

2015-2017 Needs Assessment

CAO of Scioto Co., Inc. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Community Action Organization of Scioto County (CAO) has been a local leader in the fight against poverty since 1965. CAO strives to maintain a sustainable and coordinated system of programs and services to meet the needs of individuals and families within Scioto County. The Executive Director and Program Directors work with other community providers in the service area to determine how best to not duplicate services while providing the services needed to meet the emergency needs of low income persons and establishing/improving programs which assist low-income persons to transition out of poverty. The needs assessment process is an ongoing activity conducted by the Executive Director and Program Division Directors as they review program progress and changing needs as evidenced by customer requests for service. The process consisted of review and analysis of the following national, state, and local resources:

1. Past and current client file information
2. 2014 and 2015 ROMA data
3. 2010 Census information
4. US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013 Data Release
5. Current Unemployment statistics
6. Current Labor Market Information statistics
7. Current Public Assistance caseload information
8. Shared information with other local service providers
9. Family Surveys conducted by Head Start Staff
10. Review of Ohio Department of Health statistics for county
11. Program Division Directors assessments on customer requests and referrals

DEMOGRAPHICS/POPULATION PROFILE

The demographic profile for Scioto County that follows is based upon the information gathered from the above sources. Scioto County 2013 Total Population was 78,952. The population estimate as of July 1, 2014, according to the Census Bureau, is 77,258. The number of veterans living in the report area is 10.53% which is more than the national average of 8.99%. Scioto County's population continues to decrease due to several factors. One of the primary factors that contribute to the county's population decrease is the lack of sustainable, living wage, jobs. Scioto County has been hit hard by a twenty-year economic decline. The Detroit Steel Mill closed in the 1980's, the New Boston Coke Plant closed in 2002, and the Ohio River Valley Juvenile Correctional Facility in Franklin Furnace was closed in 2011. The Appalachian Regional Commission currently lists Scioto County as being a Distressed Area in the Appalachian Region. Scioto County was listed "at-risk," from 2005 through 2015. The Commission now

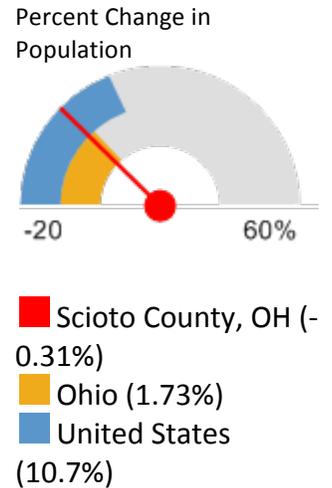
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classifies Scioto County as “distressed” for 2016. The only age group of residents showing increased population is those over the age of 65. The senior population is estimated to increase from 15.5% to 23% by the year 2030.

Population Profile: Population Change

Population change within the report area from 2000-2013 is shown below. During the thirteen-year period, total population estimates for the report area declined by -0.31 percent, decreasing from 79,195 persons in 2000 to 78,952 persons in 2013.

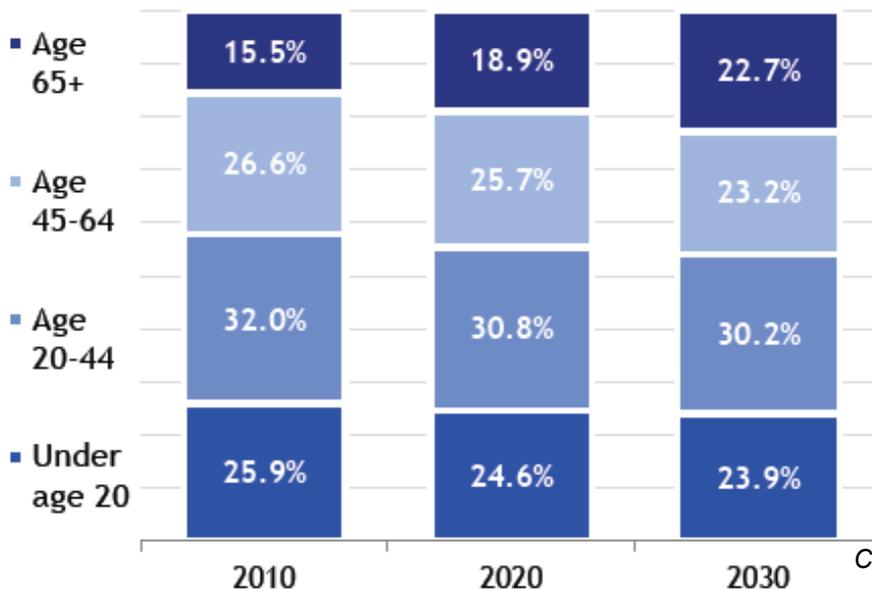
Report Area	Total Population, 2013 ACS	Total Population, 2000 Census	Population Change from 2000-2013 Census/ACS	Percent Change from 2000-2013 Census/ACS
Scioto County, OH	78,952	79,195	-243	-0.31%
Ohio	11,549,590	11,353,140	196,450	1.73%
United States	311,536,591	281,421,906	30,114,685	10.7%



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2009-13. Source geography: County

Demographic Projection

By 2030, seniors will make up 23 percent of the population in Scioto County. (Source: Scripps Gerontology Center)



Data Source: The Center for Community Solutions: County Profile

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Geography	April 1, 2010		Population Estimate (as of July 1, 2014)				
	Census	Estimates Base	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Scioto County, Ohio	79,499	79,499	79,531	79,218	78,572	78,023	77,258

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 Population Estimates

Poverty Rates /Public Assistance Data

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows Scioto County persons living in poverty, during the period from 2009-2013, were over 23%. This means that close to one in four persons was living in poverty. Local officials working with those in need do not dispute those numbers and can provide proof of the need in the community through the services they provide. The local Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) Agency report in the month of September 2013, there were 1,585 people receiving a cash benefit from their office on a monthly basis. The amount of the benefit could be as low as \$115 a month for one person that would be awaiting disability approval. Cash assistance for families starts at \$253 a month. This gives a perspective as to how low these monthly dollar amounts are for someone living on cash assistance from DJFS. The median household income is \$36,682. There are 26,672 people in Scioto County receiving some type of Medicaid program or premium assistance. This represents nearly 34 percent of the county population. The number of people receiving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits is 21,000, which represents twenty-seven percent of the counties population. Cuts to the SNAP program, which took effect November, 2013, saw a reduction in the number of meals a family can provide the household each month. According to an article in the Portsmouth Daily Times, a family of four, will see their benefit shrink from \$668 a month to \$632, or \$432 over the course of a year. That amounts to 21 meals per month. A survey was conducted by the Social Service Department of the local food pantries in October of 2015. Each local pantry reported that food available for distribution was less than in previous years and requests for assistance was much higher. According to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, there has been an increase in food pantry visits of 112%. The Senior Nutrition Program (SNP) reports they have a waiting list of 35-45 seniors for their Meals at Home program. The SNP program also reports a decline in the number of seniors attending their congregate site. In a survey conducted at the site, it was reported that transportation to the site was the main factor for the decline in numbers. The Summer Food Program for youth reported a steady increase in the number of meals delivered since its inception. They currently provide over 60,000 meals during the program year. The rising cost of families basic needs continues to rise. A self-sufficient family of four in Ohio spends about \$3,386 a month on its basic needs. A family of four in poverty lives on only about \$1,900 a month or less. In the last decade, costs of necessities rose by varying amounts, but Scioto County’s median income did not keep pace. According to a report published in the Portsmouth Daily Times in July, 2015, \$17 million in monthly benefits in December, 2013 and \$204 million annually (2013) were paid in Social Security Benefits to residents of Scioto County. According to the article, social security benefits could be reduced by 19% late in 2016 unless steps are taken to shore up the retirement fund. Any cuts to the program would have a significant impact on seniors and disabled living in Scioto County.

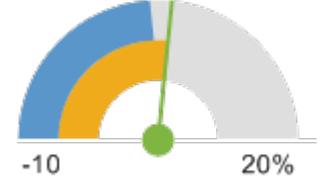
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Population Profile: Poverty, 2013

Poverty rate change in the report area from 2000 to 2013 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 6%, compared to a national increase of 4.5%.

Report Area	Persons in Poverty 2000	Poverty Rate 2000	Persons in Poverty 2013	Poverty Rate 2013	Poverty Rate Change 2000-2013
Scioto County, OH	13,980	18.5%	18,263	24.5%	6%
Ohio	2,176,762	9.8%	3,587,045	15.9%	6.1%
United States	63,160,495	11.3%	97,615,776	15.8%	4.5%

Poverty Rate Change



- Scioto County, OH (6%)
- Ohio (6.1%)
- United States (4.5%)

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income Poverty Estimates. 2013.

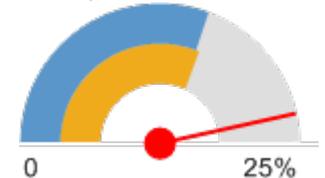
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Poverty Rate (ACS)

The following report section shows population estimates for all persons in poverty for report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year estimates, an average of 23.32 percent of all persons lived in a state of poverty during the 2009 - 2013 period. The poverty rate for all persons living in the report area is greater than the national average of 15.37 percent.

Report Area	Total Population	Population in Poverty	Percent Population in Poverty
Scioto County, OH	75,171	17,531	23.32%
Ohio	11,230,706	1,773,853	15.79%
United States	303,692,064	46,663,432	15.37%

Percent Population in Poverty



- Scioto County, OH (23.32%)
- Ohio (15.79%)
- United States (15.37%)

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2009-13. Source geography: Tract

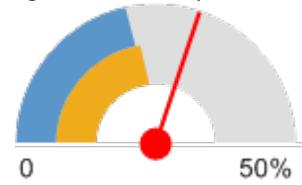
Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-17

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-17 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, an average of 30.2 percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is greater than the national average of 21.6 percent.

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Report Area	Ages 0-17 Total Population	Ages 0-17 In Poverty	Ages 0-17 Poverty Rate
Scioto County, OH	17,137	5,174	30.2
Ohio	2,650,819	605,140	22.8
United States	72,748,616	15,701,799	21.6

Ages 0-17 Poverty Rate



■ Scioto County, OH (30.2%)
■ Ohio (22.8%)
■ United States (21.6%)

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2009-13. Source geography: County

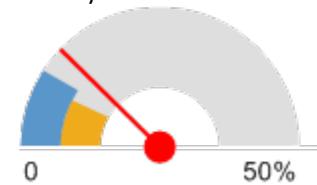
The organization is currently administering both Head Start and Early Head Start programs which provides services to pregnant women, newborns, and toddlers to age 3 as well as preschoolers through age 5 through both home visiting and center based options. Head Start reports show gradual increases in the number of children served in the county. Head Start is a comprehensive child development program offering preschool children a program of education, medical, dental and nutrition services. Children and families are also offered social services through our program. All services are offered as a means to enhance the ability of low-income children to successfully compete in the public school system.

Population Profile: Seniors in Poverty

Poverty rates for seniors (persons age 65 and over) are shown below. According to American Community Survey estimates, there were 1426 seniors, or 12.2 percent, living in poverty within the report area.

Report Area	Seniors Total	Seniors in Poverty	Senior Poverty Rate
Scioto County, OH	11,655	1,426	12.2
Ohio	1,597,235	128,500	8
United States	40,544,640	3,793,577	9.4

Senior Poverty Rate



■ Scioto County, OH (12.2%)
■ Ohio (8%)
■ United States (9.4%)

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2009-13. Source geography: County

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

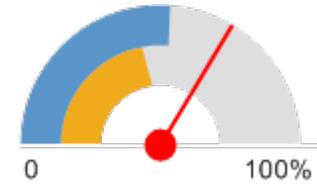
The following report shows that 8149 students (or 67.08 percent) were eligible for free or reduced price lunches during the 2012 - 2013 school year, which is more than the national average of 51.7 percent.

Report Area	Total Students	Number Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligible	Percent Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligible
Scioto County, OH	12,149	8,149	67.08
Ohio	1,597,235	1,000,000	62.6
United States	40,544,640	21,000,000	51.7

Percent Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Lunch

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Scioto County, OH	12,149	8,149	67.08%
Ohio	1,722,183	763,448	44.59%
United States	50,195,195	26,012,902	52.35%



■ Scioto County, OH (67.08%)
■ Ohio (44.59%)
■ United States (52.35%)

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data. 2013-14. Source geography: Address

Children Eligible for Free Lunch (Alone) by Year, 2009-10 through 2013-14

The table below shows local, state, and National trends in student free and reduced lunch eligibility.

Note: Data for the 2011-12 school year are omitted due to lack of data for some states.

Report Area	2009-10	2010-11	2012-13	2013-14
Scioto County, OH	64.31%	64.87%	69.86%	73.15%
Ohio	44.05%	47.12%	45.94%	49.57%
United States	47.76%	49.24%	51.77%	52.45%

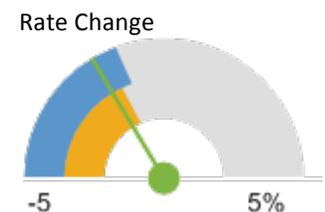
Labor Market Data

Our organization offers a wide variety of job and career services free of charge. Our Resource Center has experienced staff and computers to conduct an internet job search, write a resume, review current job postings, get the latest information on the labor market, make copies of resumes and important employment documents, fax resumes to potential employers, use the telephone service for job prospecting, and research available financial aid. Workshops are available for those searching for employment. Specialists are available to assist with special needs. The total workforce in Scioto County, according to the Dept. of Labor (8/31/15), was 29,300. The number unemployed (8/31/15) was 1,918. The unemployment rate (8/31/15) was 6.55%.

Employment: Unemployment Change

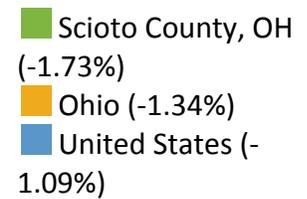
Unemployment change within the report area during the 1-year period from August 2014 to August 2015 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one year period fell from 2,458 persons to 1,918 persons, a rate change of -1.73% percent.

Report Area	Unemployment August 2014	Unemployment August 2015	Unemployment Rate August 2014	Unemployment Rate August 2015	Rate Change
Scioto	2,458	1,918	8.28%	6.55%	-1.73%



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Ohio	323,392	244,853	5.6%	4.26%	-1.34%
United States	9,982,764	8,302,248	6.32%	5.24%	-1.09%



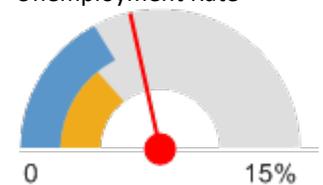
Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2015 - August.
Source geography: County

Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in the table below. Overall, the report area experienced an average 6.5 percent unemployment rate in August 2015.

Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Scioto County, OH	29,300	27,382	1,918	6.5%
Ohio	5,748,612	5,503,759	244,853	4.3%
United States	158,517,517	150,215,269	8,302,248	5.2%

Unemployment Rate



Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2015 - August. Source geography: County

Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Unemployment change within the report area from August 2014 to August 2015 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this thirteen month period fell from 8.3 percent to 6.5 percent.

Report Area	August 2014	Sept. 2014	Oct. 2014	Nov. 2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar. 2015	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	August 2015
Scioto County, OH	8.3	7.5	7.1	7.1	7.6	9.8	8.9	8.5	7.1	7.1	7.5	7.6	6.5
Ohio	5.6	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.7	6.1	5.6	5.4	4.6	4.9	5.2	5	4.3
United States	6.3	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.4	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.2

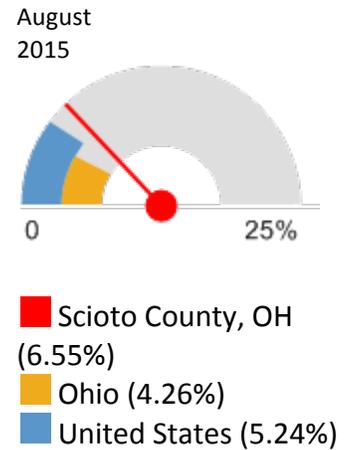
Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2015 - August. Source geography: County

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Five Year Unemployment Rate

Unemployment change within the report area from August 2011 to August 2015 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five year period fell from 12.97 percent to 6.55 percent.

Report Area	August 2011	August 2012	August 2013	August 2014	August 2015
Scioto County, OH	12.97%	11.37%	11.87%	8.28%	6.55%
Ohio	8.9%	7.26%	7.35%	5.6%	4.26%
United States	9.14%	8.23%	7.41%	6.32%	5.24%



Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2015 - August. Source geography: County

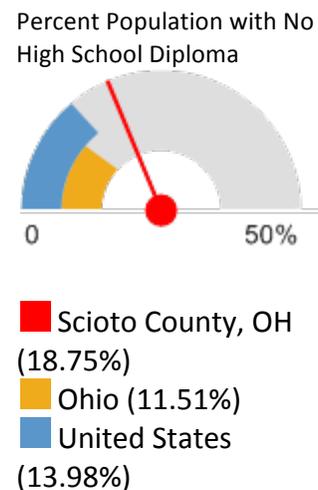
Education

Educational Attainment

Persons 25 + without high school diploma or GED 18.75%
 Persons 25+ with High School only 38.8%

Educational Attainment shows the distribution of educational attainment levels in the report area. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an average for the period from 2009 to 2013.

Report Area	Percent No High School Diploma	Percent High School Only	Percent Some College	Percent Associates Degree	Percent Bachelors Degree	Percent Graduate or Professional Degree
Scioto County, OH	18.75	38.8	20.1	8.2	9.1	5.2
Ohio	11.51	34.7	20.8	7.9	15.9	9.3
United States	13.98	28.1	21.3	7.8	18.1	10.8



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2009-13. Source geography: County

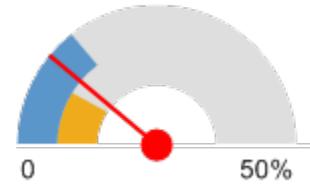
Education: Adult Literacy

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) produces estimates for adult literacy based on educational attainment, poverty, and other factors in each county.

Percent Lacking Literacy Skills

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Report Area	Estimated Population over 16	Percent Lacking Literacy Skills
Scioto County, OH	58,952	11%
Ohio	8,715,916	9%
United States	219,016,209	14.64%



■ Scioto County, OH (11%)
■ Ohio (9%)
■ United States (14.64%)

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Estimates of Low Literacy. Source geography: County

Housing Stock

Housing: Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2013 for the report area are shown below. Housing units used in housing age include only those where the year built is known.

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (from 2013)
Scioto County, OH	34,038	1964	49
Ohio	5,124,221	1966	47
United States	132,057,808	1976	37

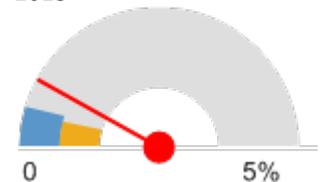
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2009-13. Source geography: County

Housing: Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown for the report area. U.S. Census data shows 263 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and ACS five-year estimates show 242 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2013.

Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing 2000	Percent without Plumbing 2000	Occupied Housing Units 2013	Housing Units without Plumbing 2013	Percent without Plumbing 2013
Scioto County, OH	30,871	263	0.77%	29,452	242	0.82%
Ohio	4,445,773	19,407	0.41%	4,557,655	20,024	0.44%
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69%	115,600,217	562,008	0.49%

Percent Without Plumbing 2013



■ Scioto County, OH (0.82%)
■ Ohio (0.44%)
■ United States (0.49%)

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2009-13. Source geography: County

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The organization has recently entered into a joint venture with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Peoples Bank and the Finance Fund to provide low and moderate-income families with modern, energy efficient rental homes located in a safe and attractive environment. The City of Portsmouth, through their Land Reutilization Program, is purposefully acquiring blighted properties in order to return them to productive use and improve the quality of life for Portsmouth residents. Through this program, some homes have been renovated but others have been demolished. Our organization has been working closely with the County Commissioners and the City of Portsmouth in improving homes through the Community Housing Improvement Program. The Housing and Energy conservation program reduces the heating cost burden by providing attic and sidewall insulation and stopping cold air infiltration, as well as heating unit repair and replacement when necessary. Our organization will continue to offer housing payment assistance, emergency repairs, and other services to meet the ongoing needs of the county residents.

Health

Health Status

The organization currently provides Dental Clinic services in Scioto County. The number of primary care dentists in Scioto County is 25. The ratio of primary care dentists per person in Scioto County is 3,126 to 1. The number of dentists who treated Medicaid patients is 13. However, most of the dentists that treat Medicaid patients, will not accept new Medicaid patients. 35% of the county population is on Medicaid. The number of persons enrolled in Medicare is 17,002. The estimated number persons without health insurance is 9,730. This data indicates that our Dental Clinic program is necessary to meet the un-served needs within our population.

Total institutional Medicare and Medicaid providers, including hospitals, nursing facilities, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community mental health centers for the Scioto County report area are shown below. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 39 active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in the report area in 2014.

According to our Head Start Family Survey for 2014-2015, 58% of those responding had health insurance through Medicaid or CHIP. Of those not having insurance the majority stated they could not afford it.

Medicare and Medicaid Providers

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<i>Report Area</i>	<i>Total Institutional Providers</i>	<i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Nursing Facilities</i>	<i>Federally Qualified Health Centers</i>	<i>Rural Health Clinics</i>	<i>Community Mental Health Centers</i>
<i>Scioto County, OH</i>	39	2	11	3	2	0
<i>Ohio</i>	3,459	270	951	206	31	12

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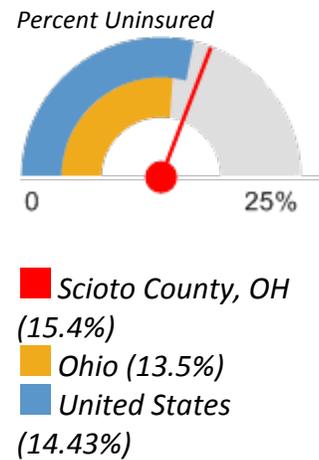
<i>United States</i>	<i>71,160</i>	<i>7,190</i>	<i>15,648</i>	<i>6,100</i>	<i>4,044</i>	<i>517</i>
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Data Source: US Department of Health Human Services, Center for Medicare Medicaid Services, Provider of Services File. June 2014. Source geography: County

Health Care: Uninsured Population

The uninsured population is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons.

<i>Report Area</i>	<i>Insurance Population (2013 Estimate)</i>	<i>Number Insured</i>	<i>Number Uninsured</i>	<i>Percent Uninsured</i>
<i>Scioto County, OH</i>	<i>78,952</i>	<i>53,412</i>	<i>9,730</i>	<i>15.4%</i>
<i>Ohio</i>	<i>11,549,590</i>	<i>8,292,841</i>	<i>1,294,898</i>	<i>13.5%</i>
<i>United States</i>	<i>311,536,591</i>	<i>219,286,188</i>	<i>44,960,048</i>	<i>14.43%</i>



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates. 2009-13. Source geography: County

As a result of this needs assessment exercise, we can understand the scope of both emerging and ongoing needs of economically insecure residents in our service area. We can choose the role our organization will play in meeting some of those needs. The Needs Assessment exercise has resulted in adoption of the following priorities to guide activities for CAO of Scioto County during program years 2016-2017:

- Economic Development / Job Generation
- Employment and Training Activities
- Housing Development and Energy Conservation
- Primary Dental Care/Oral Health Care
- Education /Day Care
- Nutrition/Independent Living for seniors
- Emergency Services
- Information and Referral.

Please note that not all priorities will be addressed with CSBG dollars. CAO of Scioto County will continue to strive to identify and focus all available local, state, private, and federal resources upon the goal of enabling low-income families and low-income individuals of all ages to attain the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to become self-sufficient.