

Identifying and addressing gaps

Our goal is to improve health, social, and economic outcomes for Ohioans across the lifespan.

Reliable data on community conditions should be used to improve outcomes across the lifespan.

Successful systems and policies would offer all Ohioans a fair opportunity to thrive throughout their lives.



Data finds the problem. Policy fixes it.

Identifying sustainable solutions starts with fully understanding the issue. Problems that are ignored or left unexplored often get worse.

Community Solutions will continue to provide reliable data and analysis that policy makers and communities need to understand conditions, identify opportunities, and target resources.

Ohio needs solutions that propel progress without leaving some people behind.

Differences we observe today are the result of both intentional *and* unintended consequences of policy decisions.

The impact of policies are rarely spread evenly. Efficient and effective government spending focuses attention and resources to where challenges and opportunities are concentrated.

Closing gaps usually catalyzes better results for everyone.

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

The Center for Community Solutions **nonpartisan policy and research center**, is a trusted nonprofit with a legacy of **pragmatic problem-solving in Ohio's health and human services landscape since 1913.**

Data show gaps in health and economic outcomes shaped by longstanding differences in access, opportunity, age, and geography.

Health

39th

Ohio's ranking for **life expectancy** at 75.6 years out of 50 states.

In **Ohio**, infant mortality is

2.3x higher

among Black babies than white babies.

79%

of uninsured Ohioans are working age. **Nearly 475,000 Ohioans gained health coverage since Medicaid expansion.**

Social

46.2%

of older adults lived alone between 2019–2023.

75.7%

of Ohio women are **registered to vote**, and are more likely than men to cast a vote.

547,779

children under age 6 need childcare, because both parents in the household work.

Economic

93,500

Ohioans **living in poverty worked full-time** for the full year.

32%

of all Ohio households are headed by women, but **59% of households in poverty are headed by women.**

Cleveland is the **third poorest large city** for older adults.



We build on our established expertise on issues to improve health, social, and economic outcomes for Ohioans across the lifespan.



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