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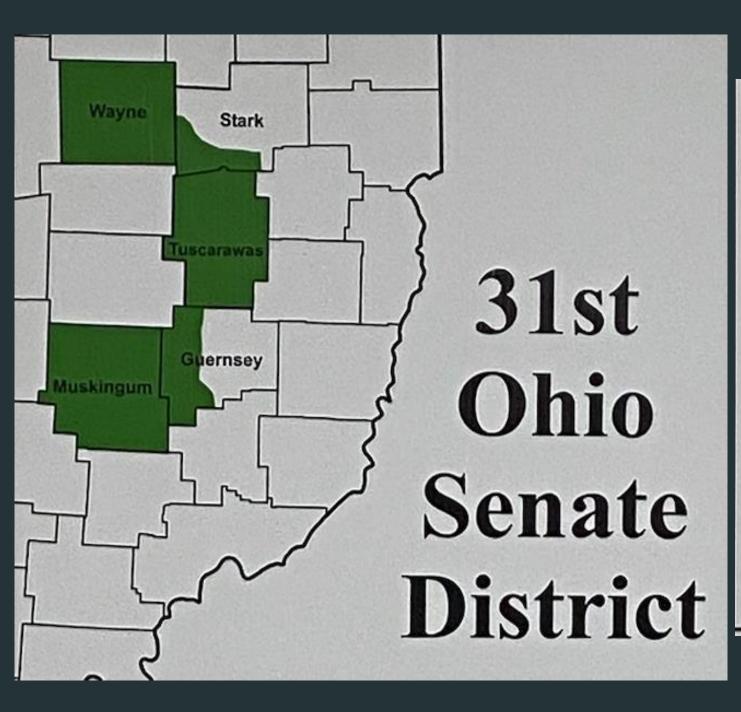
Proudly serving Ohio's 31st District

Ohio Senate Districts

31st

District





Stark County:

· Bethlehem Twp. · Pike Twp. · Sugarcreek Twp. · Tuscarawas Twp. (most - excludes Tusc Twp 1 and Massillon precincts) · Perry Twp 4 (in Perry Twn.) · Navarre A Precinct (in

Perry Twp.)

Guernsey County:

· Cambridge City (all) · Adams Twp. · Cambridge Twp. · Jackson Twp. · Knox Twp. · Liberty Twp. · Spencer Twp. · Westland Twp. · Wheeling Twp. · Valley Twp.

SENATE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Agriculture and Natural Resources (Vice Chair)
- Community Revitalization
- Energy and Public Utilities
- ✓ Small Business and Economic Opportunity

SMALL BUSINESS & JOB GROWTH

Small businesses are the backbone of our state's economy and our community...which is why I am committed to helping them...

✓ STAY in Ohio

Create and support policies that ensure that Ohio remains a business friendly state

✓ GROW in Ohio

Look for opportunities to cut unnecessary regulations and barriers to their growth.

✓ ATTRACT to Ohio

Look for innovative ways to attract new businesses to the 31st District



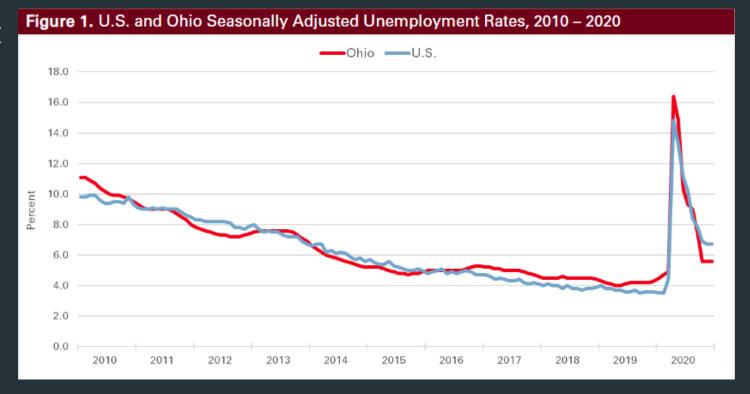
WORKFORCE PRE-PANDEMIC

- 4.5% Unemployment in Ohio at the start of 2020
- 5.6 million Ohioans employed on Non-Farm Payroll in 2019
- Ohio Labor Force Participation Rate at 63.6% in February 2020



WORKFORCE DURING PANDEMIC

- Unemployment Peaked at 16.4% in April 2020
 - Ohio unemployment claims increased 250% from 2019
- Loss of nearly 900k jobs due to COVID-19



WORKFORCE POST-PANDEMIC

- 5,639,200 Employed Ohioans as of July 2023
 - Higher than previous peak in May 2000
- Record Low 3.3% Unemployment Rate
 - Average of two job openings per unemployed worker
- 4.7% Increase of Manufacturing Jobs from Jan. 2021 to May 2023
- Labor Force Participation Rate at 62.5%



2024-25 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- \$88.86 billion within the operating budget
- Providing both record tax cuts and record spending on public school grades K-12



EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE IN BUDGET

- Record Public School funding providing an additional \$1.9 billion for K-12 public schools
 - 12.9% increase from last biennium
- Universal School Vouchers
 - Makes Ed Choice scholarships available to every Ohio student
- Investment in new literacy initiative with \$86m used to provide stipends for teacher professional development
 - Additional \$64m to subsidize purchase of high quality instructional materials
 - \$18m to support use of literacy coaches
- \$100m provided to RAPIDS (Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivering Skills) grant program
 - Used to purchase equipment classroom equipment specific for regional workforce needs





OTHER NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS

• Development of Ohio Teacher Apprenticeships

- Participating candidates eligible for up to \$7,500 in Grow Your Own Teacher scholarships
- Allows school districts to identify potential teachers that are already apart of their community
- Renaming of the Ohio Department of Education into the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
 - Will be responsible for primary, secondary, special, and careertechnical education
- Provides \$750 million for all Ohio future fund to be used on improvements for economic development sites

CHILDCARE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Exempts diapers, wipes, cribs, and other essential baby products from state sales tax
- Raised income eligibility to 145% of Federal Poverty Level for access to publicly funded childcare
- Establishment of the Ohio Department of Children and Youth



ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS ON THE WORKFORCE

- One in 13 Ohioans live with addiction
- An Ohio family can expect to pay around \$35,000 or more a year for treatment
- A company with 200 employees can spend an additional \$158,000 each year on costs related to substance misuse
 - Includes lost time, health care, turnover and retraining

l've got your back! It's what friends do.



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