

PY 2024-2025 Community Needs Assessment

Supports to Encourage Low-Income Families

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Overview

Butler County is located in southwestern Ohio and is bordered by Montgomery County and Preble County to the north, Warren County to the east, Hamilton County to the south, and Franklin and Union counties, Indiana, to the west. The county seat, Hamilton, is approximately 30 miles north of Cincinnati and 38 miles south of Dayton. Butler County was formed in 1803 and has six cities (Fairfield, Hamilton, Middletown, Monroe, Trenton and Oxford), six villages and 13 townships.

Served by rail lines, interstate highways, and two nearby international airports, Butler County continues to attract businesses, though many of those jobs are lower-paying service sector positions (food service and hospitality). According to the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber's 2023 State of the Region, jobs in the Cincinnati Region increased to a total of 1.16 million in 2022, which is a 2.19% growth from 2017. From 2013 to 2019, the average annual increase for jobs in the region was 1.57%; however, the increases from 2020 to 2021 and from 2021 to 2022 were higher at 2.69% and 2.29% respectively.

With many jobs in the food service sector, the average wage of servers in the Cincinnati area is \$17.75 an hour, according to Indeed. This is well below the \$30.66 hourly wage for an adult and two children to be self-sufficient, according to the 2023 Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) Self-sufficiency Calculator.

In 2021, Ohio's poverty rate increased for the first time in over a decade from 12.7% to 13.4%, according to the *2023 State of Poverty in Ohio Report*, published by the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies. The report reflects on chronic versus episodic poverty and states, "Many households are one major expense, one unexpected job loss, or one crisis moment from experiencing poverty. The COVID-19 pandemic showed us how a single unforeseen event can have crippling effects on families." Additionally, many of the programs implemented during the pandemic to help families are now ending, which "may create financial instabilities for households that have relied upon those programs."

Population and Demographics

Butler County had a population of 390,357 in 2020, according to the 2021 Edition of Ohio County Profiles (Ohio Department of Development). The county's projected population will grow to more than 400,000 by 2030, the third highest county by absolute change from 2010 – 2030.

Butler County's population grew by 6.04% from 2010-2020, increasing from 368,130 persons in 2010 to 390,357 persons in 2020. The entire state of Ohio only grew by 2.3% during the same period.

Butler County is the seventh most populous of Ohio's 88 counties and the second most populous of the Tri-state Area (Southwest Ohio/Southeast Indiana/Northern Kentucky). The County is among the top

six percent of all U.S. counties in terms of total population. The county is a mix of rural, suburban, and older urban areas with significant numbers of Appalachians.

African-Americans make up 8% of the county population while Hispanics comprise 4.7% of the population, according to 2021 data.

Poverty Statistics

The U.S. Census Bureau puts Butler County at an 11.6% poverty rate in 2021, which is a 4.5% increase from 2000. A total of 43,595 persons live below the poverty level in the report area. The two largest cities – Hamilton and Middletown – have poverty rates of 16.4% and 20.4%, respectively.

Some 26.3% of Butler County households have income of up to 200% of the federal poverty level. SELF serves families up to 200% for many of its programs with funding from sources other than CSBG.

Of the Butler County households in poverty, single women with children have a 30.1% poverty rate compared to married couples with children who have a 4.4% poverty rate.

African Americans had a 2021 poverty rate of 15.2%, non-Hispanic Whites had a poverty rate of 9.3%, and the Hispanic/Latino poverty rate was 23.1%.

The above statistics, however, do not account for episodic poverty, which has occurred for many county residents during the pandemic.

Compared to the state and nation, Butler County has a lower percentage of residents in poverty, but the upward trend is similar. Poverty is a persistent problem in Butler County and a growing problem in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area.

On Dec. 4, 2019, the Center for Community Solutions reported: “Throughout the state, if you live in a poor area, you are likely to live a shorter life than those who live in wealthier areas. Similarly, if you live in an area with a high percentage of Black residents, your life expectancy will be lower than that of counterparts living in majority white areas. These correlations are statistically significant, but do not prove causation.”

According to the Center for Community Solutions, the life expectancy in Butler County, Ohio, ranges from about 66 years in some urbanized areas of Hamilton and Middletown to 85-plus years for other areas.

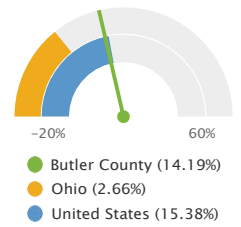
The National Community Action Partnership office produced the following data and charts on poverty, income, housing and related areas for Butler County, Ohio based on Census data.

Population Change

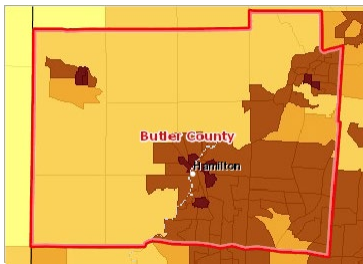
Population change within the report area from 2000-2019 is shown below. During the sixteen-year period, total population estimates for the report area grew by 14.19 percent, increasing from 332,807 persons in 2000 to 380,019 persons in 2019.

Report Area	Total Population, 2019 ACS	Total Population, 2000 Census	Population Change from 2000-2019 Census/ACS	Percent Change from 2000-2019 Census/ACS
Butler County, OH	380,019	332,807	47,212	14.19%
Ohio	11,655,397	11,353,140	302,257	2.66%
United States	324,697,795	281,421,906	43,275,889	15.38%

Percent Change in Population



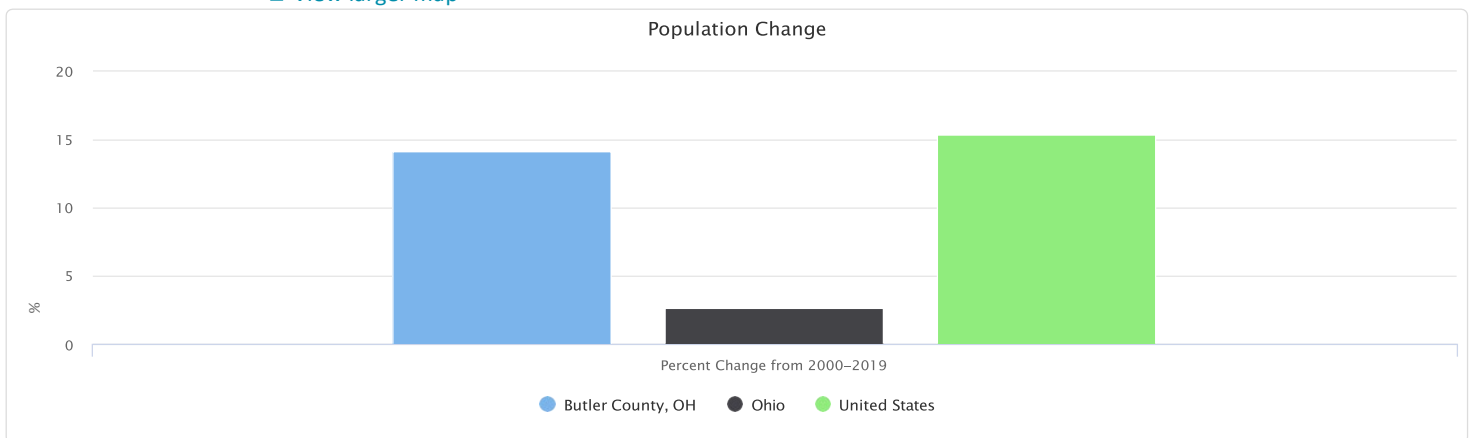
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Population, Density (Persons per Sq Mile) by Tract, ACS 2015-19

- Over 5,000
- 1,001 - 5,000
- 501 - 1,000
- 51 - 500
- Under 51
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Butler County, OH

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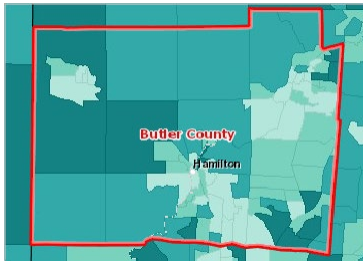


Age and Gender Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2015-2019 5-year population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 51.29% of the report area, while the male population represented 48.71%.

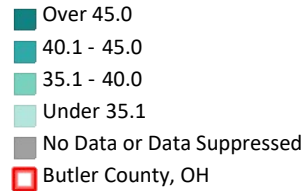
Report Area	0 to 4 Male	0 to 4 Female	5 to 17 Male	5 to 17 Female	18 to 64 Male	18 to 64 Female	Over 64 Male	Over 64 Female
Butler County, OH	11,801	11,375	34,062	32,549	116,206	119,419	21,933	30,440
Ohio	355,693	339,018	976,994	933,305	3,529,479	3,579,614	764,510	1,091,695
United States	10,112,614	9,655,056	27,413,920	26,247,802	99,841,782	100,642,825	20,320,351	28,265,193

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: Tract



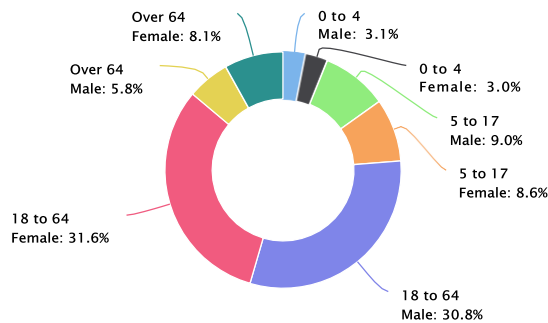
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Median Age by Tract, ACS 2015-19



Age and Gender Demographics

Butler County, OH

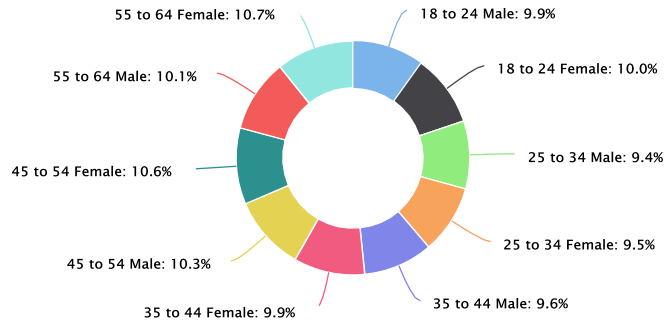


Adult Ages (18 - 65)

Report Area	18 to 24 Male	18 to 24 Female	25 to 34 Male	25 to 34 Female	35 to 44 Male	35 to 44 Female	45 to 54 Male	45 to 54 Female	55 to 64 Male	55 to 64 Female
Butler County, OH	23,277	23,528	22,171	22,425	22,633	23,229	24,352	24,955	23,773	25,282
Ohio	546,922	527,688	765,892	755,983	691,887	699,860	746,965	767,368	777,813	828,715
United States	15,706,354	14,939,973	22,811,448	22,218,967	20,425,649	20,553,182	20,752,102	21,320,518	20,146,229	21,610,185

Adult Ages (18 – 65)

Butler County, OH

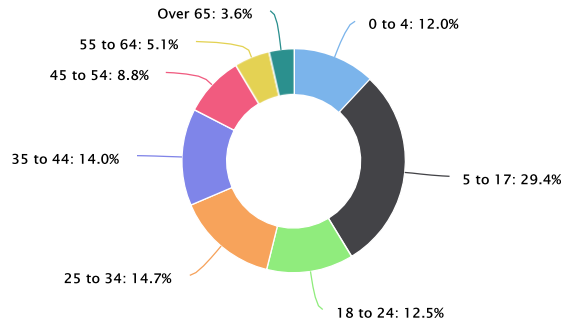


Hispanic Ages (Male and Female Combined)

Report Area	0 to 4	5 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	Over 65
Butler County, OH	2,142	5,259	2,248	2,634	2,510	1,571	907	643
Ohio	45,114	115,447	52,976	70,936	61,825	42,725	29,525	24,867
United States	5,106,555	13,350,096	6,758,665	9,232,392	8,409,995	6,798,614	4,657,233	4,165,820

Hispanic Ages (Male and Female Combined)

Butler County, OH



Race Demographics

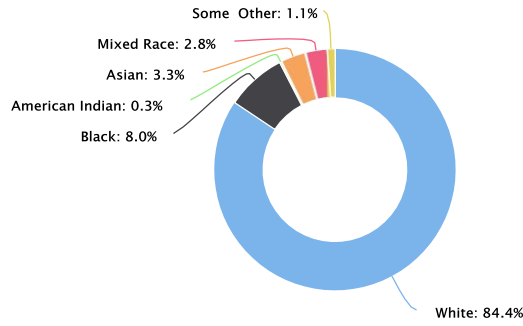
Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2015-2019 5 year population estimates, the white population comprised 84.39% of the report area, black population represented 8.05%, and other races combined were 4.71%. Persons identifying themselves as mixed race made up 2.85% of the population.

Report Area	Total Population	White Total	Black Total	American Indian Total	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Total	Some Other Total	Mixed Race Total
Butler County, OH	380,019	320,689	30,587	1,034	12,447	330	4,105	10,827
Ohio	11,655,397	9,476,047	1,446,193	22,816	258,199	3,880	112,836	335,426
United States	324,697,795	235,377,662	41,234,642	2,750,143	17,924,209	599,868	16,047,369	10,763,902

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-2019. Source geography: Tract

Race Demographics

Butler County, OH



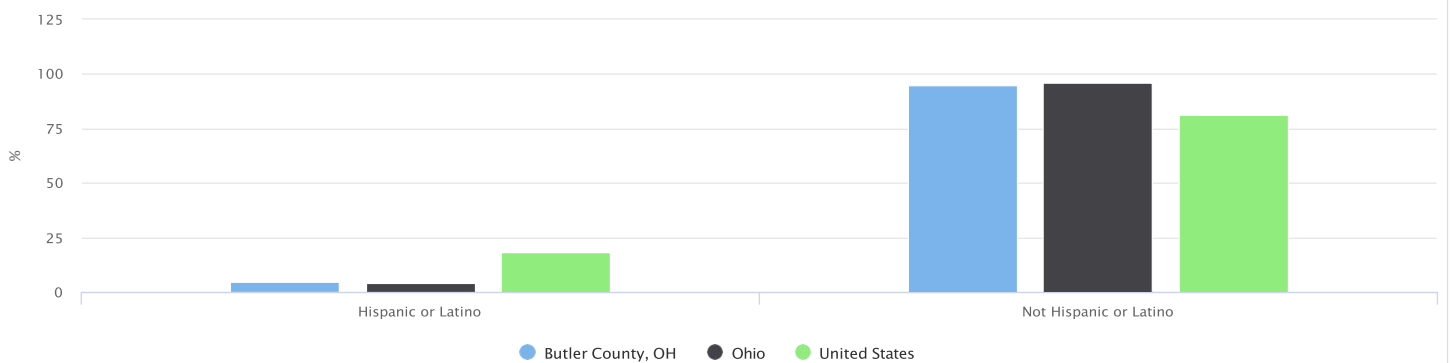
Race Demographics - Male

Report Area	White Male	Black Male	American Indian Male	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Male	Some Other Male	Mixed Race Male
Butler County, OH	157,125	14,898	470	5,967	165	2,228	5,383
Ohio	4,654,440	693,263	11,659	123,175	1,867	60,587	166,774
United States	116,386,410	19,713,121	1,362,946	8,512,579	299,477	8,236,298	5,376,088

Ethnicity Demographics - Male

Report Area	Total Males Hispanic / Latino	Total Males Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Not Hispanic / Latino
Butler County, OH	9,236	177,000	4.96%	95.04%
Ohio	227,872	5,483,893	3.99%	96.01%
United States	29,534,902	130,352,017	18.47%	81.53%

Ethnicity Demographics - Male

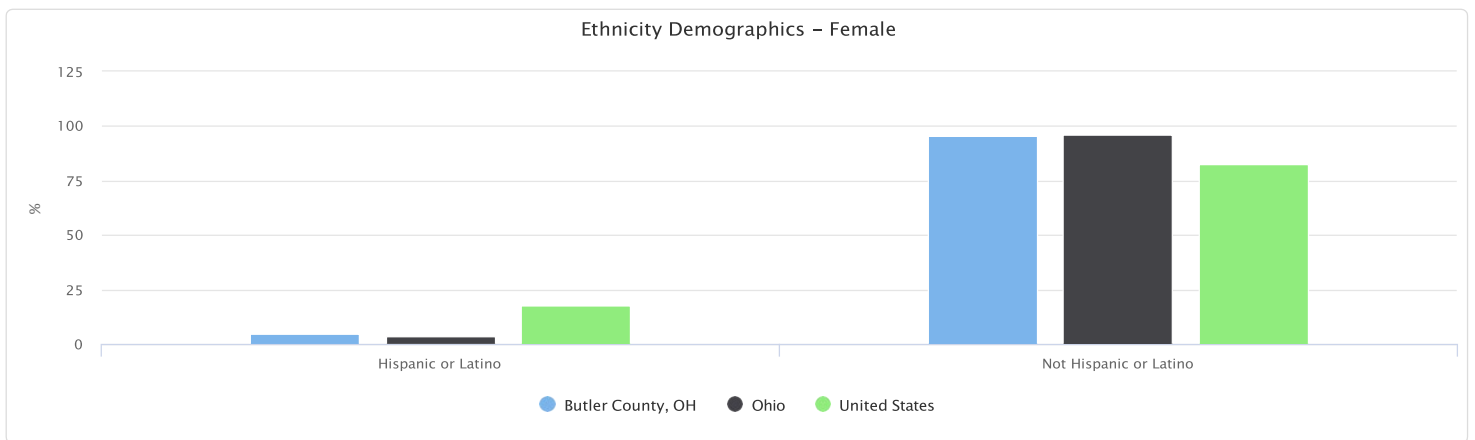


Race Demographics - Female

Report Area	White Female	Black Female	American Indian Female	Asian Female	Native Hawaiian Female	Some Other Female	Mixed Race Female
Butler County, OH	163,564	15,689	564	6,480	165	1,877	5,444
Ohio	4,821,607	752,930	11,157	135,024	2,013	52,249	168,652
United States	118,991,252	21,521,521	1,387,197	9,411,630	300,391	7,811,071	5,387,814

Ethnicity Demographics - Female

Report Area	Total Females Hispanic / Latino	Total Females Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Not Hispanic / Latino
Butler County, OH	8,678	185,105	4.48%	95.52%
Ohio	215,543	5,728,089	3.63%	96.37%
United States	28,944,468	135,866,408	17.56%	82.44%

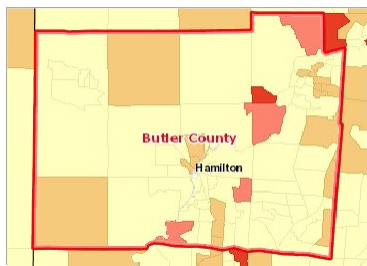


Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

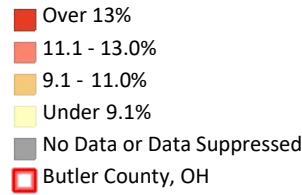
Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics show the number of veterans living in the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS), 7.29% of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is more than the national average of 7.29%.

Report Area	Veterans Total	Veterans Male	Veterans Female	% Pop over 18 Total	% Pop over 18 Males	% Pop over 18 Females
Butler County, OH	21,137	19,541	1,596	7.29%	13.93%	1.07%
Ohio	709,287	656,611	52,676	7.84%	15.02%	1.13%
United States	18,230,322	16,611,283	1,619,039	7.29%	13.68%	1.26%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: County



Veterans, Percent of Total Population by Tract, ACS 2015-19



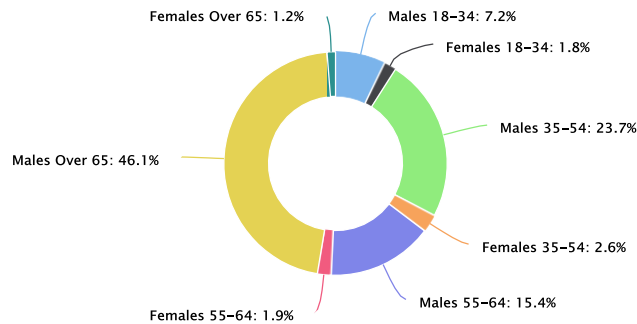
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Veterans by Age

Report Area	Veteran Age Males 18-34	Veteran Age Females 18-34	Veteran Age Males 35-54	Veteran Age Females 35-54	Veteran Age Males 55-64	Veteran Age Females 55-64	Veteran Age Males Over 65	Veteran Age Females Over 65
Butler County, OH	1,518	390	5,014	541	3,256	403	9,753	262
Ohio	46,214	7,845	142,026	21,432	115,333	12,664	353,038	10,735
United States	1,318,412	290,976	3,633,064	648,762	2,884,285	367,543	8,775,522	311,758

Veterans by Age

Butler County, OH

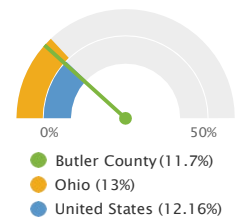


Poverty

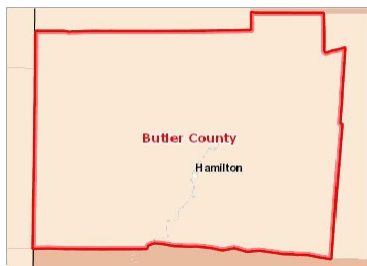
2019 poverty estimates show a total of 43,439 persons living below the poverty level in the report area. Poverty information is at 100% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Report Area	All Ages No of Persons	All Ages Poverty Rate	Age 0-17 No of Persons	Age 0-17 Poverty Rate	Age 5-17 No of Persons	Age 5-17 Poverty Rate
Butler County, OH	43,439	11.7%	12,338	14.1%	8,396	13%
Ohio	1,474,285	13%	458,134	18.1%	306,068	16.6%
United States	39,490,096	12.16%	12,000,470	16.34%	8,258,906	15.39%

All Ages Poverty Rate

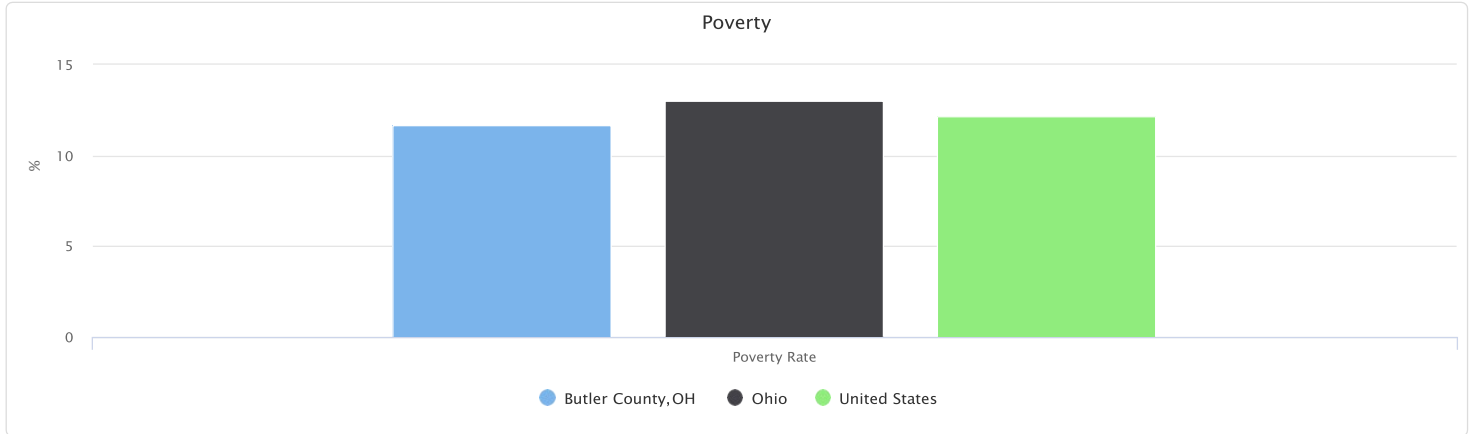
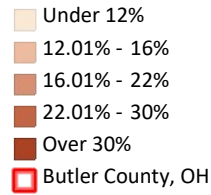


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Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by County, SAIPE 2019

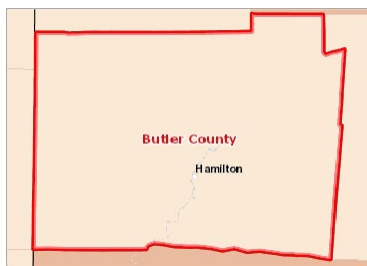
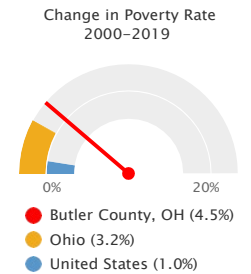


Poverty Rate Change

Poverty rate change in the report area from 2000 to 2019 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 4.5%, compared to a national increase of 1.0%.

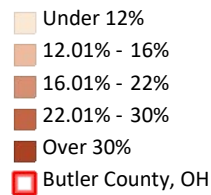
Report Area	Persons in Poverty 2000	Poverty Rate 2000	Persons in Poverty 2019	Poverty Rate 2019	Change in Poverty Rate 2000-2019
Butler County, OH	23,582	7.2%	43,439	11.7%	4.5%
Ohio	1,088,381	9.8%	1,474,285	13.0%	3.2%
United States	31,581,086	11.3%	39,490,096	12.3%	1.0%

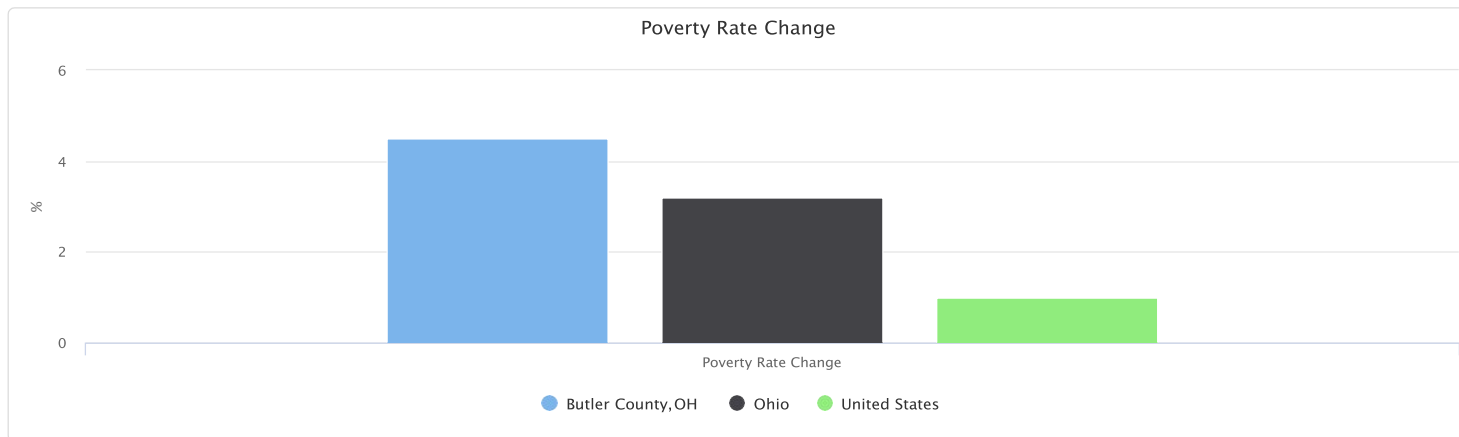
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by County, SAIPE 2019

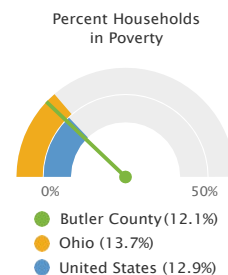




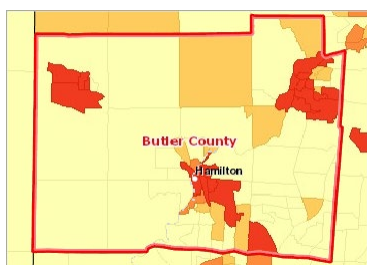
Households in Poverty

The number and percentage of households in poverty are shown in the report area. In 2019, it is estimated that there were 16,841 households, or 12.1%, living in poverty within the report area.

Report Area	Total Households	Households in Poverty	Percent Households in Poverty
Butler County, OH	139,113	16,841	12.1%
Ohio	4,676,358	639,599	13.7%
United States	120,756,048	15,610,142	12.9%

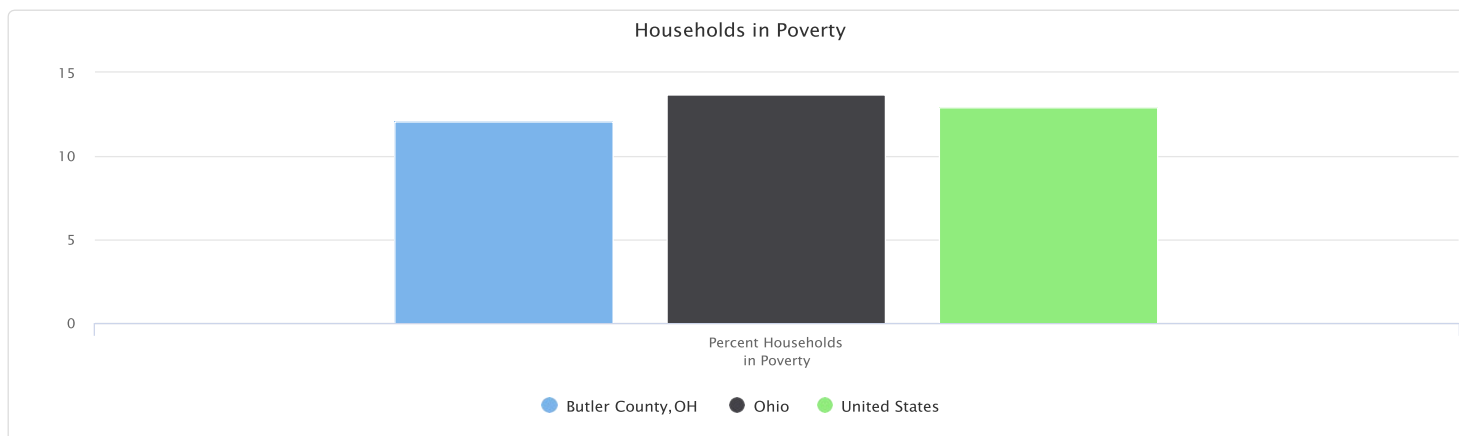
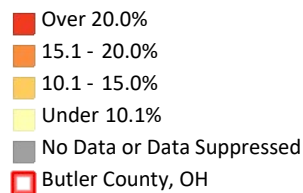


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Households Living Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

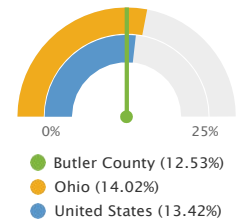


Poverty Rate (ACS)

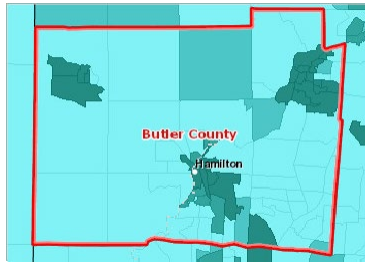
The following report section shows population estimates for all persons in poverty for the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5 year estimates, an average of 12.53% of all persons lived in a state of poverty during the 2015 - 2019 period. The poverty rate for all persons living in the report area is less than the national average of 13.42%.

Report Area	Total Population	Population in Poverty	Population in Poverty, Percent
Butler County, OH	367,360	46,018	12.53%
Ohio	11,331,030	1,588,343	14.02%
United States	316,715,051	42,510,843	13.42%

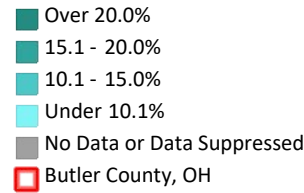
Population in Poverty, Percent



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

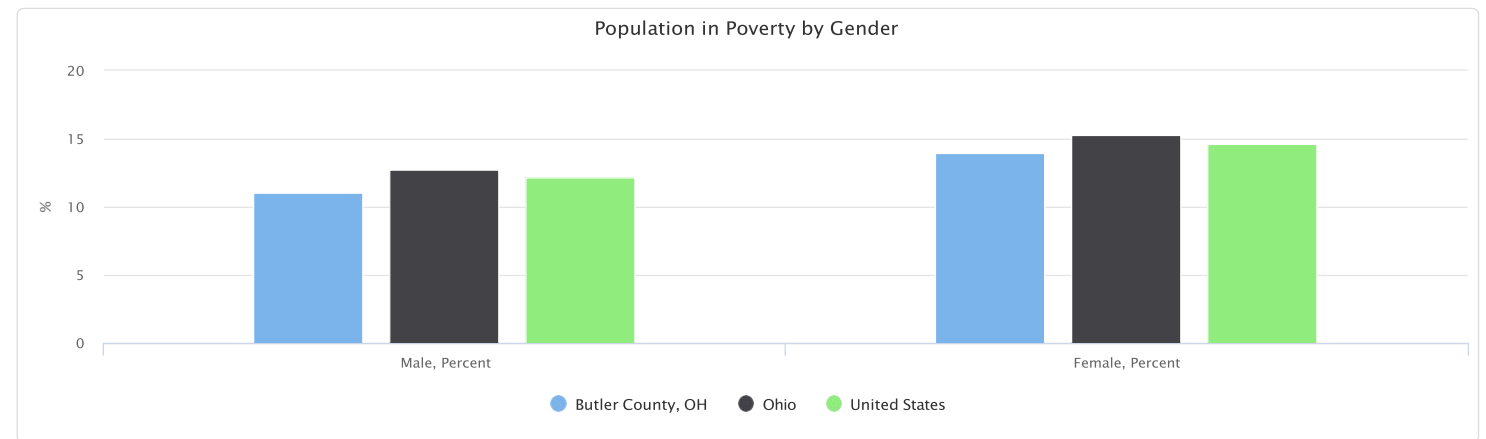


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Population in Poverty by Gender

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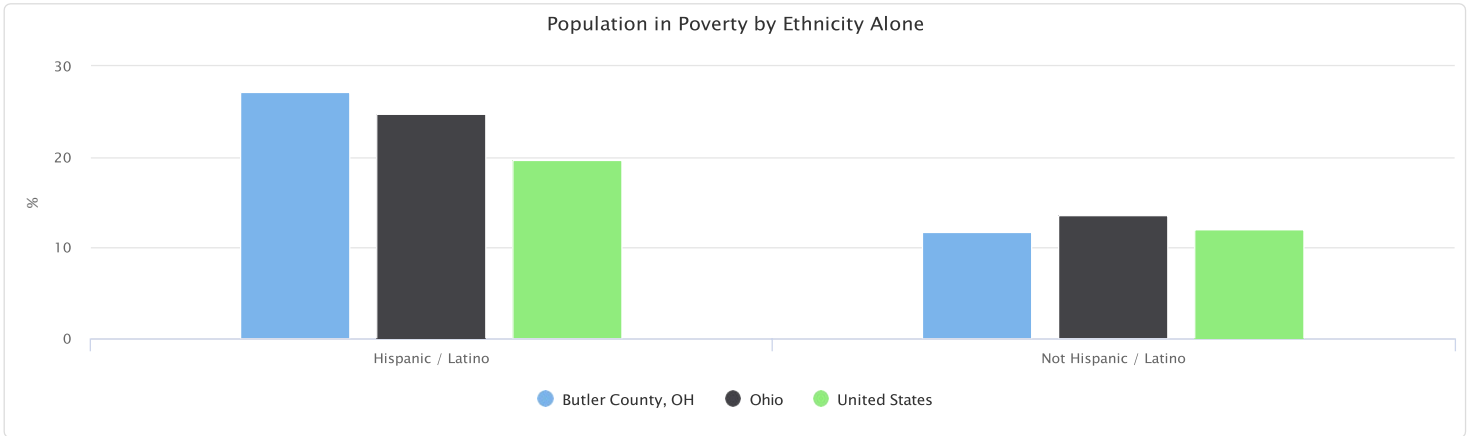
Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
Butler County, OH	19,819	26,199	11.00%	14.00%
Ohio	704,432	883,911	12.73%	15.24%
United States	18,909,451	23,601,392	12.19%	14.61%



Population in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone

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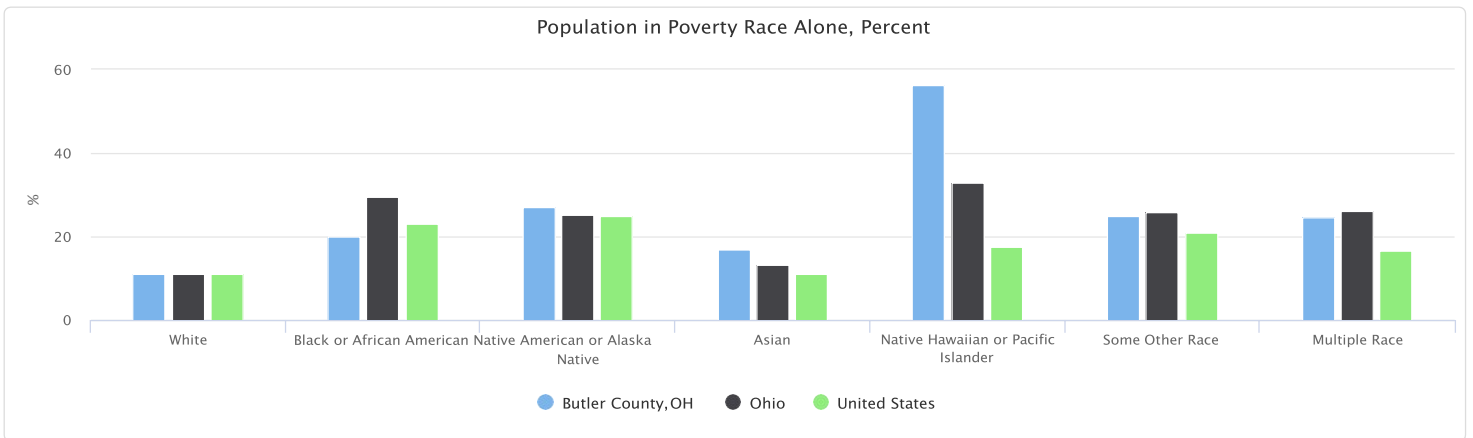
Report Area	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino, Percent	Not Hispanic or Latino, Percent
Butler County, OH	4,669	41,349	27.17%	11.81%
Ohio	106,311	1,482,032	24.72%	13.60%
United States	11,256,244	31,254,599	19.64%	12.05%



Population in Poverty Race Alone, Percent

This indicator reports the percentage of population in poverty in the report area by race alone.

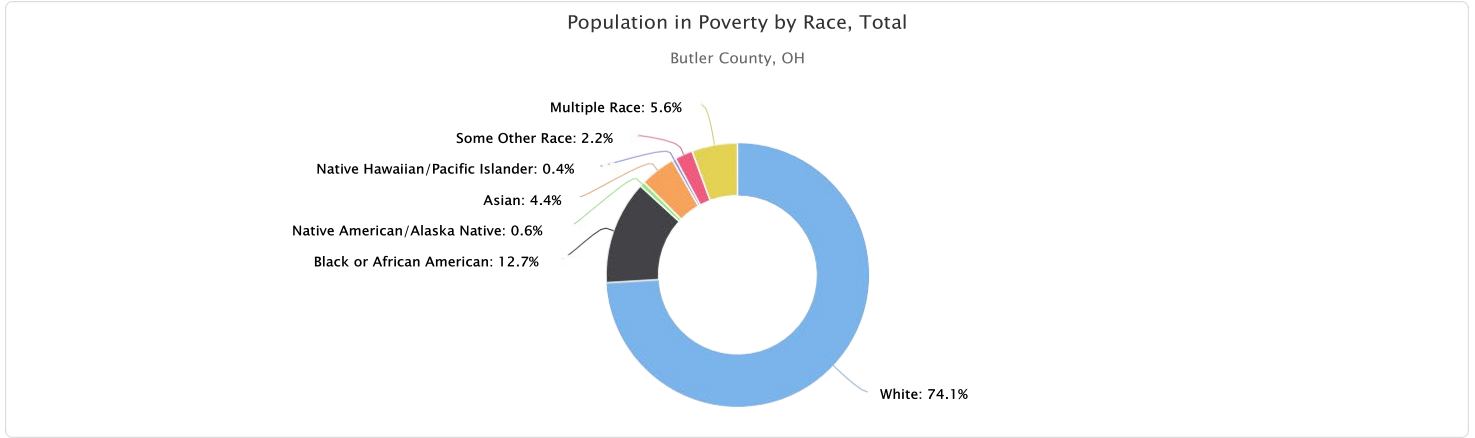
Report Area	White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	10.99%	19.93%	27.00%	16.98%	56.36%	24.82%	24.52%
Ohio	11.10%	29.65%	25.28%	13.19%	32.90%	25.97%	26.06%
United States	11.15%	23.04%	24.86%	10.94%	17.51%	21.04%	16.66%



Population in Poverty by Race, Total

This indicator reports the total population in poverty in the report area by race alone.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	34,080	5,858	277	2,016	186	1,015	2,586
Ohio	1,025,444	410,205	5,559	33,065	1,222	28,628	84,220
United States	25,658,220	9,114,217	660,695	1,922,319	101,826	3,313,183	1,740,383

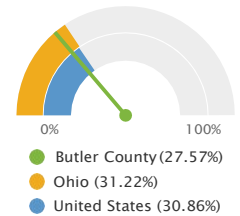


Poverty Rate < 200% FPL (ACS)

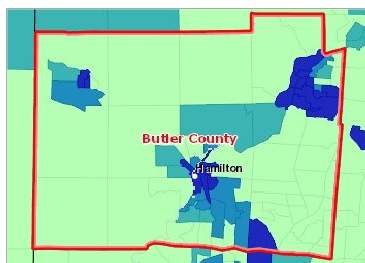
In the report area 27.57% or 101,263 individuals are living in households with income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.

Report Area	Total Population	Population with Income at or Below 200% FPL	Percent Population with Income at or Below 200% FPL
Butler County, OH	367,360	101,263	27.57%
Ohio	11,331,030	3,538,045	31.22%
United States	316,715,051	97,747,992	30.86%

Percent Population with Income at or Below 200% FPL

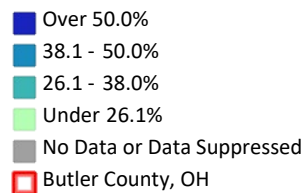


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Population Below 200% Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

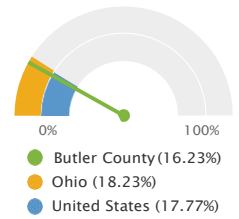


Poverty Rate < 125% FPL (ACS)

In the report area 16.23% or 59,634 individuals are living in households with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.

Report Area	Population, Total	Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL	Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent
Butler County, OH	367,360	59,634	16.23%
Ohio	11,331,030	2,065,826	18.23%
United States	316,715,051	56,269,559	17.77%

Percent Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-2019. Source geography: Tract

Family Poverty Rate 125% (ACS)

In the report area 10.91% or 10,384 family households are living with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Report Area	Family Households, Total	Families with Income at or Below 125% FPL	Families with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent
Butler County, OH	95,196	10,384	10.91%
Ohio	2,953,180	392,529	13.29%
United States	79,114,031	10,336,134	13.06%

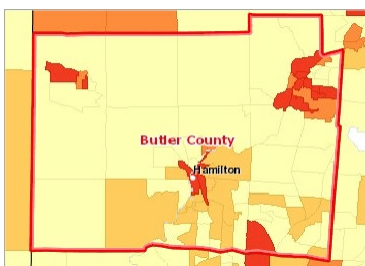
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Families in Poverty by Family Type

The number of families in poverty by type are shown in the report area. According to ACS 2015-2019 5 year estimates for the report area, there were 7,557 families living in poverty.

Report Area	Total Families	Families in Poverty Total	Families in Poverty Married Couples	Families in Poverty Male Householder	Families in Poverty Female Householder
Butler County, OH	95,196	7,557	2,325	499	4,733
Ohio	2,953,180	293,555	83,672	33,806	176,077
United States	79,114,031	7,541,196	2,764,595	803,863	3,972,738

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: County



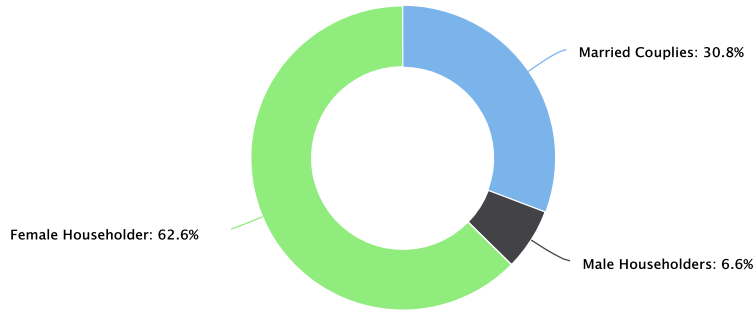
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Married Family Households Living Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

- Over 9.0%
- 6.1 - 9.0%
- 3.1 - 6.0%
- Under 3.1%
- No Married Families Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Butler County, OH

Families in Poverty by Family Type

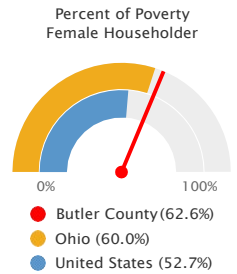
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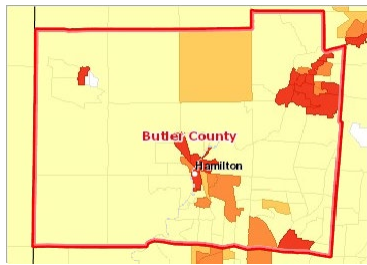
Family Poverty Rate by Family Type

The percentage of households in poverty by household type are shown for the report area. It is estimated that 7.9% of all households were living in poverty within the report area, compared to the national average of 9.5%. Of the households in poverty, female headed households represented 62.6% of all households in poverty, compared to 30.8% and 6.6% of households headed by males and married couples, respectively.

Report Area	Poverty Rate All Types	Percent of Poverty Married Couples	Percent of Poverty Male Householder	Percent of Poverty Female Householder
Butler County, OH	7.9%	30.8%	6.6%	62.6%
Ohio	9.9%	28.5%	11.5%	60.0%
United States	9.5%	36.7%	10.7%	52.7%

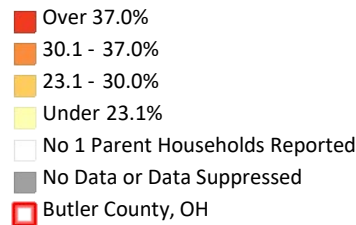


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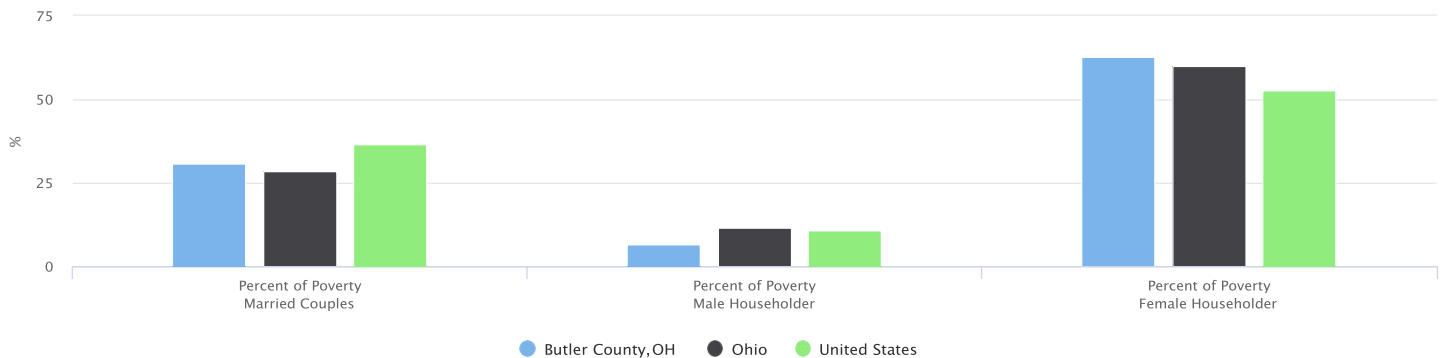


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Single Parent Family Households Living Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19



Family Poverty Rate by Family Type

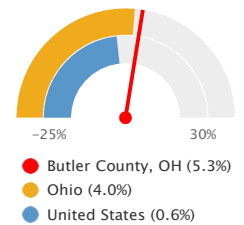


Poverty Rate Change (SAIPE) Age 0-17

The poverty rate change for all children (age 0-17) in the report area from 2000 to 2019 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 5.3%, compared to a national increase of 0.6%.

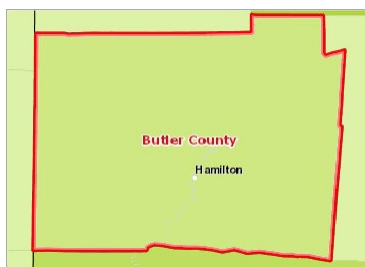
Report Area	Poverty Age 0-17 2000	Poverty Rate Age 0-17 2000	Poverty Age 0-17 2019	Poverty Rate Age 0-17 2019	Difference in Rate Age 0-17 2000 - 2019
Butler County, OH	7,587	8.8%	12,338	14.1%	5.3%
Ohio	800,882	14.1%	916,268	18.1%	4.0%
United States	34,757,074	16.2%	35,996,680	16.8%	0.6%

Poverty Rate Change Age 0-17



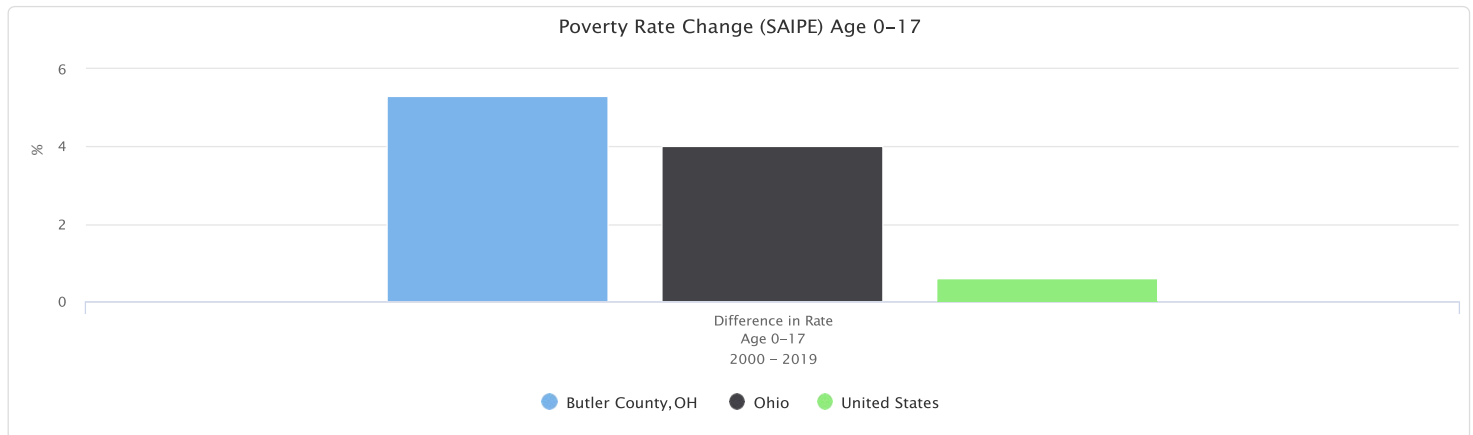
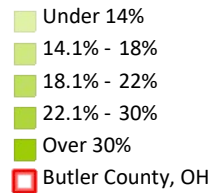
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Census Bureau, *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates*. 2019. Source geography: County



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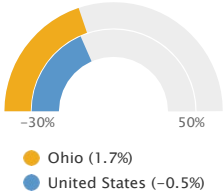
Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-18), Percent by County, SAIPE 2019



Poverty Rate Change (SAIPE) Age 0-4

The poverty rate change for all children (age 0 - 4) in the report area from 2000 to 2019 is shown below. The U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates only calculates poverty for this age on the state and national levels. The national poverty rate change for this age group increased by -0.5% over the described time period.

Report Area	Poverty Age 0-4 2000	Poverty Rate Age 0-4 2000	Poverty Age 0-4 2019	Poverty Rate Age 0-4 2019	Difference in Rate Age 0-4 2000 - 2019
Butler County, OH	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Ohio	143,552	19.2%	140,477	20.9%	1.7%
United States	7,166,195	18.7%	6,915,377	18.2%	-0.5%



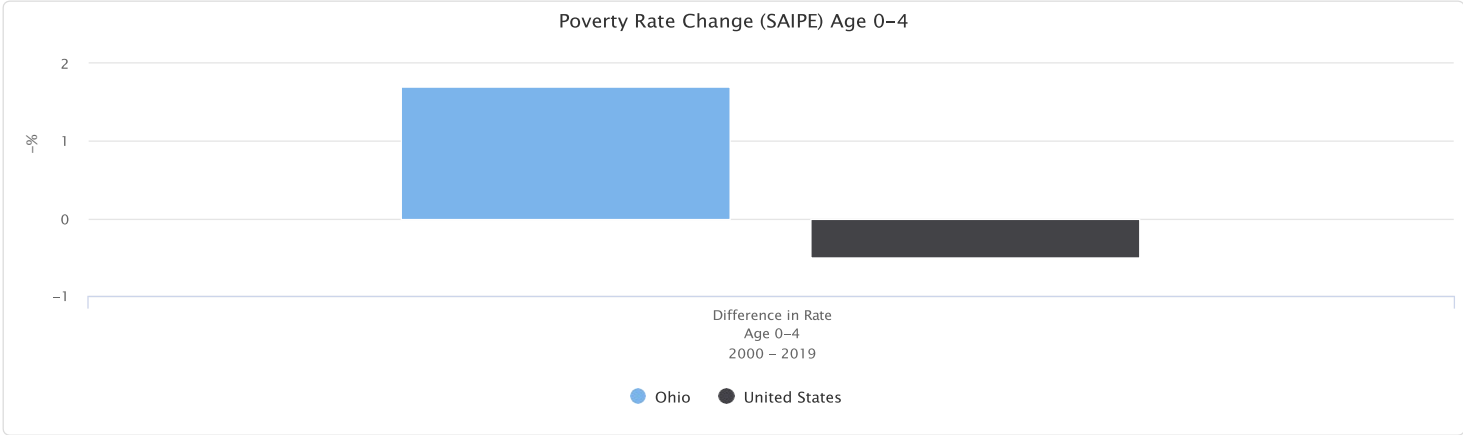
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-4), Percent by State, SAIPE 2019

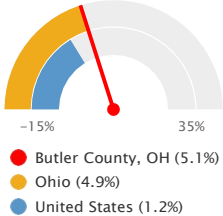
- Under 14%
- 14.01% - 17%
- 17.01% - 21%
- 21.01% - 26%
- Over 26%
- Butler County, OH



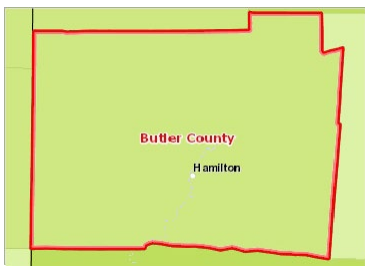
Poverty Rate Change (SAIPE) Age 5-17

The poverty rate change for all children (age 5 -17) in the report area from 2000 to 2019 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 5.1%, compared to a national increase of 1.2%.

Report Area	Poverty Age 5-17 2000	Poverty Rate Age 5-17 2000	Poverty Age 5-17 2019	Poverty Rate Age 5-17 2019	Difference in Rate Age 5-17 2000 - 2019
Butler County, OH	4,857	7.9%	8,396	13.0%	5.1%
Ohio	479,422	11.7%	612,136	16.6%	4.9%
United States	22,606,876	14.6%	24,773,503	15.8%	1.2%

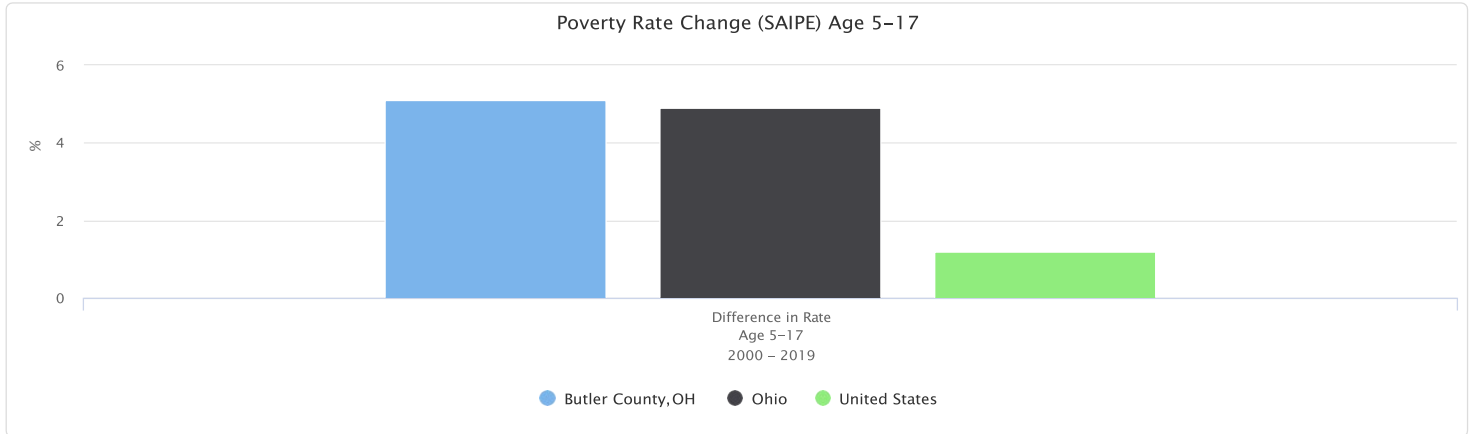
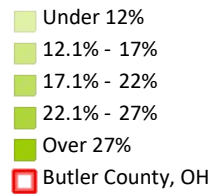


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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 5-17), Percent by County, SAIPE 2019

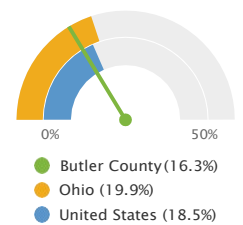


Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-17

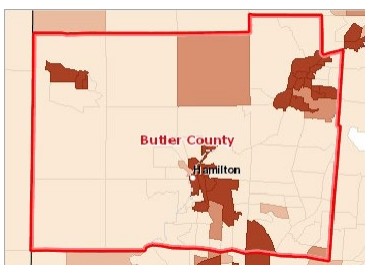
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Report Area	Ages 0-17 Total Population	Ages 0-17 In Poverty	Ages 0-17 Poverty Rate
Butler County, OH	88,002	14,384	16.3%
Ohio	2,557,905	509,359	19.9%
United States	72,235,700	13,377,778	18.5%

Ages 0-17 Poverty Rate

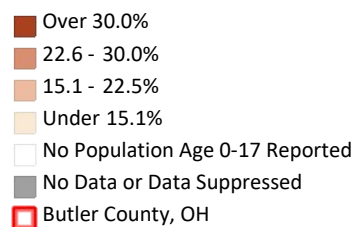


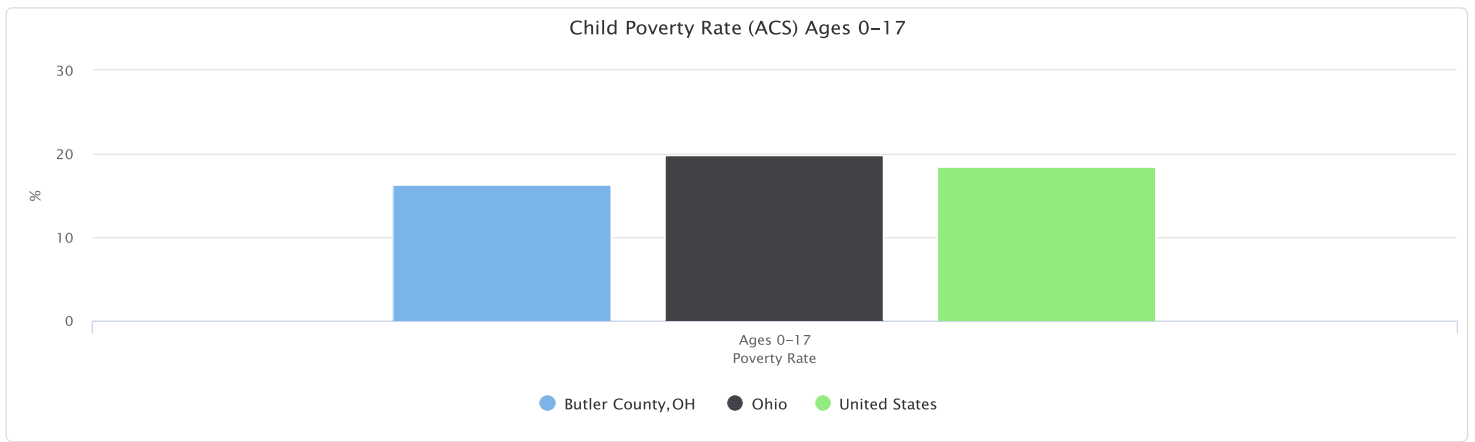
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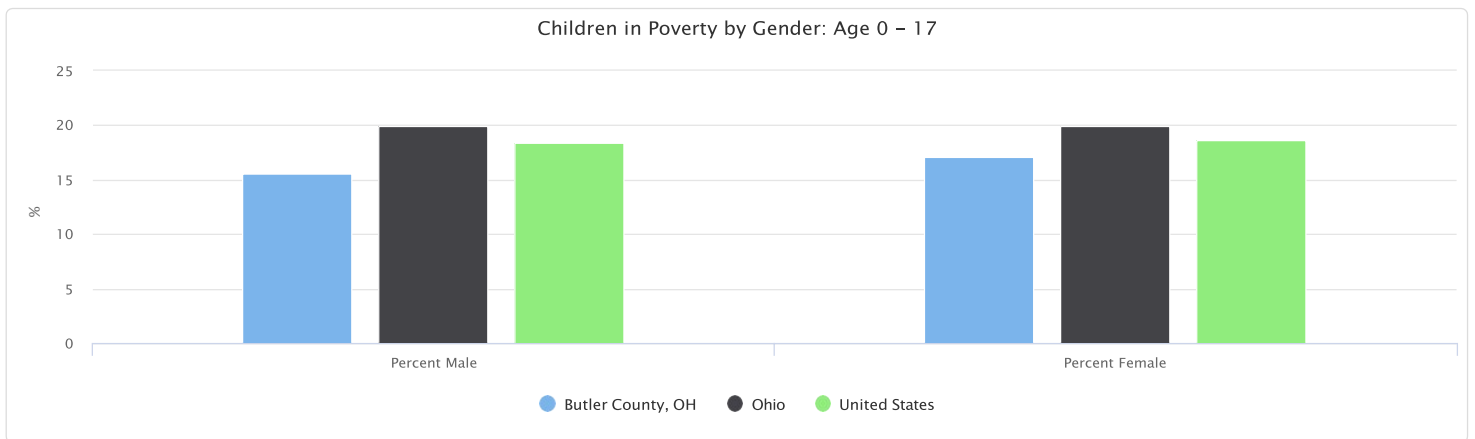
Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19





Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 0 - 17

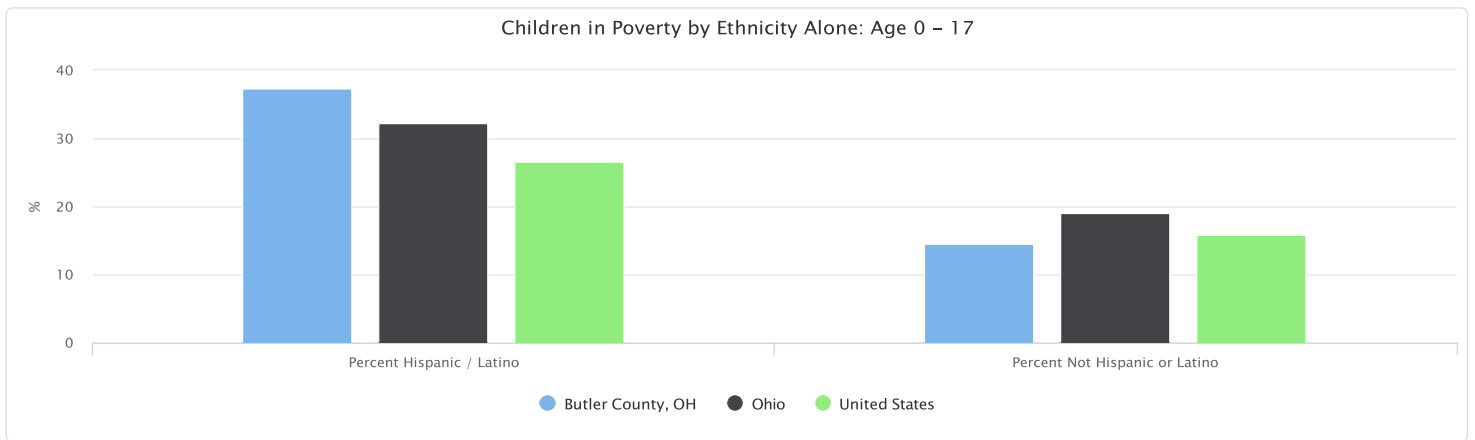
Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Butler County, OH	6,992	7,392	15.61%	17.11%
Ohio	260,757	248,602	19.94%	19.89%
United States	6,799,287	6,578,491	18.43%	18.61%



Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 - 17

Report Area	Total Hispanic / Latino	Total Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Hispanic / Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Butler County, OH	2,715	11,669	37.34%	14.45%
Ohio	50,963	458,396	32.31%	19.10%
United States	4,839,972	8,537,806	26.63%	15.79%

Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 - 17



Children by Race, Total: Age 0 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	64,250	7,731	434	2,613	129	1,699	6,178
Ohio	1,827,351	371,575	4,684	54,326	964	35,837	166,607
United States	36,581,731	10,072,070	718,805	3,484,579	146,972	4,645,363	4,819,378

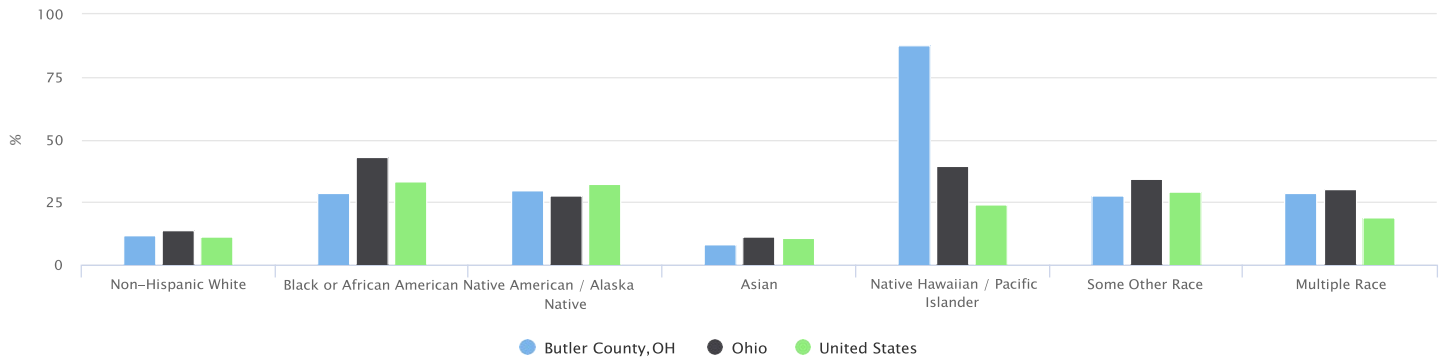
Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 0 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	7,426	2,207	128	221	113	473	1,788
Ohio	250,173	160,187	1,293	6,017	380	12,228	50,312
United States	4,070,361	3,346,711	231,663	370,660	35,458	1,356,208	905,096

Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 0 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	11.56%	28.55%	29.49%	8.46%	87.60%	27.84%	28.94%
Ohio	13.69%	43.11%	27.60%	11.08%	39.42%	34.12%	30.20%
United States	11.13%	33.23%	32.23%	10.64%	24.13%	29.19%	18.78%

Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 0 – 17

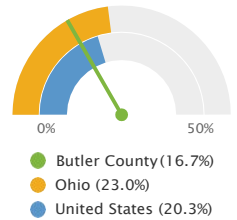


Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-4

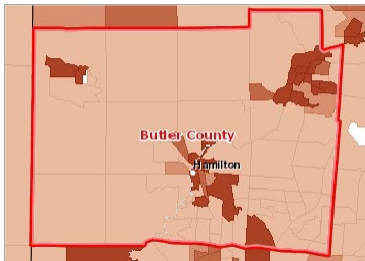
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Report Area	Ages 0-4 Total Population	Ages 0-4 In Poverty	Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate
Butler County, OH	22,731	3,785	16.7%
Ohio	681,909	156,999	23.0%
United States	19,430,702	3,948,405	20.3%

Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate

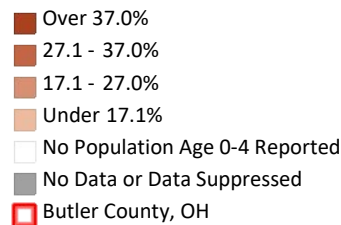


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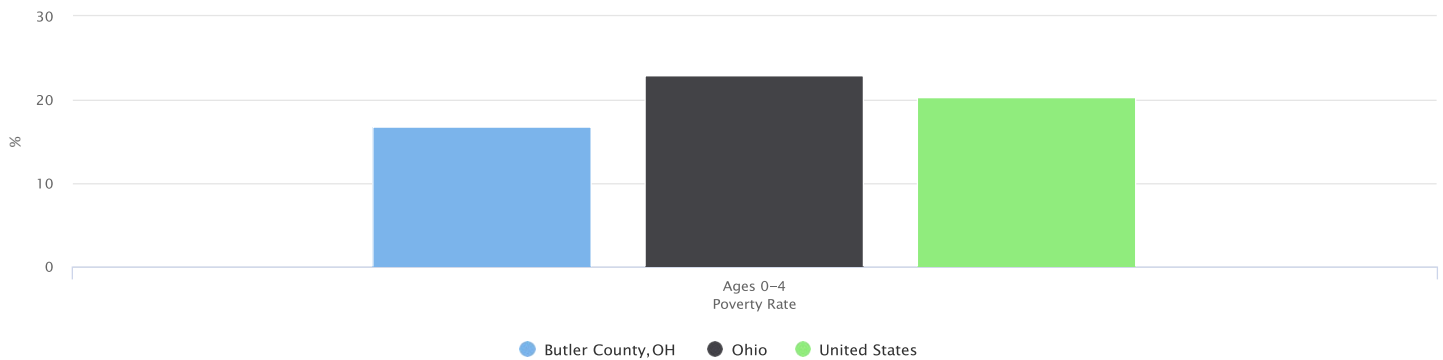


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Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 0-4), Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

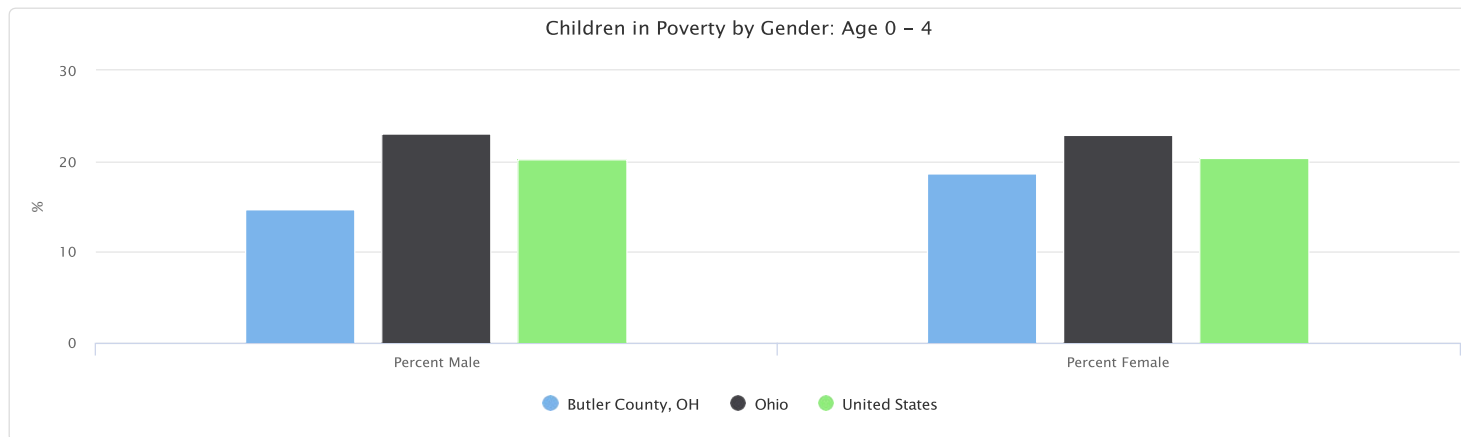


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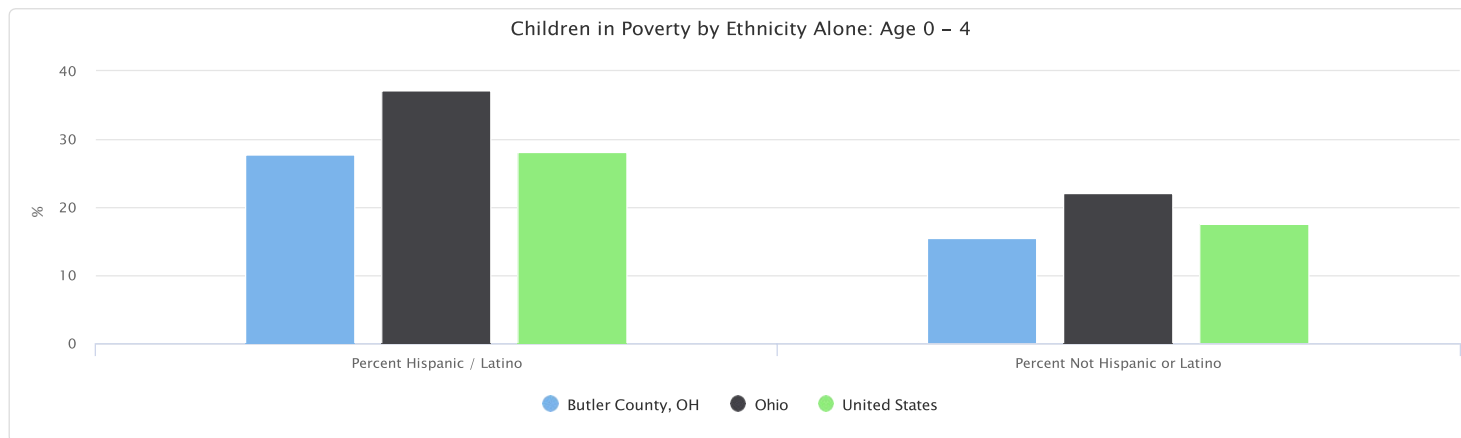
Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Butler County, OH	1,688	2,097	14.67%	18.68%
Ohio	80,670	76,329	23.11%	22.94%
United States	2,009,414	1,938,991	20.22%	20.43%



Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Total Hispanic / Latino	Total Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Hispanic / Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Butler County, OH	590	3,195	27.82%	15.50%
Ohio	16,554	140,445	37.21%	22.03%
United States	1,415,710	2,532,695	28.19%	17.58%



Children by Race, Total: Age 0 - 4

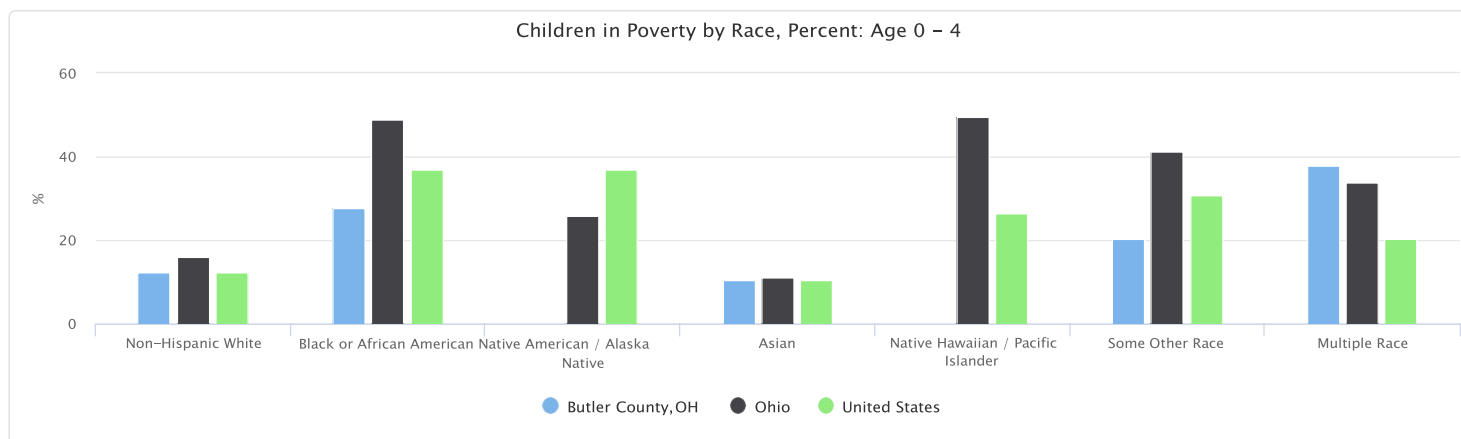
Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	16,309	1,920	106	751	0	558	1,824
Ohio	477,336	99,902	1,239	15,110	289	9,345	51,941
United States	9,643,324	2,681,532	184,458	909,892	40,400	1,234,195	1,517,422

Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	2,018	532	0	78	0	113	689
Ohio	75,669	48,973	322	1,693	143	3,849	17,506
United States	1,197,998	993,338	68,139	96,081	10,685	380,285	308,113

Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	12.37%	27.71%	0.00%	10.39%	No data	20.25%	37.77%
Ohio	15.85%	49.02%	25.99%	11.20%	49.48%	41.19%	33.70%
United States	12.42%	37.04%	36.94%	10.56%	26.45%	30.81%	20.31%

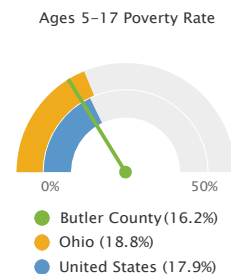


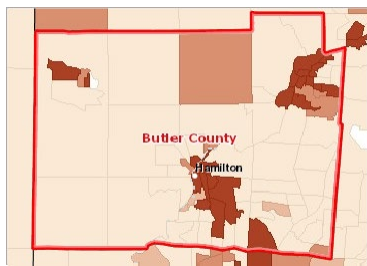
Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 5-17

Population and poverty estimates for children age 5-17 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, an average of 16.2% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is less than the national average of 17.9%.

Report Area	Ages 5-17 Total Population	Ages 5-17 In Poverty	Ages 5-17 Poverty Rate
Butler County, OH	65,271	10,599	16.2%
Ohio	1,875,996	352,360	18.8%
United States	52,804,998	9,429,373	17.9%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: County

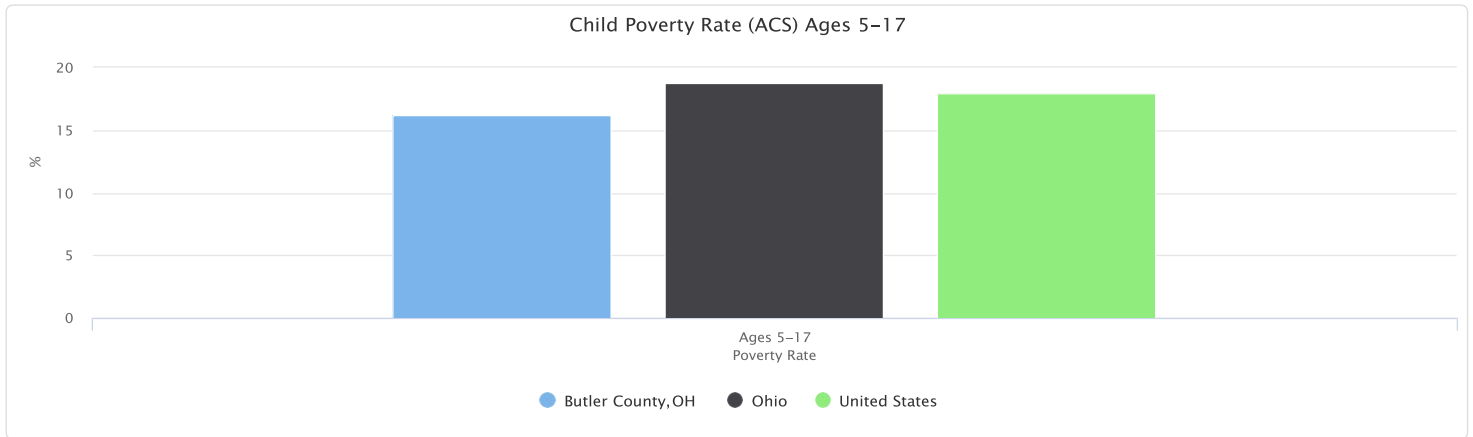




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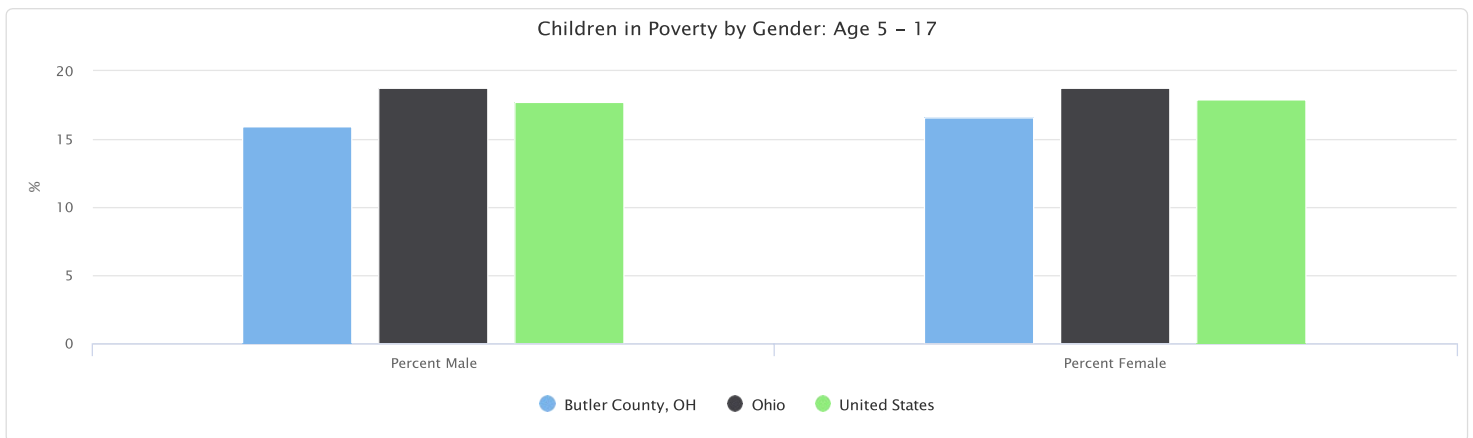
Population Below the Poverty Level, Children (Age 5-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

- Over 29.0%
- 21.1 - 29.0%
- 13.1 - 21.0%
- Under 13.1%
- No Population Age 5-17 Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Butler County, OH



Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 5 - 17

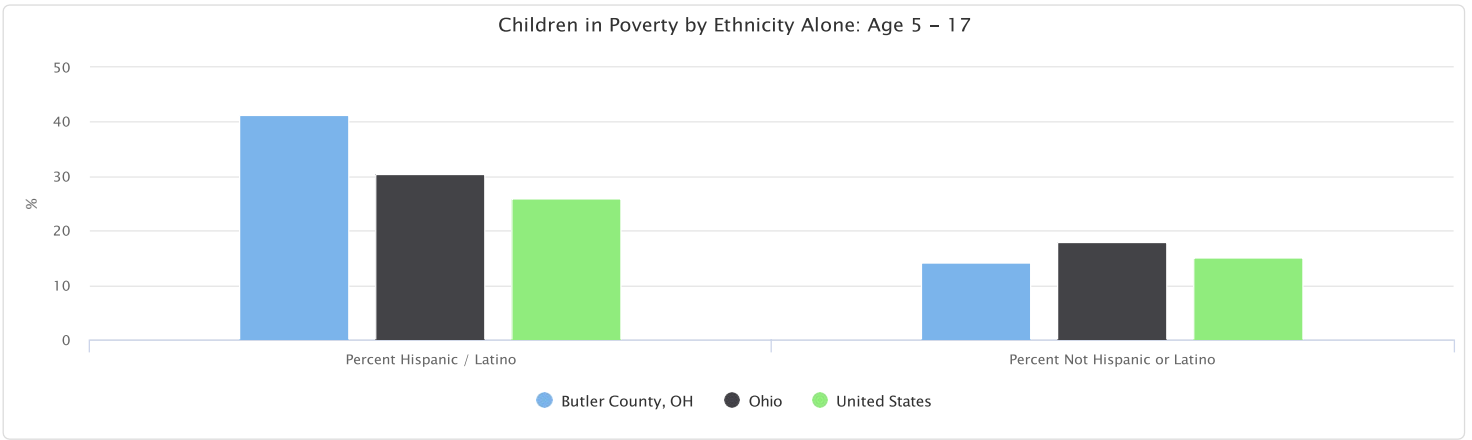
Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Butler County, OH	5,304	5,295	15.93%	16.56%
Ohio	180,087	172,273	18.79%	18.78%
United States	4,789,873	4,639,500	17.77%	17.95%



Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Total Hispanic / Latino	Total Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Hispanic / Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Butler County, OH	2,125	8,474	41.26%	14.09%
Ohio	34,409	317,951	30.38%	18.04%
United States	3,424,262	6,005,111	26.03%	15.15%

Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 5 - 17



Children by Race, Total: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	47,941	5,811	328	1,862	129	1,141	4,354
Ohio	1,350,015	271,673	3,445	39,216	675	26,492	114,666
United States	26,938,407	7,390,538	534,347	2,574,687	106,572	3,411,168	3,301,956

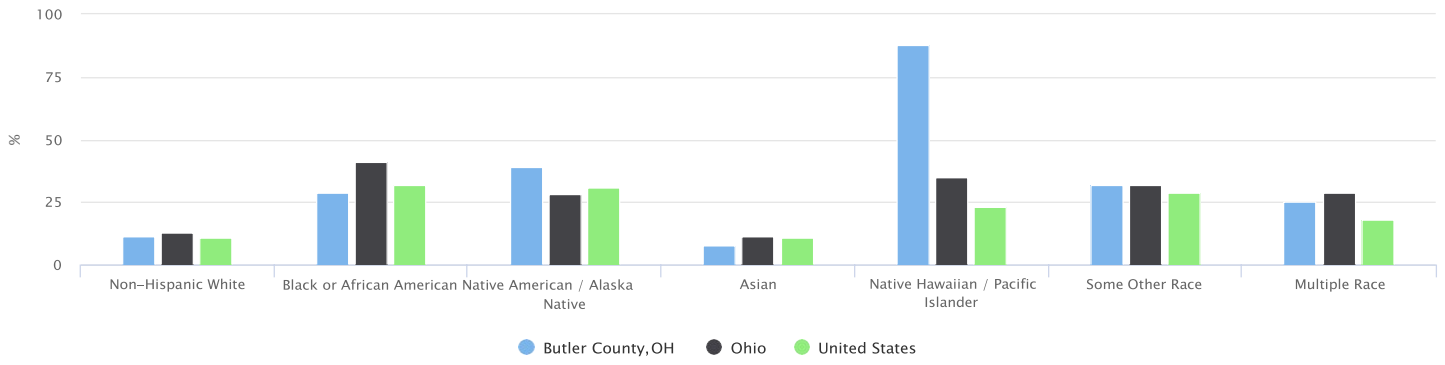
Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	5,408	1,675	128	143	113	360	1,099
Ohio	174,504	111,214	971	4,324	237	8,379	32,806
United States	2,872,363	2,353,373	163,524	274,579	24,773	975,923	596,983

Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	11.28%	28.82%	39.02%	7.68%	87.60%	31.55%	25.24%
Ohio	12.93%	40.94%	28.19%	11.03%	35.11%	31.63%	28.61%
United States	10.66%	31.84%	30.60%	10.66%	23.25%	28.61%	18.08%

Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 5 - 17

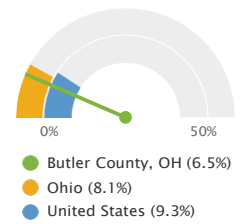


Seniors in Poverty

Population and poverty estimates for persons age 65 and up are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5 year data, an average of 6.5% of people lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for people living in the report area is less than the national average of 9.3%.

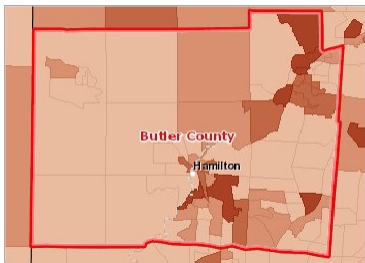
Report Area	Ages 65 and Up Total Population	Ages 65 and Up In Poverty	Ages 65 and Up Poverty Rate
Butler County, OH	52,652	3,439	6.5%
Ohio	1,872,384	151,935	8.1%
United States	49,488,799	4,587,432	9.3%

Ages 65 and Up Poverty Rate



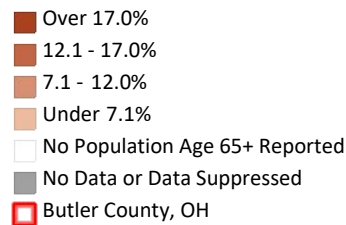
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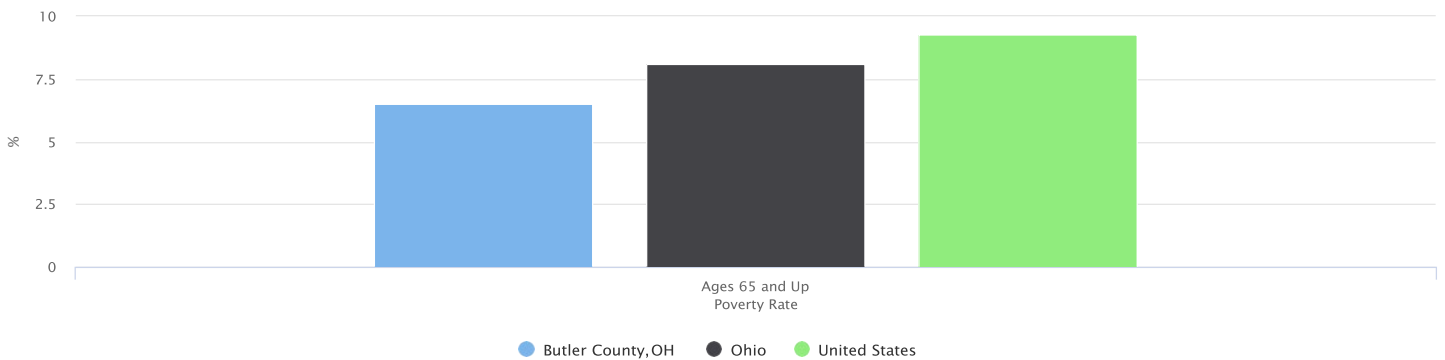


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Population Below the Poverty Level, Senior (Age 65+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

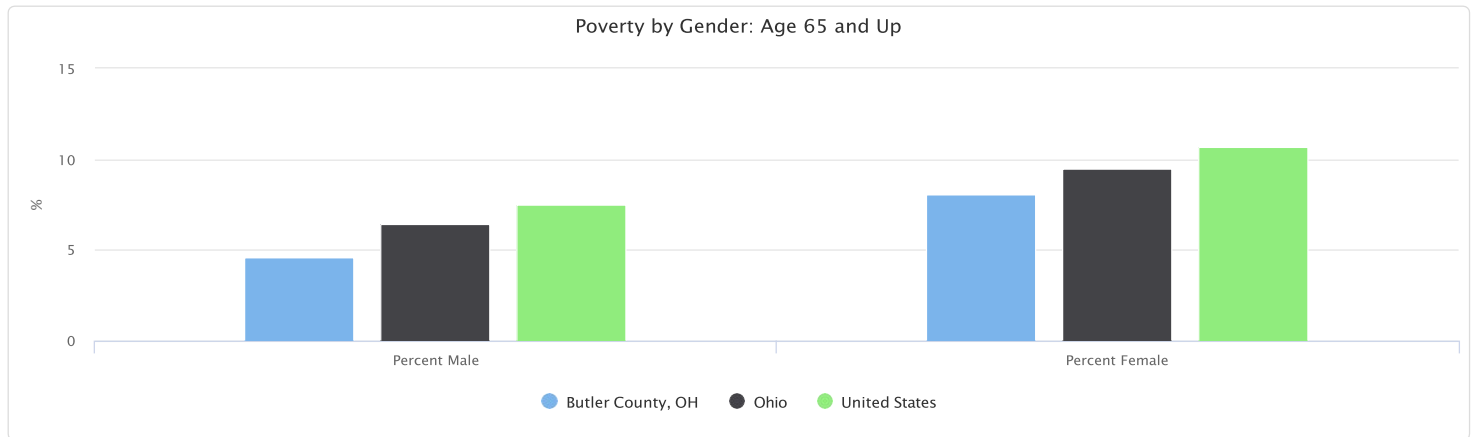


Seniors in Poverty



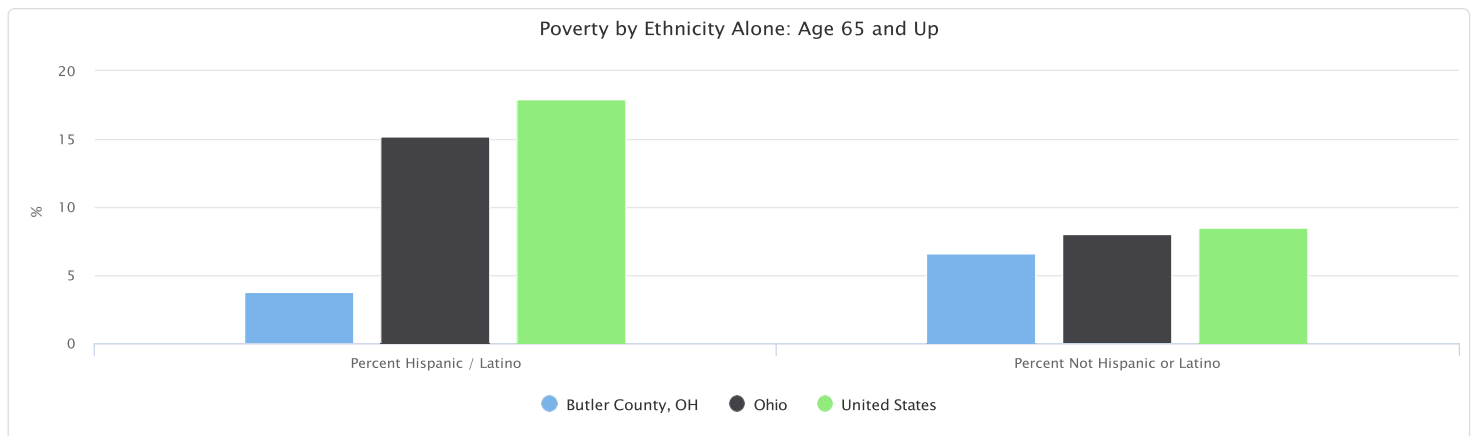
Poverty by Gender: Age 65 and Up

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Butler County, OH	1,089	2,350	4.63%	8.07%
Ohio	53,036	98,899	6.41%	9.47%
United States	1,656,650	2,930,782	7.51%	10.68%



Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 65 and Up

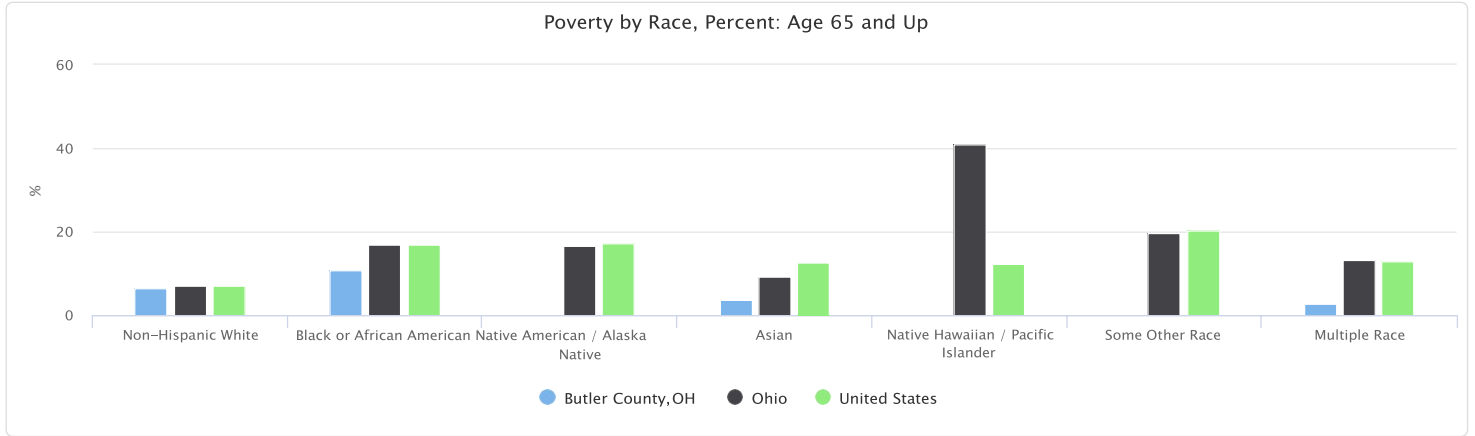
Report Area	Total Hispanic / Latino	Total Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Hispanic / Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Butler County, OH	23	3,416	3.82%	6.56%
Ohio	3,666	148,269	15.21%	8.02%
United States	733,181	3,854,251	17.92%	8.49%



Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 65 and Up

This indicator reports the percentage of population in poverty in the report area by race alone.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	6.47%	10.75%	0.00%	3.62%	0.00%	0.00%	2.72%
Ohio	7.06%	16.90%	16.63%	9.36%	40.85%	19.67%	13.27%
United States	7.20%	16.85%	17.13%	12.66%	12.34%	20.42%	12.90%



Poverty by Race, Total: Age 65 and Up

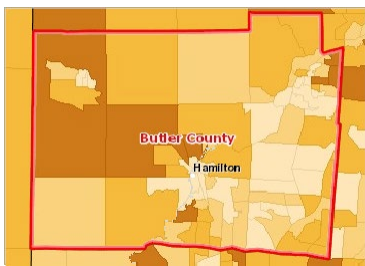
Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	3,114	249	0	39	0	0	14
Ohio	116,339	27,631	443	2,134	125	970	1,732
United States	2,739,567	754,323	47,369	279,546	6,462	185,764	70,343

Population Age 65+

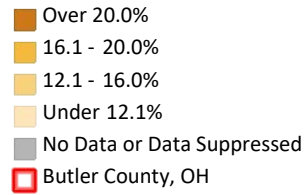
Of the estimated 380,019 total population in the report area, an estimated 54,607 persons are adults aged 65 and older, representing 14.37% of the population. These data are based on the latest U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates. The number of older adults in the report area is relevant because this population has unique needs which should be considered separately from other age groups.

Report Area	Total Population	Population Age 65+	Population Age 65+, Percent
Butler County, OH	380,019	54,607	14.37%
Ohio	11,655,397	1,941,294	16.66%
United States	324,697,795	50,783,796	15.64%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: Tract



Population Age 65+, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

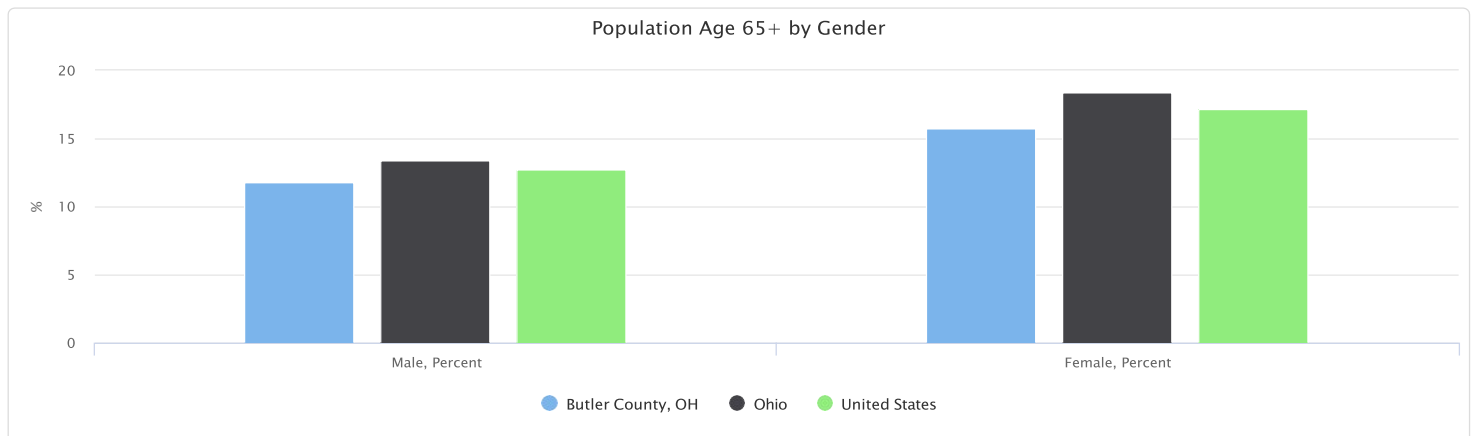


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Population Age 65+ by Gender

The table below reports the percentage of the population that is age 65 or older by gender. Among the male population in the report area, 11.78% are aged 65 years or older. Among the female population, 15.71% are aged 65 years or older.

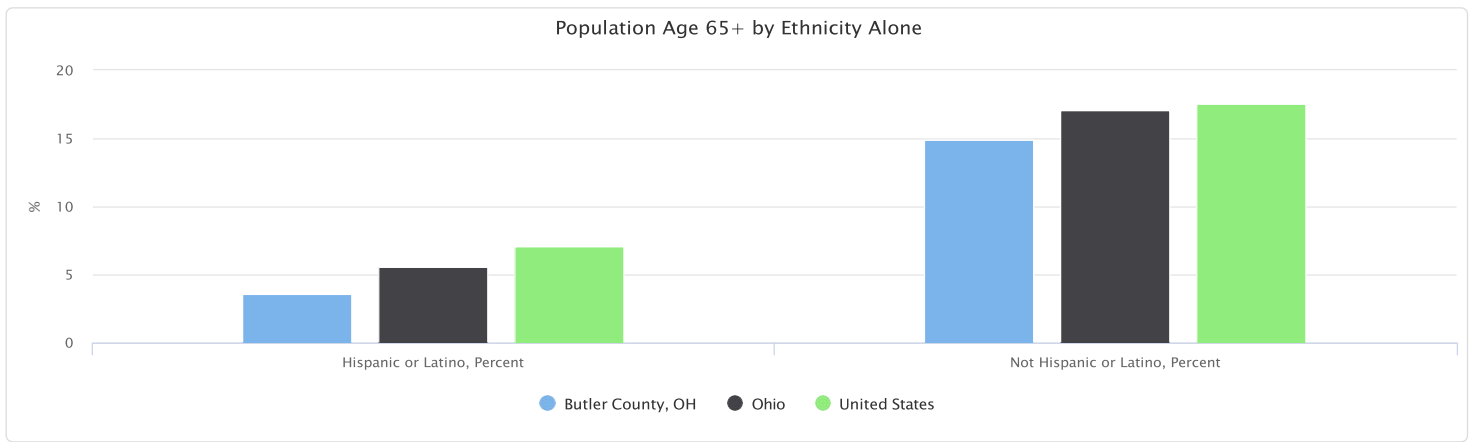
Report Area	Male	Female	Male, Percent	Female, Percent
Butler County, OH	21,933	30,440	11.78%	15.71%
Ohio	764,510	1,091,695	13.38%	18.37%
United States	20,320,351	28,265,193	12.71%	17.15%



Population Age 65+ by Ethnicity Alone

This indicator reports the percentage of population that are at age 65+ by ethnicity alone. In the report area, 3.59% of Hispanic / Latino population are at age 65+, and 14.90% of non Hispanic / Latino population are at age 65+.

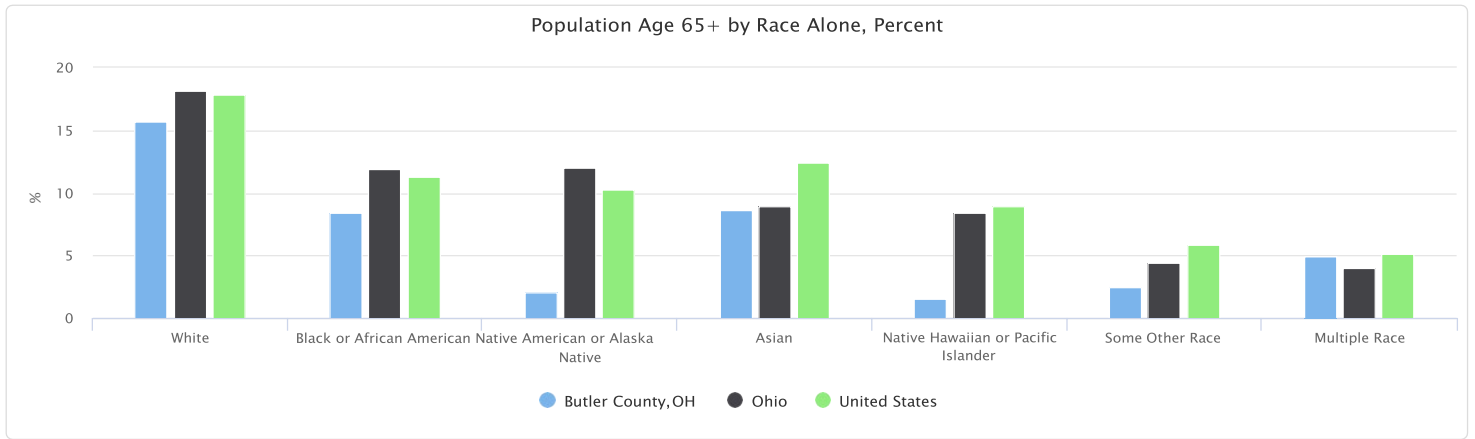
Report Area	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino, Percent	Not Hispanic or Latino, Percent
Butler County, OH	643	53,964	3.59%	14.90%
Ohio	24,867	1,916,427	5.61%	17.09%
United States	4,165,820	46,617,976	7.12%	17.51%



Population Age 65+ by Race Alone, Percent

This indicator reports the percentage of each race (alone) making up the population aged 65 or older.

Report Area	White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	15.68%	8.45%	2.03%	8.65%	1.52%	2.48%	4.90%
Ohio	18.19%	11.94%	11.99%	8.91%	8.45%	4.45%	4.03%
United States	17.88%	11.28%	10.29%	12.45%	8.88%	5.80%	5.16%



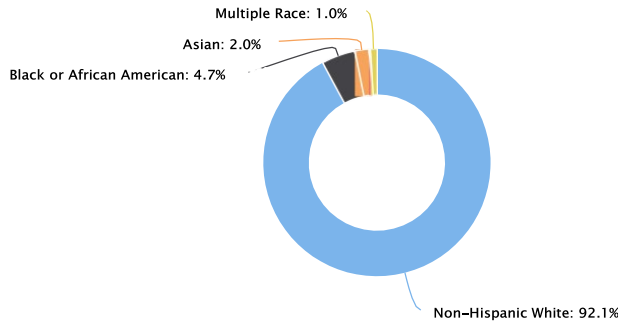
Population Age 65+ by Race, Total

This indicator reports the proportion of each race (alone) making up the population aged 65 or older.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	Native American or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Butler County, OH	50,287	2,584	21	1,077	5	102	531
Ohio	1,723,958	172,719	2,735	23,003	328	5,024	13,527
United States	42,079,212	4,649,405	283,103	2,232,036	53,281	930,830	555,929

Population Age 65+ by Race, Total

Butler County, OH



Life Expectancy by Census Tract

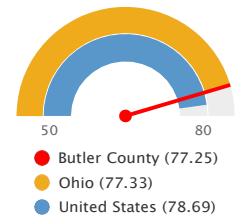
This indicator reports the average life expectancy at birth. Life expectancy measures the average number of years from birth a person can expect to live, according to the current mortality experience (age-specific death rates) of the population. Life expectancy takes into account the number of deaths in a given time period and the average number of people at risk of dying during that period, allowing us to compare data across census tracts with different population sizes.

Within the report area, the average life expectancy at birth is 77.25 of the total population.

Note: Data are suppressed for counties with fewer than 20 deaths in the time frame.

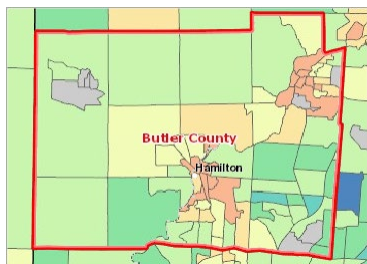
Report Area	Total Population (2010-2015)	Life Expectancy at Birth (2010-15)
Butler County, OH	372,538	77.25
Ohio	11,575,977	77.33
United States	320,098,094	78.69

Life Expectancy at Birth, 2010-2015



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Small-Area Life Expectancy Estimates Project, 2010-15. Source geography: Tract



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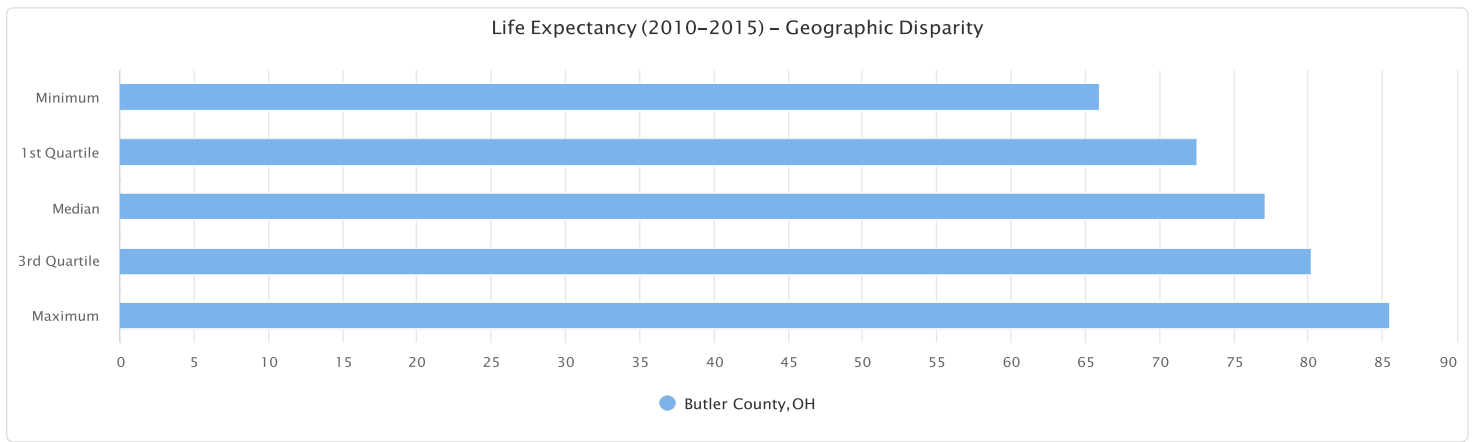
Life Expectancy At Birth, Years by Tract, CDC and NCHS 2010-15



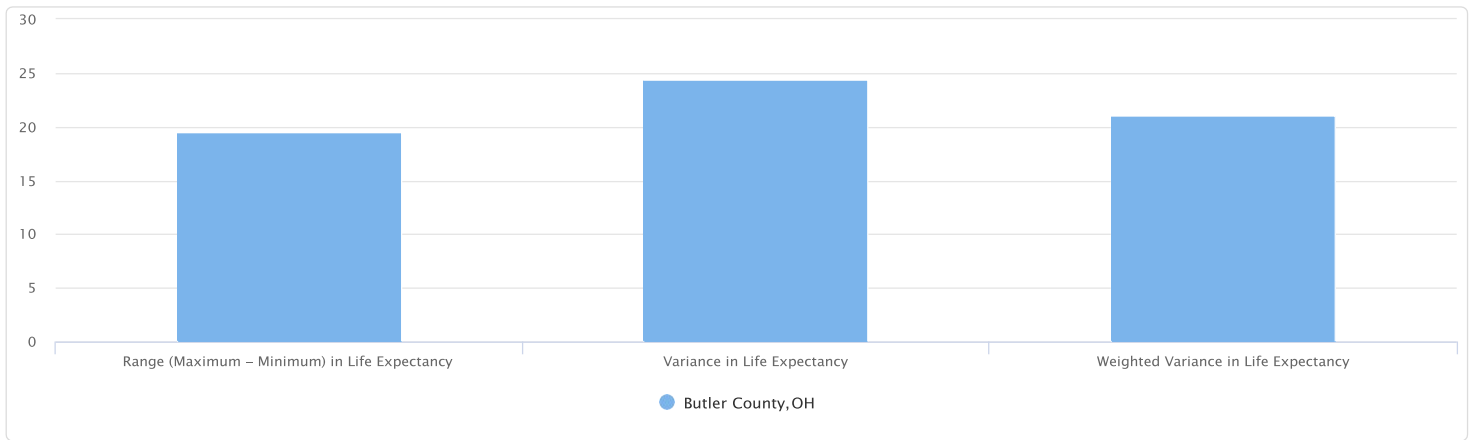
Life Expectancy (2010-2015) - Geographic Disparity

The tables and charts below display summary measures describing the distribution of life expectancy values within the report area, including the range (maximum - minimum) and variance. Variance measures include the standard and weighted variance. Weighted variance takes into consideration the population of the neighborhoods/census tracts in determining the spread or values.

Report Area	Minimum	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	Maximum
Butler County, OH	66.00	72.50	77.10	80.20	85.50



Report Area	Range (Maximum - Minimum) in Life Expectancy	Variance in Life Expectancy	Weighted Variance in Life Expectancy
Butler County, OH	19.5	24.4	21.0

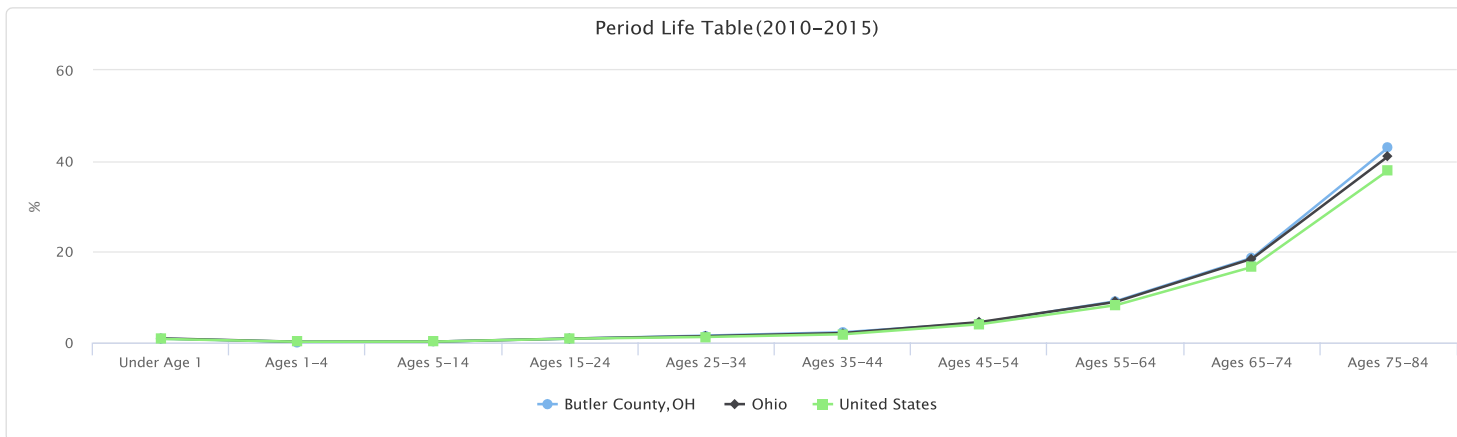


Period Life Table (2010-2015)

This indicator reports the probability of dying between the ages referenced in each category (among the population living to the first age in the reference category). For example, the data in column **Ages 1-4** expresses the probability of dying between one and four years of age. Data values are expressed as a percentage.

Report Area	Under Age 1	Ages 1-4	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-24	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65-74	Ages 75-84
Butler County, OH	0.83%	0.14%	0.19%	0.84%	1.53%	2.25%	4.30%	9.10%	18.68%	43.04%
Ohio	0.90%	0.17%	0.19%	0.87%	1.40%	2.07%	4.50%	8.94%	18.47%	41.09%
United States	0.74%	0.15%	0.17%	0.81%	1.19%	1.77%	4.00%	8.20%	16.63%	37.96%

Period Life Table (2010–2015)



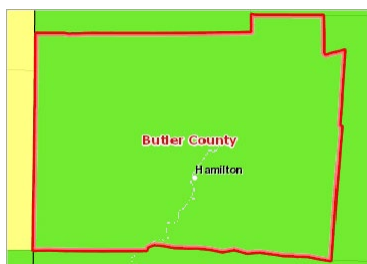
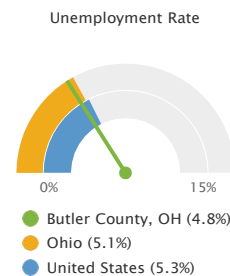
Employment

Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in the table below. Overall, the report area experienced an average 4.8% unemployment rate in August 2021.

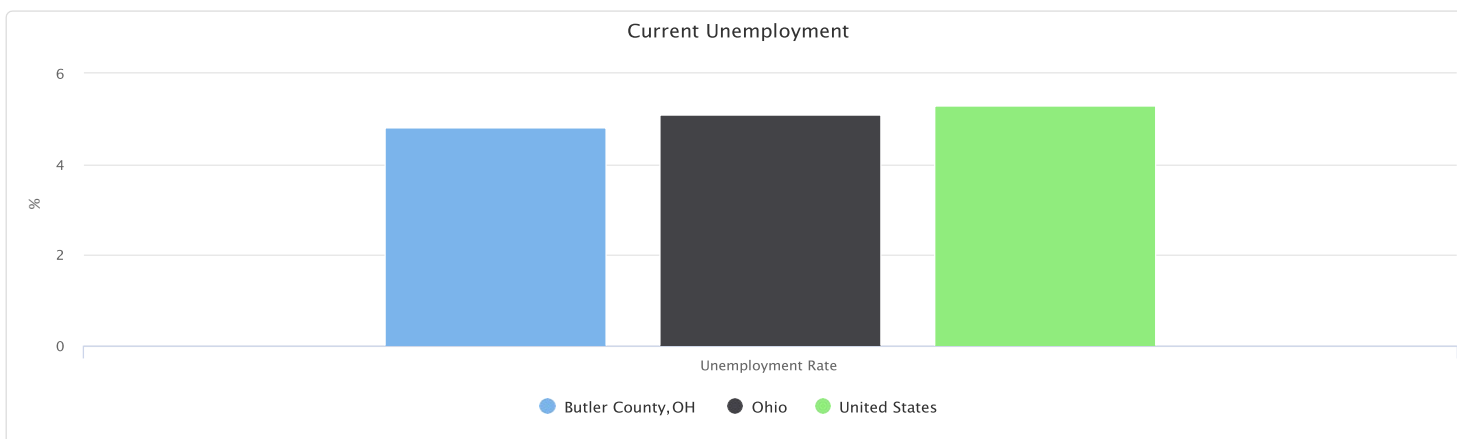
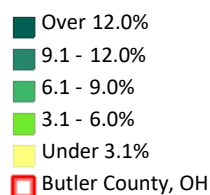
Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Butler County, OH	195,474	186,158	9,316	4.8%
Ohio	5,683,876	5,392,031	291,845	5.1%
United States	162,875,350	154,220,063	8,655,287	5.3%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2021 - August. Source geography: County



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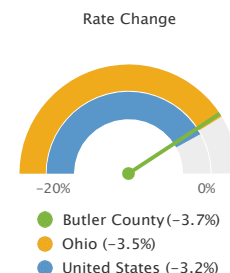
Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2021 - August



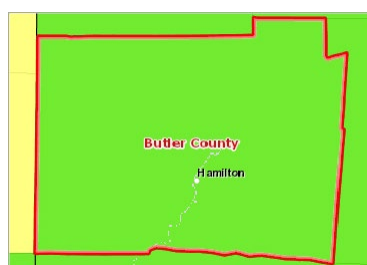
Unemployment Change

Unemployment change within the report area from August 2020 to August 2021 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one year period fell from 8.5% to 4.8%.

Report Area	Unemployment August 2020	Unemployment August 2021	Unemployment Rate August 2020	Unemployment Rate August 2021	Rate Change
Butler County, OH	16,882	9,316	8.5%	4.8%	-3.7%
Ohio	505,548	291,845	8.6%	5.1%	-3.5%
United States	13,810,109	8,655,287	8.5%	5.3%	-3.2%

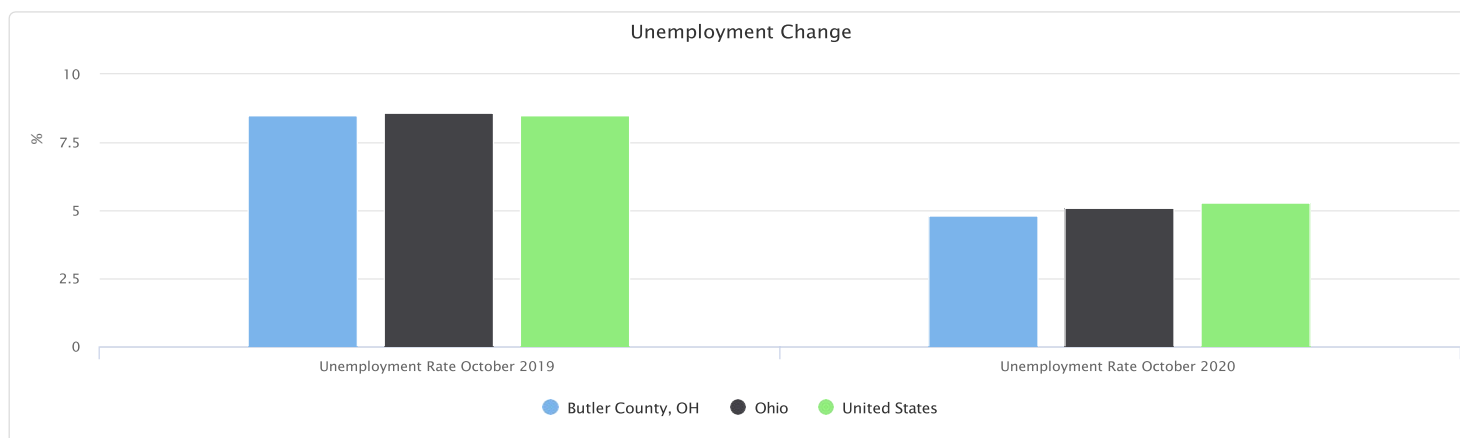
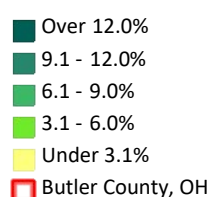


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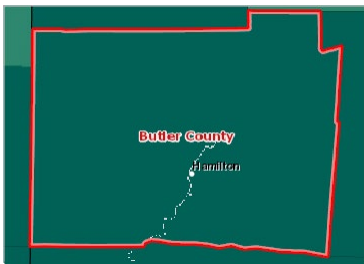


Household Income

Median annual household incomes in the report area for 2019 are shown in the table below. Since this reports a median amount, a "Report Area" value is not able to be calculated.

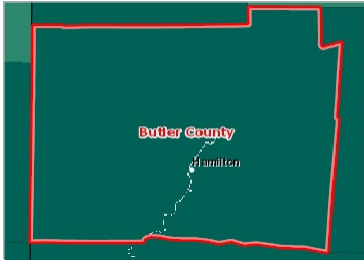
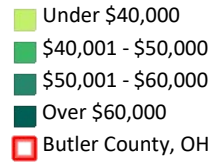
Report Area	Estimated Population	Median Household Income
Butler County, OH	380,019	\$68,611
Ohio	11,655,397	\$58,704
United States	324,697,795	\$65,712

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. 2019. Source geography: County



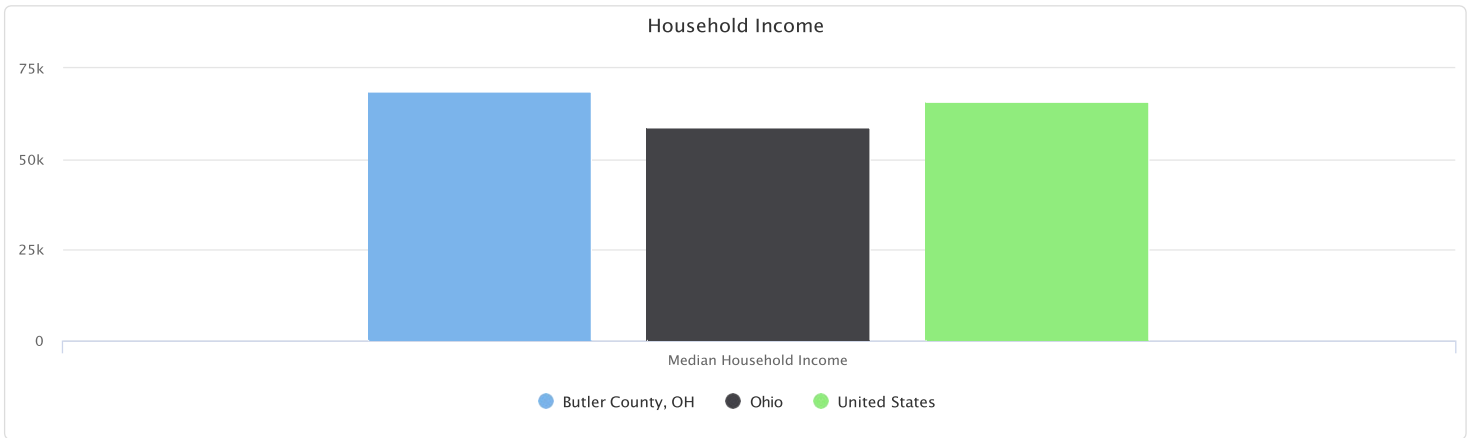
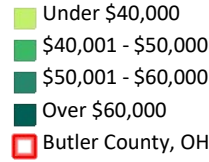
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Median Household Income by County, SAIPE 2019



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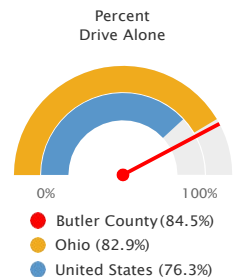
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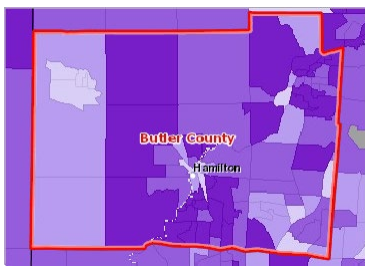
Commuter Travel Patterns

This indicator shows the method of transportation workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 180,451 workers in the report area, 84.5% drove to work alone while 7.1% carpooled. 0.5% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 2.3% walking or riding bicycles, and 0.6% used taxicabs to travel to work.

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Percent Drive Alone	Percent Carpool	Percent Public Transportation	Percent Bicycle or Walk	Percent Taxi or Other	Percent Work at Home
Butler County, OH	180,451	84.5%	7.1%	0.5%	2.3%	0.6%	4.9%
Ohio	5,488,776	82.9%	7.8%	1.6%	2.5%	0.9%	4.2%
United States	152,735,781	76.3%	9.0%	5.0%	3.2%	1.3%	5.2%

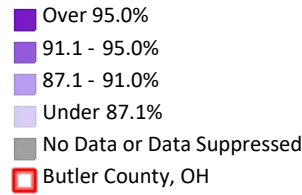


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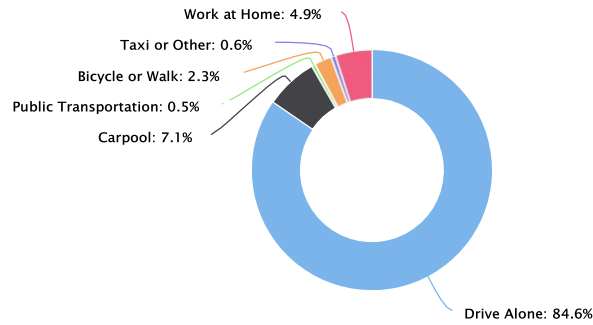
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Workers Traveling to Work by Car, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19



Commuter Travel Patterns

Butler County, OH



Non-Hispanic Commuters

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Butler County, OH	175,242	91.63%	0.54%	3.00%	4.83%
Ohio	5,301,138	90.79%	1.56%	3.37%	4.28%
United States	126,700,126	85.43%	4.66%	4.36%	5.55%

White Non-Hispanic Commuters

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Butler County, OH	130,426	90.94%	0.27%	3.11%	5.68%
Ohio	4,505,593	91.76%	0.75%	3.09%	4.40%
United States	96,127,047	86.74%	3.11%	4.08%	6.08%

Hispanic Commuters

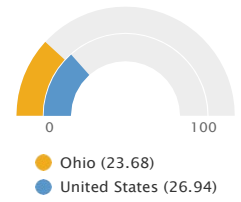
Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
Butler County, OH	5,209	90.94%	0.08%	1.71%	7.28%
Ohio	187,638	89.82%	1.99%	5.45%	2.75%
United States	27,039,253	85.16%	6.46%	5.06%	3.32%

Travel Time to Work

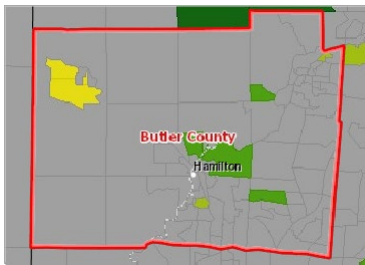
Travel times for workers who travel to work (do not work at home) is shown for the report area. The median commute time, according to the American Community Survey (ACS), for the report area is on average sum(5) minutes compared to the national median commute time of ussum(5) minutes.

Report Area	Workers that Commute Age 16 and Up	Travel Time in Minutes (Percent of Workers) Less than 10	Travel Time in Minutes (Percent of Workers) 10 to 30	Travel Time in Minutes (Percent of Workers) 30 to 60	Travel Time in Minutes (Percent of Workers) More than 60	Average Commute Time (mins)
Butler County, OH	171,604.00	11.38	52.24	31.71	4.67	No data
Ohio	5,256,971.00	14.19	54.59	26.03	5.19	23.68
United States	144,837,205.00	12.25	49.22	29.18	9.35	26.94

Average Commute Time (mins)



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
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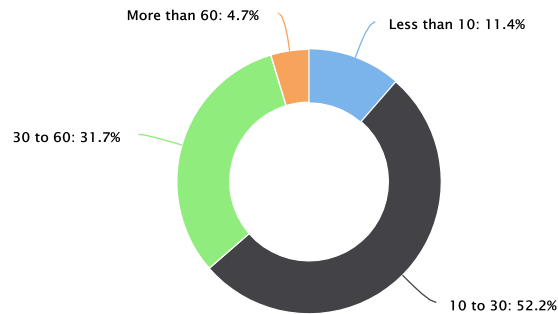


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Average Work Commute Time (Minutes), Average by Tract, ACS 2015-19

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- 25 - 28 Minutes
- 21 - 24 Minutes
- Under 21 Minutes
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- Butler County, OH

Travel Time to Work
Butler County, OH

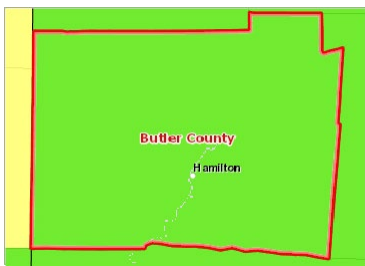


Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Unemployment change within the report area from August 2020 to August 2021 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this thirteen month period grew from 8.5% to 4.8%.

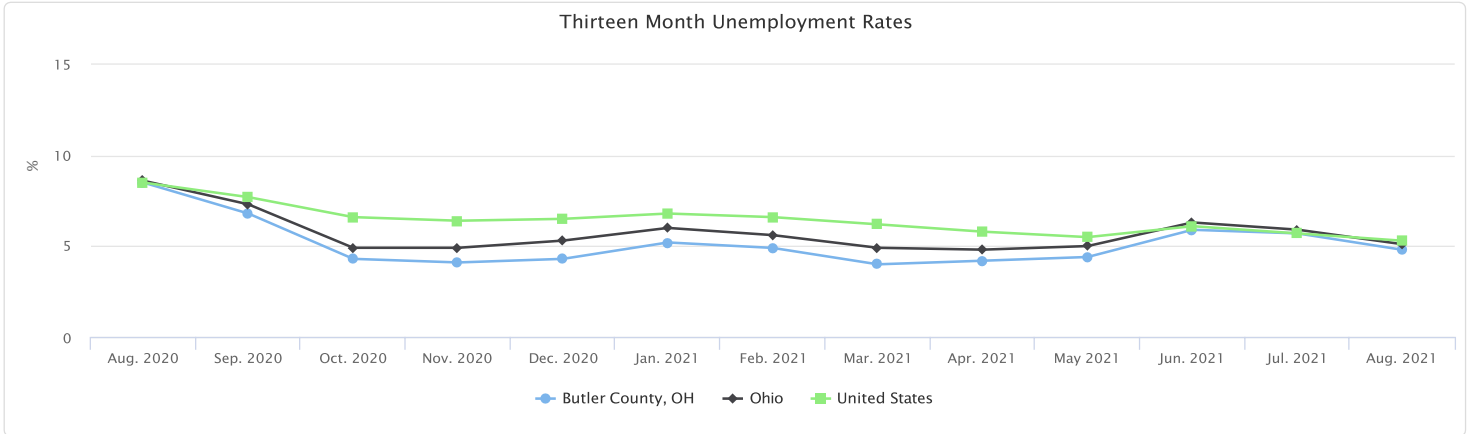
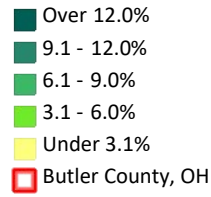
Report Area	Aug. 2020	Sep. 2020	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020	Dec. 2020	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Jun. 2021	Jul. 2021	Aug. 2021
Butler County, OH	8.5%	6.8%	4.3%	4.1%	4.3%	5.2%	4.9%	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%	5.9%	5.7%	4.8%
Ohio	8.6%	7.3%	4.9%	4.9%	5.3%	6.0%	5.6%	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%	6.3%	5.9%	5.1%
United States	8.5%	7.7%	6.6%	6.4%	6.5%	6.8%	6.6%	6.2%	5.8%	5.5%	6.1%	5.7%	5.3%

Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021 - August. Source geography: County



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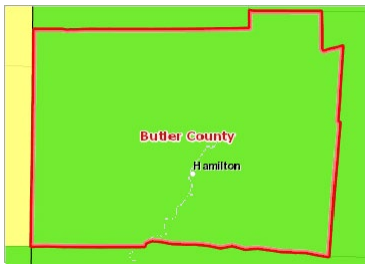


Five Year Unemployment Rate

Unemployment change within the report area from August 2017 to August 2021 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five-year period grew from 4.6% to 4.8%.

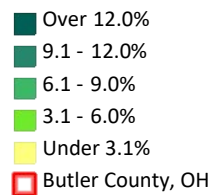
Report Area	August 2017	August 2018	August 2019	August 2020	August 2021
Butler County, OH	4.6%	4.0%	3.9%	8.5%	4.8%
Ohio	4.9%	4.2%	4.1%	8.6%	5.1%
United States	4.6%	4.0%	3.8%	8.5%	5.3%

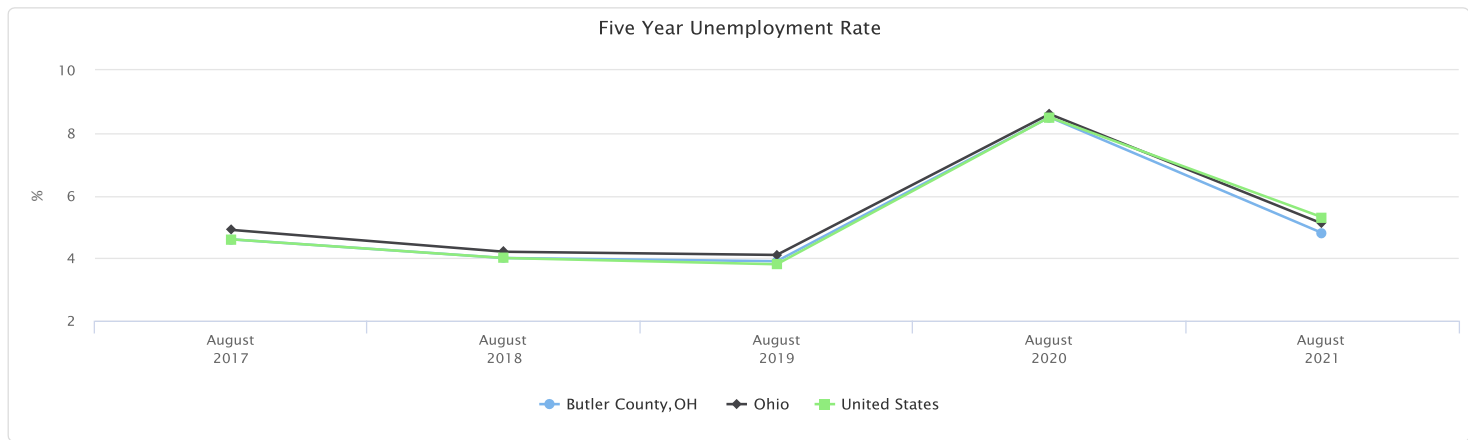
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Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2021 - August





Education

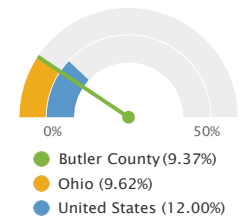
Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment shows the distribution of the highest level of education achieved in the report area, and helps schools and businesses to understand the needs of adults, whether it be workforce training or the ability to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an estimated average for the period from 2014 to 2019.

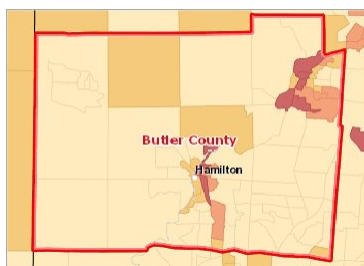
For the selected area, 19.5% have at least a college bachelor's degree, while 32.9% stopped their formal educational attainment after high school.

Report Area	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
Butler County, OH	9.37%	32.9%	19.4%	8.1%	19.5%	10.7%
Ohio	9.62%	33.0%	20.4%	8.7%	17.6%	10.7%
United States	12.00%	27.0%	20.4%	8.5%	19.8%	12.4%

Percent Population with No High School Diploma



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: County



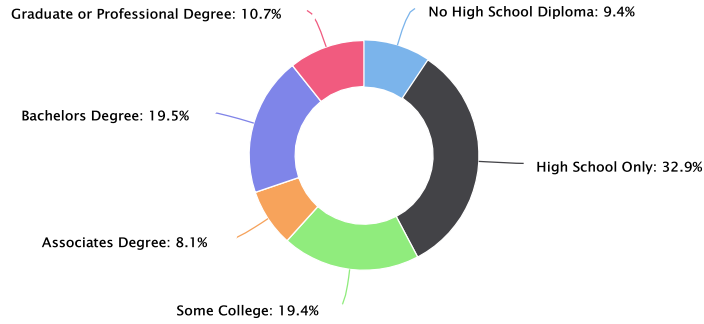
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Population with No High School Diploma (Age 18+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

- Over 21.0%
- 16.1 - 21.0%
- 11.1 - 16.0%
- Under 11.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Butler County, OH

Educational Attainment

Butler County, OH

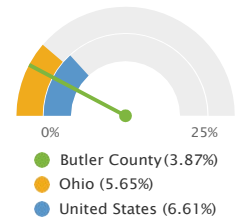


Youth Not Working and Not in School

This indicator reports the percentage of youth age 16-19 who are not currently enrolled in school and who are not employed. The report area has a total population of 24,257 between the ages, of which 938 are not in school and not employed.

Report Area	Population Age 16-19	Population Age 16-19 Not in School and Not Employed	Population Age 16-19 Not in School and Not Employed, Percent
Butler County, OH	24,257	938	3.87%
Ohio	617,257	34,884	5.65%
United States	17,025,696	1,124,551	6.61%

Population Age 16-19 Not in School and Not Employed, Percent



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-2019. Source geography: Tract

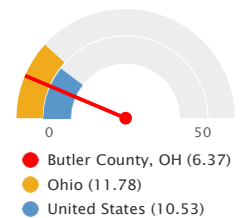
Head Start

Head Start is a program designed to help children from birth to age five who come from families at or below poverty level. The program’s goal is to help children become ready for kindergarten while also providing the needed requirements to thrive, including health care and food support.

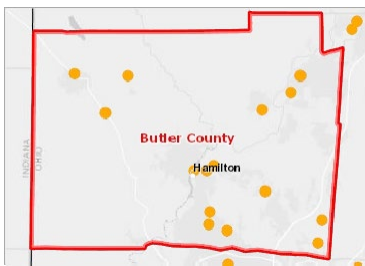
This indicator reports the number and rate of Head Start program facilities per 10,000 children under age 5. Head Start facility data is acquired from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2020 Head Start locator. Population data is from the 2010 US Decennial Census. The report area has a total 16 Head Start programs with a rate of 6.37 per 10,000 children under 5 years old.

Report Area	Children Under Age 5	Total Head Start Programs	Head Start Programs, Rate (Per 10,000 Children)
Butler County, OH	25,136	16	6.37
Ohio	720,856	849	11.78
United States	20,426,118	21,511	10.53

Head Start Programs Rate (Per 10,000 Children Under Age 5)



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, HRSA - Administration for Children and Families, 2019. Source geography: Address



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Head Start Facilities, All Facilities, ACF 2019

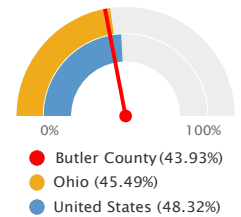
- Head Start Facilities, All Facilities, ACF 2019
- Butler County, OH

Enrollment Age 3-4

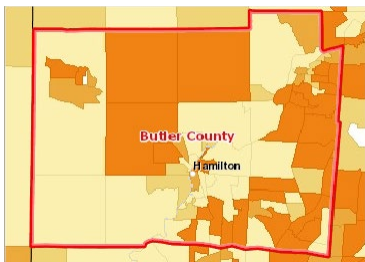
This indicator reports the percentage of the population age 3-4 that is enrolled in school. This indicator helps identify places where pre-school opportunities are either abundant or lacking in the educational system.

Report Area	Population Age 3-4	Population Age 3-4 Enrolled in School	Population Age 3-4 Enrolled in School, Percent
Butler County, OH	9,714	4,267	43.93%
Ohio	284,357	129,366	45.49%
United States	8,151,928	3,938,693	48.32%

Percentage of Population Age 3-4 Enrolled in School



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: Tract



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Enrollment in School, Children (Age 3-4), Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

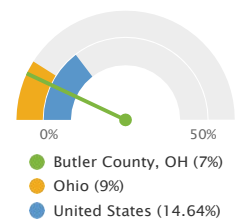
- Over 55.0%
- 45.1 - 55.0%
- 35.1 - 45.0%
- Under 35.1%
- No Population Age 3-4 Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Butler County, OH

Adult Literacy

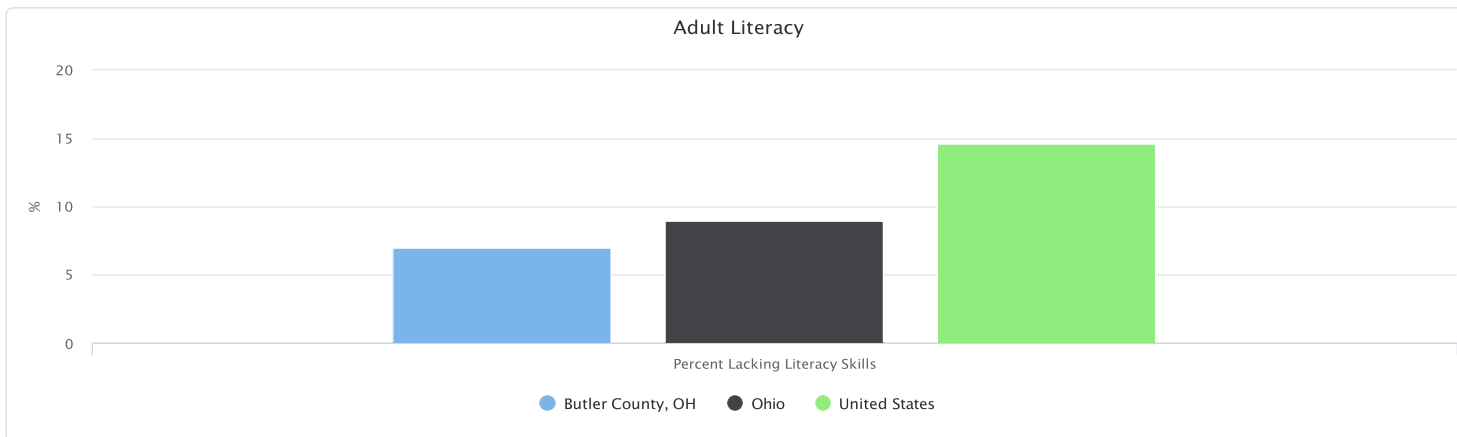
The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) produces estimates for adult literacy based on educational attainment, poverty, and other factors in each county.

Report Area	Estimated Population over 16	Percent Lacking Literacy Skills
Butler County, OH	257,913	7%
Ohio	8,715,916	9%
United States	219,016,209	14.64%

Percentage of Adults Lacking Literacy Skills



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Estimates of Low Literacy, 2003. Source geography: County

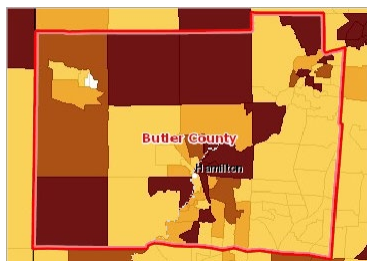


Veterans - Educational Attainment

Veterans Educational Attainment contrasts the distribution of educational attainment levels between military veterans and non-veterans in the region. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an estimated average for the period from 2015 to 2019.

Report Area	Veterans % No Diploma	Veterans % High School Diploma	Veterans % Some College Diploma	Veterans % Bachelors or Higher Diploma	Non-Veterans % No Diploma	Non-Veterans % High School Diploma	Non-Veterans % Some College Diploma	Non-Veterans % Bachelors or Higher Diploma
Butler County, OH	7.41%	34.34%	33.17%	25.09%	9.55%	32.78%	26.96%	30.71%
Ohio	7.31%	36.51%	34.56%	21.62%	9.85%	32.73%	28.52%	28.89%
United States	5.90%	27.97%	37.32%	28.81%	12.58%	26.91%	28.09%	32.42%

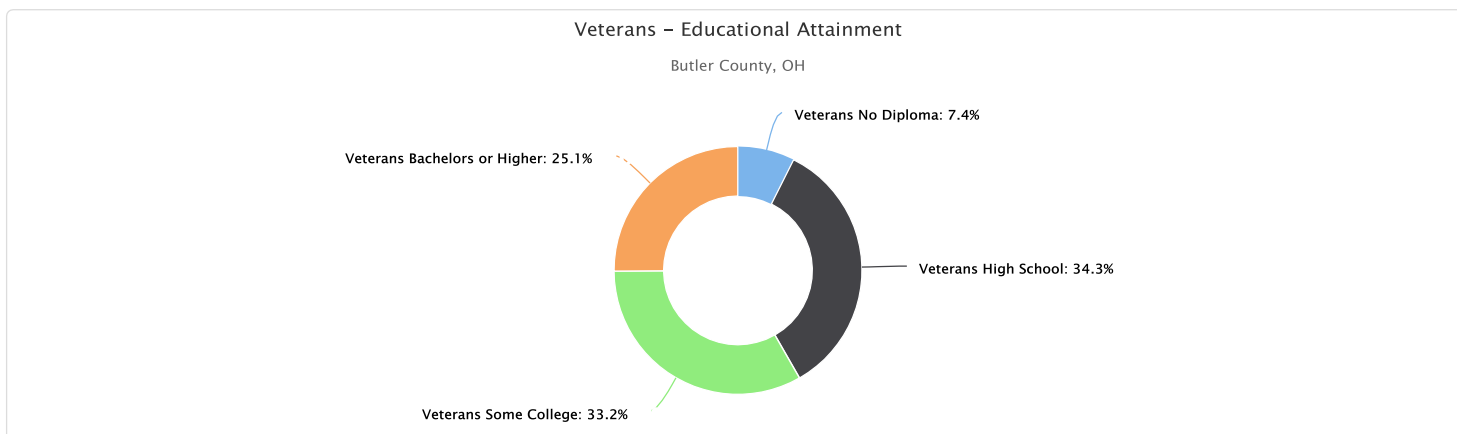
*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: County*



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No High School Diploma, Veterans, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

- Over 14.0%
- 11.1 - 14.0%
- 8.1 - 11.0%
- Under 8.1%
- Of Veterans Age 25+, No Population with No High School Diploma
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Butler County, OH



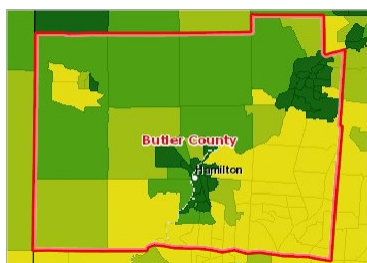
Housing

Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2019 for the report area are shown below. Housing units used in housing age include only those where the year built is known.

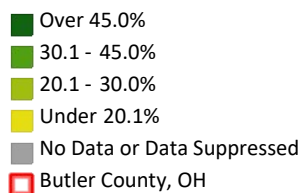
Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (from 2019)
Butler County, OH	151,887	1977	42
Ohio	5,202,304	1968	51
United States	137,428,986	1978	41

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: County



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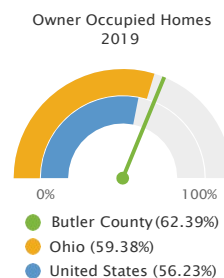
Housing Constructed Before 1960, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19



Homeowners

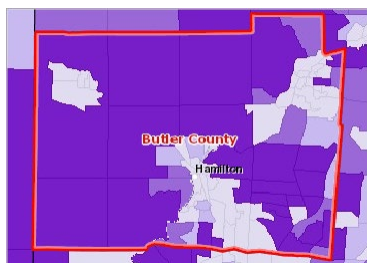
The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 94,762 owner occupied homeowners of the estimated 151,887 housing units in the report area in 2019. This 62.39% is a decrease over the 71.56% owner occupied homes in 2000.

Report Area	Total Housing Units 2000	Owner Occupied Homes 2000	Owner Occupied Homes 2000	Total Housing Units 2019	Owner Occupied Homes 2019	Owner Occupied Homes 2019
Butler County, OH	123,082	88,083	71.56%	151,887	94,762	62.39%
Ohio	4,445,773	3,072,522	69.11%	5,202,304	3,089,046	59.38%
United States	105,480,101	69,815,753	66.19%	137,428,986	77,274,381	56.23%



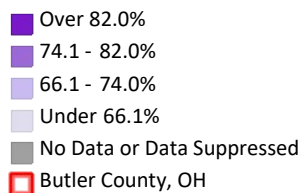
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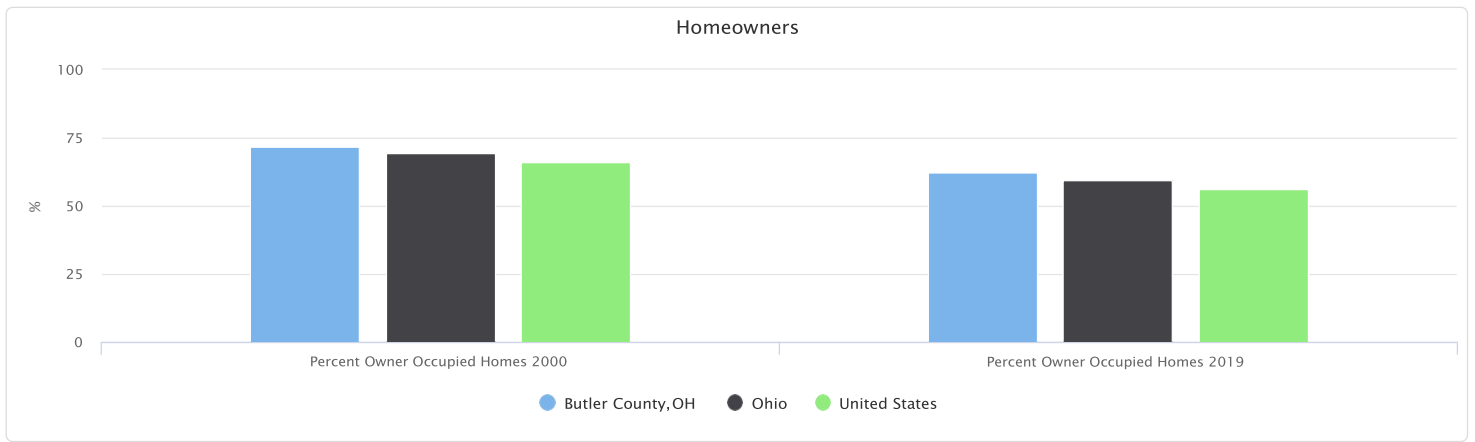
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Owner-Occupied Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19





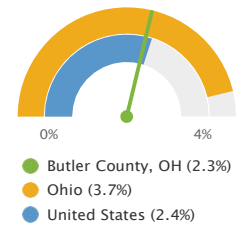
Vacancy Rates

The U.S. Postal Service provided information quarterly to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on addresses identified as vacant in the previous quarter. Residential and business vacancy rates for the report area in the fourth quarter of 2020 are reported.

For this reporting period, a total of 3,754 residential addresses were identified as vacant in the report area, a vacancy rate of 2.3%, and 1,225 business addresses were also reported as vacant, a rate of 9.3%.

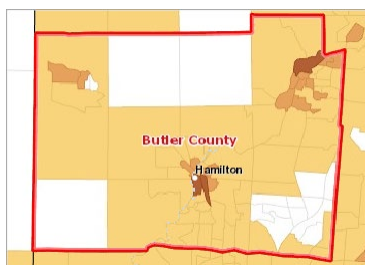
Report Area	Residential Addresses	Vacant Residential Addresses	Residential Vacancy Rate	Business Addresses	Vacant Business Addresses	Business Vacancy Rate
Butler County, OH	164,691	3,754	2.3%	13,146	1,225	9.3%
Ohio	5,602,653	207,570	3.7%	454,592	58,909	13.0%
United States	152,217,762	3,617,537	2.4%	13,968,713	1,246,050	8.9%

Residential Vacancy Rate



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

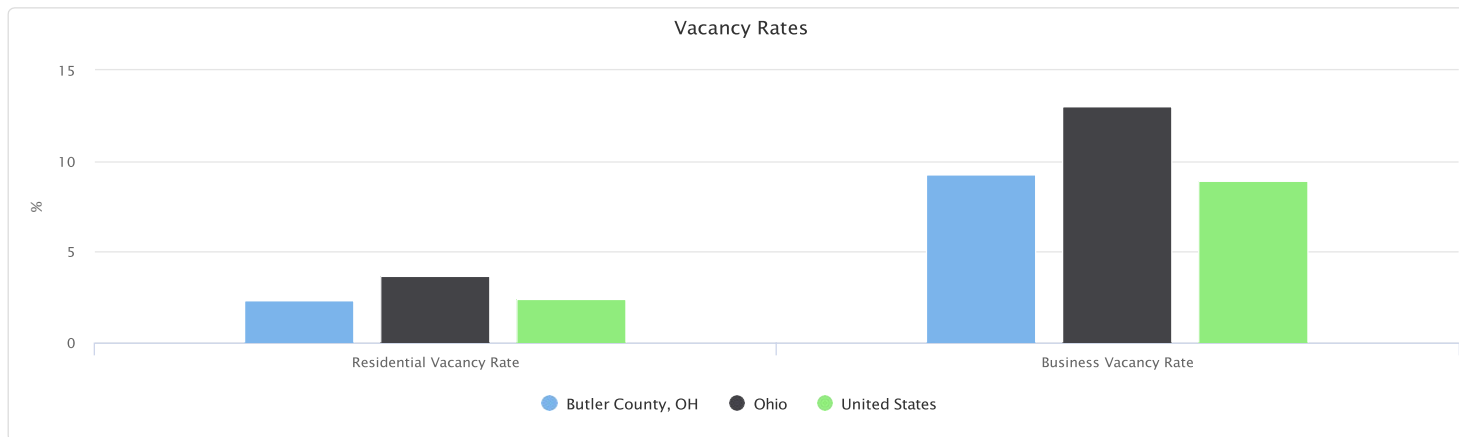
Data Source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development. 2020-Q4. Source geography: County



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Residential Vacancies, Percent by Tract, HUD 2020-Q4

- Over 20.0%
- 10.1 - 20.0%
- 5.1 - 10.0%
- Under 5.1%
- No Residential Vacancies
- No Residential Vacancies or No Data
- Butler County, OH



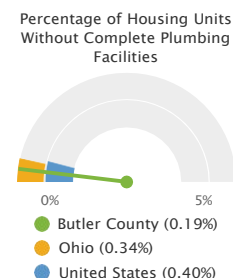
Residential Vacancy Rates by Quarter, 2017 through 2020

Report Area	2017 - Q1	2017 - Q2	2017 - Q3	2017 - Q4	2018 - Q1	2018 - Q2	2018 - Q3	2018 - Q4	2019 - Q1	2019 - Q2	2019 - Q3	2019 - Q4	2020 - Q1	2020 - Q2	2020 - Q3	2020 - Q4
Butler County, OH	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%
Ohio	4.0%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%	3.7%
United States	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.6%	2.4%	2.4%

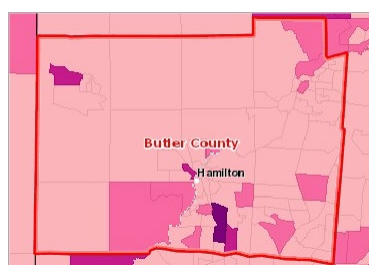
Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown for the report area. U.S. Census data shows 399 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and ACS 5-year estimates show 264 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2019.

Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing 2000	Percent without Plumbing 2000	Occupied Housing Units 2019	Housing Units without Plumbing 2019	Percent without Plumbing 2019
Butler County, OH	123,082	399	0.31%	139,113	264	0.19%
Ohio	4,445,773	19,407	0.41%	4,676,358	16,012	0.34%
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69%	121,948,702	486,413	0.40%



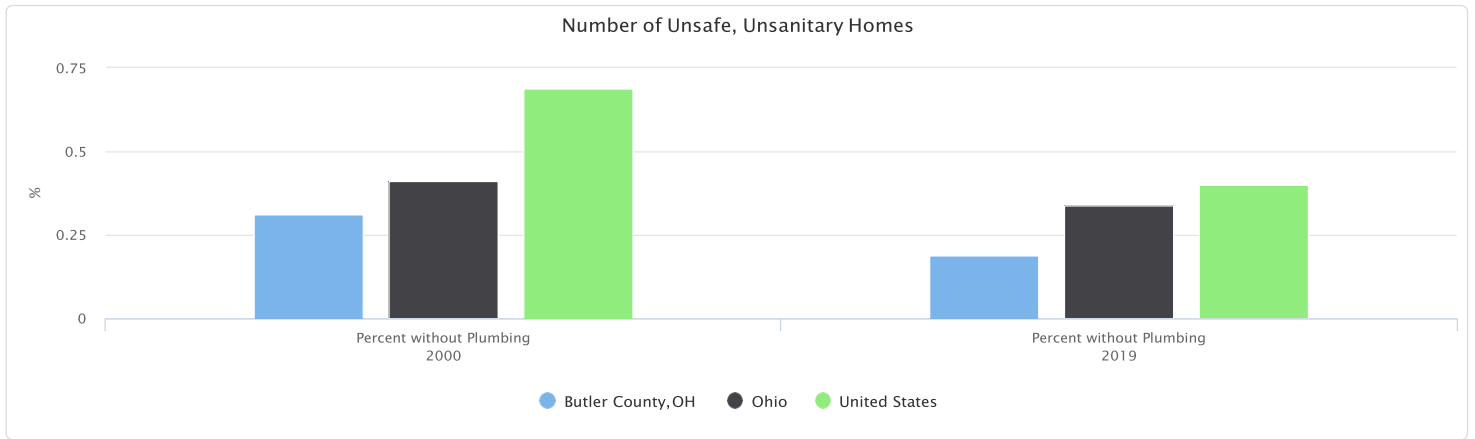
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2015-19. Source geography: County



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Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19

- Over 2.0%
- 1.1 - 2.0%
- 0.1 - 1.0%
- 0.0%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Butler County, OH



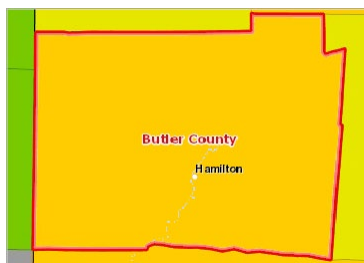
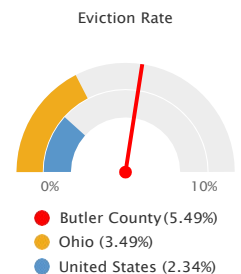
Evictions

This indicator reports information about formal evictions based on court records from 48 states and the District of Columbia, compiled by the Eviction Lab. The number evictions and eviction filings within the report area is shown in below. The “filing rate” is the ratio of the number of evictions filed in an area over the number of renter-occupied homes in that area. An “eviction rate” is the subset of those homes that received an eviction judgment in which renters were ordered to leave. For the year 2016, the Eviction Lab reports that, of 46,358 homes in the report area, there were 4,615 eviction filings, for an eviction filing rate of 9.96%. 2,544 of the eviction filings ended in an eviction, for an eviction rate of 5.49%.

Note: Not all counties have data that has been provided. Indicator data do not include information about "informal evictions", or those that happen outside of the courtroom.

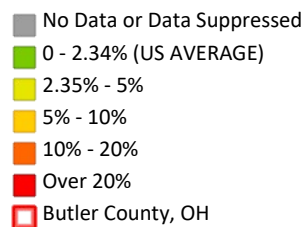
Report Area	Renter Occupied Households	Eviction Filings	Evictions	Eviction Filing Rate	Eviction Rate
Butler County, OH	46,358	4,615	2,544	9.96%	5.49%
Ohio	1,663,340	103,027	57,980	6.19%	3.49%
United States	38,372,860	2,350,042	898,479	6.12%	2.34%

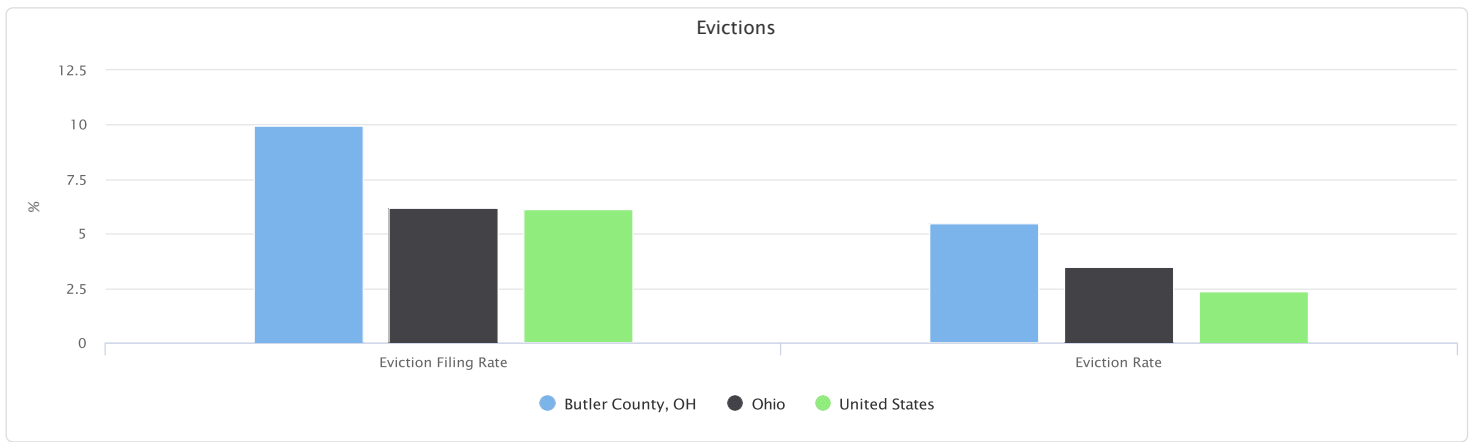
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Eviction Lab, 2016. Source geography: Census Tract



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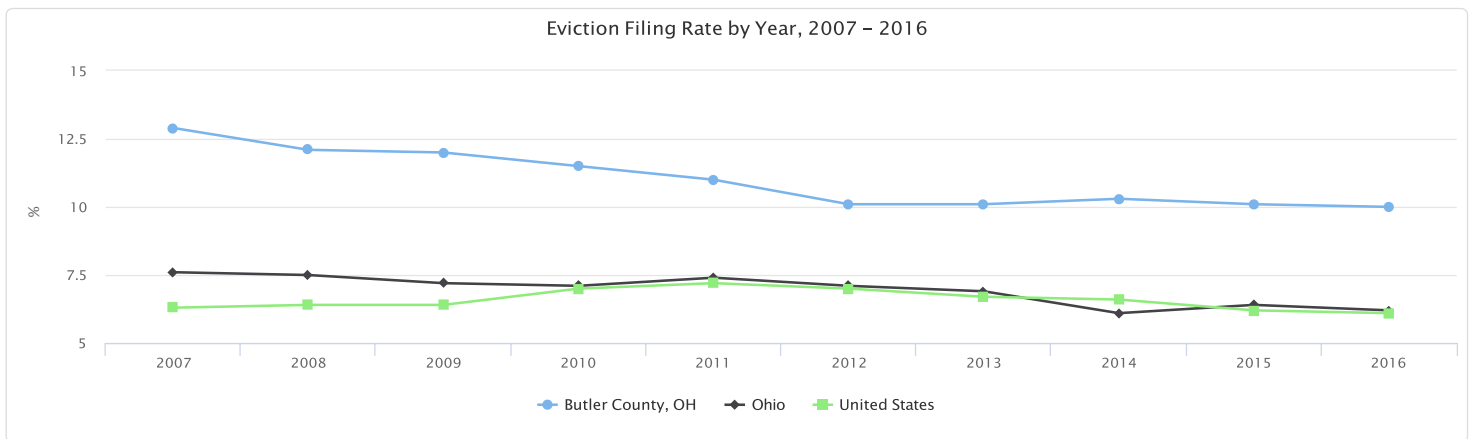
Evictions, Rate per 100 Rental Homes by County, Eviction Lab 2016





Eviction Filing Rate by Year, 2007 - 2016

Report Area	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Butler County, OH	12.9%	12.1%	12.0%	11.5%	11.0%	10.1%	10.1%	10.3%	10.1%	10.0%
Ohio	7.6%	7.5%	7.2%	7.1%	7.4%	7.1%	6.9%	6.1%	6.4%	6.2%
United States	6.3%	6.4%	6.4%	7.0%	7.2%	7.0%	6.7%	6.6%	6.2%	6.1%

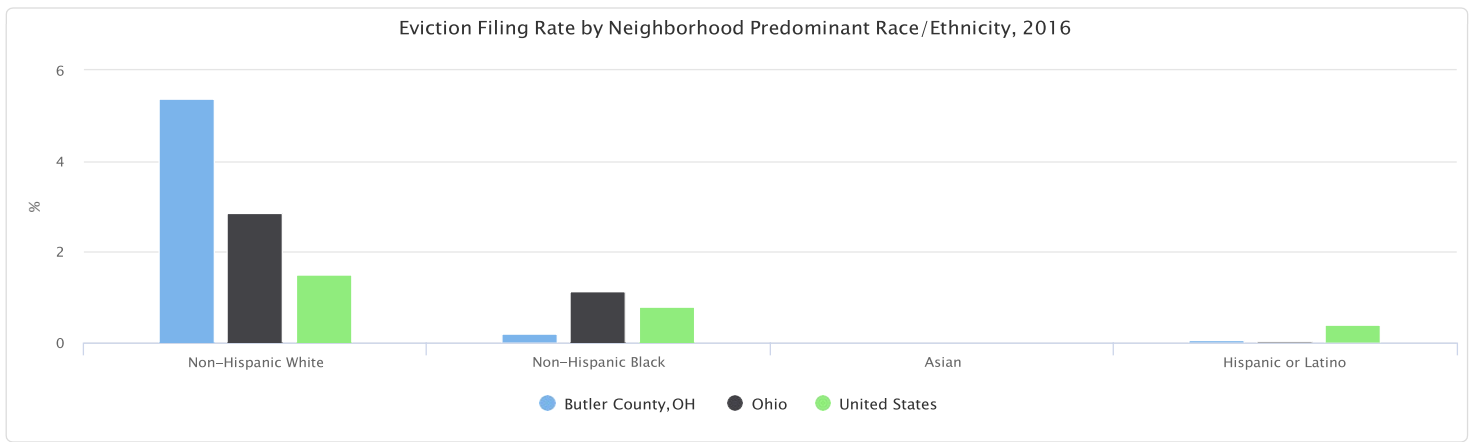


Eviction Filing Rate by Neighborhood Predominant Race/Ethnicity, 2016

Rates by race/ethnicity are calculated by aggregating data on evictions in census block groups with a majority of the population (over 50%) belonging to a specific race/ethnicity. Reported race/ethnicity categories include: Non-Hispanic White; Black or Africa American; Asian, and Hispanic or Latino. In some counties there are no majority Black, Asian, or Hispanic census block groups.

Note: Not all counties or states have data that has been provided.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Asian	Hispanic or Latino
Butler County, OH	5.38%	0.21%	No data	0.06%
Ohio	2.87%	1.12%	0.01%	0.02%
United States	1.50%	0.80%	0.01%	0.39%



Eviction Filings by Neighborhood Predominant Race/Ethnicity, 2016

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Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Asian	Hispanic or Latino
Butler County, OH	2,150	83	No data	22
Ohio	37,415	14,626	67	249
United States	405,649	217,305	1,960	105,380

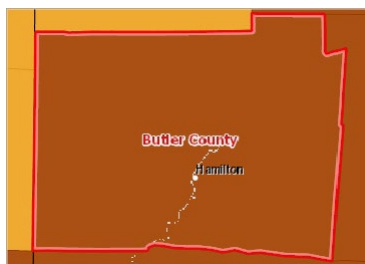
Income

Income Levels

Two common measures of income are Median Household Income and Per Capita Income based on American Community Survey 5 year estimates. Both measures are shown for the report area below.

Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
Butler County, OH	\$66,117	\$31,921
Ohio	\$56,602	\$31,552
United States	\$62,843	\$34,103

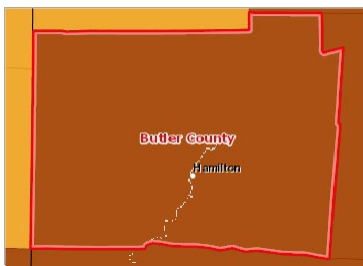
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Per Capita Income by County, ACS 2015-19

- Over \$30,000
- \$25,001 - \$30,000
- \$20,001 - \$25,000
- Under \$20,001
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- Butler County, OH

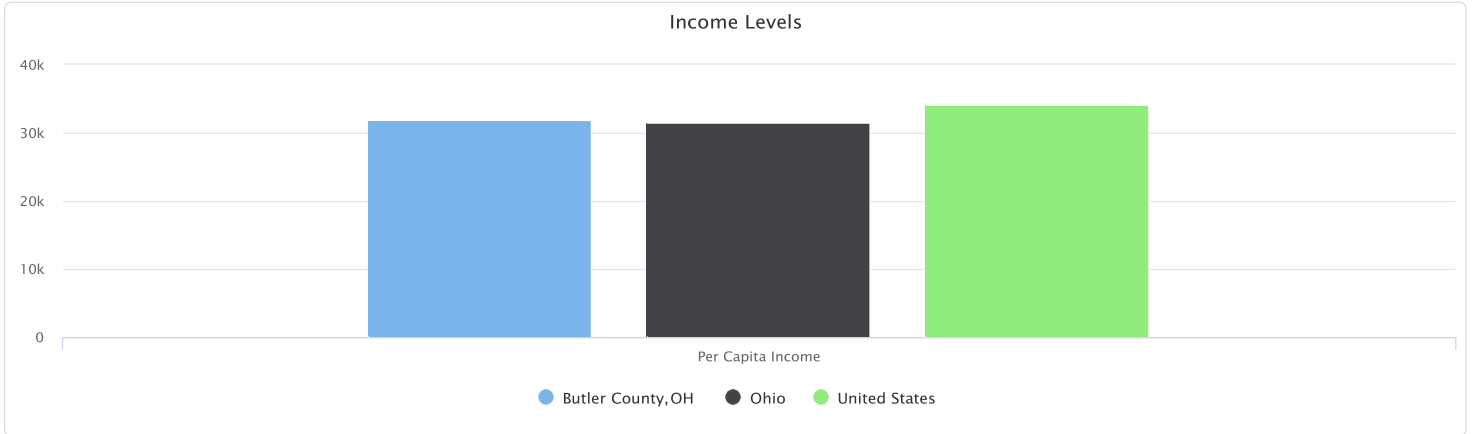
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Household Income

Median annual household incomes in the report area for 2019 are shown in the table below. Since this reports a median amount, a "Report Area" value is not able to be calculated.

Report Area	Estimated Population	Median Household Income
Butler County, OH	380,019	\$68,611
Ohio	11,655,397	\$58,704
United States	324,697,795	\$65,712

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2019. Source geography: County

Jobs and Earnings by Sector

The number of jobs and total wage and salary earnings from employment in the report area are broken down by economic sector in this indicator output. These figures include both private and government employment. The sectors listed represent private employment except for the last table which includes all the earnings from jobs with local, state and federal government. A negative number means that overall business in that sector lost money for the year in the report area.

Notes:

(D) - Not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information, but the estimates for this item are included in the totals

(L) - Less than \$50,000, but the estimates for this item are included in the totals

(no data) - Data not available for this year.

Farm; Nonfarm; Private Nonfarm

Report Area	Farm Jobs	Farm Earnings (\$1,000)	Farm Average	Nonfarm Jobs	Nonfarm Earnings (\$1,000)	Nonfarm Average	Private Nonfarm Jobs	Private Nonfarm Earnings (\$1,000)	Private Nonfarm Average
Butler County, OH	972	\$-8,088	No data	210,005	\$12,744,588	\$60,687	188,026	\$11,234,807	\$59,751
Ohio	86,259	\$901,170	\$10,447	7,056,071	\$417,603,747	\$59,184	6,242,241	\$356,316,320	\$57,081
United States	2,601,000	\$86,741,000	\$33,349	201,208,500	\$12,993,824,000	\$64,579	176,472,500	\$10,936,342,000	\$61,972

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis. 2019. Source geography: County

Forestry, Fishing, and Related Activities; Mining; Utilities

Report Area	Forestry, Fishing, and Related Activities Jobs	Forestry, Fishing, and Related Activities Earnings (\$1,000)	Forestry, Fishing, and Related Activities Average	Mining Jobs	Mining Earnings (\$1,000)	Mining Average	Utilities Jobs	Utilities Earnings (\$1,000)	Utilities Average
Butler County, OH	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	311	\$47,595	\$153,039
Ohio	16,055	\$707,018	\$44,037	23,361	\$1,710,209	\$73,208	19,419	\$3,167,969	\$163,138
United States	984,100	\$37,807,000	\$38,418	1,127,100	\$172,288,000	\$152,860	577,800	\$112,048,000	\$193,922

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Construction; Manufacturing

Report Area	Construction Jobs	Construction Earnings (\$1,000)	Construction Average	Manufacturing Jobs	Manufacturing Earnings (\$1,000)	Manufacturing Average
Butler County, OH	12,325	\$1,016,205	\$82,451	24,608	\$2,647,894	\$107,603
Ohio	358,094	\$24,984,294	\$69,770	730,482	\$59,253,742	\$81,116
United States	11,282,500	\$803,607,000	\$71,226	13,570,100	\$1,186,739,000	\$87,452

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Transportation and Warehousing

Report Area	Wholesale Trade Jobs	Wholesale Trade Earnings (\$1,000)	Wholesale Trade Average	Retail Trade Jobs	Retail Trade Earnings (\$1,000)	Retail Trade Average	Tranportation and Warehousing Jobs	Tranportation and Warehousing Earnings (\$1,000)	Tranportation and Warehousing Average
Butler County, OH	15,588	\$1,305,496	\$83,750	22,798	\$888,088	\$38,955	10,845	\$627,939	\$57,901
Ohio	257,132	\$22,362,352	\$86,968	673,743	\$23,500,370	\$34,880	315,799	\$19,474,492	\$61,667
United States	6,516,600	\$603,372,000	\$92,590	19,084,500	\$732,937,000	\$38,405	9,178,600	\$529,370,000	\$57,674

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Information; Finance and Insurance; Real Estate and Rental and Leasing

Report Area	Information Jobs	Information Earnings (\$1,000)	Information Average	Finance and Insurance Jobs	Finance and Insurance Earnings (\$1,000)	Finance and Insurance Average	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Jobs	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Earnings (\$1,000)	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Average
Butler County, OH	1,494	\$102,371	\$68,521	11,683	\$898,202	\$76,881	7,608	\$173,894	\$22,857
Ohio	86,465	\$7,052,570	\$81,566	363,234	\$25,498,464	\$70,198	291,707	\$6,931,002	\$23,760
United States	3,470,600	\$474,531,000	\$136,729	10,959,600	\$899,452,000	\$82,070	9,818,000	\$333,378,000	\$33,956

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises

Report Area	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Jobs	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Earnings (\$1,000)	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Average	Management of Companies and Enterprises Jobs	Management of Companies and Enterprises Earnings (\$1,000)	Management of Companies and Enterprises Average
Butler County, OH	8,589	\$491,464	\$57,220	1,668	\$258,853	\$155,188
Ohio	411,487	\$31,922,672	\$77,579	151,337	\$19,651,188	\$129,851
United States	14,731,300	\$1,383,843,000	\$93,939	2,786,000	\$357,552,000	\$128,339

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Administrative and Waste Management Services; Educational Services

Report Area	Administrative and Waste Management Services <i>Jobs</i>	Administrative and Waste Management Services <i>Earnings (\$1,000)</i>	Administrative and Waste Management Services <i>Average</i>	Educational Services <i>Jobs</i>	Educational Services <i>Earnings (\$1,000)</i>	Educational Services <i>Average</i>
Butler County, OH	13,842	\$523,444	\$37,816	2,333	\$57,518	\$24,654
Ohio	425,923	\$16,983,841	\$39,875	147,340	\$5,417,734	\$36,770
United States	12,589,500	\$554,717,000	\$44,062	4,804,200	\$220,272,000	\$45,850

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Health Care and Social Assistance; Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation

Report Area	Health Care and Social Assistance <i>Jobs</i>	Health Care and Social Assistance <i>Earnings (\$1,000)</i>	Health Care and Social Assistance <i>Average</i>	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation <i>Jobs</i>	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation <i>Earnings (\$1,000)</i>	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation <i>Average</i>
Butler County, OH	22,019	\$1,228,464	\$55,791	4,367	\$73,480	\$16,826
Ohio	912,213	\$54,642,116	\$59,901	153,122	\$5,331,389	\$34,818
United States	23,091,800	\$1,439,650,000	\$62,345	4,864,400	\$169,699,000	\$34,886

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Accommodation and Food Services; Other Services, Except Public Administration

Report Area	Accommodation and Food Services <i>Jobs</i>	Accommodation and Food Services <i>Earnings (\$1,000)</i>	Accommodation and Food Services <i>Average</i>	Other Services, Except Public Administration <i>Jobs</i>	Other Services, Except Public Administration <i>Earnings (\$1,000)</i>	Other Services, Except Public Administration <i>Average</i>
Butler County, OH	16,784	\$405,237	\$24,144	10,869	\$477,796	\$43,960
Ohio	523,311	\$12,621,676	\$24,119	382,017	\$15,103,222	\$39,535
United States	15,286,900	\$455,918,000	\$29,824	11,748,900	\$469,162,000	\$39,932

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Government and Government Enterprises

Report Area	Government and Government Enterprises Jobs	Government and Government Enterprises Earnings (\$1,000)	Government and Government Enterprises Average
Butler County, OH	21,979	\$1,509,781	\$68,692
Ohio	813,830	\$61,287,427	\$75,307
United States	24,736,000	\$2,057,482,000	\$83,178

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Nutrition

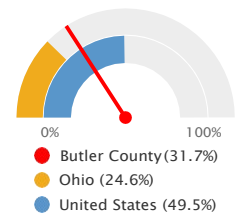
Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Free or reduced price lunches are served to qualifying students in families with income between under 185 percent (reduced price) or under 130% (free lunch) of the US federal poverty threshold as part of the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Out of 58,100 total public school students in the report area, 18,445 were eligible for the free or reduced price lunch program in the latest report year. This represents 31.7% of public school students, which is higher than the state average of 24.6%.

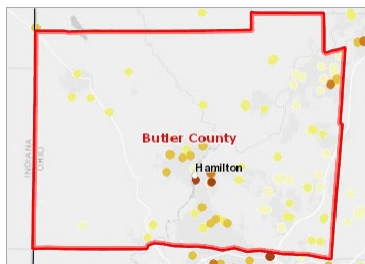
Report Area	Total Students	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch, Percent
Butler County, OH	58,100	18,445	31.7%
Ohio	1,694,341	417,644	24.6%
United States	50,744,629	25,124,175	49.5%

Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price School Lunch



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCEC - Common Core of Data, 2018-19. Source geography: Address



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Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, NCEC CCD 2018-19

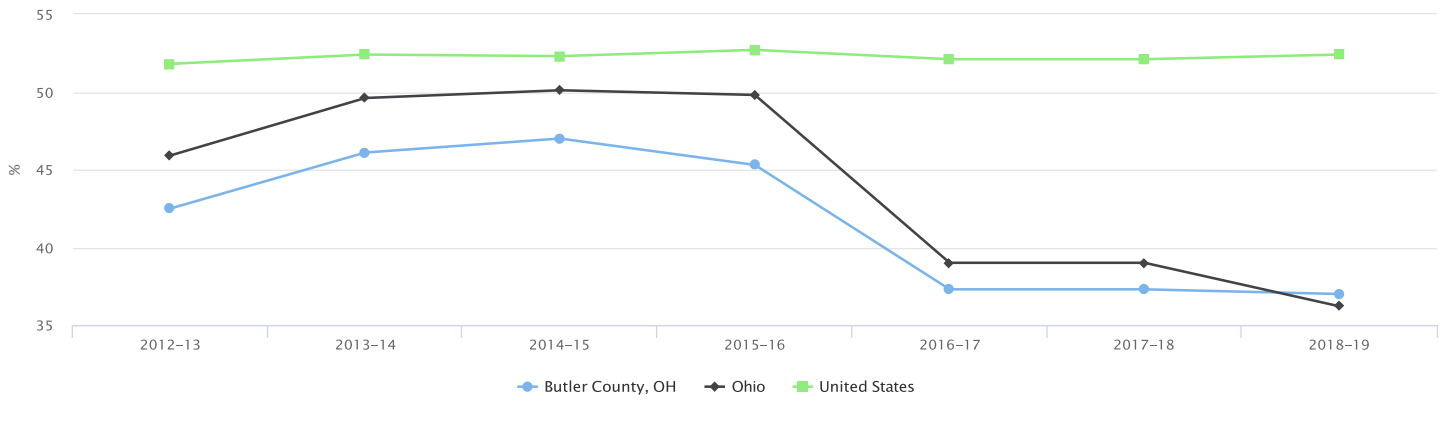
- Over 90.0%
- 75.1% - 90.0%
- 50.1% - 75.0%
- 20.1% - 50.0%
- Under 20.1%
- Not Reported
- Butler County, OH

Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch by School Year, 2012-13 through 2018-19

The table below shows local, state, and national trends in student free and reduced lunch eligibility by percent.

Report Area	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Butler County, OH	42.5%	46.1%	47%	45.3%	37.3%	37.3%	37%
Ohio	45.9%	49.6%	50.1%	49.8%	39%	39%	36.2%
United States	51.8%	52.4%	52.3%	52.7%	52.1%	52.1%	52.4%

Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch by School Year, 2012–13 through 2018–19



Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch by Eligibility

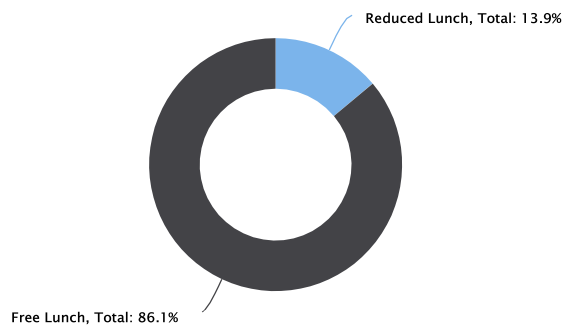
The table below displays the number and percentage of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch by income eligibility category. Percentages in the table below are out of the total student population.

Report Area	Free Lunch, Total	Free Lunch, Percent	Reduced Lunch, Total	Reduced Lunch, Percent
Butler County, OH	15,873	27.3%	2,572	4.4%
Ohio	347,124	20.5%	70,520	4.2%
United States	21,661,831	43.0%	2,568,683	5.1%

The chart below displays the percentage of the students in each eligibility category out of the total number of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch.

Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch by Eligibility

Butler County, OH

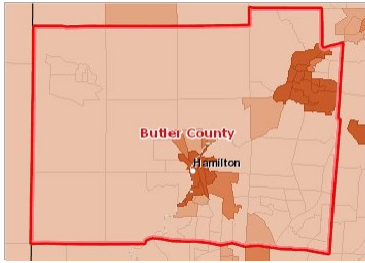


Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

The below table shows that according to the American Community Survey (ACS), 14,015 households (or 10.07%) received SNAP payments during 2019. During this same period there were 9,795 households with income levels below the poverty level that were not receiving SNAP payments.

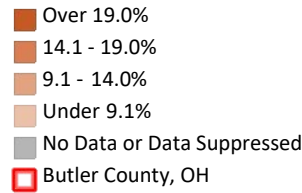
Report Area	Households Receiving SNAP Total	Households Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Total	Households Not Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty
Butler County, OH	14,015	10.07%	7,046	6,969	125,098	89.93%	9,795	115,303
Ohio	612,607	13.10%	325,290	287,317	4,063,751	86.90%	314,309	3,749,442
United States	14,171,567	11.74%	6,707,025	7,464,542	106,584,481	88.26%	8,903,117	97,681,364

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: County



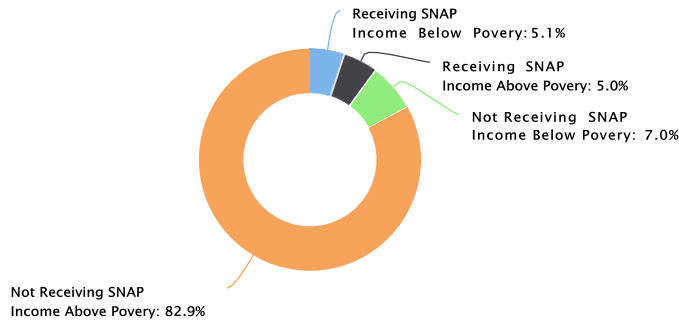
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Households Receiving SNAP Benefits, Percent by Tract, ACS 2015-19



Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

Butler County, OH



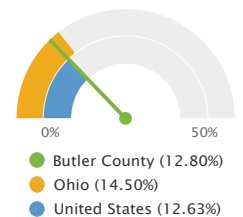
Food Insecurity

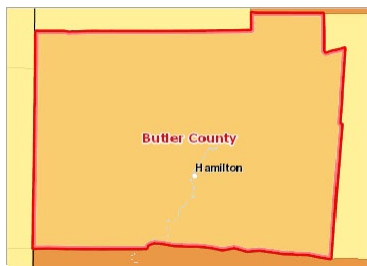
This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the population that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

Report Area	Total Population	Food Insecure Population, Total	Food Insecurity Rate
Butler County, OH	376,172	48,150	12.80%
Ohio	11,668,345	1,691,910	14.50%
United States	325,717,422	41,133,950	12.63%

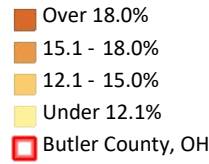
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Feeding America, 2017. Source geography: County

Percentage of Total Population with Food Insecurity





Food Insecure Population, Percent by County, Feeding America 2017



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Food Insecurity - Food Insecure Children

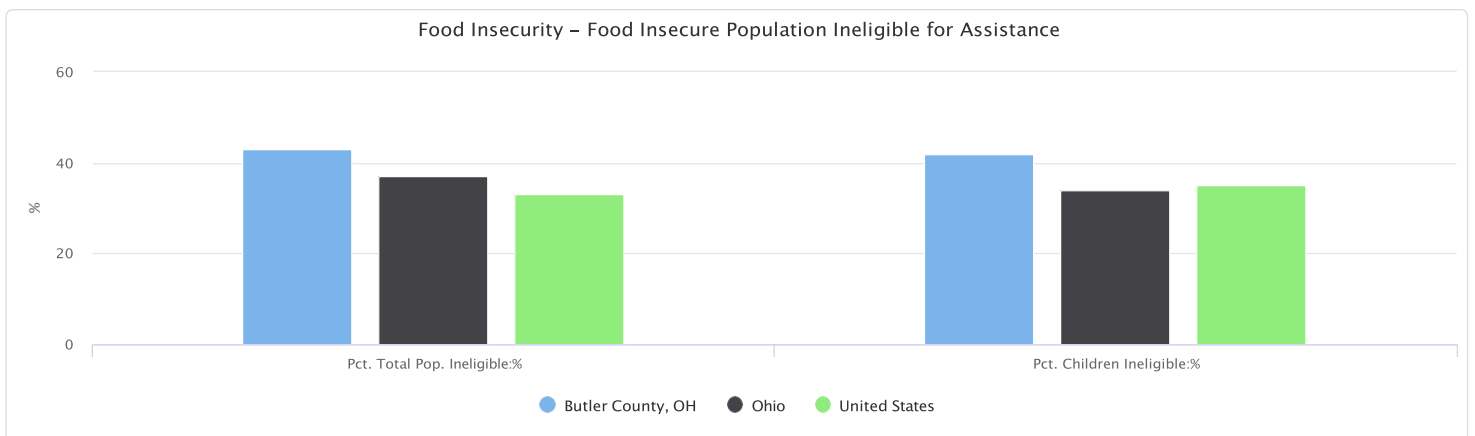
This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the population under age 18 that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

Report Area	Population Under Age 18	Food Insecure Children, Total	Child Food Insecurity Rate
Butler County, OH	90,389	16,270	18.00%
Ohio	119,883	18,462	15.40%
United States	73,641,039	13,411,620	18.21%

Food Insecurity - Food Insecure Population Ineligible for Assistance

This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the total population and the population under age 18 that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year, but are ineligible for State or Federal nutrition assistance. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Assistance eligibility is determined based on household income of the food insecure households relative to the maximum income-to-poverty ratio for assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, school meals, CSFP and TEFAP).

Report Area	Food Insecure Population	Food Insecure Population Ineligible for Assistance, Percent	Food Insecure Children	Food Insecure Children Ineligible for Assistance, Percent
Butler County, OH	48,150	43.00%	16,270	42.00%
Ohio	1,691,910	37.00%	510,030	34.00%
United States	41,133,950	33.00%	13,411,620	35.00%



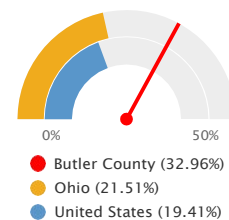
Low Income and Low Food Access

This indicator reports the percentage of the low income population with low food access. Low food access is defined as living more than ½ mile from the nearest supermarket, supercenter, or large grocery store. Data are from the April 2021 [Food Access Research Atlas](#) dataset. This indicator is relevant because it highlights populations and geographies facing food insecurity.

32.96% of the low-income population in the report area have low food access. The total low-income population in the report area with low food access is 34,715.

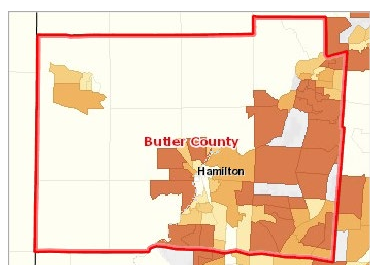
Report Area	Total Population	Low Income Population	Low Income Population with Low Food Access	Percent Low Income Population with Low Food Access
Butler County, OH	368,130	105,326	34,715	32.96%
Ohio	11,536,504	3,683,679	792,535	21.51%
United States	308,745,538	97,055,825	18,834,033	19.41%

Percent Low Income Population with Low Food Access



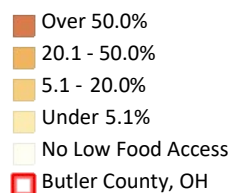
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, [USDA - Food Access Research Atlas](#). 2019. Source geography: Tract



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Population with Limited Food Access, Low Income, Percent by Tract, USDA - FARA 2019

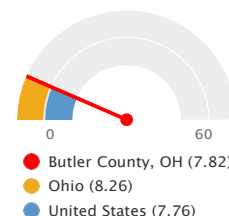


SNAP Authorized Food Stores

This indicator reports the number of SNAP-authorized food stores as a rate per 10,000 population. SNAP-authorized stores include grocery stores as well as supercenters, specialty food stores, and convenience stores that are authorized to accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. The report area contains 288 total SNAP-Authorized Retailers with a rate of 7.82.

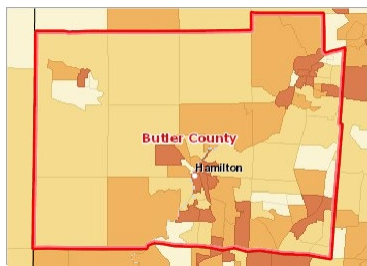
Report Area	Total Population (2010)	Total SNAP-Authorized Retailers	SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate per 10,000 Population
Butler County, OH	368,130	288	7.82
Ohio	11,536,504	9,534	8.26
United States	312,383,875	242,299	7.76

SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate (Per 10,000 Population)



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, [USDA - SNAP Retailer Locator](#). Additional data analysis by [CARES](#). 2019. Source geography: Tract



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SNAP-Authorized Retailers Access, Rate per 10,000 Population by Tract, USDA 2019

- Over 12.0
- 6.1 - 12.0
- Under 6.0
- No SNAP-Authorized Retailers
- No Population or No Data
- Butler County, OH

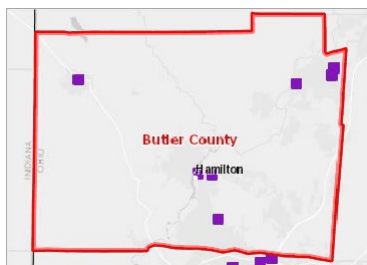
Health Care

Federally Qualified Health Centers

Federally Qualified Health Centers in this selected area.

County	Provider Number	FQHC Name	Address	City	Phone
Butler County	PN: 361910	ERNEST J BEVER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	210 SOUTH SECOND STREET	HAMILTON	(513) 892-1888
Butler County	PN: 361911	BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CONSORTIUM INC	1036 SOUTH VERITY PARKWAY	MIDDLETOWN	(513) 425-8305
Butler County	PN: 361099	PRIMARY HEALTH SOLUTIONS	10 NORTH LOCUST STREET, SUITE A	OXFORD	(513) 454-1111
Butler County	PN: 361100	PRIMARY HEALTH SOLUTIONS	211 DONALD DRIVE, SUITE B	FAIRFIELD	(513) 454-1111
Butler County	PN: 361101	PRIMARY HEALTH SOLUTIONS	250 NORTH FAIR AVENUE	HAMILTON	(513) 454-1111
Butler County	PN: 361123	CENTERPOINT HEALTH	231 N BREIEL BLVD	MIDDLETOWN	(513) 318-1189
Butler County	PN: 361184	PRIMARY HEALTH SOLUTIONS	601 NORTH BREIEL BLVD SUITE B	MIDDLETOWN	(513) 454-1111

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [Provider of Services File](#), September 2020. Source geography: County



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Federally Qualified Health Centers, POS September 2020

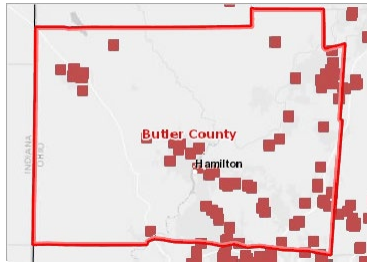
- Federally Qualified Health Centers, POS September 2020
- Butler County, OH

Medicare and Medicaid Providers

Total institutional Medicare and Medicaid providers, including hospitals, nursing facilities, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community mental health centers for the report area are shown. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 76 active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in the report area in the third quarter of 2020.

Report Area	Total Institutional Providers	Hospitals	Nursing Facilities	Federally Qualified Health Centers	Rural Health Clinics	Community Mental Health Centers
Butler County, OH	76	7	25	7	0	0
Ohio	3,646	269	953	387	58	3
United States	75,851	7,160	15,350	9,859	4,661	125

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [Provider of Services File](#). September 2020. Source geography: County



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All Providers of Service, POS September 2020

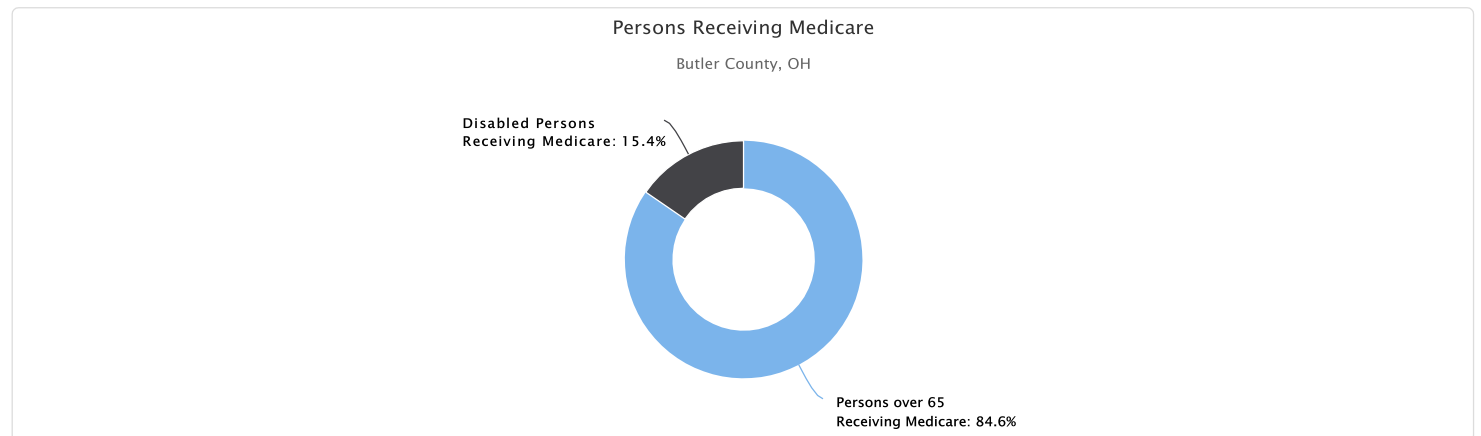
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Persons Receiving Medicare

The total number of persons receiving Medicare is shown, broken down by number over 65 and number of disabled persons receiving Medicare for the report area. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 66,868 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the report area in 2019. A large number of individuals in our society are aware that persons over 65 years of age receive Medicare; however, many of them are unaware that disabled persons also receive Medicare benefits. A total of 10,291 disabled persons in the report area received Medicare benefits in 2019.

Report Area	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
Butler County, OH	56,577	10,291	66,868
Ohio	3,984,405	695,192	4,679,595
United States	52,987,966	8,519,960	61,507,926

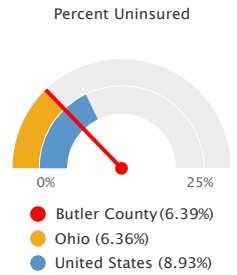
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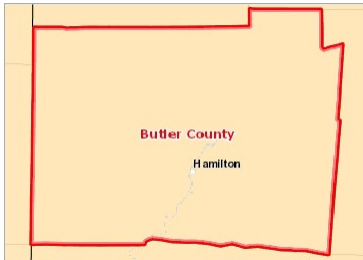
Uninsured Population

The uninsured population of 2019 is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons.

Report Area	Insurance Population (2019 Estimate)	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Butler County, OH	380,019	290,643	24,275	6.39%
Ohio	11,655,397	8,643,948	741,409	6.36%
United States	324,697,795	238,355,740	28,980,723	8.93%

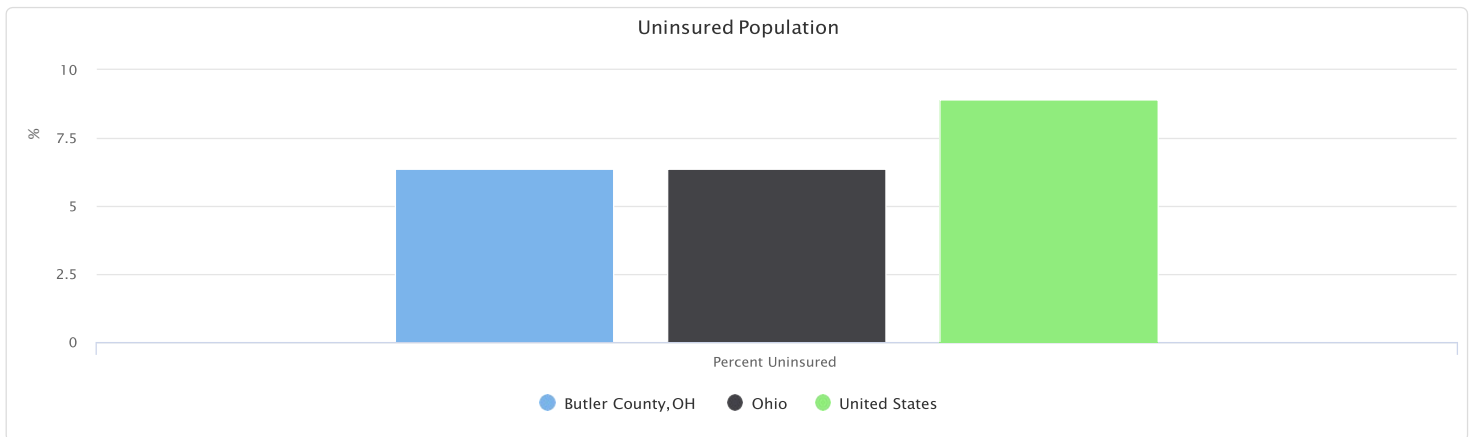
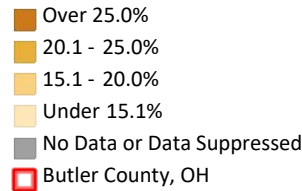


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 Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates. 2019. Source geography: County



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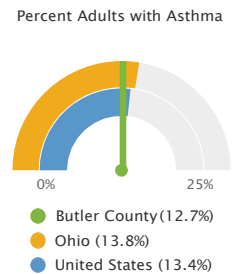
Uninsured Population, Percent by County, SAHIE 2019



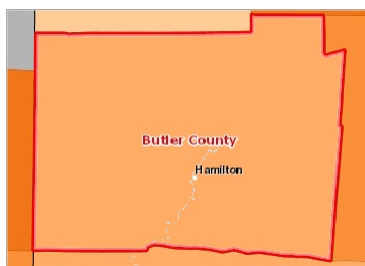
Asthma Prevalence

Within the report area, there were 33,733 adults age 18 and older who self-report that they have ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that they had asthma. This represents 12.7% of the total survey population age 18 and older.

Report Area	Survey Population (Adults Age 18+)	Total Adults with Asthma	Percent Adults with Asthma
Butler County, OH	264,693	33,733	12.7%
Ohio	8,728,806	1,204,472	13.8%
United States	237,197,465	31,697,608	13.4%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
 Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2011-12. Source geography: County



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Asthma (Diagnosed), Percentage of Adults Age 18+ by County, CDC BRFS 2011-12

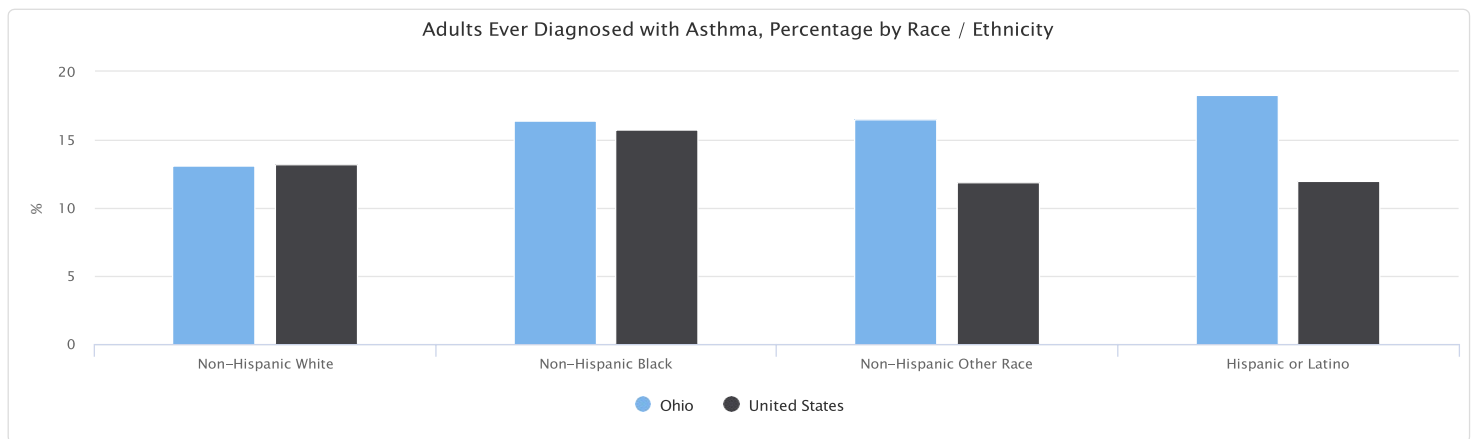
- Over 16.0%
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Adults Ever Diagnosed with Asthma, Percentage by Race / Ethnicity

The table below displays the prevalence of asthma among the adult population by race/ethnicity

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic Other Race	Hispanic or Latino
Ohio	13.1%	16.4%	16.5%	18.3%
United States	13.2%	15.8%	11.9%	12.0%

Note: No county data available. See data source and methodology for more details.



Deaths of Despair

This indicator reports the rate of death due to intentional self-harm (suicide), alcohol-related disease, and drug overdoses per 100,000 population. Figures are reported as rates age-adjusted to year 2000 standard. Rates are re-summarized for report areas from county level data, only where data is available. This indicator is relevant because suicide is an indicator of poor mental health.

Report Area	Total Population	Avg. Annual Deaths, 2011-2017	Mortality Rate, 2001-2007	Mortality Rate, 2011-2017
Butler County, OH	374,359	250	29.2	66.74
Ohio	11,591,507	6,077	29.2	52.4
United States	318,679,623	129,605	28.9	40.67

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics System. Accessed via CDC WONDER. 2011-17. Source geography: County

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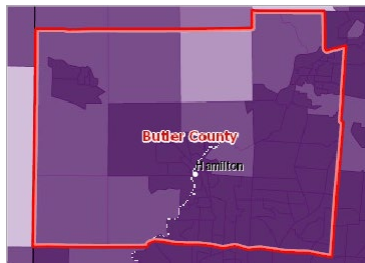
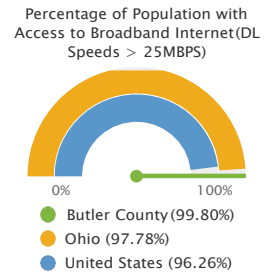
Broadband Access

This indicator reports the percentage of population with access to high-speed internet. Data are based on the reported service area of providers offering download speeds of 25 MBPS or more and upload speeds of 3 MBPS or more. This data represent

both wireline and fixed/terrestrial wireless internet providers. Cellular internet providers are not included.

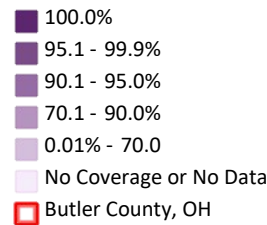
Report Area	Total Population (2019)	Access to DL Speeds > 25MBPS (2020)
Butler County, OH	383,131	99.80%
Ohio	11,688,798	97.78%
United States	331,403,256	96.26%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: [National Broadband Map](#), June 2020. Source geography: Tract



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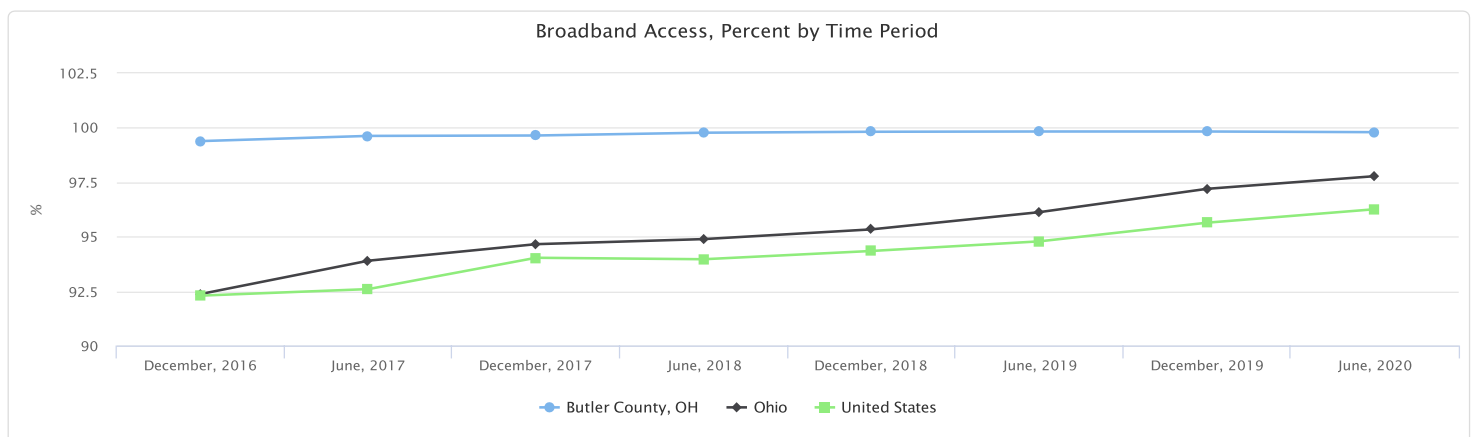
Broadband Access, Pct. Population in a High-Speed Internet Service Area by Tract, FCC June 2020



Broadband Access, Percent by Time Period

The table below displays temporal trends in high-speed internet availability as the percent of the population with access to broadband in the indicated area.

Report Area	December, 2016	June, 2017	December, 2017	June, 2018	December, 2018	June, 2019	December, 2019	June, 2020
Butler County, OH	99.39%	99.63%	99.65%	99.78%	99.82%	99.83%	99.83%	99.80%
Ohio	92.37%	93.90%	94.66%	94.89%	95.34%	96.13%	97.20%	97.78%
United States	92.29%	92.59%	94.03%	93.96%	94.34%	94.78%	95.64%	96.26%



<https://cap.engagementnetwork.org>, 11/3/2021

A national organization called Prosperity Now reports in 2021, 29% of all Ohio households are liquid-asset poor, meaning they lack savings to make ends meet for three months at the poverty level if their income is interrupted. In Butler County, the liquid asset poverty rate, while slightly better, is 25% of the total population.

These numbers underscore that despite improved unemployment rates compared with the middle of the pandemic shutdown, economic recovery is uneven for low-income households.

Community Needs Assessment

SELF's Community Needs Assessment is based upon the previous demographic and other data – the quantitative -- and the following client focus group and surveys – the qualitative. The combination of the two is a more definitive way for SELF to determine its programming foci.

October 2023 Client Survey

A total of 331 clients, who have received assistance or attended a class, responded to a survey request to answer questions about the service they received from SELF and the needs of their household.

When asked what the greatest needs are in their household, the top three answers were: utility payment assistance (25.68%), rent payment assistance (19.94%), and food (10.27%). Having an affordable personal vehicle or personal vehicle repair (7.85%), having housing that is affordable (7.85%), and getting a job/better employment (6.04%) were the next three highest responses.

Collaborative Client Survey – October/November 2021

In September 2021, SELF joined with several other government and nonprofit entities to produce an extensive survey of 44 questions for low-income individuals referred by many different organizations.

The key engaged group that produced the survey included SELF, the Butler County Educational Service Center (BCESC), which operates Head Start and Early Head Start in Butler and Preble Counties, BCESC Success Program and the Family and Children First Council, the public health departments in Middletown, Hamilton and Butler County, the Butler County Department of Job and Family Services, and Miami University.

A total of 586 surveys were completed by low-income individuals. The highlights are listed below (not in priority order):

- When asked why furthering your education is a problem, the top responses were: lack of finances, lack of time, and lack of childcare.
- 8.39% of respondents said they have been unemployed for more than six months.
- When asked if you could improve your employment status what would you focus on, the top three responses were: better pay, no changes needed, and better benefits. That was followed by

flexible working hours.

- When asked about barriers to employment, the top responses following “no barriers” were: lack of childcare/cost of childcare, transportation, and physical health limitations.
- More than 20% of respondents stated that they can’t find affordable, quality housing to meet their family’s needs.
- Nearly 18% of respondents spend more than 30% of their monthly income on rent/mortgage.
- Nearly 21% of respondents said they have moved at least once during the past year.
- When asked about the barriers to owning a home, the top three barriers were: no down payment, low credit score, and not enough education on how to purchase a home.
- About 12% of respondents with housing problems reported a lack of home repair. That was followed by unsafe neighborhoods and landlord neglect.
- For respondents who reported that managing money is a problem, the top reasons were: need help budgeting, too much debt and lack of cash assistance. About 6% reported that they had too many cash advance/payday loans.
- Of respondents answering the question of why transportation is a problem, the top reasons were: cost of buying a car, cost of gasoline, cost of maintaining a car, and lack of a valid license.
- Cost is the number one barrier for accessing health care.
- When asked to select the top three important factors for a healthy community, respondents answered (in descending order): access to health care, clean environment, and affordable housing.

Client Focus Group July 12, 2023

A low-income individual focus group was held at Crawford Woods Park in Hamilton, Ohio on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Three individuals and four staff were present. The group discussed SELF’s new Auto Repair and Money Management programs, their motivations in life, recruiting for programs, and what is needed in the community and how SELF can help with those needs.

When discussing our new programs, both Auto Repair and Money Management were very well received. Clients feel that the Money Management class is a good idea and is needed in the community. The one-on-one sessions offered with Money Management are beneficial as well.

Money is the major motivator the group discussed. They mentioned that a lack of money keeps them from doing anything. They also brought up the potential to earn gift cards by attending classes.

Recruiting and making people aware of all SELF offers was another discussion during this meeting. The group suggested forming more partnerships with different agencies in the area and trying to reach new clients through advertisements and targeted internet advertising.

Other Assessments

The Butler County Educational Service Center Head Start/Early Head Start 2022 Community Assessment summarized its significant findings and those are outlined below. (It should be noted that the BCESC operates Head Start in neighboring Preble County.) SELF was part of the study planning committee. The report was produced by The Doris Bergen Center for Human Development, Learning & Technology at Miami University.

A review of the data overall reflects continuing concerns (e.g., mental health, access to childcare) as well as positive trends occurring within the two (Butler and Preble) counties. The report findings also reflect issues about the Butler County communities that have either improved, maintained, or declined over several years: since the last community needs assessment was conducted for this area.

Below is highlighted key concerns and positive attributes gleaned from the report.

Concerns/Challenges:

- Almost half of students living in Butler County receive free/reduced lunches, despite data projections of improved food insecurity.
- The number of households enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) have increased annually since 2018. o As of December 2021, Butler County has 18,836 households enrolled in the SNAP, serving 41,018 individuals, of which 19,486 are children.
- Butler County has also experienced a decrease in the number of certified/licensed available childcare providers in the past few years. o This shortage may impact parental employment/career opportunities in the future, should the need for affordable and quality childcare rise higher than the fewer resources that are currently available, compared to the past few years.

Positive Attributes:

- The level of Bachelor's degrees or higher was higher in Butler County (31.3%) compared to the state of Ohio (28.9%).
- Data from 2015-2019 compares Butler County to the state of Ohio in different performance categories. Home ownership is slightly higher in Butler County (68.1%) when compared to Ohio (66.1%).
- Butler County has a higher percentage of homes with a computer and internet connection (92.1% and 86.8%), compared to Ohio (89.1% and 82% respectively).
- The median household income was higher in Butler County compared to the state. Butler County had an income of \$66,117, while Ohio had an income of \$56,602.
- Butler County had lower poverty rates (10.1%) compared to Ohio (12.6%).
- Food insecurity in Butler County seems to have improved between the 2019 data and the 2021 projections (e.g., 2019 food insecurity rates were 11.8% in Butler County and; compared to 2021 projections of 5.4% in Butler)
- In Butler County, data from 2018, 2019 and 2020 indicate a decrease in the percentage of children below the age of 18 living in poverty.

Other Assessments

SELF also utilized the Butler County Community Health Assessment (CHA) and its 2017 survey analysis (this is the most recent published report as of October 2023) which had 1,647 respondents. Through an extensive process of planning and building community partnerships, new and existing data on multiple health status indicators were collected and analyzed by the CHA Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee included 43 community representatives from local government, hospital systems, medical and dental clinics, emergency management, law enforcement, education, non-profit organizations, churches, boards of health, governmental and non-governmental agencies targeting vulnerable populations (including children, the elderly, low-income, those with disabilities, those with mental health needs, those with addiction and recovery service needs), and concerned citizens.

Survey respondents were asked to choose among 20 factors the three that were believed to be the most important for a healthy community. The most common choices were low crime/safe neighborhoods as the #1 most important factor, good schools as the second most important, and a good place to raise children as the third. The next highest response choices, among all respondents, were a strong economy, healthy behaviors and lifestyles, meaningful employment, and access to healthcare. Other relevant responses in the survey were:

- 57.3 percent stated that unemployment is “somewhat a problem” up to “a serious problem.”
- 54.4 percent stated that one-parent families are “somewhat a problem” up to “a serious problem.” The survey does not define why respondents think one-parent families are a problem.
- 51.2 percent stated that vacant buildings are “somewhat a problem” up to “a serious problem.”
- 51.6 percent stated that access to transportation is “somewhat a problem” up to “a serious problem.”
- 46.3 percent stated that elderly remaining safely in their own homes is “somewhat a problem” up to “a serious problem.”

The Butler County Community Health Assessment 2023 Community Survey provided many valuable statistics:

- 64.2% of City of Hamilton residents and 53% of City of Middletown residents stated that their financial health is Fair/Poor.
- 40.9% of City of Middletown residents and 35.8% of City of Hamilton residents feel stressed about meeting their basic needs and the needs of the youth in their families.
- 21.6% of City of Hamilton residents and 21.1% of City of Middletown residents say there are not jobs that meet their needs (when considering living wages, benefits, commute, etc).
- 10.9% of City of Hamilton residents and 7.4% of City of Middletown residents cannot apply to the jobs they want (when considering internet access, criminal record, change in public assistance, etc).

When residents were asked what bills they had been unable to pay in the last year, they provided the following responses:

- 19.2% of City of Hamilton residents and 14.8% of City of Middletown residents were unable to pay for utilities.

- 17.3% of City of Hamilton residents and 13.3% of City of Middletown residents were unable to pay rent or mortgages.
- 14.4% of City of Hamilton residents and 13.3% of City of Middletown residents were unable to pay for transportation (vehicle loan payments, vehicle repairs, gas, etc).

Other Assessments

DeAnna Shores, Middletown’s Health Improvement Team Project Coordinator, conducted interviews with more than 100 Middletown residents in November 2022 to discover the issues people in the community are facing. When asked about the things they would like to have access to, residents responded that a place to pay their bills and a sense of community where everyone helps each other are both important issues. When asked what worries them, residents mentioned financial concerns over paying their bills and their minds racing trying to solve problems for themselves and those they love were issues of concern.

Key Informant Interviews

On November 3, 2021, President/CEO of the Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Dan Bates was interviewed, representing the **private sector**. Four key questions were asked of Mr. Bates. Following is a paraphrased summary of that interview.

What do you believe is the greatest need in the Hamilton area? Why?

While it is intangible – the feeling of empowerment -- a feeling that as an individual you really can succeed and achieve your dreams and that Hamilton has everything you need to be successful. Those not part of the movement feel they will be left behind even though the city is moving forward.

What do you believe is the greatest need for low-income families in Hamilton? Why?

Communication and awareness of resources and assistance in connecting to those resources. Still a disconnect between the resources, probably readily available, within nonprofit organizations. There exists a silo between the business community and the larger community support between nonprofits and the broader community. Time to challenge other financial institutions to invest in neighborhoods. What would happen for instance the city of Hamilton working with residents have plan for east end and then the investments. Collective impact. Don’t see that here. So many silos (business, nonprofits, city). What if we all sat down at the table and agreed to make change here.

What is the greatest need for entrepreneurs and small business owners? Why?

Relationships. Key relationships that support their goals and objectives. Critical for entrepreneurs to pull together an advisory team with connections they don’t have. Developing the relationships you need to be successful. No better way than through the chamber of commerce. Entrepreneurs not likely to ask questions because they may be looked down upon. Lack of confidence keeps them from being as successful as they could be. Perception is other – the perception that business people aren’t accessible – not true. Having education, financial resources, having great ideas are all keys to success but never going to maximize that without the relationships. Financial institutions – think “no” is final, but it may be the wrong person you’re talking with. They need to get connected to the right person.

In what ways can SELF better support lower income entrepreneurs?

Goes back to helping them. Fear of success. Graduate from the program. Become a part of the larger business community as soon as possible. New entrepreneurs often have a fear of failure. Gap between early entrepreneur in our client base and how to better connect and streamline them into the mainstream business machine. Teaching networking is beyond critical – move from where they are and where they want to be. How do I learn to develop the relationships with the people who will take me to places we want to go without being predatory? Comfort of bringing them as a group to chamber networking event. Detox after those events – what did you think? What are the challenges? Empowering people, breaking down silos and building the relationships you need to be successful.

On December 2, 2021, Pastor Aaron Simpson of the Freedom House Ministries, Hamilton, was interviewed, representing the **faith-based sector**. Following is a paraphrased summary of that interview.

What do you believe is the greatest need in the Hamilton area? Why?

Cooperation and singleness of vision and purpose. Lots of agencies, churches and government in the same space working in silos. Things get missed. Sense of community identity. Expanding development in Hamilton across the board not just in downtown.

What do you believe is the greatest need for low-income families in Hamilton? Why?

Consistent, patient care and accessibility to those equipped and willing to come along side with them, not hand holding. The longer we can walk with low-income families on that spectrum, the better.

What can SELF do better to serve low-income individuals and families?

Listening and knowing low-income families beyond their obvious issues.

What can SELF do to partner more with the faith community?

Intentionally communicate with faith leaders and ask them what they see. Ask them how we can serve who they are serving. Pastors know people and have a typically close relationship level. Ask them how we can serve them better. Recognize the importance of relationships in what we are seeing. Bring people to the same table. We are serving the same people, why not partner together?

Summary of Needs Assessment

Based on data collected across community needs assessments, SELF is addressing the following big issues affecting Butler County's low-income population: home repairs/housing, unemployment, underemployment, lack of transportation, lack of educational attainment and lack of assets (home ownership, education, business) with which to sustain themselves during times of economic upheaval.

Housing

According to the US Census, the median age of housing stock in Butler County is 44 years. Older housing often indicates a greater need for home repairs and inefficient heating and appliances.

The aging structures strongly correlate with the urban areas of the county where homeowners (and landlords) struggle to maintain properties. The City of Middletown's Community Revitalization Department finds that the city has 490 properties with 1,942 serious property code violations. These violations encompass minor maintenance tasks such as repairs to steps, sidewalks, driveways, fences, and/or exterior painting. Many of the homes face Code 3 violations, requiring more extensive repairs such as replacing windows, doors, roofs, porches or even rebuilding sections of home foundations.

While the City of Hamilton's Health Department does not track property code violations, it has been estimated that nearly 1,500 homes in Hamilton have building code violations.

In Ohio, twice as many low-income Ohio households had fallen behind on rent payments in January 2021 as had in April 2020. In Butler County, 45.4% of all renters were cost burdened in 2021, according to the *2023 State of Poverty in Ohio Report*, issued by the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies.

The US Census reports that Butler County, Ohio has an eviction rate per 1,000 renter households of 10.4%, more than the state average of about 6.2%.

Unemployment/Underemployment/Self-employment

The unemployment rate in Butler County in August 2023 (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.5% (Ohio Department of Job & Family Services). However, these rates do not consider those individuals who have exhausted their unemployment benefits, individuals who want to re-enter the workforce, or individuals who have given up looking for employment and certainly do not account for the type of employment (lower wage service sector) obtained.

Underemployment is an equally significant problem evidenced by the majority of the families served by SELF that are the "working poor," eligible for services despite having only earned income (not receiving cash assistance/welfare).

The 2023 Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies Self-sufficiency calculator states that an hourly wage of \$30.66 is needed for an adult and two kids to be self-sufficient, significantly more than most employers offer at the starting level.

Self-employment is another viable option for the county's low-income workforce. According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses accounted for 66% of net new job creation from 1996 to 2021. According to the Census Bureau 2018 County Business Patterns Survey, a majority of all U.S. businesses—54%—employ fewer than five employees. About 33% of small businesses are started with less than \$5,000.

A May 2017 report (most recent available) from the Aspen Institute found that 35% of microenterprise and small business survey respondents reported higher household income in 2015 than at the time they entered the micro or small business program. Median household income increased by 28 percent and average (mean) household income increased by 22%. Forty-seven percent of 828 business owners balanced operating their business with working at another job in 2015. Among the 380 business owners

that reported the frequency they worked at another job, 54% worked full time.

Lack of Transportation

Despite the county having a public transportation system, the location of routes, times of service and connectivity with neighboring transit systems is limited.

Transportation is a difficult need to meet. SELF offers limited transportation to clients enrolled in some of its programs and participates as an active member of the board of directors of the Transit Alliance of Butler County which continues to build a broader solution to this widespread problem. SELF offers employment transportation to clients during those times and to those locations when the public transportation system is unavailable.

2023 State of Poverty Report:

“Lower-income families are less able to afford the costs of owning and maintaining one or more vehicles, and factors such as urban sprawl and lack of affordable housing can push those families into areas far removed from employment opportunities and economic centers. Given that a quarter of Ohioans work outside their county of residence, a significant number of low-income families may be far removed from work centers.”

“For low-income families, buying and maintaining a personal vehicle can be a challenge. Average used-car prices in Ohio are the third highest in the entire nation.”

“The lowest tenth of households (in terms of income) on average own one vehicle, versus 1.8 per household in the middle tenth and 2.8 per household in the highest tenth. As such, when a problem occurs with a vehicle, it affects families in poverty more than those in good financial standing.”

“Recent data shows that the average repair time on a vehicle is 12 days, two days longer than the repair time in 2020. That means that a low-income family might lose their only means of transportation for nearly two weeks, keeping them from getting to their job, childcare provider, or grocery store for an extended period of time.”

Lack of Educational Attainment and Stable Assets

Three major causes of or correlations to household economic instability are: a failure to build assets through a sustained savings program; inadequate means of generating income because of a lack of marketable skills or an inability to establish viable self-employment; and a lack of equity-generating homeownership. Both nationally and locally, there is a great need for programs that address these problems and help citizens become more economically self-sufficient.

The 2023 State of Poverty in Ohio report, issued by the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies, clearly demonstrates the link between educational attainment and poverty. Statewide, people are more likely to live in poverty if they have not finished high school. The likelihood that they will live in poverty declines as they receive additional education; those having a bachelor’s degree have the lowest level of poverty.

The American Community Survey found that 8.5% of the total Butler County population over the age of 25 does not have a minimum of a high school diploma.

How SELF Meets the Needs of Butler County's Low-Income Residents

Based on continuing needs identified by clients, Census data and other assessments, SELF works with residents who are unemployed, underemployed, interested in additional education, building assets and/or maintaining their greatest asset, their home. To meet those needs, SELF will continue to offer the following programs/services:

Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance (and other related emergency assistance) is provided to income eligible households through various funding sources, primarily for those who have been impacted through COVID-19.

Build-Up Academy teaches young adults construction skills and connects them to apprenticeships, jobs and advanced training programs. Employment training and hands-on work are included. An industry recognized credential is awarded to graduates.

Utilizing best practices, JOBS NOW! is a highly individualized program designed to provide residents with the skills and support they need to meet goals they choose. Typical goals include finding a job, finding a better job, finishing a degree or completing a certification program.

"Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World" focuses on mental models that participants in poverty develop that lead to their success through an individualized Plan for Prosperity. Getting Ahead is based on the Bridges Out of Poverty work of Dr. Ruby Payne. Most of the participants in the JOBS NOW! and Getting Ahead programs are single women with related children.

Through its Individual Development Account program, SELF helps clients learn how to save and plan for their futures. The IDA program provides matched savings which are released when goals are reached, and financial literacy and other instruction are complete. IDA clients can save for a first home purchase, post-secondary education, or business startup.

The Butler County Microenterprise and Microloan Program, a partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services of Hamilton, provides intensive training in starting a business to begin a life of self-employment. Clients complete their coursework with a rigorously crafted business plan and budget which they are ready to present to a loan committee.

SELF helps low-income residents with transportation on a limited basis. Active program participants are eligible for emergency or temporary job or job training transportation. Additionally, SELF is an active part of the Transit Alliance of Butler County which addresses the widespread and difficult problem of transportation especially for low-to-moderate income families. In addition, car repairs help residents who need their vehicle for employment purposes.

As part of SELF's Neighbors Who Care: Home Repair Program, home repairs are provided for owner-

occupied homeowners who lack the financial and physical means to complete the repairs themselves. SELF's approach is to organize local and national volunteer groups, under proper supervision, to complete/perform the repairs.

Throughout its history, SELF has helped thousands of low-income residents lift themselves out of poverty. SELF is committed to providing quality, best practice programming for its community, working in collaboration with other agencies, local governments and private volunteers. This work will re-affirm SELF's mission "to enhance the quality of life for county residents by impacting the causes of poverty and empowering individuals to achieve, sustain and advocate self-sufficiency."

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