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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.

News From Around Ohio

[Local econ index better in June](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, June 30, 2009) The Greater Cincinnati Report on Business for the month of June shows that reported purchasing activity remains stagnant, in line with all other indications that the regional economy persists in recession; nevertheless, there are improvements when compared to the immediately preceding months.

[Urban flight slows in Ohio](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, July 1, 2009) Population growth in Ohio's rural and suburban townships slowed dramatically last year, according to a new census report. At the same time, most of the state's largest cities saw an easing in the steady erosion of their populations.

[Venture capital investment up 50% in Ohio in '08](#) (Columbus Dispatch, July 3, 2009) Despite the gain, though, Ohio's share represented less than 1 percent of the venture-capital money in the country. Some say that, given the state's population and production of goods and services, its share should be larger.

[Bill seeks to fertilize bio-based economy](#) (Columbus Business First, July 3, 2009) A bill has been introduced that would require state agencies and state-supported colleges and universities to give purchasing preference to bio-based products.

[Wonder how Ohio got into this mess? Here's how](#) (Dayton Daily News, July 4, 2009) While the whole

country is in an economic recession, times are particularly tough for Ohio and Michigan, which depend heavily on the auto industry

[County's population shrinking](#) (Marietta Times, July 4, 2009) Washington County's population fell by 115 people from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates released this week. Since 2000 the county's population has dropped about 2 percent, from 63,189 to 61,567 in 2008.

[Economic downturn dogs Strickland](#) (Dayton Daily News, July 4, 2009) Two years into the job, the governor is feeling the heat of Ohio's budget woes.

[Jobs behind push to bring SunCoke Energy to the area](#) (Middletown Journal, July 4, 2009) In a time where economic development is slow and seldom, a \$340 million project offering 500 temporary and 75 permanent jobs is nothing to thumb your nose at.

[Ohio layoffs have nearly tripled](#) (Salem News, July 5, 2009) New economic data for the week ending June 27, shows the level of new claims for unemployment continues to measure a currently rapid increase in the level of new claims in both Ohio and in the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain-Elyria region.

[State finds it can't please both rural, urban areas](#) (Columbus Dispatch, July 5, 2009) The first Ohio highway projects paid for with federal stimulus dollars had barely begun last month when the United States Conference of Mayors said big cities aren't getting their fair share.

[Editorial: Valley residents' support is key to proposals' success](#) (Youngstown Vindicator, July 5, 2009) With the economy in the doldrums and taxpayers in a disagreeable mood, you would think that collaboration among local governments is now standard operating procedure. You would be wrong.

[Editorial: Get competitive Northeast Ohio](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, July 5, 2009) An Ohio struggling economically, lagging far behind the national average in job growth, its personal income level in relative decline, must find a way to revamp its system of local government.

[Schools, state agencies ready to help the unemployed get training](#) (The Plain Dealer, July 5, 2009) For many people who have been laid off, the next logical step is into a classroom to get that degree

they always wanted or to train for a new career. But when they haven't been in school for a few decades, the questions confronting them can seem like a high-stakes exam.

Stark State College meets challenges of recession: summer enrollment increases (The Suburbanite, July 5, 2009) Summer enrollment at Stark State College is up approximately 37 percent, setting a new summer session record for the sixth largest of Ohio's 23 public two-year colleges and, according to the U.S. Department of Education, one of the fastest growing colleges in the nation.

How recruiters sell life in Ohio (Akron Beacon Journal, July 5, 2009) For 30 years, companies have been hiring Executive Arrangements in Cleveland to show off the quality of life in Northeast Ohio to job candidates.

Business park promotes green energy (Fremont News Messenger, July 6, 2009) When Dave Fahrbach and Jim McKinney took over the Erie Industrial Park in 2005, it was a nearly empty collection of buildings. They decided to revamp the park's philosophy and mission by focusing on using alternative energy and pursuing companies that make green products.

National magazine lists Perrysburg in Top 10 (Toledo Blade, July 6, 2009) The August, 2009, edition of Family Circle lists Perrysburg as one of America's 10 best towns to raise a family.

Counties preparing for less revenue (The News Herald, July 6, 2009) Unless the economy starts to improve soon, county officials in Lake and Geauga counties may have less revenue than expected in their respective general fund accounts for the remainder of the year and for 2010.

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