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 27TH DISTRICT**

- **Rental Units Developed by Priority Need**
  - Total: 2,103
  - Family: 57.3%
  - Senior: 41.0%
  - PSH: 1.7%
  - 1,256 Residents Assisted with Homebuying
  - 311 Residents Assisted with Homeowner Costs
  - 2,103 Affordable Rental Units Built or Preserved

**OHFA HOMEBUYERS IN THE 27TH DISTRICT**

- Median Age: 32
- Median Income: $58,143
- Average Home Loan: $151,872
- Average FICO® Score: 699

**Race & Ethnicity Breakdown**
- WHITE
- BLACK
- HISPANIC*
- OTHER
- UNKNOWN

**Marital Status Breakdown**
- SINGLE
- MARRIED

**Gender Breakdown**
- MALE
- FEMALE
Housing Needs in Ohio’s 27th District

Rent Increases

Over the past five years, rents in the 27th have increased by 12.9%, making housing less affordable for renters on fixed incomes.

Severe Rent Burden

4,852 renters in the 27th spend more than 50% of income on rent, putting them at risk of eviction and homelessness.

Homeless Students

586 K–12 students at public schools in the 27th have no permanent address, or lack a fixed, regular, and adequate place to sleep.

Low-Income Renters in the 27th District

All Members of Household by Age

- Under 18: 18,084
- 18 to 54: 16,084
- 55 & Over: 4,852

All Members of Household: 32,020

Heads of Household by Gender

- Male: 8,354
- Female: 7,677

Heads of Household: 16,031

Average Age

- All Members of Household: 32
- Head of Household: 44

Income & Rent Limits

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

Select Local Jobs

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

Sources: 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.

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