



Franklin County

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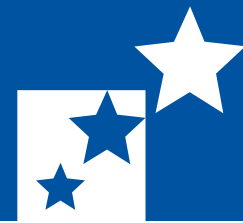


2017 **STATE OF THE COUNTY REPORT**

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DEAR FRANKLIN COUNTY RESIDENTS,



Thank you for your interest in the 2017 State of the County Report. We are pleased to report that the state of Franklin County is strong. Our purpose in this report is to highlight the work of your county government in providing community safety, security and effective justice programs, promoting job creation and economic development, and providing health and human services, all while protecting the environment and being good stewards of the county's finances.

In 2016, we continued work on the national Stepping Up initiative, which aims to reduce the number of inmates with mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders in jail, adopted the Local Food Action Plan to address the underlying social issues of poverty, underemployment and unemployment that contribute to food inequality, and commissioned a study to determine the "living wage" in Central Ohio and made sure we are paying all board of commissioners employees at least that rate. We also signed a contract to purchase 100% renewable energy for 47 county-owned facilities at a considerable savings for the taxpayers, and invested in jobs programs for social services clients.

Franklin County is now the largest in the state and one of the fastest growing counties in the region, having added more than 15% to its population in the past decade, and among the top 1% in population nationwide. The Central Ohio region is now home to more than 2 million people, and is projected to grow by a further 500,000 in the coming decades.

Franklin County, Ohio is one of only 2% of counties nationwide with a Double-AAA bond rating because of the thoughtful hard work and planning that your county team puts into everything that they do. Many in our community continue to struggle, however, and everyone in the commissioners' office and county government is committed to seeing that all of our residents have the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you again for your interest in your Franklin County government. You can find more detailed information, including about the county budget and the commissioners' core principles on our website, and please don't ever hesitate to contact our office with any question or concern you may have.



JOHN O'GRADY
PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN
COMMISSIONER



KEVIN L. BOYCE
COMMISSIONER



COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE



256,488

Dispatched runs



739

Deputies in all divisions (includes supervisors)



74

Vehicles in Patrol Division



1,900,595

Miles driven by Patrol Division



666

Felony Arrests



2,702

Misdemeanor Arrests



492

OVI Arrests



60

Arrests made by Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

HOMELAND SECURITY & JUSTICE PROGRAMS



1,529

Hours of supervised visitation and exchanges offered to families with a history of domestic violence



4,080

Survivors of domestic violence, stalking, dating violence or sexual assault received victim services



1,407

Individuals participated in the Operation Street Smart Gang Prevention and/or Rape Aggression Defense courses



41

Volunteers trained and certified to serve as a Volunteers in Public Safety Support (VIPSS) member



42

Juveniles being held in the Juvenile Detention Center received tutoring services through Capital University



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County
Emergency Notification System



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THE **STEPPING UP** INITIATIVE

IN MAY 2015, THE COMMISSIONERS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE, A NATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP ADVANCE THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN THE JAIL.

THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNTY'S STEPPING UP EFFORTS THROUGH 2016.

- In 2016, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office began implementing an Objective Classification System that allows the corrections staff to effectively classify inmates housed at Franklin County Correctional Facilities to ensure they are placed and housed in a safe manner. Also, the Sheriff's Office now conducts the Brief Mental Health Screen at booking to better identify those with mental illnesses and in need of follow up assessment and treatment services.
- The ADAMH Board embedded a three person Jail Liaison team from Southeast, Inc. within the Correctional Center to provide in-reach services and connect people to community based services upon release from jail. It was anticipated the program would annually serve approximately 600 individuals screening as medium or high risk on the Brief Mental Health Screen. However, an average of 250 individuals per month is being referred for services. Despite this volume, Southeast, Inc. has completed 220 Level of Care assessments as of October 31, 2016. An effort to scale the program to size through leveraging additional funds is underway for 2017.
- In partnership with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus Division of Police and Fire, ADAMH, Southeast, Inc., Franklin University, and Mighty Crow Media, the Pathways to Women's Healthy Living Program was launched in the Franklin County Correctional Center II on March 1, 2016. Pathways targets female offenders with a confirmed mental health and/or co-occurring diagnosis and a significant history of criminal justice involvement. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of individuals with a mental health diagnosis in the jail by increasing their access to quality pre- and post- release services, thereby reducing their likelihood of return to incarceration. Since launching the program, 18 females successfully completed the program. As of November 1, 2016, only two of the 43 female participants have recidivated based on preliminary evaluation. A detailed analysis of 2016 activities will be released in early 2017.

ANIMAL CONTROL



10,033

Dogs impounded



4,751

Dogs Adopted



2,345

Dogs Redeemed by owner



1,374

Dogs Sent to rescue groups



7

Days on adoption floor for dogs (average)



2

Days on adoption floor for puppies (average)



88.5%

Live release rate

COURTS



79,961

Civil cases in the Common Pleas General Division



42,764

Criminal cases in the Common Pleas General Division



32,422

Cases in Juvenile Division



11,609

Cases in Probate Court



9,936

Marriage licenses issued by the Probate Court



11,070

Cases in the Domestic Relations Division



202

Public guardianship cases and wards served by Ohio's first public guardian (since October 2015)



JOB CREATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Infrastructure Works makes available low-interest loans to \$1M to cities, villages, and townships within Franklin County to build physical infrastructure that will result in economic development. Approved loans to date include:

	LOAN AMOUNT	NEW JOBS
Marble Cliff - Water Improvements	\$125,000	40
Whitehall - North Hamilton Rd. Improvements	\$550,000	50
Upper Arlington - Municipal Fiber Network	\$1,000,000	300
Grandview Heights - Goodale Blvd. Improvements	\$1,000,000	247
TOTALS	\$2,675,000	637

The commissioners also approved a \$1.75 million grant to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority to support the Rickenbacker Air Traffic Control Tower Project. Rickenbacker International Airport continues to be an economic driver for all of Central Ohio. The airport alone is responsible for 5,000 jobs, and when added to the businesses nearby is responsible for more than 20,000 jobs, generates more than \$2.8 Billion in economic output.

VISITORS MATTER IN FRANKLIN COUNTY



**39.3
MILLION**

Visitors to our region each year



**\$6.4
BILLION**

Spent by those visitors



**\$9.7
BILLION**

In total economic impact



75,000

Jobs in the tourism sector



**\$1.13
BILLION**

In local, state and federal tax revenue generated by visitors



\$2,384

In annual tax savings because of visitor-generated tax revenue

PARTNERING WITH SMART COLUMBUS

In 2016, the City of Columbus was awarded a Smart Cities grant \$40 million in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, along with \$10 million in matching funding from Vulcan, Inc. to assist in implementation of the city's proposal to create advanced data and intelligent transportation systems technologies and applications.

The grant will leverage an additional \$90 million from public and private sector partners to:

- Improve access to jobs through expanded mobility options in major job centers
- Better connect our visitors to transportation options
- Compete globally through smart logistics
- Connect Columbus residents to safe, reliable transportation that can be accessed by all
- Become more environmentally sustainable.

Franklin County recognizes its important role in achieving the strategies of Smart Columbus and has committed to providing assistance up to a total of \$4 million over four years with a combination of in-kind resources, cash, partnerships, and policies. County-supported projects and initiatives will include:

- Geographic Information System-Automated Mapping upgrades
- Smart traffic control devices
- Electric fleet vehicles and charging facilities
- Targeted transportation strategies aimed at reducing poverty and increasing employment opportunities
- Complimenting infrastructure technologies
- Social service smart card transportation payment access



The goal of the People Works program is to do just that – put people to work. We are specifically targeting the county’s social service agency clients in hopes of connecting them and training them to fill living wage jobs that we know our region’s employers have available. Approved grant agreements to date include:

	GRANT AMOUNT	PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED
Connect Ohio/Digital Works	\$100,000	100
Engineered Profiles	\$142,500	114
PerScholas	\$300,000	150
Eastway	\$52,000	82
i.c.Stars Columbus	\$90,000	90
TOTALS	\$684,500	536



Energy Works provides loans to businesses, local governments, schools, and non-profits in Franklin County for energy efficient upgrades. Approved loans include:

	LOAN AMOUNT	TOTAL PROJECT
PNC Plaza, Downtown Columbus	\$400,000	\$3.3M
Trivium Development, Worthington	\$325,000	\$11.2M
TOTALS	\$725,000	\$14.5M



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE ON AGING



2,115,654

Miles of transportation provided



651,907

Home-delivered meals provided



116,500

Hours of light housekeeping provided



33,193

Seniors served by Community Support and Outreach Programs



9,068

Seniors enrolled in our Home and Community Based Care Programs

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES



347,646

Residents enrolled in Medicaid



146,000+

Children and families covered by Medicaid



71,067

On Medicaid expansion



23,291

Children enrolled in childcare



2,325

Children enrolled in free summer camps



1,959

Children in after-school programs

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY



76,351

Open cases



80,647

Children supported



152,702

Parents involved



94.80%

Paternity establishment



83.63%

Support Establishment Rate



68.46%

Collections of Arrears Rate (1st among Metro Counties)



\$167,532,137.88

Collected and disbursed to the families we serve

VETERANS SERVICES



67,727

Veterans in Franklin County



9,143

Veterans and their family members receiving service



14,573

Trips provided to medical facilities



1,652

Veterans and their family members provided food vouchers



\$6.2 MILLION

Funding for the Veterans Service Commission



9.4%

Increase in funding over 2016 expenditures



LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN

CITY OF COLUMBUS & FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Columbus City Council, Columbus Public Health, Franklin County Economic Development and Planning, Local Matters, and more than 1,000 residents worked for two years to develop a Local Food Action Plan designed to improve residents' access to quality, nutritious, and affordable food.

Highlights of the Local Food Action Plan include strategies to:

- Improve how people access food, grow food, and prevent food waste;
- Increase the availability and affordability of healthy and local food while teaching people convenient and healthy ways to feed themselves and their families;
- Support a stronger market for local food businesses, creating jobs, and fostering community revitalization; and
- Bolster food waste prevention efforts and supporting strategies that decrease the amount of food-related waste going to local landfills.

The effort addresses the underlying social issues of poverty, underemployment, and unemployment that contribute to food inequality. A joint County/Council Local Food Team, along with an advisory board, was formed in early 2017 to guide the plan's implementation.

For more info, visit Columbus.gov/LFAP

FEATURED COMMUNITY PARTNERS

MID-OHIO FOODBANK



500,000

Pounds of fresh food distributed



72,000

Residents served



1,728

Produce Market events



143

Program partner agencies

CHILDREN'S HUNGER ALLIANCE



295,104

Nutritious after-school meals and snacks provided to at-risk children



3,224

Children fed per day



104

Sites



8,197

Children overall



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Last March, the commissioners negotiated a new contract extension with AEP Energy to provide 47 county facilities with electricity that is 100% renewable, and did so at a savings of \$121,000 per year.



47

County facilities



100%

Renewable energy



\$121,000

Savings per year (through May 2018)

LEED-CERTIFIED BUILDINGS



LEED GOLD

Common Pleas Courthouse



LEED GOLD

Dog Shelter & Adoption Center



LEED SILVER

Sheriff's Training Academy



AIMING FOR LEED CERTIFICATION

New Jail

RECYCLING TOTALS



414.71

Total tons of Recycled Material



266

Tons of Fiber Recycled



62

Tons Of Metal Recycled



55.5

Tons of E-waste Recycled



30

Tons of E-waste Collected at 2016 Community Event at Huntington Park



27

Tons of Mixed Recyclables



4.21

Tons of Miscellaneous Items Recycled

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES



8

Hybrid electric cars- 36 mpg



6

Hybrid Plugin cars- 59 mpg



1

Hybrid-Diesel prisoner transport bus



1

Propane prisoner transport bus (*on order)

SANITARY ENGINEERING



4,330

Water customers
(4,041 residential, 289
commercial)



6,329

Sewer customers (6,041
residential, 288 commercial)



230,470,317

Gallons water delivered



283,617,912

Gallons sewage sent to the City
of Columbus for treatment



389,563,761

Gallons sewage treated via
four wastewater treatment
centers



694,830,296

Gallons water purchased/
treated



FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Franklin County is one of only two counties in Ohio with a Double-AAA bond rating. Rated triple-A by Moody's and S&P, which is among the highest rated 2% of counties and local governments nationwide.

The commissioners have committed to a pay-as-you-go approach for the \$200 million construction of the new county jail facility and relocation of the Coroner's Office. Utilizing the proceeds from the temporary sales tax for the project rather than issuing \$200 million in debt is expected to save approximately \$100 million in avoided interest costs over the life of the debt service.

Franklin County strives to keep staffing expenditures in control. Despite increases in demand for services driven by population growth, the 2017 budget includes 284 fewer full-time equivalent positions the 2009 Budget. The 2017 budget also sets aside \$6 million in Contingency to cover unforeseen expenditures that may occur during the year.

DOING BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY



6,500

Vendors registered to do business with Franklin County



7,251

Purchase orders



\$262,296,784.92

Total amount of Purchase Orders

MAILROOM



2,743,843

Pieces of mail processed



\$316,721

Savings by using the County mail room to process pieces

PRINT SHOP



17,127,087
Items copied or printed



\$1,336,810.96
Savings by using the county's
in-house print shop

SURPLUS AUCTION



\$3,018,665.18
Worth of excess or obsolete
county property items sold via
internet auction since 2003



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