

Economically Disadvantaged

Table 1. Franklin County School Districts Indicators of Economically Disadvantaged Students, 2010–2011

School District	Median Income 2009-2010	Students Eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch 2009-2010	
		N	%
Whitehall City	\$23,742	2,151	77.0%
Columbus City	\$26,772	39,077	76.2%
Hamilton Local	\$28,571	2,014	62.0%
Groveport Madison Local	\$30,591	3,396	63.2%
Ohio Average	\$30,850	826,538	44.0%
South-Western City	\$32,125	10,501	53.1%
Reynoldsburg City	\$33,512	2,479	46.9%
Canal Winchester Local	\$41,278	1,067	30.0%
Westerville City	\$41,284	3,863	28.4%
Grandview Heights City	\$42,687	212	18.7%
Worthington City	\$43,998	2,286	23.2%
Gahanna-Jefferson City	\$44,747	1,816	25.7%
Hilliard City	\$47,617	3,149	21.4%
Dublin City	\$48,313	1,911	13.4%
Upper Arlington City	\$57,176	83	2.9%
Bexley City	\$58,020	247	11.8%
New Albany - Plain Local	\$68,627	336	8.0%

- In school year 2010–2011, 46.2% of all Franklin County students (74,588) were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches compared to 30.0% in the 1999–2000 school year. The Franklin County rate is higher than the overall Ohio rate of 44.0% in the 2010–2011 school year.
- Six Franklin County School districts (Whitehall, Columbus, Hamilton, Groveport Madison, South-Western, and Reynoldsburg) were above the state average for the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches (44.0%). Four of the five districts (Whitehall, Columbus, Hamilton, and Groveport Madison) had students with median household incomes less than the state average.

About the Data

Data Sources:

- Ohio Department of Education, Interactive Local Report Card
- Ohio Department of Education, Learning Supports

Definitions:

- **Free or reduced-price lunch:** Children with family incomes below 185% of the federal poverty level are eligible: Children with family incomes below 130% of poverty receive free meals; children with family incomes between 130% and 185% of poverty pay a reduced price for their meals at school. Because most eligible students participate, the number of children receiving free or reduced-price school lunches can indicate the number of low-income school-age children in a county. In 2010, a family of four with an annual income of \$22,050 or less was considered to be living in poverty.

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