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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.

Northeast Ohio Economic Brief

The Center for Economic Development at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University released its fifth [Economic Brief](#) on employment and wage trends in Northeast Ohio.

It updates earlier editions with data for the first quarter of 2008. It is intended to provide a quick, current, and informative snapshot of the regional economy.

News From Around Ohio

[Foreign HQ coming to Ohio, governor says](#)

(Columbus Dispatch, June 10, 2009) The flood of job losses continues, but an undisclosed foreign company set to establish its North American headquarters in Ohio is one of the "beginning signs" that the state's economy is on the mend, Gov. Ted Strickland said.

[Big cities are getting short shrift, backers say](#)

(The Plain Dealer, June 9, 2009) Ohio's economy will recover faster with more investment in its big cities, urban proponents say. Several hundred advocates pushing for pro-urban policy reforms in Columbus and in Washington, D.C., gathered at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center.

[Fund to continue its strategy for Northeast Ohio](#)

(Akron Beacon Journal, June 10, 2009) The Fund for Our Economic Future voted Tuesday to continue its collaboration to support regional economic competitiveness. Its third phase will launch in February

2010.

[Editorial: Closer in Cuyahoga](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, June 10, 2009) All of Northeast Ohio has a big stake in the future of Cuyahoga County, and thus a stake in the outcome of a bold effort to restructure a local government no longer able to respond effectively to many pressing needs.

[Meigs County could see 1,600 new jobs](#) (Chillicothe Gazette, June 11, 2009) A clean coal power plant that could bring as many as 1,600 construction jobs to nearby Meigs County and 165 permanent jobs was among the first two state manufacturing projects to receive funding awards from the \$150 million advanced energy portion of the Ohio Bipartisan Job Stimulus Plan.

[Editorial: Decide on Coke plant](#) (Toledo Blade, June 11, 2009) Five years should be more than enough time to complete most industrial projects, even major ones. But five years after its original permit was issued, ground has not even been broken on the proposed coking plant on the Oregon-East Toledo border.

[Ohio logs gain in clean energy jobs](#) (Columbus Business First, June 12, 2009) Jobs in Ohio's clean energy economy grew 7.3 percent while overall jobs declined 2.2 percent in the state between 1998 and 2007, according to new research by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

[Editorial: Imbalance of power](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, June 12, 2009) On Wednesday, the Ohio Supreme Court upset the balance of power in the state. The court upheld a 2006 state law that bars cities, large and small, from establishing rules requiring city employees to live within municipal boundaries.

[Editorial: Investing in early-childhood program would yield dividends for Ohio](#) (The Plain Dealer, June 14, 2009) Every \$1 spent on high-quality early-childhood programs for disadvantaged children creates \$7 to \$9 in future savings to the communities and states that do the investing.

[Airport holds steady amid economic storm](#) (Middletown Journal, June 14, 2009) The Butler County Regional Airport is flying above the nation's current economic storm, according to workers and customers there.

[Editorial: City employees free to leave, and they](#)

will over time (Youngstown Vindicator, June 14, 2009) Do not believe the soothing words of public employee union officials who claim that last week's ruling by the Ohio Supreme Court upholding a state law that gutted residency requirements for municipal employees will not result in an exodus of city employees to the suburbs.

Editorial: Dealing with foreclosure crisis (Cincinnati Enquirer, June 14, 2009) Far from having been solved by efforts to combat predatory lending and subprime mortgages, Ohio's home foreclosure crisis is worsening as the recession continues.

Regional plan a surprise to city (Dayton Daily News, June 14, 2009) City leaders learned details of a plan to leverage millions in state funds to guide the region's economic recovery one hour before the proposal was released to the public.

Editorial: Educational funding needs a change (Chillicothe Gazette, June 14, 2009) "When you always do what you always did, you always get what you always got." Friday, June 5, the Ohio Senate leadership put forward a budget bill that contains the same education policies that have failed Ohioans for the past 18 years.

Cincinnati feeling other cities' pain (Cincinnati Enquirer, June 14, 2009) The city put together a budget that projected the city's income tax collection would go up this year. The budget counted on \$238.7 million - up by 3 percent, or \$7 million. Those projections were wrong. That 3 percent up turns out, so far, to be about 8 percent - or \$15 million - *down*.

Editorial: Cuyahoga County reform should proceed despite some framer's objections (The Plain Dealer, June 14, 2009) Cuyahoga County needs a government designed to help it compete in the 21st century. It needs accountability, efficiency and focus, not fiefs rich in redundancy and cronyism.

County receives \$9M in bond opportunities (The Review, June 15, 2009) Columbiana County has been issued nearly \$9 million in recovery bonds from a government program that has allocated \$45,477,000 in bond authority for area governments and private businesses

Snitchler introduces legislation incentivizing the employment of the unemployed (The Suburbanite, June 15, 2009) State Representative Todd Snitchler

(R- Uniontown) today introduced legislation that will authorize a nonrefundable tax credit for hiring and employing previously unemployed Ohio citizens.

[**Businessman fights FirstEnergy for gas-to-electricity facility at Erie County landfill**](#) (Sandusky Register, June 15, 2009) A Norwalk businessman and the Erie County commissioners are watching potential profits go up in smoke at the county landfill.

[**Monroe wind power could face challenges**](#) (Toledo Blade, June 15, 2009) Monroe has high hopes of becoming a big player in the nation's wind-energy boom someday because of a parts manufacturer that has agreed to build a \$19 million factory there.

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