

Tools for Understanding and Interpreting the Data

Every graph in each *Annual Report* displays data for Montgomery County starting as many as 20 years ago and ending with the most recent available data. The desired direction for the trend line to move is indicated by an arrowhead in the upper right hand corner of the page. Next to that is an arrowhead indicating what the historical trend has actually been.

Some graphs also display data for Ohio and for the U.S.A., depending on availability.

The tables below the graphs contain the actual values. Green highlighting means the values are being reported for the first time; yellow highlighting means the values were previously reported but are now being revised.

Accompanying each graph and table is some background that explains why the indicator is important and, if necessary, provides some details about how the data are collected and analyzed.

Whenever available, data for the other large counties in Ohio are provided for comparison.

Finally, in every *Report* we go “Behind the Numbers” and take a deeper look at some of the indicators and related data.

All of the indicator data from the *Reports* are on this website. All of the indicators have countywide data; for some of the indicators, municipality, Zip code, Census tract, school district, and/or individual school building data are also available. The FCFC has established a mechanism whereby additional data sets can be added, making the site an expanding resource. If you have suggestions for additional content, please contact us at indicators@montgomerycountyindicators.org.