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Introduction, a note on Methodology

This report provides a comprehensive view of the current conditions of the city of Youngstown, particularly in comparison to Mahoning County and the state of Ohio at large.

The data utilized in this report is primarily compiled from the American Community Survey (ACS), which is a product of the US Census. The most accurate data points from the ACS are created from 5-year trends. Thus, many data points are listed as 2023 ACS 5-year Estimates.

Other data points come from a variety of publicly available federal or corporate sources. The most recent available data is always listed and source cited.

Much of this report displays data for City of Youngstown, Mahoning County and the State of Ohio. In order to provide a baseline that can be updated in the future without the use of proprietary, subscription-based software, the report does not measure Mahoning Co. as “everywhere in Mahoning Co. except Youngstown”. In other words, Youngstown is part of the Mahoning Co. data. This will slightly skew data, but even with the inclusion of Youngstown, the data show that the county, at large, is Whiter and more economically prosperous than the City.

Similarly, all state of Ohio data include Mahoning County. A condensed presentation of key data points can be found at the end of this report.

Population Demographics

Population by Race and Ethnicity in Youngstown, Mahoning Co. and Ohio

While Mahoning County as a whole has a racial distribution quite similar to Ohio, Youngstown has significantly larger minority populations, particularly African American or Black (Figure 1). Just over 40% of the city’s population identified as Black or African American alone according to ACS 2023 5-year estimates.

Table 1. *Population by Race and Ethnicity in Youngstown and Mahoning Co., 2023*

	Youngstown		Mahoning County		Ohio	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Total population	59,605	-	227,063	-	11,780,046	-
Hispanic or Latinx (of any race)	6,663	11.2	14,765	6.5	537,559	4.6
White alone	24,578	41.2	168,753	74.3	9,011,101	76.5
Black or African American alone	24,131	40.5	31,396	13.8	1,428,392	12.1
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	67	0.1	129	0.1	7,359	0.1
Asian alone	358	0.6	2,087	0.9	286,098	2.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	14	0	47	0	3,655	0

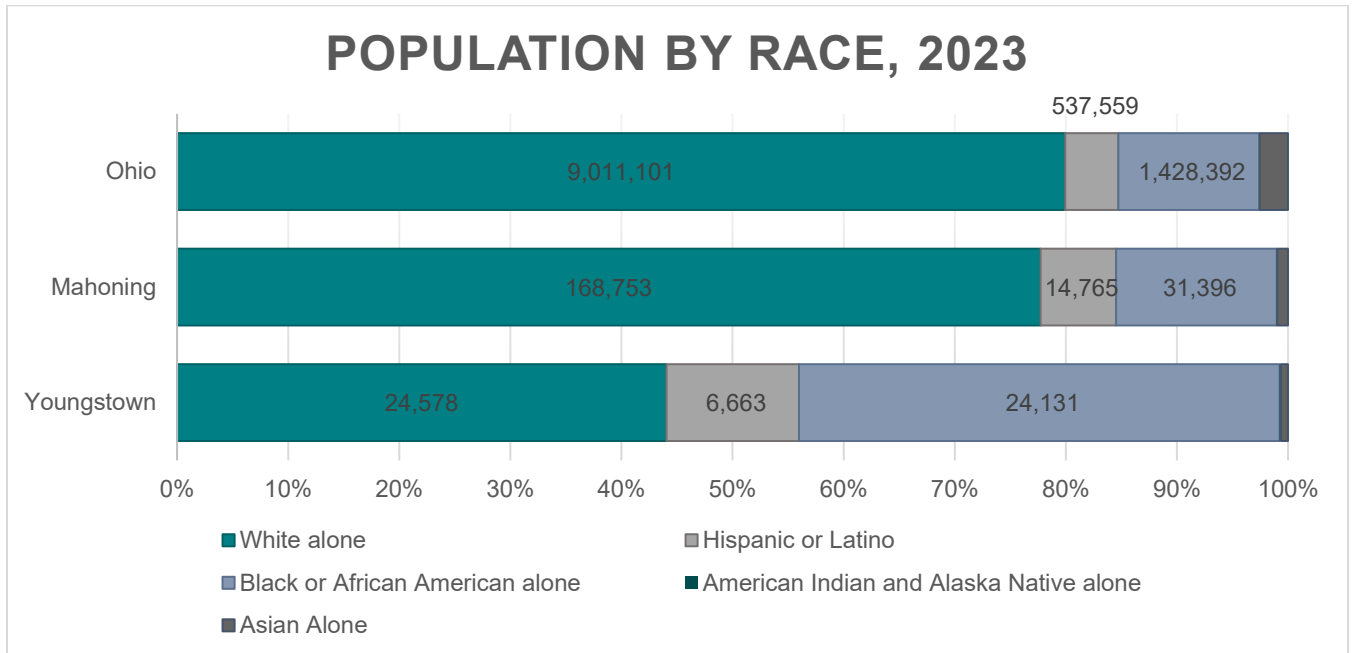
Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2023 5-year data, Table DP05

Less than 15% of county or state residents self-identify as Black or African American.

Youngstown has a greater rate of Hispanic or Latinx residents than the county or state, however has less residents that identify as Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander alone. The

distributions of these populations have remained largely the same since 2020, with most experiencing slight growth since 2020. However, the White Alone population decreased by 1.6% from 2020 to 2023.

Figure 1. *Population by Race comparing Youngstown, Mahoning, and Ohio, 2023*



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2023 5-year data, Table DP05

The remaining data points in this report focus on the White, Hispanic or Latinx and Black/African American populations. GOPC acknowledges the cultural significance of minority populations that have not been represented in the rest of this report and notes that their omission is not a matter of negligence, but a choice made to make data readable and digestible. We do not believe that the population size of these communities is statistically significant enough that their exclusion would dramatically affect the data as presented.

By Age

Median Age in Youngstown and Mahoning Co. in 2023

Since 2020, the median age of Mahoning County has remained almost the same, as has the state, however the median age within the city of Youngstown has decreased with estimates reflecting a change from 39.8 to 37.8. Youngstown’s decrease in median age is occurring outside the margin of error, meaning even when the extremes of the margin are accounted for, data shows the populations in Youngstown getting slightly younger. Quantitative data alone cannot identify a singular cause as to why the city’s population has gotten slightly younger.

Table 2. Median Age Over Time by Geography, 2023

	Youngstown City	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 population	39.0	42.4	38.3
2020 population	39.8	43.5	39.5
2023 population	37.8	43.4	39.6

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2023 5-year data, Table DP05

Age Distribution in Youngstown and Mahoning Co.

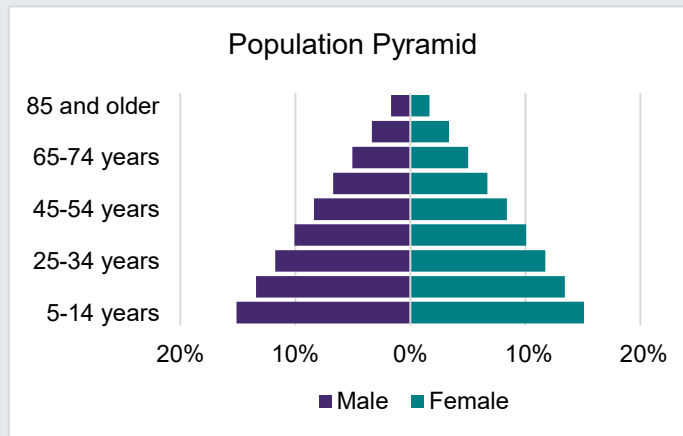
Featured in this section are four population pyramids: two for the City of Youngstown (Figures 2a – 2b) and two for Mahoning County (Figures 3a – 3b). Using these models, we can identify how the distribution of ages has changed within the city over the past 4 years.

HOW TO READ A POPULATION PYRAMID

Population pyramids can be a useful tool in visualizing how a population may be changing in a region. Its shape can tell whether a population is stable, growing, or going through a period of decline.

However, a population pyramid cannot communicate **migration patterns** or **mortality rates**.

This is an example of a population pyramid. An ideal population pyramid will take a pyramid shape, with larger base layers that shrink as you move up through the age cohorts, indicating a growing population. If the pyramid's base layers are smaller than higher layers, then the population is declining.



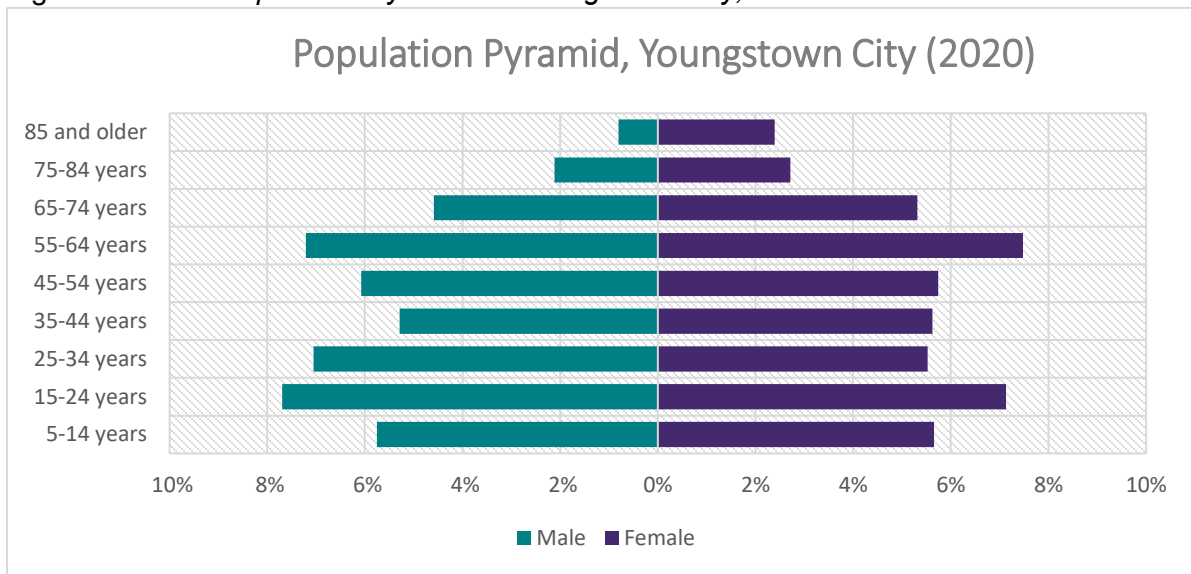
Population pyramids can also provide an estimation of how much of the population will be economically dependent (e.g. seniors and children are dependent on other sources of income besides employment paychecks) to help assess population needs.

You can also identify discrepancies in a geography's gender distribution using population pyramids, as the **left** side shows the male population, and the **right** shows the female population.

Overall, the shape of Youngstown’s population pyramid is considered “stable” (Figure 2b), meaning that the birth rate is sufficient enough to replace aging cohorts, but there is no excess that would count toward growth. This is typically a sign of a lower birth rate and longer life expectancy. Youngstown, as well as Mahoning County, has an aging population, and can expect some increased strain from a dependent elderly population over the next 10 years.

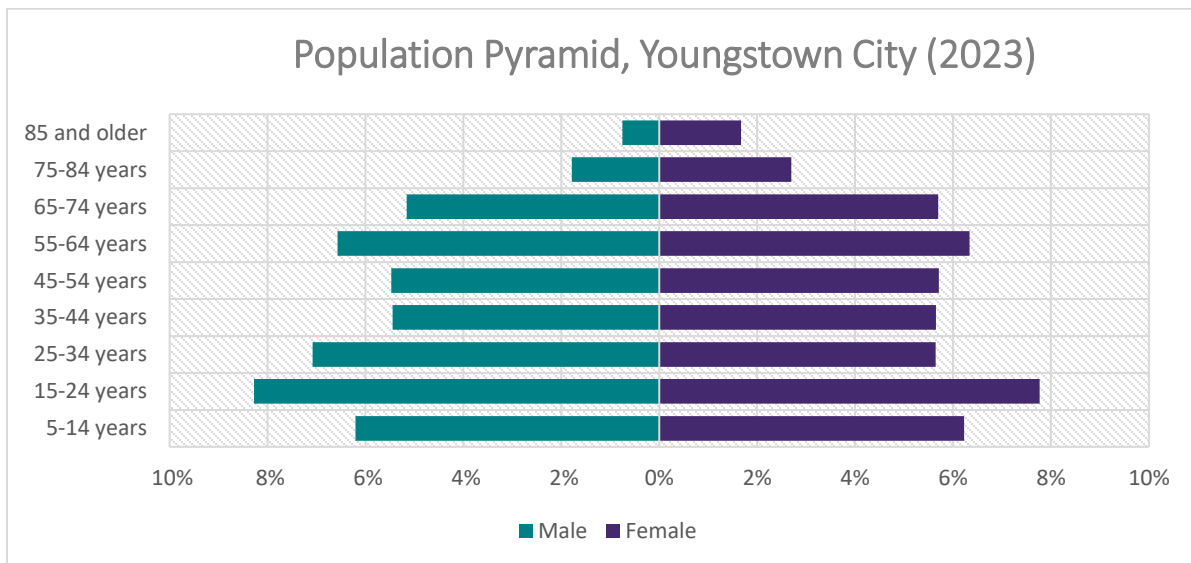
The gender distribution of the city and county are fairly even, although there tends to be slightly more women across most age cohorts.

Figure 2a. Total Population Pyramid of Youngstown City, 2020



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 5-year data, Table S0101

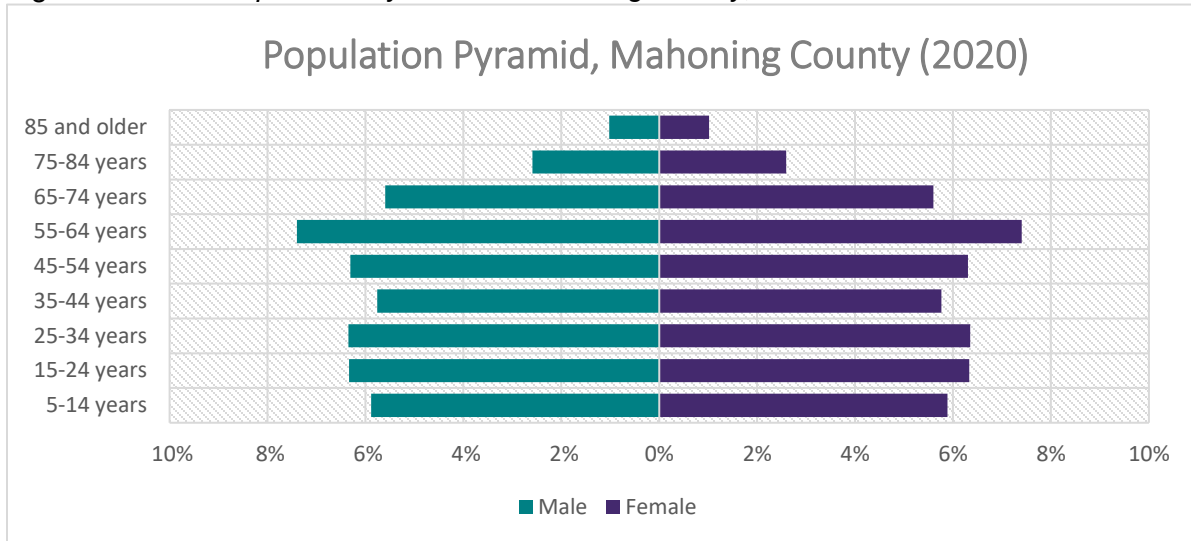
Figure 2b. Total Population Pyramid of Youngstown City, 2023



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2023 5-year data, Table S0101

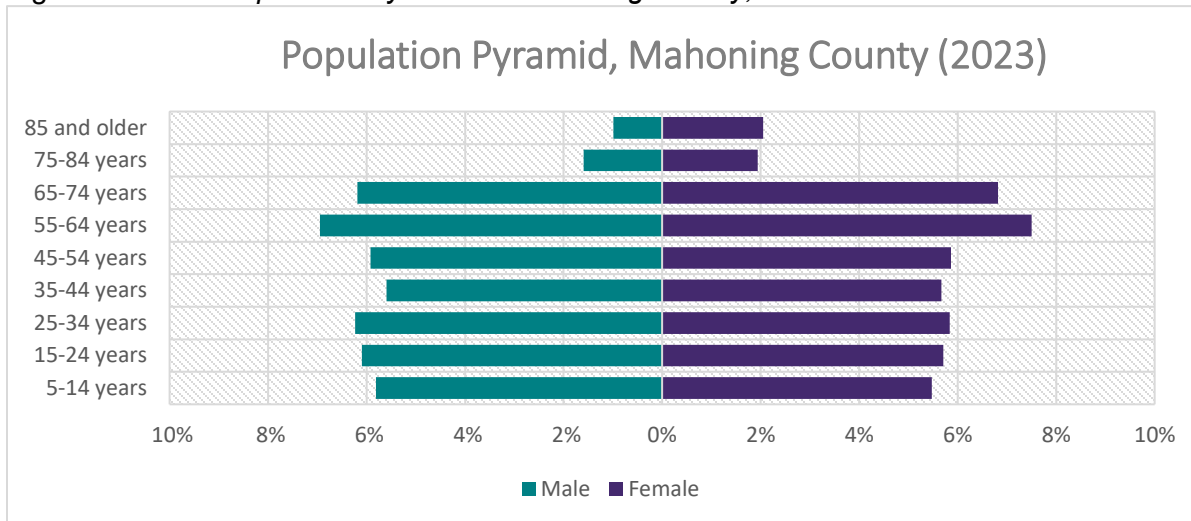
Mahoning County has not seen a similar surge of population in the aged 15-24 cohort as the City of Youngstown has (Figures 3a & 3b).

Figure 3a. Total Population Pyramid of Mahoning County, 2020



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2020 5-year data, Table B01001

Figure 3b. Total Population Pyramid of Mahoning County, 2023



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2023 5-year data, Table B01001

Population Change in Youngstown and Mahoning Co. and Potential Impacts of COVID

The city of Youngstown’s population has continued to shrink since 2020. While the numerical rate has decreased, there has been relatively more decline when compared with the previous decade due to the difference of time period. This high percentage change is the result of a spike in losses, likely partially due to out-migration from the pandemic.

Mahoning County’s population decline has slowed, suggesting its population has stabilized. This loss (-0.61%) from 2020 to 2023 is approximately -1,400 people. During the same period there were approximately 1,300 deaths attributable to Covid-19.¹

The loss of population in Youngstown from 2020 to 2023 is significant. GOPC suggests additional research on migration flows be conducted to further understand the dynamics and potential causes of Youngstown’s continued population loss.

Table 3. *Percent Change in Population by Geography*

	Youngstown City	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 Population	69,585	241,899	11,512,431
2020 Population	64,152	228,452	11,675,275
2023 Population	59,605	227,063	11,780,046
Percent Change (%) from 2010 to 2020	-8.47	-5.89	+1.39
Percent Change (%) from 2020 to 2023	-7.09	-0.61	+0.90

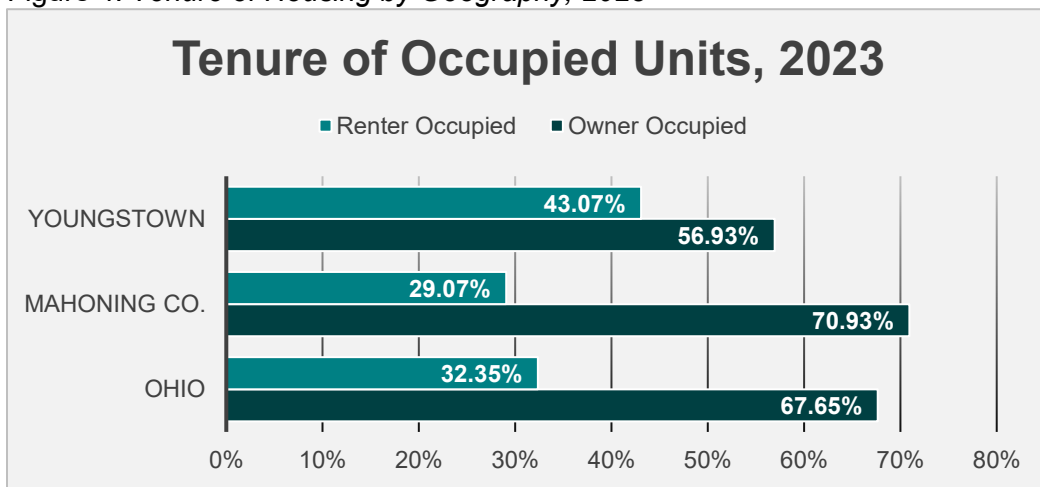
Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010-2023 5-year data, Table B01001

Tenure of Housing

Tenure of Housing: Owner Occupants and Renters in the City, County and State

The city of Youngstown has lower rates of homeownership than the county or state. However, homeownership has slightly increased across all geographies since 2020. The most recently available data show that approximately 56.93% of households in the city are homeowners, while 70.93% of households in the county are homeowners and 67.55% of households statewide are homeowners.

Figure 4. *Tenure of Housing by Geography, 2023*



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S2502

¹ DataOhio, [Covid-19 Reporting Visualizer](#). Accessed February 2, 2025.

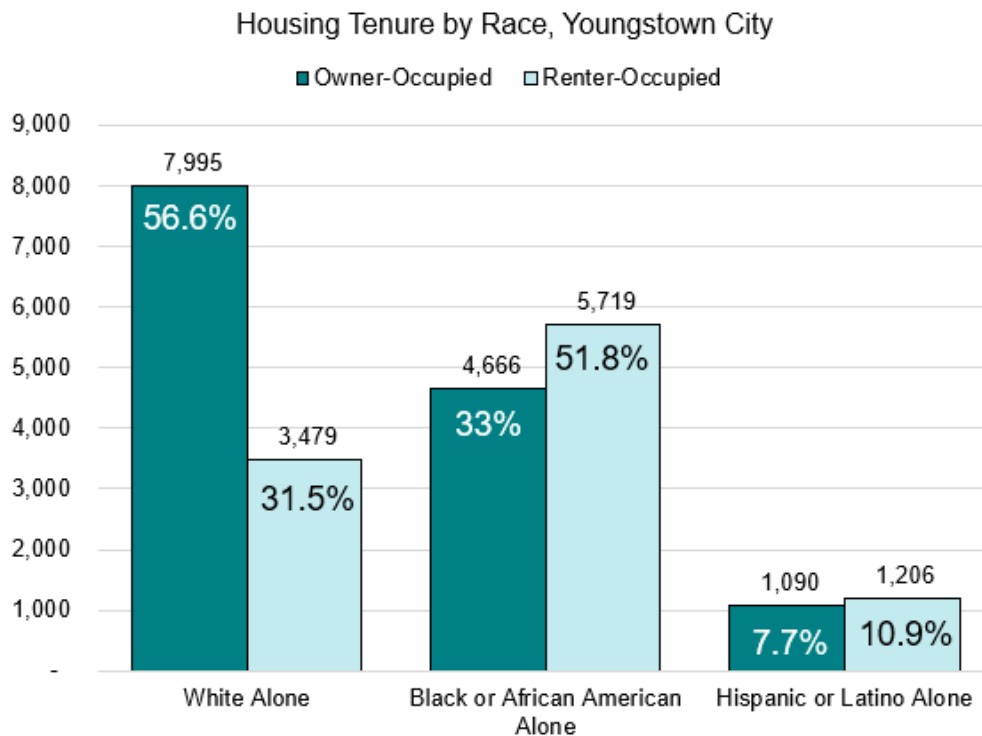
Tenure of Housing by Race in Youngstown, Mahoning Co. and Ohio, 2023

Efforts to close the gap in homeownership among Black and Hispanic and Latinx subpopulations have shown to be effective with small increases in homeownership rates among these households. However, both minority groups remain majority-renter as opposed to their White counterparts (Figure 5).

There is a large disparity in homeownership between White and Black or African American households. Among renters in Youngstown, 51.8% are Black/African American, while 31.5% of renters are White alone households. Two out of every three White alone households are homeowners (70%), while less than half of Black/African American households (45%), and Hispanic and Latinx alone households (47%) are homeowners.

An extended numeric breakdown of type of housing tenure by racial demographic in Youngstown City, Mahoning County, and Ohio overall can be found in Appendix A.

Figure 5. *Housing Tenure by Race, 2023**



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S2502

* Percentage callouts showcase the relative percentage each race makes up of the total population of their tenure. Percentages may not equal 100 due to unrepresented minority populations.

Housing Values and Vacancy

Housing Sales Prices, 2024

As of December 2024, home prices in the City of Youngstown were up 12.1% compared to the previous year, selling for a median price of \$159,703.² Countywide, the median sales price for homes in December 2024 was \$171,560 which was 14% greater than 2023.³ Ohio's median sales price for homes in December 2024 was \$247,700, an 8.6% increase year over year.⁴ Increases in sale prices have been larger than they were in 2022 across the state, when GOPC last conducted this analysis. Mahoning County saw a significant comparative increase in sales price than 2022 (6.2%), however the city of Youngstown's increase in median sales price was more modest comparatively (17.5% in 2022).

Fair Market Rent, 2024

In 2024, the fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Mahoning Co (the smallest geography available) was \$860. Fair market rents are expected to continue to increase in 2025.⁵

Long Term Vacancy, 2023

In 2023, 10.91% of Youngstown's housing units were "other vacant," which is the Census's designation for abandoned, vacant properties that have no prospect of tenants or buyers due to their condition. This was 3,207 units; a 616 unit decrease within a three year period. This decrease in permanently abandoned properties within the city is a sign that blight removal efforts are proving effective and should continue in coming years.

The early 2010s were the high-water mark for 'other vacancy' in Ohio, as the impacts of the Great Recession reverberated across housing markets. Now, in 2025, rates are much lower in Youngstown and Mahoning Co. and the rest of the state for a variety of reasons, including: millions of dollars allocated to demolition, effective landbanks that have removed and prevented blight, increased code enforcement, and relief and support programs that have kept at-risk owners in their homes.

Table 4. *Percent "Other Vacant" by Geography, 2010, 2020, 2023*

	Youngstown	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 "other vacant" rates	18.97%	11.73%	10.22%
2020 "other vacant" rates	13.33%	9.33%	9.27%
2023 "other vacant" rates	10.91%	5.98%	4.57%

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, Decennial Census, 2020: DEC Redistricting Data (PL 94-171, Table H1); American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B25002

² Rocket Home Real Estate Trends, accessed January 2025.

³ Rocket Home Real Estate Trends, accessed January 2025.

⁴ Redfin Market Insights, accessed January 2025.

⁵ National Low Income Housing Coalition "Out of Reach Report", accessed December 2024

Household Income

Individuals' Wages, 2022

In 2022, 48% of individuals employed within Youngstown earned less than \$3,333 per month, or \$39,996, annually.⁶

Table 5. Individual Monthly Wages, 2022

	Number of residents	Percent of all workers
\$1,250 per month or less (<\$15,000 annual)	5,042	18.3%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month (\$15,000-\$39,996 annual)	8,139	29.5%
More than \$3,333 per month >\$40,000 annual)	14,371	52.2%

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2022).

Household Income in Youngstown, Mahoning Co. and Ohio

The City of Youngstown’s median household income was \$34,746 in 2023. That is \$20,830 less than the county and nearly half than of the state (\$34,934 less). Across Youngtown, Mahoning Co. and Ohio, income has continually risen since 2010, and at a faster rate since 2020, comparatively. (For more on household income, see Appendix B)

Table 6. Median Income by Geography, 2010, 2020, & 2023

	Youngstown	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 Median Income	\$24,318	\$40,123	\$47,358
2020 Median Income	\$30,129	\$47,092	\$58,116
2023 Median Income	\$34,746	\$55,576	\$69,680

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S1901

Household Income in Youngstown, by Race

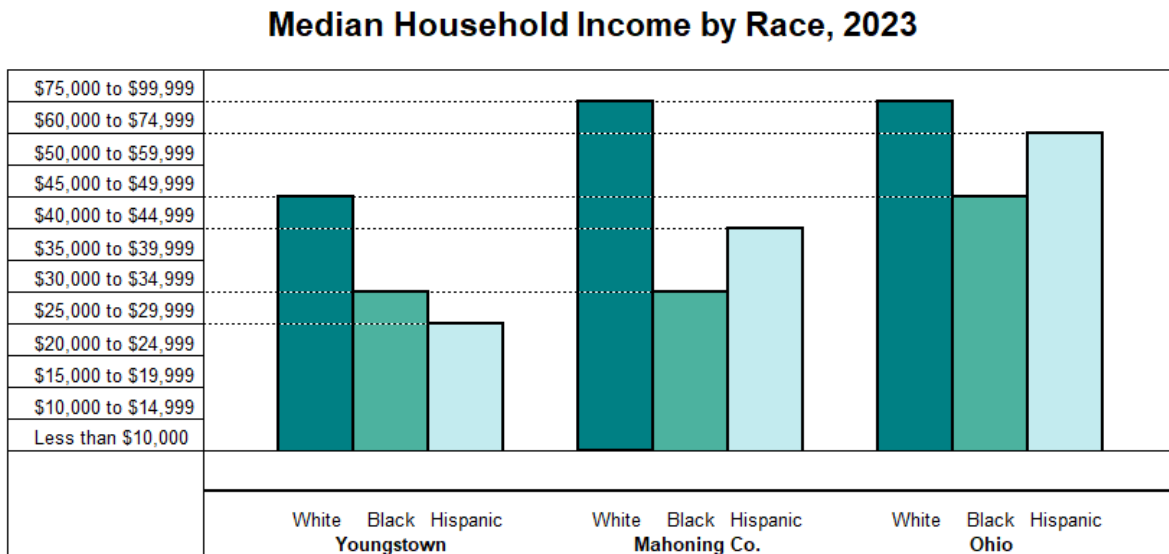
Looking at median household income by race, there are disparities among city residents. Hispanic and Latinx households are seeing the worst financial outcomes within the city. Only 18% of Hispanic and Latinx households in Youngstown earn more than the median income for White alone households (\$45,000), while 33% of Black or African Americans earn the same. The comparison between Black or African American households is even more stark. Black or African American households currently have the lowest median income in the county, sitting within the \$25,000 to \$29,999 income bracket (Youngstown, \$27,986; Mahoning, \$29,685).

The median income for Hispanic and Latinx households in Youngstown has remained within the same income bracket since 2020 (exact value \$20,855), however has increased within Mahoning County. Exact median income for all demographics can be found below (Table 7).

⁶ U.S. Census Bureau. OnTheMap Application, accessed December 2024

Also, the median income of White Alone households has increased at both the city and county level and Mahoning County is now in line with state trends. The exact median income reported for White Alone households in Youngstown is \$44,750 in 2023 inflation-adjusted dollars. An extended, numerical breakdown of household income, including the number of households in each bracket can be found in Appendix B.

Figure 6. *Median Household Income by Race, 2023*



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B19001; American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B19013

Table 7. *Median Household Income by Race (in 2023 Inflation Adjusted Dollars), 2023*

	Youngstown	Mahoning Co.	Ohio
White alone	\$44,750	\$63,186	\$74,887
Black or African American	\$27,986	\$29,685	\$42,433
Hispanic or Latinx origin (of any race)	\$20,855	\$39,310	\$57,218

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S1903

Housing Cost Burden for Renting and Homeowner Households, 2017-2021

Housing cost-burden is when a household pays 30% or more of its income to housing expenses (mortgage/rent, utilities, taxes/fees).

The most recent data available is aggregated from data collected from 2017 to 2021 and does not adequately reflect the ongoing stress the pandemic and post-pandemic trends have put on

renters and some homeowners.

The data, which have limited value because of their age, suggests 49% of Youngstown city renters paid more than 30% of their income to housing expenses). Sixteen percent of all Youngstown city homeowners paid more than 30% of their income to housing expenses.⁷

Housing Wage for Renting Households, 2024

The hourly wage necessary to afford a 2-bedroom, fair market-rate apartment in Mahoning Co. increased to \$16.19/hour in 2024 (+\$2.35 since 2022). A household earning the average renter wage in the county needs to work 63 hours a week in order to afford the typical 2-bedroom fair market rent of \$860/month. A minimum wage earner would need to work 1.6 jobs to comfortably afford a 2-bedroom fair market apartment.⁸

Households Living at or Below the Federally Designated Poverty Rate, by Race

The Census Bureau defines poverty by using a set of money income thresholds that vary by size and composition of a family to determine who is in poverty. If a family's total income is lower than the threshold, which is calculated from the cost of a minimum food diet multiplied by three, then that family and every individual in it is considered in poverty. The official poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated for inflation using the Consumer Price Index. In 2023, the poverty level for a single adult with two minor children was \$24,549.⁹

The Federal Poverty Threshold should not be confused with the Federal Poverty *Guidelines*. While both provide federal measures of poverty, the Federal Poverty Threshold is determined by the U.S. Census Bureau and includes statistics on the number of Americans who are living in poverty. This report is then used by the Department of Human and Health Services to establish the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

In Youngstown, 36.2% of households were below the poverty level. This is nearly double that of the county (18.3%) and significantly more than the state (13.2%). While the state has seen a slight decline in the poverty rate, both Mahoning County and Youngstown's poverty rates continue to increase since 2020.

Table 8. *Poverty Rate by Geography, 2023*

	Youngstown	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 poverty rate	31.8%	16%	15.8%
2020 poverty rate	34.9%	17.6%	13.6%
2023 poverty rate	36.2%	18.3%	13.2%

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S1701

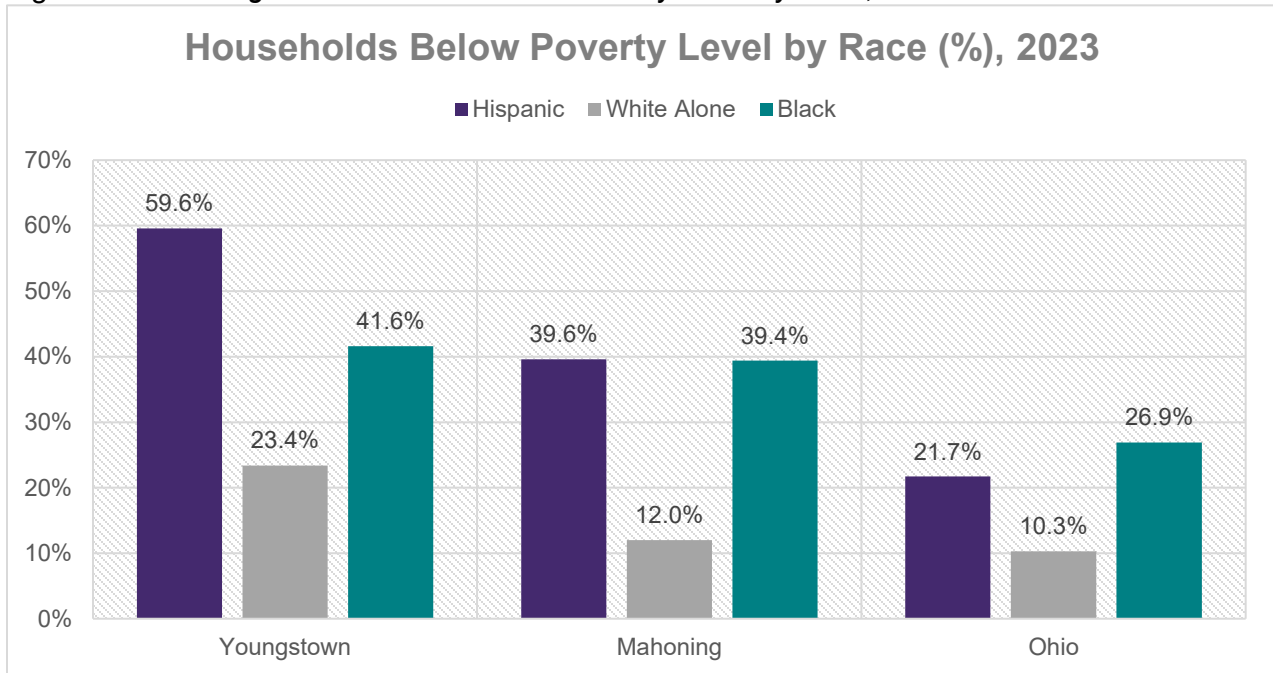
⁷ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, accessed December 2024

⁸ National Low Income Housing Coalition "Out of Reach Report", accessed December 2024

⁹ U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, [Federal Poverty Level](#), Accessed February 2025; U.S. Census Bureau, [2023 Poverty Thresholds](#), Accessed February 2025

Discrepancies between median income and poverty rate help identify internal wage gaps, since the median is the exact halfway point within a population. If poverty rate increases while median income either remains level or increases, it means that the number of households within the middle range of incomes is shrinking, while the number of households at either extreme grows.

Figure 7. *Percentage of Households Below Poverty Level by Race, 2023*



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S1701

Information about Jobs held by Residents and Certified Companies in Youngstown

Top Five Industries Youngstown Residents Work in, 2022

The five industries that have the largest share of city residents in them are below. Health Care and Social Assistance is a massive industry within Youngstown, accounting for 31.4% of jobs held by residents, more than double the next largest industry, Educational Services. (For a full list, see Appendix C.)

Table 9. *Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector in Youngstown City, 2022*

NAICS Industry Sector	Count	Share
Health Care and Social Assistance	8,661	31.4%
Educational Services	3,359	12.2%
Manufacturing	2,973	10.8%
Public Administration	1,803	6.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	1,441	5.2%

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2022).

MBE, WBE, VFBE, and EDGE Certified

There are four major business certifications through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services: Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), Veteran-friendly Business Enterprise (VFBE or VBE) and Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity (EDGE) certification.

Undoubtedly, many more Black-owned, Hispanic and Latinx owned, women-owned, and veteran owned businesses exist in Youngstown. Estimating those numbers, however, is difficult if the businesses are not registered for certification.

As of February 2025, Youngstown has:

- 33 state certified minority business enterprises
- 22 state certified women business enterprises
- 2 state certified veteran friendly business enterprises
- 28 state certified encouraging diversity, growth, and equity certified businesses

Some individual businesses qualify for multiple certifications, meaning the unique number of MBE, WBE, VFBE and EDGE companies is not the full sum of the numbers above. (For a complete list of companies with MBE, WBE, VFBE, and EDGE certification, please see Appendix D).

Conditions in Education

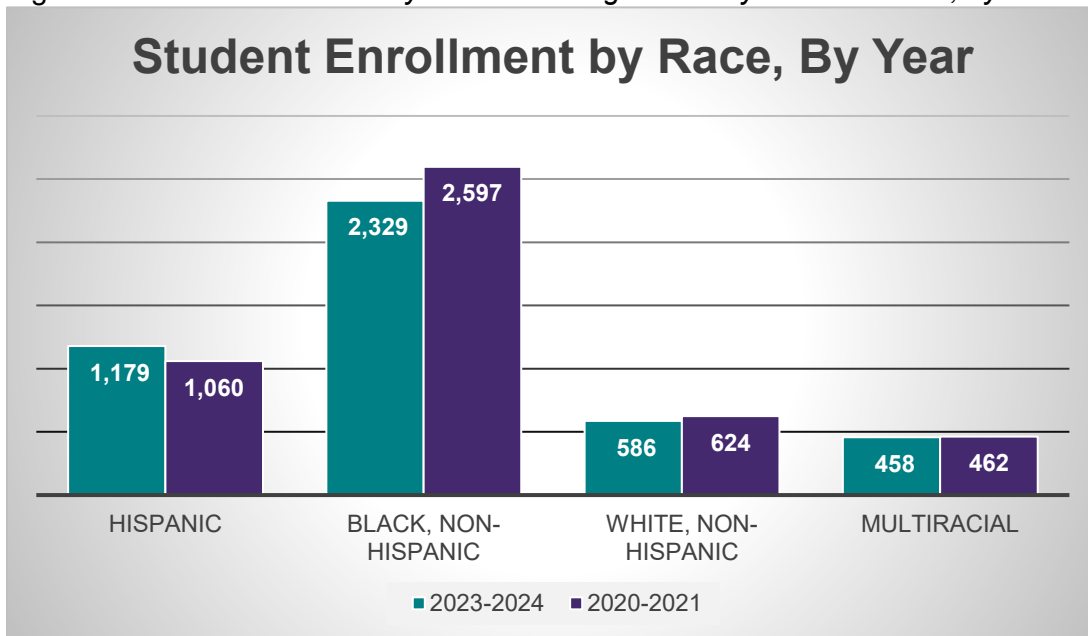
District Demographics

There are 14 schools in the Youngstown City District. Within the district, in the 2023-2024 school year, there were a total of 4,569 students enrolled. Of those students, half identify as non-Hispanic Black (51%), and a fourth identify as Hispanic (26%), while only 13% identify as non-Hispanic White (Figure 7).

Please note that American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Migrant populations are not represented, because their enrollment is less than 1% of the student body.

The district reports that 841 students (18.4%) have disabilities, and 383 (8.4%) are English learners.

Figure 8. Student Enrollment by Race in Youngstown City School District, by Year



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, 2023-2024 District Profile

District Classification as Economically Disadvantaged

The entire student body is considered economically disadvantaged; this designation means that the student in question meets any of the following conditions (as quoted directly from the Department of Education’s EMIS Manual):

- **Eligibility for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch.** Students who are known to be eligible to receive the free or reduced-price lunch, a program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National School Lunch Program. Eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch can be determined through a variety of methods including the electronic direct certification process or completion by a parent or guardian of a free and reduced-price lunch application. A student with an approved application on file for a free or reduced-price lunch is qualified to be reported to the Department as economically disadvantaged.
- **Resident of a Household in which a Member is Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch.** Students who have not submitted an application for free or reduced-price lunch or who have not been directly certified as eligible but reside in a household in which a member (e.g., sibling) is known to be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch via an approved application or through direct certification.
- **Public Assistance.** Students who are known to be recipients of or whose guardians are known to be recipients of public assistance. A source for determining whether a student’s family is receiving public assistance is the Education Monetary Assistance Distribution (EMAD) system.
- **Title I Application.** Students whose parents or guardians have completed a Title I student income form and meet the income guidelines specified

The percentage of students who were eligible for free lunches based on other certification processes in the Youngstown City School District for the 2023-2024 school year was 62%.¹⁰ (More on CEP Eligibility in Appendix E).

District Report Card

There are six components that are used to calculate the district's overall grade: Achievement, Progress, Graduation Rate, Gap Closing, Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers, and Prepared for Success.

Overall, the Youngstown City School District received a score of 2 stars out of 5 on the metrics that the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce use to determine a district's school quality grade. The 2 stars means that the district "needs support to meet state standards".

Achievement

This component represents the number of students who pass state tests in addition to how well they performed on those tests. It is broken down by **Performance Index**, which measures the test results of all students and not just those who score proficient or higher, and **Indicators Met**, which measures what percent of students have passed the tests.

- The district had a Performance Index of 49.4% on the 2023-2024 report card.

This number has been declining since 2017 (58.0%). In 2021, the performance index had dropped starkly to 32.4% and GOPC suggested that the severity of the decline in score could be attributed to the pandemic, seeing as the index stood at 56.0% in 2020. Scores have recovered somewhat, but have yet to achieve pre-pandemic levels. Overall, the achievement score received **1 out of 5 stars** for the 2023-2024 school year.

Progress

This component examines the growth of students based on previous performance compared to the expected growth on average in Ohio's State Tests. Within Progress, students are split into 4 measures which are weighted for the final score: i) progress for all students, ii) gifted students, iii) students with disabilities, and iv) students whose academic performance is in the lowest 20 percent of students statewide.

According to the 2023-2024 Report Card publication in English Language Arts,

- Grades 5 through 8 all met or exceeded student growth expectations, as well as overall.
- The 4th grade showed significant evidence that students made less progress than expected by a large margin. (Note: These students were kindergarteners when the schools went remote in March 2020 due to the pandemic.¹¹)
- High School showed significant evidence that students fell short of growth expectations by a large margin.

¹⁰ Food Research & Action Center, [Community Eligibility Data](#), accessed January 30, 2025

¹¹ WKBN First News "[Plan set to bring Warren City Schools students back 5 days a week](#)", published March 3, 2021. Accessed February 2025

In Mathematics,

- Grades 5 through 8 either met or exceeded student growth expectations.
- 4th Grade fell short of student growth expectations, while 8th Grade exceeded them.
- High School students exceeded expectations for Geometry by a large margin, and met expectations in Algebra. Value data was not available for Mathematics I or II.

In Science

- 8th grade was the only group to meet student growth expectations.
- 5th grade fell short of growth expectations by a large magnitude.
- Data was not available for 4th, 6th or 7th grades.

High School students are meeting expectations for Biology; however, students are falling behind expectations “by a large magnitude” in American History and Government. Overall, the district received **2 out of 5 stars** on Progress for 2023-2024.

Graduation Rate

This component is composed of the percentage of students who successfully finish high school with a diploma in either four or five years. The Four-Year Graduation Rate (60% in the calculation) is weighted slightly more than the Five-Year rate (40% in the calculation).

- As of the 2023-2024 Report Card publication, Youngstown City School District has a 4-year graduation rate of 86.3%.

The graduation rate has remained steady overall, and has decreased minimally since the 2020-2021 school year when the graduation rate was 87.3%. Youngstown City School District received **2 out of 5 stars** in the Graduation component of the 2023-2024 Report Card.

Gap Closing

This component measures how well schools meet performance expectations for the most vulnerable populations of students in English language arts, math, graduation, and how well schools teach English learners to become proficient in English. The student groups that are represented include: groups based on racial and ethnic demographics (i.e., White non-Hispanic, Black non-Hispanic, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Multiracial) as well as students that are economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities, and English learners.

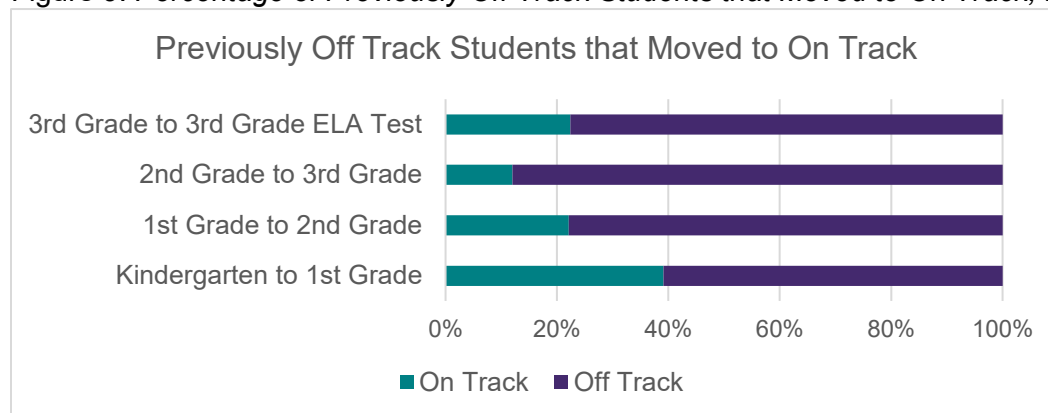
Overall, the district had a gap closing score of 6.7%, earning 4 out of a possible 60 points in this category (**1 out of 5 stars**).

- No student groups met their English Language Arts Achievement goal.
- No student groups met their Math Achievement goal.
- No student groups met their English Language Arts Growth goal.
- No student groups met their Math Growth goal.
- 4 out of 8 student groups met their Graduation goal.
- No student groups met their English Learners goal, or showed improvement from the prior year.
- No student groups met their Chronic Absenteeism goal.

Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers

“Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers” is a component that examines how successful the district is at helping struggling students get on track toward proficiency in reading in the third grade and beyond (Figure 9). Third grade improvement evaluates students that were previously “off track” to see if they met the score for “on track” on the third grade English language arts test, as opposed to year-to-year comparison.

Figure 9. *Percentage of Previously Off Track Students that Moved to On Track, Fall 2023*



Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, Greater Ohio Policy Center, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Additional Details on Improving K-3 Literacy, 2023-24

According to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, despite only 40% of students scoring proficient on the state English Language Arts test, 89% of students met requirements for promotion to the 4th grade. Whereas “On/Off Track” is a comparative measure of each student’s year-to-year improvement, score on the English Language Arts test is an objective, pass-fail metric.

Overall, the Youngstown City School District earned a 52.7% in the Early Literacy component of the 2023-2024 District Report Card. The district received **1 out of 5 stars** for the overall Early Literacy Component.

Prepared for Success

Lastly, this category examines how well students are prepared for future opportunities, whether that is preparing for work or college, or training in a technical field. There are three **Primary Measures**: i) whether or not a student receives an Honors Diploma, ii) ACT or SAT remediation-free scores, or iii) 12 points through an industry-recognized credential in one of 13 high-demand career fields. There are also **Bonus Measures** for advanced placement tests, international baccalaureate tests and college credit plus.

- Of the graduation cohort (333 students) in the 2022-2023 school year, 227 demonstrated post-secondary readiness giving the district a composite score of 68.2%.

Of the 2023 graduation cohort, 15% took the ACT, however only 0.9% of test-taking students received a score that indicated they did not need remediation support. Of the graduating cohort, 65.8% of students took the SAT, but only 2.4% of those students received remediation-free scores. Within the graduating cohort, 60.4% of students received 12 points through an industry-recognized credential, however only 2.4% of students received an Honors Diploma.

Higher Educational Attainment

Across most populations within Mahoning County and Youngstown, higher education degree attainment is occurring less frequently than elsewhere in the state. Less than 20% of the White alone population within Youngstown has attained a Bachelor’s Degree or Higher in 2023, which is also less than that of the county. Degree attainment for Black and Hispanic or Latinx populations is consistent across the city and county, although still lower than state trends. However, within Youngstown and Mahoning County, Asian residents are outperforming peers statewide.

Table 10. Attainment of Bachelor’s Degree or Higher by Race (in Percent), 2023

	Youngstown	Mahoning Co.	Ohio
White alone	19.2%	29.1%	32.1%
Black or African American alone	11.2%	11.9%	19.9%
Hispanic or Latinx Origin	11.4%	15.4%	23.2%
Asian alone	86.9%	67%	60.3%

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S1501

Conclusion

The city of Youngstown is experiencing higher rates of population decline when compared to previous observed periods. However, Mahoning County’s population is beginning to stabilize.

Significant economic inequities between the city and county and state remain. Because of the racial demographics of the city, versus the county and state, these inequities are highly racialized.

Housing overall has seen multiple successes:

- Homeownership has increased from 2020 to 2023.
- There is notably less permanent vacant housing within Youngstown since 2022. This is a major success for the city and should be celebrated as such.
- Average sales prices have more than doubled within Youngstown, another success, especially in comparison to the state overall, where average sales prices have decreased. (\$159,703, 2024; \$65,150, 2022),

However, there are areas that need improvement as well. Overall, rents have increased throughout Mahoning County, but wages for White alone and Black or African American households have not shown the same growth. The percent of households living below poverty has increased in both Youngstown and Mahoning County. This is a sign that continued efforts to assist racial minorities are still necessary.

The number of certified minority, women, and EDGE certified businesses have all doubled within Youngstown since February 2022. The Health Care and Social Assistance industry has grown in Youngstown; Retail Trade and Administrative Services have fallen out of favor in exchange for Public Administration and Educational Services.

School report card metrics show that the district needs supportive intervention to improve metrics and assist in meeting student expectation goals.

Data at a Glance for Youngstown and Mahoning County

All data are from American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, unless otherwise noted.

Population Demographics

Population by Race and Ethnicity in Youngstown and Mahoning Co., 2023

	Youngstown		Mahoning County		Ohio	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Total population	59,605	-	227,063	-	11,780,046	-
Hispanic or Latinx (of any race)	6,663	11.2	14,765	6.5	537,559	4.6
White alone	24,578	41.2	168,753	74.3	9,011,101	76.5
Black or African American alone	24,131	40.5	31,396	13.8	1,428,392	12.1
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	67	0.1	129	0.1	7,359	0.1
Asian alone	358	0.6	2,087	0.9	286,098	2.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	14	0	47	0	3,655	0

Median Age in Youngstown and Mahoning Co., 2010, 2020 and 2023

The median age of Youngstown is decreasing. The median age of the county has also decreased, while the state median has remained the same since 2020.

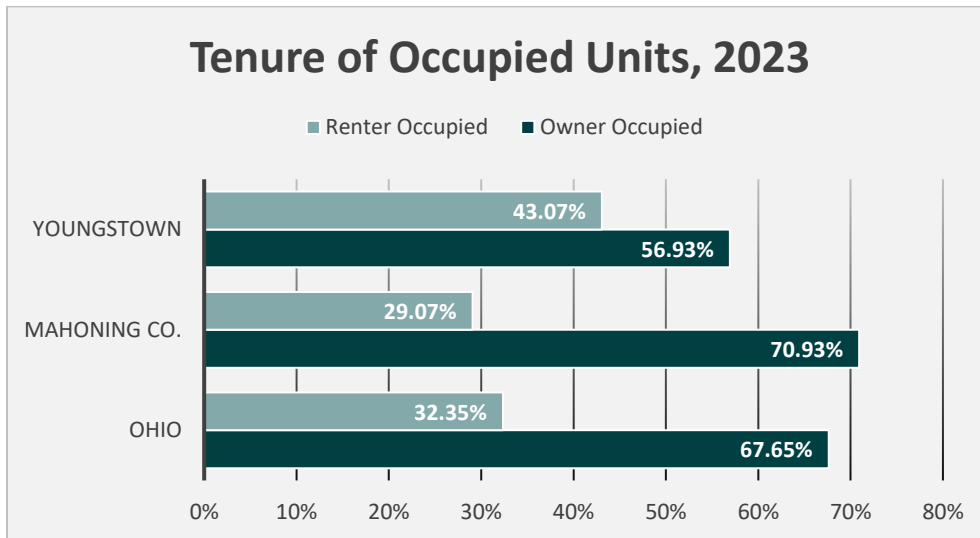
	Youngstown City	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 population	39.0	42.4	38.3
2020 population	39.8	43.5	39.5
2023 population	37.8	43.4	39.6

Population Change in Youngstown and Mahoning Co., from 2020 to 2023

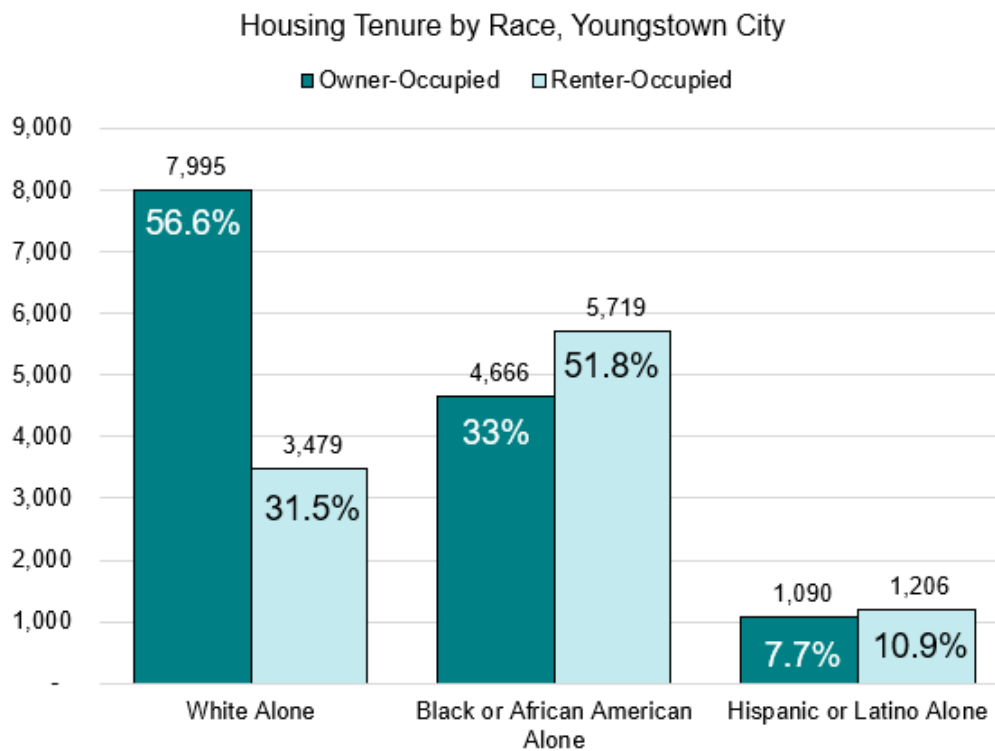
	Youngstown City	Mahoning County	Ohio
2020 Population	64,152	228,452	11,675,275
2023 Population	59,605	227,063	11,780,046
Percent Change (%) from 2020 to 2023	-7.09	-0.61	+ .90

Tenure of Housing

Tenure of Housing: Owner Occupants and Renters in Youngstown, Mahoning Co. and Ohio, 2023



Tenure of Housing: Owner Occupants and Renters in Youngstown, by Race, 2023



The majority of renters in Youngstown are African American (52%). Two out of every three White alone households are homeowners (70%), while less than half of Black/African American households (45%), and Hispanic and Latinx alone households (47%) are homeowners.

Housing Values and Vacancy

Housing Sales Prices, 2024

As of December 2024 (Rocket Mortgage):

Youngstown: Home Sales Prices +12.1% since 2023; Median Sales Price \$159,703

Mahoning County: Home Sales Prices +14% since 2023; Median Sales Price \$171,560

Ohio: Home Sales Prices +8.6% since 2023; Median Sales Price \$247,700 (Redfin)

Fair Market Rent, 2024

In 2024, the fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Mahoning Co (the smallest geography available) was \$860 (National Low Income Housing Coalition).

Long Term Vacancy, 2023

In 2023, 10.91% of Youngstown’s housing units were “other vacant,” which is the Census’s designation for abandoned, vacant properties that have no prospect of tenants or buyers due to their condition. This was 3,207 units (a 616 unit decrease since 2020).

	Youngstown	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 “other vacant” rates	18.97%	11.73%	10.22%
2020 “other vacant” rates	13.33%	9.33%	9.27%
2023 “other vacant” rates	10.91%	5.98%	4.57%

Household Income

Individuals’ Wages, 2022

In 2022, 48% of individuals employed within Youngstown earned less than \$3,333 per month, or \$39,996, annually (On the Map).

	Number of residents	Percent of all workers
\$1,250 per month or less (<\$15,000 annual)	5,042	18.3%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month (\$15,000-\$39,996 annual)	8,139	29.5%
More than \$3,333 per month >\$40,000 annual)	14,371	52.2%

Household Income in Youngstown, Mahoning Co. and Ohio

The City of Youngstown’s median household income was \$34,746 in 2023. That is \$20,830 less than the county and nearly half than of the state (\$34,934 less). Income has continually risen since 2010, and at a faster rate since 2020 comparatively, due to the smaller time frame.

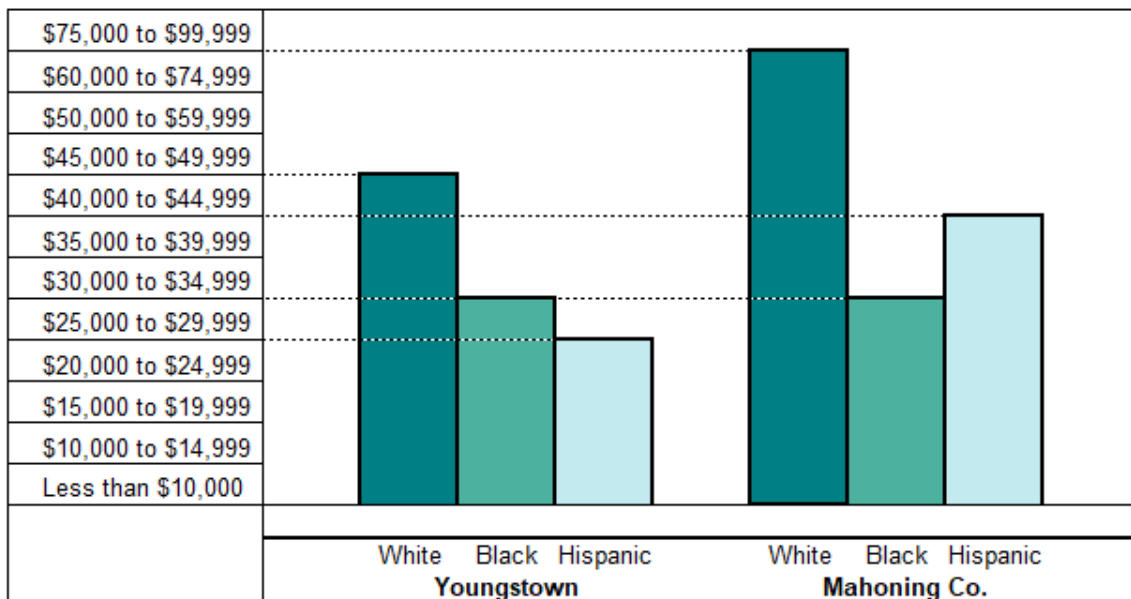
	Youngstown	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 Median Income	\$24,318	\$40,123	\$47,358
2020 Median Income	\$30,129	\$47,092	\$58,116
2023 Median Income	\$34,746	\$55,576	\$69,680
% change in Median (2020-23)	+15.32	+18.02	+19.90

Household Income in Youngstown, by Race

Hispanic and Latinx households are seeing the worst financial outcomes within the city. Only 18% of Hispanic and Latinx households in Youngstown earn more than the median income for White alone households (\$45,000), while 33% of Black or African Americans earn the same.

Black or African American households currently have the lowest median income in the county, sitting within the \$25,000 to \$29,999 income bracket (Youngstown, \$27,986; Mahoning, \$29,685).

Median Household Income by Race, 2023



Housing Cost Burden for Renting and Homeowner Households, 2017-2021

Housing cost-burden is when a household pays 30% or more of its income to housing expenses (mortgage/rent, utilities, taxes/fees). The most recent data available is aggregated from data collected from 2017 to 2021 and does not adequately reflect the ongoing stress the pandemic and post-pandemic trends have put on renters and some homeowners.

The most recent data; which have limited value because of their age, suggests 49% of Youngstown city renters paid more than 30% of their income to housing expenses). Sixteen percent of all Youngstown city homeowners paid more than 30% of their income to housing expenses.

Housing Wage for Renting Households, 2024

In Mahoning Co (the smallest geography available), the hourly wage necessary to afford a 2-bedroom, fair market rate apartment has increased to \$16.19/hour (+\$2.35 since 2020). A household earning the average renter wage in the county needs to work 63 hours a week in

order to afford the typical 2-bedroom fair market rent of \$860/month (National Low Income Housing Coalition). A minimum wage earner would need to work 1.6 jobs to comfortably afford a 2-bedroom fair market apartment.

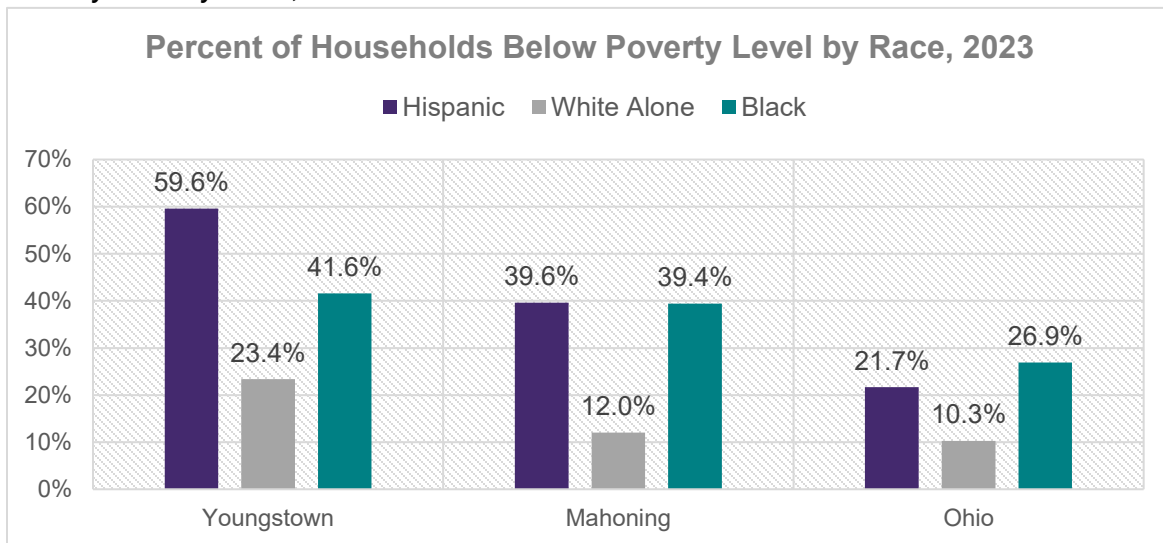
Households Living at or Below the Federally Designated Poverty Rate, by Race, 2023

In Youngstown, 36.2% of households were below the poverty level (the poverty level for a single adult with two minor children in 2023 was \$24,526 or below). Youngstown’s household poverty rate is nearly double that of the county (18.3%) and significantly more than the state (13.2%). While the state poverty rate has slightly declined, both City of Youngstown and Mahoning Co.’s poverty rates have continued to increase since 2020.

Poverty Rate by Geography, 2010, 2020, 2023

	Youngstown	Mahoning County	Ohio
2010 poverty rate	31.8%	16%	15.8%
2020 poverty rate	34.9%	17.6%	13.6%
2023 poverty rate	36.2%	18.3%	13.2%

Poverty Rate by Race, 2023



Information about Jobs held by Youngstown Residents and Certified Companies in Youngstown

Top Five Industries Sectors Youngstown Residents Work in, 2023

NAICS Industry Sector	Count	Share
Health Care and Social Assistance	8,661	31.4%
Educational Services	3,359	12.2%
Manufacturing	2,973	10.8%
Public Administration	1,803	6.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	1,441	5.2%

MBE, WBE, VFBE, and EDGE Certified

Youngstown has

- 33 state certified minority business enterprises
- 22 state certified women business enterprises
- 2 state certified veteran friendly business enterprises
- 28 state certified encouraging diversity, growth, and equity certified businesses

Some individual businesses qualify for multiple certifications, meaning the unique number of MBE, WBE, VFBE and EDGE companies may be less than the full sum of the numbers above.

School Demographics and Performance

Demographics of K-12 Students in Youngstown City School District: Race, Disability, English Language Learners, Economic Status

There are 14 schools in the Youngstown City District. There were 4,569 students in the district in 2023-2024. They racially and ethnically identified as:

Black, non-Hispanic	51.0%
Hispanic, Latinx	25.8%
White, non-Hispanic	12.8%
Other, including American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander and Migrant (following DoE classifications)	10.35%

- 18.4% of students have a disability recognized by the school district (839 students)
- 8.33% of students are English language learners (383 students)

The entire student body is considered economically disadvantaged, which means that the students meets any of the following conditions:

- Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch
- Resident of a Household in which a Member is Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch
- Eligible Public Assistance
- Title I Application Acceptance

District Report Card

Overall, the Youngstown City School District received a composite score of **2 stars out of 5** on the metrics that the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce use to determine a district’s school quality grade. The 2 stars means that the district “needs support to meet state standards” (ODOEW).

- Achievement Score: 49.4% (**1 Star**)
- Gap Closing Score: 6.7% (**1 Star**)
- Graduation Rate Score: 86.3% (**2 Stars**)
- Early Literacy Score: 52.7% (**1 Star**)
- College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness Score: 68.2% (**Star rating not applicable for this component**)

The Progress Component measures the academic performance of students compared to expected growth on Ohio's State Tests. 8th Grade was the only grade from 4th through 8th within the district to exceed student growth expectations. High School is meeting expectations for Algebra and Biology, exceeding expectations by a large magnitude in Geometry, and falling behind expectations by a large magnitude in English II, American History, and American Government (**2 Stars overall**).

The 4-year graduation rate for Youngstown City School District in the 2023-2024 school year was 85.9%.

Of the 2023 graduation cohort, 15% took the ACT, however only 0.9% of test-taking students received a score that indicated they did not need remediation support. Within the 2023 graduation cohort, 65.8% of students took the SAT, but only 2.4% of those students received remediation-free scores.

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Appendices

Appendix A

Type of Housing Tenure by Race Table, 2023

Geographies	Occupied Housing							
	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Black or African American Alone		Hispanic and Latinx Alone		Total	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Ohio	382,7427	79.2	591,734	12.3	164,415	3.4	4,583,576	95
Mahoning County	75,911	77.3	13,873	14.1	5,035	5.1	94,819	97
Youngstown city	11,474	45.6	10,385	41.3	2,296	9.1	24,155	96
Geographies	Owner-Occupied Housing							
	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Black or African American Alone		Hispanic and Latinx Alone		Total	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Ohio	2,804,613	86.7	216,563	6.7	79,418	2.5	3,100,594	96
Mahoning County	58,684	85	5,759	8.3	2,815	4.1	67,258	97
Youngstown city	7,995	56.6	4,666	33	1,090	7.7	13,751	97
Geographies	Renter-Occupied Housing							
	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Black or African American Alone		Hispanic and Latinx Alone		Total	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Ohio	1,022,814	64.2	375,171	23.5	84,997	5.3	1,482,982	93
Mahoning County	17,227	59	8,114	27.8	2,220	7.6	27,561	94
Youngstown city	3,479	31.5	5,719	51.8	1,206	10.9	10,404	94

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table S2502

Appendix B

Household Income

Household income is defined by the Census Bureau as income of a household in the past 12 months. This number includes the householder and all other individuals aged 15 and older who have income, regardless of relation to householder. This number is *not* family income, as many households are filed by a single person, despite familial relations. Bear in mind that, although household income is a composite of the past 12 months, it is only representative of the household at the time of the interview. This means that people who were members of the household during the year but no longer reside at the household at the time of reporting are not counted. The opposite also holds true, wherein people who did not reside in the household for the past 12 months but are members of the household at the time of the interview are included in the household income. However, overall the compositions of households tended to have no change over the past 12 months at the time of the interview.

Median household income is the division of all households into two equal parts: one half of all households falling above the median, and the other half below. The distribution of households and families includes those with no income, while individual reporting is based on individuals 15 years old and older with income.

Median Household Income of White Alone Households, by Geography, 2023

	White Alone					
	Ohio		Mahoning County		Youngstown City	
	Estimate	MoE	Estimate	MoE	Estimate	MoE
Total:	3,827,427	8,111	75,911	803	11,474	529
Less than \$10,000	153,368	3,301	3,735	424	837	182
\$10,000 to \$14,999	127,305	3,178	3,216	418	958	188
\$15,000 to \$19,999	123,061	2,643	3,084	437	753	194
\$20,000 to \$24,999	137,293	2,910	2,880	318	715	133
\$25,000 to \$29,999	137,947	2,703	3,273	437	546	115
\$30,000 to \$34,999	140,566	2,671	3,596	444	723	199
\$35,000 to \$39,999	144,377	2,333	3,640	511	641	160
\$40,000 to \$44,999	146,230	3,146	3,345	284	597	130
\$45,000 to \$49,999	145,325	2,657	3,620	458	761	194
\$50,000 to \$59,999	275,257	3,796	5,785	612	956	203
\$60,000 to \$74,999	385,793	4,391	7,857	653	1,278	270
\$75,000 to \$99,999	527,275	5,831	10,456	651	1,266	239
\$100,000 to \$124,999	408,096	4,610	7,353	597	616	127
\$125,000 to \$149,999	286,777	4,484	4,901	475	330	104
\$150,000 to \$199,999	333,313	4,445	4,621	440	335	108
\$200,000 or more	355,444	4,300	4,549	497	162	61

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B19001

Please note that the redline underlines the median household income bracket for the region. For

example, the median household income for the Black or African American alone population of Ohio would be within the \$40,000 to \$44,999 bracket, while the median household income for the Black or African American alone population of Youngstown City would be in the \$25,000 to \$29,999 bracket. “MoE” is common shorthand that refers to the Margin of Error.

Median Household Income of Black/African American Alone Households, by Geography, 2023

	Black or African American Alone					
	Ohio		Mahoning County		Youngstown City	
	Estimate	MoE	Estimate	MoE	Estimate	MoE
Total:	591,734	3,831	13,873	512	10,385	518
Less than \$10,000	67,143	2,467	2,658	375	2,139	313
\$10,000 to \$14,999	50,881	2,091	1,419	287	1,081	249
\$15,000 to \$19,999	32,416	1,563	856	209	636	174
\$20,000 to \$24,999	33,831	1,656	1,015	239	796	182
\$25,000 to \$29,999	31,986	1,834	1,060	229	878	237
\$30,000 to \$34,999	31,919	1,738	773	235	503	160
\$35,000 to \$39,999	30,001	1,684	695	177	528	146
\$40,000 to \$44,999	31,179	1,666	560	160	388	123
\$45,000 to \$49,999	27,952	1,797	770	207	449	156
\$50,000 to \$59,999	43,493	1,991	791	173	631	162
\$60,000 to \$74,999	54,248	1,898	933	234	678	191
\$75,000 to \$99,999	58,010	1,934	1,001	265	839	253
\$100,000 to \$124,999	37,388	1,724	687	222	509	187
\$125,000 to \$149,999	21,844	1,227	184	106	121	71
\$150,000 to \$199,999	21,655	1,179	354	205	147	84
\$200,000 or more	17,788	1,062	117	89	62	72

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B19001

Median Household Income of Hispanic and Latinx Households, by Geography, 2023

	Hispanic or Latino					
	Ohio		Mahoning County		Youngstown City	
	Estimate	MoE	Estimate	MoE	Estimate	MoE
Total:	164,415	2,127	5,035	305	2,296	290
Less than \$10,000	12,512	941	746	221	581	194
\$10,000 to \$14,999	8,377	778	504	170	293	109
\$15,000 to \$19,999	6,693	713	289	96	195	85
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7,445	781	372	236	319	240
\$25,000 to \$29,999	6,704	739	261	117	120	72
\$30,000 to \$34,999	7,794	723	180	80	96	67
\$35,000 to \$39,999	7,381	815	208	132	93	65
\$40,000 to \$44,999	8,024	886	319	130	187	96
\$45,000 to \$49,999	7,388	734	333	124	91	64
\$50,000 to \$59,999	13,133	947	212	92	36	28
\$60,000 to \$74,999	15,988	989	295	115	60	33
\$75,000 to \$99,999	20,850	1,174	413	142	145	81
\$100,000 to \$124,999	12,979	859	383	150	63	54
\$125,000 to \$149,999	9,583	848	274	125	6	11
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,845	874	143	101	7	13
\$200,000 or more	9,719	905	103	66	4	7

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B19001

Percentage of Population Above Racial Median Income, by Race, 2023

	Youngstown			Mahoning County			Ohio		
	White Alone	Black Alone	Hispanic	White Alone	Black Alone	Hispanic	White Alone	Black Alone	Hispanic
Number of Households Earning Above White Alone Median Income	5,378	1,491	197	6,865	6,865	2,863	1,910,905	156,685	62,976
% of Population	47%	33%	66%	49%	49%	57%	50%	26%	38%
Number of Households Earning Above Black Alone Median Income	7,248	2,223	204	6,865	6,865	2,863	2,717,280	282,378	99,485
% of Population	64%	50%	68%	49%	49%	57%	71%	48%	61%
Number of Households Earning Above Hispanic Alone Median Income	2,532	782	141	5,397	5,397	2,475	2,296,698	210,933	78,964
% of Population	22%	18%	47%	39%	39%	49%	60%	36%	48%

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, American Community Survey, 2023 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, Table B19001

Appendix C

Industry Conditions

Industries are arranged according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code order. The five largest industries have been highlighted below: Health Care and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, Retail Trade, Accommodation and Food Services and Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation. Health Care and Social Assistance is a massive industry within Youngstown accounting for 31.4% of jobs held by residents.

Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector in Youngstown City, 2022

Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector, 2022

NAICS Industry Sector	Count	Share
Health Care and Social Assistance	8,661	31.4%
Educational Services	3,359	12.2%
Manufacturing	2,973	10.8%
Public Administration	1,803	6.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	1,441	5.2%
Construction	1,358	4.9%
Wholesale Trade	1,328	4.8%
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation	1,280	4.6%
Retail Trade	1,208	4.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	790	2.9%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	731	2.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	702	2.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	486	1.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	443	1.6%
Utilities	365	1.3%
Information	316	1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	184	0.7%
Finance and Insurance	99	0.4%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	17	0.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	8	0.0%

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2022).

Health Care and Social Assistance

This sector contains establishments that provide health care and social assistance for individuals. Health care and social assistance are combined in this industry because it can be difficult to distinguish between the two activities. Industries within this sector do anything from providing medical care exclusively to only providing social assistance or some amalgamation of the two and contains the following subsectors: Ambulatory Health Care Services, Hospitals, Nursing and Residential Care Facilities, and Social Assistance.

Education Services

This sector comprises specialized establishments that provide instruction and training in a wide variety of subjects, such as schools, colleges, universities, and training centers. These establishments may be privately owned and operated for profit or not for profit, or they may be publicly owned and operated. They may also offer food and/or accommodation services to their students

Manufacturing

Within the manufacturing sector are establishments that are engaged in the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products. This are the plants, factories, and mills that typically use power-driven machines and materials-handling equipment. Reflective of the region's rust belt history. However, establishments such as bakeries, candy stores, and custom tailors, which focus on transforming materials or substances into new products by hand or in the worker's home and engage in selling products from the same premises where they're made, might also be counted in this sector.

Public Administration

This sector consists of establishments of federal, state, and local government agencies that administer, oversee, and manage public programs and have executive, legislative, or judicial authority over other institutions within a given area. Establishments in this sector typically are engaged in the organization and financing of the production of public goods and services, most of which are provided for free or at prices that are not economically significant.

Accommodation and Food Services

This sector is composed of establishments that provide customers with lodging and/or preparing meals, snacks, and beverages (intended to be consumed immediately). These services are combined into a single sector to reflect the fact that these two activities are often combined in a single establishment.

Appendix D

In Youngstown, there are 33 MBE certified businesses and an additional 6 in Mahoning County. MBE certification requires at least 51% minority-ownership, and the owner of the business must be an Ohio resident and at least one of the following minority groups: African American/Black, Native American, Hispanic and Latinx, and/or Asian.

MBE Certified businesses in Youngstown City, 2024

Business Name	Date Certification Ends	City	Procurement Type	Business Type	Zip
Connie Rodriguez	10/10/2025	Boardman	Goods and Services	Distributor and/or Supplier (Food Products)	44512
JoDells Transportation Company LLC	6/12/2025	BOARDMAN	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44512
QJMX ENTERPRISE LLC	6/23/2025	Boardman	Goods and Services	Janitorial Services and/or Products	44512
JMW Site Design LLC	8/23/2025	Canfield	Architecture and Engineering	Engineering Services (Civil/Structural/Mechanical/CA D/Drafting/Land Surveyor/Etc.)	44406
Smarter Move Talent LLC	12/1/2025	Canfield	Goods and Services	Entertainment Services and/or Products	44406
Structural Coatings Inc.	2/9/2025	Canfield	Construction	Construction (Painting)	44406
Wilson & Clark Independent General Contracting Services LLC	10/23/2025	Struthers	Goods and Services	Technical Writing Services	44471
A Fresh Wind Catering LLC	8/9/2025	youngstown	Goods and Services	Catering Services and/or Products	44502
Acacia Enterprises Ohio LLC	10/16/2025	Youngstown	Professional Services	Business Plan Development Services	44505
Azanna Elise LLC	2/7/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Education Services and/or Products	44511
C and C Cleaning LLC	7/19/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Construction (General Contractor)	44512
DOPE Brands LLC	1/3/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Distributor and/or Supplier (Food Products)	44503
First Choice Drywall	9/21/2025	Youngstown	Construction	Construction (Carpenter/Drywall/Cabinetry/ Etc.)	44511
Full Faith Moving Services LLC.	10/1/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Moving Services and/or Products	44509
Gilead Health Services LLC	11/6/2026	Youngstown	Professional Services	Nursing Care Services and/or Products	44515
HONOR THY LOVE ONES LLC	10/2/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44504
Inner City Transit LLC	6/22/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44504
Jag'd Construction Inc.	8/1/2026	Youngstown	Construction	Construction (Painting)	44505
Just in Time Employment Agency	6/6/2025	YOUNGSTOWN	Professional Services	Professional Organizing Solutions/Services	44511
KELLY'S COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES LLC	6/30/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Janitorial Services and/or Products	44502
Key Relaxation Therapeutic Massage LLC	9/26/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Health Care Service (Non-License)	44511
Kollege Tots & Kids Inc	2/21/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Childcare Services and/or Products	44507

Labor Compliance Pros LLC	5/23/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Consulting Services	44505
Ladybirdbeauty LLC	9/17/2026	Youngstown	Professional Services	Barber/Beauty Services and/or Products	44502
MAHONING VALLEY PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVIC	3/28/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Business Support Services	44502
MJV Drafting LLC	10/28/2026	Youngstown	Professional Services	Professional Organizing Solutions/Services	44509
One Way Auto Sales LLC	3/1/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Automotive and/or Truck Dealership	44502
Parkland Ventures LLC	8/30/2025	YOUNGSTOWN			44512
Raising Young Royalty Child Development Center LLC	11/22/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Childcare Services and/or Products	44509
Sean Lott Films llc	9/18/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Media/Entertainment Services and/or Products	44511
Selah Homes OH LLC	4/17/2025	YOUNGSTOWN	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44505
Signatures By Symone	1/2/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Advertising Services and/or Products	44503
Smart Solutions Unlimited Inc.	9/29/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Telecommunications (Fiber Optic/ Cabling/ Installation/ Etc.)	44514
WJ Cobbin Office Tower LLC	6/22/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Property Management	44503
Yo! Crash LLC	12/14/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Entertainment Services and/or Products	44504
YoGo Bikeshare	3/18/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44512
TLM Residential Services	10/29/2026	Youngstown Ohio	Goods and Services	Health Care Service (Non-License)	44511
TMG Transportation LLC	10/22/2026	Youngstown Ohio	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44511
MCKINLEY INDUSTRIES	8/18/2025	youngstown	Construction	Construction (Demolition Services)	44505

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, Ohio Department of Administrative Services

Similar qualifications apply to WBE eligibility. In order to be eligible for WBE certification, a business must be at least 51% women-owned. In Youngstown, there are 22 WBE certified businesses, and there are 31 WBE certified businesses in the whole of Mahoning County.

WBE Certified Businesses in Youngstown, 2024

Business Name	Date Certification Ends	City	Procurement Type	Business Type	Zip
A Neider Architecture LLC	9/26/2025	Austintown	Architecture and Engineering	Architecture & Engineering Services	44515
Connie Rodriguez	10/10/2025	Boardman	Goods and Services	Distributor and/or Supplier (Food Products)	44512
JoDells Transportation Company LLC	6/12/2025	BOARDMAN	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44512
Steel City Contractors LLC	3/31/2025	Campbell	Construction	Construction (Painting)	44405
Junior Film LLC	6/29/2025	Canfield	Goods and Services	Entertainment Services and/or Products	44406
Smarter Move Talent LLC	12/1/2025	Canfield	Goods and Services	Entertainment Services and/or Products	44406
Youngstown Drip	3/7/2025	Canfield	Goods and Services	Nursing Care Services and/or Products	44406
Jumpin' Jeremiah's Inflatable Rentals LLC	12/11/2026	Lowellville	Goods and Services	Rental Services (Equipment)	44436
ALL SPRUCED UP CLEANING CO LLC	5/16/2026	Poland	Goods and Services	Janitorial Services and/or Products	44514
Wilson & Clark Independent General Contracting Services LLC	10/23/2025	Struthers	Goods and Services	Technical Writing Services	44471
A Fresh Wind Catering LLC	8/9/2025	youngstown	Goods and Services	Catering Services and/or Products	44502
Acacia Enterprises Ohio LLC	10/16/2025	Youngstown	Professional Services	Business Plan Development Services	44505
Azanna Elise LLC	2/7/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Education Services and/or Products	44511
Daddy D's BBQ LLC	12/4/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Catering Services and/or Products	44502
DOPE Brands LLC	1/3/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Distributor and/or Supplier (Food Products)	44503
Gilead Health Services LLC	11/6/2026	Youngstown	Professional Services	Nursing Care Services and/or Products	44515
HONOR THY LOVE ONES LLC	10/2/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44504
Just in Time Employment Agency	6/6/2025	YOUNGSTOWN	Professional Services	Professional Organizing Solutions/Services	44511
KELLY'S COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES LLC	6/30/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Janitorial Services and/or Products	44502
Key Relaxation Therapeutic Massage LLC	9/26/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Health Care Service (Non-License)	44511
Kollege Tots & Kids Inc	2/21/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Childcare Services and/or Products	44507
Labor Compliance Pros LLC	5/23/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Consulting Services	44505
Ladybirdbeauty LLC	9/17/2026	Youngstown	Professional Services	Barber/Beauty Services and/or Products	44502
MAHONING VALLEY PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVIC	3/28/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Business Support Services	44502

One Way Auto Sales LLC	3/1/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Automotive and/or Truck Dealership	44502
Raising Young Royalty Child Development Center LLC	11/22/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Childcare Services and/or Products	44509
Signatures By Symone	1/2/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Advertising Services and/or Products	44503
Traffic Detectors & Signs Inc.	4/28/2025	Youngstown	Construction	Construction (Electrical)	44514
Yo! Crash LLC	12/14/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Entertainment Services and/or Products	44504
TLM Residential Services	10/29/2026	Youngstown Ohio	Goods and Services	Health Care Service (Non-License)	44511
TMG Transportation LLC	10/22/2026	Youngstown Ohio	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44511

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, Ohio Department of Administrative Services

There are only two VFBE certified businesses in Youngstown, and two in Mahoning County. According to the Department of Administrative Services, in order to be eligible for certification, the applicant business must satisfy one of the following criteria:

- *At least ten percent of its employees are veterans or on active service;*
- *At least fifty-one percent of the applicant business is owned by veterans or persons on active service;*
- *If the applicant business is a corporation fifty-one percent of which is not owned by veterans or persons on active service, at least fifty-one percent of the board of directors are veterans or persons on active service; or*
- *The business is certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business or a Veteran-Owned Small Business and the owner(s) of the business meets the definition of veteran as defined in Rule 123:5-1-01(II) of the Ohio Administrative Code.*

VFBE Certified Businesses in Youngstown, 2024

Business Name	Date Certification Ends	City	Procurement Type	Business Type	Zip
Chain of Command Distribution LLC	8/19/2026	Canfield	Goods and Services	Distributor and/or Supplier (Healthcare Products)	44406
Akurat Construction LLC	2/12/2026	Sebring	Construction	Construction (Carpenter/Drywall/Cabinetry/Etc.)	44672
Permanent Solutions LLC	11/8/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Construction (Electrical)	44515
YoGo Bikeshare	3/18/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44512

Source: Greater Ohio Policy Center, Ohio Department of Administrative Services

Lastly are EDGE Certified businesses, of which there are 28 in Youngstown, out of 38 in Mahoning County. A business is EDGE eligible if the owner is both socially and economically disadvantaged (based primarily on the owner’s personal net worth), or the business is located in a qualified census tract and the owner is economically disadvantaged.

Business Name	Date Certification Ends	City	Procurement Type	Business Type	Zip
A Neider Architecture LLC	9/26/2025	Austintown	Architecture and Engineering	Architecture & Engineering Services	44515
JoDells Transportation Company LLC	6/12/2025	BOARDMAN	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44512
QJMX ENTERPRISE LLC	6/23/2025	Boardman	Goods and Services	Janitorial Services and/or Products	44512
Five Starr Cleaning	9/18/2025	Canfield	Goods and Services	Janitorial Services and/or Products	44406
JMW Site Design LLC	8/23/2025	Canfield	Architecture and Engineering	Engineering Services (Civil/Structural/Mechanical/CAD/Drafting/Land Surveyor/Etc.)	44406
Smarter Move Talent LLC	12/1/2025	Canfield	Goods and Services	Entertainment Services and/or Products	44406
Structural Coatings Inc.	2/9/2025	Canfield	Construction	Construction (Painting)	44406
Youngstown Drip	3/7/2025	Canfield	Goods and Services	Nursing Care Services and/or Products	44406
Jumpin' Jeremiah's Inflatable Rentals LLC	12/11/2026	Lowellville	Goods and Services	Rental Services (Equipment)	44436
ALL SPRUCED UP CLEANING CO LLC	5/16/2026	Poland	Goods and Services	Janitorial Services and/or Products	44514
Wilson & Clark Independent General Contracting Services LLC	10/23/2025	Struthers	Goods and Services	Technical Writing Services	44471
A Fresh Wind Catering LLC	8/9/2025	youngstown	Goods and Services	Catering Services and/or Products	44502
AO Construction and Restoration	3/28/2025	Youngstown	Construction	Construction (Commercial)	44512
Azanna Elise LLC	2/7/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Education Services and/or Products	44511
C and C Cleaning LLC	7/19/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Construction (General Contractor)	44512
Daddy D's BBQ LLC	12/4/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Catering Services and/or Products	44502
DOPE Brands LLC	1/3/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Distributor and/or Supplier (Food Products)	44503
First Choice Drywall	9/21/2025	Youngstown	Construction	Construction (Carpenter/Drywall/Cabinetry/Etc.)	44511
Full Faith Moving Services LLC.	10/1/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Moving Services and/or Products	44509
Gilead Health Services LLC	11/6/2026	Youngstown	Professional Services	Nursing Care Services and/or Products	44515
HONOR THY LOVE ONES LLC	10/2/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44504
KELLY'S COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES LLC	6/30/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Janitorial Services and/or Products	44502
Key Relaxation Therapeutic Massage LLC	9/26/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Health Care Service (Non-License)	44511

Kollege Tots & Kids Inc	2/21/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Childcare Services and/or Products	44507
Ladybirdbeauty LLC	9/17/2026	Youngstown	Professional Services	Barber/Beauty Services and/or Products	44502
MAHONING VALLEY PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVIC	3/28/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Business Support Services	44502
MJV Drafting LLC	10/28/2026	Youngstown	Professional Services	Professional Organizing Solutions/Services	44509
One Way Auto Sales LLC	3/1/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Automotive and/or Truck Dealership	44502
Raising Young Royalty Child Development Center LLC	11/22/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Childcare Services and/or Products	44509
Selah Homes OH LLC	4/17/2025	YOUNGSTOWN	Construction	Construction (General Contractor)	44505
Signatures By Symone	1/2/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Advertising Services and/or Products	44503
Smart Solutions Unlimited Inc.	9/29/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Telecommunications (Fiber Optic/ Cabling/ Installation/ Etc.)	44514
Traffic Detectors & Signs Inc.	4/28/2025	Youngstown	Construction	Construction (Electrical)	44514
WJ Cobbin Office Tower LLC	6/22/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Property Management	44503
Yo! Crash LLC	12/14/2025	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Entertainment Services and/or Products	44504
YoGo Bikeshare	3/18/2026	Youngstown	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44512
TMG Transportation LLC	10/22/2026	Youngstown Ohio	Goods and Services	Transportation Services	44511
MCKINLEY INDUSTRIES	8/18/2025	Youngstown	Construction	Construction (Demolition Services)	44505

Appendix E

About the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

In the Ohio Department of Education's *Economically Disadvantaged Students: A Review of Definitions and Methods Across States* report they define the **Community Eligibility Provision** and explain the role that it plays in determining whether or not students qualify as economically disadvantaged. Their description reads as follows:

Student eligibility for the USDA's Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRPL) program traditionally has been the most common criterion used by states for determining a student's economically disadvantaged status (income limits are federally set at 130% for free and 185% for reduced-price meals). Another USDA program, the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), has allowed increasing participation by districts and schools in school breakfast and lunch programs over the past eight years but has introduced further complications for using FRPL eligibility as the primary means of identifying economically disadvantaged students. CEP, in combination with complementary state reporting rules, allows participants to report all students as economically disadvantaged without requiring income verification for each student.¹²

¹² Ohio Department of Education. *Economically Disadvantaged Students: A Review of Definitions and Methods Across States*, accessed April 2022