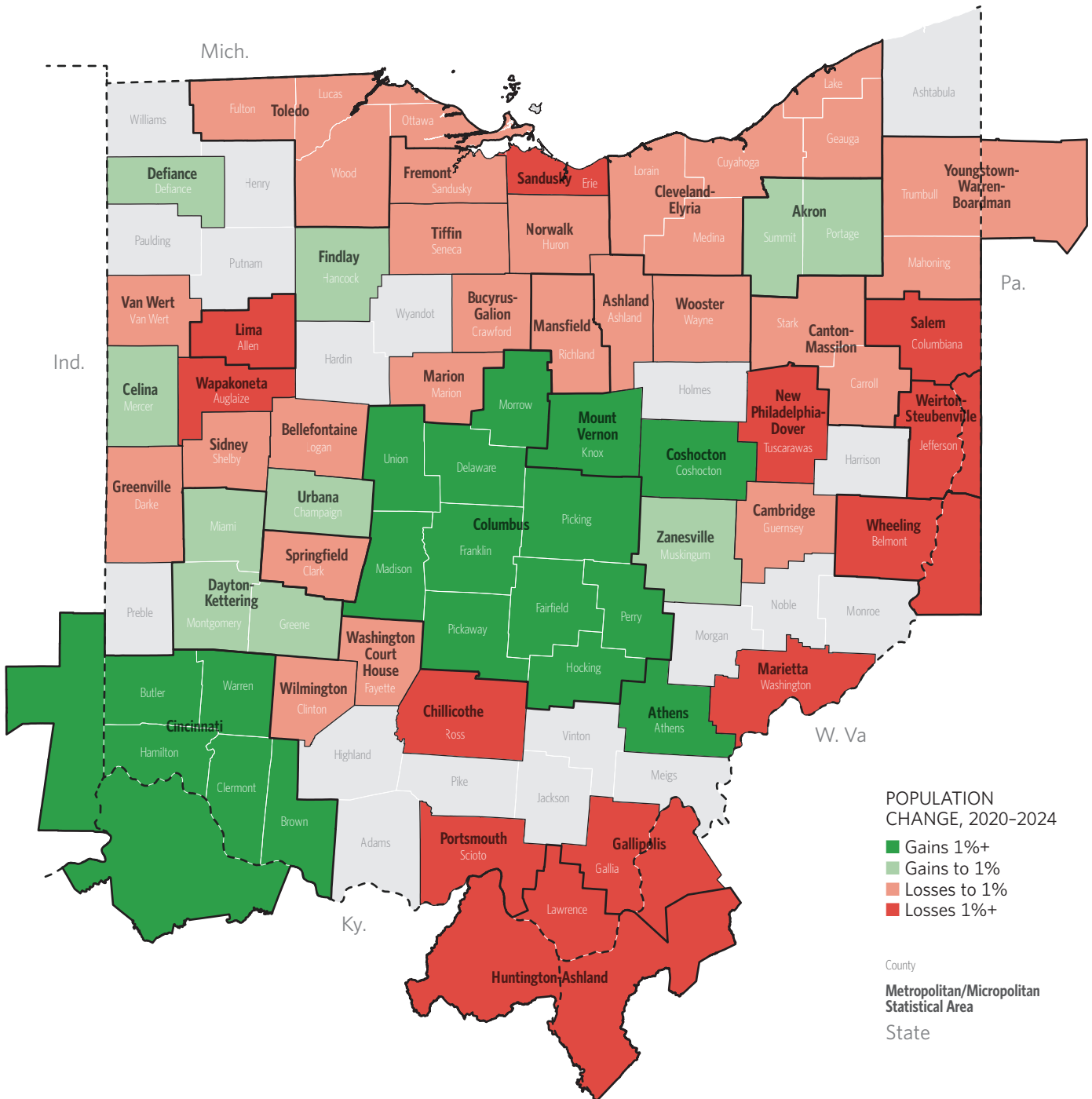


The Hollowing Out of Ohio Continues Unabated

Mike DeWine is simply disconnected from the realities of most Ohioans. His State of the State claim that "Ohio is Strong!!" is made on the backs of countless Ohioans who have watched their communities and counties lose people and jobs for more than a decade. The latest U.S. Census data shows the brain and body drain in most of Ohio surges onward. Yes, the Greater Columbus and Cincinnati areas are doing well, but virtually every other part of Ohio is hollowing out. When 32 out of 44 (73%) Ohio metropolitan and micropolitan areas decline in population over four years, our political leaders MUST ditch their incrementalism and adopt a Reaganesque bold colors agenda to reinvigorate all of Ohio. Ohio is rapidly approaching terminal brain drain velocity where recovery won't be possible. The time to act is now.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Ohio Population Change, 2020-2024, by Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area

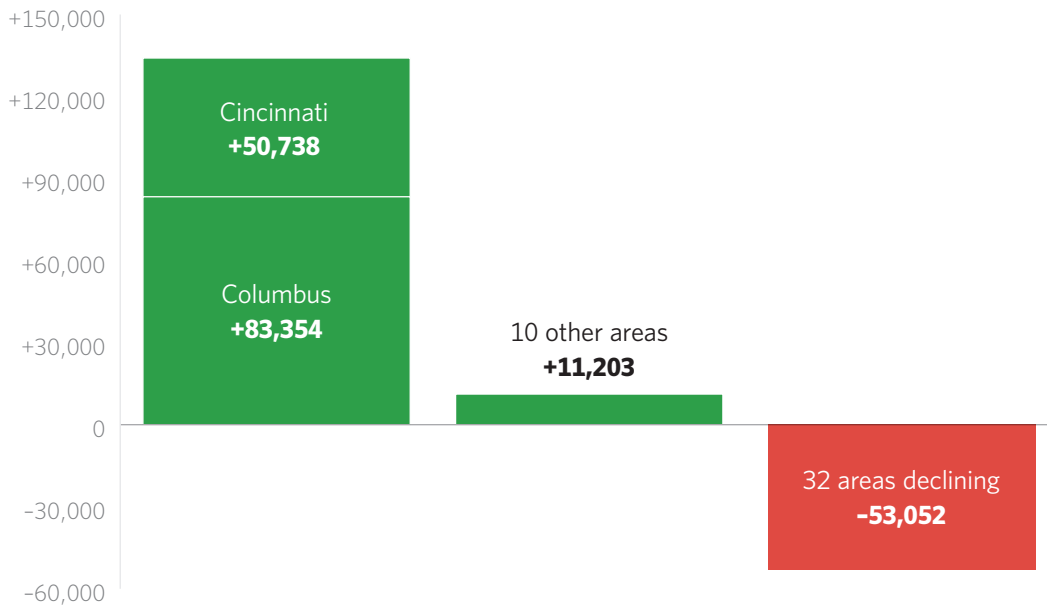
■ Gains 1%+
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AREA	Number	Pct.	
Columbus, OH Metro Area	83,354	3.89%	■
Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN Metro Area	50,738	2.25%	■
Dayton-Kettering-Beavercreek, OH Metro Area	7,509	0.92%	■
Mount Vernon, OH Micro Area	1,056	1.68%	■
Athens, OH Micro Area	838	1.34%	■
Akron, OH Metro Area	520	0.07%	■
Coshocton, OH Micro Area	408	1.11%	■
Defiance, OH Micro Area	377	0.99%	■
Urbana, OH Micro Area	164	0.42%	■
Zanesville, OH Micro Area	118	0.14%	■
Celina, OH Micro Area	116	0.27%	■
Findlay, OH Micro Area	97	0.13%	■
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Fremont, OH Micro Area	-12	-0.02%	■
Wilmington, OH Micro Area	-16	-0.04%	■
Bellefontaine, OH Micro Area	-29	-0.06%	■
Van Wert, OH Micro Area	-32	-0.11%	■
Ashland, OH Micro Area	-56	-0.11%	■
Mansfield, OH Metro Area	-135	-0.11%	■
Washington Court House, OH Micro Area	-196	-0.68%	■
Cambridge, OH Micro Area	-200	-0.52%	■
Sidney, OH Micro Area	-202	-0.42%	■
Wooster, OH Micro Area	-271	-0.23%	■
Tiffin, OH Micro Area	-325	-0.59%	■
Norwalk, OH Micro Area	-327	-0.56%	■
Gallipolis, OH Micro Area	-354	-1.21%	■
Bucyrus, OH Micro Area	-389	-0.93%	■
Marion, OH Micro Area	-414	-0.63%	■
Greenville, OH Micro Area	-435	-0.84%	■
Wapakoneta, OH Micro Area	-551	-1.19%	■
Canton-Massillon, OH Metro Area	-703	-0.18%	■
Springfield, OH Metro Area	-909	-0.67%	■
Chillicothe, OH Micro Area	-1,022	-1.33%	■
New Philadelphia-Dover, OH Micro Area	-1,151	-1.23%	■
Lima, OH Metro Area	-1,271	-1.24%	■
Marietta, OH Micro Area	-1,324	-2.22%	■
Salem, OH Micro Area	-1,827	-1.80%	■
Portsmouth, OH Micro Area	-2,054	-2.78%	■
Sandusky, OH Metro Area	-2,247	-1.94%	■
Weirton-Steubenville, WV-OH Metro Area	-3,474	-2.98%	■
Youngstown-Warren, OH Metro Area	-3,613	-0.84%	■
Wheeling, WV-OH Metro Area	-3,991	-2.87%	■
Toledo, OH Metro Area	-4,381	-0.72%	■
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH Metro Area	-8,786	-2.34%	■
Cleveland, OH Metro Area	-12,355	-0.57%	■

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

Ohio's Population Growing Primarily in Just Two Metropolitan Areas

CHANGE IN POPULATION, 2020-2024, BY METROPOLITAN/MICROPOLITAN AREA

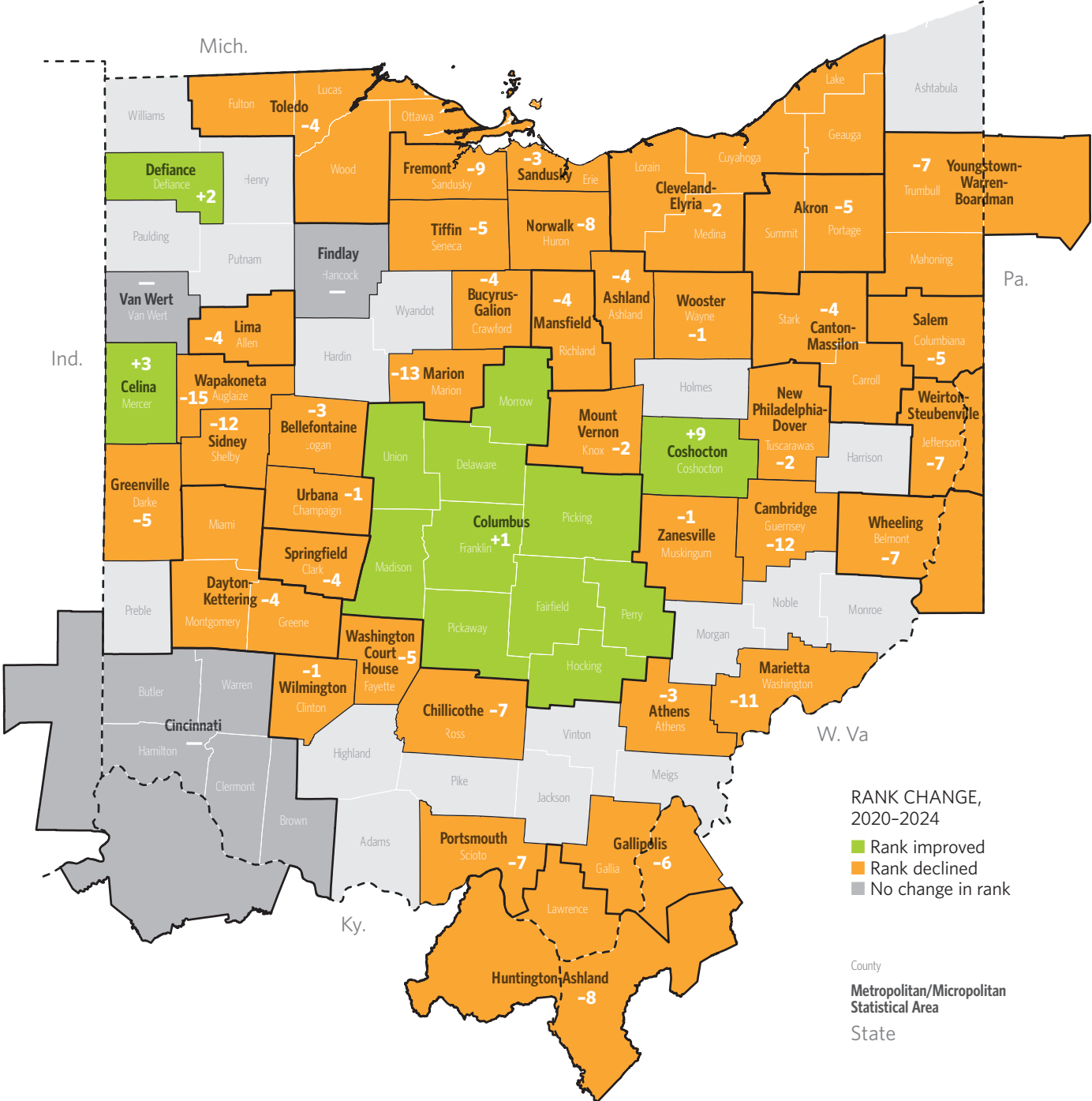


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Even When Growing, Ohio Falls Behind: Change in National Population Ranks

Only four metropolitan/micropolitan areas in Ohio improved their national ranks in population—Columbus, Coshocton, Defiance, and Celina. All other areas declined or remained unchanged.



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