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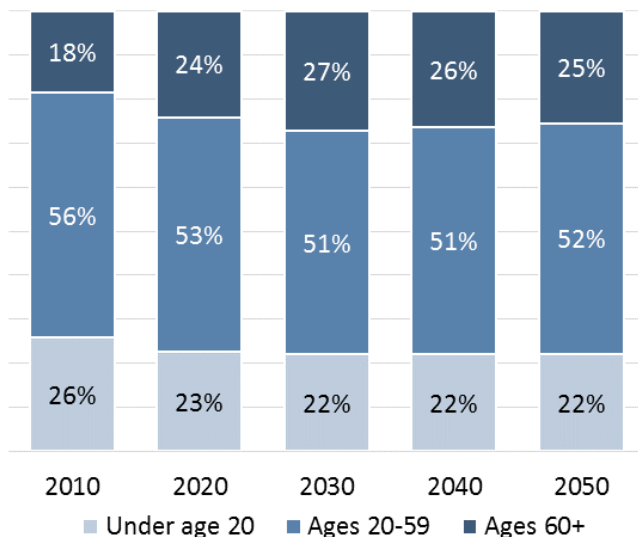
Demographics	Portage		Ohio
Population	161,796		Ohio
<i>Under age 18</i>	31,445	19.4%	22.8%
<i>Ages 18-64</i>	106,832	66.0%	61.7%
<i>Ages 65+</i>	23,519	14.5%	15.5%
Race	Count	%	%
<i>White</i>	147,808	91.4%	82.2%
<i>Black/African-American</i>	6,539	4.0%	12.3%
<i>Asian-American/Pacific Islander</i>	2,879	1.8%	2.0%
<i>American Indian/Alaska Native</i>	175	0.1%	0.2%
<i>Other race reported</i>	731	0.5%	0.8%
<i>Two or more races</i>	3,664	2.3%	2.6%
Ethnicity	Count	%	%
<i>Hispanic/Latino (of any race)</i>	2,595	1.6%	3.5%
Disability Status	Count	%	%
<i>With a disability</i>	20,615	12.8%	13.8%

Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Demographic Projections

By 2020, older adults will make up 24% of the population in the county, outnumbering children and teens.

Portage Population Projections,
by Age Group



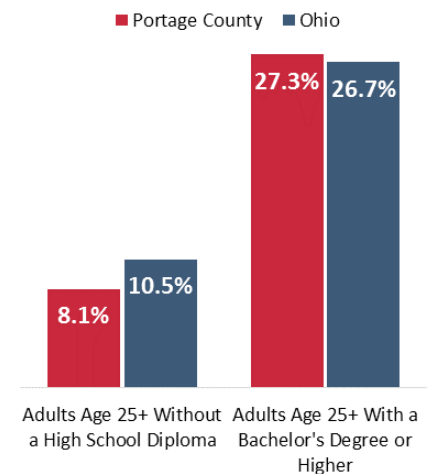
Source: Ohio Development Services Agency

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Educational Attainment

Research has shown that people with lower education attainment are more likely to struggle to find employment, and have poor health outcomes, compared to their more educated peers.

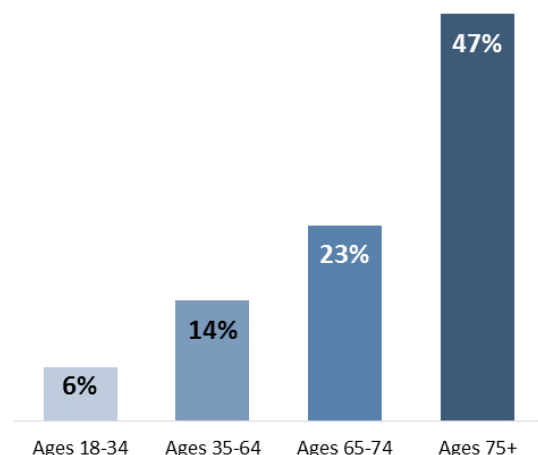


Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Disability Status

As people age, they become increasingly likely to have a disability, which means they are more likely to need some kind of caregiving.

Percent of Portage Population Living
with a Disability, by Age Group



Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Income, Employment & Poverty	Portage		Ohio
Median Household Income	52,427		\$50,674
Employment (Ages 25-64)	%		%
Labor Force Participation Rate	79.6%		77.3%
Unemployment Rate	6.4%		5.9%
Income, Employment & Poverty	Count	%	%
Persons living below poverty	23,293	15.0%	15.4%
Children (Ages 0-17) below poverty	6,281	20.2%	22.1%
Families with children living below poverty	3,157	18.5%	19.0%
Older Adults (Ages 60+) below poverty	2,098	6.4%	8.6%
Persons in deep poverty (under 50% of poverty)	11,246	7.3%	7.1%
Persons in or near poverty (under 200% of poverty)	47,799	30.8%	33.3%

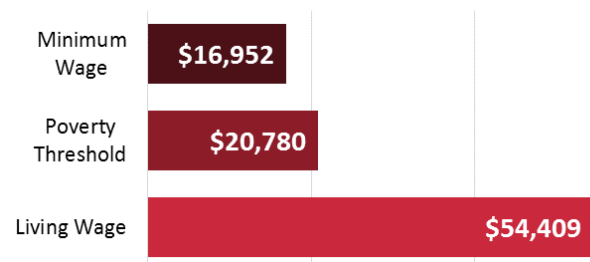
Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Poverty in perspective:

For a **family of three** (single parent, two kids) in Portage County, the **living wage is \$54,409** per year, **more than three times** what someone making **minimum wage** earns working 40 hours a week.



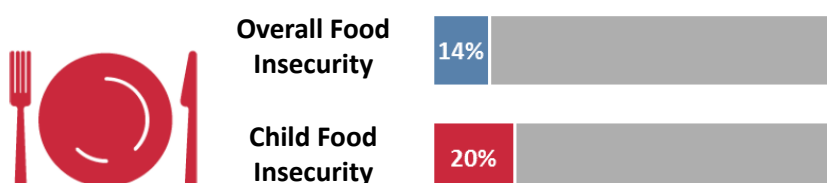
Wages of Full Time Workers



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; MIT Living Wage Calculator

Food Insecurity

There are **22,500 food insecure people** in Portage County, meaning they may need to make trade-offs between basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.



Child Poverty

About **1-in-5** Portage County **children live in poverty**.



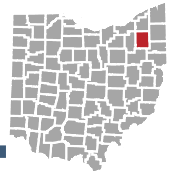
Source: Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap

Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

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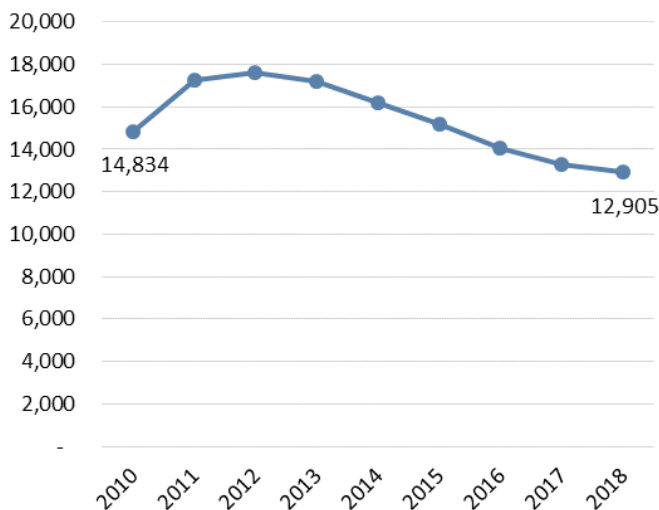
SNAP (Food Stamps) – Nutritional Support

Providing nutritional support for Ohio's most vulnerable populations, the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** seeks to provide a hunger safety net for Ohioans.



12,905 Total SNAP recipients as of January, 2018
8% Of County residents receive SNAP benefits

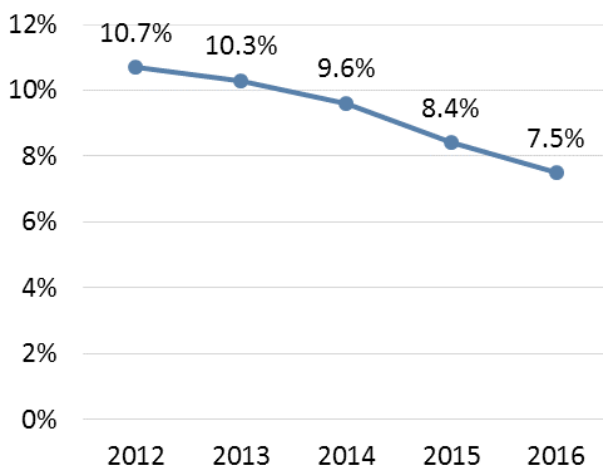
Portage County
SNAP Recipients, 2010-2018



Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services PAMS Report

Health Coverage

Since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the percent of **people who lack health coverage** in Portage County has **steadily declined**.



Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates for years 2012 through 2016

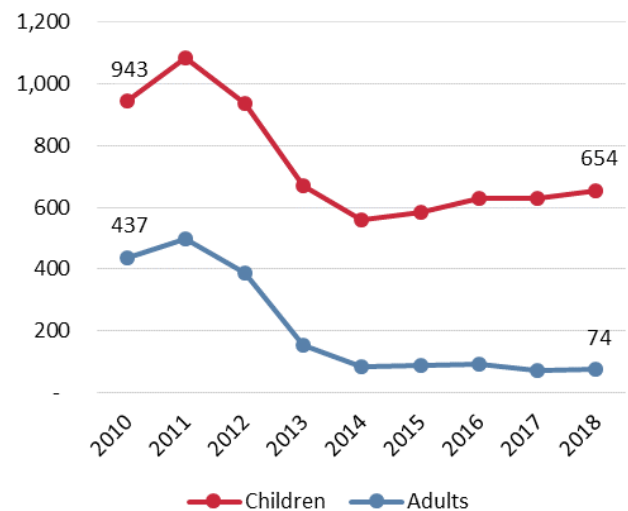
Ohio Works First (OWF) – Cash Assistance

As a core part of Ohio's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, **OWF provides cash assistance** for up to 36 months to some of Ohio's neediest families.

728 Total OWF recipients as of January, 2018



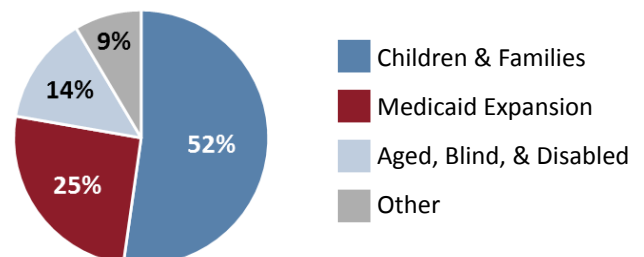
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Medicaid

As of May, 2018, **30,341** individuals in Portage County are enrolled in Medicaid, accounting for **19%** of the total population.

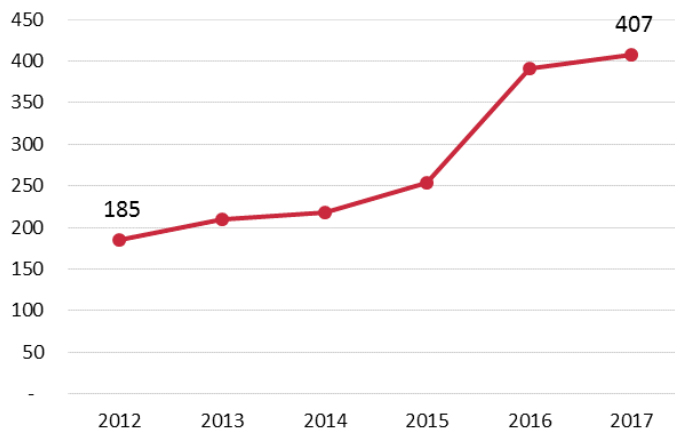


Source: Ohio Department of Medicaid; 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Substance Use Disorders

Drug overdoses have **sharply increased** in recent years, which has had a profound impact on Ohio. While this growth is driven mostly by the **opioid crisis**, most other substance categories have also seen increases. And while drug overdose-related ER visits have risen dramatically, many individuals who overdose do not seek medical care.

Estimated Portage Drug Overdose-Related
ER Visits, 2012-2017



Between 2014-2016, there were
121 Drug Overdose Deaths
in Portage County.



19% of Portage County adults reported
binge or heavy drinking in the last
30 days. (2016)

Source: Summit County Health Department; EpiCenter

Source: County Health Rankings

Health Indicators

	Portage	Ohio
Diabetes Prevalence <i>Percentage of adults age 20+ with diagnosed diabetes</i>	10.1%	11.5%
Smoking <i>Percentage of adults who are current smokers</i>	20.4%	22.5%
HIV Prevalence <i>Number of persons aged 13 years and older living with HIV per 100,000 population</i>	68.9	212.5
Sexually Transmitted Infections <i>Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 population</i>	208.2	489.3

Source: County Health Rankings

Birth Outcomes

Ohio's **infant mortality** rate is higher than the nation's. Infant mortality **disproportionately impacts black babies**, who are nearly twice as likely as white babies to die before their first birthday.



Birth Outcomes	Portage	Ohio
Infant Mortality Rate - <i>Number of infant deaths before their first birthday, per 1,000 live births</i>	5.7	7.3
Low Birth Weight - <i>Percentage of live births under 5.5 pounds</i>	8.2%	8.5%
Preterm Birth - <i>Percentage of live births at less than 37 weeks</i>	11.3%	12.2%
Teen Birth Rate - <i>Number of births per 1,000 females ages 15-19</i>	10.1	24.8

Source: County Health Ranking; Ohio Department of Health