

Ohio African Americans

Ohio's African American community is comprised of nearly 1.5 million people, accounting for 12.6 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2006 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's African American population has increased by 5.6 percent since 2000 and by one-third since 1980. For the United States taken as a whole, the African American population is nearly 39.2 million, accounting for 13.1 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the African American community in the U.S. has experienced an increase of more than 2.7 million persons, or 7.5 percent.

OVERVIEW

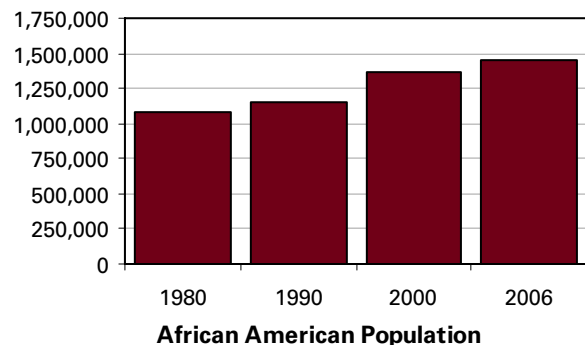
- o 1,448,837 people - 12.6 percent of Ohio's total population
- o 5.6 percent increase in population since 2000
- o 40,150 were born outside the U.S.
- o Median age of 32 years compared to 38 years for Ohioans taken as a whole
- o 288,400 enrolled in public schools
- o Median household income: \$27,100
- o 35,600+ African American-owned businesses with \$3.6 billion in receipts

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

Ohio's African American Population: 1,448,837

The African American community accounts for 12.6 percent of Ohio's population with modest growth occurring in recent years. Since 2000 the number of African

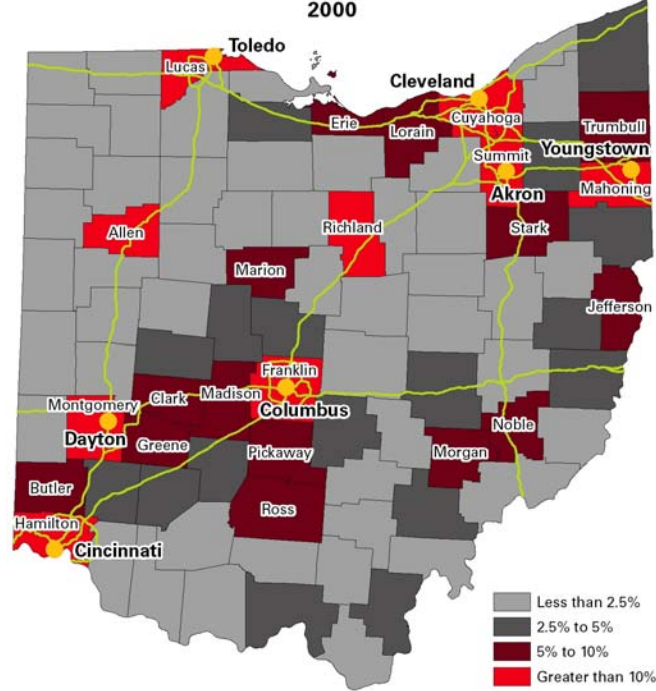
Americans has increased by 5.6 percent. In 1980 there were more than 1,000,000 African Americans, comprising 10 percent of Ohio's total population.



| Total African American Population | | Percent of County Population | |
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| Cuyahoga | 392,902 | Cuyahoga | 28.2% |
| Franklin | 204,385 | Hamilton | 24.1% |
| Hamilton | 203,999 | Montgomery | 20.6% |
| Montgomery | 115,226 | Franklin | 19.1% |
| Lucas | 81,665 | Lucas | 17.9% |
| Summit | 75,298 | Mahoning | 16.6% |
| Mahoning | 42,704 | Summit | 13.9% |
| Stark | 30,070 | Allen | 13.0% |
| Lorain | 26,891 | Richland | 10.1% |
| Butler | 18,972 | Clark | 9.7% |
| Trumbull | 18,868 | Erie | 9.5% |
| Allen | 14,143 | Lorain | 9.4% |

The majority of African Americans in Ohio live in urban areas. Four out of every ten African Americans in the state live in the cities of Cincinnati, Cleveland, or Columbus. In Cleveland there are 222,700 African American residents; in Columbus there are 207,200; and in Cincinnati there are 139,700 African American residents. Overall, more than 98 percent of African Americans in Ohio live in urban areas; 94 percent live in or near a large city. The Cleveland urbanized area alone is home to more than one-quarter of Ohio's African American population.

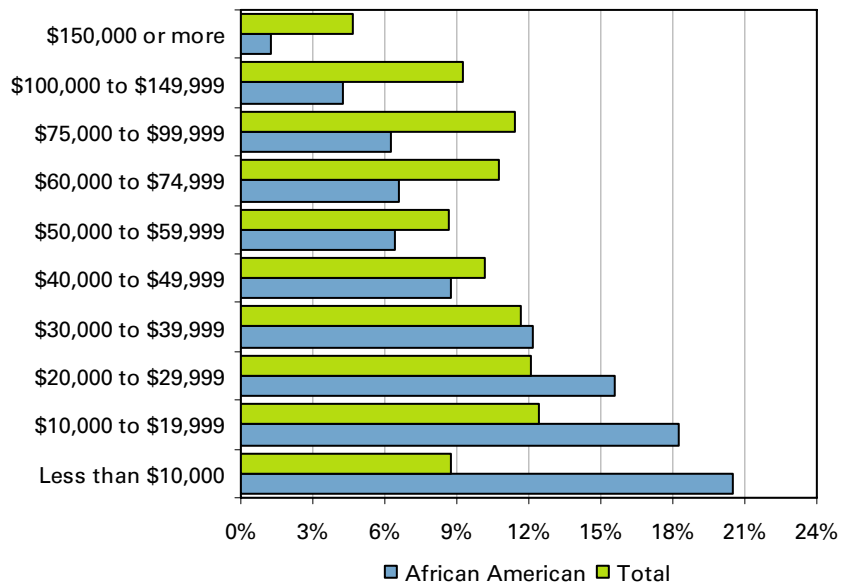
African American Population as Percent of County Population: 2000



Median Household Income: \$27,140

The income of African American Ohioans tends to be lower than that of Ohioans taken as a whole. The median household income for African Americans is less than \$27,200. For Ohio households overall, the median household income is \$44,500. A lack of full-time, year-round employment is one factor

accounting for the lower income. Less than 33 percent of African American Ohioans aged 16 and older worked full-time over the previous year compared to 39 percent of Ohioans taken as a whole. The median income for African American Ohioans working less than full time is approximately \$8,000 compared to \$21,000 for African American workers employed full-time.



Household Income Distribution

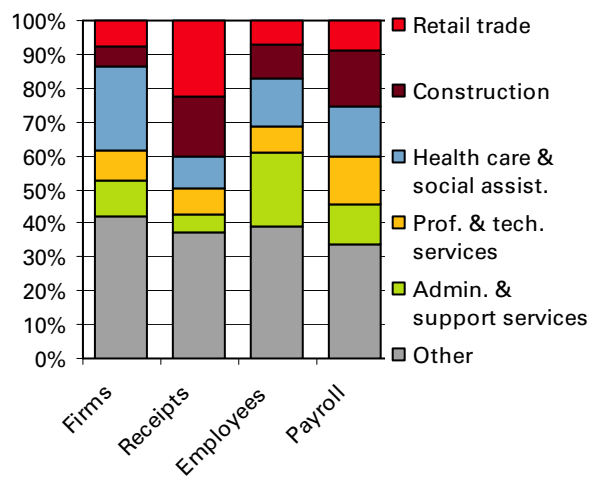
The rate of full-employment and income level for African American women in Ohio, while lower, is close to the state’s female population taken as a whole. Thirty-four percent of African American males were reported working full-time, year-round compared to 48 percent for the state’s male population taken as a whole; the median income for full-time employment by African American Ohioans was \$9,000 less than Ohio’s male population overall.

Thirty percent of African Americans in Ohio live below the poverty line. Of Ohio’s 313,000 African American family households, 26 percent live below the poverty line. Nearly half of these households have children younger than 5 years of age. Twenty-four percent of African American households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.

There are nearly 35,700 African American-owned businesses in Ohio, according to the most recent Survey of Business Owners conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Of that number, businesses with a payroll total more than 3,100 and, combined, employ nearly 30,000 workers with an annual payroll of more than \$670 million. Receipts for those businesses approached \$3 billion with receipts for all African American-run businesses exceeding \$3.6 billion.

Business Receipts: \$3.6 billion

With respect to business sectors, health care and social assistance businesses represent the largest portion of African American-owned firms at 25 percent. Within the African American business community, this sector is 3 times larger than the proportion of Ohio businesses taken as a whole. Administrative and support/waste management services make up a significant proportion of firms accounting for more than 10 percent of all African American-owned businesses.



The distribution of receipts for African American-owned firms by sector varies greatly from that of Ohio firms overall. More than 22 percent of receipts, the largest share, comes from the retail sector. At 18 percent, construction comes in second in receipts. Health care/social assistance, wholesale trade, and manufacturing follow, accounting for 8 to 10 percent each. For Ohio businesses overall, manufacturing brings in more than one-fourth of receipts; retail accounts for only 14 percent.

Unemployment Rate: 15.2%

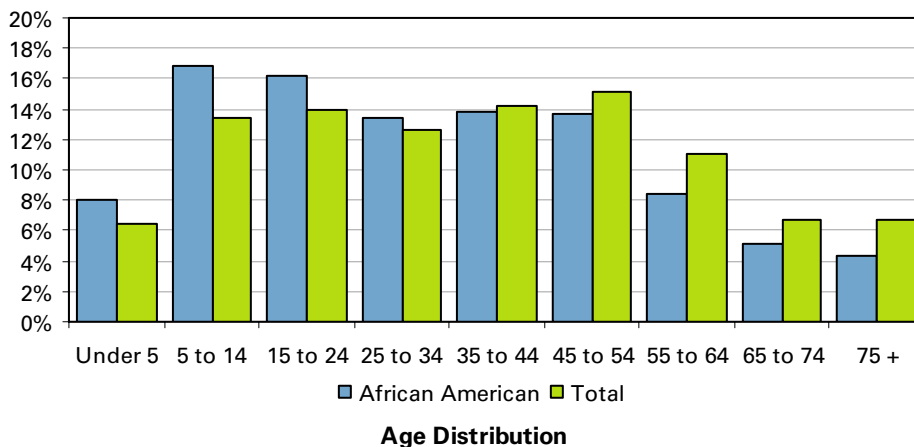
The number of African American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is more than 617,100; the unemployment rate for African American Ohioans is 15.2 percent. African Americans between the ages of 25 and 64 have an unemployment rate of 11.5 percent while African Americans between the ages of 20 and 24 have an unemployment rate of 23.6 percent.

Employed African Americans are heavily represented in service and sales/office occupations. Of the nearly 523,100 employed African Americans in Ohio, 26 percent are in sales and office occupations with 88,200 in office and administrative support occupations. Service occupations account for 25 percent with 34,100 African American Ohioans involved in food service.



**Median Age:
31.5 years**

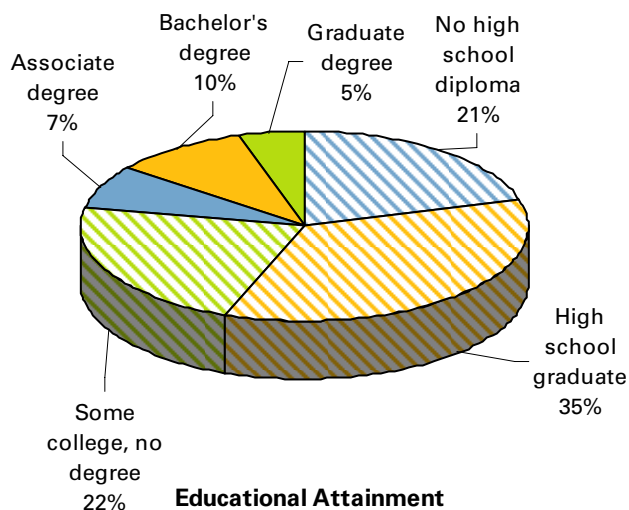
The median age of African Americans in Ohio is 26.9 years. For comparison, the median age of Ohioans taken as a whole is 37.6 years. A fertility rate more than one-fourth greater than population, as a whole, is one factor in the lower median age.



In Ohio, there are 126,400 marriages include at least one African American spouse. Almost half of these couples have children living at home. For married couples in Ohio taken as a whole, only 41 percent have children at home. Thirty-nine percent of African American families consist of single mothers. There are nearly 21,500 African American grandparents living with and responsible for their grandchildren.

**Public School Enrollment:
288,400**

The lower median age for African American Ohioans is reflected in public school enrollment. For the 2006-2007 school year, there were more than 288,400 African American students enrolled in Ohio's public schools, making up 16.4 percent of Ohio's total student body. For the 2000-2001 school year, the figure was 16.2 percent.



The educational attainment level of the African American community lags behind the state as a whole. Twenty-two percent of African American Ohioans have obtained a post-secondary degree compared to 30 percent for Ohioans taken as a whole. Correspondingly, almost 21 percent of African Americans do not have a high school diploma or equivalency compared to 14 percent for the state overall. Nonetheless, nearly 100,000 African American Ohioans are enrolled in college or graduate school.



**Foreign Born:
40,150**

There are more than 40,000 foreign-born African Americans living in Ohio. This constitutes just 10 percent of all foreign-born residents but the number recently has been growing. More than three-fourths, or nearly 31,000, of foreign-born African Americans emigrated from Africa. Forty-five percent of immigrants from Africa entered the United States in 2000 or later. Approximately 6,500 African American Ohioans migrated from the Caribbean but much of this migration occurred before 2000. Of foreign-born African Americans, nearly two-thirds report speaking only English or English “very well.” Only 5,300 African American Ohioans report speaking English “not well” or “not at all.”

The statistical source of this profile is the 2000 Census of Population and Housing, with post-2000 data coming from the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey. Business data came from the Census Bureau’s 2002 Survey of Business Owners. Although the census is the most comprehensive set of socio-economic data available, the estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling error that may result in some over- or under-estimation of actual population characteristics. The source of public school enrollment was the Ohio Department of Education.