

## **Executive Summary: Analysis of Food and Nutrition Assistance Use in Ohio**

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### Overview

- Nearly 1 in 10 Ohioans receive food stamps.
- Of the more than 1 million Ohio recipients of food stamps, half are children.
- From 1970-2006, Ohio's population increased 8% while the percentage of Ohioans living in poverty increased by 43%.

### Report Findings

- The number of Ohio recipients of food assistance (both public and private) increased by over seven percent statewide in 2008.
- The number of Ohio recipients of food assistance (both public and private) increased by nearly one percent in the last month alone.
- For many metropolitan areas, this figure was higher, including 8-9 percent increases in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo and an over 11 percent increase in Van Wert.

### Increase in Food Assistance Recipients by Metropolitan Area

<b>Metro Area</b>	<b>% Increase Over Last Month</b>	<b>% Increase Over Last Year</b>
Cincinnati	1.56	8.49
Cleveland	0.41	6.08
Columbus	1.16	9.35
Dayton	0.42	9.21
Lima	-0.76	3.70
Southeastern OH	-0.16	3.43
Steubenville	0.54	3.84
Toledo	0.43	8.86
Van Wert	3.06	11.89
Washington County	0.48	-0.58
Youngstown	0.54	6.52
Zanesville	1.48	4.05

Counties by Metropolitan Area	Food and Nutrition Assistance					
	April '07 Total	May '07 Total	April '08 Total	May '08 Total	Percent Change April -May 08	Percent Change May '07-'08
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>128,177</b>	<b>129,932</b>	<b>138,797</b>	<b>140,961</b>	<b>1.56%</b>	<b>8.49%</b>
Adams	4,594	4,657	5,107	5,086	-0.41%	9.21%
Brown	3,476	3,338	3,915	3,883	-0.82%	16.33%
Butler	25,889	26,174	27,704	28,087	1.38%	7.31%
Clermont	11,065	11,005	11,978	12,121	1.19%	10.14%
Clinton	3,204	3,298	3,595	3,571	-0.67%	8.28%
Hamilton	71,294	72,710	76,517	78,176	2.17%	7.52%
Highland	4,879	4,875	5,472	5,498	0.48%	12.78%
Warren	3,776	3,875	4,509	4,539	0.67%	17.14%
<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>367,666</b>	<b>372,438</b>	<b>393,454</b>	<b>395,066</b>	<b>0.41%</b>	<b>6.08%</b>
Ashland	2,964	3,051	3,600	3,595	-0.14%	17.83%
Ashtabula	12,344	12,511	13,552	13,409	-1.06%	7.18%
Carroll	2,209	2,219	2,355	2,358	0.13%	6.26%
Cuyahoga	176,774	178,474	184,388	184,860	0.26%	3.58%
Erie	5,704	5,827	6,545	6,622	1.18%	13.64%
Geauga	1,762	1,657	1,677	1,816	8.29%	9.60%
Holmes	959	1,009	1,113	1,112	-0.09%	10.21%
Huron	4,691	4,740	5,473	5,518	0.82%	16.41%
Lake	10,572	10,744	11,854	12,272	3.53%	14.22%
Lorain	26,356	27,072	28,833	28,857	0.08%	6.59%
Medina	5,087	5,208	5,665	5,769	1.84%	10.77%
Portage	9,134	9,192	10,008	10,063	0.55%	9.48%
Richland	12,111	12,427	13,556	13,373	-1.35%	7.61%
Stark	30,189	30,801	34,700	34,914	0.62%	13.35%
Summit	51,881	52,498	53,888	54,080	0.36%	3.01%
Tuscarawas	7,656	7,641	8,442	8,492	0.59%	11.14%
Wayne	7,273	7,367	7,805	7,956	1.93%	8.00%

<b>Columbus</b>	<b>211,725</b>	<b>215,126</b>	<b>232,546</b>	<b>235,240</b>	<b>1.16%</b>	<b>9.35%</b>
Coshocton	4,002	4,139	4,444	4,400	-0.99%	6.31%
Crawford	4,371	4,418	4,929	4,955	0.53%	12.15%
Delaware	4,236	4,379	4,926	4,981	1.12%	13.75%
Fairfield	10,052	10,211	11,302	11,713	3.64%	14.71%
Fayette	2,559	2,554	3,029	3,099	2.31%	21.34%
Franklin	121,558	124,034	133,343	135,048	1.28%	8.88%
Hardin	1,858	1,857	2,189	2,161	-1.28%	16.37%
Hocking	3,498	3,405	3,681	3,679	-0.05%	8.05%
Knox	4,418	4,364	4,858	5,021	3.36%	15.05%
Licking	12,082	12,295	13,332	13,489	1.18%	9.71%
Madison	2,890	3,002	3,124	3,109	-0.48%	3.56%
Marion	7,293	7,322	8,079	8,157	0.97%	11.40%
Morgan	1,887	1,869	1,975	1,963	-0.61%	5.03%
Morrow	2,907	2,801	2,939	3,007	2.31%	7.35%
Perry	5,212	5,239	5,611	5,555	-1.00%	6.03%
Pickaway	4,667	4,760	5,273	5,266	-0.13%	10.63%
Pike	5,156	5,328	5,530	5,532	0.04%	3.83%
Ross	10,745	10,878	11,491	11,587	0.84%	6.52%
Union	2,334	2,271	2,491	2,518	1.08%	10.88%
<b>Dayton</b>	<b>99,633</b>	<b>101,841</b>	<b>110,761</b>	<b>111,225</b>	<b>0.42%</b>	<b>9.21%</b>
Auglaize	2,026	2,007	2,440	2,515	3.07%	25.31%
Champaign	2,650	2,673	3,069	3,090	0.68%	15.60%
Clark	16,996	17,239	18,636	18,725	0.48%	8.62%
Darke	2,248	2,255	2,622	2,644	0.84%	17.25%
Greene	8,170	8,346	9,081	9,098	0.19%	9.01%
Logan	3,477	3,520	3,969	3,973	0.10%	12.87%
Mercer	1,445	1,441	1,575	1,511	-4.06%	4.86%
Miami	4,216	4,445	4,890	4,831	-1.21%	8.68%
Montgomery	53,109	54,661	58,785	59,312	0.90%	8.51%
Preble	2,635	2,680	2,774	2,792	0.65%	4.18%
Shelby	2,661	2,574	2,920	2,734	-6.37%	6.22%

<b>Toledo</b>	<b>91,830</b>	<b>92,628</b>	<b>100,410</b>	<b>100,839</b>	<b>0.43%</b>	<b>8.86%</b>
Defiance	2,798	2,942	3,182	3,198	0.50%	8.70%
Fulton	2,072	2,155	2,374	2,357	-0.72%	9.37%
Hancock	3,959	4,008	4,411	4,647	5.35%	15.94%
Henry	1,297	1,247	1,558	1,527	-1.99%	22.45%
Lucas	61,496	61,762	66,265	66,483	0.33%	7.64%
Ottawa	2,476	2,517	2,881	2,791	-3.12%	10.89%
Putnam	1,407	1,485	1,521	1,532	0.72%	3.16%
Sandusky	3,977	3,993	4,265	4,334	1.62%	8.54%
Seneca	4,406	4,461	5,077	5,115	0.75%	14.66%
Williams	2,674	2,722	2,998	2,995	-0.10%	10.03%
Wood	4,404	4,382	4,869	4,851	-0.37%	10.70%
Wyandot	864	954	1,009	1,009	0.00%	5.77%
<b>Steubenville</b>	<b>26,262</b>	<b>26,404</b>	<b>27,269</b>	<b>27,417</b>	<b>0.54%</b>	<b>3.84%</b>
Belmont	7,045	7,036	7,209	7,264	0.76%	3.24%
Guernsey	5,928	5,970	6,395	6,369	-0.41%	6.68%
Harrison	1,921	1,933	1,953	1,993	2.05%	3.10%
Jefferson	8,688	8,751	8,892	8,989	1.09%	2.72%
Monroe	1,551	1,581	1,633	1,628	-0.31%	2.97%
Noble	1,129	1,133	1,187	1,174	-1.10%	3.62%
<b>Youngstown</b>	<b>59,612</b>	<b>60,473</b>	<b>64,066</b>	<b>64,413</b>	<b>0.54%</b>	<b>6.52%</b>
Trumbull	18,467	18,615	20,712	20,972	1.26%	12.66%
Mahoning	28,935	29,540	30,794	30,908	0.37%	4.63%
Columbiana	12,210	12,318	12,560	12,533	-0.21%	1.75%
<b>Zanesville</b>	<b>13,770</b>	<b>14,014</b>	<b>14,447</b>	<b>14,581</b>	<b>1.48%</b>	<b>4.05%</b>
Muskingum	13,770	14,014	14,447	14,581	1.48%	4.05%
<b>Southeastern Ohio</b>	<b>50,274</b>	<b>50,468</b>	<b>52,285</b>	<b>52,199</b>	<b>-0.16%</b>	<b>3.43%</b>
Athens	7,117	7,226	7,656	7,575	-1.06%	4.83%
Gallia	5,123	5,033	5,133	5,251	2.30%	4.33%

Jackson	5,152	5,190	5,663	5,734	1.25%	10.48%
Lawrence	10,543	10,426	10,890	10,915	0.23%	4.69%
Meigs	4,103	4,085	4,235	4,205	-0.71%	2.94%
Scioto	15,724	15,876	15,963	15,722	-1.51%	-0.97%
Vinton	2,512	2,632	2,745	2,797	1.89%	6.27%
<b>Van Wert</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>3.06%</b>	<b>11.89%</b>
Van Wert	1,383	1,329	1,547	1,487	3.06%	11.89%
<b>Lima</b>	<b>9,049</b>	<b>9,137</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>9,475</b>	<b>-0.76%</b>	<b>3.70%</b>
Allen	9,049	9,137	9,390	9,475	-0.76%	3.70%
<b>Washington County</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>5,553</b>	<b>5,597</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>0.48%</b>	<b>-0.58%</b>
Washington	5,431	5,553	5,597	5,521	0.48%	-0.58%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>1,064,812</b>	<b>1,079,343</b>	<b>1,150,569</b>	<b>1,158,424</b>	<b>0.68%</b>	<b>7.33%</b>