



Ohio

#36 in Overall Rankings

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Overview of Ohio

Area
44,826 SQ. MI.

College Educated
40.8%

Capital
Columbus

GDP
\$873 Billion

Population
11,785,935

Median Income
\$41,140

RANKINGS SCORECARD

Crime & Corrections

Economy	#39	Infrastructure	#30
Education	#27	Natural Environment	#41
Fiscal Stability	#17	Opportunity	#20
Health Care	#35		

First settled by French fur traders, Ohio became a British colony in 1754 after the French and Indian War. Great Britain ceded Ohio to the U.S. after the American Revolution, and it was incorporated into the Northwest Territory in 1787. Ohio became the 17th state in 1803.

OHIO NEWS HEADLINES

[Suspect in Shooting Death of an Ohio Police Officer Is...](#)

[Man Found Dead After Ohio Movie Theater Shooting...](#)

[Friday's Scores](#)

Industrialization in Ohio boomed upon the discovery of coal, and Cleveland was the [third-largest iron and steel producer](#) in the country by 1853. During the Ohio Oil Rush of the 1860s, the state produced more crude oil than anywhere else in the country. John D. Rockefeller entered the oil business in 1863 by investing in a Cleveland refinery and founded the [Standard Oil Co.](#) in 1870. By the 1880s, his company controlled 90 percent of U.S. refineries and pipelines.

During the Civil War, the state played a key role in providing the Union Army with troops and supplies, and it was Ohio that produced Ulysses S. Grant, the general who led the Union to victory over the Confederate Army. Ohio is sometimes called the “Mother of Modern Presidents,” as seven Ohioans held the White House between 1869 and 1923, including Grant.

Ohio has shared in modern political turmoil as well. It was the site of the 1970 Kent State University shootings, in which four students were killed and nine wounded when the Ohio National Guard opened fire on campus amid anti-Vietnam War protests.

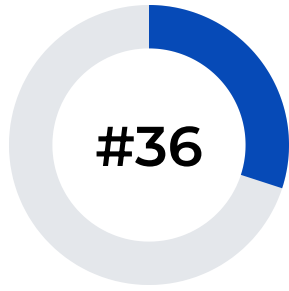
Today, Ohio's [manufacturing industry](#) is a key driver of its economy.. Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Ohio include Cardinal Health, Nationwide, Marathon Petroleum, Procter & Gamble and Kroger.





Ohio Rankings

OVERALL RANKINGS	CATEGORY	RANK
<p>#34 out of 50 in 2023</p> <hr/>	<p>Crime & Corrections</p>	<p>#33</p>
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	<p>Education</p>	<p>#27</p>
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Overall Rank

[Read our methodology](#) to see how the scores and rankings were calculated.

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Education	+
Fiscal Stability	+
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