorain	Lorain	309,461	30,438	3	1	9	34
Warren	Mason	232,173	-15,715	2	1	7	32
Lake	Mentor	230,514	-18,579	2	1	9	35
Mahoning	Youngstown	229,642	153	2	1	4	35
Clermont	Milford	205,466	-33,476	2	1	2	30
Delaware	Delaware	204,826	-15,255	2	1	5	35
Trumbull	Warren	198,627	-9,415	2	1	7	33
Top 15 County total		7,239,650 (62.4%)		65 (65%)	28 (84.8%)		

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RELEVANT LOCALLY, RESPONSIVE STATEWIDE, RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY

Following is a sampling of 2018 Extension in the City activities. For more information, see the story map linked at cityextension.osu.edu/annualreport or visit our blog at u.osu.edu/cityextension/

Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities

Extension is working with the city of Cleveland to help its residents adapt to the changing climate by engaging in climate action planning. By producing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) the city is not only helping local stakeholders mitigate the effects of climate change, but also creating economic, environmental, and socially equitable benefits for all Clevelanders.

Sustainable Food Systems

Ohio State University Extension, is partnering with urban growers to increase the production of local foods and to create jobs. Columbus (Franklin County) has an estimated 30 urban farms and Cleveland (Cuyahoga County) has 45.

Thriving Across the Lifespan

In Ohio's 15 most populated counties, OSU Extension served more than 48,894 youth through 4-H clubs, camps, school enrichment, agri-science in the city, Metro Parks partnerships, and other innovative programs reaching diverse audiences through community partnerships.

Workforce Development

In Mahoning County (Youngstown area) more than 200 clientele acquired new skills in business management, growth strategies, and asset and risk management to enhance fiscal success and reduce liability risk.

Health and Wellness

During the 2018 fiscal year, Ohio SNAP-ED reached 131,176 adults, teens, and youth with its nutrition and physical activity programs in the 15 most populous counties in Ohio.

Environmental Quality

In Lucas County (Toledo area), 740 farmers and commercial horticultural professionals received training in practices to protect environmental and/or water quality and conserve natural resources.

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