

# OSU EXTENSION IN THE CITY

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



### OHIO'S DISTINCT INFLUENCES

**Urban.** With 11.5 million residents, Ohio is the seventh most populous state in the nation. More than half of Ohio residents live in 10 of the 88 counties. Ohio has six cities with populations of more than 100,000. Only nine other states have more cities of this size.

**Rural.** Thirty-two Ohio counties are part of the 13-state Appalachian Regional Commission. Thirty-one percent of Ohio is forested according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Rural Ohio is home to more than 75,000 farms across nearly 14 million acres.

**Connections.** Strengthening connections along the urban-rural continuum, strengthens Ohio. With a presence in all Ohio communities, OSU Extension continues to advance engagement with rural, suburban, and urban Ohioans. Shifts in demographic characteristics and community conditions require unique strategies to bring people and ideas together.

### OHIO'S URBAN INFLUENCE

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

Largest Counties (Largest Cities)	County Population	Net Commuter Flow	Ohio House Members	Ohio Senate Members
Cuyahoga (Cleveland)	1,249,352	135,812	11	4
Franklin (Columbus)	1,251,722	114,615	10	4
Hamilton (Cincinnati)	809,099	121,118	7	3
Summit (Akron)	540,300	14,153	5	2
Montgomery (Dayton)	531,239	24,498	5	2
Lucas (Toledo)	432,488	18,472	4	2
Stark (Canton)	373,612	-6,235	4	1
Butler (Hamilton)	377,537	-21,995	4	1
Lorain (Lorain)	306,365	30,438	3	1
Mahoning (Youngstown)	230,008	153	2	1
<b>Top 10 County Total</b>	<b>6,101,722 (52.5%)</b>		<b>55 (55.5%)</b>	<b>21 (63.6%)</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>11,614,373</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>33</b>

- U.S. Census Bureau, State & County Quickfacts: Ohio 2016 population estimates. Retrieved April 2017, from [quickfacts.census.gov](http://quickfacts.census.gov)
- State representative information – [ohiohouse.gov](http://ohiohouse.gov) and [ohiosenate.gov](http://ohiosenate.gov)
- Net Commuter flow information – Ohio Labor Market Information (2010) *Net Flow of Commuters by Ohio County*, retrieved April 2017, from [ohiolmi.com/census/CommutingPatterns2010.pdf](http://ohiolmi.com/census/CommutingPatterns2010.pdf)
- Ohio Statistical Areas, [development.ohio.gov/reports/reports\\_ohio\\_statistical\\_areas.htm](http://development.ohio.gov/reports/reports_ohio_statistical_areas.htm)

As a Land-Grant, Urban Serving, Carnegie Engaged University, OSU Extension addresses Ohio's urban influence and connections along the urban-rural continuum.

## CO-DISCOVERY IN THE CITY

RELEVANT LOCALLY, RESPONSIVE STATEWIDE, RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY



### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In Montgomery County 1,663 adults participated in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education’s (SNAP-Ed) nutrition lessons. As a result participants were more likely to make better economical and healthier choices when grocery shopping. SNAP-Ed was utilized by 64,000 participants in the 10 most populated counties.

### JOB SKILLS AND CAREERS

The hands-on Real Money. Real World. program was offered in Butler County to more than 1,500 youth and as a result they felt it was important to get further education after high school, have a plan for spending that includes needs and wants, and start saving regularly. The curriculum simulates real-life experiences to help youth learn how to pay monthly expenses on a fixed income.

### THRIVING ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN

In Ohio’s most populated counties, OSU Extension worked with more than 2,100 volunteers to serve more than 45,000 youth through 4-H clubs, camps, Agri-Science in the City, Cleveland’s Youth Outdoor partnership with Metro Parks, and other innovative program that are reaching diverse audiences through community partnerships.

### SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

In the Columbus Metro area, it has become easier to produce, buy, and eat local. The Columbus Local Foods Guide features local markets. In Columbus and Toledo nearly 180 were trained through the Ohio Master Urban Farmer program to grow crops and vegetables within city limits. In the 10 most populous counties, nearly 1,100 Master Gardener Volunteers donated their time.



### ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Environmental stewardship is a priority for Ohio farmers, OSU, and the Department of Agriculture. Throughout the state, farmers were provided Pesticide Recertification Training and Fertilizer Application Certification Training. At the Tri-State Green Industry Conference held in Hamilton County, training was provided for more than 600 commercial and private pesticide applicators.

### ENGAGED OHIOANS, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

Extension professionals work within communities to address underemployment issues, vacant storefronts, and help inform local economic development strategies. The First Impressions program helps community leaders assess their impact to be an attractive community to shoppers, tourists, business travelers, and employers.