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Greetings!

Welcome to the latest issue of ***Economic News from Ohio's Regions***, a new weekly newsletter from the [Ohio Urban University Program](#) and the [Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University](#). We'll search Ohio's papers to bring you economic news and key happenings that impact Ohio's regions.

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News From Around Ohio

[Ohio Senate Committee Blocks Proposal to Revamp County Governments](#) (The Plain Dealer, May 28, 2008) An Ohio Senate committee Tuesday blocked a proposed state law that would have allowed Cuyahoga County voters a crack at revamping the structure of county government.

[Regionalism 2.0](#) (WCPM.org, May 28, 2008) If you live in Northeast Ohio, chances are you've heard the word regionalism bandied about. Well, a bunch of mayors and managers say they're finally ready to make it happen.

[Hundreds of Local Jobs at Stake in Air Cargo Deal](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, May 28, 2008) DHL on Wednesday announced a massive restructuring of its U.S. cargo delivery operations - which lost \$900 million last year and could put at risk as many as 500 jobs.

[More Ohio Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure, Genworth Report Says](#) (Columbus Dispatch, May 28, 2008) One bit of good news out of the Ohio housing crisis emerged this morning. More homeowners

statewide have been able to work out deals with their banks to keep from losing their homes during the past 12 months.

[Ohio Senate OKs Jobs Bill](#) (Toledo Blade, May 29, 2008) The Ohio Senate yesterday overwhelmingly approved a \$1.57 billion package to use concrete and research to jump-start the state's sluggish economy.

[A State of Need](#) (Columbus Dispatch, May 29, 2008) Amid the glut of negative economic statistics these days, this is perhaps the most stunning: More than 13 percent of Ohioans are now living in poverty.

[Editorial: Municipal Residency Fight Goes to Ohio Supreme Court](#) (Youngstown Vindicator, May 28, 2008) More than two years after an odd mix of labor-indebted Democrats and Republicans espousing libertarian values told city residents throughout Ohio that they don't have the right to require the people they hire to live in the cities they serve, the Ohio Supreme Court will have the last word.

[Activist Want to Kill CIC Fund](#) (Canton Repository, May 29, 2008) A local activist wants the city to stop funding its community improvement corporation and instead use the cash to provide services.

[Editorial: Remember Your Roots Governor](#) (Zanesville Times Recorder, May 30, 2008) When it comes to his latest task force - the new Ohio Anti-Poverty Taskforce - let's hope Gov. Ted Strickland doesn't turn a blind eye to our region again.

[Great Lakes Compact Deal Runs Aground Again](#) (The Plain Dealer, May 29, 2008) A deal to pass an eight-state compact that would protect Great Lakes water imploded Thursday as House Democrats blocked a constitutional amendment Republicans wanted to ensure the agreement wouldn't hurt private property rights.

[Rethinking Retail](#) (The Plain Dealer, June 1, 2008) With gas prices topping \$4, a nationwide push for more pedestrian-friendly communities and an aging baby-boomer population eyeing downtown living, center cities including Cleveland might have a better shot at retail growth.

[Tax Relief Not Coming as House Values Slide](#) (Columbus Dispatch, June 1, 2008) Unless homeowners challenge their bills, falling real-estate prices won't mean lower property taxes in Franklin

County for at least three years.

Leader Needed (Columbus Dispatch, June 2, 2008)
Education reform in Ohio could get a major energy boost if the state school board heeds Gov. Ted Strickland's call for a dynamic, visionary leader to take over the Department of Education.

Editorial: In Dayton, Less Housing Can Reap More (Dayton Daily News, June 1, 2008) You needn't see the statistics to know that the City of Dayton has a special problem with empty buildings. You can see it. Abandoned property has come to seem like a perpetual problem.

Ohio Exporting Its Best Students (Cincinnati Enquirer, June 2, 2008) Many college and state officials worry that the trend extends statewide: Ohio is losing many of its brightest seniors to out-of-state colleges.

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