The Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) is a state agency dedicated to ensuring all Ohioans have a safe and affordable place to call home. OHFA uses federal and state resources to support down payment assistance and fixed-rate mortgages as well as finance the development of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income Ohioans. Two key federal resources are the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which facilitates private capital investment to build and preserve affordable rental housing, and tax-exempt private activity bonds or Housing Bonds, which help support both homeownership and rental housing programs. OHFA also uses two state funding sources, an allocation from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund and funding from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds, for the development of affordable rental housing. Through these programs and other activities, the Agency creates or sustains more than 27,000 jobs and contributes $4.5 billion a year to the state’s economy.

OHFA’S IMPACT IN THE 26TH DISTRICT

Rental Units Developed by Priority Need

- Family: 70.9%
- Senior: 27.0%
- PSH: 2.0%

Total: 2,864

- 3,170 Residents Assisted with Homebuying
- 813 Residents Assisted with Homeowner Costs
- 2,864 Affordable Rental Units Built or Preserved

OHFA HOMEBUYERS IN THE 26TH DISTRICT

- Median Age: 33
- Median Income: $56,240
- Average Home Loan: $139,706
- Average FICO® Score: 704

Race & Ethnicity Breakdown:
- White
- Hispanic
- Other
- Unknown

Marital Status Breakdown:
- Single
- Married

Gender Breakdown:
- Male
- Female

Our First Home
 Rent Increases

Over the past five years, rents in the 26th have increased by 7.3%, making housing less affordable for renters on fixed incomes.

Severe Rent Burden

5,446 renters in the 26th spend more than 50% of income on rent, putting them at risk of eviction and homelessness.

Homeless Students

585 K–12 students at public schools in the 26th have no permanent address, or lack a fixed, regular, and adequate place to sleep.

LOW-INCOME RENTERS IN THE 26TH DISTRICT

All Members of Household by Age

- UNDER 18
- 18 TO 54
- 55 & OVER

All Members of Household

- 20,230

Number of Low-Income Renters

- 10,650

Heads of Household by Gender

- MALE
- FEMALE

Average Age

- 33

Income & Rent Limits

- $41,000 Max. Income
- $1,025 Max. Rent

Select Local Jobs

- Admin Assistants ($40K)
- Forklift Operators ($40K)
- Preschool Teachers ($32K)

Source: OHFA internal data (as of December 31, 2022); American Community Survey (ACS) One- and Five-Year Estimates; IPUMS USA, University of Minnesota (based on one-year estimates); Income Limits, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Supreme Court of Ohio Case Management System (based on 2022 data); Ohio Department of Education (public data request, based on 2021-2022 school year data); Real Estate Analytics Suite, CoreLogic (based on 12-month averages); National Low Income Housing Coalition (public data request, based on one-year estimates).

Notes: PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing. AMI = Area Median Income. Due to rounding error, percentages may not add up to 100%. All estimates based on 2021 data unless stated otherwise. For questions, contact the Office of Research and Analytics at Research@ohiohome.org.