

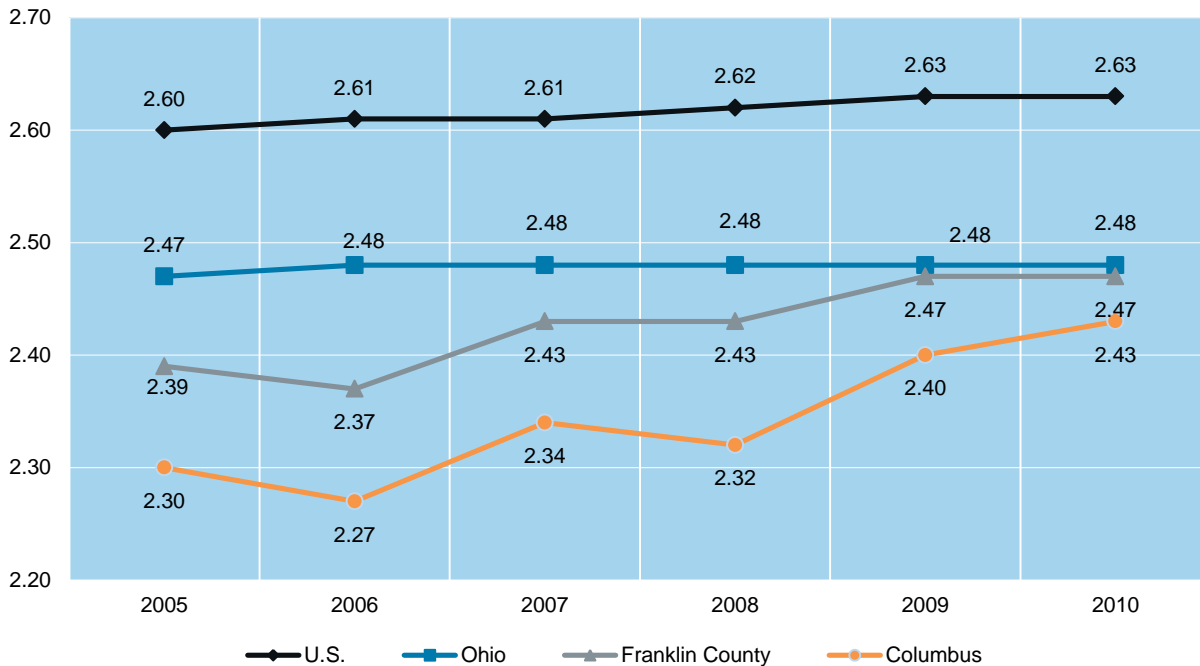
Household Characteristics

Table 1. Franklin County and Columbus Household Characteristics, 2005–2010

Franklin County	2005	2010	% Change 2005–2010
Total Households	446,879	462,716	3.5%
Family Households	273,583	270,856	-1.0%
Married-couple family	190,610	185,201	-2.8%
With own children under 18 years	92,192	84,541	-8.3%
Female householder, no husband present, with children under 18 years	45,464	47,650	4.8%
Nonfamily Households	173,296	191,860	10.7%
Householder living alone	137,007	147,436	7.6%
Householder 65 years and over	31,547	37,821	19.9%
Columbus			
Total Households	301,325	319,428	6.0%
Family Households	170,944	171,929	0.6%
Married-couple family	108,790	106,217	-2.4%
With own children under 18 years	51,801	49,808	-3.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with children under 18 years	35,083	38,285	9.1%
Nonfamily Households	130,381	147,499	13.1%
Householder living alone	101,563	111,366	9.7%
Householder 65 years and over	18,986	24,406	28.5%

- In 2010 married-couple families with children were 18.3% of all Franklin County households and 15.6% of all Columbus households. Between 2005 and 2010, this type of household decreased in the county (-8.3%) and in the city (-3.8%).
- In 2010 householders living alone made up 31.9% of all Franklin County households and 34.9% of all Columbus households.
- Between 2005 and 2010, the number of female-headed households with children increased in both Franklin County (4.8%) and Columbus (9.1%). In 2010 this type of household made up 10.3% of all Franklin County households and 12.0% of all Columbus households.

Chart 1. Average Household Size, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, and United States, 2005–2010



- The average household size in Columbus increased to 2.43 in 2010 from a low of 2.27 in 2006 during the six-year period. Franklin County’s average household size stayed the same from 2009 to 2010 (2.47). Average household size in Ohio (2.48 in 2010) and the nation (2.63 in 2010) have also remained relatively constant in recent years.

About the Data

Data Sources:

- U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2005–2010

Definitions:

- **Household:** One or more persons occupying a housing unit
- **Family:** One or more persons living in the same household who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption

Explanations and Caveats:

- The American Community Survey (ACS) is conducted annually by the U.S. Census Bureau and has replaced the Decennial Census Long Form. It is intended only as an estimate of the population rather than a definitive count. The 2006 ACS and the ACS in following years include the population living in group quarters, such as college residence halls, group homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, workers’ dormitories, and homeless shelters. Group quarters populations tend to have different demographic and socioeconomic characteristics than does the general public.

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