

Athens County

Coordinated Transportation Plan

2027-2031

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Executive Summary

This plan is the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Athens County. The plan was initially developed in 2007-2008 and updated in 2013, 2017 and 2021. It was then re-written in 2022, and updated in 2023, 2024 and 2025. This plan fulfills the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) signed into law in 2021, replacing Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, signed into law as a reauthorization of surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020. According to requirements of the IIJA, locally developed coordinated public transit-human services transportation plans must be updated to reflect the changes established by the IIJA legislation. The IIJA applies new programs and rules for all Fiscal Year 2016 funds and authorizes transit programs for five (5) years.

Transportation is a critical component of the communities in Athens County. Transportation provides access to jobs, education, health care, human services and allows all community members, including older adults and people with disabilities, to live independently and engage in community life. It is the purpose of this plan for local stakeholders to work collaboratively to do the following activities:

1. Identify all community resources including
 - Fixed-Route public transportation systems
 - Public door-to-door accessible van providers
 - Senior transportation programs

- Veteran transportation programs
- Transportation Network Company services
- Inter-city transportation providers
- Taxi services
- Door-to-door transportation services
- Ride share services
- Non-Emergency Medical transportation services
- Bikeway resources
- Bike line access
- Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure
- Complete streets resources
- Accessible sidewalks
- Pedestrian and transportation safety resources

2. Identify and Prioritize community transportation needs

- Expansion of transportation services throughout the county
- Additional capacity for accessible, affordable, public door-to-door transit services
- Extended morning, night, and weekend hours
- Continuation of the Athens County Mobility Management Program
- Education and outreach of services
- Coordination of services
- Higher frequency of buses on fixed-route systems
- Implementation of the Athens County Active Transportation Plan
- Expansion of existing and implementation of new bikeway networks
- Address energy and environmental concerns
- Implement lowered or free transportation fares

3. Establish a clear plan for achieving shared goals

Athens County will continue to coordinate efforts with all transportation providers to achieve the goals and needs as listed in this Coordinated Transportation Plan. Through partnerships and shared priorities, the county, cities, villages, residents, businesses, social service agencies, and transportation providers will work together towards achieving the goals as stated in this document. The Athens-Hocking County Mobility Management program will utilize this plan as a roadmap for future transportation initiatives throughout the county and region.

Fundamental to the Coordinated Transportation Plan process is the active and meaningful involvement of stakeholders. For projects selected for funding under the Section 5310 program, participation in planning activities must include participation and/or representation of the following, at minimum:

- Seniors;
- Individuals with disabilities;
- People with low incomes;
- Public, private and non-profit transportation providers;

- Human services providers;
- The general public;
- Social service agencies;
- Local businesses, and;
- Regional Planning organizations.

In order to ensure participation from the above groups the following stakeholder involvement activities were performed:

This plan was developed and adopted by the Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee. The Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Committee consisted of representatives from the following organizations:

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| • 317 Board | • Athens County |
| • Athens City | • Buckeye Hills Regional Council |
| • Athens City Planning Office | • GoBus |
| • Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities | • Green Cab |
| • Athens County-City Health Department | • SOPEC |
| • Athens County Public Libraries | • United Seniors of Athens County |
| • Athens County Department of Job and Family Services | • An individual with a disability |
| | • An individual aged 60+ |

Additional information about the planning committee can be found in Appendix A.

Six (6) group specific transportation surveys and an express survey were released to the public on February 1st, and remained open for responses until May 1st, 2026:

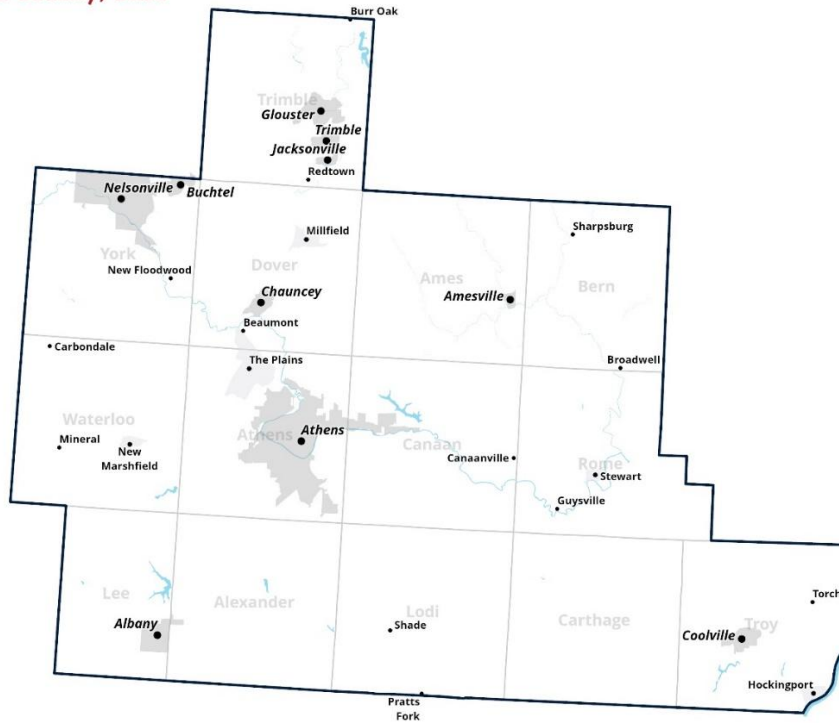
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| • General public | • Social Service Provider |
| • Seniors Citizens | • Employers |
| • Individuals with Disabilities | |
| • Transportation Providers | |

The surveys were distributed widely online, and there were also physical copies available. The surveys were advertised in Athens County using a variety of methods including social media, newsletters, posting QR codes around the County, and the local news. Open forums/roundtable discussions were held at every Athens County Public Library branch with a meeting room, with nearly all locations having two meetings per day: one during work hours, and another after 5pm.

I. Geographic Area

Map 1: Basic map of the geographic area covered by the plan

Athens County, Ohio



Geographically, Athens County is located in Southeastern Ohio, in the Appalachian region of the state. It has a total area of 508 square miles, of which 504 square miles is land and 4.8 square miles is water and features steep, rugged hills, deeply dissected by stream valleys.

Due to its location in the Unglaciated Allegheny Plateau region of Ohio it's marked by steep hills and valleys in every part of the county, most dramatically on the Eastern side.

Much of Athens County is within the Hocking River watershed, with smaller areas in the Shade River and Raccoon Creek watersheds. Several streams, creeks, and rivers run through Athens County. The Southeastern section of the county makes contact with the Ohio River.

There are two cities identified:

- Athens City
- Nelsonville

The City of Athens is the largest municipality in the county and serves as the county seat.

There are eight villages identified:

- Albany
- Amesville
- Buchtel
- Chauncey

- Coolville
- Gloucester
- Jacksonville
- Trimble

There are five census-designated places identified:

- Hockingport
- Millfield
- New Marshfield
- Stewart
- The Plains

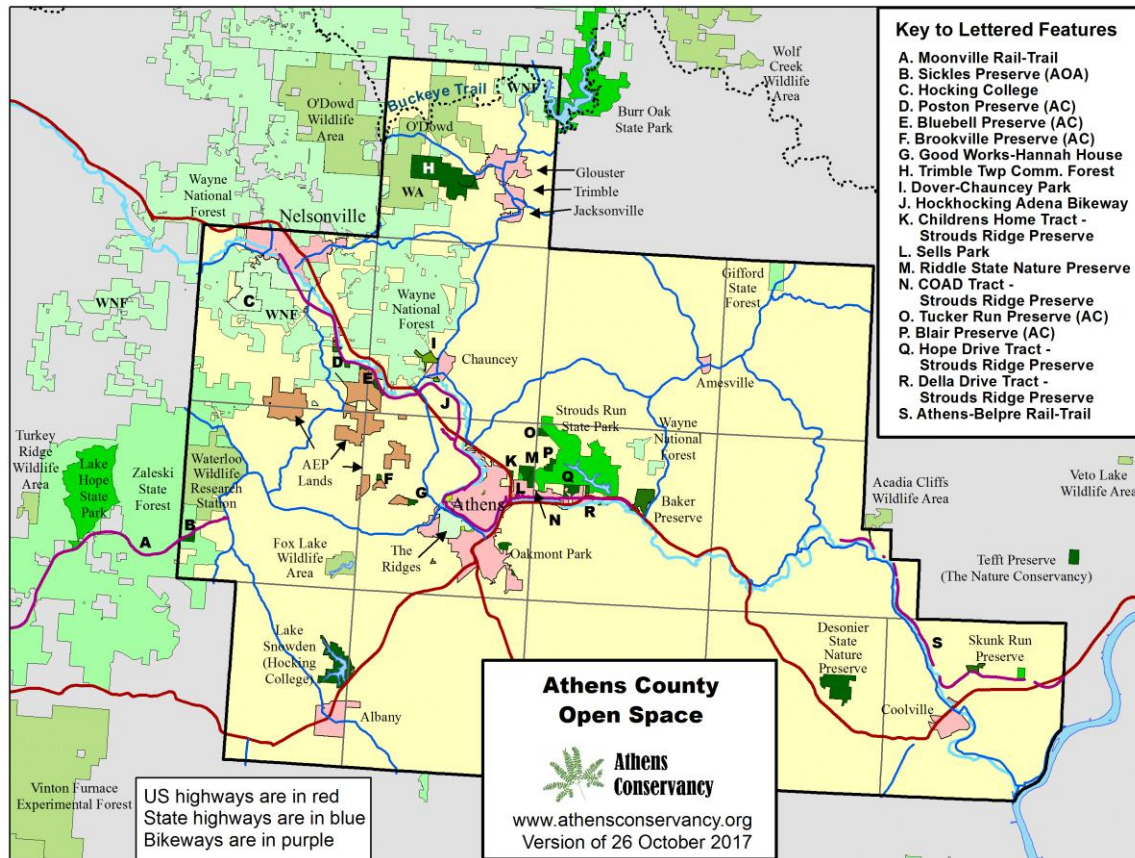
There are thirty unincorporated communities:

- Beaumont
- Beebe
- Bessemer
- Big Run
- Burr Oak
- Canaanville
- Carbondale
- Doanville
- Frost
- Garden
- Glen Ebon
- Guysville
- Hamley Run
- Hartleyville
- Hebardville
- Imperial
- Kilvert
- Lottridge
- Luhrig
- Mineral
- Modoc
- New England
- New Floodwood
- Pleasanton
- Pratts Fork
- Redtown
- Shade
- Sharpsburg
- Torch
- Utley

Regionally, Athens County is bordered by:

- Perry and Morgan Counties (North)
- Meigs County (South)
- Hocking and Vinton Counties (West)
- Washington County and the Ohio River, bordering West Virginia (East)

Map 2: Map of Athens County Public Lands and Trails Systems



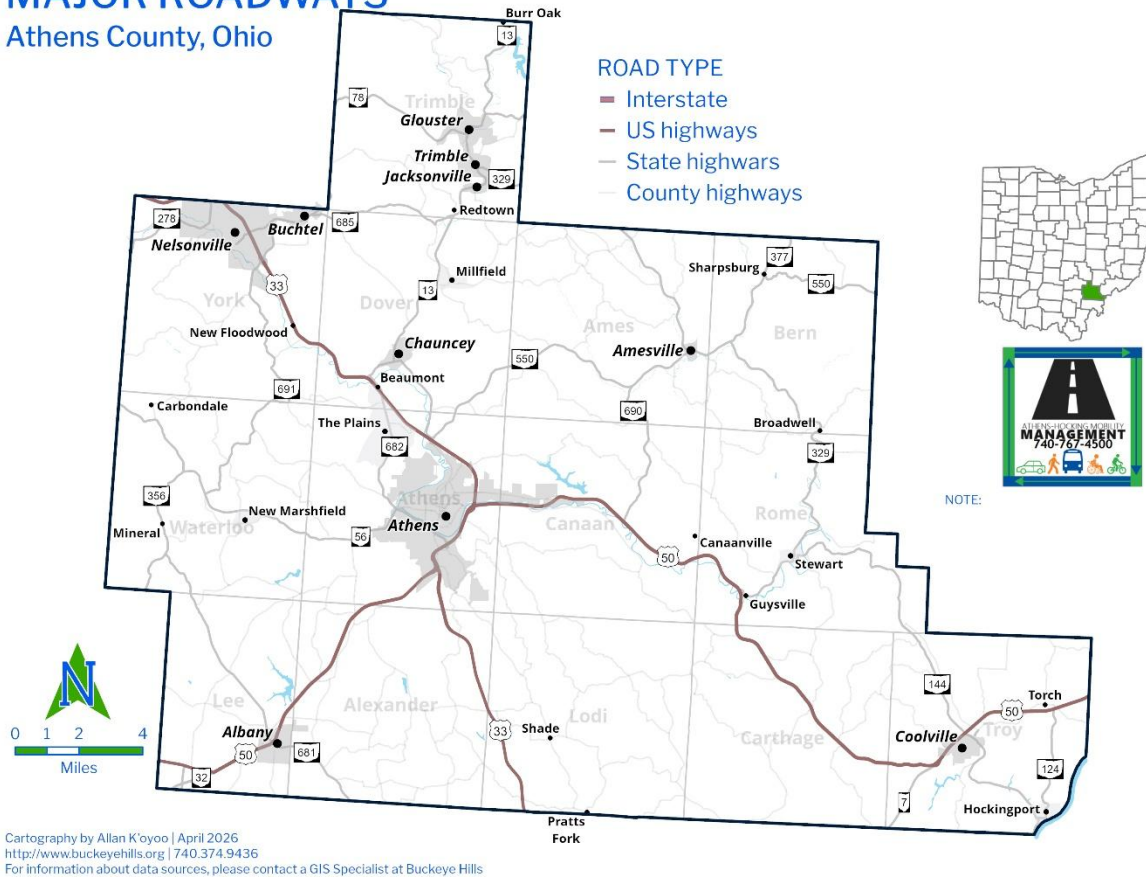
Athens County contains several federal and state lands including:

- Wayne National Forest
- Tom Jenkins Dam
- Belleville Lock and Dam Public Access Area
- Burr Oak State Park
- Strouds Run State Park
- Acadia Cliffs State Nature Preserve
- Fox Lake Wildlife Area
- Waterloo Wildlife Research Station
- Marie J. Desonier State Nature Preserve
- Riddle State Nature Preserve
- Gifford State Forest
- Waterloo State Forest
- Zaleski State Forest

Map 3: Map of Athens County Roads and Highways

MAJOR ROADWAYS

Athens County, Ohio



Athens County is serviced by three major highways: US33, US50, and US32.

US 33 spans from Hocking County (Northwest) to Meigs County (South) cutting through the mid-Southern region of the county. It continues on to Columbus connecting to major Interstates 70 and 71 and to Ravenswood, West Virginia connecting to I-77 and beyond.

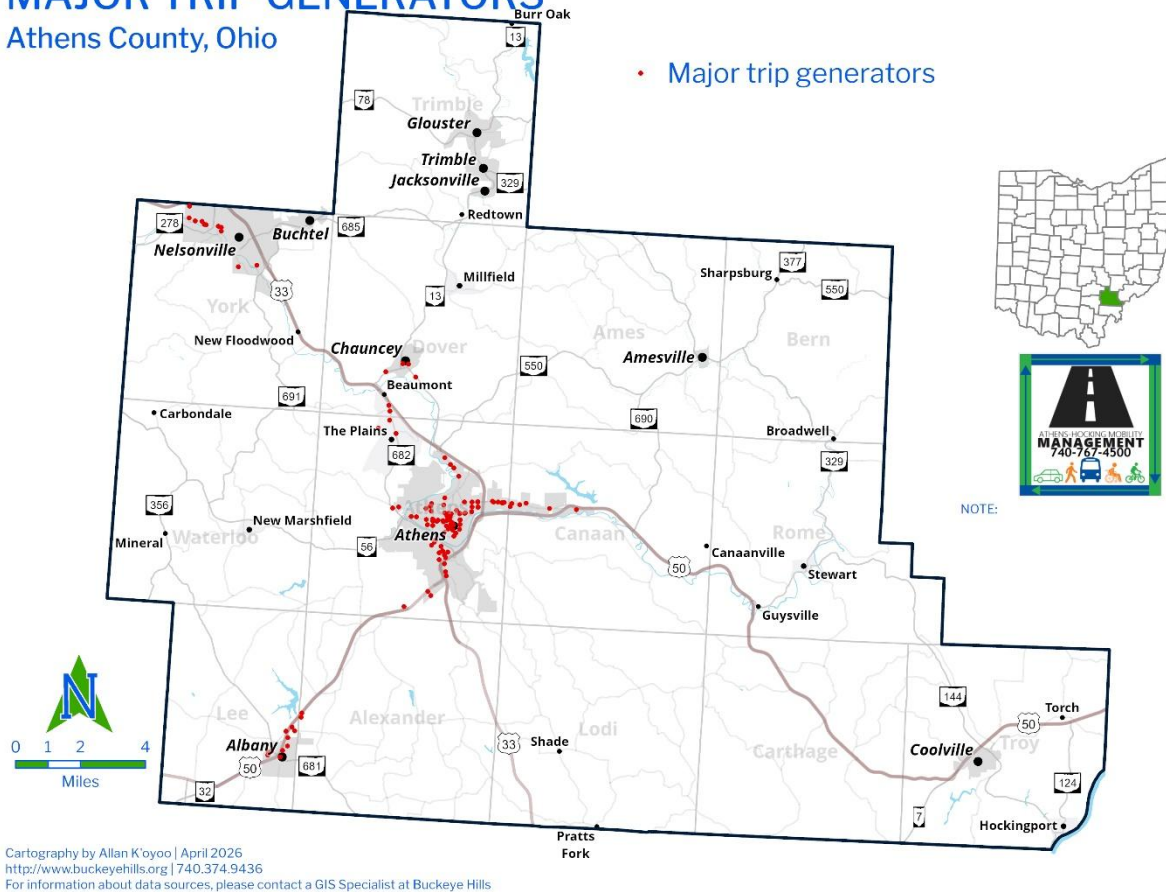
State Route 50 and 32 extend from Vinton County (Southwest) to Washington County (Southeast). SR 50 and 32 continue onto Cincinnati to the West connecting to major Interstates 71, 74, and 75 and to Parkersburg, West Virginia connecting to Interstate 77 and beyond to the East.

Much of Athens County is serviced by county roads that connect villages such as Chauncey, Jacksonville, Trimble, Glouster, Amesville, Coolville and Albany. Often these roads contain sharp turns and hilly terrain with little-to-no lighting or pedestrian infrastructure. Notable roads that connect the county include SR13, SR56, SR550, SR681, SR329, SR144 and SR356, some serving as the only roads connecting rural areas to major highways.

Map 4: Major trip generators in the geographic area

MAJOR TRIP GENERATORS

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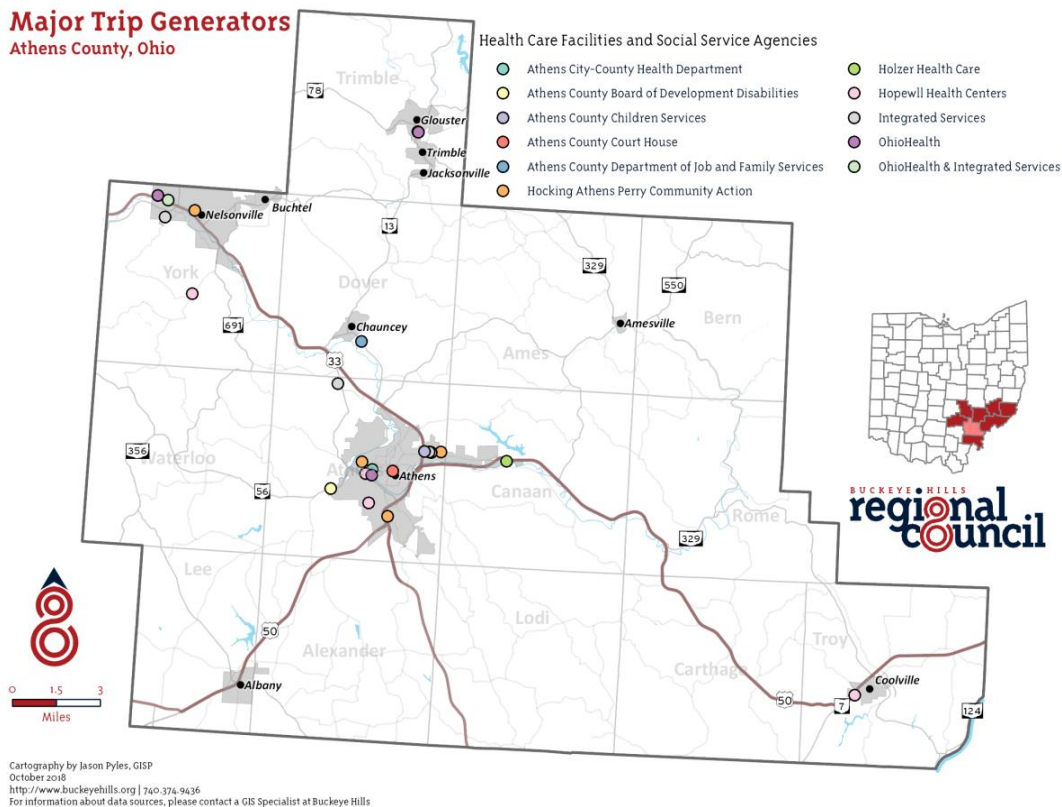
Major employers in Athens County include:

- Rocky Boots Company
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc
- Kroger
- Jackie O's
- Sunpower Inc
- Global Cooling
- City of Athens
- Ohio Health
- Marietta Memorial
- Ohio University

Major education facilities in the county include:

- Ohio University
- Hocking College
- Tri-County Career Center
- Athens City Schools
- Federal Hocking Schools
- Alexander Schools
- Nelsonville-York Schools
- Trimble Schools
- Amesville Schools
- Coolville Schools
- Beacon School

Major Trip Generators Athens County, Ohio



Major healthcare facilities including hospitals, mental health facilities, and urgent care branches include:

- OhioHealth
- Hopewell Health Centers
- OhioHealth & Integrated Services (Mary Hill Center)
- Marietta Memorial
- Nationwide Childrens
- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
- Athens City-County Health Department
- Holzer Health Care

Major social service agencies in the county include:

- Athens City-County Health Department
- Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Athens County Children Services
- Athens County Court House
- Athens County Department of Job and Family Services
- Hocking Athens Perry Community Action
- Integrated Services

Most major trip generators in the county are located in the City of Athens and the City of Nelsonville. In Athens City major trip generators are located mostly on East State Street, Richland Avenue, and Columbus Road. In Nelsonville they're located close to East Canal Street, Hocking Parkway, and around Public Square in the center of town.

Major employers in the rural areas of the county are local schools, strategically spread throughout the county to ensure that all areas are covered by a close district.

II. Population Demographics

To better assess demand for transit services in Athens County, specific characteristics of the population must be examined. Due to the 2020 census data being the most recent, this data, as well as the 2025 ODOT County Profile data, was used. This information will be updated during our annual review. Based on 2025 estimated numbers, Athens County has an estimated total population of 62,573 individuals. Projections show a decline in population totals over a twenty-year period (2030-2050). Of the total population in Athens County roughly 48% reside in the City of Athens (24,824) and in the City of Nelsonville (4,555).

Chart 1: Total Population Current and Projected for Five Years

Total Population				
Census				
1900	38,730			
1910	47,798			
1920	50,430			
1930	44,175			
1940	46,166			
1950	45,839			
1960	46,998			
1970	54,889			
1980	56,399			
1990	59,549			
2000	62,223			
2010	64,757			
2020	62,393			
2021	59,096			
2022	60,881			
2023	62,706			
2024	61,573			
2030	61,585			
2040	58,717			
2050	55,953			
U.S. Census Bureau (2019).				
Population 2014-2019 ACS 5-year estimate				

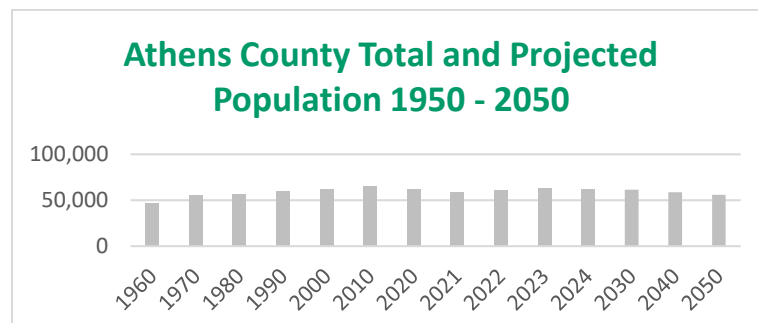
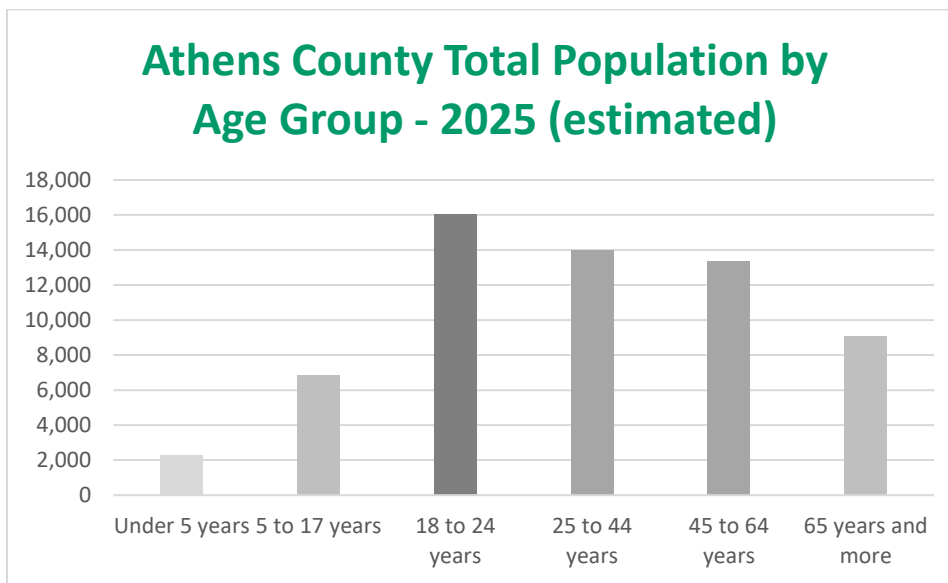


Chart 2: Total Population by Age Group

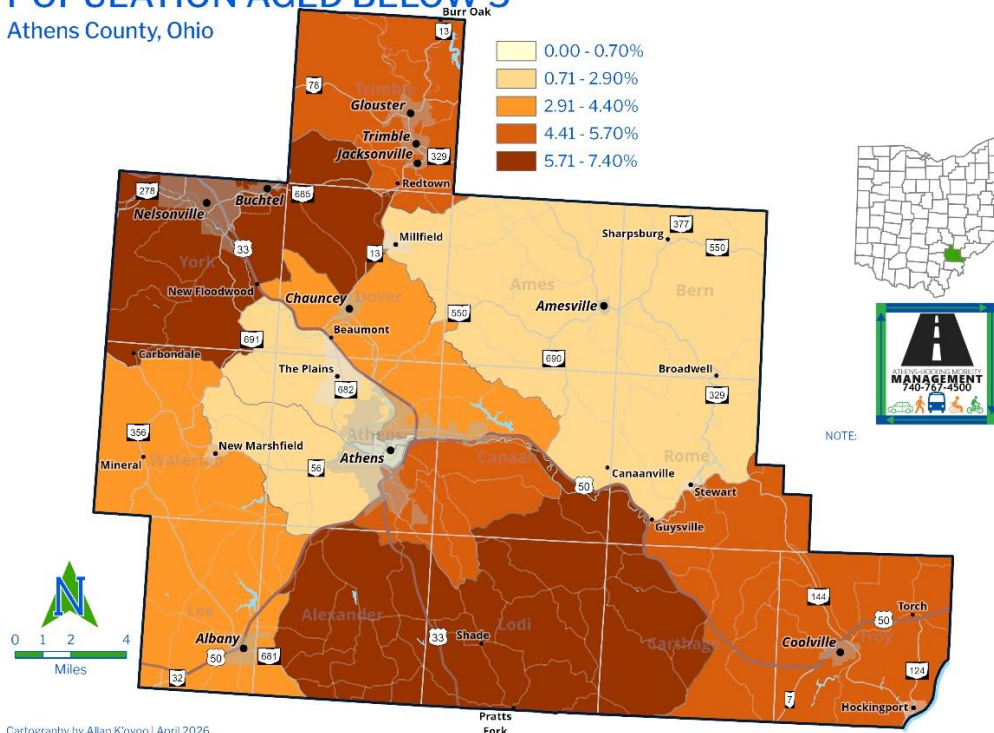
The average age of the population of Athens County is 30.5 years old with a majority (27.5%) falling in the 20 to 34-year-old category. Currently, there are an estimated 10,514 individuals aged 45 to 64 years old and 8,809 aged 65 years or more.

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	61,573	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,300	3.7%
5 to 17 years	6,860	11.1%
18 to 24 years	16,056	26.1%
25 to 44 years	13,972	22.7%
45 to 64 years	13,332	21.7%
65 years and more	9,053	14.7%
Median Age	32.8	



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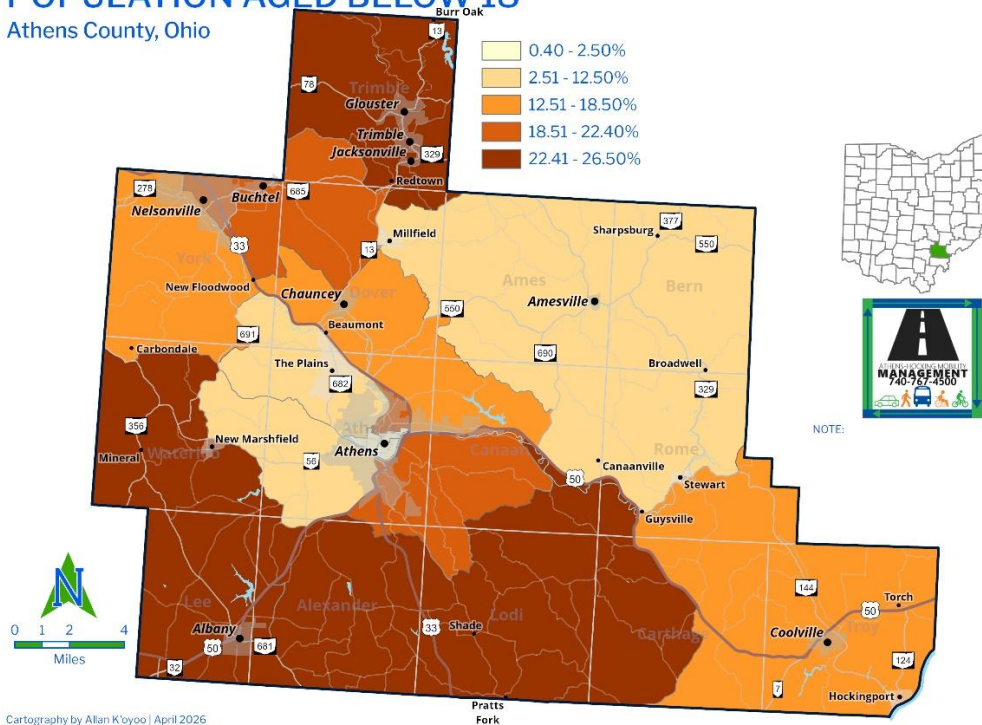
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POPULATION AGED BELOW 18

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POPULATION AGED 65 AND ABOVE

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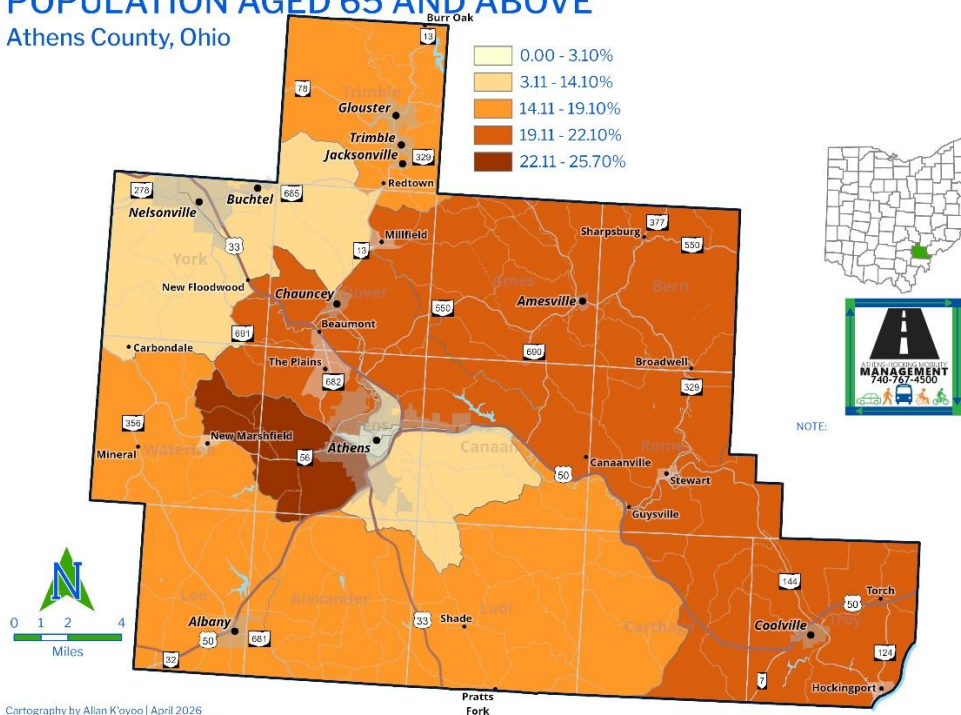


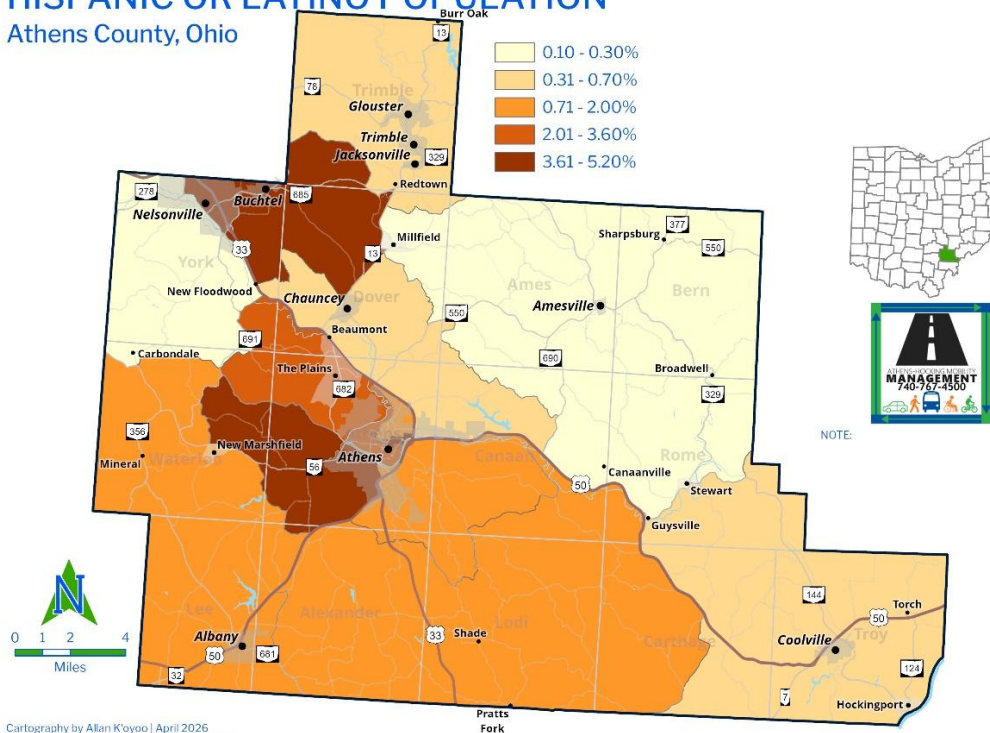
Chart 3: Total Population by Race

90.7% of Athens County identifies as white. 11.6% of the population identifies as one or more of the following:

Population by Race	Number	Percentage
ACS Total Population	61,573	100.0%
White	55,819	90.7%
African-American	1,538	2.5%
Native American	38	0.1%
Asian	1,298	2.7%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	218	0.0%
Two or More Races	2,662	4.3%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,380	2.2%
TOTAL MINORITY	7,134	11.6%

HISPANIC OR LATINO POPULATION

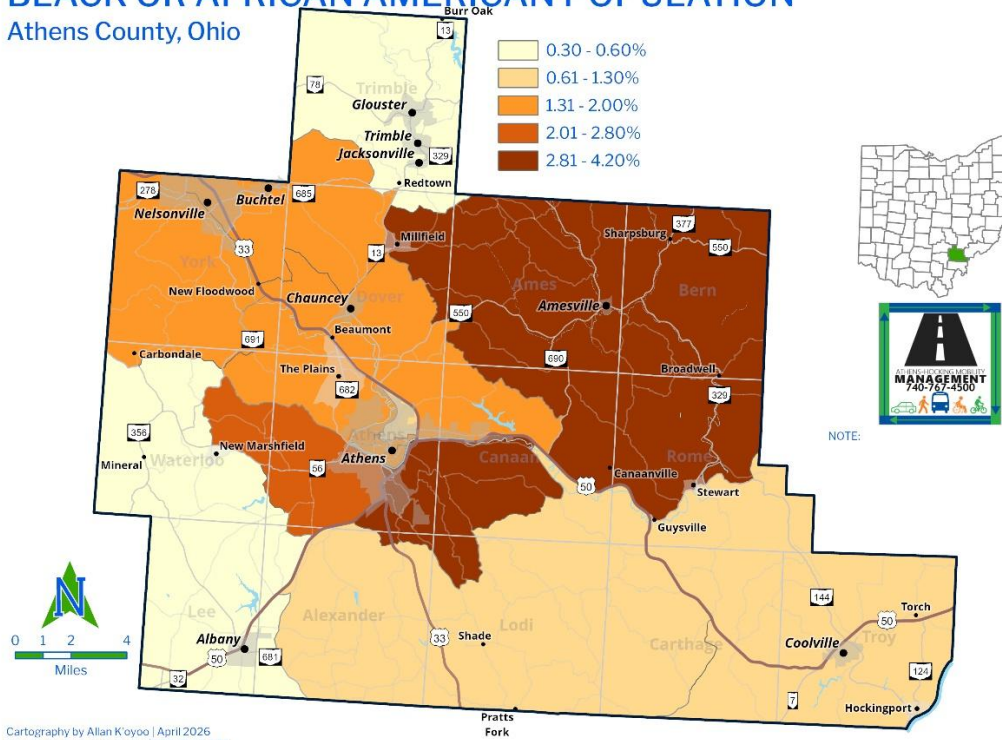
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BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION

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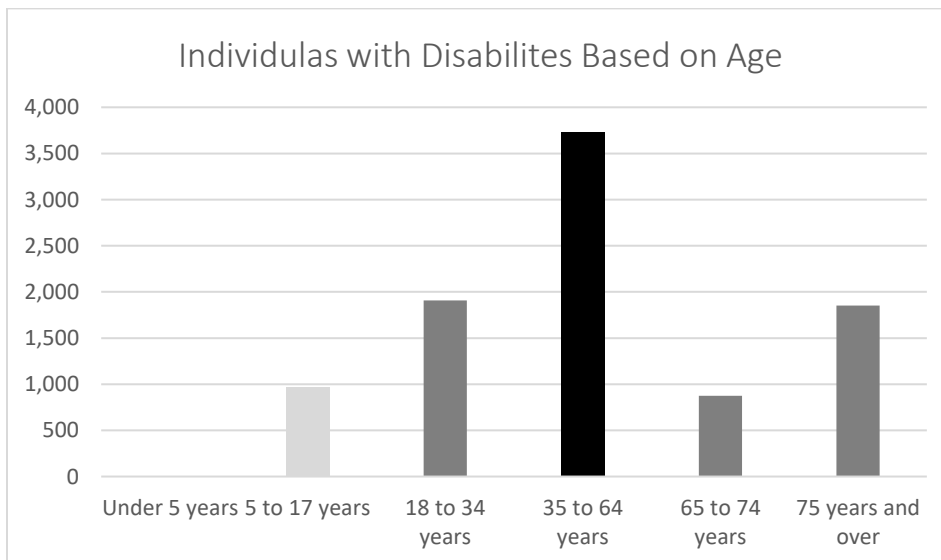


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Chart 4: Number and percentage of people with disabilities

Of the total estimated population 61,573 approximately 9,337 (15.16%) individuals identify with having a disability. A majority of those individuals are in the age range of 18 to 34 years old. The most common disability types identified are individuals with cognitive difficulty and ambulatory difficulty.

	Total Population	With a disability	Percent with a disability
Total	61,573	9,337	15.16%
Male	30,787	4,275	13.89%
Female	30,786	5,062	16.44%
Age with a disability			
Under 5 years	2,906	0	
5 to 17 years	7,121	973	
18 to 34 years	25,973	1,906	
35 to 64 years	20,030	3,732	
65 to 74 years	5,212	874	
75 years and over	3,402	1,852	
Disability Type			
With a hearing difficulty	2,484		
With vision difficulty	1,793		
With cognitive difficulty	4,301		
With an ambulatory difficulty	3,737		
With a self-care difficulty	1,308		
With an independent living difficulty	2,777		



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Chart 5: Number and percentage of households with incomes below the federal poverty level

Family Type by Presence of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,860	100%
Family Income Below Poverty Level	912	7.7%
Married-couple families with own children	265	29.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	83	9.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	279	30.6%
Families with no own children	285	31.3%

Chart 6: Number and percentage of individuals with incomes below the federal poverty level

Athens County is considered to be the poorest county in the state with a large percentage of the population living at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines:

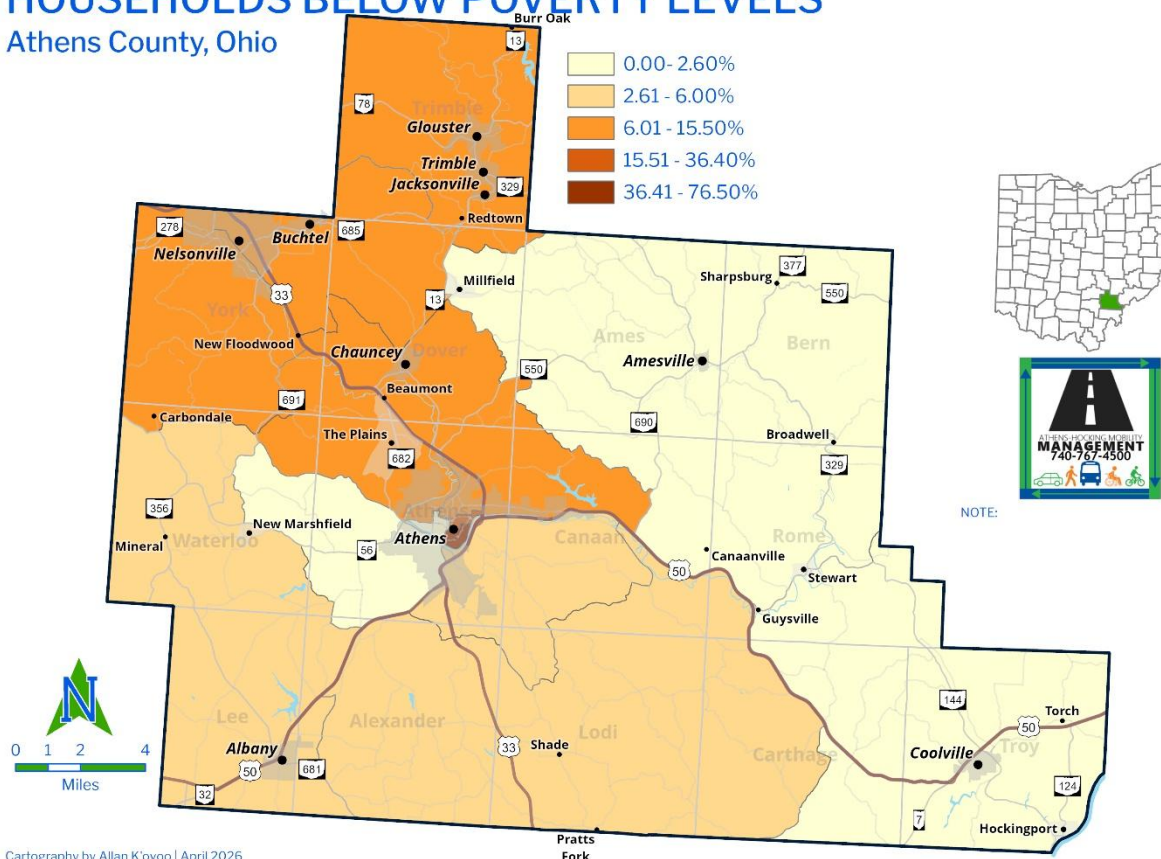
	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
	61,573	11,747	19.1%
AGE			
Under 18 years	9,925	1,271	12.8%
18-34 years	17,104	6,706	39.2%
35-64 years	20,030	2,871	14.3%
65 years and over	8,614	899	10.4%
SEX			
Male	30,787	5,542	18.0%
Female	30,786	6,205	20.1%

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HOUSEHOLDS BELOW POVERTY LEVELS

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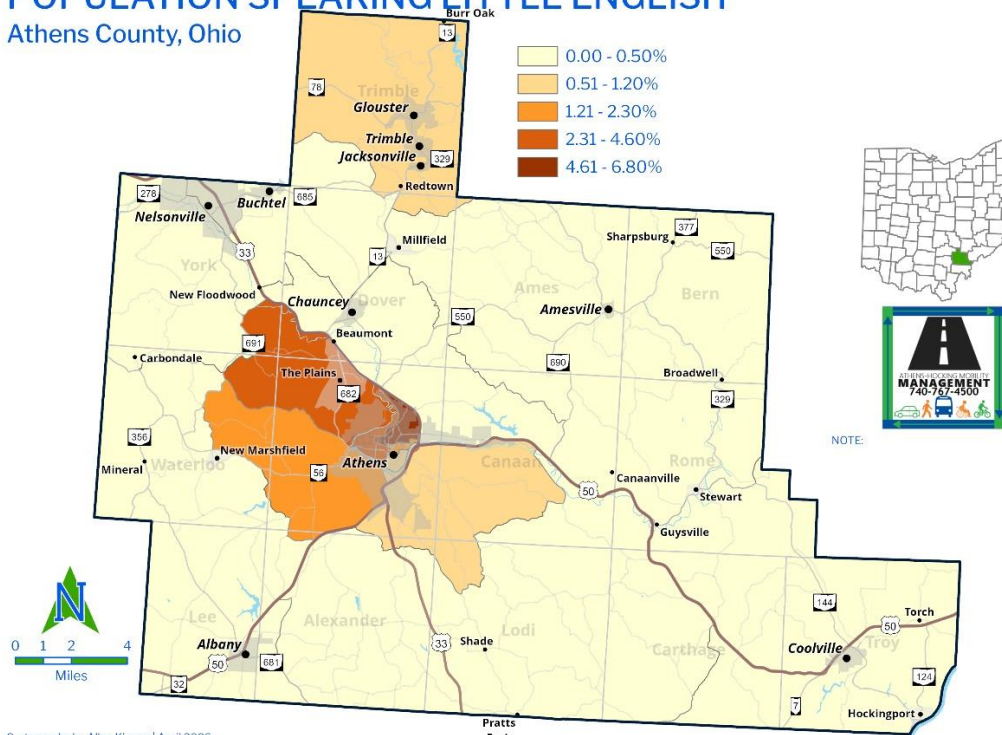
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Chart 7: Percent of population that speak English “Less than very well”

English is spoken by a majority of residents in Athens County with close to 5% of the population speaking English less than “very well”. Due to 2020 updated census data being unavailable at the time of this plan the last 5-year ACS estimates are being utilized.

Language Spoken at Home	Total	Percent
Population 5 years and over	61,573	
English Only	58,830	95.55%
Language other than English	3,486	5.66%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,162	1.89%
Spanish	646	1.05%
Speak English less than "very well"	130	0.21%
Other Indo-European languages	743	1.21%
Speak English less than "very well"	101	0.16%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	1,545	2.51%
Speak English less than "very well"	720	1.17%
Other Languages	552	0.90%
Speak English less than "very well"	211	0.34%

POPULATION SPEAKING LITTLE ENGLISH Athens County, Ohio



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III. Assessment of Available Services

Conducting an evaluation of service provider capabilities and analyzing the existing gaps and duplications of services for transportation resources in each community, provides transportation planners with the information needed to implement changes that will improve the network of transportation resources and services in Athens county and across county lines.

The lead agency identified stakeholders to participate in the assessment of available services. These stakeholders included those who were represented in the current or past planning committees, as well as others who the planning committee identified as being appropriate stakeholders.

Interviews were conducted with each of the identified stakeholders.

The purpose of the interview was to offer the stakeholders an opportunity to discuss the specific transportation services, gaps, needs, and priorities for their respective service areas or communities.

When applicable, information reported in the previous coordinated plan was used to supplement information gathered during this planning effort.

Existing Transportation Services

The following information is based on tabulations from the survey and interview results. A total of 46 organizations provided information about their services.

List of Transportation Service Providers

1. Agency Name: Albert's Taxi

Transportation Service Type: Curb-to-curb

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-818-0490

Hours: Daytime hours

Service Area: Athens/Hocking Counties

Eligibility Requirements: Open to the public

Web-site: None

2. Agency Name: Alexander School District

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route school transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-698-8831

Hours: Based on school hours

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students and staff

Web-site: www.alexanderschools.org



3. Agency Name: Area Agency on Aging

Transportation Service Type: Provides transportation waivers and transportation referrals. Manages the PASSPORT Program.

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 1-800-331-2644

Hours: 24/7

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Seniors and Medicaid recipients

Web-site: www.buckeyehills.org/aging/



4. Agency Name: Athens City-County Health Department

Transportation Service Type: Provides waivers, vouchers, and referrals

Other Services Provided: Safety training, car seat training, Creating Healthy Communities, Age-Friendly Athens

Contact Information: 740-592-4431

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm

Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public

Web-site: www.athenspublichealth.org

5. Agency Name: Athens City School District

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route school transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-797-4128

Hours: Based on school hours and events

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students and staff

Web-site: www.athenscsd.org



6. Agency Name: Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities – Beacon School

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route school transportation

Other Services Provided: Referrals, vouchers, public transit tickets

Contact Information: 740-594-3539

Hours: Based on school hours and events

Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students and staff

Web-site: www.athenscbdd.org



7. Agency Name: Athens County Children Services

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door

Other Services Provided: Vouchers, public transit tickets

Contact Information: 740-592-3061

Hours: Dependent on need and funding

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for agency clients

Web-site: www.athenschildrengservices.com

8. Agency Name: Athens County Department of Job and Family Services

Transportation Service Type: Medicaid transportation, door-to-door

Other Services Provided: Gas vouchers, purchasing services

Contact Information: 740-677-4206

Hours: Based on appointments

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Must qualify under Job and Family Services guidelines

Web-site: http://www.jfs.athensoh.org/county_services/transportation_services.php

9. Agency Name: Athens County Head Start (Hocking Athens Perry Community Action)

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route school transportation

Other Services Provided: Free car seat program

Contact Information: 740-592-1124

Hours: Based on school hours and events



Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students and staff

Web-site: <https://hapcap.org/child-development/head-start/>

10. Agency Name: Athens County Re-Entry / Ohio Means Jobs (Athens County Department of Job and Family Services)
Transportation Service Type: Purchases transportation from other providers, provides vouchers, bus passes and tickets
Other Services Provided: Referral and training services
Contact Information: 740-797-1405
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm
Service Area: Athens County
Eligibility Requirements: Only available for qualifying community members
Web-site: http://www.jfs.athensoh.org/county_services/reentry_services/reentry_program.php

12. Agency Name: Athens-Hocking Mobility Management Program (Hocking Athens Perry Community Action)
Transportation Service Type: Provides referrals, outreach, and travel training
Other Services Provided: Advocacy for transportation
Contact Information: 740-767-1085
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm
Service Area: Ohio
Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public
Web-site: www.athensmobility.com

13. Agency Name: Athens on Demand Transit (Hocking Athens Perry Community Action)
Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door
Other Services Provided: Para-transit service for Athens Public Transit
Contact Information: 740-597-2404
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 8:30pm
Service Area: Athens County
Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public
Web-site: <https://hapcap.org/transportation/athens-on-demand/>



14. Agency Name: Athens Public Transit (Hocking Athens Perry Community Action)

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route system

Other Services Provided: Para-transit service, Bobcat pass, apartment complex transportation

Contact Information: 740-594-2424

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7am-10pm (depending on the bus line)

Service Area: Athens City, The Plains, Chauncey, Nelsonville, Albany

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public

Web-site: www.athenstransit.org



15. Agency Name: Athens Veterans Association

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door

Other Services Provided: Vouchers, referrals

Contact Information: 740-773-1141

Hours: Monday –Friday 8am-5pm

Service Area: State of Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only for veterans who qualify financially

Web-site: N/A



16. Agency Name: Athens Veterans Services

Transportation Service Type: Provides transportation referrals, purchases transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-592-3216

Hours: Monday –Friday 8am-5pm

Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Only for veterans who qualify financially

Web-site: <https://www.athensveteransservicesoh.org/transportation-rsvp>

17. Agency Name: The Athens Village

Transportation Service Type: Provides vouchers and referrals, contracts with providers

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-447-0500

Hours: 24/7

Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Must be a member and a senior

Web-site: <http://theathensvillage.org/>

18. Agency Name: Buckeye Hills Regional Council

Transportation Service Type: Provides waivers, vouchers, and referrals, Passport Program

Other Services Provided: Regional transportation planning

Contact Information: 1-800-331-2644

Hours: Monday – Friday 8am-4:30pm

Service Area: Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, Washington counties

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public

Web-site: www.buckeyehills.org

19. Agency Name: Daybreak Transportation Services LLC

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door, ambulette services, bariatric vehicles

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-401-9285

Hours: Based on appointments

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public

Web-site: www.daybreakambulette.com



20. Agency Name: Echoing Connections

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-327-2311

Hours: Based on events and appointments

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for agency clients

Web-site: www.ehvi.org/adult-day-services/echoing-connections-of-southeast-ohio



21. Agency Name: Federal-Hocking School District

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route student transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-662-6691

Hours: Dependent on school hours

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students and staff

Web-site: www.fedhock.com



22. Agency Name: GoBus (Hocking Athens Perry Community Action)

Transportation Service Type: Inter-City bus

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 1-888-95-GOBUS

Hours: Hours vary

Service Area: Ohio, West Virginia (Parkersburg & Wheeling), Pennsylvania (Pittsburg)

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public

Web-site: www.ridegobus.com



23. Agency Name: Good Works

Transportation Service Type: Provides vouchers and purchasing transportation from other providers

Other Services Provided: Car ownership assistance via volunteer hours

Contact Information: 740-541-0816

Hours: N/A

Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for agency clients

Web-site: www.good-work.net

24. Agency Name: Green Cab

Transportation Service Type: Medicaid transportation, ambulette service

Other Services Provided: Medicaid transportation services, DD waivers, passport

Contact Information: 740-594-7339

Hours: 24/7



Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to public

Web-site: <https://www.facebook.com/AthensGreenCab/>

25. Agency Name: HAVAR

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-594-3433

Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30am-7:30pm



Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for agency clients

Web-site: www.havar.org

26. Agency Name: Hocking College

Transportation Service Type: Transportation for students

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-753-3591

Hours: Dependent on events



Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available to students and staff

Web-site: www.hocking.edu

27. Agency Name: Holzer Hospital (Athens County)

Transportation Service Type: Provides referrals to transportation providers

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-589-3100

Hours: 24/7

Service Area: N/A

Eligibility Requirements: Only available to agency clients

Web-site: www.holzer.org

28. Agency Name: Hopewell Health Centers (Athens County)

Transportation Service Type: Medical transportation, provides vouchers, transit training

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-592-3091

Hours: Dependent on appointments and need



Service Area: Athens, Hocking, and Vinton counties

Eligibility Requirements: Only available to agency clients

Web-site: www.hopewellhealth.org

29. Agency Name: Integrated Services

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door, provides referrals to transportation providers and voucher programs

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-594-6807

Hours: Dependent on need

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for agency clients

Web-site: www.integratedservice.org

30. Agency Name: Jet Transportation

Transportation Service Type: Curb-to-curb, provides non-emergency medical transportation, accepts Medicaid/insurance

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-517-7011

Hours: M-F 4am-6pm, Sa/Su by appointment

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Open to public

Web-site: www.jettransportation.net



31. Agency Name: The Laurels of Athens

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-592-1000

Hours: 24/7

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available to residents

Web-site: <https://www.laurelsofathens.com/>

32. Agency Name: The Lindley Inn

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-797-9701

Hours: 24/7

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available to residents

Web-site: <https://www.lindleyinnathens.com/>

33. Agency Name: Lyft

Transportation Service Type: Transportation Network Company (TNC) Services

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 855-865-9553

Hours: 24/7

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public

Web-site: www.lyft.com

34. Agency Name: My Sister's Place

Transportation Service Type: Purchases services from transportation providers and provides vouchers

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: N/A

Hours: 24/7

Service Area: N/A

Eligibility Requirements: Only available to agency clients

Web-site: www.mspsathens.org

35. Agency Name: Nelsonville-York School District

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route student transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-753-2106

Hours: Dependent on school hours



Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students and staff

Web-site: <http://www.nelsonville-york.k12.oh.us/>

36. Agency Name: Ohio Health Hospitals (Athens County)

Transportation Service Type: Purchases services from providers

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-593-1611

Hours: Dependent on day and time of services needed

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public

Web-site: www.ohiohealth.com

37. Agency Name: Ohio University

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route, door-to-door, rental, and purchasing transportation from another provider

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-593-1611

Hours: Dependent on service and events



Service Area: Athens City

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students, faculty, and staff

Web-site: www.ohio.edu/transportation

38. Agency Name: Passion Works

Transportation Service Type: Provides referrals to providers

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-592-3673

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Service Area: Athens City

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for program clients

Web-site: www.passionworks.org

39. Agency Name: Personnel Plus (Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities)

Transportation Service Type: Purchases transportation from other providers, transit training

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-592-3416

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for program clients

Web-site: www.athenscbdd.org/services-for-adults/personnelplus/

40. Agency Name: Pop's Pickup

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-808-3744

Hours: Based on appointments

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: General Public

Web-site: N/A

41. Agency Name: RHDD (Residential Home for the Developmentally Disable, Inc.)

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-452-5133



Hours: Based on appointments

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for agency clients

Web-site: www.hassemanmarketing.wixsite.com/rhdd

42. Agency Name: RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) Transportation Program (Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development)

Transportation Service Type: Volunteer Driver Service, Medicaid transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-594-8499

Hours: Based on appointments

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Must qualify with Job and Family Services or under contract services

Web-site: www.coadinc.org/senior-programs/retired-senior-volunteer

43. Agency Name: Salvation Army

Transportation Service Type: Provides vouchers, referrals, and transportation assistance

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-797-1305

Hours: 24 hours

Service Area: Athens and Meigs counties

Eligibility Requirements: Must meet eligibility requirements

Web-site: www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/

44. Agency Name: The Sech-Kar Company

Transportation Service Type: Non-Medical Transportation and door-to-door service

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-753-9993



Hours: Monday –Friday 6:30am-4:00pm

Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available to agency clients

Web-site: www.sechkar.com/index.html

45. Agency Name: The Summit at Coates Run Apartments

Transportation Service Type: Purchases transportation for another provider

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-594-3030

Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:00am-9:30pm, Friday 7:00am-2:30am, Saturday 9:30pm-2:30am

Service Area: Athens City

Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public

Web-site: www.summitatcoatesrun.com

46. Agency Name: Trimble School District

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route student transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-767-2525



Hours: Dependent on school hours

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students and staff

Web-site: <http://www.trimble.k12.oh.us/>

47. Agency Name: United Seniors of Athens County

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-door services

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-594-3535



Hours: Monday – Friday 8am-4pm

Service Area: Athens County

Eligibility Requirements: Must be 60+ and pass an assessment

Web-site: www.seorf.ohiou.edu/~usac

48. Agency Name: University Commons

Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route residential transportation

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 740-593-7571

Hours: Dependent on Ohio University schedules

Service Area: Athens City

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for residents

Web-site: <http://www.oucommons.com/>

49. Agency Name: University Courtyard Apartments

Transportation Service Type: Purchasing service from other providers

Other Services Provided: None



Contact Information: 740-249-2485

Hours: Monday – Wednesday 7:00am-10:30pm, Thursday-Friday 7:00am-3:30am, Saturday 10:30pm-3:30am

Service Area: Athens City

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for Courtyard residents

Web-site: <http://www.ucourtyardathens.com/>

The table below provides a summary of the characteristics of the participating transportation providers and organizations that purchase transportation on behalf of consumers.

Table 1: Organizational Characteristics

Agency Name	Directly Operates Transportation (Yes/No)	Purchases Transportation from Another Agency (if Yes, Who?)	Legal Authority (Private Non-Profit, Private For-Profit, Public Non-Profit,)	Number of Annual One-Way Passenger Trips	Average Number Trip Denials per Week	Are Vehicles Only Available for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*
1. Albert's Taxi	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	No, open to the general public
2. Alexander School District	Yes	No	Government Entity	X	X	Yes
3. Area Agency on Aging	No	Yes, 1 st Choice Home, Athens Go-To Cab, Daybreak, Green Cab, AODT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
4. Athens City-County Health Department	No	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	X
5. Athens City Schools	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
6. Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Yes	Yes, AODT and APT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
7. Athens County Children Services	Yes	Yes, AODT and APT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
8. Athens County Department of Job and Family Services	Yes	Yes, GreenCab, Hopewell, RSVP	Public Non-Profit	X	X	No, general public options available

Agency Name	Directly Operates Transportation (Yes/No)	Purchases Transportation from Another Agency (if Yes, Who?)	Legal Authority (Private Non-Profit, Private For-Profit, Public Non-Profit,)	Number of Annual One-Way Passenger Trips	Average Number Trip Denials per Week	Are Vehicles Only Available for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*
9. Athens County Head Start (HAPCAP)	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
10. Athens County Re-Entry (ACDJFS)	No	Yes, APT and AODT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	X
11. Athens Go-To Cab	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	No, open to the general public
12. Athens-Hocking Mobility Management	No	No	Public Nor-Profit	X	X	X
13. Athens on Demand Transit (HAPCAP)	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	17,500	20	No, open to the general public
14. Athens Public Transit (HAPCAP)	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	343,000	X	No, open to the general public
15. Athens Veterans Association	No	Yes, RSVP	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
16. Athens Veterans Services	No	Yes, RSVP	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
17. Athens Village	No	Yes, AODT	Private Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
18. Buckeye Hills Regional Council	No	Yes, 1 st Choice Home, Athens Go-To Cab, Daybreak, Green Cab, AODT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	X

Agency Name	Directly Operates Transportation (Yes/No)	Purchases Transportation from Another Agency (if Yes, Who?)	Legal Authority (Private Non-Profit, Private For-Profit, Public Non-Profit,)	Number of Annual One-Way Passenger Trips	Average Number Trip Denials per Week	Are Vehicles Only Available for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*
19. Daybreak Transportation Services LLC	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	No, open to the general public
20. Echoing Connections	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
21. Federal Hocking School District	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes, students and staff
22. GoBus (HAPCAP)	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	130,000	X	No, open to general public
23. Good Works	No	Yes, AODT and APT	Private Non-Profit	X	X	x
24. GreenCab	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	No, open to the general public
25. HAVAR	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
26. Hocking College	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes, students and staff
27. Holzer Hospital (Athens County)	No	Yes, AODT and APT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	X
28. Hopewell Health Centers	Yes	Yes, AODT and APT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
29. Integrated Services	No	Yes, AODT and APT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	x
30. Jet Transportation	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	No, open to the general public
31. The Laurels of Athens	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	Yes

Agency Name	Directly Operates Transportation (Yes/No)	Purchases Transportation from Another Agency (if Yes, Who?)	Legal Authority (Private Non-Profit, Private For-Profit, Public Non-Profit,)	Number of Annual One-Way Passenger Trips	Average Number Trip Denials per Week	Are Vehicles Only Available for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*
32. The Lindley Inn	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	Yes
33. Lyft	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	No, open to general public
34. My Sister's Place	No	Yes, AODT and APT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	X
35. Nelsonville-York School District	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes, students and staff
36. OhioHealth O'Bleness	No	Yes, AODT and APT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	X
37. Ohio University	Yes	Yes, APT	Private Non-Profit	10,000	X	No, open to general public
38. Passion Works	No	Yes, AODT	Private Non-Profit	X	X	X
39. Personnel Plus (ACBDD)	No	Yes, AODT and APT	Public Non-Profit	X	X	X
40. Pop's Pickup	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	N
41. RHDD	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
42. RSVP (COAD)	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	No, open to general public
43. Salvation Army	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
44. The Sech-Kar Company	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
45. The Summit Apartments	No	Yes, APT	Private For-Profit	x	X	No, open to residents and the general public

Agency Name	Directly Operates Transportation (Yes/No)	Purchases Transportation from Another Agency (if Yes, Who?)	Legal Authority (Private Non-Profit, Private For-Profit, Public Non-Profit,)	Number of Annual One-Way Passenger Trips	Average Number Trip Denials per Week	Are Vehicles Only Available for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*
46. Trimble School District	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
47. United Seniors of Athens County	Yes	Yes, AODT	Public Non-Profit	700	X	No, open to the all seniors
48. University Commons	No	Yes, APT	Private For-Profit	X	X	Yes, only residents
49. University Courtyard	No	Yes, APT	Private For-Profit	x	X	No, open to residents and the general public

* Answering “Yes” indicates that your agency is closed door. Your agency is considered closed door if you ONLY provide transportation to your facility as a courtesy or if you ONLY serve a particular clientele that are enrolled in your agency programs (i.e. members of a sheltered workshop, or residents in a nursing home). Answering “No” indicates that your agency is open door. This means the service is open to the public or a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income. For example, if an agency provides general transportation for anyone in the community who is over the age of 60, they are considered “open door”. For example, an individual who is 60 or over can request transportation to a doctor’s appointment or the grocery store regardless of their affiliation with your agency.

The participating organizations provide a wide range of transportation including fixed route, ADA paratransit, demand response, on-demand, and human service agency fixed routes. 30 of the participating organizations provide services on weekdays. 18 operate transportation on Saturdays and 9 on Sundays. Evening services after 5pm are operated by 14 organizations. The following table depicts the transportation service characteristics by agency.

Table 2: Transportation Service Characteristics

Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days & Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
1. Albert's Taxi	Door-to-door	M-Su, Daytime hours	No	X	X
2. Alexander School District	Fixed-Route *Students Only*	M-F Dependent on school hours and events	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance (2 trained aids)	CDL, CPR, First Aide, Blood Borne Pathogens training
3. Area Agency on Aging	Referral and contract services	Dependent on contracted provider	Yes	Dependent on contracted provider	Dependent on contracted provider
4. Athens City-County Health Department	Referral and voucher services	X	X	X	X
5. Athens City Schools	Fixed-Route *Students Only*	M-F Dependent on school hours and events	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance	CPR, First Aide, Blood Borne Pathogens training
6. Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities – Beacon School	Fixed-Route *Students Only*	M-F Dependent on school hours and events	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance, seatbelt assistance	CPR, First Aide, Blood Borne Pathogens training
7. Athens County Children Services	Door-to-door *Clients Only*	Dependent on need	No	X	X
8. Athens County Department of Job and Family Services	Door-to-door	Dependent on need	Yes	Boarding, debarking	Vehicle operations, customer service / ADA requirements, safety
9. Athens County Head Start (HAPCAP)	Fixed-Route *Students Only*	M-F	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance, seat belt assistance	CDL and required training annually

Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days & Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
10. Athens County Re-Entry (ACDJFS)	Referral services	X	X	X	X
11. Athens Go-To Cab	Door-to-door	24/7	Yes	X	X
12. Athens-Hocking Mobility Management	Referral and transit training services	M-F 8am – 4pm	No	X	X
13. Athens on Demand Transit (HAPCAP)	Door-to-door	M-F 7:30am-8:30pm	No	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance, seatbelt assistance	Vehicle operations, customer service / ADA requirements, safety
14. Athens Public Transit (HAPCAP)	Fixed-Route	M-F 7am-10pm	No	Wheelchair assistance	Vehicle operations, customer service / ADA requirements, safety
15. Athens Veterans Association	On-demand *Veterans Only*	Dependent on need – RSVP contract service	No	RSVP services	RSVP services
16. Athens Veterans Services	Referrals and purchases transportation	M-F 7am-4pm	X	X	X
17. Athens Village	Referrals and purchases contract services	On-demand contract service with AODT	X	X	X
18. Buckeye Hills Regional Council	Referral and purchases contract services	PASSPORT – Dependent on contracted provider	Yes	Dependent on contracted provider	Dependent on contracted provider
19. Daybreak Transportation Services LLC	Door-to-door, NEMT	M-F 8am-4:30pm Weekends possible	No	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance, seatbelt assistance, drivers wait with passengers	CPR, DRIVE Training, defensive driving, on the job training

Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days & Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
20. Echoing Connections	Door-to-Door, NEMT	Dependent on needs and scheduled events	Yes	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance, seatbelt assistance, support staff, drivers wait with passengers	Wheelchair tie down training, CPR First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogen, Crisis Prevention Intervention training
21. Federal Hocking School District	Fixed-route *Students Only*	M-F 7am – 4pm	No	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance	CDL, CPR, First Aide, Blood Borne Pathogens training
22. GoBus (HAPCAP)	Fixed-route Inter-city	Dependent on route 365 / year	No	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance, seatbelt assistance, baggage assistance	Customer service, DRIVE, Safety, Passenger assistance, Safe driving, First Aid
22-a. GoBus (HAPCAP) – Barons Bus Lines	Fixed-route Inter-city	24/7	No	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance, seatbelt assistance, baggage assistance	Customer service, DRIVE, Safety, Passenger assistance, Safe driving, First Aid
22-b. GoBus (HAPCAP) – Cardinal Transportation	Fixed-route Inter-city	24/7	No	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance,	Customer service, DRIVE, Safety, Passenger
23. Good Works	Referrals and purchasing transportation	X	No	X	X
24. GreenCab	Door-to-door, NEMT, Columbus airport, private pay, contracted services.	24/7 with advance notice, office hours 4am-6pm Monday-Saturday	Yes	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance, seatbelt assistance, baggage assistance	DRIVE, CPR/First Aid, Defensive Driving
25. HAVAR (2020)	On-Demand *Clients only*	M-F 7:30am-7:30pm	Yes	Boarding, deboarding, wheelchair assistance	Vehicle operations, customer service / ADA requirements, safety

Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days & Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
26. Hocking College (2020)	On-Demand *Students Only*	Dependent on need /events	No	X	No
27. Holzer Hospital (Athens County) (2020)	Referral Services	24/7	Yes	X	X
28. Hopewell Health Centers	On-Demand *Clients Only*	Dependent on need	Yes	X	X
29. Integrated Services	On-Demand *Clients only*	M-F 9am-5pm	No	X	X
30. Jet Transportation	Door-to-door	M-F 4am-6pm, Sa/Su by appointment	Yes	Boarding, debording, wheelchair assistance.	CPR, First Aide, Blood Borne Pathogens
31. The Laurels of Athens	Door-to-door	24/7	No	X	X
32. The Lindley Inn	Door-to-door	24/7	No	X	X
33. Lyft	Ride-Share, door-to-door	24/7 Dependent on driver availability	No	X	X
33. My Sister's Place	Referrals and purchases transportation	X	X	X	X
34. Nelsonville-York School District	Fixed-Route *Students only*	Dependent on school	No	Boarding, debording, wheelchair assistance	CDL, CPR, First Aide, Blood Borne Pathogens training
35. OhioHealth O'Bleness	Referrals, purchases contract services	M-F 7:30am-8:30pm	No	AODT services	AODT services
36. Ohio University – CATS	Fixed-Route – Campus Shuttle	M-F 7:30am – 5:30pm	No	Boarding, debording, wheelchair assistance	CDL (Airbrakes and Passenger Endorsements)

Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days & Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
		Fall & Spring Semesters			
36-a. Ohio University – CATCAB	Door-to-door *OU only*	M-F 7:30am – 11pm Sat-Sun 6pm – 11pm	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance	CPR, First Aide, Blood Borne Pathogens training
36-b. Ohio University – CATS Late Night	On-demand *OU only*	M-F 5:30pm-11pm Sat-Sun 6pm-11pm	No	Boarding, debarking	CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens training
36-c. Ohio University – Charter Services	Door-to-door *OU only*	Dependent on request	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance	CDL (Airbrakes and Passenger Endorsements)
37. Passion Works	Referrals	X	X	X	X
38. Personnel Plus (ACBDD)	Referrals and ticket purchasing	X	X	X	X
39. Pop's Pickup	Door-to-Door	7 days per week	No	Boarding, debarking	X
40. RHDD	Door-to-Door	7 Days per Week	Yes	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance	QStraint tie down training, CPR First Aid, Blood Born Pathogen, Crisis Prevention Intervention training, RHDD driver training
41. RSVP (COAD)	Volunteer Ride-Share service, door-to-door	Dependent on need	Yes	Boarding, debarking	Vehicle operations, customer services / ADA requirements, safety
42. Salvation Army	Door-to-door *Clients Only*	Dependent on need	No	X	X
43. The Sech-Kar Company	On-Demand *Clients Only*	M-F 6:30am-4pm	X	X	X
44. The Summit Apartments	Fixed-Route	M-F	No	APT Services	APT Services

Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days & Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
		7:10am – 9:30pm Fri, Sat 9:30pm – 2:30am			
45. Trimble School District	Fixed-Route *Students Only*	Dependent on School	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance	CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens training
46. United Seniors of Athens County	Door-to-door *Seniors only*	M-F 8am – 4pm	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance	CPR, First Aid, Passenger assistance training including sensitivity to aging
47. University Commons	Fixed-Route	M,W,F 7:10am-9:30pm Tu, Thurs 7:10am-9:15pm	No	Boarding, debarking, wheelchair assistance	Vehicle operations, customer services / ADA requirements, safety
48. University Courtyard	Fixed-Route	M-F 7am-6pm	No	APT Services	APT Services

Transportation-related expenses and revenues also differ by organization. State and federal funding are common revenue sources for transportation operators in Athens County. The table below provides a summary of expenses and revenues for public and non-profit transportation programs.

Table 3: Transportation-Related Expenses and Revenues

Agency Name	Fare Structure	Donations Accepted (Y/N)	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Drivers	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Schedulers/Dispatchers	Revenue Sources (most recent Fiscal Year)	Total Annual Transportation Expenses
1. Albert's Taxi	Varies by distance	N	1	1	X	X
2. Alexander School District	Free for students	N	X	X	State of Ohio, sales tax	X
3. Area Agency on Aging	Free for qualifying clients	N	X	X	X	X
4. Athens City-County Health Department	X	N	X	X	State and federal funding, local levy	X
5. Athens City Schools	Free for students	N	X	X	State of Ohio, sales tax, local levy	X
6. Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Free for students and qualifying clients	N	0-5 Full-time 0-5 Part-time	1	State of Ohio, sales tax, local levy	X
7. Athens County Children Services	Free for qualifying clients	N	0-5	0-5	State of Ohio, local tax levy	X
8. Athens County Department of Job and Family Services	Free for qualifying clients	N	X	X	X	X
9. Athens County Head Start (HAPCAP)	Free for students	N	X	X	State and federal funding	X
10. Athens County Re-Entry (ACDJFS)	X	X	X	X	X	X
11. Athens Go-To Cab	Varies by distance	N	X	X	X	X

Agency Name	Fare Structure	Donations Accepted (Y/N)	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Drivers	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Schedulers/Dispatchers	Revenue Sources (most recent Fiscal Year)	Total Annual Transportation Expenses
12. Athens-Hocking Mobility Management	X	X	X	X	X	X
13. Athens on Demand Transit (HAPCAP)	\$2.00 one-way \$1.00 one-way seniors of individuals with disabilities	N	5 Full-Time 7 Part-Time	1 Full-Time	ODOT 5311	2,600,000
14. Athens Public Transit (HAPCAP)	\$1.00 one-way \$.50 one-way seniors of individuals with disabilities	N	14 Full-Time 1 Part-Time	1 Full-Time 1 Part-Time	ODOT 5311	2,600,000
15. Athens Veterans Association	Free for qualifying veterans	N	RSVP contract service	RSVP contract service	X	X
16. Athens Veterans Services	X	X	X	X	X	X
17. Athens Village	X	X	X	X	X	X
18. Buckeye Hills Regional Council – PASSPORT	Free for qualifying seniors	N	N/A, contract services	N/A, contract services	X	X
19. Daybreak Transportation Services LLC	Varies by distance	N	0-5 Full-Time 5-10 Part-Time	1	X	X
20. Echoing Connections	Free for agency clients	N	X	X	X	X
21. Federal Hocking School District	Free for students	N	X	X	X	X
22. GoBus (HAPCAP)	Varies by distance	N	Contract services	Contract Services	5311(F)	6,081,065
23. Good Works	X	X	X	X	X	

Agency Name	Fare Structure	Donations Accepted (Y/N)	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Drivers	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Schedulers/Dispatchers	Revenue Sources (most recent Fiscal Year)	Total Annual Transportation Expenses
24. GreenCab	Medicaid, private pay, contracted services, fixed-rate to Columbus airport	N	X	X	X	X
25. HAVAR	Free for qualifying clients	N	X	X	X	X
26. Hocking College	Free for students and staff	N	X	0	X	X
27. Holzer Hospital (Athens County)	X	X	X	X	X	X
28. Hopewell Health Centers	Free for qualifying clients	N	X	X	X	X
29. Integrated Services	X	X	X	X	X	X
30. Jet Transportation	Varies by distance	N	X	X	X	X
31. The Laurels of Athens	Free for residents of facility	N	X	X	X	X
32. The Lindley Inn	Free for residents of facility	N	X	X	X	X
33. Lyft	Based on distance and time of ride requested	N	X	X	X	X
34. My Sister's Place	X	X	X	X	X	X
35. Nelsonville-York School District	Free for students	N	X	X	X	X
36. OhioHealth O'Bleness	X	X	X	X	X	X
37. Ohio University – CATS	Free for students, faculty and staff	N	16-20	5	X	X

Agency Name	Fare Structure	Donations Accepted (Y/N)	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Drivers	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Schedulers/Dispatchers	Revenue Sources (most recent Fiscal Year)	Total Annual Transportation Expenses
37-a. Ohio University – CATCAB	Free for students, faculty, and staff	N	16-20	5	X	X
37-b. Ohio University – CATS Late Night	Free for students, faculty, and staff	N	16-20	5	X	X
37-c. Ohio University – Charter Services	Dependent on distance traveled	N	16-20	5	X	X
38. Passion Works	X	X	X	X	X	X
39. Personnel Plus (ACBDD)	X	X	X	X	X	X
40. Pop's Pickup	Dependent on distance traveled	N	3	X	X	X
41. RHDD	Free for those who qualify	N	0-5	0-5	X	X
42. RSVP (COAD)	Medicaid Only	Y	Volunteers	Volunteers	X	X
43. Salvation Army	X	X	X	X	X	X
44. The Sech-Kar Company	Free for qualifying clients	N	X	X	ACBDD	X
45. The Summit Apartments	Free for residents	N	Contract service, APT	Contract Service, APT	Contract Service, APT	Contract Service, APT
46. Trimble School District	Free for students	N	X	X	State funding	X
47. United Seniors of Athens County	Free for seniors	Y	0-5	0-5	Athens County Senior Services Levy, Older American Act – Title B3,	X

Agency Name	Fare Structure	Donations Accepted (Y/N)	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Drivers	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Schedulers/Dispatchers	Revenue Sources (most recent Fiscal Year)	Total Annual Transportation Expenses
					Buckeye Hills, local grants	
48. University Commons	Free for students	N	X	X	Apartments and fees	X
49. University Courtyard	Free for residents	N	Contract Service, APT	Contract Service, APT	Apartments and Fees	X

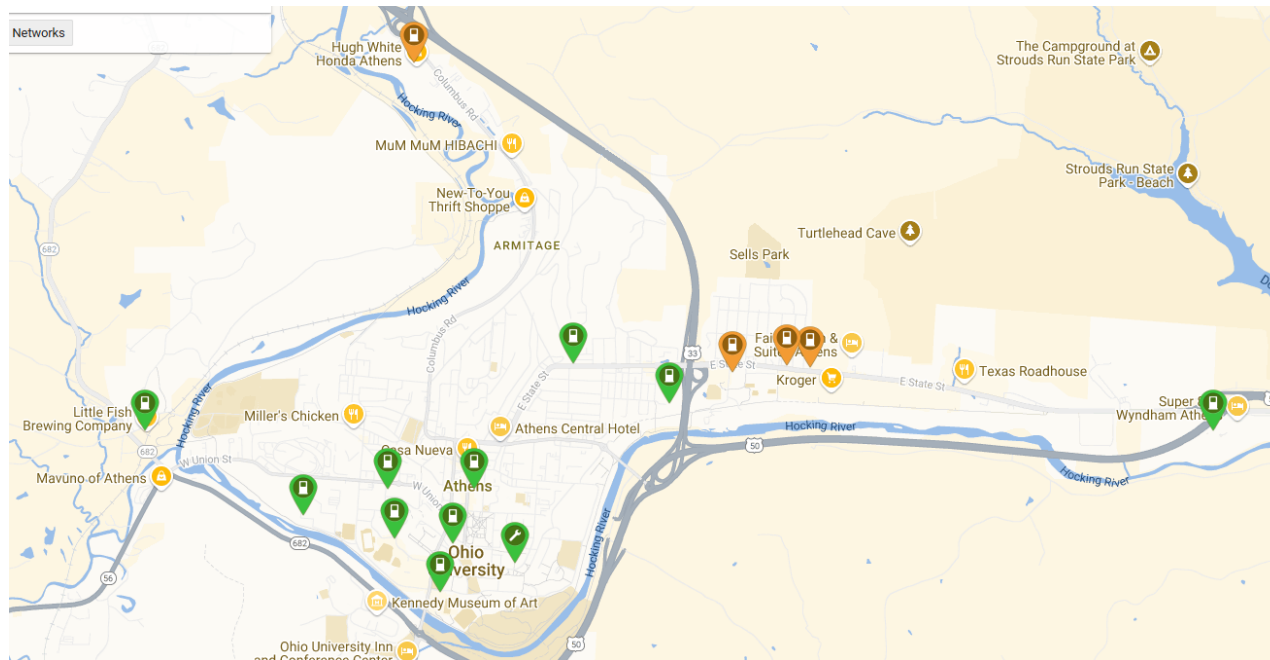
The following table provides basic information about transportation options other than the traditional public and human services transportation. Transportation options might include bike share, ride share, intercity, or taxi services, and more.

Table 4: Alternative/ Active Transportation Options

Transportation Option	Availability	Cost	Usage	Service Area
Athens Go-To Cab	24/7	Varies	Taxi Service	State of Ohio
Book—a-Bike	Varies by library location	Free with library card	Any community member	Athens County
EV Chargers	24/7	Varies per charger	Any community member	Athens County
GoBus (HAPCAP)	7 Days a Week	Varies by distance	Inter-City Bus System	State of Ohio
HockHocking Adena Bikeway	24/7	Free	Any community member	Athens County
Lyft	24/7	Varies by distance and time	Any community member	State of Ohio
Tomcat Trail	24/7	Free	Any Community member	Trimble – Glouster area

It is important to note the number of wheelchair-accessible vehicles currently operating in Athens County. Based on best estimates from organizations, due to vehicles regularly coming into service and being retired from service, puts the total at appoximatley 50. This is approximately 40% of total vehicles.

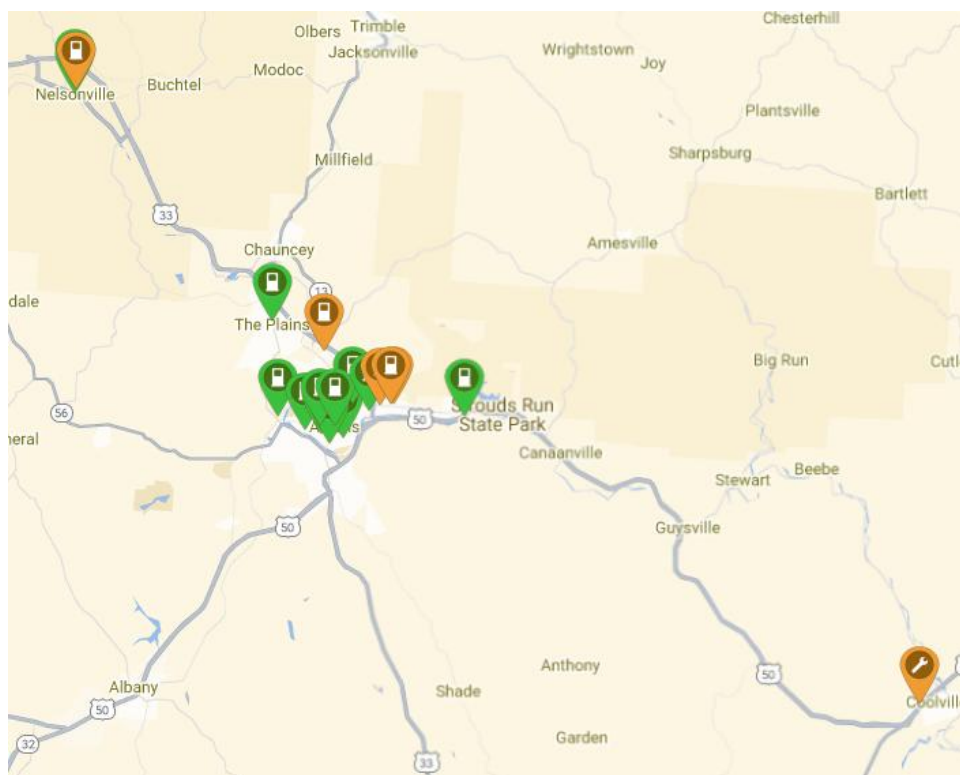
Map 4-a: Map of Current EV Chargers in the City of Athens



Within the City of Athens there are currently 15 EV charging locations offering 27 chargers available for public use:

- Athens City Parking Garage (2 stations, 2 plugs: J-1772, NACS)
- Athens City Pool (2 Locations, 3 stations, 4 plugs: J-1772, CCS-SAE, CHAdeMO)
- Athens City Public Library (4 stations, 4 plugs: J-1772)
- Don Wood Automotive (2 Stations, 4 Plugs: DC Fast Charge)
- Hugh White Honda (1 Station, 2 Plugs: CCS1)
- Little Fish Brewery (1 station, 1 plug: J-1772)
- Ohio University – Baker Center Garage (1 station, 1 plug: J-1772)
- Super 8 Hotel (3 stations, 3 plugs: J-1772)
- Ohio University – Human Resources Building (1 station, 1 plug: J-1772)
- Ohio University – Morton Hall Parking (2 station, 2 plugs: J-1772)
- Ohio University – Peden Stadium (2 stations, 2 plugs: J-1772)
- Ohio University – Stocker Center (2 stations, 2 plugs: J-1772)
- OhioHealth O’Bleness (3 stations, 6 plugs: J-1772)
- Village Bakery and Café (1 station, 1 plug: J-1772)

Map 4-b: Map of Current EV Chargers in Athens County



Outside of the City of Athens there are currently 4 stations offering 7 chargers located in The Plains and Nelsonville, with planned construction for an additional station in Coolville:

- Stuart's Opera House (Nelsonville, 2 station, 2 plug: J-1772)
- 28 E Columbus St, Nelsonville (2 stations, 2 plugs: J-1772)
- 24 E Washington St, Nelsonville (1 station, 1 plug: J-1772)
- Rural Action (The Plains, 2 stations, 2 plugs: J-1772)
- Coolville, GoMart (under construction)

Map 4-c: Map of Outdoor Recreation Areas in Athens County

Outdoor Recreation Areas in Athens County

Recreation Areas Not Pictured:

- Army Park, Athens
- Johnny Appleseed Park, Athens
- Chauncey-Dover Community Park, Chauncey
- Meadow Lane Park, Coville
- Glouster Memorial Park, Glouster
- Pocket Park, Glouster
- Nelsonville Brick Kiln Park, Nelsonville
- Nelsonville Commons Park, Nelsonville
- Nelsonville Water Park, Nelsonville
- Poly Field, Nelsonville
- 550 Park, Sugar Creek
- The Plains Community Park, The Plains (Unincorporated)

Federal & State

- Wayne National Forest (WNF)*
- State
- 1. Shrouds Run State Park*
- 2. Dale & Jackie Riddle State Nature Preserve
- 3. Fox Lake State Wildlife Area*
- 4. Zaleski State Forest*
- 5. Waterloo State Wildlife Area*
- 6. Wallace H. O'Dowd State Wildlife Area*
- 7. Burr Oak State Park*
- 8. Clifford State Forest*
- 9. Marie J. Desonier State Nature Preserve

Local Organizations

- Athens Conservancy
- 1. Poston Preserve
- 2. Bantball Preserve
- 3. Brookville Preserve
- 4. The Plains Preserve
- 5. Tucker Run Preserve*
- 6. Blair Preserve*
- 7. Bantball Preserve*
- 8. Skunk Run Preserve*
- 9. Mary Beth Zak Lohse Preserve
- 10. Morris Preserve
- 11. Salem Road Preserve
- American Electric Power (AEP) - Poston Plant Lands Hunting Area*
- Appalachia Ohio Alliance - Trimble Township Community Forest*

County & City

- County - Ferndale Park
- City
- 1. Richland Avenue Park
- 2. Dairy Lane Park
- 3. West State Street Park**
- 4. Highland Park
- 5. East State Street Park**
- 6. Seals Park
- 7. Shrouds Ridge Preserve*

State College/University

- Ohio University - The Ridges
- Hocking College - Lake Snowden*

Other

- Area of Intermixed Hocking College and WNF Lands**

Other Features

- Federal Roadways
- State Roadways
- County Roadways - Paved
- County Roadways - Unpaved
- Township Roadways - Paved
- Township Roadways - Unpaved
- Trails
- Proposed Trails - Bailey's Run Mountain Bike Trails
- Hockhocking Adena Bikeway
- 24A Extension (Under Construction)
- Hocking River
- Lakes
- Incorporated Areas

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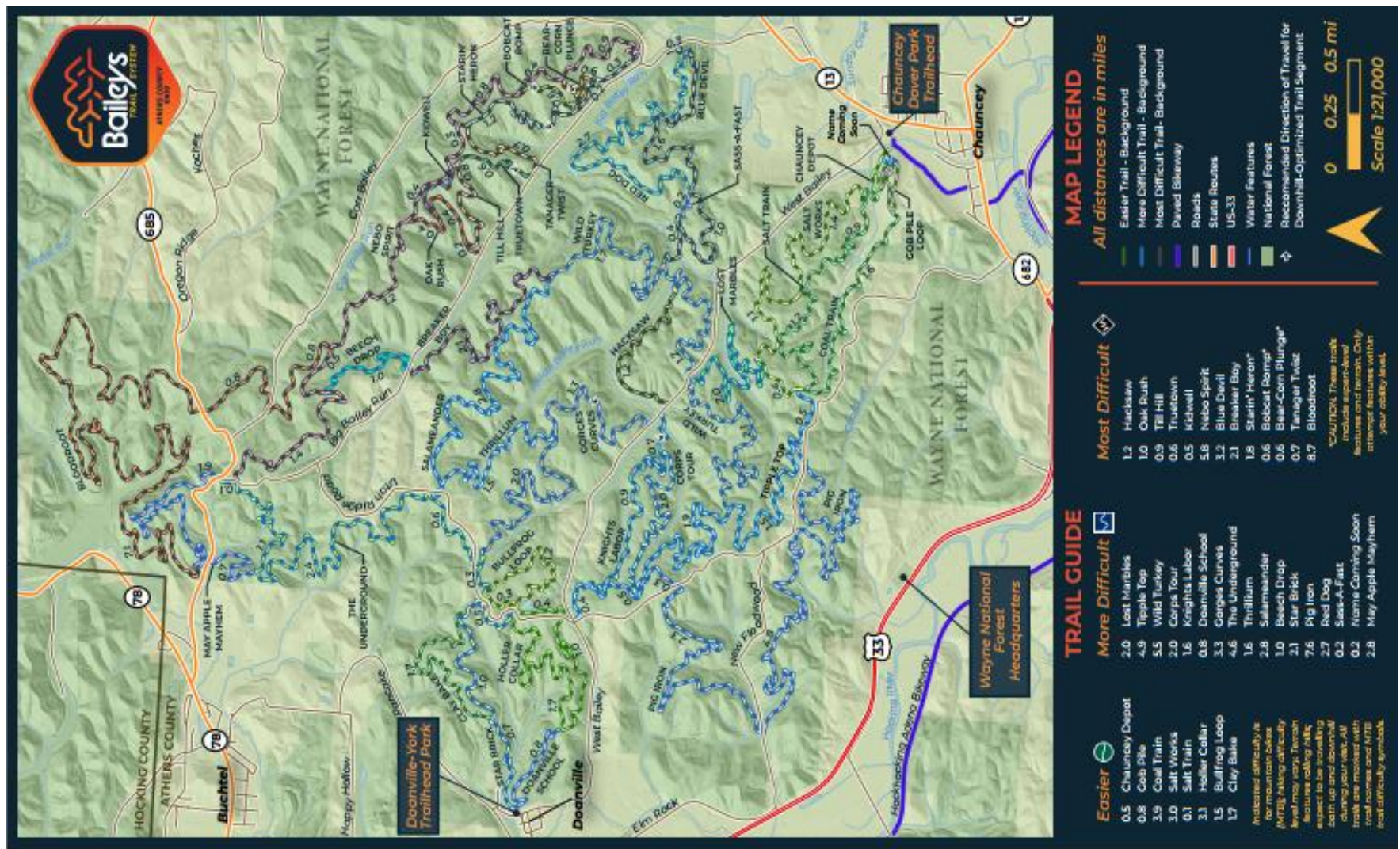
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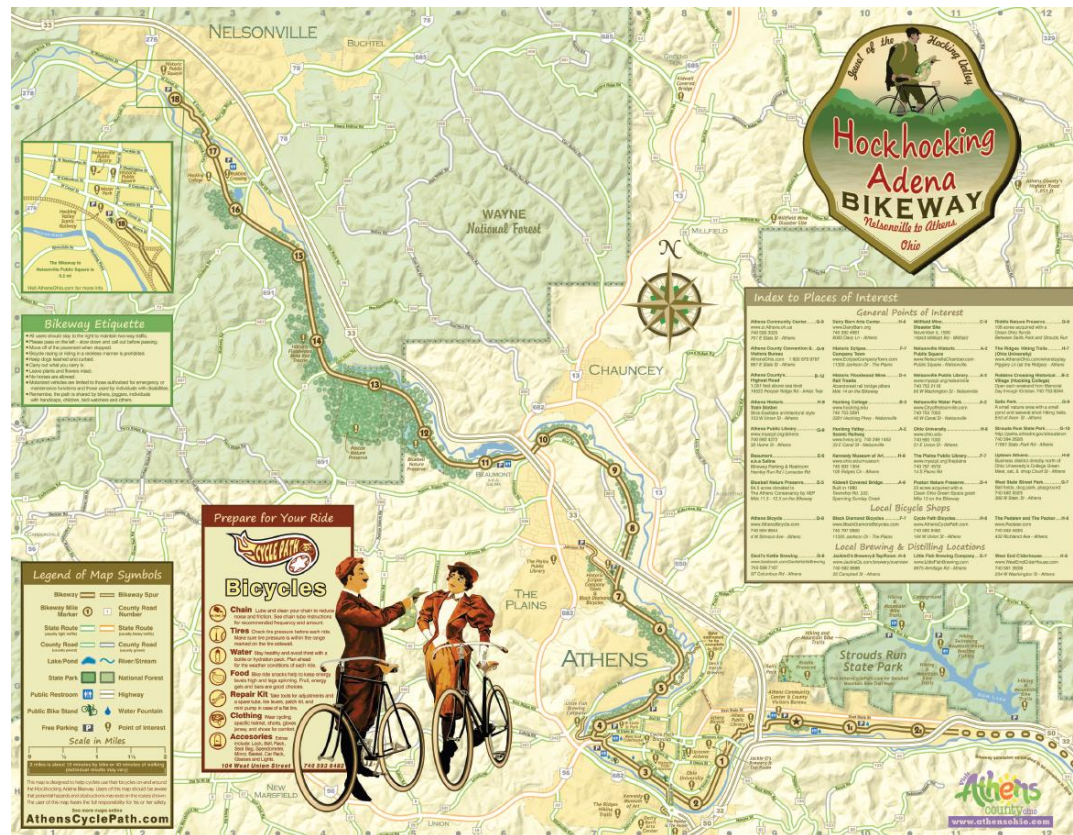
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Map 4-d: Map of Baileys Trail on Next Page



In December 2017, Wayne National Forest approved the development of Bailey's Trail System. The development includes plans for an 88-mile single track trail system for mountain bikers, trail runners, and hikers of all skill levels. The system currently has direct community access to Chauncey and Doanville. Future expansion for connection points in Nelsonville and Buchtel are planned. The majority of construction has finished, and now maintenance is performed on a regular basis.

Map 4-e: Map of HockHocking Adena Bikeway



The HockHocking Adena Bikeway is 22-mile paved bikeway that spans across Athens County and connects Nelsonville to Athens. The bikeway is used by cyclists, runners, and walkers to commute to work, school, and to multiple shopping locations.

Recently, a new spur that connects the Village of Chauncey and the Bailey's Trail head to the main HockHocking Adena Bikeway was completed. This includes the construction of a new bridge across the Hocking River.

There are multiple entry points to the bikeway, and connections to public transportation stops and options.

The following table provides basic information about local travel training program options.

Table 5: Transportation Resources

| Transportation Resource | Availability | Cost | Usage | Service Area |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Athens Mobility Management | M-F
8am-4pm | Free | Community Members | The State of Ohio |
| HAPCAP Community Resource Navigator | M-F
8am-4pm | Free | Community Members | Athens, Hocking, and Perry County |

The following table illustrates the technology used by each transportation provider for scheduling, dispatching, and/or GPS tracking vehicles.

Table 6: Technology

| Agency Name | Name of Scheduling Software | Do you have an App for Transportation (Y/N)? | Name of Dispatching Software | AVL System/ GPS (Y/N) |
|--|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Alexander School District | FMX – for field trips | No | X | N |
| 2. Area Agency on Aging | X | X | X | X |
| 3. Athens City-County Health Department | X | X | X | X |
| 4. Athens City Schools | Versatrans | No | X | X |
| 5. Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities | X | N | X | N |
| 6. Athens County Children Services | X | N | X | N |
| 7. Athens County Department of Job and Family Services | X | N | X | N |

| Agency Name | Name of Scheduling Software | Do you have an App for Transportation (Y/N)? | Name of Dispatching Software | AVL System/ GPS (Y/N) |
|---|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8. Athens County Head Start (HAPCAP) | X | N | X | N |
| 9. Athens County Re-Entry (ACDJFS) | X | X | X | X |
| 11. Athens-Hocking Mobility Management | X | X | X | X |
| 12. Athens on Demand Transit (HAPCAP) | CTS | N | CTS | Yes |
| 13. Athens Public Transit (HAPCAP) | X | Y (PassioGO!) | X | Y |
| 14. Athens Veterans Association | X | N | X | N |
| 15. Athens Veterans Services | X | X | X | X |
| 16. Athens Village | X | X | X | X |
| 17. Buckeye Hills Regional Council – PASSPORT | X | X | X | X |
| 18. Daybreak Transportation Services LLC | X | X | X | X |
| 19. Echoing Connections | X | N | X | N |
| 20. Federal Hocking School District | X | N | X | N |
| 21. GoBus (HAPCAP) | X | Y (RideGoBus) | X | Y |
| 22. Good Works | X | X | X | X |
| 23. GreenCab | Bambi | N | Bambi | Y |
| 24. HAVAR | X | X | X | N |
| 25. Hocking College | X | N | X | N |

| Agency Name | Name of Scheduling Software | Do you have an App for Transportation (Y/N)? | Name of Dispatching Software | AVL System/ GPS (Y/N) |
|--|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 26. Holzer Hospital (Athens County) | X | X | X | X |
| 27. Hopewell Health Centers | X | X | X | X |
| 28. Integrated Services | X | X | X | X |
| 29. The Laurels of Athens | X | N | X | N |
| 30. The Lindley Inn | X | N | X | N |
| 31. Lyft | X | Y | X | Y |
| 32. My Sister's Place | X | X | X | X |
| 33. Nelsonville-York School District | X | X | X | N |
| 34. OhioHealth O'Bleness | X | X | X | X |
| 35. Ohio University – CATS | X | Y, TripShot | X | Y |
| 35-a. Ohio University – CATCAB | X | X | X | X |
| 35-b. Ohio University – CATS Late Night | X | X | X | X |
| 35-c. Ohio University – Charter Services | X | X | X | X |
| 36. Passion Works | X | X | X | X |
| 37. Personnel Plus (ACBDD) | X | X | X | X |
| 38. RHDD | X | N | X | N |
| 39. RSVP (COAD) | X | N | X | N |
| 40. Salvation Army | X | X | X | X |
| 41. The Sech-Kar Company | X | N | X | N |

| Agency Name | Name of Scheduling Software | Do you have an App for Transportation (Y/N)? | Name of Dispatching Software | AVL System/ GPS (Y/N) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 42. The Summit Apartments | X | Yes, PassioGO! | X | Y |
| 43. Trimble School District | X | N | X | Y |
| 44. United Seniors of Athens County | X | N | X | N |
| 45. University Commons | X | N | X | N |
| 46. University Courtyard | X | Yes, PassioGO! | X | Y |

IV. Assessment of Community Support for Transit

Lack of transportation has been and continues to be a very significant problem for people living in poverty, particularly for people in rural areas such as Athens County, where there are limited public transportation options. However, Athens County has long recognized the need for transportation services in the region and has a long history of overall support for transportation initiatives.

Recognizing the need for the growth of transportation in the community, Athens County partnered with Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to facilitate the Athens Mobility Management (AMM) project in January of 2010. The Mobility Management Program is a position dedicated to:

- Increasing understanding and awareness of community transportation needs
- Increasing awareness of current community transportation options and programs
- Ensuring that transportation considerations are included in local and regional planning activities
- Increasing local capacity for transportation services
- Assisting individuals with accessing all community transportation options

With the support of the County, Athens City, Athens County Department of Job and Family Services, Athens Children Services, and Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, HAPCAP began to manage the project and outlined in motion a plan to achieve the goals of the project in Athens County.

As HAPCAP and the AHMM garnered support and formed partnerships with stakeholders, the City of Athens was granted the opportunity to create and host a non-profit inter-city bus system dedicated to connecting rural communities to cities and other parts of the state at affordable rates. The City of Athens chose HAPCAP to manage the project, and in the fall of 2010, GoBus was launched, allowing community members to ride to Columbus or Cincinnati, with stops along the way, for \$10.00 one-way. As the popularity of the GoBus grew, HAPCAP and the AMM continued to conduct outreach, travel training, and transportation meetings in the community. Ohio University formed a partnership with HAPCAP and the GoBus to allow a stop at the Baker Student Center in the heart of the City of Athens for students and community members to use. In 2015 with the success of the GoBus becoming widespread several more routes were added, including service to Cleveland, Wooster, and Van Wert. Since its inception, GoBus ridership has increased exponentially and continues to rise with a current state-wide expansion. GoBus now connects Toledo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Athens, along with over 65 stops along these routes.

With the success of the GoBus program continuing to rise, the City of Athens began to look at their own Athens Public Transit (APT) system, which was operating inadequately with little support or outreach. The City of Athens decided that it was time to overhaul their current fixed-route system and released a Request for a Proposal for a new management organization to run APT. In 2012 the City of Athens chose HAPCAP, and later that year, the wholly renovated APT system was revealed. Since its start in 2012, APT has expanded to serve The Plains, Chauncey, Nelsonville and Albany, lengthen hours, provide services to apartment complexes in the area, and partner with Ohio University to create the Bobcat Pass, allowing all students, faculty, and staff to ride for free.

That same year the AHMM, HAPCAP, and several partnering organizations created a pilot project consisting of a fleet of accessible vans that can travel door-to-door and county-wide at an affordable price. HAPCAP, with its partners, started a pilot project to serve seniors, individuals with disabilities, and

low-income individuals. In the fall of 2012, Athens On-Demand Transit (AODT) began to serve the entirety of the county, offering \$2.00 one-way rides anywhere in the county. The need for such a service was quickly proven as AODT has continuously expanded its capacity to accommodate the number of community members in need of such a service. In addition, AODT partnered with Athens County Job and Family Services to provide rides to wheelchair-bound community members and often works with local hospitals and medical facilities.

In summer 2019, HAPCAP, with the support of several community partners, was able to start a pilot project providing fixed-route service to the City of Nelsonville and the Village of Albany to and from the City of Athens. Dubbed "Line 7", the need for this type of service as outlined in the 2018 Athens County Coordinated Plan. Line 7 became part of APT's regular service in 2020.

AODT and APT merged into one system to serve Athens County better in January 2020. With this change, AODT's funding transitioned from 5310 to 5311. In addition, AODT, which originally primarily served individuals with disabilities and the elderly, opened to the general public throughout the county. This merger and expansion evolved from the 2018 Coordinated plan to provide more county-wide service.

In 2022, APT suffered some financial setbacks including a loss of funding, and this coupled with increased costs, forced APT to close Saturday service. Since then, reestablishing Saturday service has been one of their primary goals, along with adding a fixed bus route to the Tri-Village area, i.e. Glouster, Trimble, and Jacksonville, all located in the North Eastern part of Athens County. There is also currently an attempt at reestablishing Saturday Service through a partnership with The City of Athens.

As transportation options in Athens County continued to grow, the opportunities for coordinated transportation efforts followed suit. The Athens-Hocking Mobility Management Program serves as the coordinating force for organizations and individuals. Financial and managerial support for the program is currently provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation, The City of Athens, Athens County, Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and Hocking Athens Perry Community Action. AHMM continues to support transportation and active transportation efforts, conduct outreach and training to individuals and organizations, and advocate for transportation at local meetings, including but not limited to:

- Age-Friendly Athens (through Athens City-County Health Department)
- Athens Area Stand Down Planning Committee
- Athens City Commission on Disabilities
- Athens City Commission on Disabilities Accessibility and Advocacy Committee
- Athens City Pedestrian Accessibility and Bicycle Task Force
- Athens County PIO Workgroup (a cohort of individuals working to be Public Information Officers to be called up in an emergency)
- Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Planning Committee (hosted by the Mobility Coordinator)
- Athens County Council on Aging
- Athens County Transportation Meetings (hosted by the Mobility Coordinator)
- Athens Re-Entry Task Force
- Athens Regional Planning Commission (Ben Ziff, Mobility Coordinator is the Secretary)
- Buckeye Hills Transportation Development Committee
- City of Athens Transportation Task Force

- Creating Healthy Communities (through Athens City-County Health Department)
- Ohio Department of Transportation Mobility Managers meeting
- Ohio Public Transportation Association Conferences
- Ohio University Transportation
- Senior Safety Day Planning Committee

Safety

All transportation providers in Athens County are dedicated to ensuring safe transportation for all riders, drivers, and pedestrians. Although different providers require different safety courses for their drivers there are requirements for each provider to ensure safe practices.

Several transportation providers listed in this plan are part of the county-wide emergency response plan.

Summary of Existing Resources

An overall summary of existing resources and an inventory of current services allows better insight into opportunities to coordinate services and the transportation gaps currently in the county.

Athens County has several public and private transportation providers. Multiple providers provide services to clients who qualify under certain criteria or are associated with the organization and its services. Other providers are open to the public and available with no requirements.

The summary of existing resources illustrates gaps in services in the county including:

- Little availability of public and accessible services on the weekends and during the early morning and evening hours during the week.
- Limited county-wide affordable services.
- A lack of services that operate outside of Athens County.
- Limited education and awareness regarding services provided throughout Athens County.
- A small number of non-emergency medical transportation providers open to the public.
- A need for coordination of efforts, especially with wheelchair accessible vehicles.
- Limited strategies enabling transportation to evolve with developing technologies.

V. Assessment of Transportation Needs and Gaps

By conducting a survey in an effort to better understand Athens County's needs, the planning committee examined research and data, as well as solicited input from the community in an effort to gather information about needs and gaps in transportation services.

The demographic and socio-economic conditions of the study area are discussed in the Demographics Chapter of this plan. The following overview is an evaluation of the gaps in service based upon geographic data as well as from the perspective of the targeted populations, transportation providers, and the general public.

Athens County coordinated a variety of stakeholders in the area in an attempt to solicit input and request participation from any organization that could potentially be impacted by the coordinated transportation planning process. More information on how the lead agency engaged stakeholder and the general public is available upon request.

The following methods were used to assess transportation needs and gaps

- Assessment of population data and demographics
- Evaluation of existing services including service reduction and service growth
- In 2026, a total of 12 meetings were held at all the different branches of the ACPL
- Analyzed trip requests made to mobility management program
- Release of six (6) transportation surveys to the county focused on:
 - General public
 - Seniors
 - Individuals with Disabilities
 - Transportation Providers
 - Social Service Providers / Non-Profits
 - Businesses

Local Demographic and Socio-Economic Data

Data for each target population group were aggregated by Census Block Group for transportation analysis. The demographic and socio-economic data is valuable because a comparison of where the highest and lowest densities individuals who are most likely to need transportation live. This information can then be compared to the locations of (1) major trip generators, and (2) available transportation services.

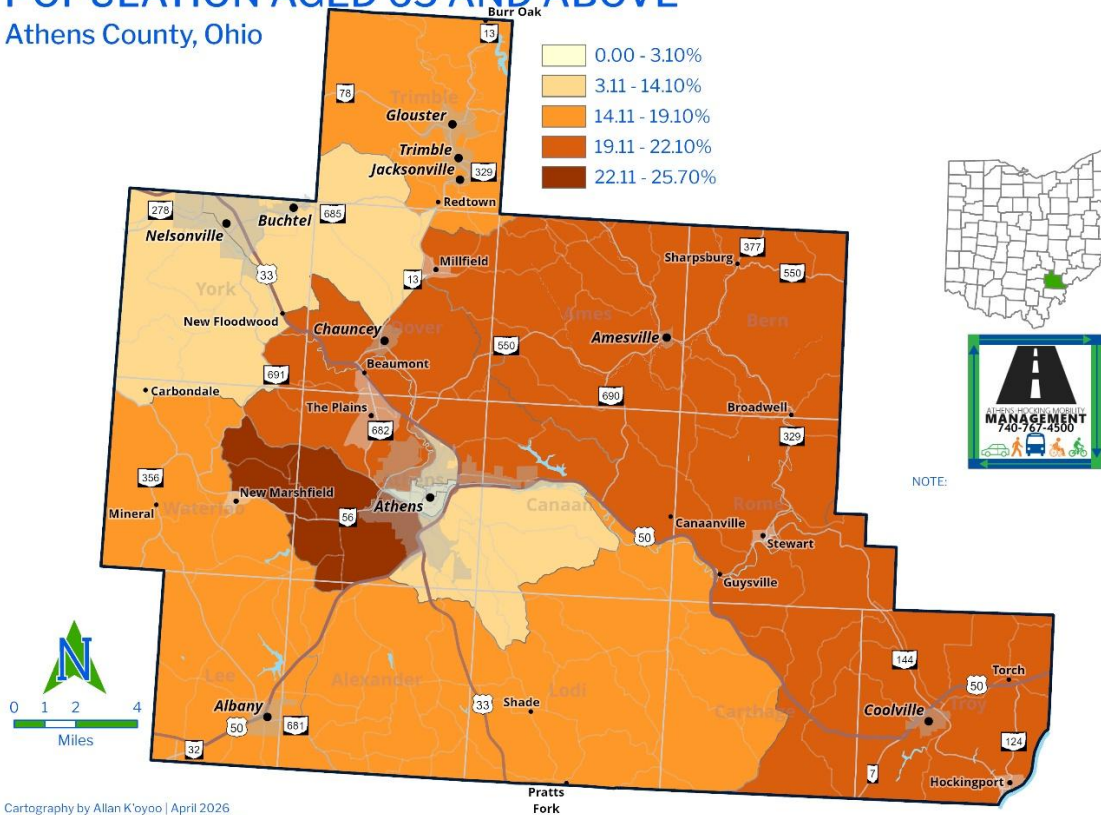
The following exhibit illustrates the areas where the number of older adults (age 65 and older) is at or above the national average.

Exhibit 1: Map of Population Density of Individuals Age 65 and Older

The exhibit below indicates the areas where the number of zero vehicle households is above the national average. The absence of a vehicle in the household is often an indication of the need for transportation services.

POPULATION AGED 65 AND ABOVE

Athens County, Ohio

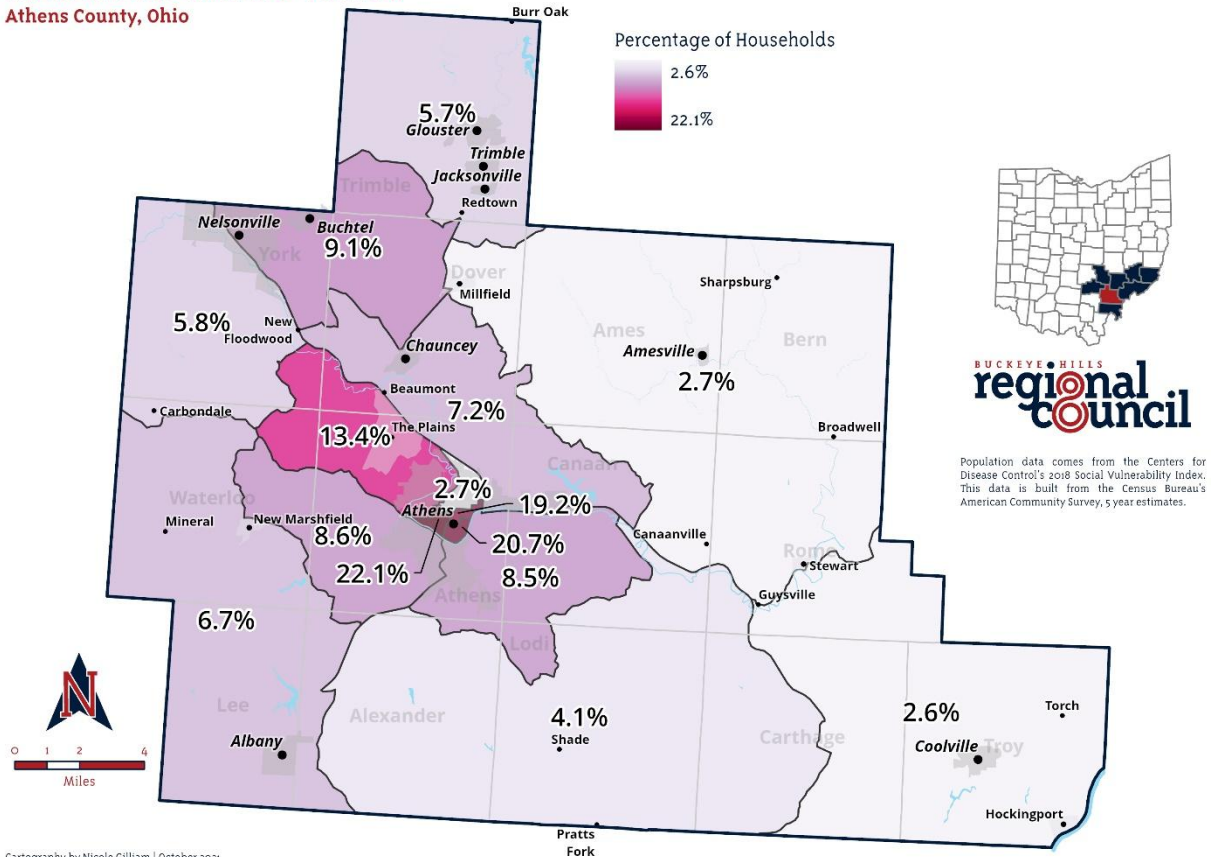


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Exhibit 2: Map of Density of Zero Vehicle Households

Households with No Vehicle

Athens County, Ohio



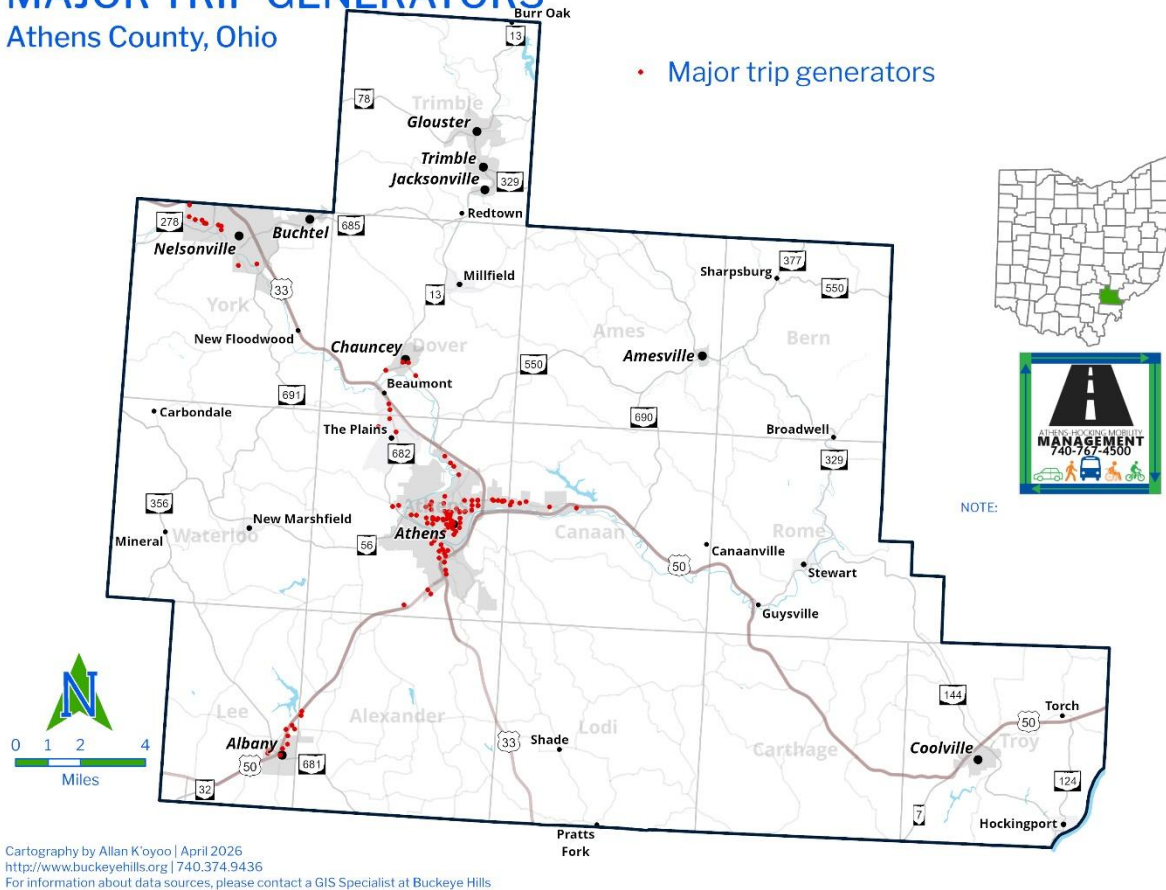
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The next exhibit illustrates the location of the top destinations for the existing transportation providers as well as major trip generators for anyone in the area, including those who drive a personal vehicle.

Exhibit 3: Map of Major Trip Generators

MAJOR TRIP GENERATORS

Athens County, Ohio



Major healthcare facilities including hospitals, mental health facilities, and urgent care branches include but are not limited to:

- OhioHealth
- Marietta Memorial Emergency Department
- Hopewell Health Centers
- OhioHealth & Integrated Services (Mary Hill Center)
- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
- Athens City-County Health Department
- Holzer Health Care
- Nationwide Childrens Branch

Major social services agencies in the county include:

- Athens City-County Health Department
- Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Athens County Children Services
- Athens County Court House
- Athens County Department of Job and Family Services
- Hocking Athens Perry Community Action
- Integrated Services

Analysis of Demographic Data

The density of individuals age 65 and older is concentrated in the rural areas of the County, markedly along the 33 corridor between Athens City and Nelsonville and in the Southeastern area of the County, surrounding Coolville. These areas have the least amount of affordable transportation options available to them. Most seniors in Athens County reside outside of the city limits in areas further away from medical care facilities and senior services.

A high percentage of no vehicle households are within the Athens City limits as well as the 33 corridor between Athens City and Nelsonville, as seen in Exhibit 2, revealing a population in need of transportation services or programs.

Major trip generators are located mostly in Athens City and Nelsonville. The rural areas of the county need to travel to these cities in order to gain access to job opportunities, medical facilities, food access, and educational institutions.

Based on the demographic data above, it is crucial that affordable transportation options are available for community members residing in the rural areas of the county, especially seniors and no vehicle households, in order to connect them to a variety of services available elsewhere in the county.

General Public and Stakeholder Meetings/Focus Groups

10 in-person roundtable discussions were held, utilizing each of the Athens County Public Library's branch locations, with half of the meetings occurring during "work hours" (between 8am and 4pm) and the other half occurring after 4pm in order to allow the most participation possible. Turnout was not as high as hoped, but good feedback from the community was still received.

In addition to these meetings, at each of the Athens County Transportation Advisory Committee meetings held during SFY26, stakeholder feedback was acquired. Many organizations, including Ohio University, Hopewell Health, United Seniors of Athens County, The City of Athens, Athens County Planner's Office, City of Athens Planner's Office, Athens City-County Health Department and others, were present for these meetings, and provided invaluable input from a stakeholder perspective.

Surveys

The following survey summary includes the information gained from the following surveys that were performed. 157 surveys were completed. Total surveys completed are as follows:

- General Public: 62
- Individuals aged 60+: 8
- Individuals with Disabilities: 13
- Social Services: 6
- Transportation Providers: 10
- Employers: 4

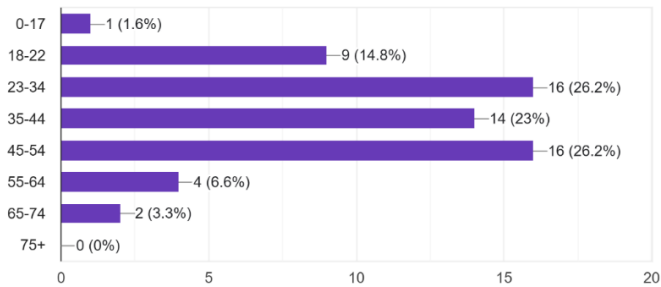
Lower than anticipated responses have been attributed to the numerous surveys that have been conducted over the past calendar year, and survey-fatigue setting in. While some areas of surveying showed improvement from the previous iteration of the Coordinated Transportation Plan, others showed a decrease.

All questions allowed respondents to mark multiple answers or no answer at all in order to capture a more complete response. Because of this some percentages and numbers may not match the total number of respondents. Copies of the surveys can be requested by reaching out to the Athens-Hocking Mobility Coordinator, Ben Ziff, at ben.ziff@hapcap.org.

Athens County Transportation Survey for the General Public

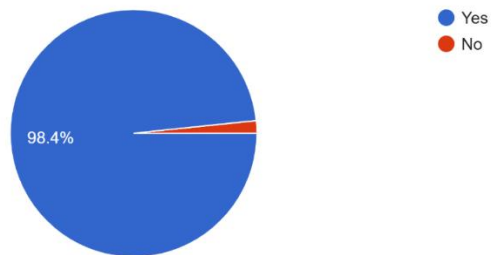
Question 1: Survey Respondents' Ages

How old are you?
61 responses



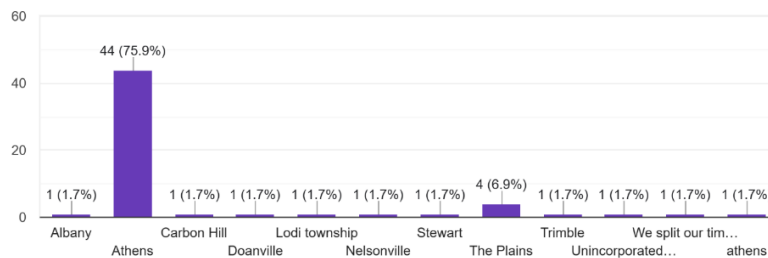
Question 2

Do you live in Athens County?
61 responses



Question 3

What city or village do you live in?
58 responses

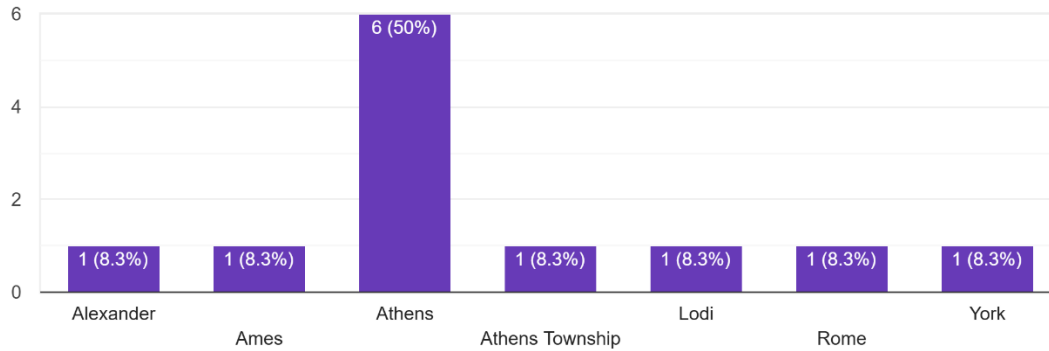


*note: 11th answer reads "We split our time between The Plains and Glouster due to a weird housing situation."

Question 4

If you do not live in a city or village, what township do you live in? Refer to the map for assistance.

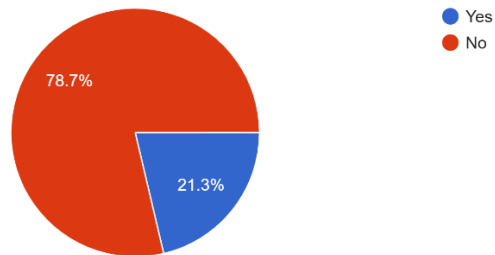
12 responses



Question 5

Are you currently a student?

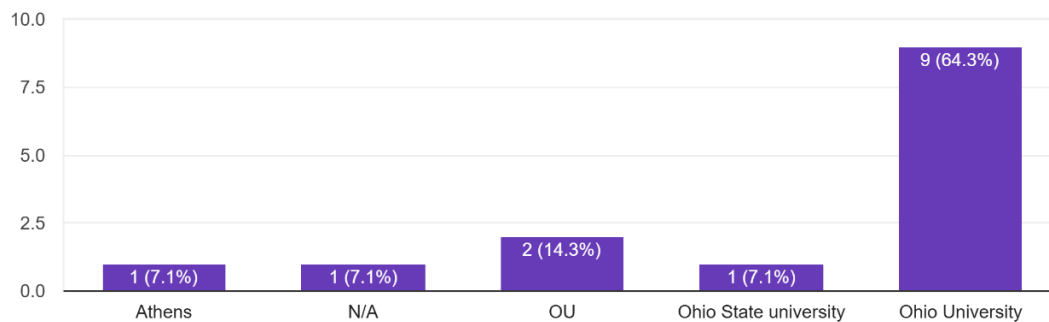
61 responses



Question 6

If you are a student, what school do you attend?

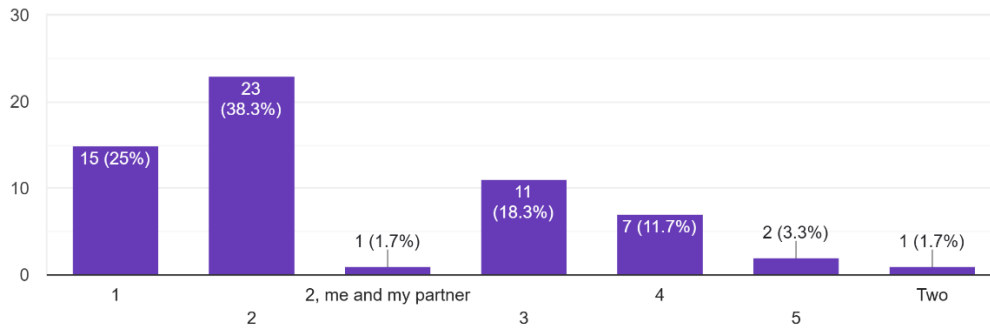
14 responses



Question 7

Including how, how many people live in your household?

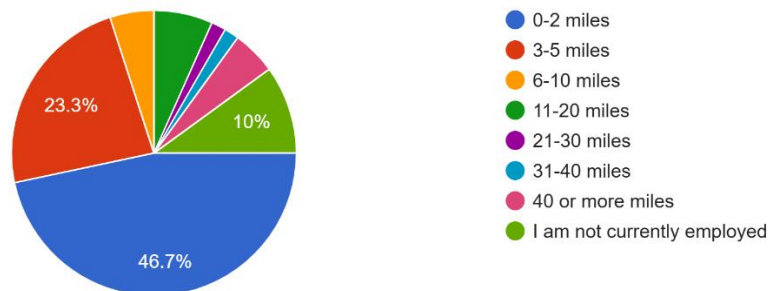
60 responses



Question 8

How many miles away is your place of employment from your home?

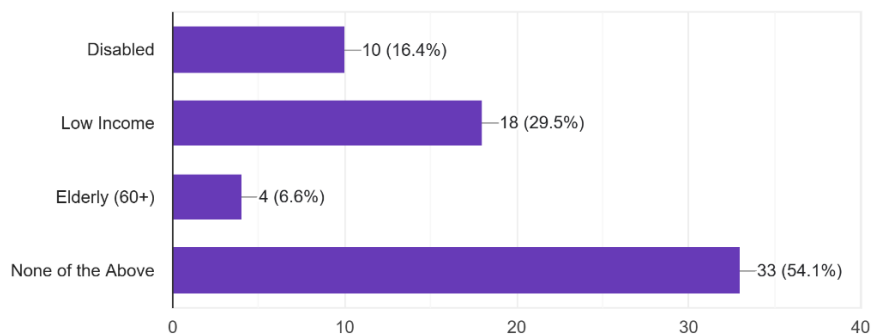
60 responses



Question 9

Which of the following apply to you?

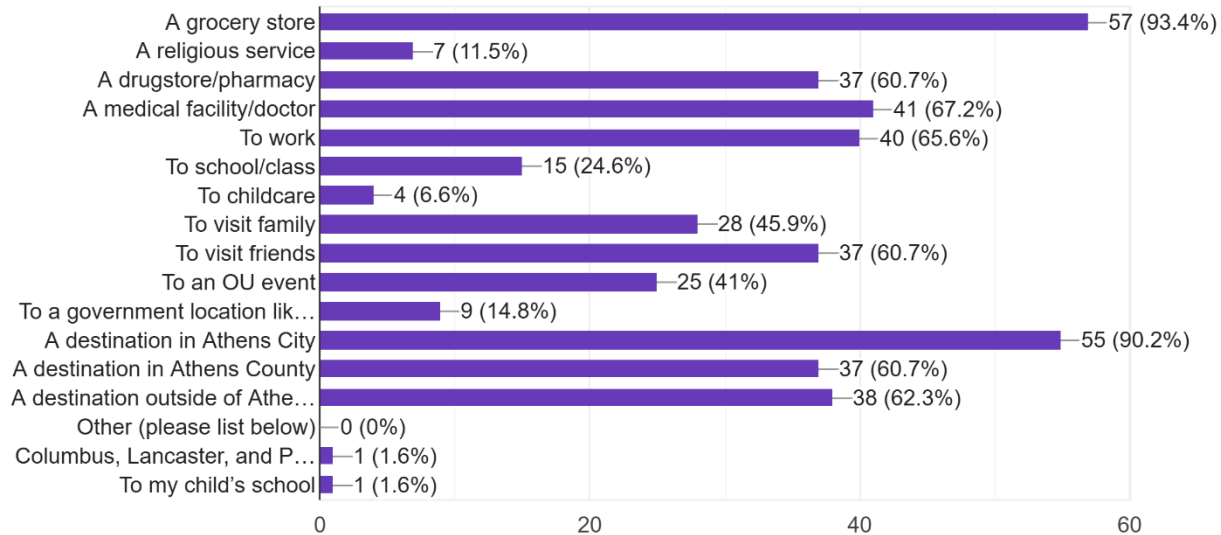
61 responses



Question 10

To which of the following destinations do you need to travel?

61 responses

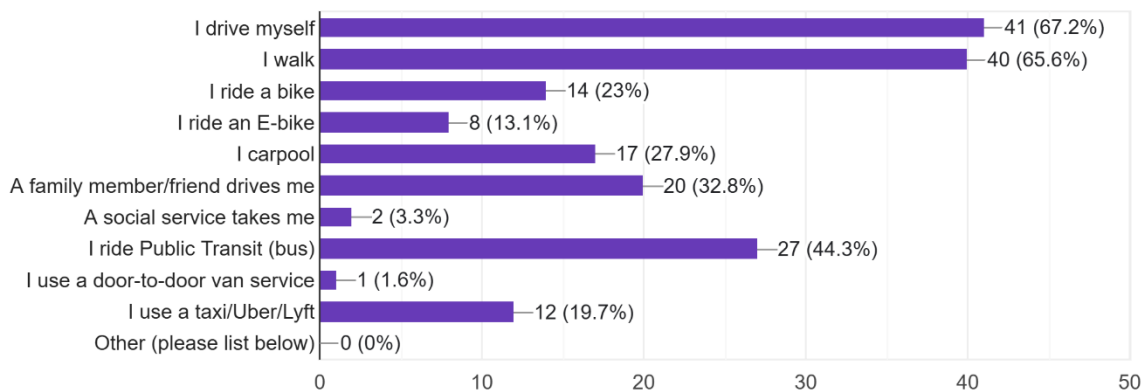


*note: the "other" answers were as follows: "Columbus, Lancaster, and Parkersburg to access services/shopping we don't have in Athens" and "To my child's school."

Question 11

How do you get to your destinations? (check all that apply)

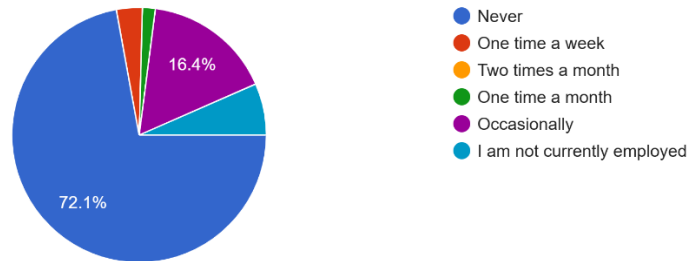
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Question 12

How often do you miss work because you are unable to get there?

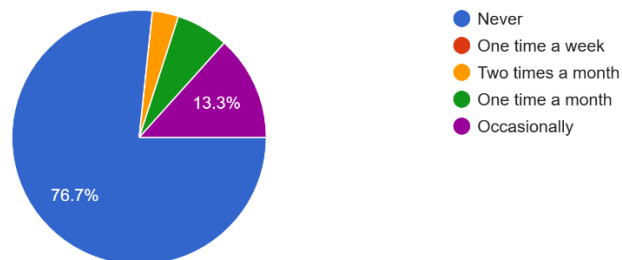
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Question 13

How often do you miss medical or counseling appointments because you are unable to get there?

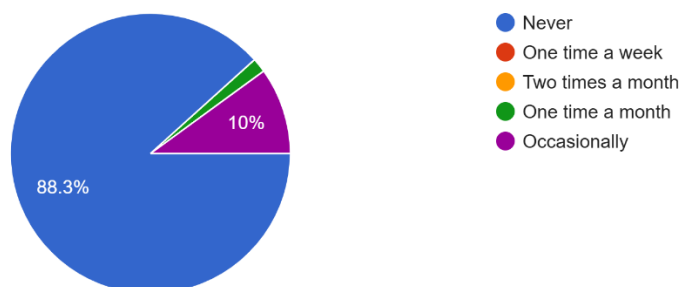
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Question 14

How often do you miss legal or benefit assistance appointments because you are unable to get there?

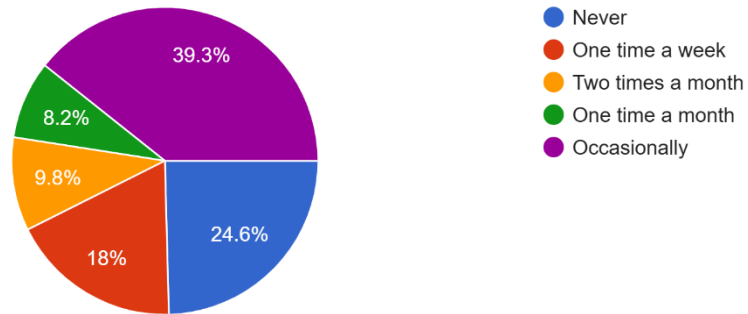
60 responses



Question 15

How often do you need a ride from someone else?

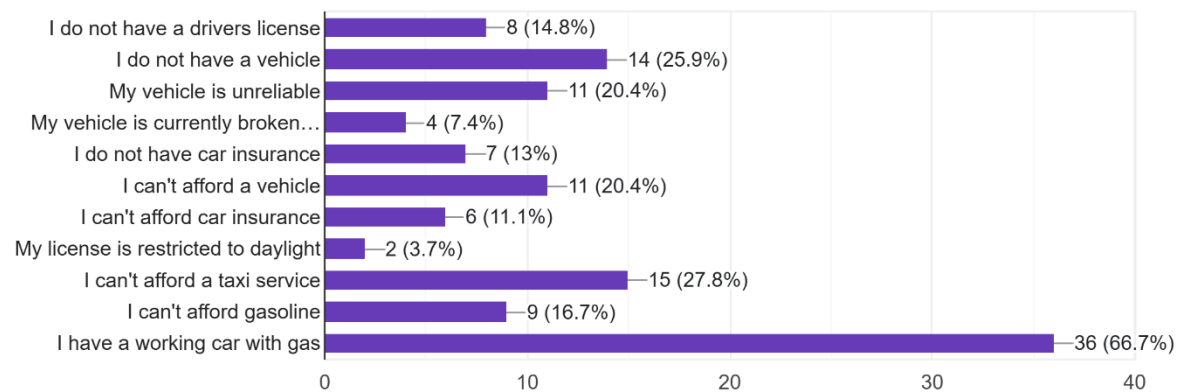
61 responses



Question 16

In the past six months, which of the following statements have been true for you? (check all that apply)

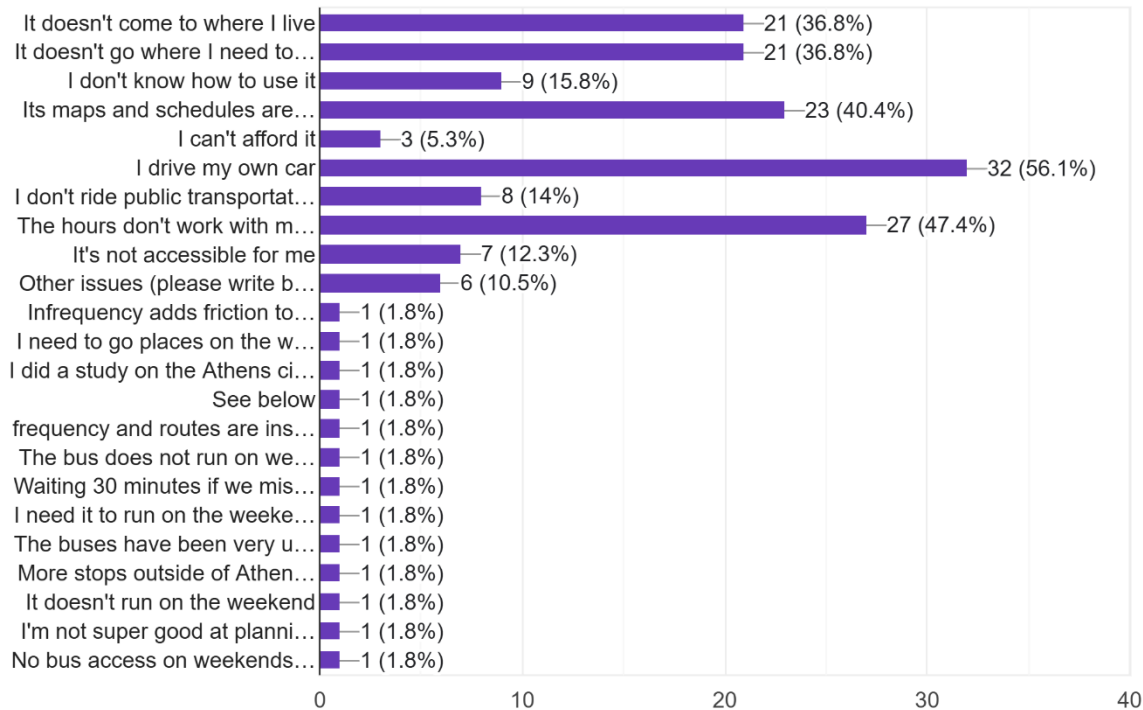
54 responses



Question 17

Regarding Public Transportation (bus/van), which of the following are true for you? (check all that apply)

57 responses

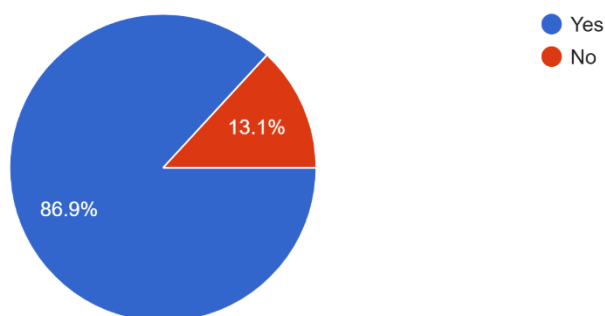


*Note: The “other issues” that were written in, are as follows: “Infrequency adds friction to using the system”, “I need to go places on the weekend, and there’s no option without spending a ton”, “I did a study on the Athens city bus about eight years ago (for an OU class) and found that the bus schedules and routes are very unreliable. The time tables do not align with the bus’s actual time for stopping, and the app sometimes does not have the route I needed active or turned on so I have no way of know when the bus will arrive. Also, sometimes the busses just did different routes or skipped stops with no notice, so I’d be stranded and waiting”, “Frequency and routes are insufficient for my needs”, “The bus does not run on weekends, of which I work”, “Waiting 30 minutes if we miss the bus, with kids, is not workable. When they were in childcare being able to drop them off and get back on the bus wasn’t possible without a 30 minute wait”, “I need it to run on the weekends so I can use it for getting to the store and the farmers market”, “The buses have been very unreliable in the past, I assume due to low staffing. Makes it hard to really rely on it”, “More stops outside of Athens than inside Athens, My taxes hard at work”, “It doesn’t run on the weekend”, “I’m not super good at planning, so I tend to drive myself places whenever I get the impetus. Inside Athens if I’m not driving I tend to walk because the town is small”, “No bus access on weekends and have to rush after work because the last bus run starts when I get off work”.

Question 18

I am aware of transportation services that are available in Athens County.

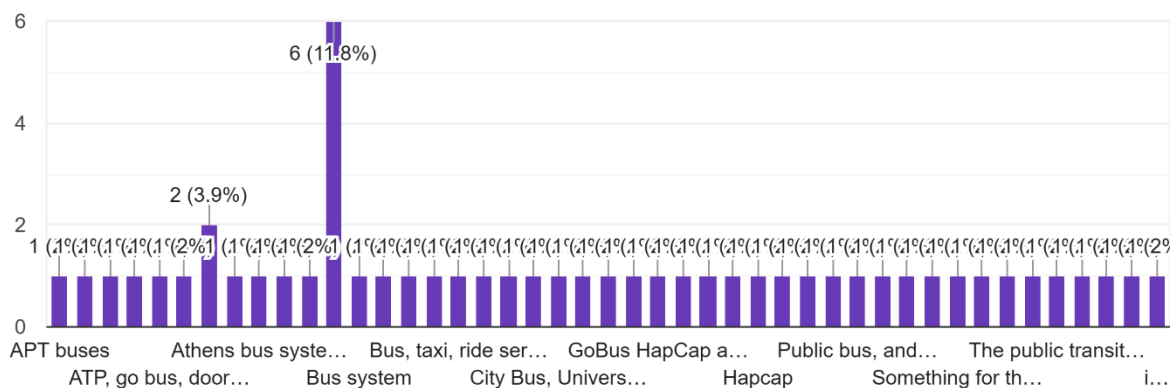
61 responses



Question 19

If you checked yes, what transportation options are you aware of in Athens County? (please write below)

51 responses

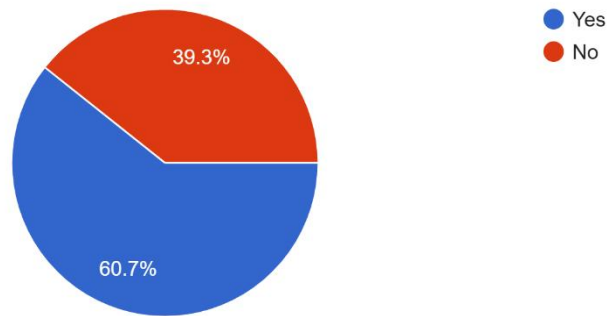


*note: these answers primarily stated that people were aware of APT, AODT, GoBus, RSVP, USAC, Green Cab, Pop's Pickup, JFS, Ohio University, Lyft and Uber. Different apartment complex shuttles were mentioned, including University Courtyard and The Summit, both of which are contracted with APT.

Question 20

I use Public Transportation

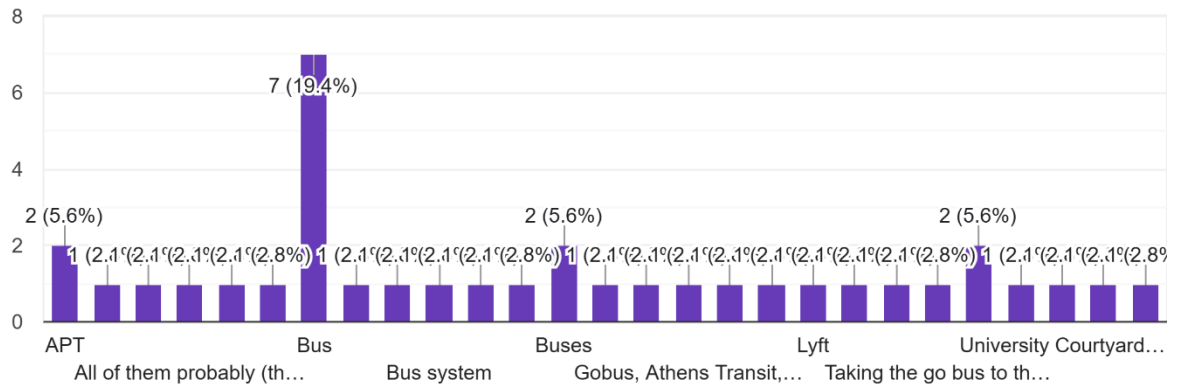
61 responses



Question 21

If you checked yes, what transportation options do you use in Athens County? (please write below)

36 responses

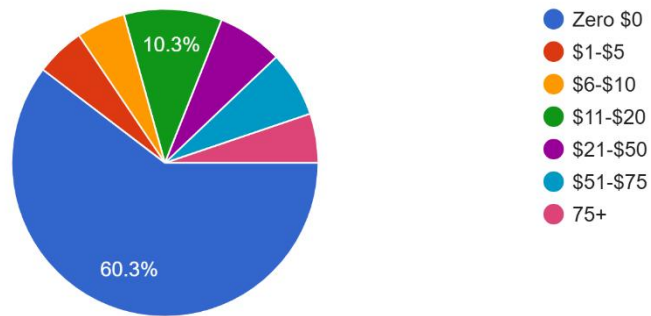


*Note: Answers included APT, AODT, GoBus, Uber, Lyft, and OU CATS.

Question 22

How much do you spend on transportation services in one month?

58 responses



Question 23

What improvements could be made to the current transportation services in Athens County?

*Note: below, all of the responses are listed.

Higher frequency on main city routes (red and orange lines)

Have bus routes that go into neighborhoods like Oakmont or along Longview Heights

Make it easier to get from the west side to the east side, be available on the weekends and evenings

Easier to understand maps

Weekend APT routes! Longer hours of service.

I did a study on the Athens city bus about eight years ago (for an OU class) and found that the bus schedules and routes are VERY unreliable. The time tables do not align with the bus's actual time for stopping, and the app sometimes does not have the route I needed active or turned on so I have no way of knowing when the bus will arrive. Also, sometimes the busses just did different routes or skipped stops with no notice, so I'd be stranded and waiting.

Unknown. Athens is not densely populated to have services where people need them. Maybe allow people to ride the school buses and then pick them up from there.

Go more places. Make prices more visible. Make times and maps more visible.

If it could come through Nelsonville more often and if we could get actual bus stops.

Online hailing/scheduling of stops (shared with others) instead of fixed route and times. Weekend service. Designated locations for stops or clearer instructions on how to "hail."

More pickup locations and longer hours

Sheltered bus stops with clear route maps. Status updates on LED screens in shelter.

Trimble township bus route

Frequency and routes

I would enjoy rapid service throughout Ohio.

More destinations, weekend hours

Expand bus line for people that need it

Primarily, I would like to see bus routes running on weekends (Especially the Line 2/3 route)

Would be nice to come this way a couple times throughout the day,

Please make the schedule easier to read and stop closing lines mid-day. I have been at work several times and get the notification that the bus I take will not be running when I have to leave and I have to panic to find a way home. Also please keep maintaining the app its the only way I track the bus because it is often off schedule.

A better bus app and better communication. More stops as well.

Make it available 7 days per week, more user friendly-accessible to everyone (i.e. Some folks do not have access to phones, computer, internet services)

Buses are too small, schedule doesn't run on weekends/holidays

More frequent headways, retooling APT's routes in Athens, amenities at bus stops (benches, shade) express buses between Baker/Kroger on weekends, late night service. 7 day service.

Weekends in Athens, late at night for going out to events, better service to the airport

Improved street conditions in City of Athens. The ride is rough and noisy in the city the bus is not big enough for everyone to ride, not enough seats, caused me to miss class, we need a bus able to accommodate everyone. Often times people get left behind and have to find alternative ways to get to where they need to be. This can be stressful for people that are late to class or work due to this reason.

The bus at University Courtyard is unreliable. It is too small to accommodate the people who live there that need to get to class. I have been denied access to the bus because it fills up and they do not allow me to stand. We need a bigger bus that can fit everyone. I should not be having to fight through a line to get on the bus because there are not enough seats for all of us. It has caused me to miss and be late to important classes several times because I could not get to campus. It is extremely frustrating and needs to be fixed.

If the bus schedules could be dependable and the bus app worked

The bus line stops at the end of Richland, but I live in the cluster of apartments near Andover. It's not safe for me, or anyone else, to walk the quarter mile down the side of highway 50 to get to the stop.

Better bus stops. Waiting for the bus on E State Street with a child is not pleasant and does not feel safe with the volume of traffic

Weekends

Cover more of Athens Co.

Run busses more often and run them on the west side neighborhood so I could commute to work.

Actually having Transportation Services

Running on the weekend or later in the evening

It's very tricky. Athens city is a fairly dense population of people without transit, which provides an achievable goal. Education, encouragement, and provides a more positive personal experience (not saying the public transit isn't pleasant already, people have stigmas and remember 1 bad experience way more than the 3000 good ones) Athens county minus Athens city is completely different, low population density but still with high transportation needs. Athens on-demand is about as good as a solution, perhaps additional information to improve access would help reduce barriers. I think identifying and coordinating with established community hubs would also help, for the smaller towns this might be gas stations, libraries, "shopping districts" as they were, for the country side it might be churches.

Go to other counties to

We need a Glouster expansion to make HAPCAP services more accessible. Please.

A more updated and robust map and timetable. Drivers who are to as aggressive on the road
Bus could be bigger. Line 3 to Walmart gets full especially if someone with a wheelchair needs a ride.

We desperately need consistency and reliability. I work from home because that is my only option. Let's say I took a job at Walmart. It's only 6 miles away, but nearly an hour by bus. I'd be limited to shifts that align with the limited bus schedule. I couldn't work nights or even evenings. I couldn't work weekends. If the bus route suddenly becomes unavailable, that's my job gone.

There are community events and resources on just about every weekend and every evening in Athens. If you don't live in city limits or don't own a car, these are inaccessible unless you want to walk two hours each way.

My impression is that transport services cater very well to students, yet the rest of us in the county don't matter.

Go onto Google Maps and ask for directions from The Plains to O'Bleness. It'll tell you to take Line 5, which doesn't exist. Or it'll give you the wrong (outdated) route for Line 6. Imagine if you had an appointment to attend and you tried to use this very standard method of trip planning, and you likely wouldn't bother trying again.

Running a transport network isn't just about putting vehicles on the road. It's about understanding real-world journeys and passenger behavior. People want to be able to easily find out where to go without piecing together the information from disparate sources. They want to be able to participate in their community. I will always use the bus when I can because I am a lifelong believer in the importance of public transport, but if you've ever stood on the side of the road in the cold waiting for a bus that never shows up because the route has changed, that commitment is really tested and I understand why most people simply don't bother trying.

I wish the buses specific to Athens Hocking and Perry had more routes you can't even get to Perry county by bus last I checked

More routes to outlying communities beyond Athens, later hours on schedule

A weekend bus schedule, even if it's just one day

Fix route 4, have an actual transit planner work on the bus system again

They could go to more place outside of the city. Bus stops could have places to sit/places that offer shade. I see a lot of elderly people having to stand for a long time waiting for the bus and i see a lot of people having to wait in the sun on really hot days. women with babies who cant sit down while they wait.

Question 24

If you do not use Athens County's transportation services, why not?

*Note: Below, all of the responses are listed.

I'd need to drive to a stop, find a place to leave my car, and it just doesn't make sense.

I have a reliable vehicle, but need to be able to help patrons at my jobs use public transit

I don't use them often because of how unreliable I found them to be in terms of schedules.

I have a car

I don't know how much it is? Do I have to buy tokens or is US currency used? They don't go near my home (that I know of of) I don't know of they run for me to get to/from work on time.

I can drive currently but am worried about possible futures where I can't (whether due to temporary car breakdown, or permanent vision loss from aging). I live a few miles out of town on route 50, there's a "stop" nearby but no sign and I'm not sure where to stand or how to hail. Once I waited and watched hoping to see where it stopped, it never arrived, and when I called later the person on the phone told me it had passed by several minutes ahead of the scheduled time (I was there, and it didn't, and anyway the website said buses won't leave a stop early). If the bus was more reliable I might take it even though I have a car, but since I have no one to call for a ride I'm too worried about the lack of alternatives in case of a mishap.

It doesn't come near my house. I would have to drive into town first to even be able to use it.

Easier to drive

I have an electric car.

Have own vehicle

They have a bus that picks up in different towns but not here where I live to be able to go to work, or home.

I live in town so I can walk or bike. I also have one working car for my household. However, sometimes only having one vehicle to share can get tricky. If I understood city transportation services better or their routes made more sense, maybe I would lean into using these services more when I don't have a car available.

Embarrassed

Not available on weekend and evenings/after work

have my own vehicle

I work remotely from home for an out-of-state company (there was not an option for that above). This means I do not need to use transportation services regularly. I have an allergy-based illness that causes me to have anaphylactic reactions to heavy scents and extreme temperatures. Because of my experiences with this condition in past cities I've lived, I know that this generally makes public transportation pretty inaccessible to me unfortunately. (As does motion sickness) Additionally, I am autistic, and the anxiety of riding public transportation without knowing everything I may encounter or need to do beforehand makes it very daunting to even consider taking this type of transportation. If Athens put out a video about how to ride the bus, that would be really helpful not just for me but also for new students (esp international), etc. I also don't know what the process would be like to use disability-related services, since I have a dynamic disability that sometimes is invisible, and sometimes requires a neck brace, cane, wheelchair, etc.

Sometimes I cannot use it because there is no space on the small buses during busy times of the day.

I can't safely get to a bus stop.

I have my own reliable transportation and drive myself

I drive myself. My schedule and destinations make public transportation either difficult or impossible. I don't want to wait for transportation to arrive.

Even when the west side bus ran it would take me an hour to get to work on east state. I can drive there in 8 minutes

Canceled two of the busses that actually serviced Athens, now it's just 3 busses that all go out of town

Always had a car since I moved to the area. Maybe I should give the buses a try.

Outside of travelling to work I don't drive very often, maybe 1-2 times a week to get groceries or see a friend. If I drive more often than that it usually doesn't have a destination.

Doesn't come to carbon hill

I have to drive ten minutes to get to a covered spot, so by then it's better to just drive five more minutes and get where I'm going. I do use Gobus to get to the airport if it matches my schedule though.

Tight schedule means i do not have time flexibility required when taking the athens bus. I also combine multiple stops on many trips.

IT DOESN'T COME TO MY HOUSE

Walking is just as fast to get where I need to go

Routes are worse than 5 years ago, not frequent enough, no transfers (not an issue this year), poor technology integration, unreliable service (they've just driven past my kids at the bus stop multiple times).

Generally everywhere i need to go i can walk or drive myself.

Question 25

If you would like to contact about transportation options available in Athens County, or would like to know the results of this survey, please provide a phone number or email address below.

*Note 14 individuals responded with either a phone number or email address. All have been contacted with the results of the survey, as well as information about transportation resources in Athens County

Key Insights

The comments left by participants to the question: 'What Improvements should be made to the current transportation services in Athens County?' The most frequent responses were:

- Expansion of service area to a County-wide service, especially to Glouster/Trimble Township.
- Extension of public transportation hours for commuters (earlier / later and weekend services)
- More reliable service from Athens Public Transit
- More capacity of current services
- Outreach and education about current transportation services available

Final Insights and Analysis of Data: General Population Survey

Athens County is ranked as the poorest County in the state. Low-income individuals lacking transportation options have no access to jobs, social services, medical facilities, and educational institutions. 10% of respondents are currently not employed, in part due to little or no access to affordable transportation options connecting rural areas to the major trip generators in the city of Athens and the city of Nelsonville.

Financial hardships also serve as a barrier for community members to access a variety of transportation options available to them due to their inability to pay for services.

Community members who wish to use services to commute to work or school are unable to because they:

- Live or work outside of the service area.
- Cannot afford to pay for services every day, although APT and AODT are currently fare-free.
- The services do not run early enough, late enough, or on the weekends.

Many community members are unaware of:

- The services available in their area.
- How to utilize these services.

Respondents who can utilize services do not because:

- The timeframes are inconvenient.
- The services do not run early enough, late enough, or on the weekends.
- The services are running at full capacity and cannot accommodate them.

Strategies and Goals

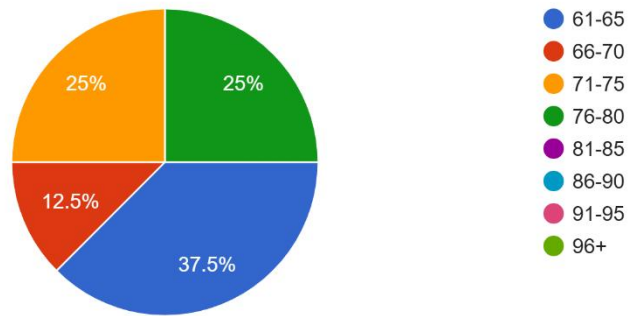
- Extension of services hours to run earlier and later.
- Expansion of service days to include Saturday and Sunday.
- Additional capacity for door-to-door accessible van services.
- Expansion of fixed-route systems to the Northeast portion of the county.
- Outreach of services.
- More frequency of service with fixed-route systems.
- Travel training to individuals, organizations, and businesses.
- Expansion of non-vehicular infrastructure

Athens County Transportation Survey for Individuals Age 60+

Question 1

How old are you?

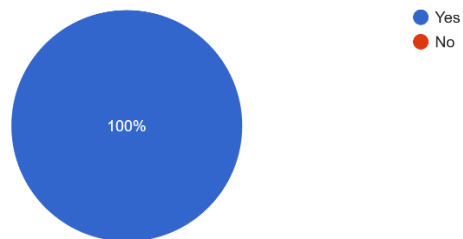
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Question 2

Do you live in Athens County?

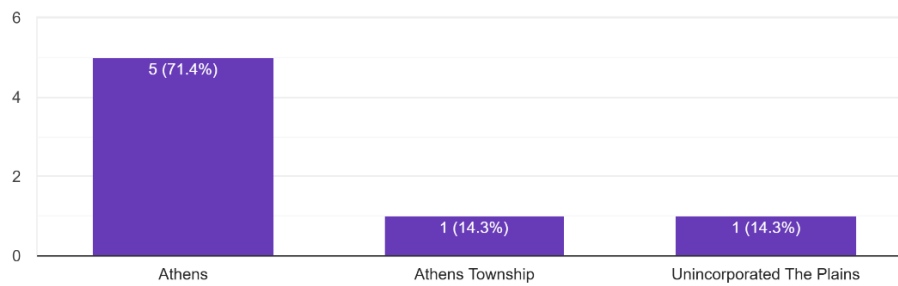
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Question 3

What city or village do you live in?

7 responses



Question 4

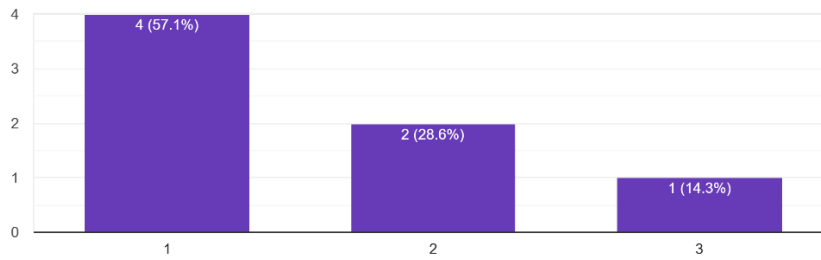
If you do not live in a city or village, what township do you live in? Refer to the map for assistance.

Answers included Athens or Canaan, Athens, and Athens Township

Question 5

Including you, how many people live in your household?

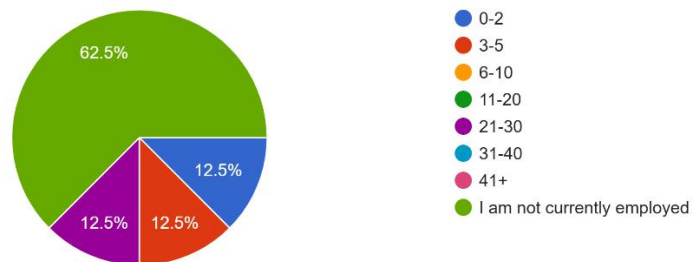
7 responses



Question 6

How many miles away is your place of employment from your home?

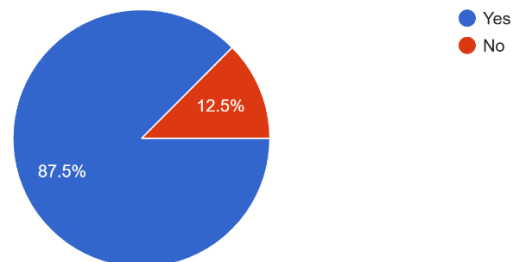
8 responses



Question 7

Are you currently able to drive?

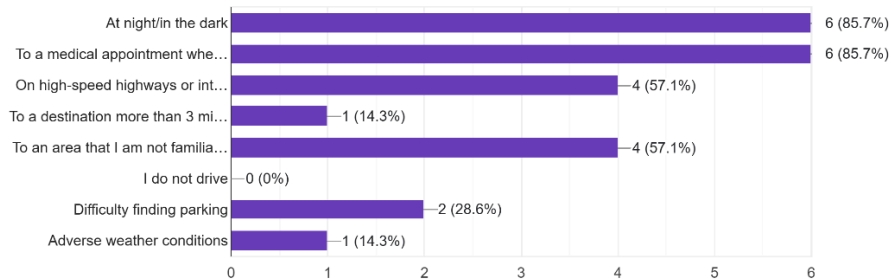
8 responses



Question 8

Are there any circumstances under which you would prefer not to drive? (check all that apply)

7 responses



*Note: Answers written in are listed below:

At night/in the dark

To a medical appointment when I am not feeling well

On high-speed highways or interstates

To a destination more than 3 miles away

To an area that I am not familiar with

I do not drive

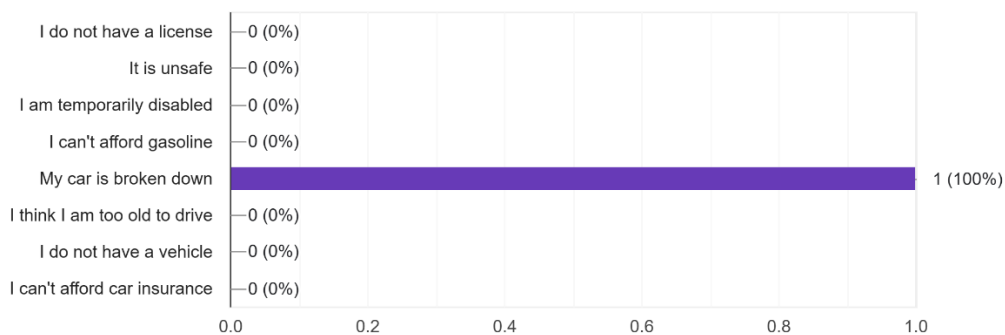
Difficulty finding parking

Adverse weather conditions

Question 9

If you are not currently able to drive, why not? (check all that apply)

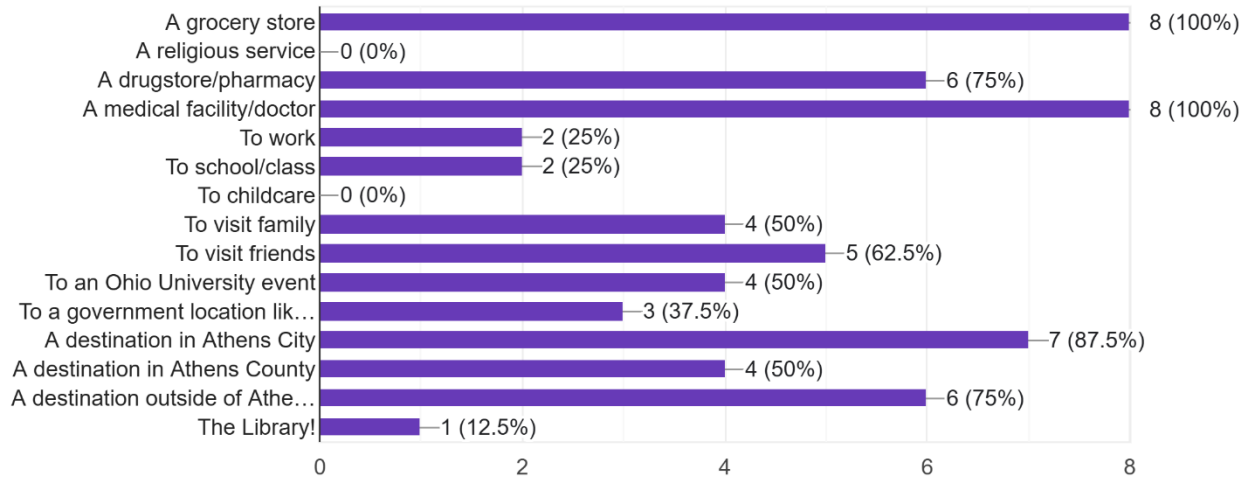
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Question 10

If you drive, to which of the following local destinations do you drive? (check all that apply)

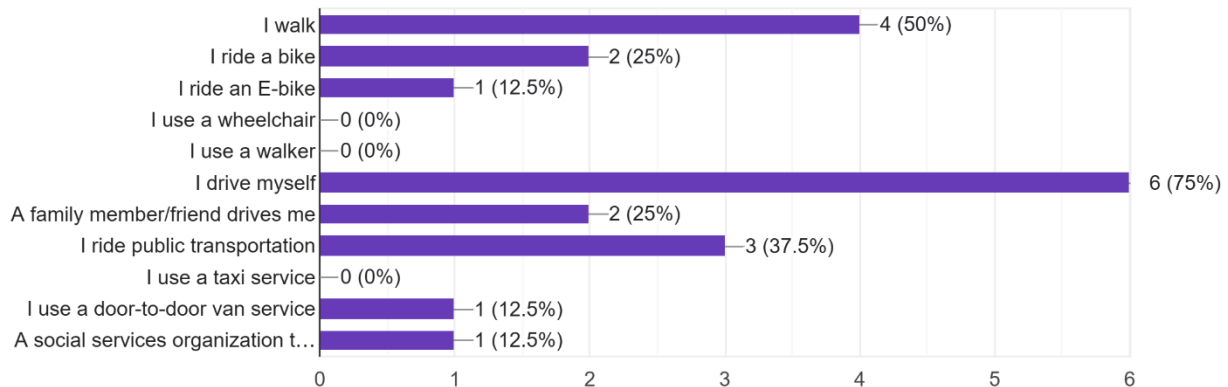
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Question 11

How do you get to your destinations? (check all that apply)

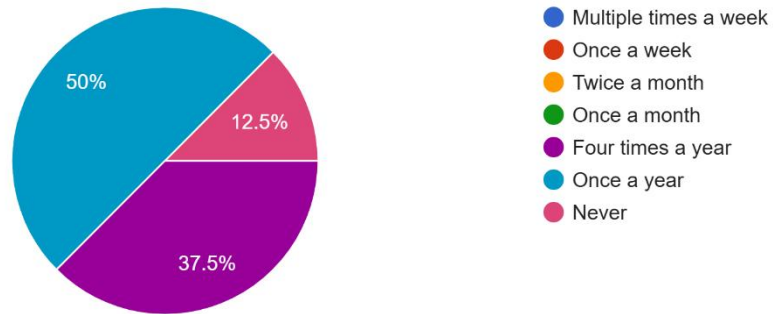
8 responses



Question 12

How often do you have medical appointments that are located outside of Athens County?

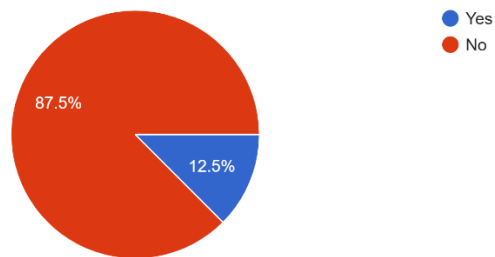
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Question 13

Have you ever missed a medical appointment due to a lack of transportation?

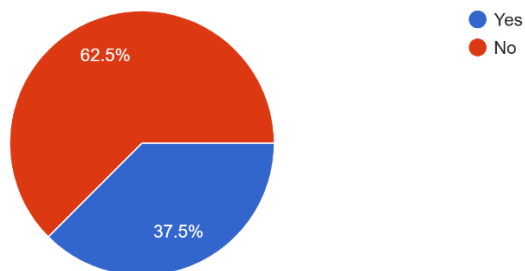
8 responses



Question 14

Have you ever missed a social event due to a lack of transportation?

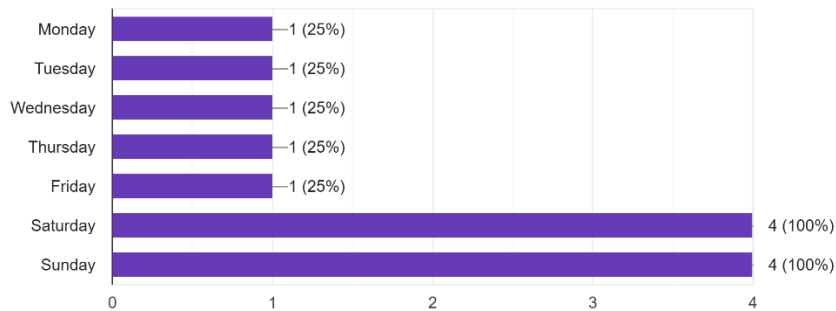
8 responses



Question 15

What days of the week are difficult for you to find transportation services? (check all that apply)

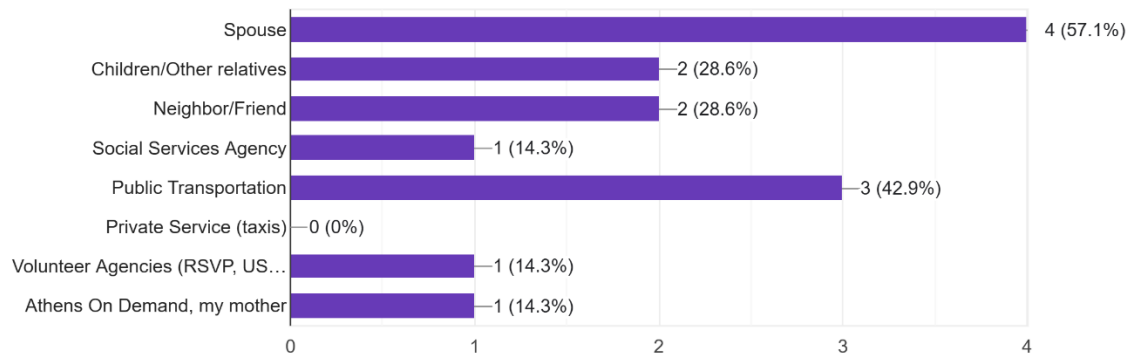
4 responses



Question 16

If you depend on others for any of your trips, who do you depend on? (check all that apply)

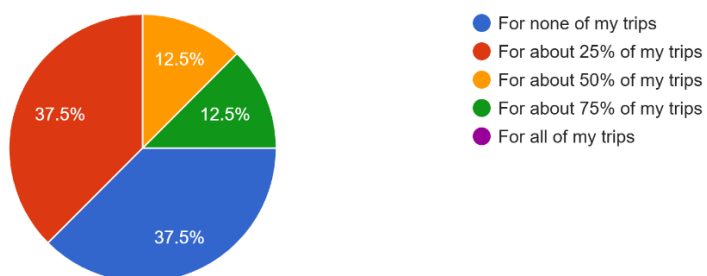
7 responses



Question 17

Over the past 3 months, how much did you rely on family, friends, or neighbors for transportation?

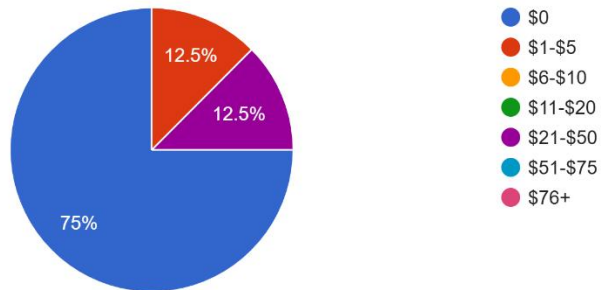
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Question 18

How much do you spend on transportation services in one month?

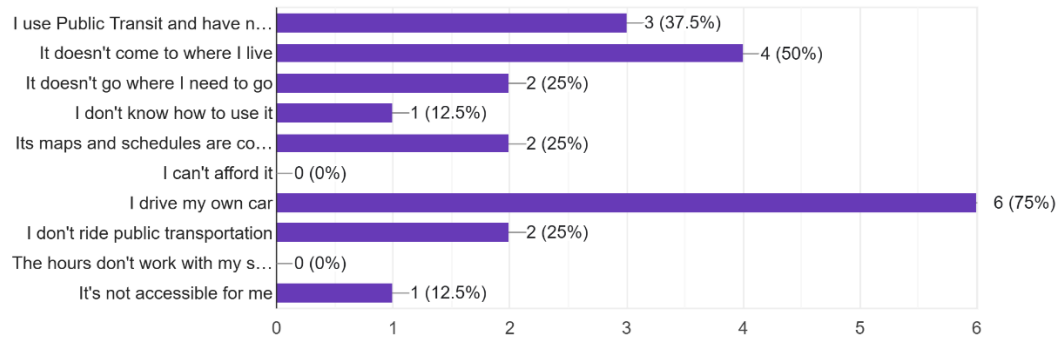
8 responses



Question 19

Regarding Public Transportation (bus/van), which of the following are true for you? (check all that apply)

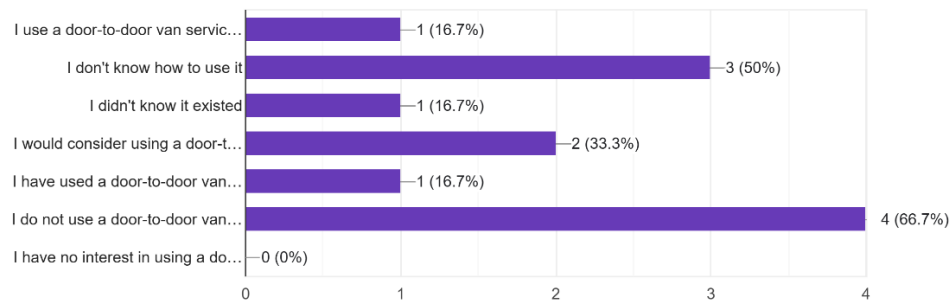
8 responses



Question 20

Regarding door-to-door van services, which of the following are true for you? (check all that apply)

6 responses



Question 21

What improvements could be made to the current transportation services in Athens County?

*Note: All answers are listed below.

Free (ACTS) service is wonderful. I live in a very handy area for using ACTS. I think the big sign at Baker Center is out of date--No bus route 4 anymore? Could use more bus shelters but I know there is a problem with private property. Have to eliminate the "stigma" of public transportation. My friends from OU are astounded that I use the city buses! Advertise the free city buses to get kids to the City Pool.

A line between Glouster and Athens City is needed.

Weekend bus service

Expand the limited window available for scheduling a ride. Hours to call in and schedule seems truncated in comparison with all other agencies and operations. It seems that if we could call in to schedule at least out until 5PM it would prevent the added delay of an extra day before being able to request rides for appointments. The days available scheduling and for rides really needs to be every day for Sunday through Saturday.

Question 22

If you do not use Athens County's transportation services, why not?

*Note: All answers are listed below.

It does not go to Hlouster which is where I work.

We live in the woods

N/a

have my own vehicle

n/a

Question 23

If you would like to be contacted about transportation options available in Athens County, or would like to know the results of this survey, please provide a phone number or email address below.

*Note: 4 people responded wanting to see the results of the survey, and it has been forwarded to them.

Table 18: Key insights 1

Comments left by respondents to the question, ‘What improvements could be made to the transportation options available to individuals ages 60 or more in Athens County?’ The most frequent suggestions were:

- Expansion of services
- More information available to seniors about transportation options
- Extension of weekend hours, especially on Sunday
- Less expensive transportation options

Final Insights and Analysis of Data: Individuals Age 60+

Individuals ages 60 and over are unaware of current transportation options available and how to utilize them. Because most seniors rely on caretakers and family and friends for transportation those individuals may also be unaware of current services and senior discounts related to transportation.

A majority of seniors live alone and on a fixed income. They cannot afford transportation services available to them even if they are aware of the services in their area. This limits their trips to the availability of friends or family to take them to their destinations as well as constitutes when appointments can be made. Improvement of sidewalks and roadways were noted by senior respondents.

Senior respondents living outside of service areas are unable to utilize transportation services and would like to see an expansion of services. Those who do live in the service areas cannot utilize these services on the weekend because there are few affordable options operating on Saturday and Sunday.

Affordable door-to-door services are currently running at full capacity and seniors who have attempted to utilize these services have been denied and left with less options. They would like to see more capacity with these services to meet the needs of seniors in Athens County.

Strategies and Goals

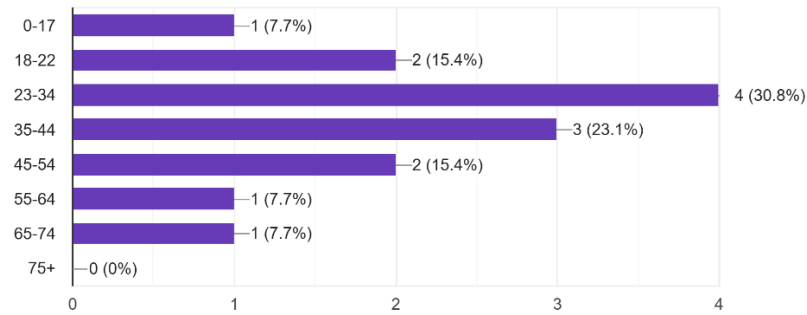
- Extension of services hours to run earlier and later.
- Expansion of service days to include Saturday and Sunday.
- Additional capacity for door-to-door accessible van services.
- Expansion of service areas to a county-wide area, especially fixed-route systems.
- Outreach of services to individuals and caretakers.
- Travel training to individuals, senior organizations, and caretakers.
- Improvement of sidewalks and roadways

Athens County Transportation Survey for Individuals with Disabilities

Question 1

How old are you?

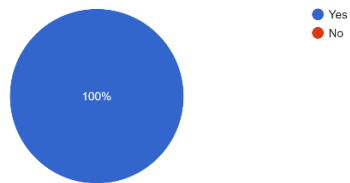
13 responses



Question 2

Do you live in Athens County?

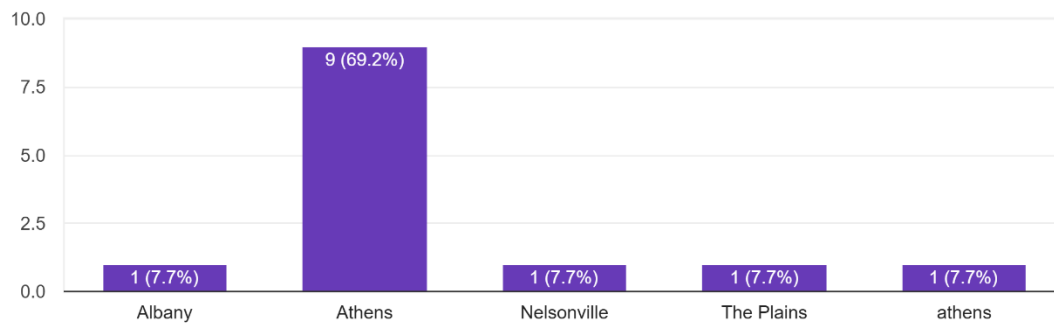
13 responses



Question 3

What city or village do you live in?

13 responses



Question 4

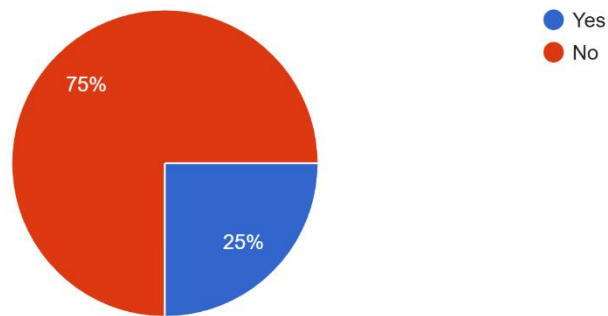
If you do not live in a city of village, what township do you live in? Refer to the map for assistance.

*note: Answers were Athens and York Townships

Question 5

Are you currently a student?

12 responses



Question 6

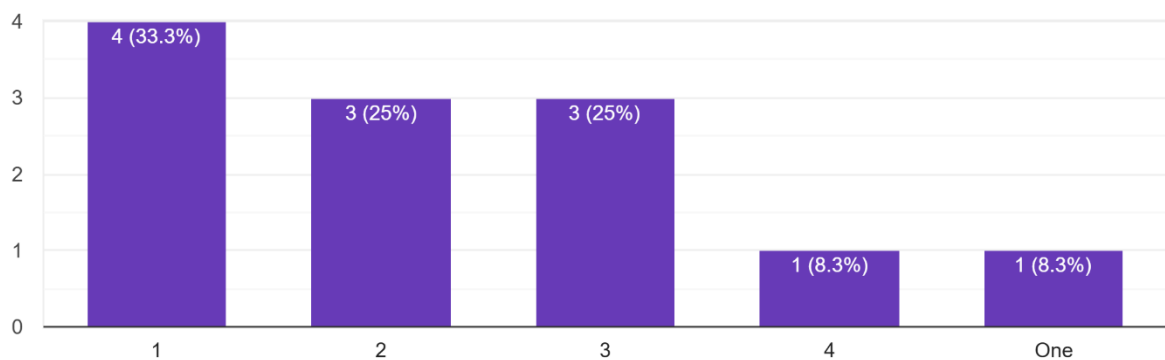
If you are a student, what school do you attend?

*note: Answers included Ohio University and Alexander

Question 7

Including you, how many people live in your household?

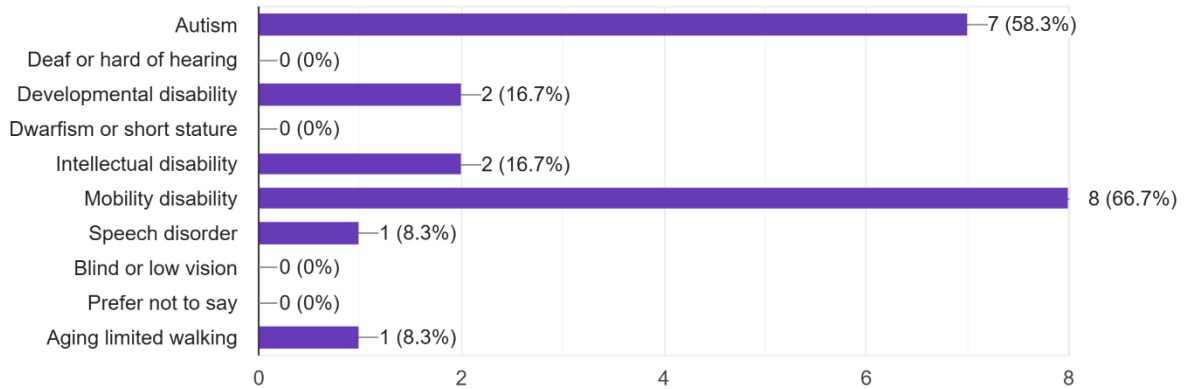
12 responses



Question 8

Please check each type of disability that applies to you.

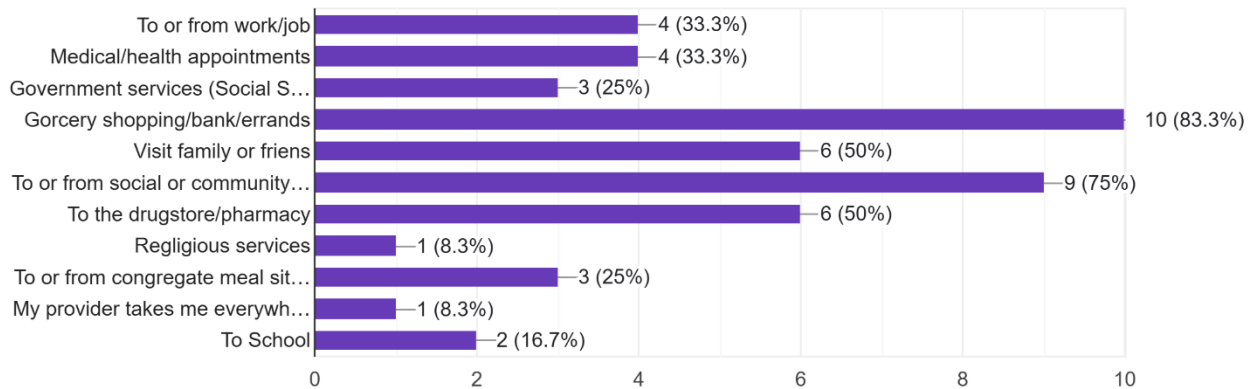
12 responses



Question 9

What do you use transportation services for? (check all that apply)

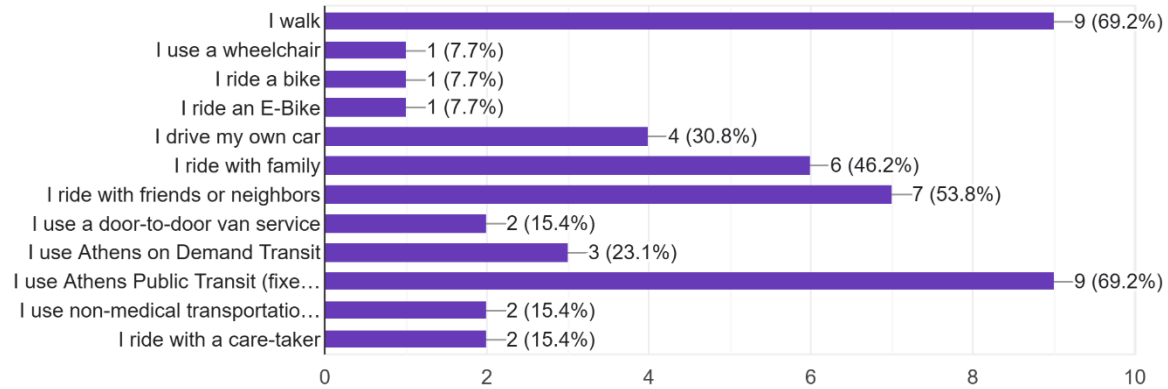
12 responses



Question 10

What kind of transportation do you use now to get where you want and need to go? (check all that you use)

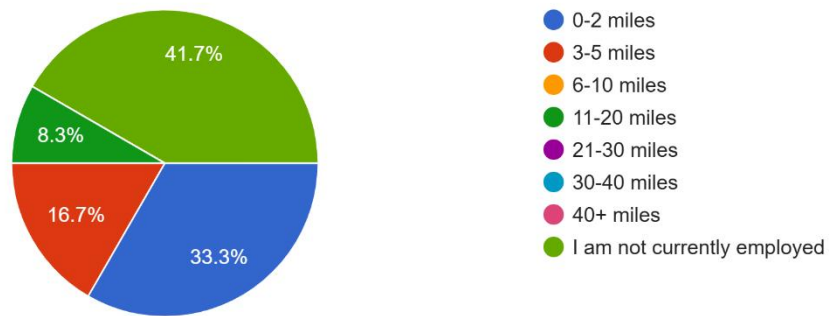
13 responses



Question 11

How many miles away is your place of employment from your home?

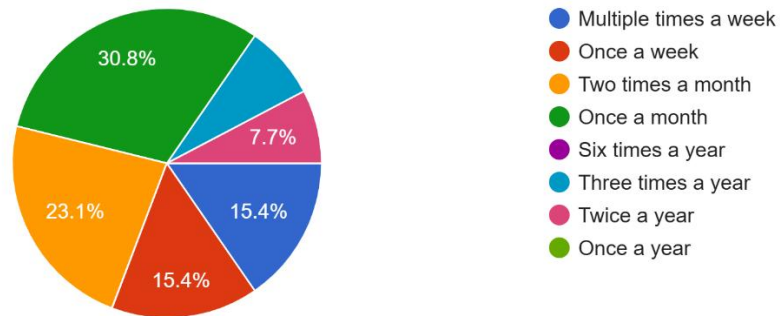
12 responses



Question 12

How often do you have medical appointments?

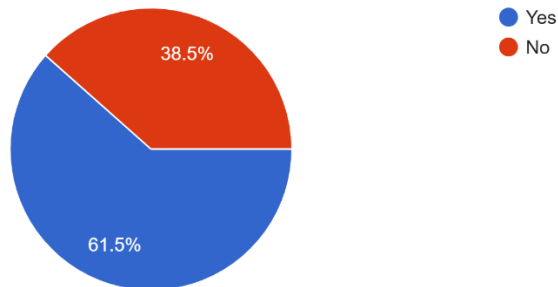
13 responses



Question 13

Do you often have medical appointments outside of Athens County?

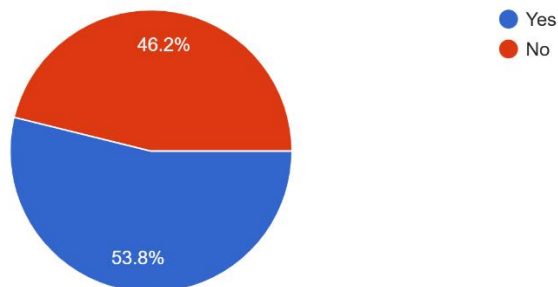
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Question 14

Have you ever missed an appointment due to a lack of transportation?

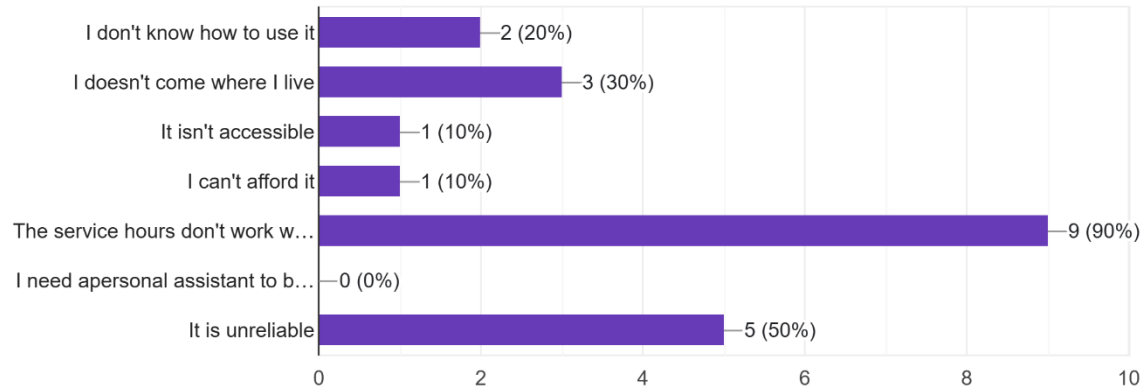
13 responses



Question 15

What problems do you have getting the transportation you want or need? (check all that apply)

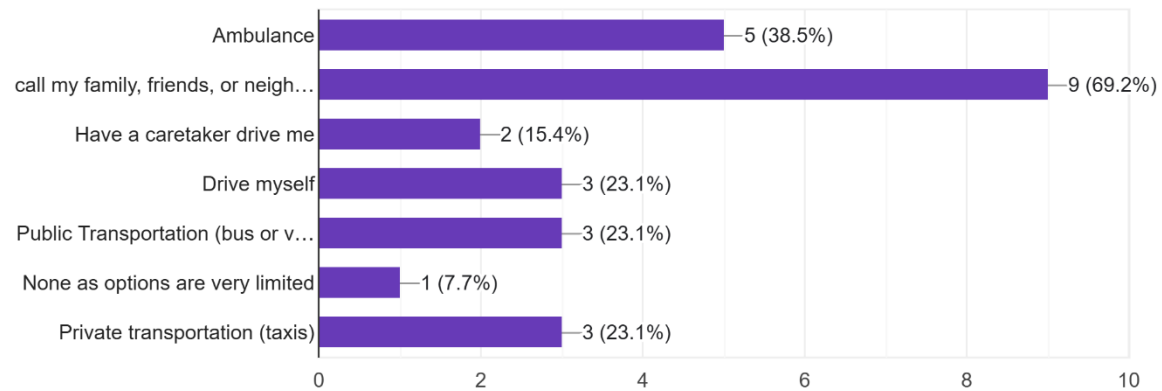
10 responses



Question 16

If you have a temporary emergency situation, what type of transportation do you use? (check all that apply)

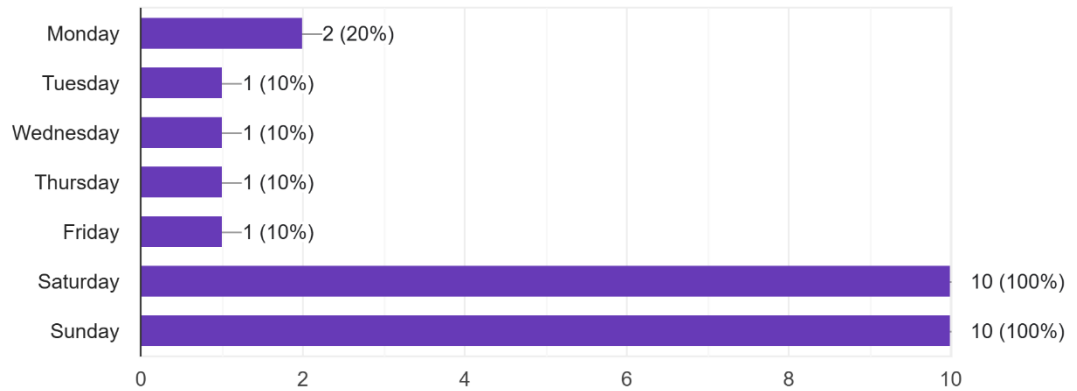
13 responses



Question 17

What days of the week are the most difficult for you to use transportation services? (check all that apply)

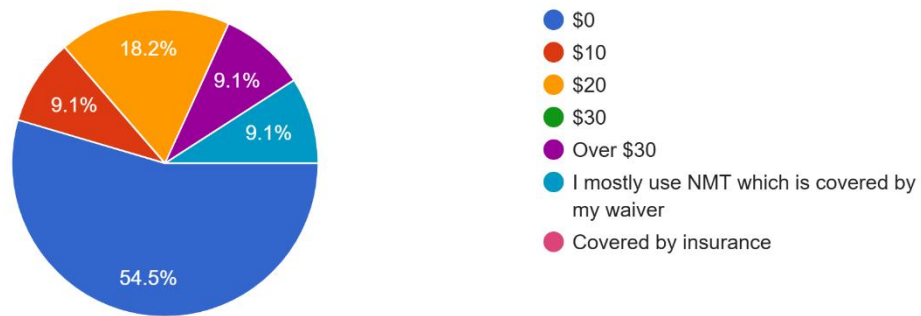
10 responses



Question 18

How much do you spend on transportation services per month?

11 responses



Question 19

How can transportation for individuals with disabilities be improved in Athens County?

*note: Answers listed below

Weekend routes.

- Put out videos and social posts that describe what to do to use public transportation (e.g., is this available to anyone with a disability or do you have to have medicare/medicaid? what's the cost if you don't have those services? how do you start using these? how & where do you board the bus? what if you're using a wheelchair? what are disabled folks' rights & responsibilities? who can we reach out to in case of emergency, discrimination, etc., and what hours are those folks available?)
- Consider accessibility needs that may not come up as often (e.g., fragrance & chemical sensitivities - can riders be asked to be low/no fragrance? are drivers trained what to do if someone has a seizure or other medical event?)
- Are there apps or other ways to know when the bus or other transportation is running late? (this can be a killer for trying to use public and/or disability transportation for medical appts based on how it operates in other cities - sometimes drivers are 45 minutes late with no warning and someone's appt time has already passed by)

By actually existing

Decrease time from scheduling to traveling. It can be really frustrating to want to go out, but have to plan way ahead to get a ride.

Allow individuals with disabilities priority over general public. Sometimes the bus is full

If staffing ever increases, running on weekends would be a tremendous help. Finding work as a disabled individual is already extremely difficult. Without transportation on weekends it becomes nearly impossible. Also, I have said this since I began using Athens Public Transit, some sort of seating option at EVERY bus stop that is in use should be available. I know for myself I have a physical disability but I don't always use a mobility device, and a lot of the time standing for prolonged amounts of time at the bus stops is not only inconvenient but also quite painful and even a safety risk at times.

When I called HAPCAP for transportation to medical appts in Columbus, nothing was available even though I called months in advance. I haven't called since.

There needs to be some sort of seating at bus stops. Individuals with mobility issues, including myself, have a difficult time waiting on busses. I frequently get flare-ups in my lower spine, making me require the use of a mobility aid, and waiting without seating exasperates my symptoms. And I know I'm not the only one.

More on Demand teach my SSA how to help me use the buses

Make available on Saturdays at least.

Question 20

If you would like to be contacted about transportation options available in Athens county, or would like to see the results of this survey, please provide a phone number or email address below.

*note: 6 individuals left phone numbers and/or email addresses, and have been contacted.

Final Insights and Analysis of Data: Individuals with Disabilities

Individuals with disabilities often have no access to affordable transportation services because:

- The service hours do not run early or late enough.
- The service hours do not run on the weekends.
- The services are running at full capacity and cannot accommodate them.
- They live outside of the service area.

Many individuals with disabilities live on a fixed-income and cannot affordable current transportation options available to them. Even with Athens Public Transit and Athens on Demand Transit being fare free at the time of this surveying (lasting until April 2027) lots of people choose not to use APT because of the lack of seating at the vast majority of bus stops. With there being only 7 bus shelters on the entirety of the APT routes, nearly every other stop is without seating, which is proving to be a serious barrier for many individuals with disabilities from utilizing the service.

Respondents require transportation to medical appointments often, at times outside of the County. There currently are few options located inside Athens County they can affordably transfer individuals outside of the County, even for medical reasons. Due to this, many respondents have recorded that they have missed medical appointments as a result of a lack of transportation.

The above-mentioned barriers also are preventing many people in the disabilities community from maintaining steady employment. With few options pre-8am and post-8pm available, many people are unable to acquire a position of employment.

Strategies and Goals

- Extension of services hours to run earlier and later.
- Expansion of service days to include Saturday and Sunday.
- Additional capacity for door-to-door accessible van services.
- Expansion of service areas to a county-wide area, especially fixed-route systems.
- Outreach of services to individuals and PSAs
- Creation of affordable transportation services that travel outside of the County, especially for medical services.
- Installation of benches or other seating options at fixed route bus stops.

Athens County Transportation Survey for Social Services and Non-Profits

Question 1

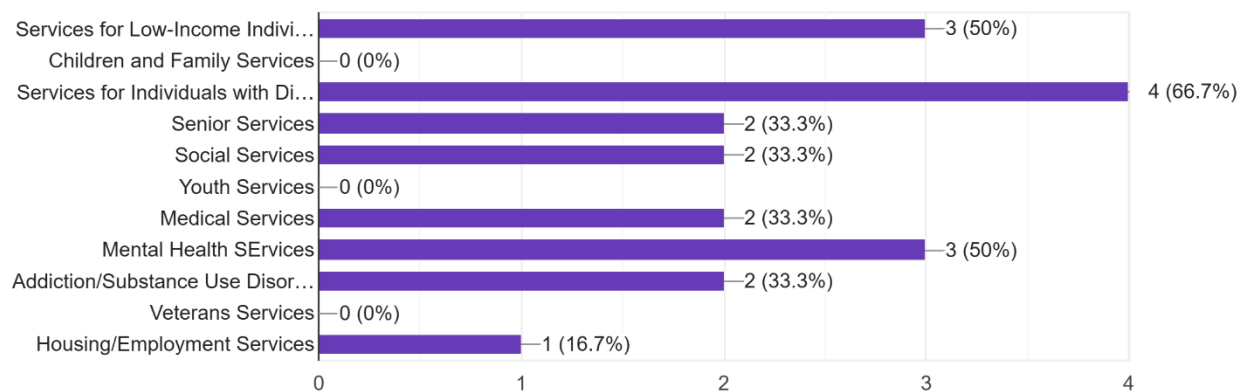
Name of Organization

*Note: Answers included The Athens Village, United Seniors of Athens County, AMHINC/The Gathering Place, and Hocking Valley Community Hospital

Question 2

What services does your organization offer? (check all that apply)

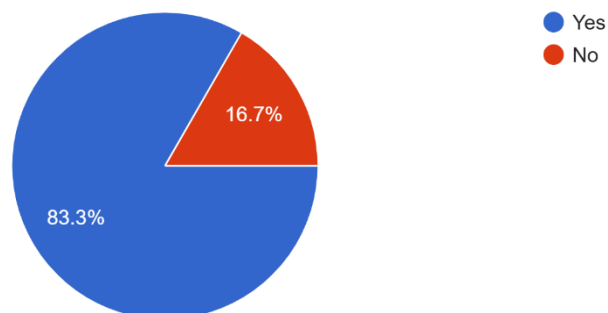
6 responses



Question 3

Is your organization located in Athens County?

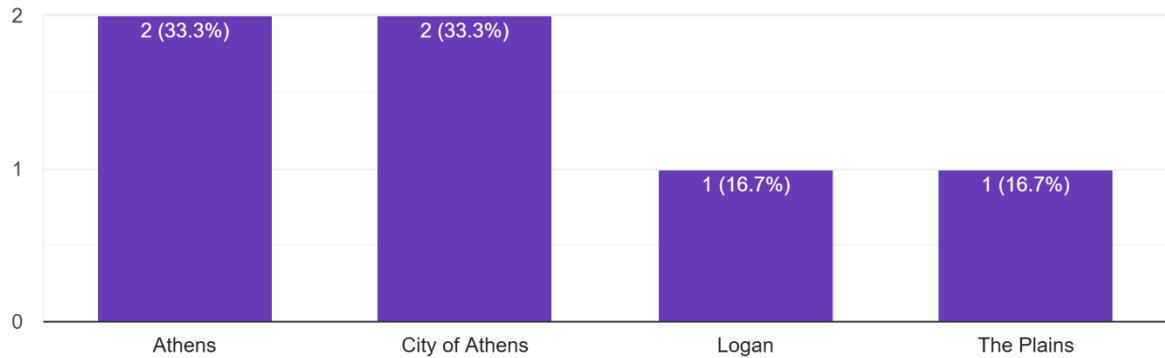
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Question 4

What city or village is your organization located in? (list all that apply if you operate in multiple locations)

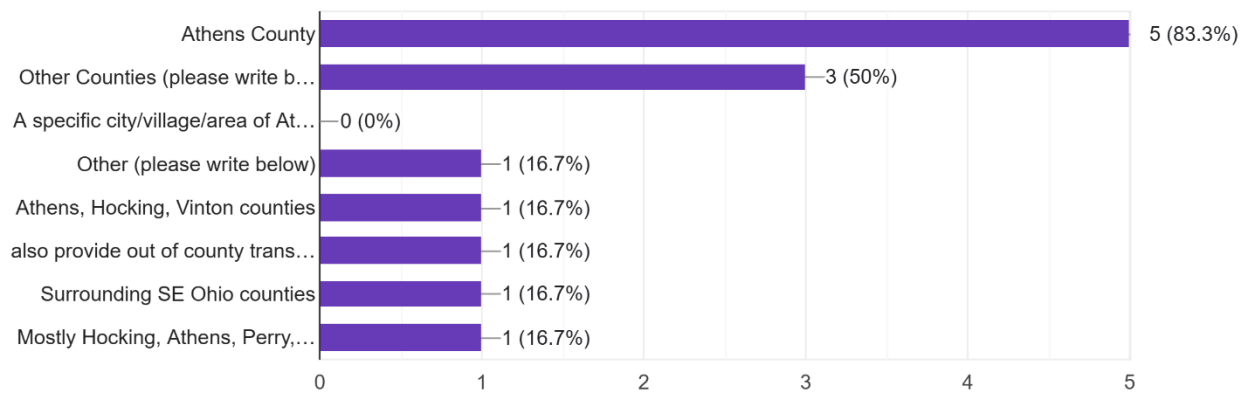
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Question 5

What area does your organization serve? (check all that apply)

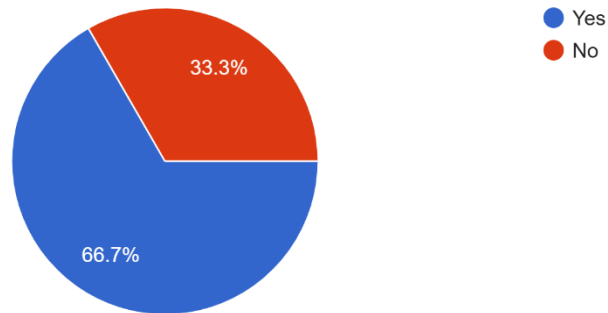
6 responses



Question 6

Do you consider transportation a barrier for community members to get to your organization/events/appointments?

6 responses



Question 7

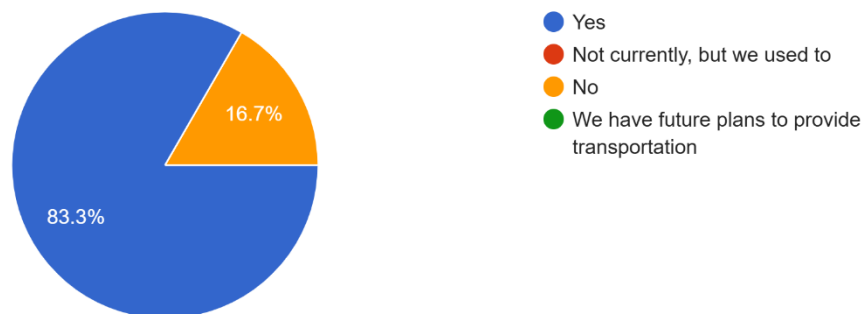
How important is it for clients to have transportation to utilize your services?

Vital
Very
somewhat
very
Very important
Extremely important

Question 8

Does your organization provide transportation for clients?

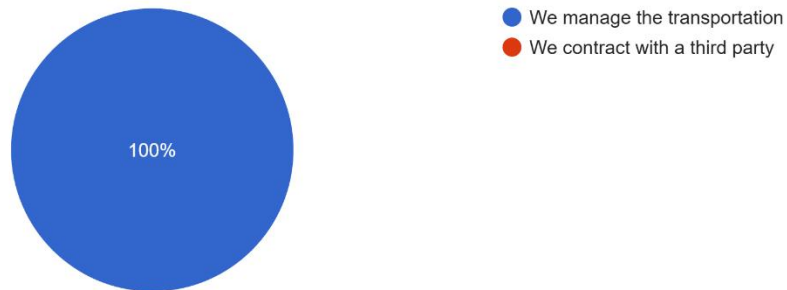
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Question 9

If you answered yes, is the transportation offered through your organization or through a third party?

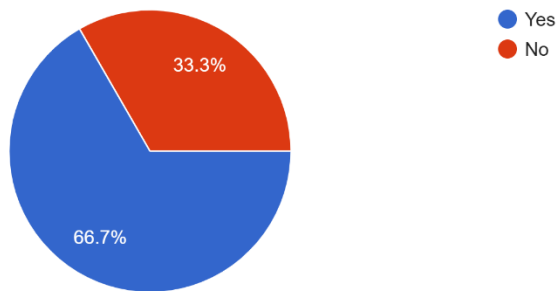
4 responses



Question 10

Have clients ever missed appointments due to a lack of transportation?

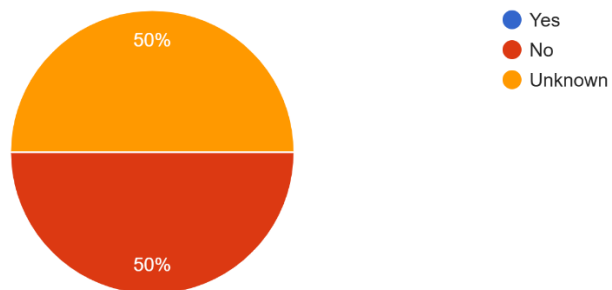
6 responses



Question 11

Have members of the staff missed scheduled work time to provide transportation to a friend or family member?

6 responses



Question 12

If you answered yes to either question above, how often does this occur?

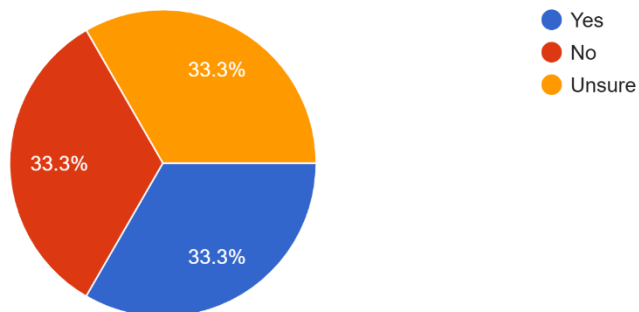
1 response



Question 13

Have clients ever been dropped from a program or assistance due to a lack of transportation?

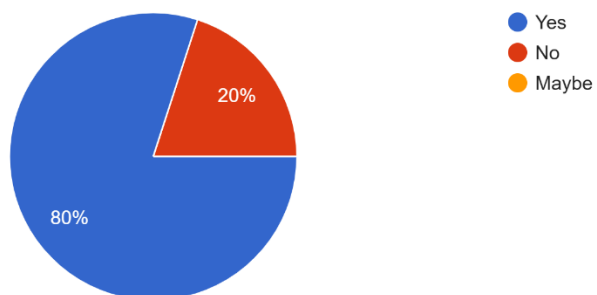
6 responses



Question 14

Are you interested in coordinating with other agencies and transportation providers?

5 responses



Question 15

What could be done to improve transportation options for community members utilizing your services?

Increase bus hours- weekends and minor holidays

Weekends- more available bus routes, such as Gloucester

The hospital currently only provides transportation for patients who are admitted as a Transitional Care Unit patient for therapy and skilled nursing services and we only provide transportation to outside follow up appointments while the patient is here. Where we seem to struggle is when patients come to the ER by squad and need a ride home if they are discharged; transportation to our outpatient psychiatry, primary care and other specialist appointments and transports that need to take place after hours. Finding transportation for patients who do not have Medicaid is especially difficult.

Question 16

If your organization would like to be contacted about transportation options available in Athens County or would like to see the results of this survey, please provide a phone number or email address below.

*note: 4 organizations provided email addresses, and have been contacted

Final Insights and Analysis of Data: Social Services / Non-Profit Survey

Clients tend to live in rural areas of the County where little affordable transportation options are offered. Many are unaware of the services available to them or how to utilize them. Due to the lack of affordable transportation options to the rural areas of the County, it greatly effects individuals' access to social service agencies and assistance.

Many clients can't utilize public transportation because the hours of service do not run late enough, early enough, or on the weekend to be used for commuting or job access. This is especially true for second shift employees.

A common theme amongst medical facilities, is that there is a difficulty in providing transportation to patients once they have been discharged from their facility.

Clients utilizing social services often do not have the financial means to utilize private or public transportation. Programs that support gas vouchers or free and reduced fares for low-income individuals would be beneficial to clients and organizations that require clients to attend appointments to continue utilizing assistance.

Organizations' employees are unaware of transportation services to direct clients to or don't know how to utilize services.

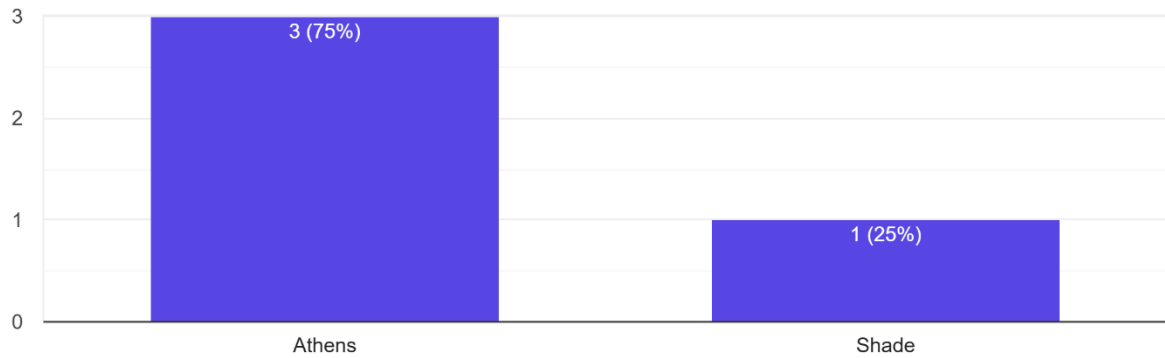
Coordination and partnerships to provide transportation to clients is present but with room to grow and expand. Several agencies provide their own transportation while some work with transportation providers throughout the county to fill the gaps for their clients.

Athens County Transportation Survey for Employers

Question 1

What city or village is your organization located in?

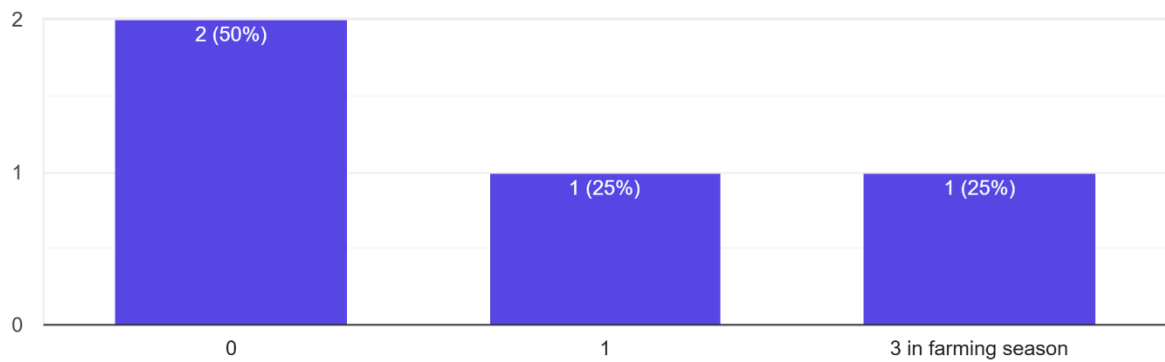
4 responses



Question 2

How many full-time employees do you currently employ?

4 responses



Question 3

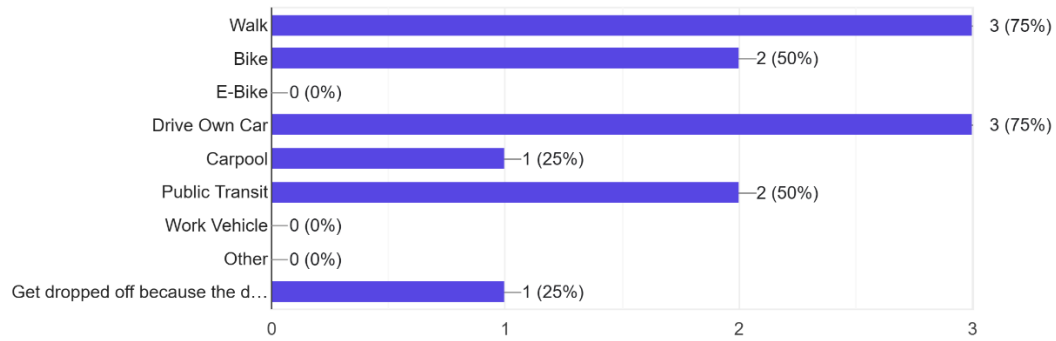
How many part-time employees do you currently employ?

16, 2-3, 14, 0

Question 4

What are the most common means of transportation used by your employees to get to your place of employment? (Check all that apply)

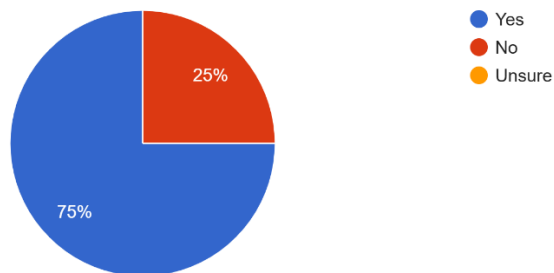
4 responses



Question 5

How many of your employees missed work or arrived late due to a lack of transportation?

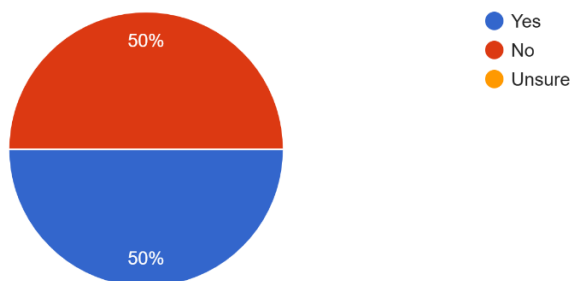
4 responses



Question 6

Have any of your employees been fire or had to quit due to a lack of transportation?

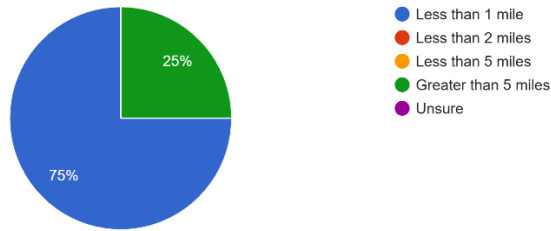
4 responses



Question 7

How far away is your business from a public transit stop?

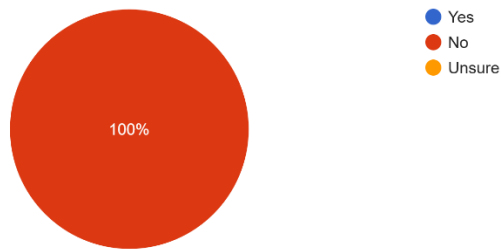
4 responses



Question 8

Do you have an Active Transportation policy to support employees walking/biking/busing?

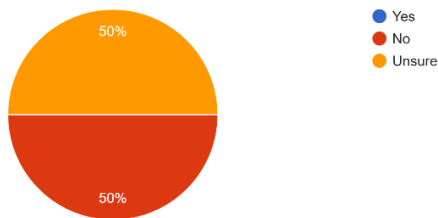
4 responses



Question 9

Would you be interested in learning more about an Active Transportation policy for your business?

4 responses



Question 10

Please provide suggestions to improve transportation options for your employees in Athens County.

Offer loops to rural areas, even if just twice per day

Final Insights and Analysis of Data: Employers

Although a low number of businesses responded to the survey, businesses are typically located within the City of Athens and Nelsonville. The majority of zero vehicle home are located outside of the cities of Athens and Nelsonville creating potential employees with a barrier to employment.

The limited capacity in relations to service days and times of public transportation makes it difficult for potential employees to maintain reliable transportation. This is even more difficult for businesses looking to hire weekend and second shift staff.

Financial barriers also make it difficult for potential employees to access and use private or public transportation. Programs that support gas vouchers or free and reduced fares for low-income individuals would be beneficial to employees.

Many businesses are unaware of how to tackle the problem of employee transportation and could benefit from additional information about available transportation resources and options in Athens County.

Expansion of transportation services is needed to ensure that potential employees living in high poverty rural settings have reliable means of transportation in order to gain employment. Exploration of partnerships and gaps in services is needed.

Many of the issues reported in this survey, are also seen in the “General Public” survey, showing a very direct and real correlation between people wanting gainful employment but not having the means to access it, and employers having difficulty finding employees.

Strategies and Goals:

- Expansion of services on weekends, late nights, and coverage area
- Further education to area businesses regarding transportation options
- Exploration of available partnerships with social service organizations
- Explore active transportation incentives for employees through businesses

Athens County Transportation Survey for Transportation Providers

Question 1

Type of Transportation Service(s) offered by your organization

Fixed route bus service, on demand minivan service
demand response
Fixed Route, On-Demand, Paratransit, Charter, University/City Transit Partnership (Bobcat Pass)
fixed bus route
Intercity Bus

Question 2

Other services provided by your organization

Parking Management, Fleet Rental, Fuel, Automotive Maintenance

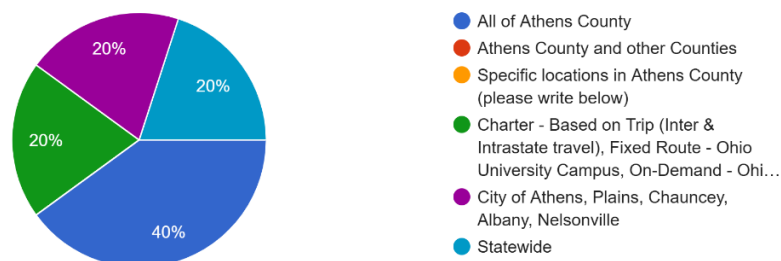
Question 3

Days and hours of operation

M-F, 7am-9:30pm
7:30am - 8:30pm
Transit Hours of Operation: Charter As Scheduled, Fixed Route Monday-Friday 7:30 AM- 5:30 PM (Academic Year), On-Demand Monday-Friday 7:30 AM - 11 PM and Saturday-Sunday 6 PM - 11 PM (Academic Year), Paratransit Monday-Friday 7:30 AM - 11 PM and Saturday-Sunday 7:30 AM - 11 PM (Academic Year) & Monday-Friday 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM Summer and Breaks
M-F, 7am-9pm
Monday - Sunday 4am - 11pm

Question 4

Area(s) served by your organization
5 responses



Question 5

Eligibility requirements

None

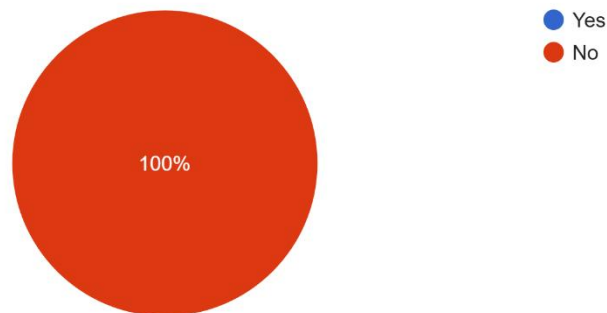
Anyone

Charter - Ohio University Sponsored Travel. Fixed Route - Open to faculty, staff, students, and university guests, On-Demand & Paratransit - Open to faculty, staff, and students

Question 6

Do you provide Medicaid-eligible trips?

4 responses



Question 7

How many full-time and part-time drivers do you employ?

21 full-time, 8 part-time

11

Full Time- 6 Intermittent - Varies averages 10-12, Students - Varies, averages 30-40

5 full time, 11 part time

Question 8

How many full-time and part-time schedulers/dispatchers do you employ?

2 full-time

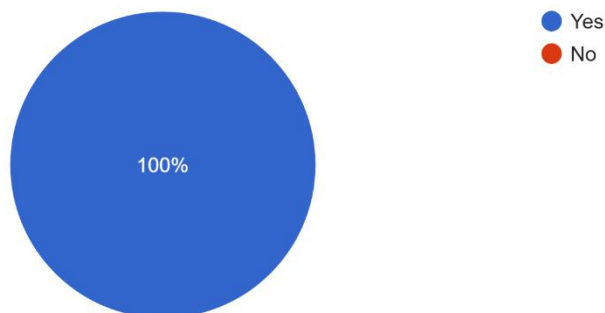
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2 - however scheduling and dispatching is only a small portion of their management duties, we do not employ any dedicated schedulers and dispatchers other than a student dispatching assistant for our on-demand operation supporting late night and weekend travel

Question 9

Do you employ mechanics?

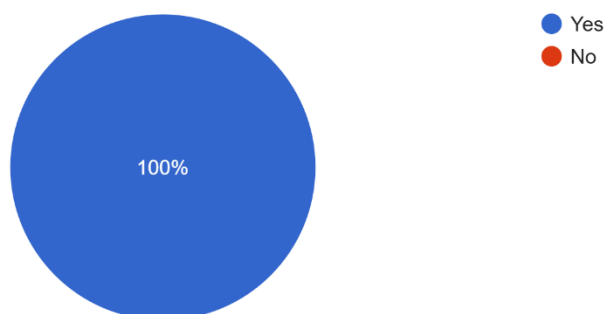
4 responses



Question 10

DO your drivers provide passenger assistance?

5 responses



Question 11

What training courses are required for your drivers?

cpr, first aide , drug& alcohol, distracted driving, Roma, (driving) ergonomics, PAT
cpr, first aide , drug& alcohol, distracted driving, Roma, (driving) ergonomics
Charter related travel requires Class B CDL with passenger and airbrakes endorsement, annual
and at-hire driving and safety training is provided internally. TAPTCO transit and paratransit driver
training being implemented Summer 2026. All drivers must obtain Class C UST Fuel Training from
BUSTR.
blood borne pathogens, cpr/first aid, CDL

Question 12

How many trips did you provide in 2025?

360,000

186,078 (Excludes Charter Travel)

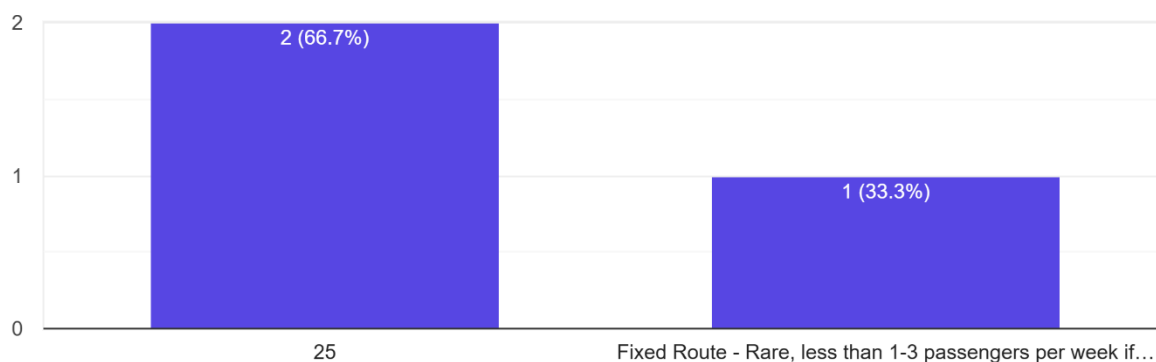
304,450

123,431

Question 13

What is your average number of trip denials per week?

3 responses



Question 14

What are common reasons for trip denials?

Not in our service area, no availability/schedule is full
unavailability

Requests for service outside of service boundaries, no rides available at requested time.

Question 15

Please list your revenue sources for the most recent fiscal year

ODOT, FTA, local match from City of Athens, contracts with Summit & Courtyard, Ohio University
Ohio University Transportation operates as a self-supporting auxiliary service. Fixed Route, On-Demand, University/City Transit Partnership, and Paratransit are supported through parking revenue.

ODOT, FTA, Courtyard and Summit Contracts, City of Athens
5311(f) Federal funds, In-Kind Match from Greyhound Lines

Question 16

What are your total annual transportation expenses?

\$2.6 million
2025 - 694 K (Excludes Charter)
2.7 million
\$6,880,858

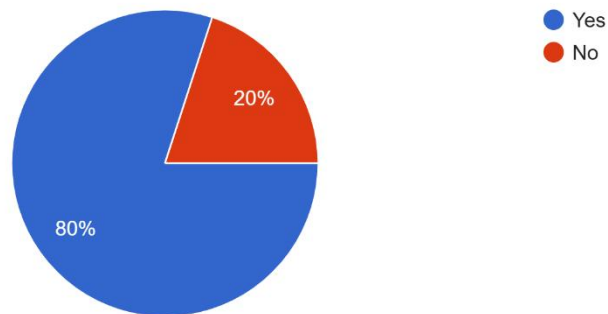
Question 17

If you use scheduling software, what do you use?

CTS
cts
Tripshot

Question 18

Do you use an app for transportation?
5 responses



Question 19

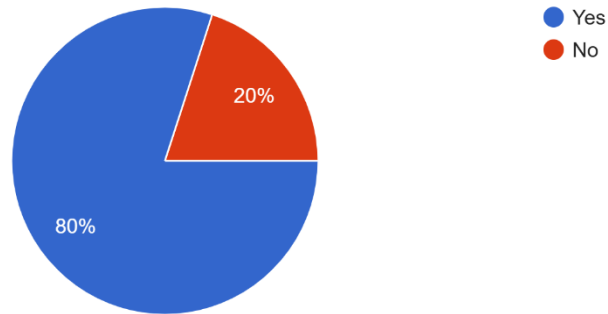
What is the name of your dispatching software?

CTS
n/a
Tripshot

Question 20

Do you utilize an AVL/GPS system?

5 responses



Question 21

How many wheelchair accessible vehicles do you have?

24

9

7 Shuttles, 3 Paratransit

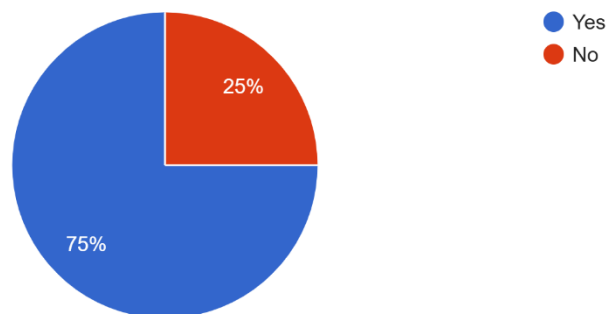
12

10 in SFY2025

Question 22

Does your service require advance notice to be used?

4 responses



Final Insights and Analysis of Data: Transportation Providers

Transportation providers in Athens County offer a wide array of services both in and out of the county. Most services appear to be provided to a targeted population that must meet certain eligibility criteria. The majority of services are available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Driver shortage and funding are major barriers identified by transportation providers. Some respondents stated off-line that they were attempting to create incentive programs for drivers, such as assisting with the acquisition of a CDL if the driver agrees to work for their service for a certain number of years.

With the majority of trip denials stemming from requests either to locations out of county or timeslots that were outside of the existing operational hours, the expansion of service hours and out of county trips has to be one of the main priorities moving forward. As noted by many respondents in the “General Public” section, some of the more remote municipalities in the County are not served by fixed-route bus transportation, and expanding the existing resources into those communities should be one of the priorities for existing providers.

Coordination to provide transportation to riders does occur but there is room for improvement. Continuing the bi-monthly meets will help facilitate conversations with providers throughout Athens County.

Strategies and Goals:

- Expand services out of county
- Expansion of fixed-route systems
- Increased hours of operation throughout the week, including weekends
- Improved coordination of services
- Exploration of funding resources
- Recruitment of additional drivers

Challenges to Coordinated Transportation

In addition to identifying needs, the planning committee gathered information from stakeholders and used their own professional experience to identify challenges to providing coordinated transportation services. These challenges include the following:

- Several areas of the county lack affordable transportation options to coordinate with.
- Closed-door transportation providers are unable to coordinate with public transportation providers due to funding regulations.
- Transportation providers are working at full capacities on their own and are unable to coordinate efforts.
- Communication between providers is not consistent.
- Different fares and ways of calculating fares prevent coordination of efforts.
- Public and private providers see little incentive to coordinate together.
- The use of different technology amongst transportation providers.

Summary of Unmet Mobility Needs

The following table describes the identified unmet transportation needs that were identified and the method used to identify and prioritize each need. Needs are listed in order of their rank in highest to lowest priority.

Exhibit 1: Prioritized Unmet Mobility Needs

| Rank | Unmet Need Description | Method Used to Identify Need |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1 | Expansion of Fixed-Route Services | Survey and Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee |
| 2 | Extension of Service Hours | Survey and Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee |
| 3 | Additional Capacity for Door-to-Door Services, Especially Accessible Services | Survey and Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee |
| 4 | Implementation of the Athens Active Transportation Plan | Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee |
| 5 | Out of County Transportation Options | Survey and Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee |
| 6 | Bike Path and Trail Extensions | Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee |
| 7 | Continuation of Mobility Management Program | Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee |
| 8 | Coordination of Services | Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee |

VI. Goals and Strategies

Developing Strategies to Address Gaps and Needs

Strategies for improving transportation for Athens County should address the service gaps and user needs identified in this plan, if they are to be effective. As described, the gaps and unmet needs were based on information obtained from geographic analysis, the attendees participating in the meetings, and responses to the public survey.

Based on information gathered throughout the planning process, HAPCAP developed the following strategies to address the gaps and unmet transportation needs. Priority levels are assigned by considering the primary funding sources that could be available to support plan implementation compared to the importance of meeting this unmet need expressed by the public and stakeholders. Not all strategies are activities specifically eligible for funding under the existing programs, nor is it guaranteed that sufficient funding will be available to achieve every strategy identified. In addition, the local stakeholders will need to provide support and commit to pursuing the strategies if they are to be accomplished. Nonetheless, these strategies have been tailored to 10 of the identified primary gaps and needs.

Below is an outline describing the prioritized strategies to address each of the identified unmet transportation needs and gaps in service.

Goal #1:

EXPANSION OF FIXED-ROUTE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

Need(s) Being Addressed: Unavailability of affordable public transportation services connecting residents to job access, health care, social events, shopping and educational opportunities.

Strategy:

Implement an expansion of fixed-route services to connect rural areas of the county to resources in the cities.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to June 2031

Action Steps:

- Identify and document the need for expansion of services. Include the project in the local Coordinated Transportation Plan.
- Continued outreach of expansion of services with local governments, businesses, individuals and organizations.
- Create a pilot project based on data and public input.
- Identify funding sources.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Athens County, City of Athens, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, Athens Public Transit, various city, village, and township officials.

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Ohio Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration

Resources Needed: Funding, staff time, contract services, building space, vehicles, additional drivers, publications or printing, local cash, technology, capital needs

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on routes and frequency of services

Potential Funding Sources: Federal 5311 program, State of Ohio general funds, Ohio Elderly and Disabled Fare Assistance Program, Athens County Department of Job and Family Services route support, City of Athens income tax matching funds, local service contracts, transportation tax levy.

Performance Measures/Targets:

- A completed pilot budget of the project
- Application of funding sources completed
- Expansion of services

Goal #2:

EXTENSION OF SERVICE HOURS

Need(s) Being Addressed: Current public transportation service hours are limited in the morning, evening, and weekends. Commuters and students cannot utilize the services due to service times and there are few affordable transportation options that operate on the weekends.

Strategy:

Extend service hours of fixed-route services and door-to-door van services to cover early morning hours, later evening hours, and on the weekend, especially Saturday.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to January 2031

Action Steps:

- Identify and document the need for an extension of service hours.
- Create a pilot project based on data and public input.
- Continued outreach and support for extension of service hours.
- Identify potential funding opportunities and partnerships.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Athens County, City of Athens, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, Athens Public Transit, Athens on Demand Transit

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Ohio Department of Transportation, Federal Transportation Administration, Athens County Job and Family services, Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, local businesses and organizations.

Resources Needed: Funding, staff time, contract services, vehicles, additional drivers, building space, publications and printing, local cash, technology, capital needs

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on transportation provider type and time extensions.

Potential Funding Sources: Contract revenue, ODOT 5311 Operations, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Athens County Job and Family services, transportation tax levy, and other community grants.

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Include supporting data in the Coordinated Plan.
- A completed pilot budget of the additional capacity.
- Application of funding sources completed.
- Extension of service hours.

Goal #3:

ADDITIONAL CAPACITY OF DOOR-TO-DOOR VAN SERVICES, ESPECIALLY ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

Need(s) Being Addressed: Accessible, public, and affordable door-to-door van services are currently running at full capacity making it difficult for residents to schedule services, especially seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Strategy:

Implement additional vans and drivers into current accessible, public, and affordable door-to-door van services. Continue coordination of services between transportation providers.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to January 2031

Action Steps:

- Identify and document the need for additional capacity of accessible, public, and affordable, door-to-door van services.
- Identify possible funding sources for Senior organizations, such as United Seniors of Athens County and the Athens Village, to acquire additional vehicles.
- Continued outreach and support for additional capacity of services.
- Identify potential funding opportunities and partnerships.
- Identify existing, and create new partnerships with transportation providers.
- Identify and replicate previously created partnerships and programs from other counties.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Athens County, City of Athens, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, Athens on Demand Transit, United Seniors of Athens County, Athens Village

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Ohio Department of Transportation, Federal Transportation Administration, Athens County Job and Family services, Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Resources Needed: Funding, staff time, contract services, vehicles, additional drivers, building space, publications and printing, local cash, technology, capital needs

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on level of capacity added.

Potential Funding Sources: Contract revenue, ODOT 5311 Operations, ODOT 5310 Operations, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, transportation tax levy and other community grants.

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Identify the amount of additional capacity needed
- A completed pilot budget of the additional capacity
- Application of funding sources completed
- Addition of capacity

Goal #4:

CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ATHENS COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Need(s) Being Addressed: Lack of education, infrastructure, planning & policy, and data initiatives related to active transportation and complete streets policies.

Strategy:

The Athens County Active Transportation Plan was created by the Athens County Active Transportation team with the assistance of the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Transportation. The plan is dedicated to increasing the safety of active transportation users and increase the number of Ohioans participating in active transportation. This plan includes a variety of goals such as implementing Complete Streets policies, installing bus stops and benches, improving sidewalk and crosswalk, and expanding bike path and lane infrastructure. A copy of this plan can be found in the appendix of this document.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to completion of goals

Action Steps:

- Update the Active Transportation Plan with a local team.
- Conduct outreach, education, and advocacy regarding the Active Transportation Plan.
- Collect data and evaluation measures.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Athens County Active Transportation Team, Creating Healthy Communities, Age Friendly Athens, Mobility Management, County Planner

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Athens County, cities and municipalities within Athens County, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, Athens City County Department of Public Health, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Health

Resources Needed: Funding, staff time, building space, publications and printing, local cash, capital needs

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on projects currently underway.

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Health, Sisters of St. Joseph, City of Athens, Athens County, Buckeye Hills Regional Transportation Planning Organization, transportation tax levy, and other community grants.

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Track amount of Active Transportation related events
- Increase in amount of transportation signage
- Funding awarded for projects
- Miles of infrastructure created
- Amount of Active Transportation policies passed

Goal #5:

CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF ATHENS MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Need(s) Being Addressed: There is a lack of knowledge about local and regional transportation options. The county's transportation needs are often under-reported and not sufficiently documented. Coordination between existing services is necessary to help streamline resources and improve county transportation options. More advocacy for transportation at the local and state levels is essential to maintain and develop transportation locally and regionally. There is a need to expand the Mobility Management Program to accomplish the county's goals and advance transportation in the region.

Strategy:

Survey results have shown an overall lack of knowledge of current transportation services available. The mobility program will continue to educate the community, perform transit training, help connect individuals to transportation options, advocate for transportation both locally and at the state level, and encourage the coordination of services in the region. The Mobility program will continue to spearhead Athens County as a representative for regional efforts.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to completion of goals

Action Steps:

- Increase understanding and awareness of community transportation needs
- Increase awareness of current community transportation options and programs
- Ensure that transportation consideration is included in local and regional planning activities
- Increase local capacity for transportation services
- Assist individuals with accessing all community transportation options
- Engage with community leaders to develop strategies enabling transportation to better evolve with developing technologies.
- Advocate for transportation at the local and state level.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Athens Mobility Coordinator, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Athens County, City of Athens, Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Transportation

Resources Needed: Continued funding of Mobility Management grant.

Potential Cost Range: \$160,000 - \$200,000

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Transportation, Athens County, City of Athens, Athens County Children Services, Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, transportation tax levy, and other community grants.

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Quarterly mobility reports
- Increase of transportation use
- Completion of goals as listed in the Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan

Goal #6:

EXPANSION OF BIKE PATHS AND TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY / CONNECTING TO A STATE-WIDE SYSTEM

Need(s) Being Addressed: Lack of bike path connectivity to rural areas of Athens County resulting in unsafe walking and biking conditions, and a lack of access to active transportation opportunities.

Strategy 1:

Many rural roads serve high-speed traffic and, in some cases, high volumes of motor traffic containing a significant proportion of large trucks. Sharing narrow roads with such traffic can be unpleasant and dangerous. The expansion of bike paths and trails connecting to villages and rural communities will provide safe and active access to social service agencies, places of employment, medical centers, educational institutions, and food access. Physical inactivity is one of the major contributing factors to health problems. By expanding bike trails throughout Athens County residents and tourists will be able to access different communities for travel or leisure while experiencing improved health and quality of life.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to June 2031

Action Steps:

- Identify and document the need for extensions of the bike path
- Continue outreach and education on bike path safety and need
- Identify funding resources for mapping and creation of project
- Apply for funding sources
- Extend the current bikeway system to rural areas in the county

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Athens County, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Transportation, Rails to Trails, Hocking Adena Bikeway, and Bailey's Trail System

Resources Needed: Funding, staff time, publications and printing, local cash, technology, capital needs, and other community grants

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on extension.

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Athens County, Athens City

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Completion of needs study
- Completion of potential mapping out of project
- Award of funding
- Completion of extensions

Goal # 7

OUT OF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Needs(s) Being Addressed: Unavailability of affordable public transportation services connecting residents out of county job access, health care, social events, shopping and educational opportunities.

Strategy 1:

Implement expanded affordable services outside Athens County and educate community members of existing services.

Timeline for Implementation: Current to June 2031

Action Steps:

- Identify and document needs for out of county services. Include projects in the local Coordinated Transportation Plan.
- Continued outreach for out of county services with local governments, businesses, individuals and organizations.
- Create a pilot project based on data and public input.
- Identify funding sources.

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Athens County, Athens City, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, Athens Public Transit, Athens On Demand Transit

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Ohio Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Athens County Board of DD, Ohio DD Council, and other social service agencies.

Resources Needed: Funding, staff time, contract services, building space, vehicles, additional drivers, publications or printing, local cash, technology, capital needs

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on routes, distance of travel, and frequency of services

Potential Funding Sources: Federal 5311 program, Ohio DD Council, State of Ohio general funds, local fare reimbursements, local service contracts, transportation tax levy and other community grants.

Performance Measures/Targets:

- A completed pilot budget of the project
- Application of funding sources completed
- Expansion of services

Goal #8:

COORDINATION OF EFFORTS AND SERVICES

Need(s) Being Addressed: Overlapping of services and efforts result in gaps throughout the community and within transportation providers.

Strategy 1:

A coordination of efforts and services would allow more vehicles to travel to more areas of the County and potentially provide rides to more individuals. It may also reduce costs and save resources. As several transportation providers require training and safety certifications for their staff a coordination of services would allow all providers to receive this collectively and potentially provided by a provider.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to completion of goals

Action Steps:

- Foster partnership with local transportation providers
- Create, update and publish a provider resource directory
- Utilize the information in the Coordinated Transportation Plan to identify gaps and coordination possibilities
- Begin a coordination of efforts and services

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: The Athens-Hocking Mobility Management Program, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Ohio Department of Transportation, local transportation providers

Resources Needed: Funding, staff time, local cash, technology, training

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on project

Potential Funding Sources: The Athens-Hocking Mobility Management Program

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Level of responses from transportation providers
- Conducting a coordinated training event
- Conducting a coordinated ride
- Conducting a provider roundtable

VII. Plan Adoption

The Athens County Coordinated Transportation Plan was adopted by the Athens County Coordinated Transportation Advisory Committee, a group of local organizations including an older adult and an individual with a disability.

The plan draft was open for public comment for 30 days on the Athens Mobility website and shared with transportation and human service providers.

The Athens County Coordinated Plan Planning Committee voted on the adoption of this document.

Appendix A: List of Planning Committee Participants

The planning committee consists of representation from local agencies as well as participation of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and members of the general public. More information about the planning committee is available upon request by contacting

Agency Representation

| Name | Agency |
|-------------------|--|
| Tisha Springer | 317 Board |
| Meghan Jennings | Athens City Planning Office |
| Amy Lipka | Athens City-County Health Department |
| Meredith Erlewine | Athens City-County Health Department |
| Lisa Radford | Athens County Job and Family Services |
| Connor LaVelle | Athens County Planning Office |
| Steve Pierson | Athens Township Trustees |
| Eric Wade | Buckeye Hills Regional Council |
| Rob Delach | City of Athens Pedestrian Accessibility & Bike Taskforce |
| Rendell Stiles | GoBus |
| Gary Grant | Greencab |
| Matthew Clark | Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) |

In addition to participants listed above, the planning committee also included representation of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and members of the general public. In addition to hosting a planning committee, Hocking Athens Perry Community Action and other planning committee members also conducted a wide variety of activities designed to increase involvement of community stakeholders in identifying community resources, addressing community needs, and setting goals and priorities. More information about the efforts that occurred is available upon request. To request additional information please contact:

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Appendix B: List of Annual Reviews and Plan Amendments

It is required that this plan be reviewed by the planning committee annually. For more information on when the next annual review will occur, how to be involved in the annual review process or to request information on how to make changes or corrections to this plan between annual reviews, please contact:

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Annual Review N/A

Provide a brief description of any annual reviews that have occurred, including a summary of the review meeting and a brief summary of any changes were made.

Amendment N/A

If the plan has been amended between annual reviews, include that information here.

Appendix C: Definitions

There are several terms used throughout the plan that may be unique to transportation providers or human service agencies. The terms are defined here for reference.

Coordination – Collaborative efforts toward understanding and meeting the mobility needs in the most appropriate, cost effective, and responsive manner.

FAST Act – Congress established the funding for Federal Transit Administration programs through authorizing legislation that amends Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code. On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorizing surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020.

Gaps in Service – A break in the continuity of available transportation resources such as a break between hours of operation or a break between two or more geographic areas.

IIJA – The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, more commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This bill is a \$1.2 trillion investment into federal highway aid, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials and rail programs. After initial discussions, funding was also allocated for broadband access, clean water and electric grid renewal.

Lead Agency – The organization responsible for facilitating outreach; composing a plan that meets the requirements of current Federal and State legislation; maintaining documentation from the planning process and making it available upon request; and leading stakeholders through annual reviews, amendments, and updates of the plan. The Lead Agency also is responsible for submitting the adopted Coordinated Plan and all amendments or updates to participating stakeholders and ODOT.

Planning Committee – (indicate if the planning committee has another formal name) The Planning Committee is composed of key community stakeholders. The Planning Committee members agree to actively participate in the planning process and act as the plan advisory and adopting entity.

Ridership – The total number of passengers who boarded transportation vehicles are counted each time they board a vehicle.

Section 5310 Program – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides Federal formula funding for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. The program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options.

Section 5311 Program – The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000 where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program. Subrecipients may include state or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, and operators of public transportation or intercity bus service.

Section 5307 Program – The Urbanized Area Formula Grants program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more.

Transportation – Transportation is broadly defined to include traditional transit, human service agency services, on-demand (taxi-like) services, bicycle and pedestrian programs and amenities.

Unmet Transportation Needs – Transportation that is wanted or desired but is not currently available.