

INSURANCE IN OHIO



Representing Ohio's property/casualty insurance industry

2020 Edition

OHIO'S INSURANCE INDUSTRY

The size and importance of Ohio's insurance industry can be measured in several ways — but any way you look at it, the Ohio insurance industry is a key economic driver of the state's economy. With more than 200 insurance companies based in Ohio, jobs and financial security are provided to a workforce of 109,000+ Ohioans and growing. The robust competition among the numerous insurance companies operating in the Buckeye state gives Ohio consumers many choices and some of the lowest rates in the nation. The competitive insurance marketplace in Ohio provides businesses, both large and small, with the right types of coverages that support economic growth, innovation and prosperity throughout the state.

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Property and Financial Security

Insurance enables Ohioans to make long-term commitments and secure a better future. In 2019, insurance played a role in the following:

- 23,047 new family dwellings and apartments that broke ground.⁸
- 130,621 new businesses were formed, creating new job opportunities.⁹
- The sale of 526,147 cars and trucks.¹⁰
- Protecting just over 8 million licensed drivers.¹¹
- More than \$8.7 billion paid to 109,935 people employed by the insurance industry.¹²
- Protecting, building and maintaining 4,882 schools.¹³



Employment

Insurance is a major player in Ohio when it comes to employment opportunities.

- Ohio is home to 256 insurance companies.²
- The insurance industry is a large state employer with more than 109,000 employees and wages of more than \$8.7 billion.¹
- About 40% of the state's insurance industry employment is in the

property/casualty (P/C) insurance field.²

- Ohio has 72,955 licensed resident insurance agents with an additional 180,268 licensed non-resident agents.²
- Ohio ranks seventh in the U.S. in insurance industry employment.³
- Between 2016 and 2024, Ohio's insurance industry will require approximately 29,000 new employees.⁴

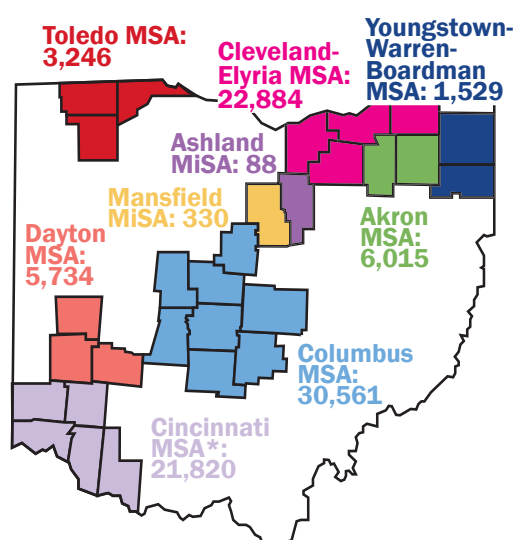
Ohio employment by insurance line—2018 and 2019¹

Insurance Line	2018 Employment	2018 Wage Estimates	2019 Employment	2019 Wage Estimates
Life	9,574	\$782,117,000	10,050	\$829,903,000
Health/Medical	16,668	\$1,269,441,000	17,480	\$1,341,619,000
P/C	37,958	\$3,504,119,000	36,723	\$3,535,330,000
Title	1,581	\$102,030,000	1,571	\$114,353,000
Agents/Brokers	28,116	\$1,890,999,000	28,284	\$1,957,188,000
Other*	15,288	\$958,290,000	15,826	\$1,005,618,000
Total**	109,185	\$8,506,996,000	109,934	\$8,784,011,000

*Includes reinsurers, claims adjusters, third party administrators, and others employed in insurance-related fields.

**Totals reflect those who qualified for unemployment compensation and don't include agents or insurance industry consultants operating as single-person businesses.

2018 preliminary insurance industry employment estimates by Ohio Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)¹



*Data includes counties outside of Ohio.

The average annual salary for an Ohioan working in insurance in 2019 was \$79,902. That is about 55% higher than Ohio's average private sector annual salary of \$51,593.

Ohio Annual Salaries 2019¹

Average private employment	\$51,593
Average insurance industry	\$79,902
Reinsurance carriers	\$103,166
P/C insurers	\$96,270
All insurance carriers	\$88,324
Life	\$82,575
Life and health	\$78,878
Insurance agents and brokers	\$66,951

Affordability

There are 1,008 licensed property and casualty insurance companies operating in Ohio.² Consumers benefit from the hundreds of companies vying for their insurance business, keeping premiums competitive.

Ohioans pay among the lowest average premiums in the nation for homeowners and auto insurance.

- Homeowners: \$862 (9th lowest) compared to U.S. average of \$1,211⁵
- Auto: \$778 (13th lowest) compared to U.S. average of \$1,005⁵

Education

Due to the growing number of in-demand insurance careers, 11 Ohio colleges and universities now offer insurance degrees, specializations, or certificates.

Ohio Certificate Programs

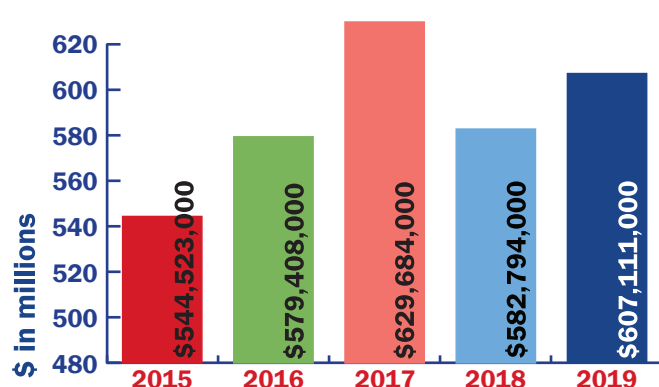
- American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters: Multiple professional designations and certificates available
- Clark State Community College: Property Insurance Claims Departmental Certificate
- Columbus State Community College: Foundations of Insurance Certificate

Ohio College and University Insurance Degrees

- Bowling Green State University: Specialization and Minor in Insurance
- Clark State Community College: Associate Degree in Business Management with an Insurance Option
- Heidelberg University: Insurance and Risk Management (within Business Administration major)
- Kent State University: B.S. and Minor – Insurance Studies

Economic Contributions⁷

Insurance companies continue to be a major contributor to Ohio's bottom line. In 2019, insurance companies paid more than 607 million in premium taxes, which is the 9th highest in the country.



Consumer Protection⁶

The insurance industry protects consumers when an insurer declares bankruptcy or becomes insolvent. The Ohio Insurance Guaranty Association, whose members include property and liability insurance companies licensed in Ohio and a governing board of directors, provides consumers a safety net should their insurance company fail, allowing policyholders to recoup unearned premiums or compensation for claims in process. The association provides a mechanism to collect and pool funds from all state licensed insurance companies. Insurers are assessed based on their Ohio market share. Since 1970, the Ohio fund assessed insurers a net amount of \$80.8 million.

RESOURCES

- Ohio Insurance Institute
ohioinsurance.org
- Ohio Department of Insurance
insurance.ohio.gov
- Ohio FAIR Plan
ohiofairplan.com
- Ohio Automobile Insurance Plan
assignedriskohio.com
- Ohio Association of Health Plans
aohp.org
- Association of Ohio Life Insurance Companies
aolic.com
- Ohio Insurance Guaranty Association
ohioga.org
- Insurance Careers
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