"Low taxes signal to job creators that Ohio is a safe and attractive place to invest. When you're looking at investing, you want to go where things are solid, where budgets are balanced, where you know that government is being restrained."

- Gov. John Kasich, State of the State address, Wilmington, Ohio, February 24, 2015

Gov. John Kasich (R)

Pop. (2014): 11,610,194 **Median household income:** \$49,644 **Credit Rating:** AA+/Stable Pop. growth 2013–2018: 1% Median age: 39.4 Right-to-work state: No

Legislative Update

 From the Ohio Economic Developers Association: The \$71.2-billion state budget included the extension of the Enterprise Zone Program until 2017, a net income tax cut of \$1.9 billion over two years for individuals and small businesses, and a tax cut across all brackets by 6.3 percent. The final bill restores the Third Frontier Internship Program for Fiscal Years 2016-2017 and extends the Enterprise Zone Program through October 2017.

The Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program was rolled out in CY 2013 to reimburse Ohio employers' costs to train their existing workers. The initiative was funded by one-time revenue from casino license fees totaling \$50 million. The program is appropriated \$7.5 million in each fiscal year of the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium under the executive proposal. Once distributed, this will exhaust the funding from the casino license revenue.

Rankings that Matter

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Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure 11 (2,158,565)
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Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2015

Company	City	County	Туре	New/ Expansion		nvestment \$ millions)	Employment
Honda Motor	Anna	Shelby	MF	Е	Engines	340	
Amazon.com, Inc.	New Albany	Franklin	DT	Ν	Data Center	300	25
Procter & Gamble	Mason	Warren	RD	Ν	Beauty Products	300	
Fuyao Glass America	Moraine	Montgomery	MF	Ν	Automotive Glass	130	750
American Municipal Power	Columbiana	Columbiana	MF	Ν	Metal Smelting	100	120
Nature Fresh Farms, Inc	Delta	Fulton	MF	Ν	Greenhouse Vegeta	bles 79	153
Cargill, Inc.	Sidney	Shelby	MF	Ν	Oilseed Processing	55	55
Bendix Commercial Vehicle							
Systems LLC	Avon	Lorain	HQ	Ν	Truck Parts	50	45
Gojo Industries, Inc.	Wooster	Wayne	DW/MF	N	Soap	43	244
AK Steel	Middletown	Butler	RD	Ν	Steel	36	
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DT = Data Center MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development DW = Distribution/Warehouse

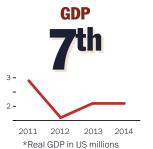
Did You Know?

Greater Cincinnati ranked in the Top Five Most Competitive Cities in North America in five industry sectors – Aerospace, Food & Beverage, Chemicals & Plastics, Transportation and Metals – according to Site Selection's recently released 2015 World's Most Competitive Cities report.

Six countries comprise three quarters of international companies' total investment in Ohio, according to a July 2015 report from the Ohio Research Office: Japan (29 percent), United Kingdom (15 percent), Germany (12 percent), Canada (10 percent), France (7 percent) and Switzerland (5 percent).

Rickenbacker International Airport in Columbus is a critical logistics component of Rickenbacker Inland Port, which includes an intermodal terminal, industrial development and a Foreign-Trade Zone. The inland port is within a 10-hour truck drive to 47 percent of the US population, 44 percent of the manufacturing capacity and 48 percent of US headquarters operations.

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