

Ohio President Counties Closest to Statewide Variance Last 10 Elections (1976-2012)

2012 Rank Closest	County	2012 Percent County Variance	2012 Statewide Variance	2012 Variance %
1	Sandusky	-2.71%	-2.98%	0.27 %
2	Ottawa	-4.30%	-2.98%	-1.32%
3	Montgomery	-4.62%	-2.98%	-1.64%
4	Wood	-4.84%	-2.98%	-1.87%
5	Stark	-0.47%	-2.98%	2.51 %
6	Portage	-5.52%	-2.98%	-2.55%
7	Pike	0.01 %	-2.98%	2.99 %
8	Hamilton	-6.35%	-2.98%	-3.37%
9	Clark	0.81 %	-2.98%	3.79 %
10	Lake	0.90 %	-2.98%	3.88 %

2008 Rank Closest	County	2008 Percent County Variance	2008 Statewide	2008 Variance %
1	Sandusky	-4.64%	-4.59%	-0.05%
2	Stark	-5.46%	-4.59%	-0.87%
3	Montgomery	-6.22%	-4.59%	-1.62%
4	Ottawa	-6.24%	-4.59%	-1.64%
5	Belmont	-2.72%	-4.59%	1.88 %
6	Tuscarawas	-2.43%	-4.59%	2.16 %
7	Hamilton	-6.98%	-4.59%	-2.39%
8	Wood	-7.13%	-4.59%	-2.54%
9	Lake	-0.83%	-4.59%	3.76 %
10	Jefferson	-0.21%	-4.59%	4.38 %

2004 Rank Closest	County	2004 Percent County Variance	2004 Statewide	2004 Variance %
1	Clark	2.04 %	2.11 %	-0.06%
2	Lake	2.58 %	2.11 %	0.47 %
3	Perry	3.94 %	2.11 %	1.84 %
4	Scioto	4.07 %	2.11 %	1.96 %
5	Ottawa	4.11 %	2.11 %	2.00 %
6	Pike	4.22 %	2.11 %	2.11 %
7	Columbiana	4.70 %	2.11 %	2.59 %
8	Hamilton	5.41 %	2.11 %	3.30 %
9	Hocking	5.77 %	2.11 %	3.66 %
10	Montgomery	-1.64%	2.11 %	-3.74%

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2000 Rank Closest	County	2000 Percent County Variance	2000 Statewide	2000 Variance %
1	Scioto	3.42 %	3.51 %	-0.08%
2	Pike	3.88 %	3.51 %	0.38 %
3	Perry	4.25 %	3.51 %	0.74 %
4	Columbiana	2.58 %	3.51 %	-0.93%
5	Ottawa	2.16 %	3.51 %	-1.34%
6	Lawrence	5.01 %	3.51 %	1.50 %
7	Lake	5.12 %	3.51 %	1.61 %
8	Stark	1.78 %	3.51 %	-1.73%
9	Harrison	0.92 %	3.51 %	-2.59%
10	Clark	-0.56%	3.51 %	-4.07%

1996 Rank Closest	County	1996 Percent County Variance	1996 Statewide	1996 Variance %
1	Hocking	-6.07%	-6.36%	0.29 %
2	Sandusky	-5.96%	-6.36%	0.40 %
3	Meigs	-6.90%	-6.36%	-0.54%
4	Wood	-5.40%	-6.36%	0.96 %
5	Tuscarawas	-5.34%	-6.36%	1.02 %
6	Jackson	-5.09%	-6.36%	1.27 %
7	Guernsey	-5.04%	-6.36%	1.32 %
8	Stark	-8.35%	-6.36%	-1.99%
9	Montgomery	-8.69%	-6.36%	-2.33%
10	Franklin	-3.59%	-6.36%	2.77 %

1992 Rank Closest	County	1992 Percent County Variance	1992 Statewide	1992 Variance %
1	Perry	-1.92%	-1.83%	-0.08%
2	Hocking	-1.65%	-1.83%	0.19 %
3	Montgomery	-1.25%	-1.83%	0.59 %
4	Meigs	-3.01%	-1.83%	-1.18%
5	Coshocton	-3.13%	-1.83%	-1.30%
6	Wood	-0.33%	-1.83%	1.51 %
7	Noble	0.37 %	-1.83%	2.21 %
8	Carroll	-4.07%	-1.83%	-2.23%
9	Guernsey	-4.15%	-1.83%	-2.32%
10	Clark	-4.22%	-1.83%	-2.38%

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1988 Rank Closest	County	1988 Percent County Variance	1988 Statewide	1988 Variance %
1	Stark	11.04 %	10.85 %	0.18 %
2	Tuscarawas	9.37 %	10.85 %	-1.48%
3	Perry	13.56 %	10.85 %	2.71 %
4	Carroll	13.75 %	10.85 %	2.90 %
5	Ottawa	7.50 %	10.85 %	-3.35%
6	Lake	14.22 %	10.85 %	3.36 %
7	Coshocton	15.59 %	10.85 %	4.74 %
8	Montgomery	15.66 %	10.85 %	4.81 %
9	Lawrence	5.29 %	10.85 %	-5.57%
10	Vinton	5.25 %	10.85 %	-5.60%

1984 Rank Closest	County	1984 Percent County Variance	1984 Statewide	1984 Variance %
1	Tuscarawas	18.98 %	18.76 %	0.22 %
2	Montgomery	18.52 %	18.76 %	-0.24%
3	Lake	19.36 %	18.76 %	0.60 %
4	Stark	20.18 %	18.76 %	1.42 %
5	Erie	17.09 %	18.76 %	-1.67%
6	Vinton	20.67 %	18.76 %	1.91 %
7	Ottawa	21.39 %	18.76 %	2.63 %
8	Portage	15.12 %	18.76 %	-3.64%
9	Scioto	14.14 %	18.76 %	-4.62%
10	Lawrence	12.72 %	18.76 %	-6.04%

1980 Rank Closest	County	1980 Percent County Variance	1980 Statewide	1980 Variance %
1	Erie	10.78 %	10.60 %	0.18 %
2	Ottawa	11.18 %	10.60 %	0.58 %
3	Greene	9.94 %	10.60 %	-0.66%
4	Lorain	9.81 %	10.60 %	-0.79%
5	Harrison	11.44 %	10.60 %	0.84 %
6	Lake	9.53 %	10.60 %	-1.07%
7	Meigs	11.82 %	10.60 %	1.22 %
8	Adams	11.84 %	10.60 %	1.23 %
9	Hocking	9.33 %	10.60 %	-1.27%
10	Lawrence	9.29 %	10.60 %	-1.31%

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1976 Rank Closest	County	1976 Percent County Variance	1976 Statewide	1976 Variance %
1	Carroll	0.82 %	-0.27%	1.09 %
2	Guernsey	1.11 %	-0.27%	1.38 %
3	Clark	1.12 %	-0.27%	1.39 %
4	Columbiana	-1.68%	-0.27%	-1.41%
5	Stark	1.78 %	-0.27%	2.05 %
6	Gallia	2.20 %	-0.27%	2.47 %
7	Adams	-2.88%	-0.27%	-2.61%
8	Montgomery	-2.95%	-0.27%	-2.68%
9	Richland	2.53 %	-0.27%	2.80 %
10	Meigs	-3.09%	-0.27%	-2.82%

Ohio Presidential Bellweather Counties (Last 10 elections 1976-2012)

Year	Rank	County	County Variance %	Statewide Variance %	Variance %
2012	2	Ottawa	-4.30%	-2.98%	-1.32%
1980	2	Ottawa	11.18 %	10.60 %	0.58 %
2008	4	Ottawa	-6.24%	-4.59%	-1.64%
2004	5	Ottawa	4.11 %	2.11 %	2.00 %
2000	5	Ottawa	2.16 %	3.51 %	-1.34%
1988	5	Ottawa	7.50 %	10.85 %	-3.35%
1984	7	Ottawa	21.39 %	18.76 %	2.63 %
1988	1	Stark	11.04 %	10.85 %	0.18 %
2008	2	Stark	-5.46%	-4.59%	-0.87%
1984	4	Stark	20.18 %	18.76 %	1.42 %
2012	5	Stark	-0.47%	-2.98%	2.51 %
1976	5	Stark	1.78 %	-0.27%	2.05 %
2000	8	Stark	1.78 %	3.51 %	-1.73%
1996	8	Stark	-8.35%	-6.36%	-1.99%
1984	2	Montgomery	18.52 %	18.76 %	-0.24%
2012	3	Montgomery	-4.62%	-2.98%	-1.64%
2008	3	Montgomery	-6.22%	-4.59%	-1.62%
1992	3	Montgomery	-1.25%	-1.83%	0.59 %
1988	8	Montgomery	15.66 %	10.85 %	4.81 %
1976	8	Montgomery	-2.95%	-0.27%	-2.68%
1996	9	Montgomery	-8.69%	-6.36%	-2.33%
2004	10	Montgomery	-1.64%	2.11 %	-3.74%
2004	2	Lake	2.58 %	2.11 %	0.47 %
1984	3	Lake	19.36 %	18.76 %	0.60 %
1988	6	Lake	14.22 %	10.85 %	3.36 %
1980	6	Lake	9.53 %	10.60 %	-1.07%
2000	7	Lake	5.12 %	3.51 %	1.61 %
2008	9	Lake	-0.83%	-4.59%	3.76 %
2012	10	Lake	0.90 %	-2.98%	3.88 %
2004	1	Clark	2.04 %	2.11 %	-0.06%
1976	3	Clark	1.12 %	-0.27%	1.39 %
2012	9	Clark	0.81 %	-2.98%	3.79 %
2000	10	Clark	-0.56%	3.51 %	-4.07%
1992	10	Clark	-4.22%	-1.83%	-2.38%

Ranking based on Counties that finished in the top 10 at least five times the last 10 elections. Then divide the total rank by the number of years they finished in the top 10. (Special note Sandusky County finished first in the last two elections (2012,2008) and second in 1996.