

**READY, SET**   
**SOAR OHIO**

**Early Investments, A Lifetime of Success.**

**DATA NOTE:** COVID-19 has had a significant impact on children and families in Ohio, exacerbating the challenges faced by many who were already working to overcome obstacles associated with poverty and racial and geographic inequities. The data in this fact sheet reflect the experience of children and families prior to COVID-19 and will serve as a benchmark as we gauge the impact of and recovery from the pandemic.



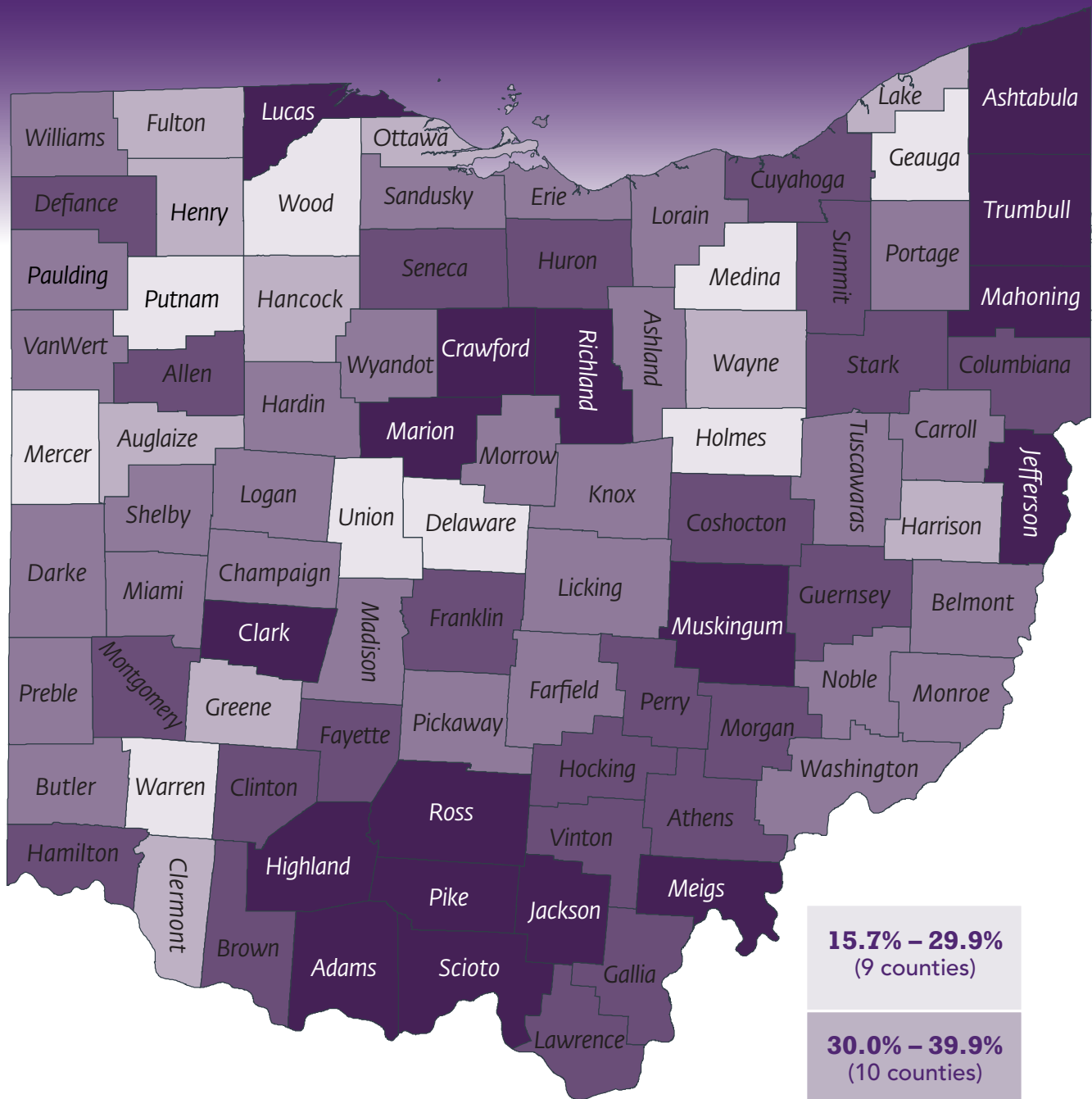
**Infants & Toddlers  
Living in Poverty**

**The economic success of our state is dependent  
upon supporting working families.**

When working parents are unable to meet their families' needs (e.g. access to safe housing, healthy food, adequate transportation, and quality learning opportunities), it impacts their ability to secure stable work and their children's ability to thrive in the short- and long-term. Studies show children living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level are less prepared for kindergarten than their economically advantaged counterparts, a disparity which persists through school-age years and into adulthood.

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**In Ohio, 47%**  
**of all infants and toddlers are living**  
**at or below 200%**  
**of the Federal Poverty Line.**



**Source:**

Infants and toddlers living in poverty reflect 0-3-year-olds living in households at or below 200% FPL (e.g. an annual income of \$51,500 for a family of 4). American Community Survey, 2017

