

# THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE AUGUST 13, 2021



## CURRENT COVID STATS

### Ohio:

- 958,514 confirmed cases
- 63,011 hospitalizations
- 20,580 confirmed fatalities

### United States:

- 36.27 million cases  
617,096 fatalities

### World:

- 204.64 million cases
- 4.32 million fatalities

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

## Census Data Released

The U.S. Census Bureau released demographic data on Thursday afternoon, providing the needed information for the Ohio Redistricting Commission to begin redrawing legislative and congressional district lines. The data shows race, voting age, housing, and other information from the state level while highlighting in-depth population trends. A high-level overview of the shifting population trends in Ohio can be found below:

- Ohio has seen a 2.3% increase in population, compared to the national average of 7.4%
  - This lag in growth resulted in Ohio losing a congressional district, taking the total from 16 to 15
- Two-thirds of Ohio counties lost population since the 2010 census
- Columbus remains the 14<sup>th</sup> most populous city in the country, with a 15% rise in population in the last decade; the suburbs in Columbus have also grown substantially
- Race and ethnic diversity has increased in Columbus, according to the reports; these trends are similar to nationwide racial demographic trends
  - 17.8% increase in Black residents
  - 75% increase in Asian residents
  - 58.2% increase in Hispanic residents
  - Number of residents reporting as white has held steady, making up 53.2% of the city
- Cincinnati and its suburbs grew, mirroring national trends; Cleveland, Toledo, Akron, Youngstown, Canton, and Dayton have all lost population
- Percentage-wise, Delaware county grew the most (23%) followed by Union (20%), Warren (13.9%), Franklin (13.8%), Fairfield (8.7%), and Licking (7.2%)
- Ohio saw a 2.2% increase in available housing units, with a vacancy rate is 8.3%; this compares to the national average of a 6.7% increase in units, and 9.7% vacancy rate
- Additional data can be accessed [here](#)

The Ohio Redistricting Commission just announced its hearings, where the public can present maps and testify. The full list of hearings, held twice-a-day from 8/23-27, can be found [here](#).

## **Bill Introductions**

SB 216 - Parental Custody (Johnson, T.): To enact Dylan's Law regarding parental custody of infants born substance exposed.

SB 217 - Criminal Record Checks (Schaffer, T.): To modify the law regarding access to criminal record check information with respect to long-term care ombudsman programs, direct-care positions, community-based long-term care services, and certain persons serving as a municipal corporation tax administrator, and to declare an emergency.

SB 218 - Voyeurism (Antani, N.): To increase the penalties for the offense of voyeurism.