

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Department of Transportation Staffing Levels					
Program Series/Division	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Public Transportation	20	19	17	17	20
Rail Transportation	27	27	20	20	20
Aviation	9	9	7	6	7
Totals	56	55	44	43	47

- The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has reduced its staff from 27 employees in FY 1996 to 20 employees in FY 2001 through attrition and transfer of duties.
- The aviation program funds about 20 to 25 grants to county airports per year.
- Approximately 146.6 million passengers are served by Ohio transit systems annually.
- The Office of Public Transportation provides financial assistance for the operation of 62 public transit systems serving 58 counties.
- Thirty of Ohio's 88 counties are unserved by public transit.
- In FYs 1999 and 2000, the ORDC provided a total of \$4.6 million in loans and \$7.0 million in grants for twenty-five freight rail projects. ORDC estimates that these projects helped create 995 jobs and retain 7,068 jobs.