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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers Aug 05-11, 2008

### 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

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**[Casino Backers in Ohio Pitch Job Creation](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, Aug 05, 2008) Jobs created by building, running and supplying a proposed casino near Wilmington could create 2,500 construction jobs, 5,000 jobs running the casino and several thousand more at local businesses casino backers say.

**[Four Cities from Ohio on Forbes List of Fast-Dying](#)** (The Columbus Dispatch, Aug 06, 2008) Forbes magazine says four of America's fastest-dying cities are in the Buckeye State. Canton, Cleveland, Dayton and Youngstown win that distinction by virtue of population loss and sluggish gains in economic activity.

**[Deal Keeps Cleveland Indians at Progressive Field Until Atleast 2023](#)** (The Plain Dealer, Aug 06, 2008) The Cleveland Indians and the nonprofit organization that owns Progressive Field have reached a deal that will keep the baseball team here until at least 2023.

**[Most Ohio Metro Areas Trail Income Growth](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, Aug 07, 2008) All but a handful of Ohio's metropolitan areas trailed U.S. per capita personal income growth last year, according to figures released Thursday by the Commerce Department's U.S.

Bureau of Economic Analysis.

**[Report: Ohio's Tax Burden 7th-Highest in the Nation](#)**

(Business First of Columbus, Aug 07, 2008) Ohio's tax climate is the seventh-most burdensome in the nation, according to an annual report by the Tax Foundation.

**[Tower City Site Recommended for Medical Mart](#)**

(The Plain Dealer, Aug 07, 2008) A riverfront site at Tower City is the proposed location for Cleveland's new convention center and medical mart -- the project billed as the region's best shot at economic revival.

**[Survey: Homeowners in Denial About Declining Values](#)**

(Dayton Business Journal, Aug 07, 2008) A majority of homeowners believe their house is insulated from the housing crisis, which has seen 77 percent of the nation's homes fall in value during the second quarter.

**[Checking in Downtown Cincinnati: New Hotel](#)**

(Business Courier of Cincinnati, Aug 08, 2008) Plans for downtown's first new hotel in 24 years are quietly taking shape for the corner of Sycamore and Eighth streets. The 13-story structure would replace the old brick home of the American Red Cross.

**[Ohio Gives \\$1M to Group Helping Homeowners in Foreclosure](#)**

(Mansfield News Journal, Aug 09, 2008) The state has given an additional \$1 million to a group of nonprofit organizations that have been able to keep more than 500 Ohio families in their homes by providing no-interest loans.

**[Cincinnati Public Schools: Giant Job Half Done](#)**

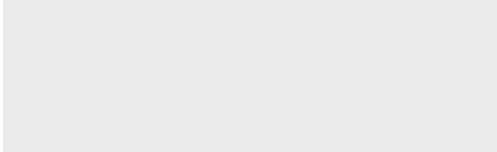
(The Cincinnati Enquirer, Aug 10, 2008) Overall spending will be \$85 million more than first estimates, even though 15 school projects have been eliminated and 15 others have been downsized.

**[RTA's Waterfront Line on a Downhill Track](#)**

(The Plain Dealer, Aug 11, 2008) These days, Waterfront Line trains frequently glide by empty, or with only a few passengers. Some have even nicknamed the line the ghost train.

**[Coalition, Employers Split on Paid Sick Leave](#)**

(Akron Beacon Journal, Aug 11, 2008) Ohio's business community says everything has a cost, and this one



might be a whopper.

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