

Introduction

The Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) is pleased to present the 2016 edition of *Ohio Facts*. This publication is designed to provide Ohio legislators, legislative staff, and others with a broad overview of Ohio's economy, public finances, and major government programs.

Ohio Facts offers a series of charts and tables that are generally expanded upon by brief comments. The pages address many questions frequently asked of our office. In all instances, LSC budget analysts and economists have used the most up-to-date data available. Whether you are on the road or in the office, we hope that *Ohio Facts* will serve as a handy and valuable tool. In addition to the printed version, *Ohio Facts* may be viewed on LSC's website at www.lsc.ohio.gov by clicking on *Publications* and then *Ohio Facts*.

The 2016 edition of *Ohio Facts* covers 100 topics in as many pages. These pages are grouped into the following eight categories: Demographics, Economy, Natural Resources and Environment, Public Finances, K-12 Schools, Colleges and Universities, Health and Human Services, and Justice and Public Safety Systems.

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