

## Introduction

The Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) is pleased to present the 2012 edition of *Ohio Facts*. This publication provides Ohio legislators, legislative staff, and others with a broad overview of Ohio's economy, public finances, and major government programs. *Ohio Facts* offers a series of charts and tables that are generally expanded upon by brief comments. The pages address many questions frequently asked of our office. In all instances, LSC analysts have used the most up-to-date data available. Whether you are on the road or in the office, we hope that *Ohio Facts* will serve as a handy and valuable tool.

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