

Immigration

Quick Glimpse



Ohio ranked 40th in the nation for % of population that is foreign-born, but 30th nationally for the growth in its foreign-born population.



5 Ohio metros ranked in nation's bottom 20 for % of population that is foreign-born



Foreign-born growth rate was greater in the suburbs than cities in 5 Ohio metros

2008 PICTURE:

In 2008, 3.7 percent of Ohio's population –or more than 400,000 residents– were foreign-born, placing the state at 40th in the nation for number of foreign-born residents. As a percent of total population, Ohio's foreign-born population was less than half the average for the Midwest and less than one-fourth of the average of nation's 100 largest metros. Like the state, the percent of total population that was foreign-born in Ohio's largest metros ranked near the bottom among the nation's 100 largest metros. Five of 7 Ohio metros (Akron, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown) ranked in the bottom 15 metros for percent of population that was foreign-born, and Youngstown recorded the lowest percent of foreign born residents of all 100 metros. Columbus had the highest percent foreign born-population of Ohio's 7 largest metros at 6.4 percent, which translates to more than 100,000 individuals.

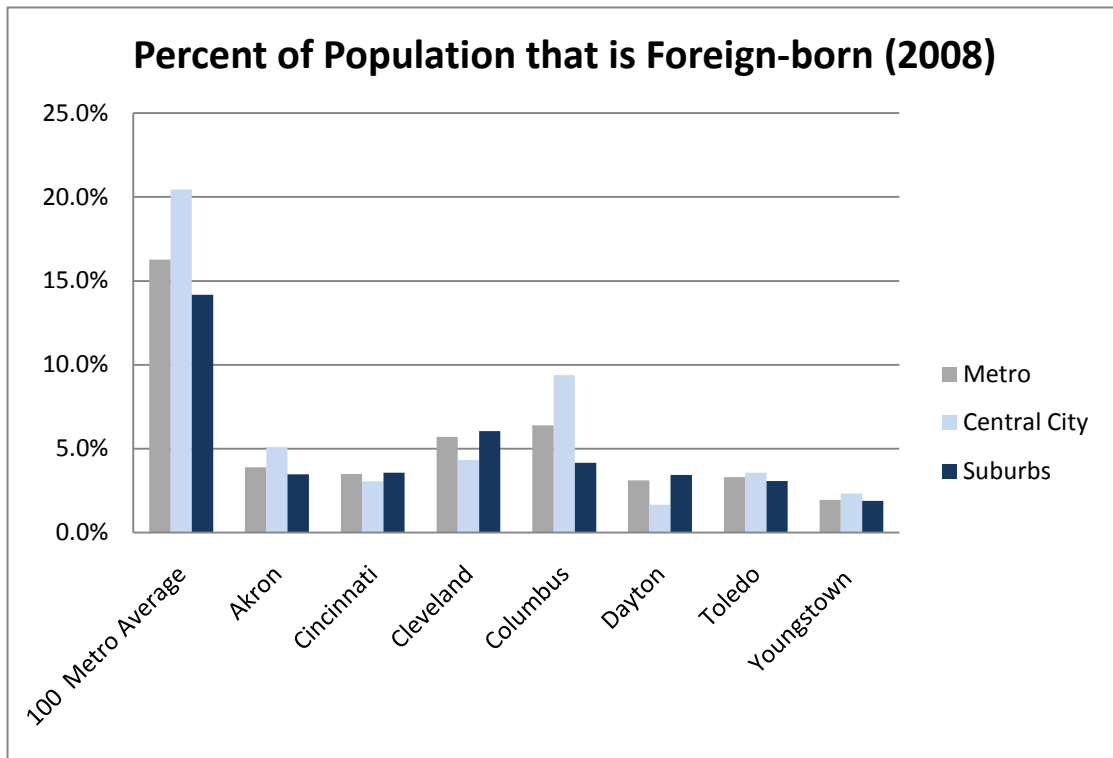
TRENDS (2000 – 2008):

From 2000 to 2008, Ohio's foreign-born population increased by more than 87,000 people, which represented a 25.9 percent increase, ranking Ohio 30th in the country for growth in its foreign-born population. Growth in the percent of foreign-born residents varied among Ohio's largest metros; Cincinnati and Columbus ranked in the top third of the 100 largest metros for growth in foreign-born residents, while Dayton and Akron ranked in the middle, and Cleveland, Toledo, and Youngtown ranked in the bottom third on this measure. With a decline of 8.9 percent in its foreign-born population, Youngstown recorded the largest percent decline of all 100 metros.

CITY AND SUBURBS:

No central city or suburb of the 7 Ohio metros met or exceeded the 100 metro average for percent of the population that was foreign-born. Generally, Ohio's cities and suburbs had significantly fewer, as measured by a share of the total metropolitan population, foreign-born

residents than the central cities and suburbs of the nation's other major metropolitan areas. In Cleveland and Dayton, foreign-born residents made up a greater share of the suburban population than they did in the central city, while the reverse was true for Cincinnati, Columbus,



Toledo, and Youngstown. This might suggest that in Cleveland and Dayton older immigrant populations have relocated to the suburbs over time and/or new immigrants are skipping the central city and locating directly to the suburbs.

Columbus was the only Ohio metro where both the central city and suburbs displayed large growth in its foreign-born population between 2000 and 2008, with Columbus' central city ranking 21st and its suburbs 13th in the nation; the central city of Akron and the suburbs of Cincinnati also ranked high on this measure. In contrast, the central city of Cincinnati, Cleveland and Dayton all experienced decline in the number of foreign-born residents between 2000 and 2008, and each ranked in the bottom 10 of the nation's 100 largest metros for growth in foreign-born population. Again, these trends suggests that many Ohio central cities may no longer be a first point of contact for new immigrants and/or that older more established immigrant populations that once lived in the central city have relocated to the suburbs over time.

Foreign-born Population 2008

Geography	Population in 2008	Number of foreign-born 2008	Foreign-born as share of metro population 2008	Rank: foreign-born as share of total population 2008*
100 largest metros in the nation	199,179,635	32,425,888	16.3%	
<i>Primary Cities share</i>	63,193,662	12,922,710	20.4%	
<i>Suburbs share</i>	135,985,973	19,269,538	14.2%	
Midwest metros in the top 100	37,411,041	3,353,370	9.0%	
State of Ohio	11,485,910	427,040	3.7%	40
Ohio metros in the top 100				
Akron metropolitan	698,553	27,571	3.9%	85
<i>Akron city</i>	207,510	10,545	38.2%	80
<i>Akron suburbs</i>	491,043	17,026	61.8%	81
Cincinnati metropolitan	2,155,137	75,348	3.5%	90
<i>Cincinnati city</i>	333,336	10,198	13.5%	90
<i>Cincinnati suburbs</i>	1,821,801	65,150	86.5%	80
Cleveland metropolitan	2,088,291	118,961	5.7%	73
<i>Cleveland city</i>	433,748	18,808	15.8%	86
<i>Cleveland suburbs</i>	1,654,543	100,153	84.2%	54
Columbus metropolitan	1,773,120	113,340	6.4%	62
<i>Columbus city</i>	754,885	70,925	62.6%	54
<i>Columbus suburbs</i>	1,018,235	42,415	37.4%	68
Dayton metropolitan	836,544	25,994	3.1%	95
<i>Dayton city</i>	154,200	2,555	9.8%	95
<i>Dayton suburbs</i>	682,344	23,439	90.2%	82
Toledo metropolitan	649,104	21,433	3.3%	93
<i>Toledo city</i>	293,201	10,475	48.9%	88
<i>Toledo suburbs</i>	355,903	10,958	51.1%	85
Youngstown metropolitan	565,947	11,032	1.9%	100
<i>Youngstown city</i>	72,925	1,693	15.3%	93
<i>Youngstown suburbs</i>	493,022	9,339	84.7%	95

* *Cities* and *suburbs* are ranked out of a total of 95. *Metropolitan* rankings are out of a total of 100.

Change in Foreign-born since 2000

Geography	Number of foreign-born 2008	Number of foreign-born 2000	Change in foreign-born since 2000	Rank: change in foreign-born since 2000*
100 largest metros in the nation	32,425,888	26,725,876	21.3%	
<i>Primary Cities</i>	12,922,710	11,732,898	10.1%	
<i>Suburbs</i>	19,269,538	14,831,665	29.9%	
Midwest metros in the top 100	3,353,370	2,776,642	20.8%	
State of Ohio	427,040	339,279	25.9%	30
Ohio metros in the top 100				
Akron metropolitan	27,571	20,772	32.7%	58
<i>Akron city</i>	10,545	6,911	52.6%	17
<i>Akron suburbs</i>	17,026	13,861	22.8%	72
Cincinnati metropolitan	75,348	51,400	46.6%	30
<i>Cincinnati city</i>	10,198	12,461	-18.2%	92
<i>Cincinnati suburbs</i>	65,150	38,939	67.3%	23
Cleveland metropolitan	118,961	113,006	5.3%	95
<i>Cleveland city</i>	18,808	21,372	-12.0%	90
<i>Cleveland suburbs</i>	100,153	91,634	9.3%	90
Columbus metropolitan	113,340	71,953	57.5%	20
<i>Columbus city</i>	70,925	47,713	48.6%	21
<i>Columbus suburbs</i>	42,415	24,240	75.0%	13
Dayton metropolitan	25,994	20,637	26.0%	67
<i>Dayton city</i>	2,555	3,245	-21.3%	95
<i>Dayton suburbs</i>	23,439	17,392	34.8%	62
Toledo metropolitan	21,433	18,393	16.5%	77
<i>Toledo city</i>	10,475	9,475	10.6%	59
<i>Toledo suburbs</i>	10,958	8,918	22.9%	71
Youngstown metropolitan	11,032	12,106	-8.9%	100
<i>Youngstown city</i>	1,693	1,605	5.5%	72
<i>Youngstown suburbs</i>	9,339	10,501	-11.1%	95