

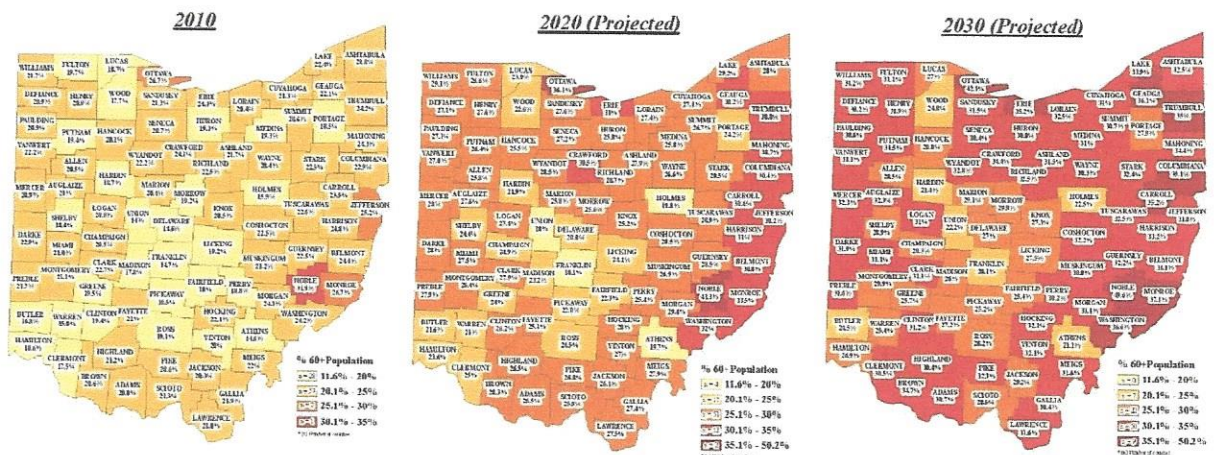
Ohio's Aging Environment

Demographics

Our state is aging at a pace and rate that is propelling a positive shift in how Ohio's businesses and communities are perceiving and planning for our aging population. Ohio currently has the seventh largest older adult population in the nation and that population is growing. While Ohio's overall population is projected to grow 1.6 percent by 2030, Ohio's 60-plus population is projected to grow from 2.6 million to 3.37 million, representing a 30 percent increase.

Ohioans are embracing their abilities to maintain their health, strength, mobility, vitality and independence throughout the lifespan. They also increasingly recognize that retirement from a job might mean the opportunity for a second career or the ability to contribute their time and years of wisdom to work to support all generations in their communities. Doing so also strengthens the civic values and social opportunities that Ohio families and neighbors deserve.

This county-by-county map illustrates the percentages of adults age 60 and older who live (and are projected to live) in each of Ohio's counties, compared to adults under age 60. In 2010, the number of older adults made up 25 percent of the population in only four of Ohio's 88 counties. By 2030, only seven counties will be *under* that threshold of 25 percent age 60 and older.



Source: Scripps Gerontology Center, Miami University

Ohio is home to individuals from diverse social and racial backgrounds. While our population is nearly 80 percent white, it also consists of a rich mix of urban and rural heritages and values developed through generations as the state served as a trading post and industrial hub for the nation.