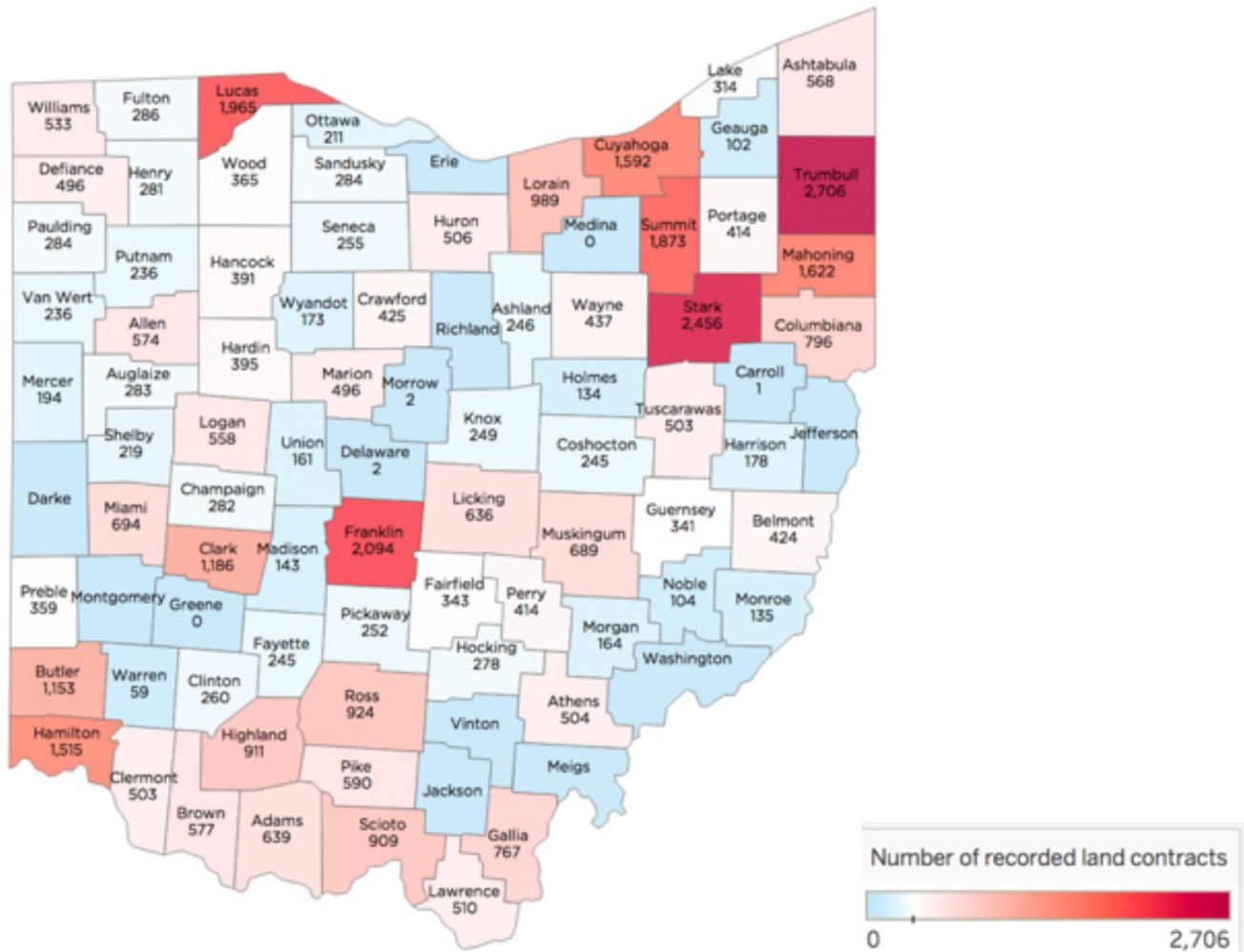


Figure 1

Number of recorded land contracts by county



Source: Policy Matters Ohio based on public records from County Recorder's Offices. For Ashland, Crawford, Morgan, Noble, and Preble Counties, data on Harbour Portfolio is unavailable. For Jackson and Jefferson Counties, land contracts are recorded as mortgages, so the Recorder's Offices were unable to provide the number of land contracts. For Darke and Erie Counties, the Recorder's Office was unable to provide information. For Meigs, Richland, and Vinton Counties, the Recorder's Office did not respond. Montgomery County's online records system lists 7,490 land contracts. This number is an outlier and does not reflect the actual lower number of recorded land contracts. A staff person in the Montgomery County Recorder's Office confirmed their online database can include multiple records for one land contract, which results in an usually high number of records.

Table 2**Top 10 counties for land contracts/1,000 people from Jan. 2008-Jan. 2018**

County	Number of recorded land contracts
Galia	25.6
Adams	22.7
Highland	22.6
Pike	15.6
Trumbull	15.3
Williams	14.3
Brown	13.1
Defiance	12.9
Hardin	12.5
Paulding	12.0

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