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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

[Editorial: Flawed, But Better](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, December 2, 2008) Cuyahoga County takes another run at government reform. With an unfolding corruption scandal and continuing fiscal woes as backdrops, the need to change Cuyahoga County government is apparent to all but the most hard-bitten insiders.

[Fed Reports Ohio Economy Weakened](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, December 4, 2008) The Federal Reserve's Beige Book released Wednesday reported that in recent weeks, the economy weakened in Ohio. The survey also helps confirm what the Moody's economy.com Web site is saying: That the greater Akron area and the rest of Ohio are in recession.

[Auto Crisis Could Hit Ohio Hard](#) (NBC41.com, December 3, 2008) According to the Ohio Department of Development, nearly 24,000 people are employed at manufacturing plants throughout Ohio that are owned by Ford, Chrysler or GM.

[Editorial: States Must Focus on Services Needed Most](#) (Newark Advocate, December 4, 2008) Many people just don't view state government as impacting their lives, especially if they do not receive some form of state assistance. So what services should it offer.

[Ohio House OK's Filmmaker Tax Brake](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, December 4, 2008) Members of the Ohio House have said "Action!" - approving a tax credit for Ohio filmmakers in hopes they'll create more

roles in the industry for people needing jobs.

[Ohio Public College and University Chiefs Meet with Strickland](#) (The Plain Dealer, December 4, 2008)

The presidents of Ohio's public colleges and universities will meet in Columbus this afternoon to start sorting out how the gloomy state budget forecast could affect their students.

[Ohio's Higher Ed. Report Card Mixed](#) (Dayton Daily News, December 4, 2008)

State gets good marks for preparation but failing marks for affordability. Less than half of Ohio's young adults are likely to enroll in college by age 19, and those who do pay more than the national average to attend.

[Strickland, Republicans Reach Deal on Prevailing Wage Rules](#) (Columbus Dispatch, December 4, 2008)

The Strickland administration and Republican legislative leaders worked out a deal designed to end the contentious ongoing fight over how Ohio's prevailing wage law should be applied to projects that include both public and private money.

[Steel Jobs at Risk as Prices Fall](#) (Columbus Dispatch, December 4, 2008)

The Columbus-based steel-processing company said in addition to writing down the value of its inventory by \$100 million it is considering further layoffs.

[Workers Bewildered, Angry as Public Fails to Embrace Aid](#) (Toledo Blade, December 4, 2008)

As U.S. automobile industry executives beg, plead, and struggle on Capitol Hill to gain support for a federal bailout to save their businesses, auto-plant workers in northwest Ohio are struggling with the idea that a majority of Americans do not support saving their jobs and what they call America's middle-class way of life.

[Editorial: Ohio Taxes and Spends Too Much](#)

(Hillsboro Times-Gazette, December 8, 2008) It's true that our state government is somewhat more constrained in its ability to spend and take on debt than the federal government.

But that doesn't mean the state's fiscal policy is harmless.

It isn't - and it's killing Ohio's economy.

[Cleveland Wants to Be First to Have Offshore Windfarm on Lake Erie](#) (The Plain Dealers,

December 8, 2008) Local wind energy advocates feel they are in a race to plant the first turbine in Great Lakes water. The achievement would mark the region

as a clean-energy innovator, not a smokestack laggard, officials say.

[Editorial: Cleveland, Pittsburgh Team Up to Create 21st Century Tech Belt](#) (The Plain Dealer, December 8, 2008) Over the past year and a half, business and civic leaders from the two cities have been meeting to look for ways in which they can reinforce one another's efforts and cooperate in telling their stories to the rest of world. There's no formal coordinating agency, just a loose network that is already beginning to pay off.

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