

## **Section 1: Township Population, 2000**

### **Background: Table 1**

- In 2000, there are 1,309 townships in the state of Ohio. More than 3.86 million people or 34% of Ohio's total population live in townships (Table 1). There are 698 incorporated places in the state classified as villages, with .86 million total residents. There are 226 cities with less than 50,000 but more than 5,000 residents, with 3.64 million total residents. There are 19 cities with 50,000 or more residents, or 2.99 million total residents.

### **Largest and Smallest Ohio Townships: Table 2 and Map 2**

- There is substantial variation of population in Ohio townships. The average size of a township is 2,947 residents. Jefferson Township in Guernsey County is the township with the smallest population with 94 residents. There are 25 townships with 348 or fewer residents (Table 2). Colerain Township in Hamilton County has 60,144 residents, the most of any township in the state. There are 21 townships in the state with more than 20,000.
- Many of the most populated townships are located along the Cincinnati-Hamilton-Dayton corridor in the southwestern part of the state (Map 2). Many of the townships with the fewest number of residents are located in the eastern part of Ohio.

### **Townships by Population Size: Figures 1 and 2 and Map 3:**

- Forty-nine percent of all Ohio township residents reside in one of the 155 townships with 5,000 or more residents (Figures 1 and 2). Thirty-eight percent of Ohio townships (N=506) have less than 1,250 residents, and are home to 11 percent (.41 million) of the state's township population. There are 417 townships having between 1,250 and 2,499 residents, with 730,336 total residents, and 231 townships with population of 2,500 to 4,999 residents and 809,832 total residents.
- The townships with 5,000 or more residents are generally located around the largest urban areas of the state, Cincinnati-Hamilton, Cleveland-Akron, Columbus, Dayton-Springfield, and Toledo (Map 3). The townships with less than 1,250 residents are located primarily in the south and east as well as in the northwest portion of the state. Township population generally decreases the greater the distance from one of the state's large urban areas.

### **Townships by Population Density: Map 4**

- To evaluate population characteristics of Ohio townships, while controlling for land area, population density can be studied. Similar to the spatial pattern of township population size in Ohio, high and very high density townships (density greater than 100 and 500 respectively) are located around the state's largest urban areas while low density townships (less than 50 residents per square mile) are located in the more rural south, east, and northwest areas of the state.

**Table 1: 2000 Ohio population by township, village, and cities**

|                              | Number | Population        | % of Ohio population |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Townships                    | 1,309  | 3,860,763         | 34.0%                |
| Villages*                    | 698    | 862,080           | 7.6%                 |
| Small Cities**               | 226    | 3,642,579         | 32.1%                |
| Large Cities***              | 19     | 2,987,918         | 26.3%                |
| <b>Total Ohio Population</b> |        | <b>11,353,140</b> | <b>100.0%</b>        |

\*Villages are incorporated places of 0 to 4,999 residents

\*\*Small cities are incorporated places of 5,000 to 49,999 residents

\*\*\*Large Cities are incorporated places of 50,000 or more residents

**Table 2: 25 Most and Least Populated Ohio Townships (2000)**

| Rank | Most Populated |            |        | Least Populated |            |      |
|------|----------------|------------|--------|-----------------|------------|------|
|      | Township       | County     | Pop.   | Township        | County     | Pop. |
| 1    | Colerain       | Hamilton   | 60,144 | Jefferson       | Guernsey   | 94   |
| 2    | Green          | Hamilton   | 55,660 | Manchester      | Adams      | 98   |
| 3    | Union          | Butler     | 52,669 | Brookfield      | Noble      | 119  |
| 4    | Anderson       | Hamilton   | 43,857 | Chagrin Falls   | Cuyahoga   | 135  |
| 5    | Boardman       | Mahoning   | 42,518 | Manchester      | Morgan     | 141  |
| 6    | Union          | Clermont   | 42,332 | Meigs           | Muskingum  | 173  |
| 7    | Austintown     | Ashtabula  | 38,001 | Athens          | Harrison   | 178  |
| 8    | Springfield    | Hamilton   | 37,587 | Jefferson       | Noble      | 183  |
| 9    | Jackson        | Montgomery | 37,484 | Bristol         | Morgan     | 207  |
| 10   | Miami          | Lucas      | 36,632 | Marlboro        | Delaware   | 227  |
| 11   | Plain          | Stark      | 35,543 | Aurelius        | Washington | 239  |
| 12   | Delhi          | Hamilton   | 30,104 | Washington      | Lawrence   | 250  |
| 13   | Washington     | Montgomery | 29,967 | Clay            | Muskingum  | 273  |
| 14   | Perry          | Stark      | 29,167 | Brown           | Vinton     | 281  |
| 15   | Miami          | Montgomery | 25,706 | Elk             | Noble      | 305  |
| 16   | Sylvania       | Lucas      | 25,583 | Archer          | Harrison   | 306  |
| 17   | Deerfield      | Warren     | 25,515 | Madison         | Vinton     | 307  |
| 18   | Harrison       | Montgomery | 24,303 | Salt Rock       | Marion     | 311  |
| 19   | Lake           | Stark      | 23,718 | Marseilles      | Wyandot    | 322  |
| 20   | Springfield    | Lucas      | 22,817 | Ludlow          | Washington | 330  |
| 21   | Liberty        | Butler     | 22,005 | Cadiz           | Harrison   | 331  |
| 22   | Sycamore       | Hamilton   | 19,675 | Coal            | Perry      | 332  |
| 23   | Howland        | Trumbull   | 17,546 | Stokes          | Madison    | 341  |
| 24   | Prairie        | Franklin   | 17,058 | Tiverton        | Coshocton  | 348  |
| 25   | Violet         | Fairfield  | 16,893 | Wayne           | Monroe     | 348  |