

# Overview



## Why is the organization changing the name?

For the first time since 1954, the Ohio Historical Society is changing its name. To support this decision, it conducted research that demonstrated many Ohioans consider the organization's name exclusive, inaccessible, and antiquated. Similar organizations are hearing the same feedback and recently changed names: Historic New England, History Colorado and Chicago History Museum.

The Ohio History Connection was selected because it is a name that quickly captures the nature of the organization and enhances the efforts to engage with more Ohioans and get more people interested in Ohio's history.

## What is the significance of the word "connection?"

The word "connection," above all others, communicates our service in the simplest way possible: assisting people with accessing, preserving and sharing Ohio's past.

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The Ohio History Connection is a trusted Ohio resource, available to all Ohioans. At the core, it's about preserving and sharing Ohio's history and creating a climate where Ohio history can flourish.

The Ohio History Connection's mission is to spark discovery of Ohio history! We help people connect with Ohio's past to understand the present and create a better future.

## Core Values

- Authenticity – Valuing "real stuff" and true stories of history
- Collaboration – Pursuing teamwork and sharing authority and responsibility
- Relevance – Addressing the "so what?" of history for the diverse people of Ohio
- Stewardship – Protecting the evidence of Ohio history

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection and the State of Ohio have maintained a longtime public-private relationship whereby the Ohio History Connection carries out dozens of history services for Ohio and its citizens.

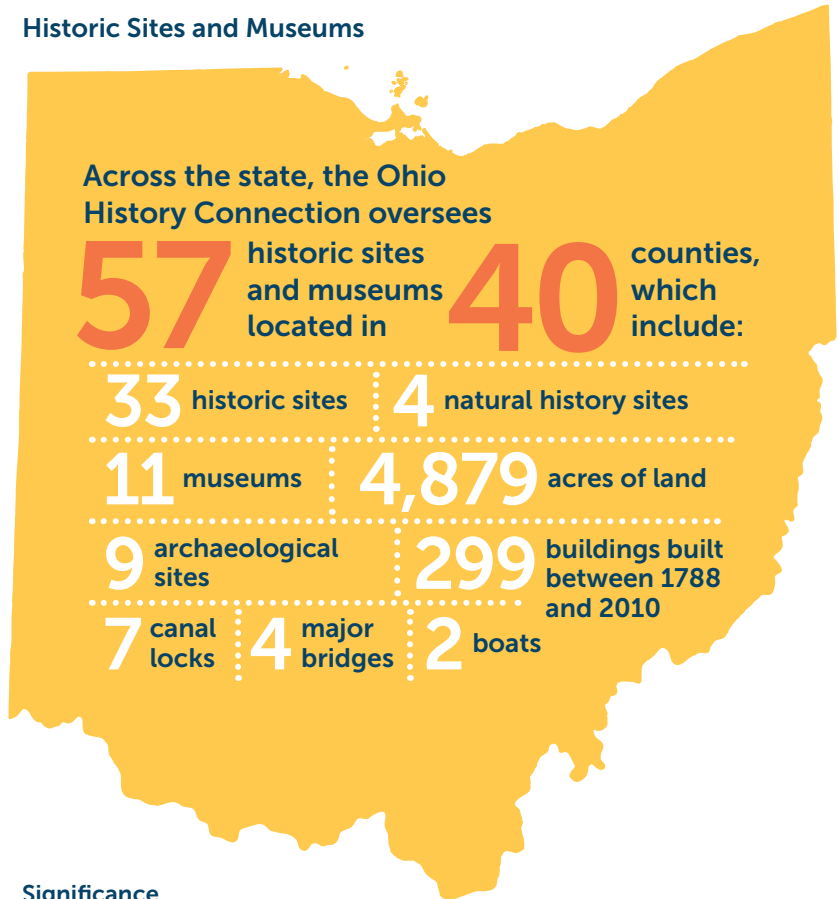
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# Facts + Figures



Founded in 1885, the non-profit Ohio History Connection ([ohiohistory.org](http://ohiohistory.org)) provides a wide array of statewide services and programs related to collecting, preserving and interpreting Ohio's history, archaeology and natural history through its 58 sites and museums across Ohio, including its flagship museum, the Ohio History Center in Columbus.

## Historic Sites and Museums



## Significance

- Three historic sites are on UNESCO's World Heritage Tentative List, the most prestigious historical list in the world.
- 29 sites are listed on the National Register.
- 13 sites are National Historic Landmarks.
- Three sites are Dedicated State Nature Preserves.
- The Ohio History Connection is a Smithsonian Affiliate.
- Six sites are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

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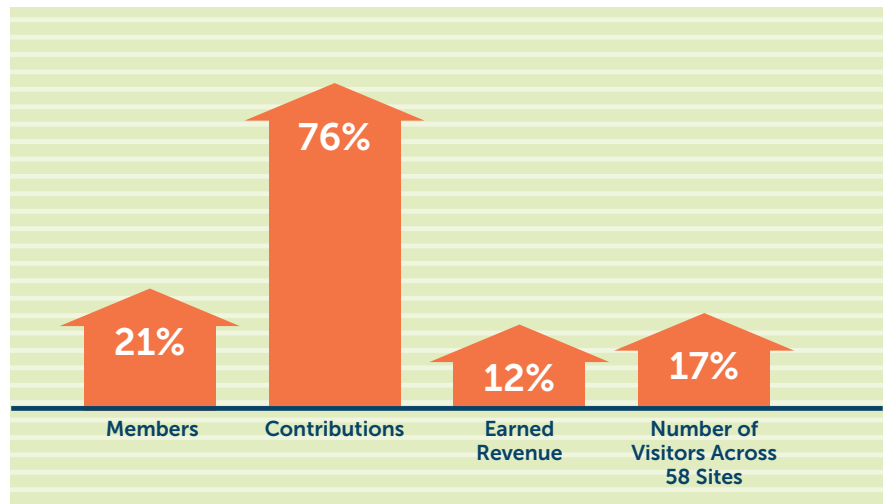
# Financial Facts



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In the wake of the national economic recession, the Ohio History Connection has identified innovative ways to increase programming and maintain services throughout Ohio with a leaner budget. State General Revenue Fund funding is currently at \$9.6 million in FY2014 and earned revenue and contributions have been increasing.

From FY 2010 to FY 2014, the Ohio History Connection has seen the following results:



## Helping Hands

The Ohio History Connection has a wide network of committed volunteers.

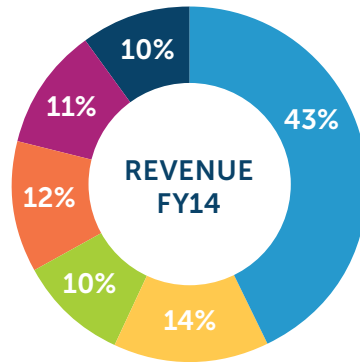
- Ohio History Connection relies on more than 1,500 volunteers across Ohio.
- In 2014, those 1,500 volunteers logged 119,703 hours.
- This support yielded \$1,395,446 in value.

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## Managing Ohio's Resources

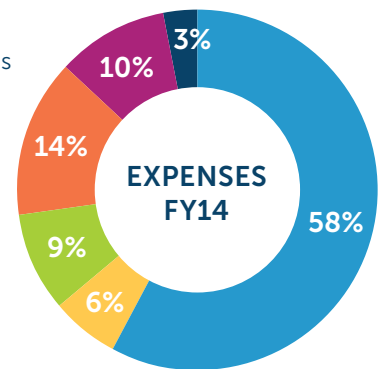
The Ohio History Connection takes pride in preserving and sharing Ohio's story and being a sound manager of its financial resources.



- State General Revenue Fund
- State Capital Projects
- Contracts and Grants
- Support (Financial, Materials and Services)
- Earned Revenue
- Investments

**Total Revenue: \$21,855,059**

- Site Operations, Education and Interpretive Programs
- State Archives and Library
- Historic Preservation Office
- Capital Projects
- Management and General
- Development



**Total Expenses: \$20,562,643**

