

HOCKING COUNTY, OHIO

Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

2026-2031

Hocking Athens Perry Community Action

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Executive Summary

This plan is the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Hocking County, Ohio. The plan was developed in 2018 and updated in 2022. It has been updated every year, including 2023, 2024, and 2025. In 2026, the existing plan was re-written in order to best update the information and goals, in order it to continue to be relevant. This plan fulfills the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9070.1G which purpose is to enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. 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 rural communities in Hocking County, Ohio. Transportation provides access to jobs, education, healthcare, human services and allows all community members, including older adults and people with disabilities, to live independently and engage in community life.

The purpose of a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan (coordinated plan) is to identify community resources for transportation and mobility, understand the transportation and mobility gaps and unmet needs, and determine the best approach to addressing them.

The Hocking County Coordinated Transportation Plan is continually reviewed and updated by utilizing participant representation from human services agencies, non-profit organizations and transportation providers, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, for-profit transportation providers, the public, mobility management and other key stakeholders. We have an advisory group that keeps this document current and relevant to assist in the effort to eliminate the transportation challenges and barriers in our community.

It is the purpose of this plan for local stakeholders to work collaboratively to do the following activities:

1. Identify all community resources including
 - Public door-to-door accessible van transportation providers
 - Senior transportation providers
 - Transportation for individuals with disabilities
 - Veteran transportation providers

- Health and Human Services transportation providers
- Inter-city bus transportation providers
- Non-emergency medical transportation providers
- Ride-share services
- Taxi services
- Bike path and lane access
- Complete streets resources
- Accessibility and safety of sidewalks and crossing areas
- Pedestrian and transportation safety resources
- Electric vehicle charging infrastructure

2. Identify and prioritize community transportation needs

- Maintaining operating expenses amid rising expenses for fuel and maintaining older vehicles in fleet
- Long distances/long hours for riders to be transported
- Hiring/training/retaining drivers
- COVID protocols/exposure potential/illness
- Winter road conditions and driveway conditions
- Community members are not aware of transportation services in Hocking County
- Transportation options early morning, evening and weekends
- Coordination of services
- Creation of Hocking County Active Transportation Plan
- Creation of bike path network, linking to other neighboring counties
- Continuation of the Athens-Hocking Mobility Management Program
- Support for out-of-county affordable trips

3. Establish a clear plan for achieving shared goals

Hocking County will continue to coordinate efforts with all transportation providers and community stakeholders to achieve the goals and needs as listed in the 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 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 | • Human services providers |
| • Individuals with disabilities | • The general public |
| • People with low incomes | • Social service agencies |
| • Public, private and non-profit transportation providers | • Regional Planning organizations |

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

Held public meetings in the county, attended community events with surveys, met with stakeholders, attended senior citizen events, led transportation talks with 2 DD organizations including their clients, and attended partner meetings as transportation representative. Meetings have been primarily in-person, with virtual options sometimes being the most accessible method for some.

The plan was developed and adopted by the Hocking County Coordinated Transportation Plan Advisory Committee 2026 consisting of representatives from the following organizations:

- 317 Board
- Hocking County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Hocking County Health Department
- Hocking County Commissioners Office
- Buckeye Hills Regional Council
- Hocking Athens Perry Community Action
- An individual with a disability
- An individual aged 60+
- Southeast Ohio Center for Independent Living

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

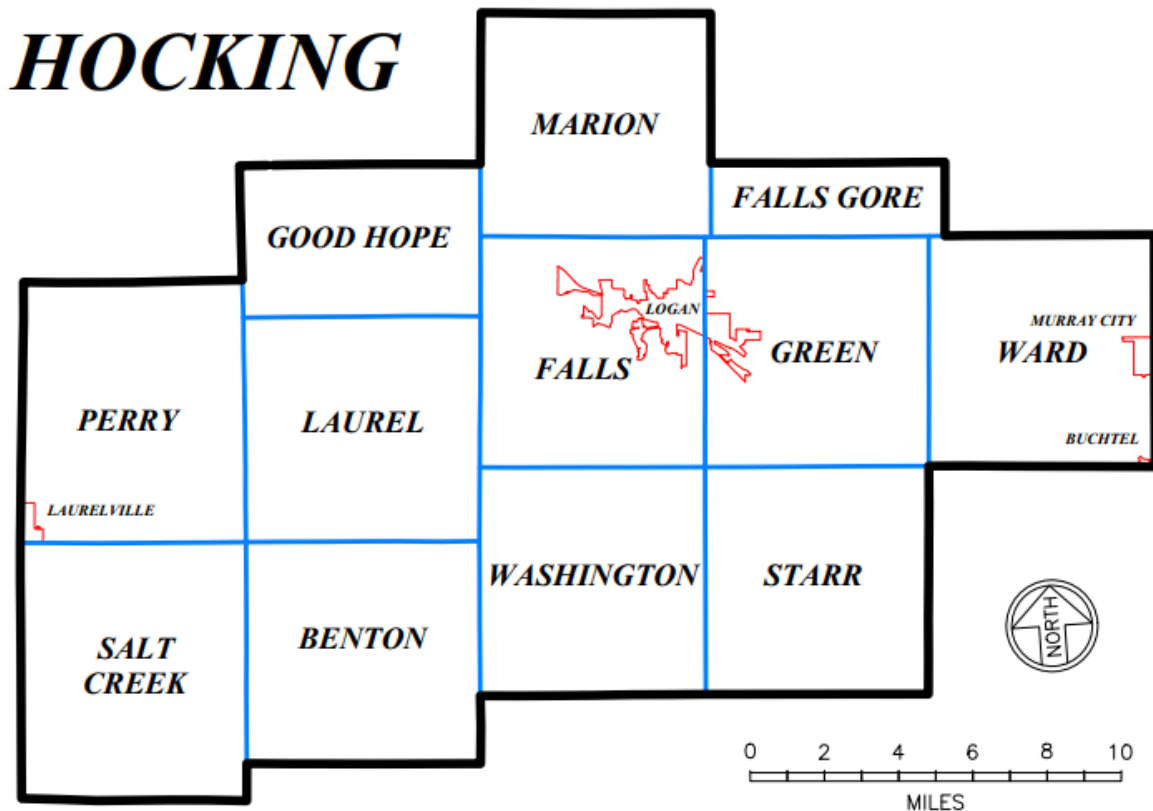
Six (6) group specific transportation surveys and an express survey were released to the public on February 1st, and remained open for responses until May 1st, 2026:

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

The surveys were distributed widely online, and there were also physical copies available. The surveys were advertised in Hocking 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 Hocking County Public Library branch.

I. Geographic Area

Map 1: Map of Hocking County with Townships.



Geographically, Hocking County is located in Southeastern Ohio, in the Appalachian foothills region of the state. It has a total area of 424 square miles, of which 421 square miles is land and 3 square miles of water. 40% of the county is non-taxed State or Federal land. It features steep, rugged hills, deeply dissected by rocky cliffs & stream valleys. It p

Due to its location in the Alleghany Plateau, Hocking County has one of the most stunning rock and cave formations in the United States. The geographical formations are largely comprised of black hand sandstone, a unique variety that can be found in copious amounts in the region.

Hocking County spans 3 identified watersheds, The Hocking Watershed, The Lower Scioto Watershed & the Raccoon-Symmes Watershed. The Hock-Hocking river enters Hocking County from Good Hope Township in the northwest and then flows southwest, touches Marion Township, continues through Falls and Green Townships, and exits through northwestern Starr Township into Athens County.

There is one city identified:

- City of Logan

The City of Logan is the only municipality in the county and serves as the county seat.

There are three villages identified:

- Buchtel
- Murray City
- Laurelville

There are four census-designated places identified:

- Carbon Hill
- Haydenville
- Hide-A-Way Hills
- Rockbridge

There are six unincorporated communities identified:

- Ewing
- Ilesboro
- Sand Run
- South Bloomingville
- Union Furnace
- South Perry

Regionally, Hocking County borders:

- Perry County (northeast)
- Fairfield County (northwest)
- Vinton County (south)
- Ross (southwest)
- Pickaway County (west)
- Athens County (southeast)

Hocking County is served by one major highway and ten state routes:

- US 33
- SR 56
- SR 93
- SR 180
- SR 216
- SR 278
- SR 327
- SR 328
- SR 374
- SR 595
- SR 664

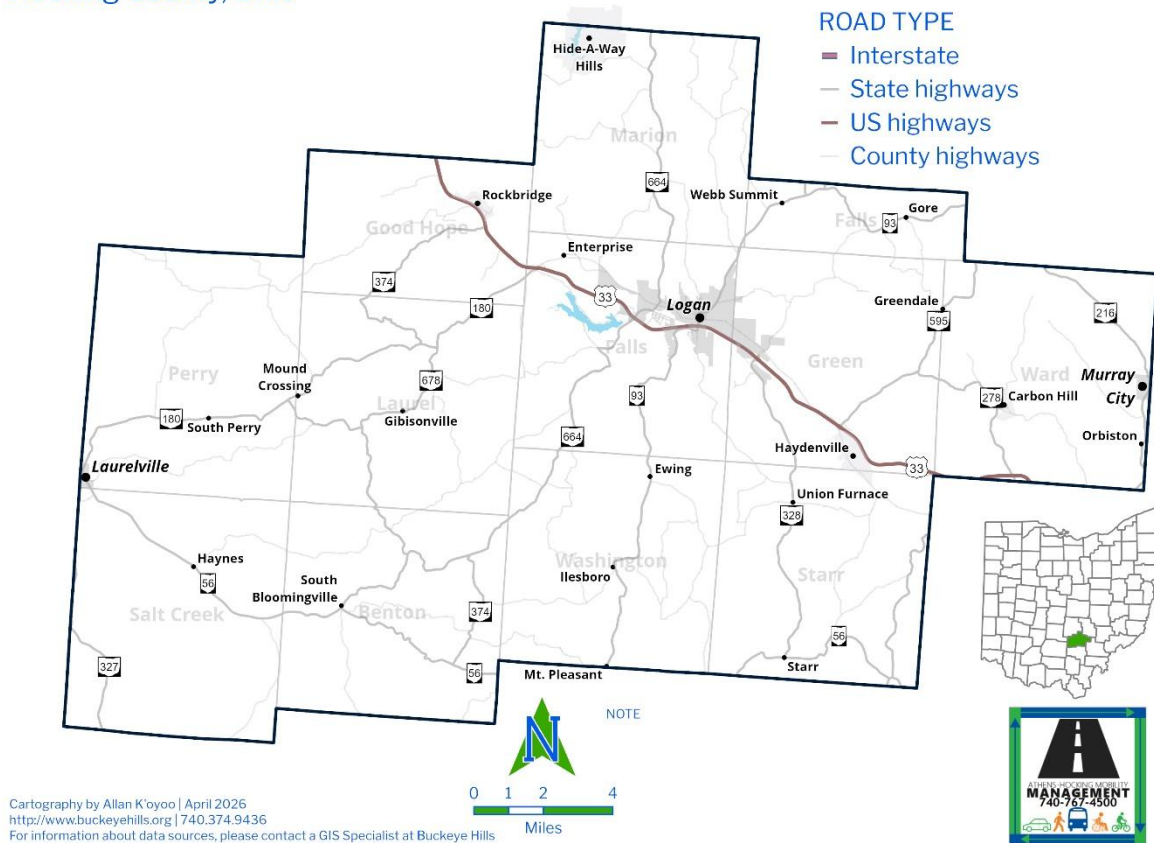
US Route 33 spans from Athens County to Fairfield County cutting through the north central region of Hocking County. It continues to and through Columbus connecting to major Interstates 70 and 71 and beyond.

Hocking County is served by state routes and county roads that connect the villages and census designated areas such as Buchtel, Murray City, Laurelville, Hide-A-Way Hills, Haydenville & Carbon Hill. Due to the geology of the region these roads contain very sharp turns and steep hilly terrain with little lighting.

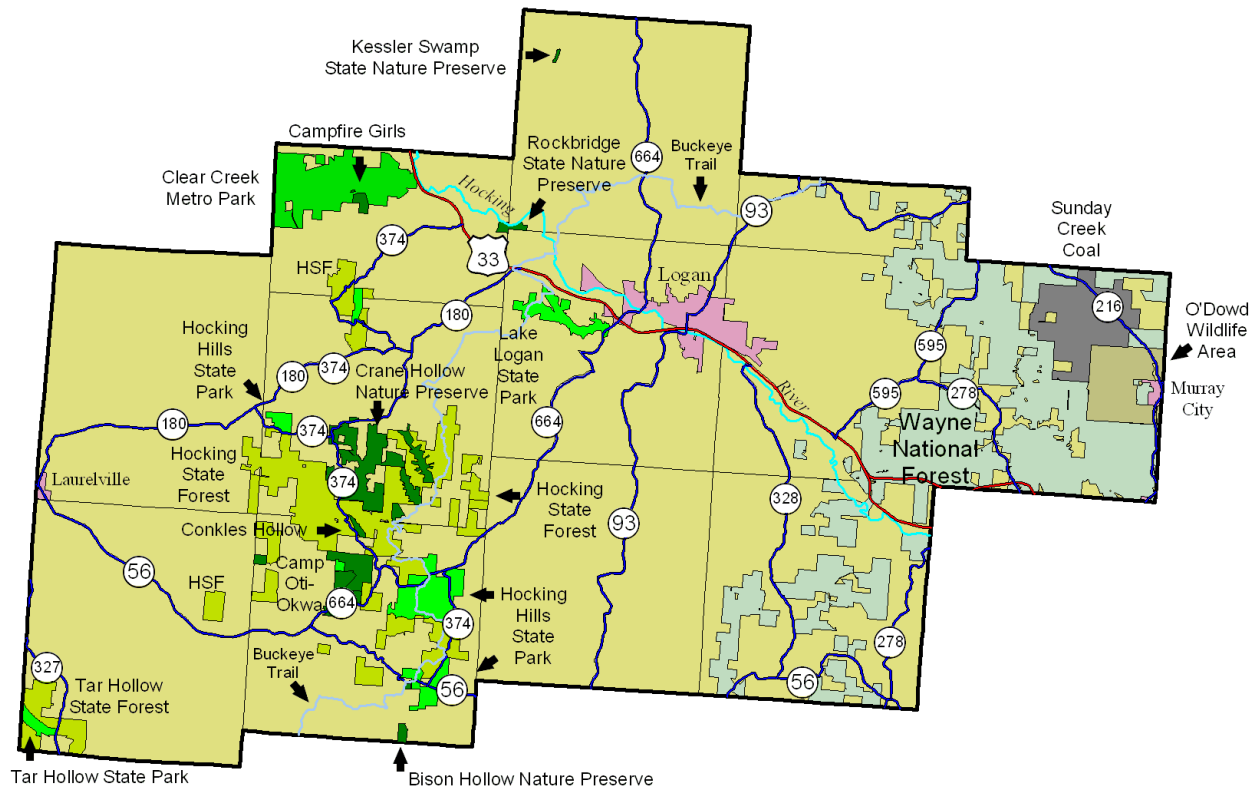
Map 2: Roads and Highways in Hocking County

MAJOR ROADWAYS

Hocking County, Ohio



Map 3: Map of Hocking County Public Lands

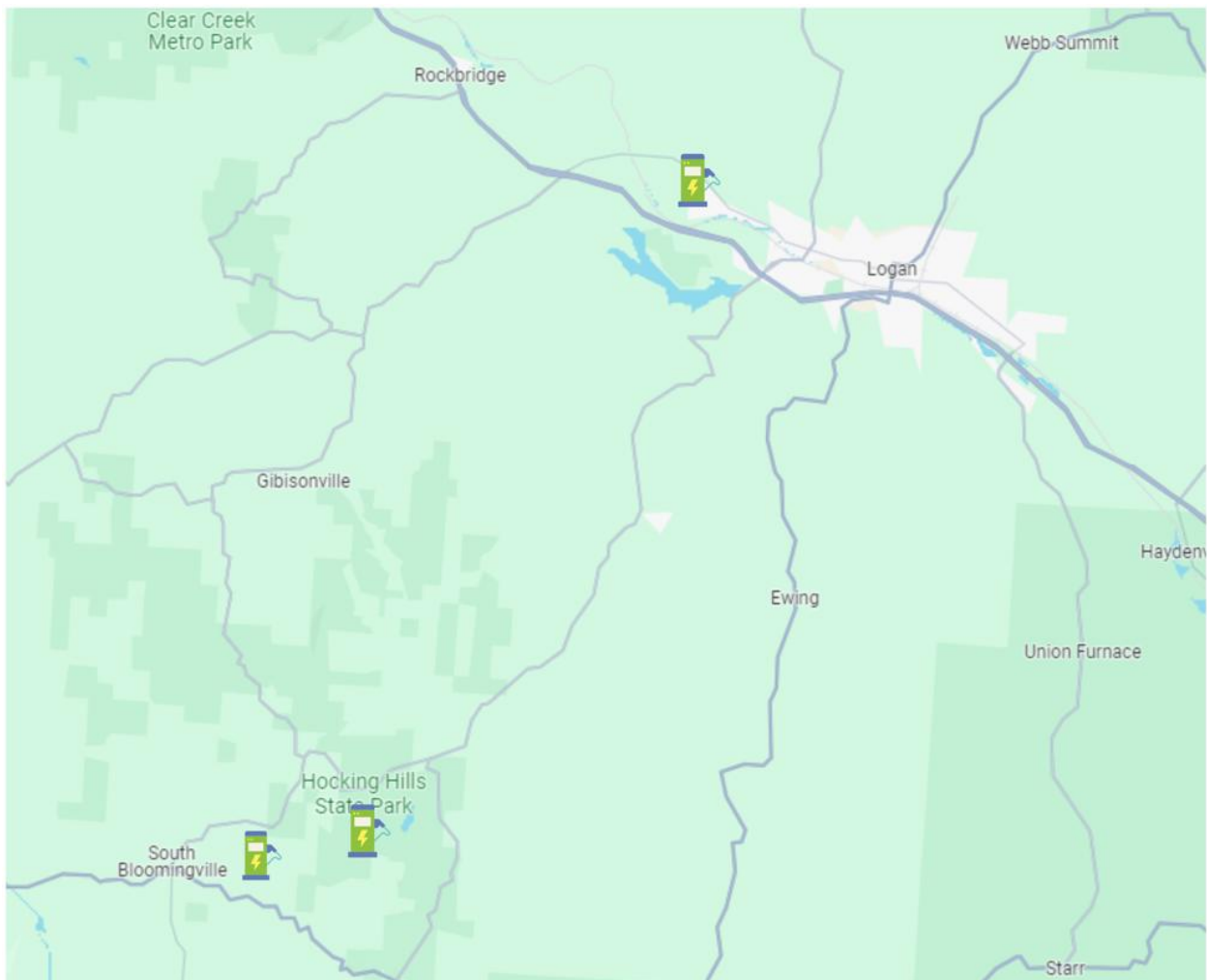


The County identifies as part of the Rural Transportation Planning Organization and contains several Federal and State Public lands including:

- Wayne National Forest – Athens District
- Sand Run Lake
- Clear Creek Metro park
- Tar Hollow State Nature Preserve
- Hocking State Forest
- Wallace H. O'Dowd Wildlife Area
- Boch Hollow State Nature Preserve
- Appalachia Alliance Land Preserve
- Rockbridge State Nature Preserve
- Hocking Hills State Park – Old Man's Cave, Conkles Hollow, Ash Cave, Cedar Falls, Cantwell Cliffs, Rock House, Lake Logan

These public lands are utilized by local community members and tourists for a variety of activities including: hiking, hunting, mountain biking, trail running, birding, camping, kayaking, canoeing, and many other activities. Public lands are located throughout the County.

Map 4: Public EV Chargers in Hocking County

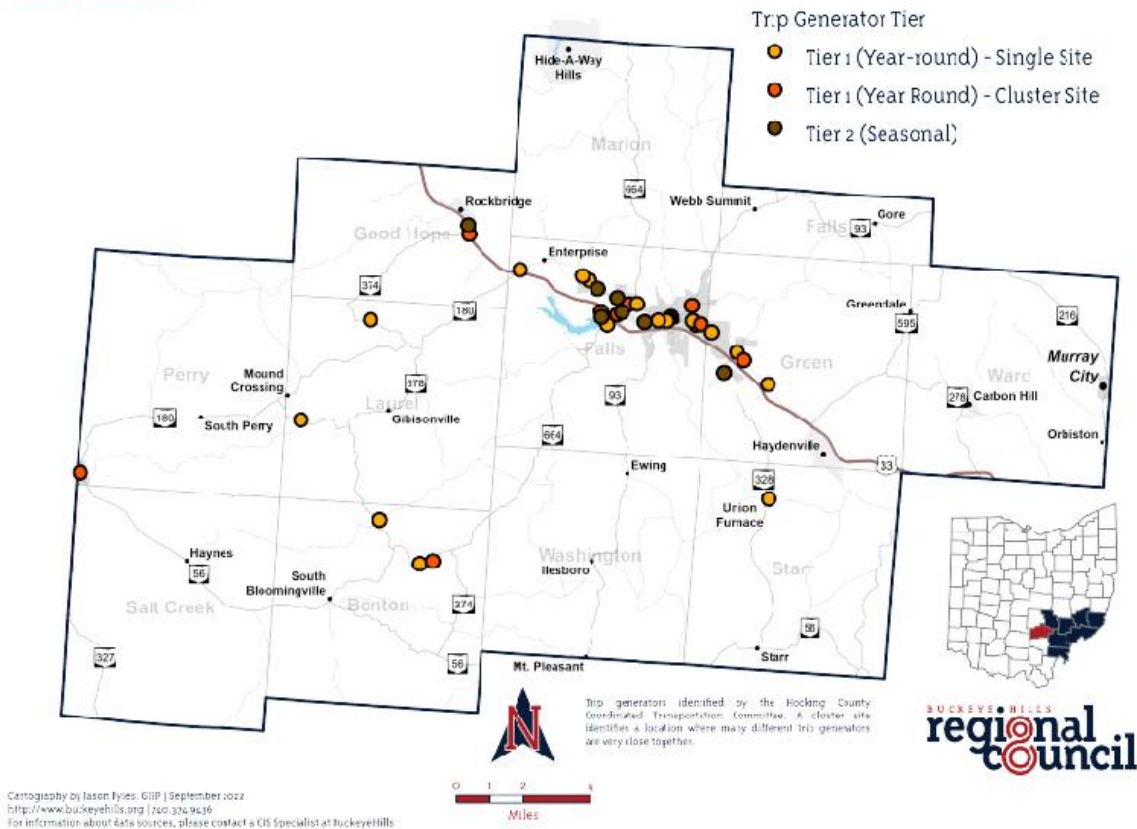


Within Hocking County, there are currently 9 EV charging locations offering 20 chargers available for public use, with 1 under construction currently:

- Hocking College Energy Institute (2 station, 4 plugs: J-1772)
- Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls (1 station, 2 plugs, Tesla charger)
- Hocking Hills State Park Lodge (2 station, 2 plugs: J-1772)
- Cherry Ridge Retreat (1 Station, 1 plug: J-1772)
- Hocking Hills KOA Holiday (4 Stations, 4 plugs: J-1772)
- Glenlaurel Inn (2 Stations, 2 plugs: J-1772, NACS)
- Sleep Inn & Mainstay Suites (2 Stations, 2 plugs: J-1772)
- Don Wood Chevrolet (2 Stations, 2 plugs: CCS1, CHAdeMO, NACS)
- Red Brick Ranch (1 Station, 1 plug: J-1772)
- Under construction: Hungry Buffalo (1 Station, 1 plug: CCS1)

Map 4: Major Trip Generators in Hocking County

Trip Generators Hocking County, Ohio



MAJOR TRIP GENERATORS IN HOCKING COUNTY INCLUDE: (IN NO SPECIFIC ORDER)

Year Round Trips:

Hocking Valley Community Hospital/Hopewell Health Behavioral Health Center

Mall - Kroger to Tractor Supply Company (marked to old Sears location - midway between anchor stores)

Mall - Walmart to McDonalds (marked to Goodwill - midway between anchor stores)

Hopewell Health Primary Care Clinic

Millstone, La Cascada, Hungry Buffalo Restaurants/Holiday Inn Express/Sleep Inn, etc.

Hocking County Health Department

Hocking Hills Regional Welcome Center

Hocking College Logan Campus

Logan Hocking School District - Chieftain Elementary

Hocking Hills State Park System - Lake Logan

Main Street Corridor - includes Court House, stores,
Worthington Park

Worthington of Logan

Scenic Hills Senior Center

SCOJFS Mall Area (includes Dollar General)

Logan Hocking School District - Union Furnace Elementary

Ohio EPA SE District Office

Embassy of Logan

Hocking County Fairgrounds

SE Ohio Foodbank & Kitchen/ Logan Head Start/Amanda
Bentbolt

Hocking County Board of DD

Save-a-Lot/Dollar General/Logan Public Transit & GoBus

North's Fitness Center/Crossfit

Hocking Hills State Park System - Old Man's Cave/Cedar
Falls/Ash Cave

Hocking Hills State Park System - Cantwell Cliffs

Hocking Hills State Park System - Conkles Hollow

Hocking Hills State Park System - Rock House

Hocking Hills Market/Antique Mall/Oasis Coffee Shop

Laurelville - Library branch, Visitor Center branch, Apple
House, Restaurants (Ridge Inn, Village Café, Pizza, Old
Town Diner etc), Laurelville Elementary

Seasonal Trips:

Hocking Hills Adventures - Canoe Livery

Hocking Hills Canoe Livery

Logan Conference Center

Lake Logan/Campbell's Cove Campground

Mingo Park

Kachelmacher Park

Hocking Hills Country Club (Golf Course and Urban Grille)

Hocking Hills Canopy Tours

Orange Color denotes cluster sites – multiple businesses in close proximity with one address to designate location.

Most major trip generators in the County are located in the city of Logan. The county and hospital are the entities with highest number of employees in or near Logan. Major employers in the rural areas of the county are local schools (one main consolidated school district), 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 Hocking County, specific characteristics of the population must be examined. Hocking County currently has an estimated total population of 27,938 individuals. Of the total population, roughly 7,065 reside in the City of Logan. Projections show a significant decline of population totals over a twenty-year period (2030-2050).

Chart 1: Total Population with Projections

Total Population

Census

1900	24,398
1910	23,650
1920	23,291
1930	20,407
1940	21,504
1950	19,520
1960	20,168
1970	20,322
1980	24,304
1990	25,533
2000	28,241
2010	29,390
2020	28,050
2021	28,109
2022	27,819
2023	27,560
2024	27,429
2030	26,849
2040	25,766
2050	24,734

U.S. Census Bureau (2020).

Projected

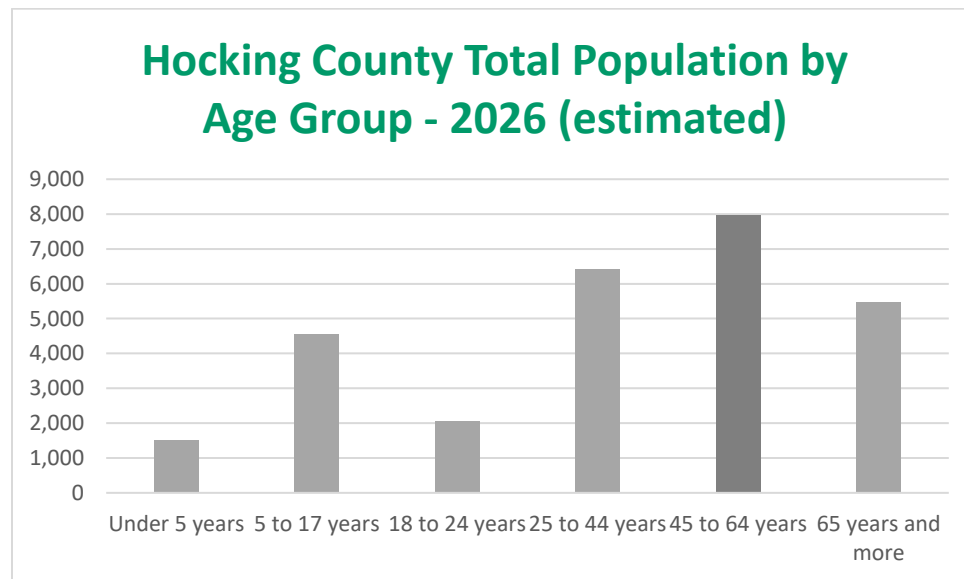
2030	26,849
2040	25,766
2050	24,734

Chart 2: Total Population by Age Group

The median age of the population is 42.6 years old with a majority (28.5%) falling into the 45 to 64-year-old category. Currently there are an estimated 7,961 individuals aged 45 to 65 years old and 5,460 aged 65 years and more.

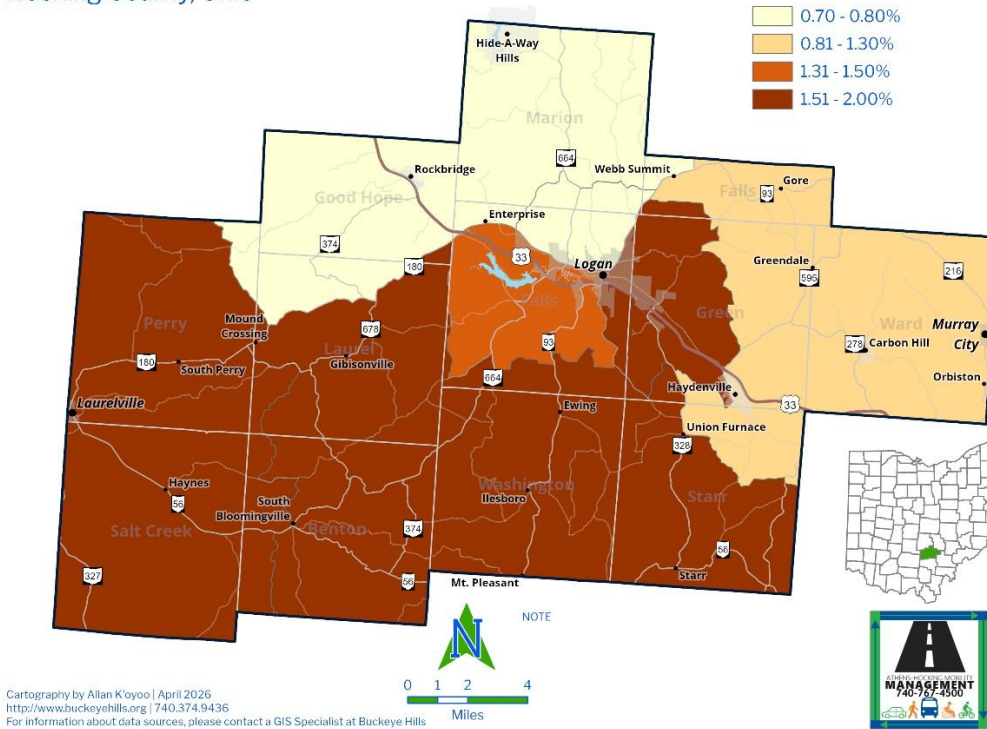
Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	27,938	100.0%
Under 5 years	1,511	5.4%
5 to 17 years	4,541	16.3%
18 to 24 years	2,047	7.3%
25 to 44 years	6,418	23.0%
45 to 64 years	7,961	28.5%
65 years and more	5,460	19.5%

Median Age	42.6
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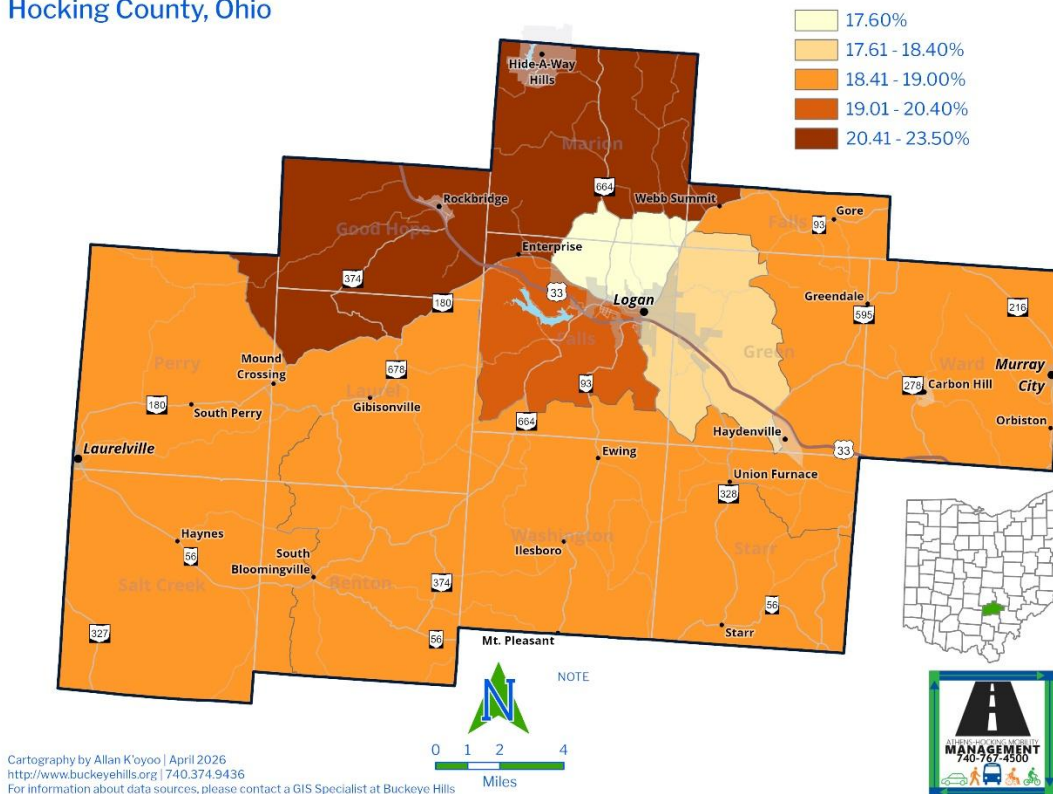
POPULATION AGED 85 AND ABOVE

Hocking County, Ohio



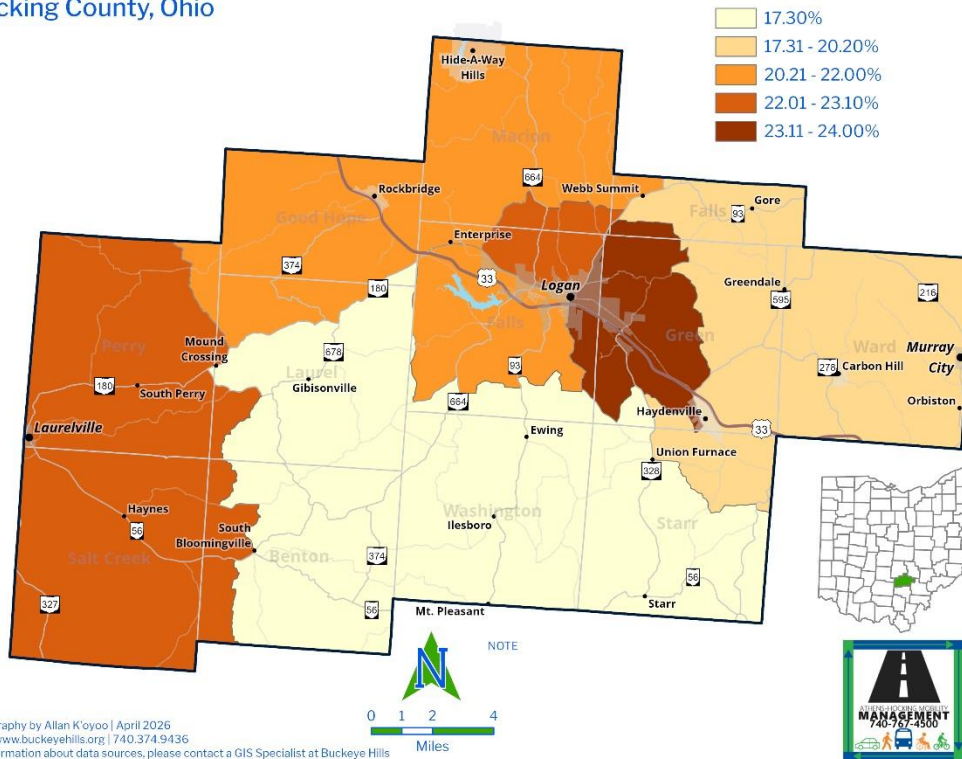
POPULATION AGED 65 AND ABOVE

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POPULATION AGED BELOW 18

Hocking County, Ohio



POPULATION AGED BELOW 5

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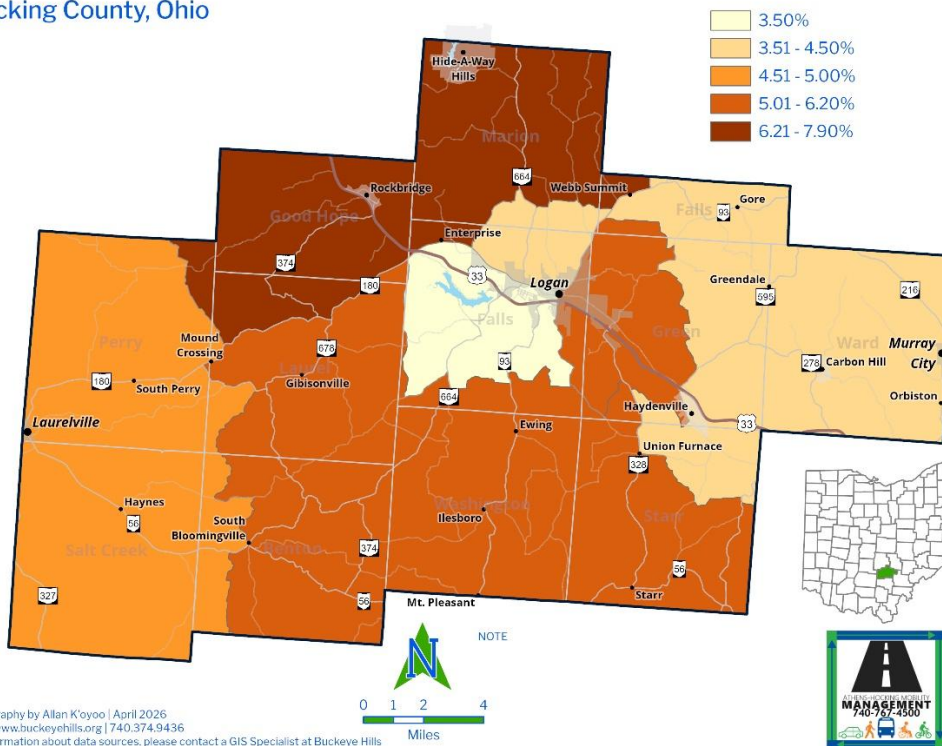


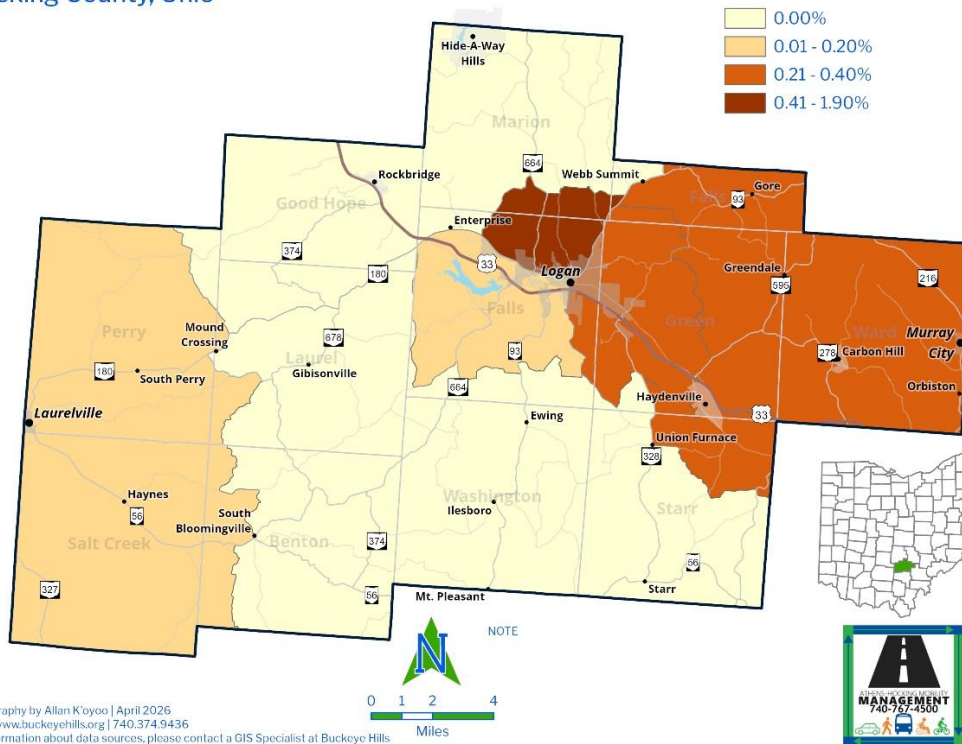
Chart 3: Total Population by Race

Hocking County is 94.4% white. 5.8% of the population identifies as one or more of the following minority groups:

Population by Race	Number	Percentage
ACS Total Population	27,938	100.0%
White	26,370	94.4%
African-American	110	0.4%
Native American	9	0.0%
Asian	90	2.7%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	402	0.0%
Two or More Races	957	3.4%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	260	0.9%
TOTAL MINORITY	1,632	5.8%

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION

Hocking County, Ohio

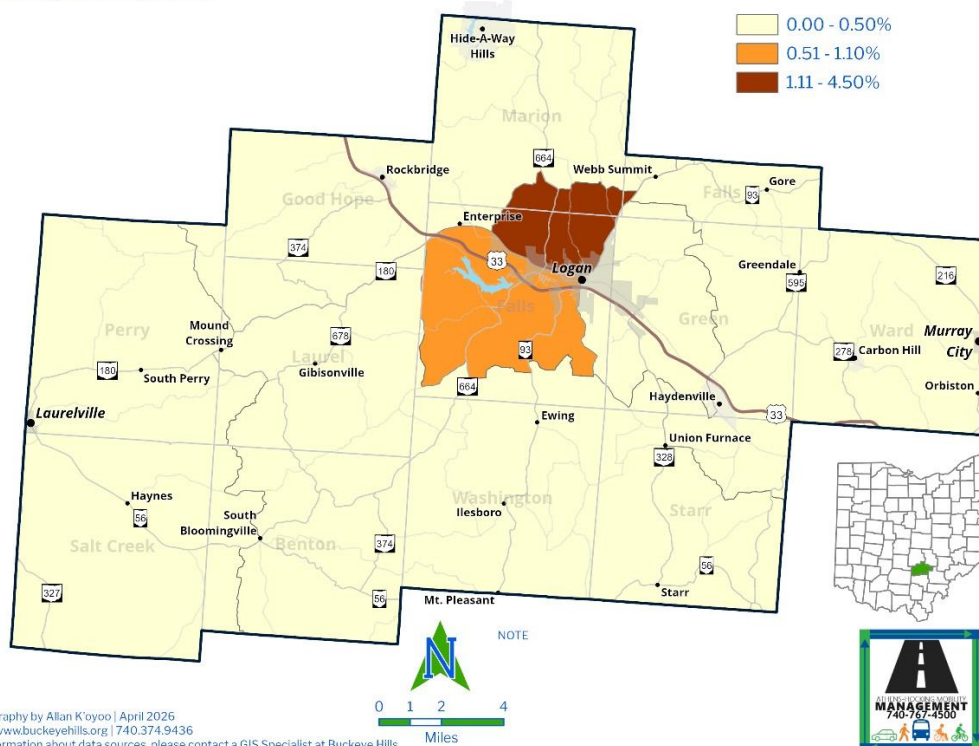


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For information about data sources, please contact a GIS Specialist at Buckeye Hills

HISPANIC OR LATINO POPULATION

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Chart 4: Number and percentage of people with disabilities

Of the total estimated population of 28,231 roughly 4,807 (17.0%) individuals identify with having a disability. A majority of those individuals are in the age range of 18 to 64 years old. The most common disability types identified are individuals with ambulatory difficulty and cognitive difficulty.

	Total Population	With a disability	% with a disability
Total	27,938	4,862	17.40%
Male	14,109	2,455	17.40%
Female	13,829	2,407	17.40%

Age with a disability

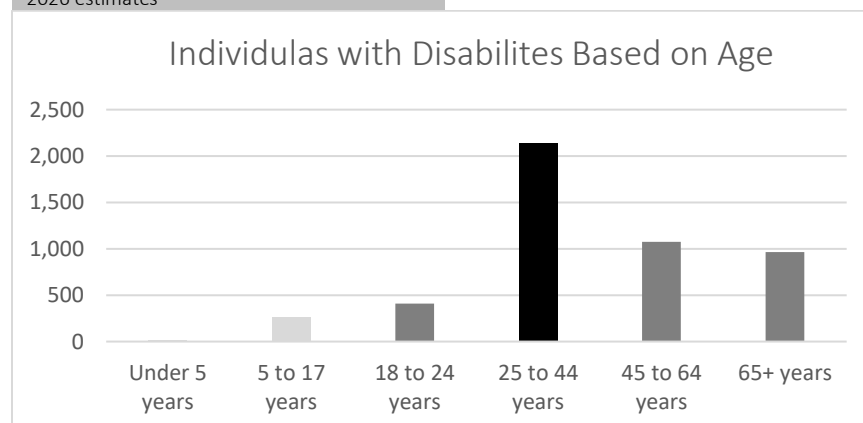
Under 5 years	1,511	13
5 to 17 years	4,541	264
18 to 24 years	2,047	409
25 to 44 years	6,418	2,136
45 to 64 years	7,961	1,074
65+ years	5,460	966

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

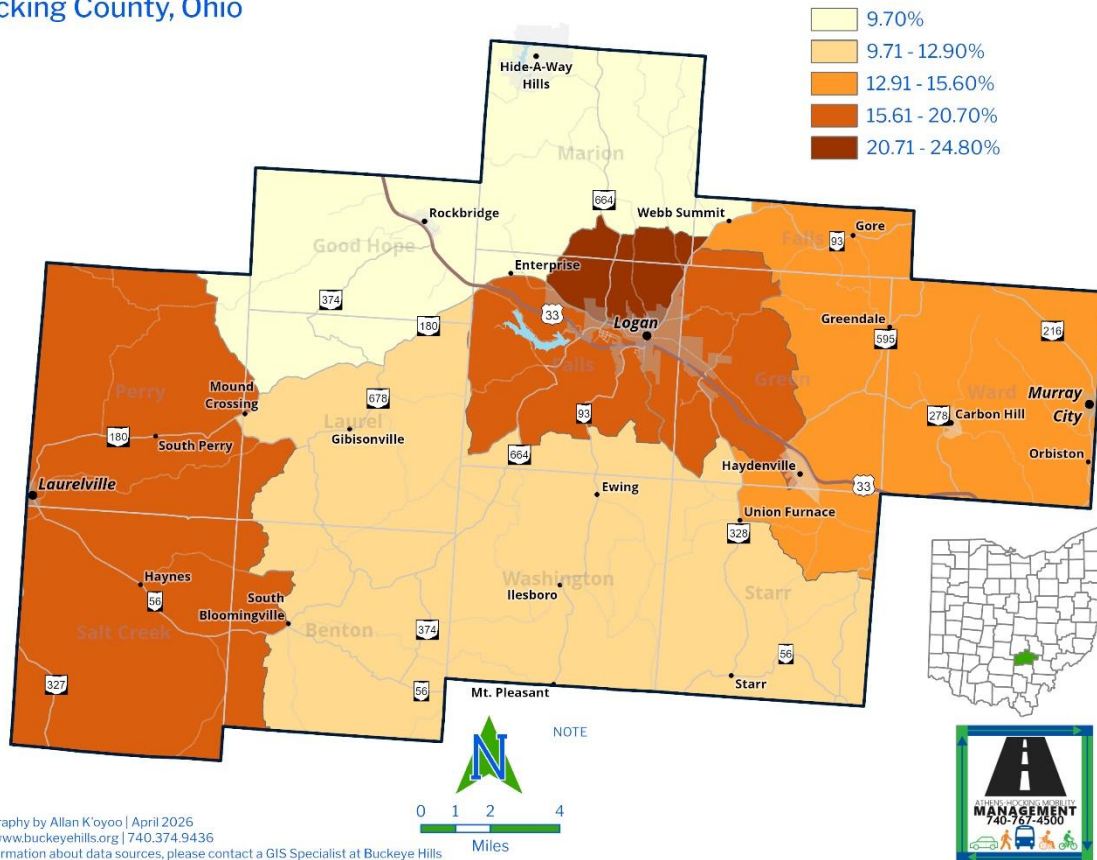
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POPULATION LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Hocking County, Ohio



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

Chart 5 demonstrates that families with no children present and married-couple families with their own children make up the majority of households with incomes below the federal poverty level.

Poverty Status of Families by

Family Type by Presence

of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,201	100%
Family Income Below Poverty Level	936	11.4%
Married-couple families with own children	1,435	17.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	483	5.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	781	9.5%
Families with no own children	5,502	67.1%

*Ohio County Profiles

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HOUSEHOLDS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL

Hocking County, Ohio

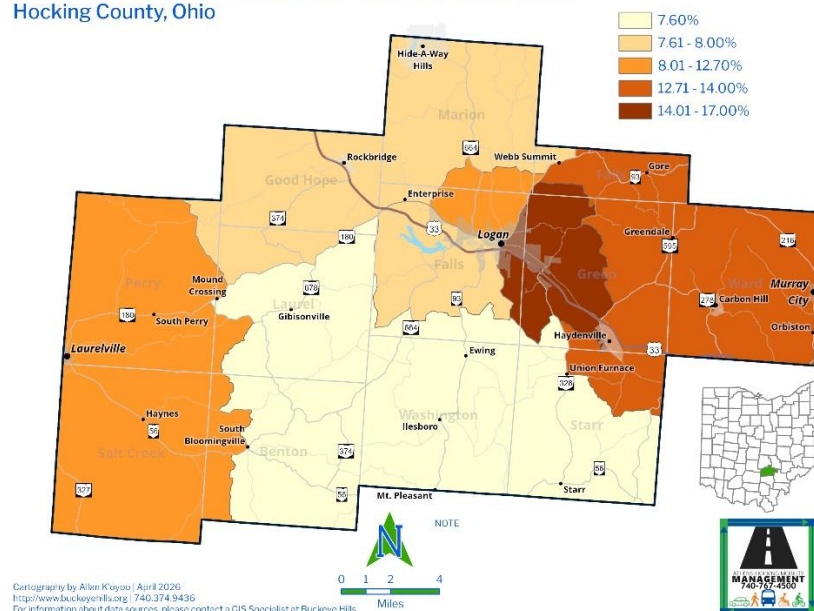
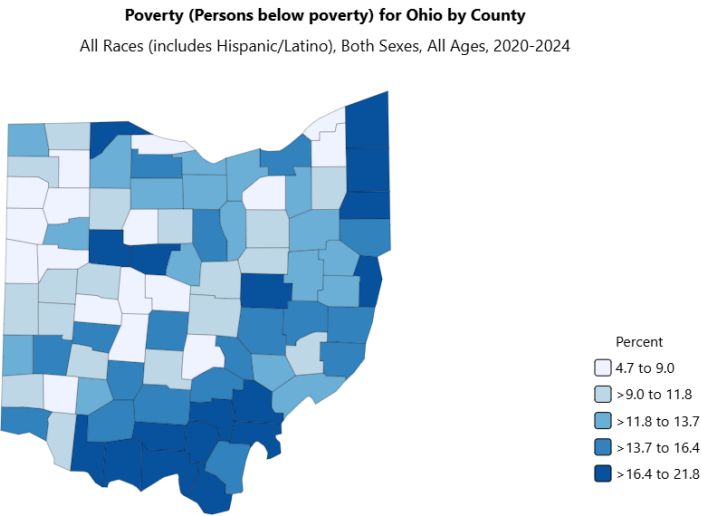


Chart 6: Number and percentage of individuals with incomes below the federal poverty level

Hocking County has a poverty rate of 16.9% (2025 numbers) noticeably greater than the national rate of 10.6%. Hocking county is located in the Appalachian region of the state, that includes 32 counties stretching across the eastern and southern regions of the state.

Ratio of Income to Poverty Level		Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined			
is determined		27,938	100.0%
Below 50% of the poverty level		1,948	7.0%
50%-99% of the poverty level		2,775	9.9%
100%-124% of the poverty level		1,403	5.0%
125%-149% of the poverty level		1,518	5.4%
150%-184% of the poverty level		1,430	5.1%
185%-199% of the poverty level		881	3.2%
200% or higher of the poverty level		17,685	63.3%

*S1701 Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months
2025 ACS 1-Year Estimates



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Notes:
NA: Data not available for this combination of geography, cancer site, age, and race/ethnicity.
Source: Demographic data provided by the Census Bureau and the American Community Survey.
For more information about Poverty (Persons below poverty), see the dictionary.

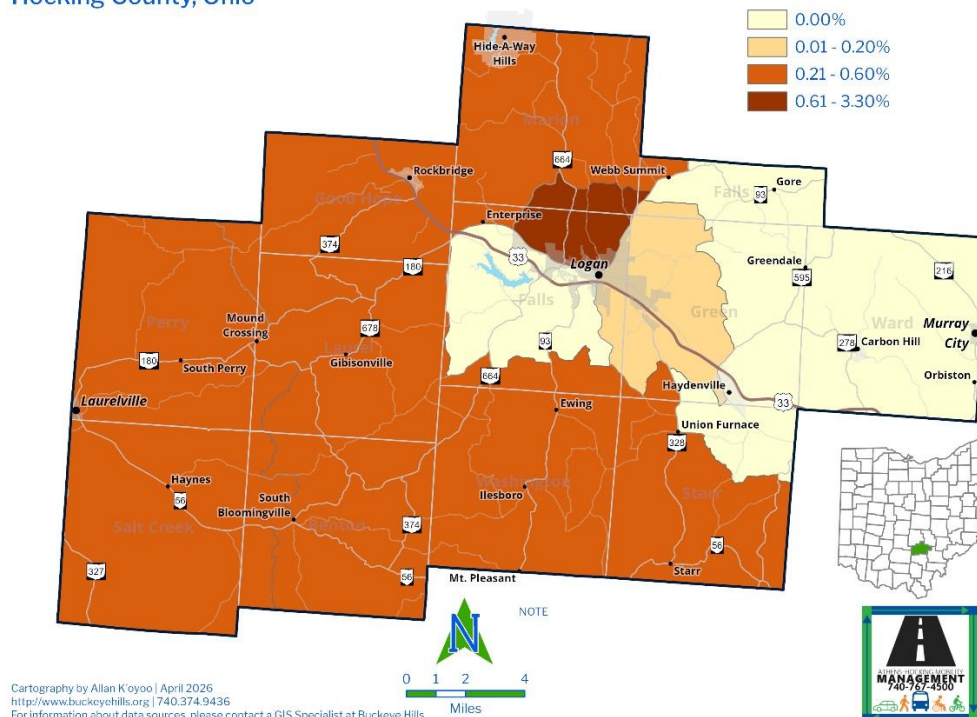
Chart 7: Percent of population that speak English “Less than very well”

English is spoken by a majority of residents in Hocking County with close to .77% of the population speaking English less than “very well”.

Language Spoken at Home	Total	Percent
Population 5 years and over	26,427	100.00%
English Only	25,293	95.71%
Language other than English	363	1.37%
Speak English less than "very well"	204	0.77%
Spanish	195	0.74%
Speak English less than "very well"	113	0.43%
Other Indo-European languages	159	0.60%
Speak English less than "very well"	89	0.34%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	7	0.03%
Speak English less than "very well"	2	0.01%
Other Languages	2	0.01%
Speak English less than "very well"	0	0.00%

POPULATION SPEAKING LITTLE ENGLISH

Hocking County, Ohio



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 Hocking 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.

The purpose of the planning process (interviews, surveys, community meetings and communication outside of meetings) was to update the existing coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan for Hocking County that will:

- Increase support for coordinated transportation planning within Hocking County and with neighboring counties
- Identify the transportation gaps and barriers for Hocking County citizens, with an emphasis on senior citizens, people with disabilities and low income individuals
- Prioritize transportation services for funding
- Determine how new 5310 vehicles could help the county alleviate some transportation barriers/gaps.

Inventory of Transportation Providers

Hocking County is served by a variety of transportation providers including:

- Door-to-door services
- Non-Emergency medical transportation services
- Transportation for qualifying clients via social service agencies, senior centers, and the Board of Developmental Disabilities
- An inter-city bus service

- Transportation for local schools
- Mobility Managers in neighboring counties: Athens, Perry, Pickaway, Ross and Vinton Counties

Existing Transportation Services

The following information is based on tabulations from the survey and interview results.

It is also important to note the number of wheelchair-accessible vehicles in Hocking County. Rough estimates put the total at approximately 25, with this number changing due to vehicles coming into service, and being retired from service. This is roughly 30% of the total vehicles.

List of Transportation Service Providers

Agency Name: A.T. HOY, LLC Transportation

Address: Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-Door

Other Services Provided: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NET)

Contact Information: 740.380.0536

Hours: Monday – Friday, 5am – 9pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: Active Hocking County Medicaid eligible residents

Web-site: N/A

Agency Name: Carealot Transport LLC

Address: Vinton County, McArthur

Transportation Service Type: Demand Response, Curb-to-Curb

Other Services Provided: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NET)

Contact Information: 740.577.4467

Hours:

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: Active Hocking County Medicaid eligible residents

Web-site: N/A

Agency Name: Carlin House
Address: 12 Carlin Drive, Logan, Ohio 43138
Transportation Service Type: Door-to-Door
Other Services Provided: N/A
Contact Information: 740-380-6383
Hours: Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm
Service Area: Hocking County
Eligibility Requirements: Only available for qualifying residents.
Web-site: www.carlinhouseal.com

Agency Name: Daybreak Transportation Services Ambulette
Address: 26261 Main Street, Coolville, Ohio 45723
Transportation Service Type: Door-to-Door, ambulette services, bariatric vehicles
Other Services Provided: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NET)
Contact Information: 740.596.2303 or 740.244.8345
Hours: Based on appointments
Service Area: Hocking County
Eligibility Requirements: None, open to the public.
Web-site: NA

Agency Name: Embassy of Logan
Address: 300 Arlington Avenue, Logan, Ohio 43138
Transportation Service Type: Door-to-Door
Other Services Provided: None
Contact Information: 740.385.2155
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm
Service Area: Hocking County
Eligibility Requirements: Only available for agency residents.
Web-site: <https://embassyhealthcare.net/embassy-location/logan/>

Agency Name: Fairfield Community Supports

Address: 15663 OH 595, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-Door

Other Services Provided:

Contact Information: 740.216.4807

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am-2pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for participants in program

Web-site: www.fairfieldcommunitysupports.com

Agency Name: GoBus (Hocking Athens Perry Community Action)

Address: 3 Cardaras Drive, Glouster, Ohio 45732

Transportation Service Type: Inter-city bus

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information: 1.888.95GOBUS (888.954.6287)

Hours: Monday – Sunday, 3am – 10pm

Service Area: Ohio

Eligibility Requirements: Open to public

Web-site: www.ridegobus.com

Agency Name: Goodwill

Address: Chillicothe, Ohio

Transportation Service Type: Door to Door

Other Services Provided: None

Contact Information:

Hours: Monday - Friday 8am – 5pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: Goodwill Employees only

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

Agency Name: GreenCab

Address: 14 Cook Drive, Athens, Ohio

Transportation Service Type: Demand response

Other Services Provided: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NET), Columbus airport, contract service

Contact Information: 740.200.3500 or 740.594.7339

Hours: 24/7 with advance notice, office hours 4am-6pm, Monday-Saturday

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: Active Hocking County Medicaid eligible residents

Web-site: N/A

Agency Name: Hocking County Veterans Service Commission

Address: 30657 Redrock Court, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-Door

Other Services Provided: Non-emergency Medical Transportation

Contact Information: 740.385.7505

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for Hocking County veterans

Web-site: www.hocking.oh.gov/veterans

Agency Name: Hocking Valley Industries

Address: 66 East Hunter Street, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-Door, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Fixed Route

Other Services Provided: Adult Day Care, Vocation Habilitation, Group Employment, Home-Maker Personal Care

Contact Information: 740.385.2118

Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 3:30pm (other hours available with pre-arrangement)

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for participants in program

Web-site: www.hockingvalleyindustries.com

Agency Name: Hopewell Health
Address: 541 St. Rt. 664N, Suite C, Logan, Ohio 43138
Transportation Service Type: Door to Door
Other Services Provided: Non-emergency Medical Transportation (NET)
Contact Information: 740.385.6594
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm
Service Area: Hocking
Eligibility Requirements: Active Hocking County Medicaid eligible residents
Web-site: NA

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



Agency Name: Logan Hocking School District
Bus Garage Address: 13483 Maysville-Williams Road, Logan, Ohio 43138
Transportation Service Type: Fixed-route student transportation
Other Services Provided: School related sporting events
Contact Information: 740.385.7844
Hours: Dependent on school hours
Service Area: Hocking local school district
Eligibility Requirements: Only available for students and staff.
Web-site: www.loganhocking.k12.oh.us

Agency Name: Logan Public Transit (Hocking Athens Perry Community Action)
Transportation Service Type: Curb to curb
Other Services Provided: Non-emergency Medical Transportation (NET), Title III Contract
Contact Information: 740.385.6999
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm
Service Area: Hocking County
Eligibility Requirements: Open to the public
Web-site: www.loganpublictransit.com

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

Agency Name: Quest Express
Address: Vinton County, McArthur
Transportation Service Type: Demand Response
Other Services Provided: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NET)
Contact Information: 740.596.1950
Hours: Monday – Friday, 5am – 9pm
Service Area: Hocking County
Eligibility Requirements: Active Hocking County Medicaid eligible residents
Web-site: N/A

Agency Name: Scenic Hills Senior Center

Addresses: 187 South Spring Street and Wellness Center 580 Radio Lane, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Door-to-Door

Other Services Provided: Senior care and activities

Contact Information: 740.385.6581

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am-4pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: 50+ Activities/60+ Transportation

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

Provide Vouchers or Funding for Transportation:

Agency Name: Health Recovery Services (Hocking) & Hocking County Behavioral Health Care

Address: Health Recovery Services-Hocking (HRS) – 141 South Spring Street, Logan, Ohio 43138

Hocking County Behavioral Health Care (HCBHC) – 12896 Grey Street, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Provide vouchers

Other Services Provided: Counseling

Contact Information: HRS - 740.385.9895; HCBHS – 740.380.6354

Hours: Monday - Friday 8am – 4pm

Service Area: Hocking

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for agency clients.

Web-site: www.hrs.org

Agency Name: Hocking County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Address: 1369 E. Front Street, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Provide funding, vouchers

Other Services Provided: Social Service Provider

Contact Information: 740.385.6805

Hours: Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: Only available for qualifying clients.

Web-site: www.hockingdd.org

Agency Name: Hocking County Health Department

Address: 350 OH-664, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Provide vouchers

Other Services Provided: Social Service Provider

Contact Information: 740.385.3030

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am–4pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: N/A

Web-site: www.hockingcountyhealthdepartment.com

Agency Name: South Central Ohio JFS

Address: 389 West Front Street, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Provide Medicaid NET Funding; OMJ – provide gas vouchers

Other Services Provided:

Contact Information: 740.385.5663

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am–4:30pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: N/A

Web-site: <http://www.scojfs.org/>

Agency Name: TASC of Southeast Ohio

Address: 12877 Grey Street, Logan, Ohio 43138

Transportation Service Type: Provide gas cards provided by Probation Office from ATP

Other Services Provided: Case Management and Treatment

Contact Information: 740.380.1714

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm

Service Area: Hocking County

Eligibility Requirements: N/A

Web-site: www.tascofsoutheastohio.org

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	Available only for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*
1. A.T. HOY Transportation	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	Yes (NET)
2. Carealot Transport LLC	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	Yes (NET)
3. Carlin House	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
4. Daybreak Transportation Services LLC	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	No
5. Embassy of Logan	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
6. Fairfield Community Supports	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
7. GoBus (HAPCAP)	Yes	Yes – Barons Bus Lines, Cardinal Transportation	Public Non-Profit	2019: 104,906 2021: 48,529 2024: 129,343	0	No, general public
8. Goodwill Industries Inc.	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	Unavailable	0	Yes – Available to work program clients only
9. GreenCab	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	Yes
10. Health Recovery Services	No	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes
11. Hocking County Board of DD	No	Yes, LPT	Government Entity	NA	NA	Yes
12. Hocking County Health Department	No	Yes, LPT	Government Entity	NA	NA	Yes
13. Hocking County Veterans Services Commission	Yes	No	Government Entity	400+	1-2 per month	Service only available to veterans
14. Hocking Valley Industries	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	2019: 7822 routes 2021: 7017 routes	0	Yes
15. Hopewell Health	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	X	0	Yes (NET)

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	Available only for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*
16. Jet Transportation	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	No
17. Logan-Hocking School District	Yes	No	Government Entity	X	0	Service only available to students
18. Logan Public Transit (HAPCAP)	Yes	No	Private Non-Profit	2020 – 16,692 2021 – 14,074	2	No – General Public
19. Pop's Pickup	Yes	No	Private For-Profit	X	X	N
20. Quest Express	Yes	No	Private Non-Profit	X	X	Yes (NET)
21. Scenic Hills Senior Center	Yes	No	Government Entity	X	1-5	No – Available to county seniors 60+
22. South Central Ohio JFS	No	Yes, All NET Providers	Government Entity	0	5	Yes (NET)
23. TASC of SE Ohio	No	No	Public Non-Profit	X	X	Yes, grant for SUD Tx

* 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. 15 of the participating organizations provide services on weekdays. 5 operate Medicaid NET transportation on Saturdays/3 on Sundays.

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. A.T. HOY Transportation	1 - SMV, 1 - Car, 1 - SUV	M – F 5am – 9pm	Yes	Curb to Curb	Defensive driving, CPR, First Aid
2. Carealot Transport LLC	SUV, Sedan Car	M-F 5am-9pm S 5am-6pm	Yes	Curb to Curb, door to door with some assistance	First Aid, CPR
3. Carlin House	1 - Van & 1 – Bus w/lift	M – F 8am – 4pm	Yes	Curb to Curb Some assistance	Defensive Driving, In-House Training
4. Daybreak Transportation Services LLC	Ambulette	X	Yes	NA	NA
5. Embassy of Logan	Van	M – F 7:30am – 5pm	No	Door to Door	In House Training, CPR, First Aid
6. Fairfield Community Supports	Buses w/ lifts, Vans	M – F 7:30am – 4pm	No	Door to Door	In House Training, CPR, First Aid
7. GoBus (HAPCAP)	Bus	Daily 3am – 10pm Office Hours, M-F 8am-4pm	No	Full Assistance	Yes – CDL, Defensive driving, First Aid, CPR, customer service training, ADA training, Blood borne pathogens, Disability awareness, Human trafficking, TSA, ADA and sensitivity training
8. Goodwill Industries Inc.	2 Small Buses w/ lifts	M – F 7am – 4pm	Unavailable	Door to Door	In House Training, CPR, First Aid
9. GreenCab	20 vehicles 20% (4) WC Vans	24/7 with advance notice	Yes	Full Assistance	DRIVE, CPR/First Aid, Defensive Driving
10. Health Recovery Services	NA	M – F 8am – 5pm	No	NA	NA

Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days and Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
11. Hocking County Board of DD	NA	M-F 8am-4pm	Yes	NA	NA
12. Hocking County Health Department	NA	M-F 8am-4pm	No	NA	NA
13. Hocking County Veterans Services Commission	Large van with lift	M-F 8:30am-4pm	No	Door to Door	In-house training
14. Hocking Valley Industries	4 Transit Buses, 2 Transit Vans w/ lifts, 3 Mini-vans	M - F 7:30am – 3:30pm, other hours available with pre-arrangement	Yes	Door to Door, Non-emergency, fixed route	Transportation training, Lift training provided by Transportation Coordinator, CPR/First Aid, Annual Direct Service Professional Training
15. Hopewell Health	Transit Van, Single Car	M – F 8am – 5pm	Yes	Curb to Curb Some assistance	In-house training
16. Jet Transportation	2 Vans	M-F 4am-6pm, Sa, Su by appointment	Yes	Curb to Curb with some assistance, wheelchair accessible vans	CPR/ First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens
17. Logan-Hocking School District	50 Bus-5, 6 vans w/ lifts	M –F 4am – 6pm	Yes, if school related	Door and central locate, wheelchair/harness if needed	CDL, Van certification through Ohio Dept. of Education
18. Logan Public Transit (HAPCAP)	8 Vans/2 Bus	M – F 7:30am – 5pm	Yes	Door to Door Curb to Curb by request	First Aid, CPR, BBP, Passenger assistance technique, Wheel Chair securement, Defensive Driving
19. Pop's Pickup	3 vehicles, varied type	7 Days a week	N	Door-to-Door	X
20. Quest Express	SMV	M-F 7am-5pm	Yes	Curb to Curb	No Requirement

21. Scenic Hills Senior Center	Bus & 5 vans 2 lifts	M – F 8:30am – 4pm	No	Non-Emergency, Curb to curb	Defensive Driving In House training
22. South Central Ohio JFS	NA	M-F 8am-4pm	Yes	NA	NA
23. TASC of SE Ohio	NA	M-F 8am-4pm	No	NA	NA

Transportation-related expenses and revenues also differ by organization. Federal and local 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. A.T. HOY Transportation	X	No	44 Full Time	2 Full Time	Medicaid	No Response
2. Carealot Transport LLC	0	NR	4 Part Time	1 Full Time	Medicaid	No Response
3. Carlin House	Free to Clients	No	5 - Pt	X	Data Unavailable	Data Unavailable
4. Daybreak Transportation Services	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Embassy of Logan	None	No	2 PT	N/A	Data Unavailable	Data Unavailable
6. Fairfield Community Supports	None	X	X	X	X	X
7. GoBus (HAPCAP)	Per trip	No	14 FT & 8PT	7 FT & 4 PT	Fares, Fed & State Funding	\$6,427,000.00
8. Goodwill Industries Inc.	Free to employees	No	1 – Ft 1 - Pt	None	Data Unavailable	Data Unavailable

9. GreenCab	Medicaid, private pay, fixed rate to Columbus Airport	N	X	X	X	X
10. Health Recovery Services	NA	No	NA	X	State & Local funding	X
11. Hocking County Board of DD	NA	No	NA	NA	Non-Emergency Transport	X
12. Hocking County Health Department	NA	No	NA	NA	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
13. Hocking County Veterans Services Commission	Free/Subsidized	No	1 – Ft 1 - Pt	N/A	County Government Funding	\$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00 Annually
14. Hocking Valley Industries	Waiver, local funds, self-pay	Yes	8-10 FT	1 Transportation Coordinator, also a driver	Medicaid Waiver, local funds, self-pay	\$50,000 - \$80,000
15. Hopewell Health	Per mile rate, paid by Medicaid	No	2 FT	0	Ohio Medicaid	X
16. Jet Transportation	\$2.50 per mile, Medicaid	No	2 FT	X	X	X
17. Logan-Hocking School District	State	Yes (to Board Office), but have not received any	41 FT 10 PT	3	State Dept. of Education	X

18. Logan Public Transit (HAPCAP)	Per Trip, Zones & Schedule	Yes	18 PT	1 FT and 1 PT	FTA, HAPCAP, ODOT, JFS, Title 3	\$349,000.00
19. Pop's Pickup	Destination Dependent	N	3	X	X	X
20. Quest Express	Medicaid	No	2 PT, plus owner	1 (owner)	Medicaid	X
21. Scenic Hills Senior Center	Free	Yes	3 PT	X	County/Grants/Levy	X
22. South Central Ohio JFS	Voucher/Waiver	No	X	X	Data Unavailable	Data Unavailable
23. TASC of SE Ohio	Voucher	No	X	X	X	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
Hocking Hills Transportation LLC	24/7 with notice	\$100/hour	Private pay, large groups	Hocking County primarily and surrounding counties, and beyond
Hocking Hills Outdoors Party Bus Tours	24/7 with notice	X	Private pay, large groups	Hocking County primarily and surrounding counties, and beyond
GoBus (HAPCAP)	7 Days a Week	Varies by distance	Inter-City Bus System	State of Ohio

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

Table 5: Transportation Resources

Transportation Resource	Availability	Cost	Usage	Service Area
Athens & Hocking Mobility Management	M-F 8am-4pm	Free	Community Members	Athens and Hocking Counties primarily but can expand outside county to State of Ohio

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)
GoBus (HAPCAP)	Tixool by United Bus Technologies	Yes (RideGoBus)	X	Yes
Logan - Hocking School District	Routefinder	Stopfinder	X	Zonar
Logan Public Transit	CTS	No	CTS	No
All other companies	Excel, word or google docs	No	NA	Garmin/phones

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 Hocking County where there are limited public transportation options.

Hocking 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 Hocking County/City of Logan partnered with Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to facilitate the Logan Public Transit project in 2007.

A transportation work group was formed known as the Hocking County Transportation Advisory Coalition. The Coalition undertook an extensive review of the transportation services in the county and identified strategies and priorities for addressing these needs. This group has continued to meet since in an advisory capacity. It has continued to advance the strategies highlighted in the initial coordinated transportation plan created in 2008 and remains dedicated to:

- Connecting its rural communities to The City of Logan and other parts of the state at affordable rates.
- Increasing understanding and awareness of community transportation needs
- Assisting individuals with accessing all community transportation options, particularly seniors, persons with disabilities and low income residents
- Increasing local capacity for transportation services
- Increasing awareness of current community transportation options and programs
- Establishing safe pedestrian & alternative travel infrastructure

Many organizations and entities are interested in transportation. The City of Logan has supported LPT financially since 2007 by providing local match. Numerous organizations have contracted with LPT. The Southern Ohio Center for Independent Living has long been a supporter of advancing transportation efforts in the community. Other organizations recognize it as an issue. The Health Department has been working on active transportation efforts and there interest in a group meeting to advance bike path expansion in the community.

Safety

All transportation providers in Hocking County are dedicated to ensuring safe transportation for all riders, drivers, and pedestrians. Although the various providers require different safety courses for their drivers, there are requirements for each provider to ensure safe practices. Some of these trainings are:

Defensive driving, DRIVE (Driving older adults and individuals with disabilities), First aid, CPR, Passenger Assistance Techniques, etc. Some programs have their own training programs by certified trainers within their organizations.

The Mobility Coordinator can provide travel training to the public and those who request it. This is offered in a group setting or one-on-one. The MM also coordinates with the providers by informing them of training programs, workshops and shared classes offered in the area and the costs. The Mobility Coordinator is a trained CarFit Event Coordinator, CPR/First Aid Instructor, and PAT Trainer.

Those with 5310 ODOT vehicles adhere to the preventative maintenance program and keep their vehicles adequately serviced. Currently there are no 5310 vehicles in the county (2026).

As active transportation efforts are developed, safety will remain a priority.

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 Hocking County.

Prior to 2007, the City of Logan used a cab company to provide some limited transportation to community members. None of the vehicles were accessible for individuals with disabilities. The community recognized the need for affordable and fully accessible transportation options and formed a Transportation Advisory Group. The TAG in cooperation with the City of Logan contacted Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to assist in resolving the issue. Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) was selected to explore their capacity in forming a public transit program for the City of Logan.

HAPCAP established Logan Public Transit (LPT) and in July 2007, began operations. The original fleet consisted of two vans and a small bus and service was provided to the City and individuals within two miles of the City limits. Over the next ten years, LPT expanded to ten vehicles in service including seven accessible vans and three lift equipped busses. In 2014, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, LPT was able to purchase dispatching software, improving efficiency and timeliness of service delivery. In 2015, LPT expanded to include the Highway 33 corridor. This provided service to the villages of Haydenville and Rockbridge. In 2015, a contract with South-Central Ohio Job and Family Services enabled LPT to provide non-emergency medical transportation for eligible Medicaid enrolled individuals. The range for this contract allowed travel to Metro areas including Cleveland, Columbus and other cities in central Ohio. In 2016, with ODOT concurrence, LPT expanded the service area to include about 100 square miles in the northeast section of the County. This included service to the villages of Carbon Hill and Union Furnace and established a new fare zone to keep fares equitable across the service area and provided service to over half the county population. In 2017, LPT was qualified to provide service to individuals with disabilities under the “Waiver” program administered by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

In 2018, LPT was awarded a contract under the Older American’s Act administered by the Area on Aging. This service for individuals 60 and older is intended to keep individuals in their residence as long as possible by transporting them to medical facilities, social needs and other appointments necessary for independent living. In addition, LPT was part of the State’s TIGER initiative upgraded scheduling and dispatching software in 2018. In January 2020, LPT expanded coverage to the entire county with three zones, right before the beginning of COVID. Currently ridership is almost the same as pre-pandemic rates, but ridership diminished during COVID and LPT initiated safety measures to protect riders. Since 2020, LPT has partnered with Hocking Hills Tourism to run a free shuttle program, for people to access the different caves in the Hocking Hills. There are currently two routes: one picks people up from the County Courthouse in Logan and then proceeds to the Caves, with the second picking people up from the initial cave drop-off point, and then making stops at all the other caves. This started as a pilot program in 2024, with 2025 adding a second route, and 2026 maintaining the second route. Currently, Hocking Hills Tourism contracts with LPT, paying them to operate the two shuttles.

Logan Public Transit works closely with county social service agencies, other non-profits and commercial providers in an effort to provide essential services. Since established, Logan Public Transit with support from HAPCAP, continues efforts in expanding services to meet the needs of county residents with safe,

affordable and reliable transportation options. Service providers around the county work together when possible to meet the needs. Rules and regulations at times prohibit true coordination of services.

In 2025, HAPCAP decided to combine LPT, on paper, with Athens Public Transit to better improve their scoring metrics when applying for State and Federal funding. This seems to have been successful, as LPT is doing well financially.

Hocking County has limited public and private transportation providers, with some services serving clients who qualify under certain criteria or are associated with the organization and its services, and other providers servicing the public with no requirements.

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

- Limited county-wide affordable services.
- A lack of availability of affordable and accessible services on the weekends, early morning and evening hours during the week.
- Limited wheelchair accessible vehicles publicly available.
- Private transportation providers to cover gaps in public transit services. (Note – a few for profit bus companies have been developed but focused on group trips for tourists.)
- Limited transportation services that operate within & outside of Hocking County.
- A need for the coordination of efforts within & outside of Hocking County.

In addition, the City of Logan and Hocking County face the same issues as many rural areas throughout the US. A loss of manufacturing jobs and a struggling downtown. There is a collaborative effort in the community to revitalize the downtown with a focus on small business development for the large tourism trade and re-building the downtown historic theater. Thereby enhancing opportunities for residents and the high volume of out of town visitors to enjoy social and commercial activities in Logan.

“The infrastructure is aging and shows many signs of deterioration. Elected officials make every effort to fix what funding allows, but there are more issues than funding can repair in a timely manner. To enhance quality of life and improve transportation options, the residents have expressed interest in bike paths/lanes, sidewalks for walking and safety, additional parking in the downtown and safer intersections. For those with disabilities, better street lighting, curb cuts and visual/audible indicators at cross walks would better service community members. As our county’s average age increases, the need for better and wider lane makings, better road signage and possibly islands at cross walks would improve safety.”

The above paragraph was moved from the old version of this plan, to the new one. This choice was made because the Mobility Coordinator felt it was important to show the progress that has been made in Downtown Logan. The revitalization project has been extremely successful, with huge amounts of pedestrian improvements having been installed from 2025-2026. Wider sidewalks, better crosswalks, and more lighting have all appeared, creating a much more pleasant and accessible Downtown area.

Most of these needs are “shovel ready” and could be in progress with a minimal amount of engineering/planning. As a “destination” for millions of visitors to the surrounding state parks, trails and nature/game preserves, the improvements would be a basis for a model Ohio small city and showcase Ohio’s efforts in supporting Smart/Livable City initiatives.

IV. Assessment of Transportation Needs and Gaps

In an effort to better understand the needs in Hocking County, the planning committee examined research and data, as well as solicited input from the community 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.

A variety of stakeholders were interviewed 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.

The following methods were used to assess transportation needs and gaps

- Assessment of data and demographics
- Release of multiple transportation surveys to the county focused on:
 - General Public
 - Individuals with Disabilities
 - Senior Citizens
 - Employers
- Two Public Transportation Meetings held – one in Logan and one in Laurelville
 - Approximately 15 people participated in these meetings, including Library staff who expressed an interest.
- One-on-one interviews with providers and referring agencies

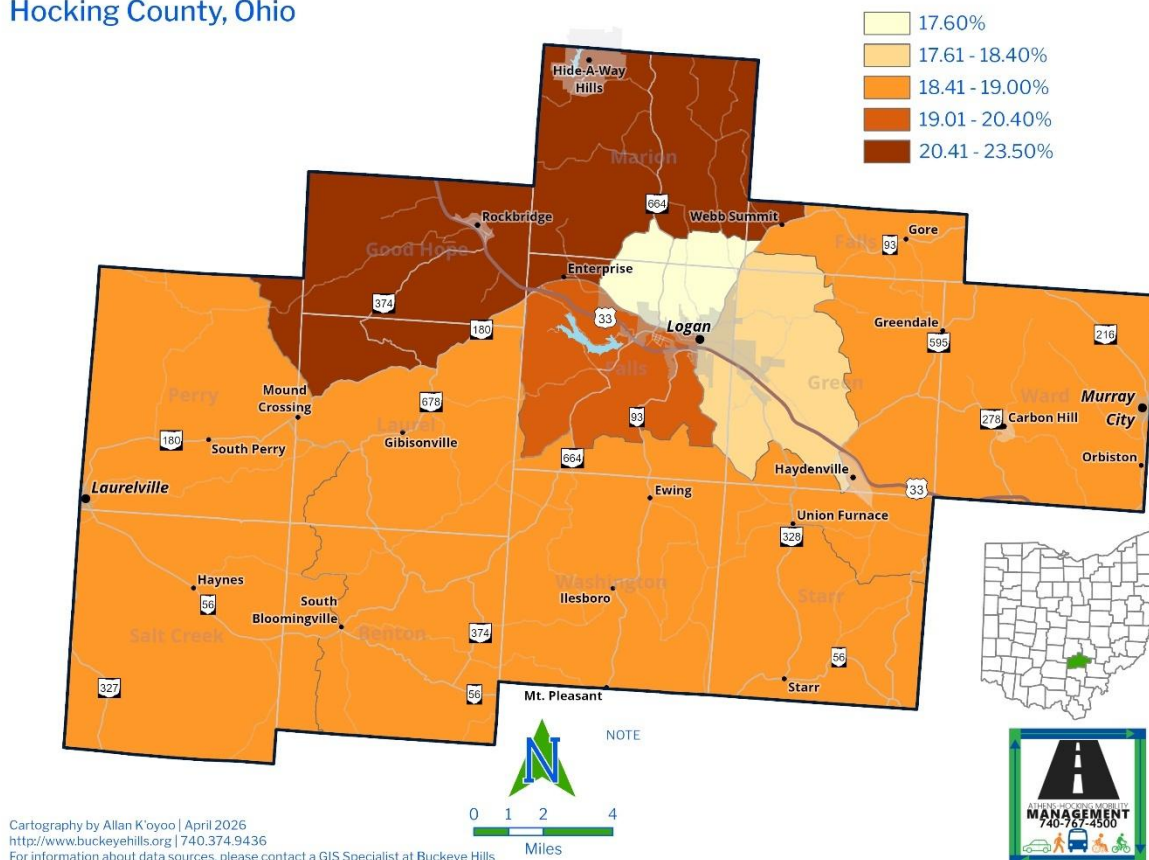
Local Demographic and Socio-Economic Data

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 1 illustrates the population density of Individuals Age 65 and Older in Hocking County and regions of the county where these populations are found.

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

POPULATION AGED 65 AND ABOVE Hocking County, Ohio

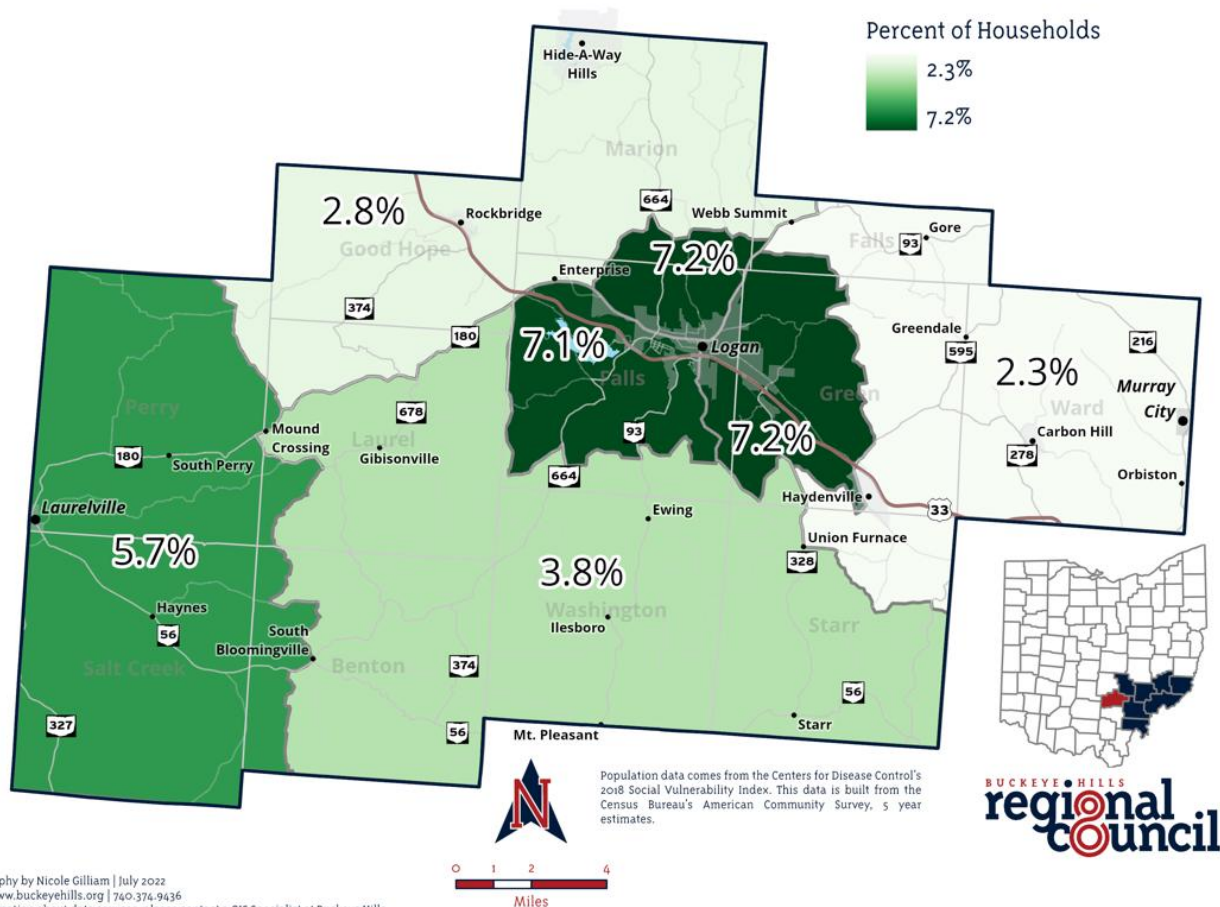


The exhibit below indicates the areas where the number of no vehicle households is above the Hocking County average. The absence of a vehicle in the household is often an indication of the need for transportation services.

Exhibit 2: Map of Density of No Vehicle Households

Households with No Vehicle

Hocking County, Ohio

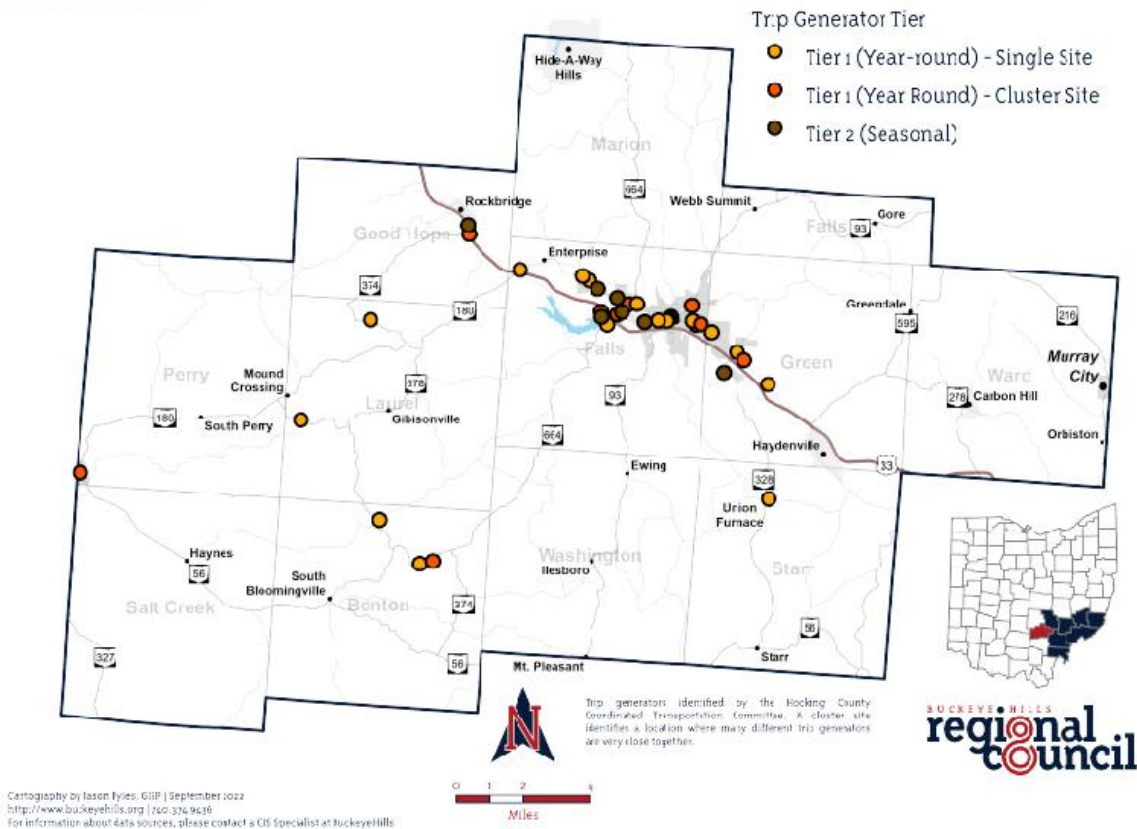


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The next exhibit illustrates the location of the top destinations for the existing transportation providers as well as major trip generators for anyone in the area, including those who drive a personal vehicle.

Exhibit 3: Map of Major Trip Generators

Trip Generators
Hocking County, Ohio



Analysis of Demographic Data

The density of individuals age 65 and older is concentrated in the central region of the county, markedly along the 33 corridor between the City of Logan and Rockbridge and in all outlying areas of the county, most notably in Salt Creek Township & surrounding Laurelville. These outlying areas have the least amount of affordable transportation options available to them. Many seniors in Hocking County reside outside of the city limits in areas further away from medical care facilities and senior services.

A high percentage of zero vehicle households lay along similar areas as seen in Table 1 revealing a population in need of transportation services or programs. The highest percentage of zero vehicle households are located within Logan city limit or right outside it.

Major trip generators are located mostly in the City of Logan. The rural areas of the county need to travel to the city or outside the county in order to gain access to job opportunities, medical facilities, food, educational institutions and more.

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 zero vehicle households, in order to connect them to a variety of services available elsewhere in and outside the county.

General Public and Stakeholder Meetings/Focus Groups

HAPCAP's Mobility Coordinator hosted and facilitated two local meetings to discuss the unmet transportation needs and gaps in mobility and transportation. A few people participated in the accessible public meetings. Focus groups were held at both branches of the Hocking County Library, in Logan and in Laurelville. More information about what meetings were held and attendance at those meetings is available upon request.

During the meeting, the HAPCAP Hocking County Mobility Coordinator presented highlights of historical coordinated transportation in Hocking County, and discussed the activities since the last Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan that have helped to address some of the unmet transportation needs and gaps in services for the area. The focus of the discussion was transportation for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people with low incomes. However, several topics discussed also impact mobility options for the general public.

Participants discussed numerous mobility issues to achieve, preserve, avoid, or eliminate through coordination during the meetings. Coordinated transportation stakeholders will consider these unmet needs when developing transportation goals and strategies, and grant applications. The exhibit at the end of this section provides a summary of the unmet mobility needs discussed during the meeting as well as the needs identified by the survey results.

15 people attended the in-person meetings, with 72 surveys being completed.

Surveys

The following survey summary includes the information gained from the following surveys that were performed.

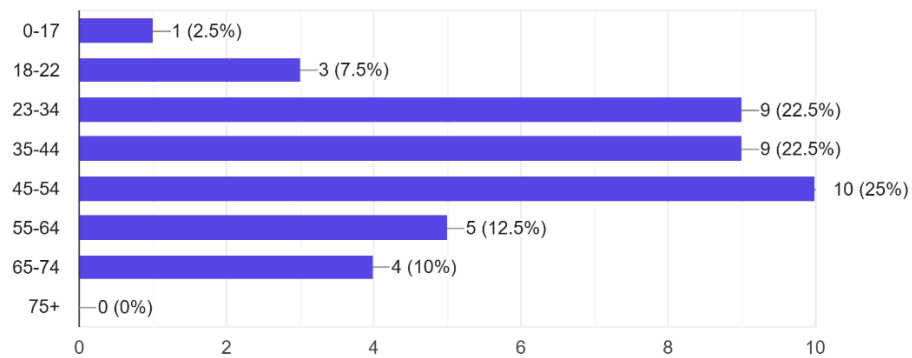
- General Public
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Seniors/Individuals over the age of 60
- Employers
- Social Service Agencies

All questions allowed respondents to mark multiple answers or no answer at all in order to capture a more complete response. Because of this fact, some percentages and numbers may not match the total number of respondents.

Hocking County Transportation Survey: General Public

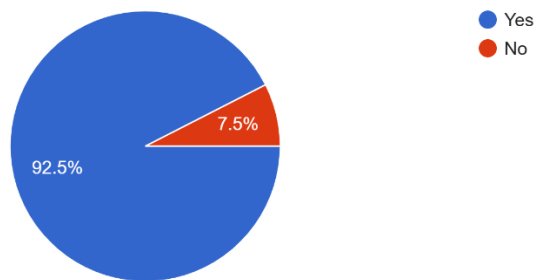
How old are you?

40 responses



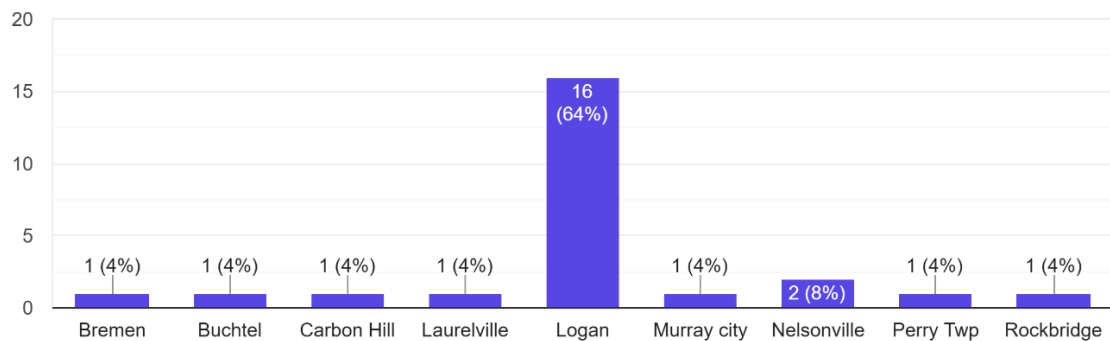
Do you live in Hocking County?

40 responses



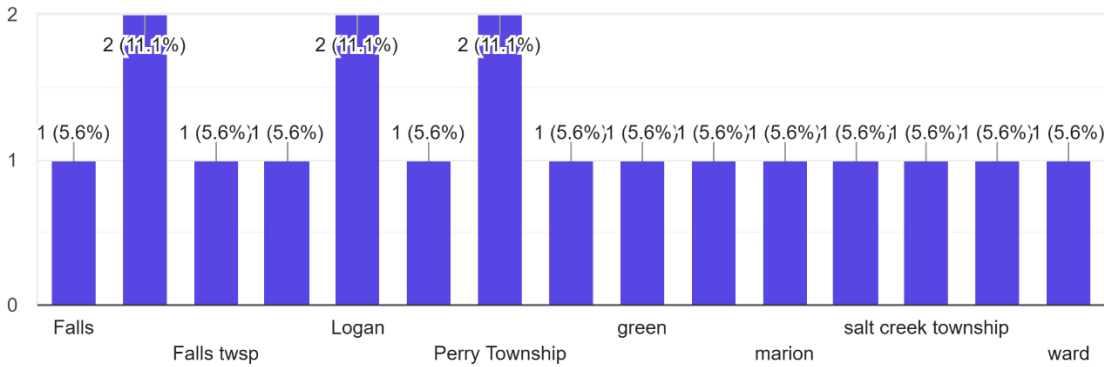
What city or village do you live in?

25 responses



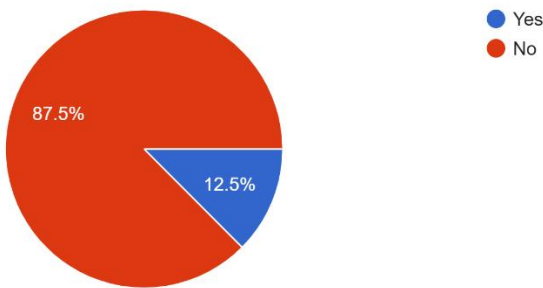
If you do not live in a city or village, what township do you live in? Refer to the map for assistance.

18 responses



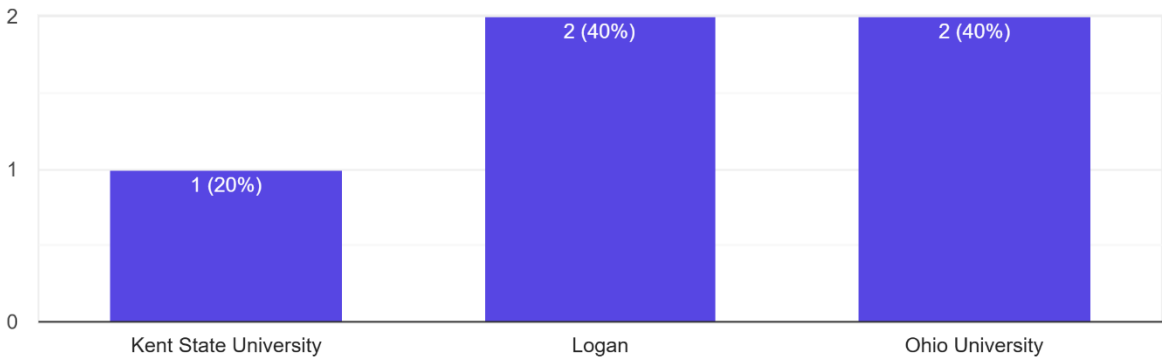
Are you currently a student?

40 responses



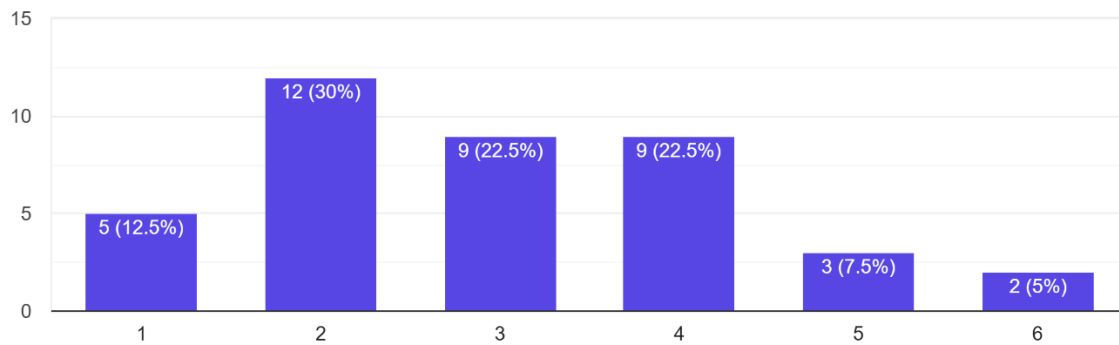
If you are a student, what school do you attend?

5 responses



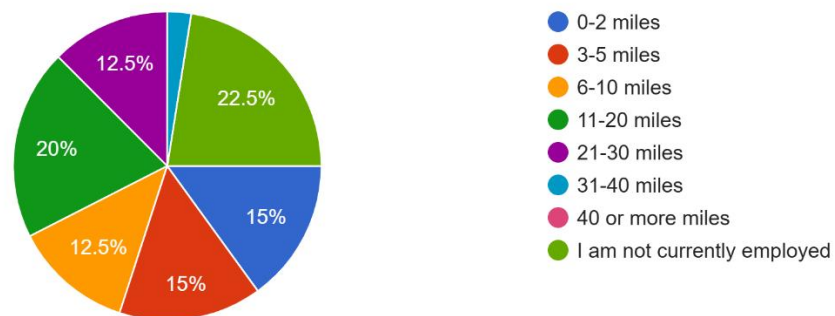
Including how, how many people live in your household?

40 responses



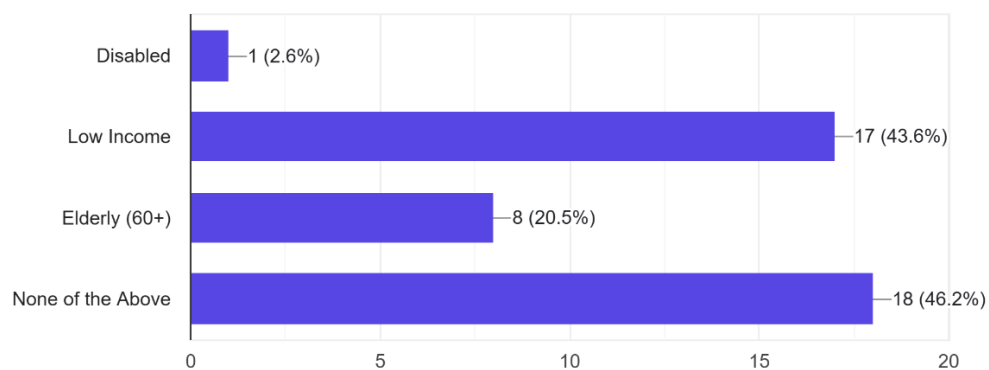
How many miles away is your place of employment from your home?

40 responses



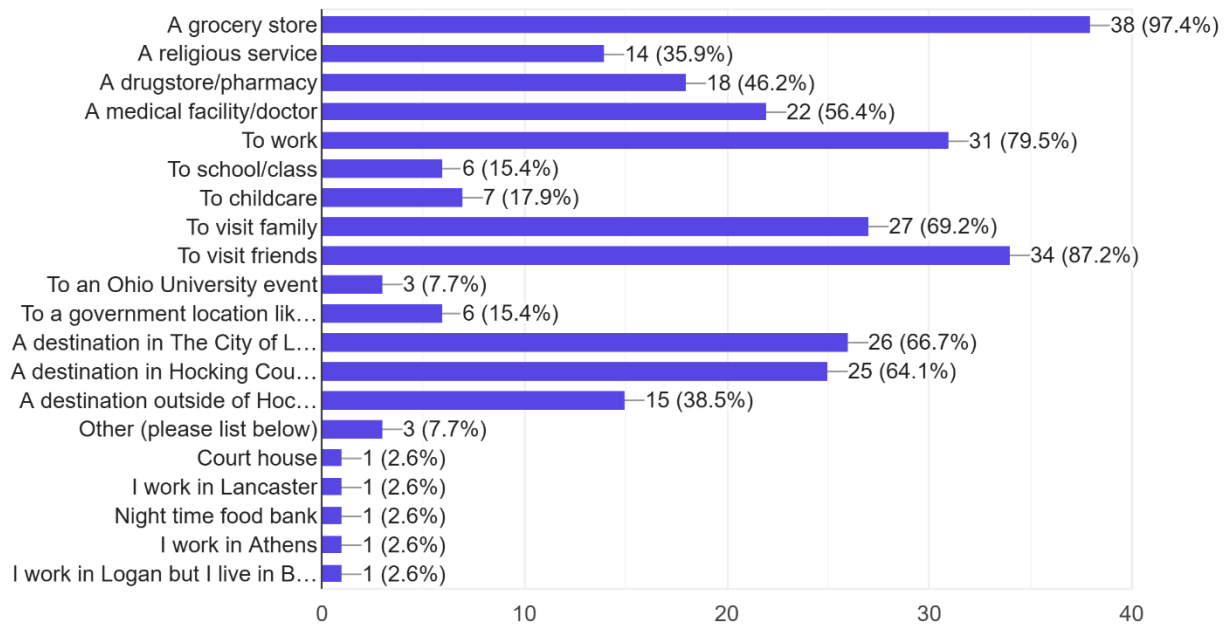
Which of the following apply to you?

39 responses



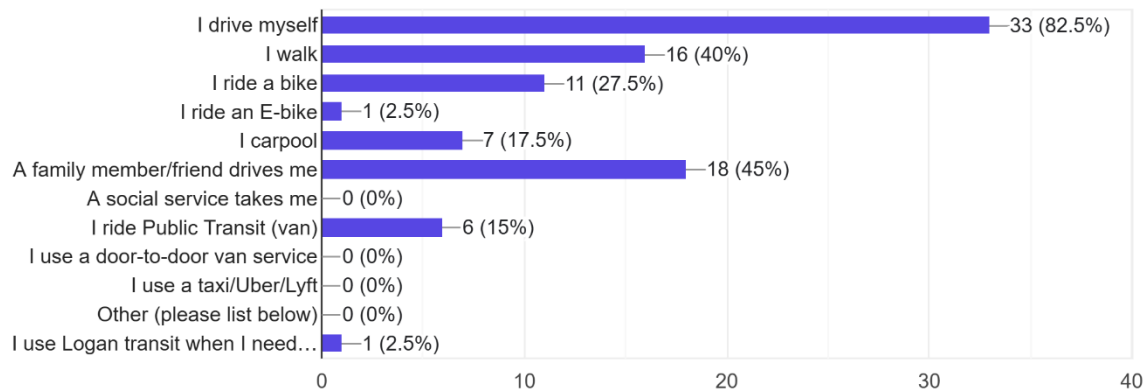
To which of the following destinations do you need to go?

39 responses



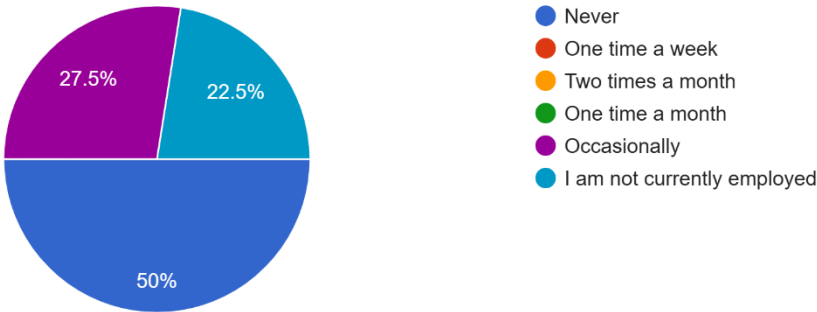
How you get to your destinations? (check all that apply)

40 responses



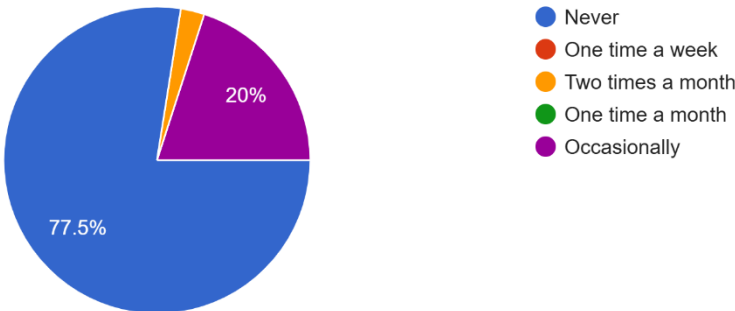
How often do you miss work because you are unable to get there?

40 responses



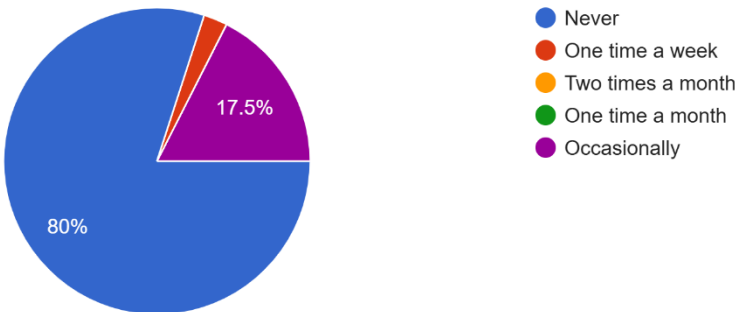
How often do you miss medical or counseling appointments because you are unable to get there?

40 responses



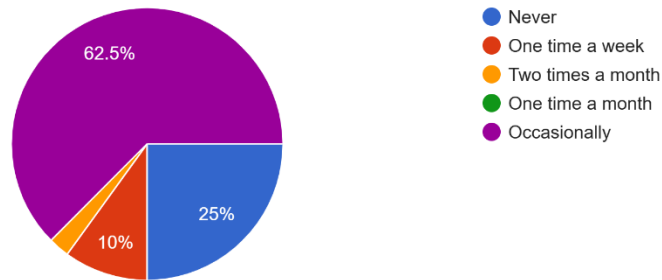
How often do you miss legal or benefit assistance appointments because you are unable to get there?

40 responses



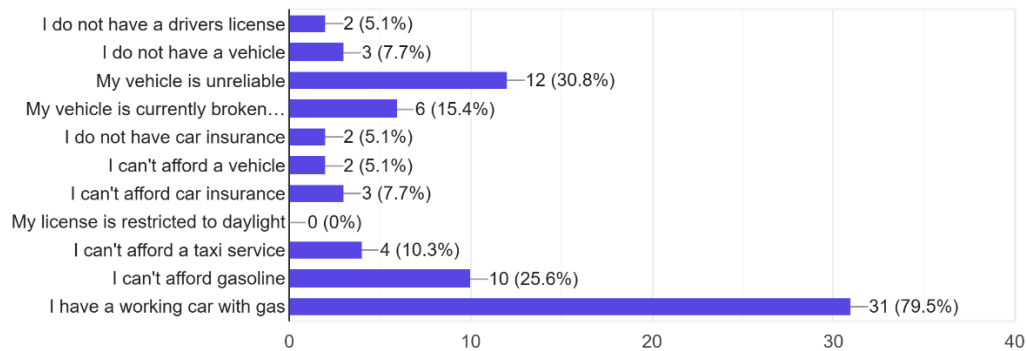
How often do you need a ride from someone else?

40 responses



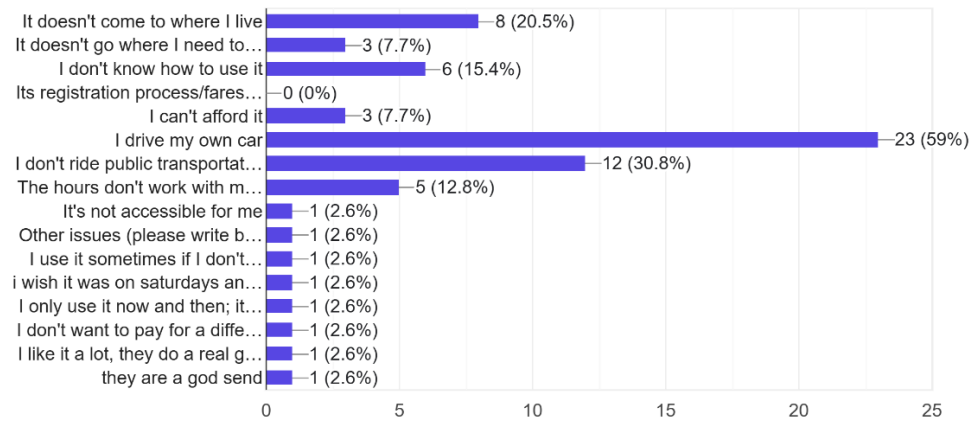
In the past six months, which of the following statements have been true for you? (check all that apply)

39 responses



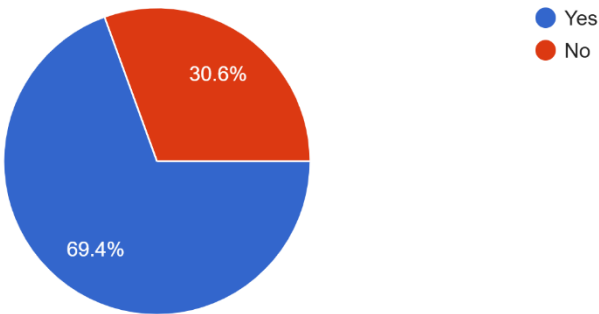
Regarding Public Transportation (bus/van), which of the following are true for you? (check all that apply)

39 responses



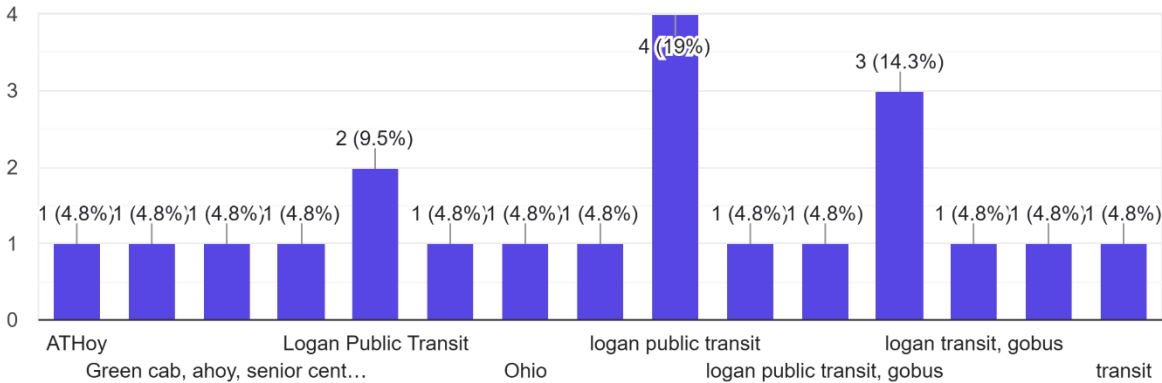
I am aware of transportation services that are available in Hocking County.

36 responses



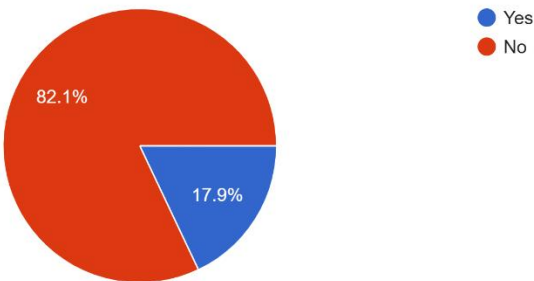
If you checked yes, what transportation options are you aware of in Hocking County? (please write below)

21 responses



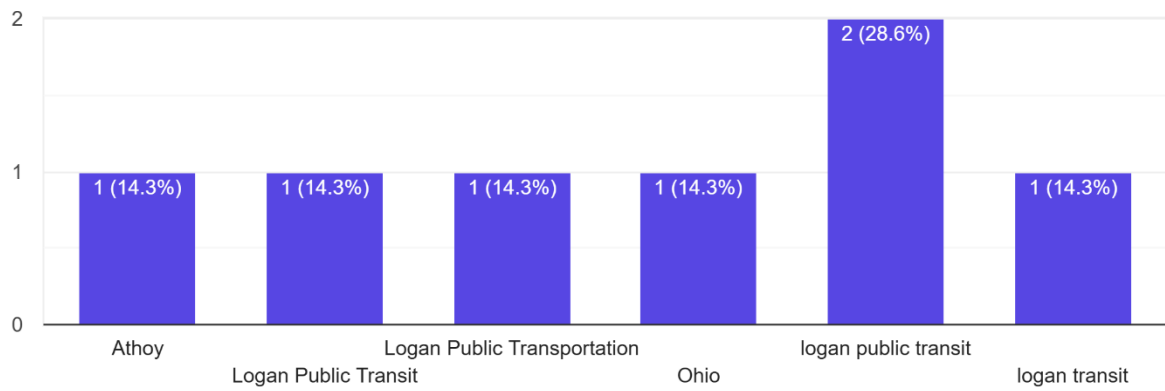
I use Public Transportation

39 responses



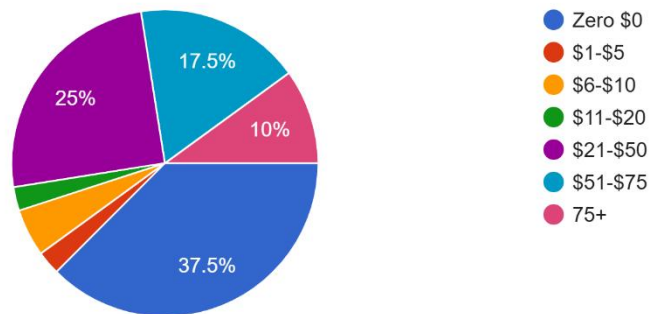
If you checked yes, what transportation options do you use in Hocking County? (please write below)

7 responses



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

40 responses



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

I work at night so I cant use the logan public transit vans

saturday sunday hours for the vans

Regular service to Laurelville and expansion to nearby counties. I work in Pickaway.

Come take us to probation and food banks that only give at night

I have to drive everywhere, I wish I could bike

Run later

It would be nice to see Logan Public Transportation operate on weekends; they have the Hocking Hills Cave Shuttle, but it doesn't travel within Logan where I'd like it to.

It would be nice to see more bike trails or bike lanes. I love my e-bike, but I don't always feel safe riding it.

I wish logan transit drove at night because I could pick up more shifts that way

Saturday would be good to have Logan Public Transit for, I can drive if I need to but I'd rather take the van

It would be cool to be able to get a ride to OU from Logan

I ride my bike most of the time and i wish there was a better way for me to get places so many roads dont have sidewalks at all an it gets hard to ride on those roads

i wish the logan vans would come to nelsonville. i live in nelsonville but i work in logan.

vans could be free that might help

We need services outside of the 9-5 window, also rides able to go outside county lines. But we need transportation services for travel for other reasons than medical appts

I've heard good things about it, but I've never used it personally

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

They dont come at night when I work

Do not go where I need, do not regularly come to me.

I walk to work every day and also to the baby sitters house

Don't need to use it.

Hane my own vehicle

they dont come to where i live

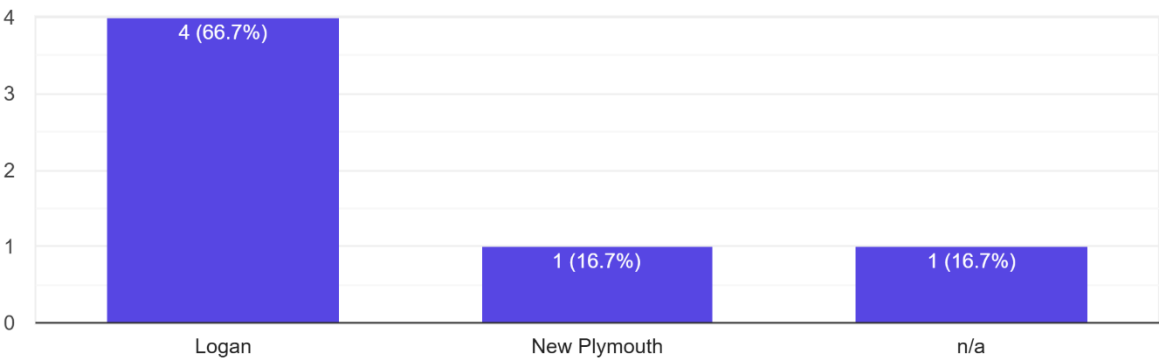
I like driving myself

Have my own car

I currently have a working car and gas money to use.

Hocking County Transportation Survey: Employer

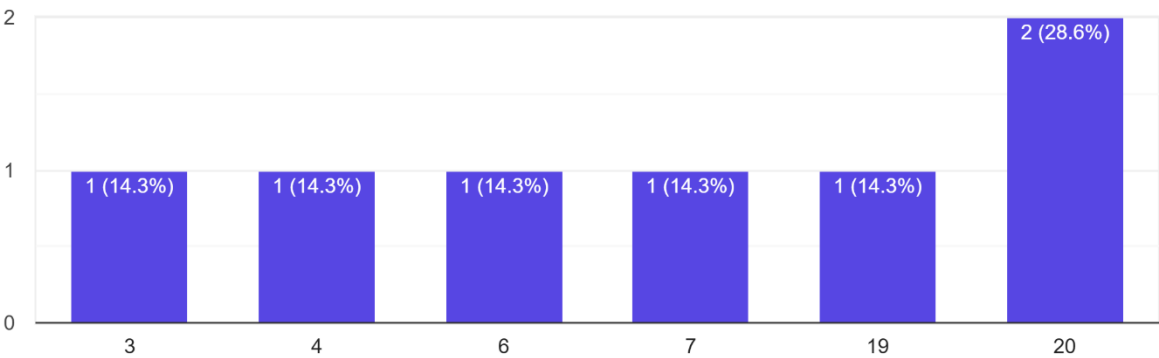
What city or village is your organization located in?



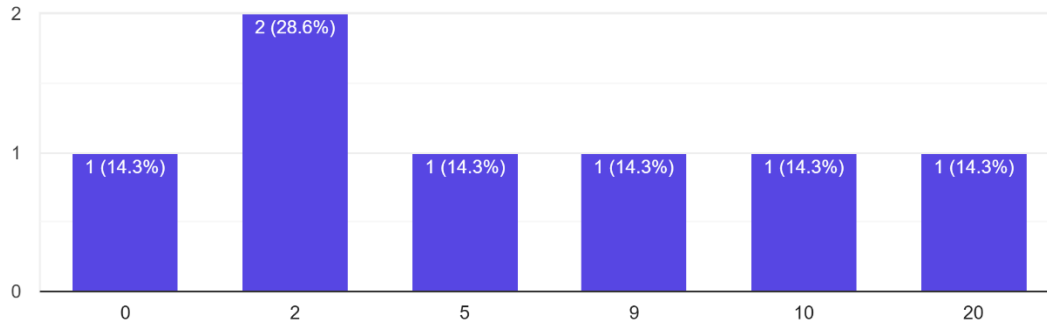
If your organization is not located in a city or village, what township is it located in?

- Berlin
- Hocking

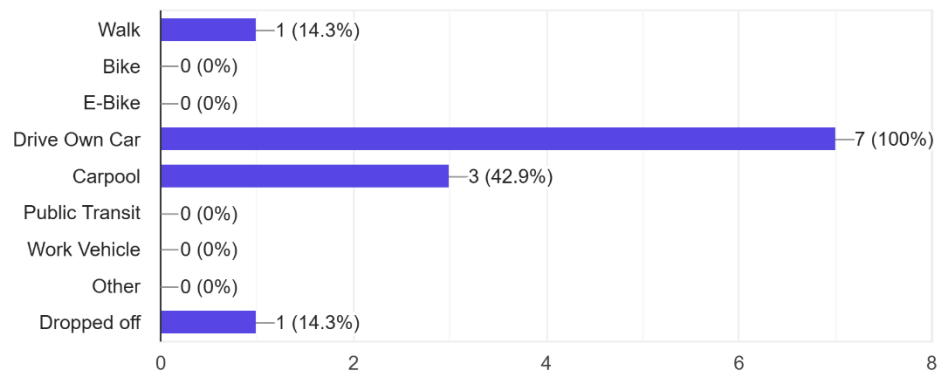
How many full-time employees do you currently employ?



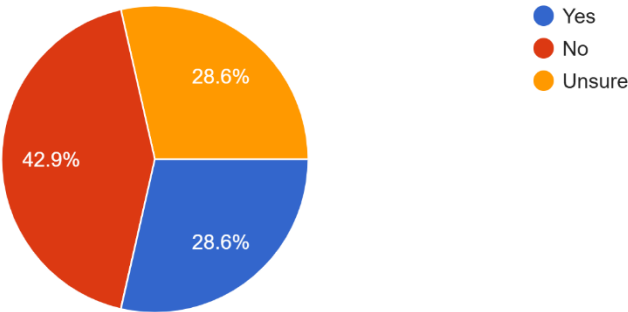
How many part-time employees do you currently employ?



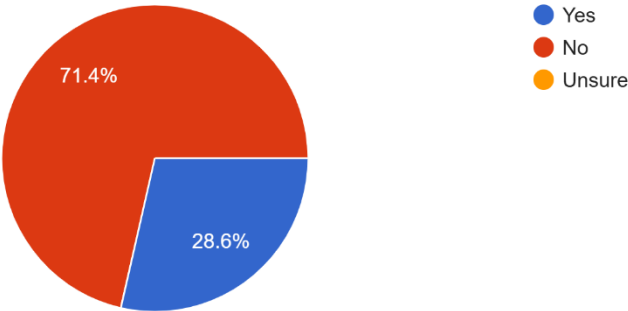
What are the most common means of transportation used by your employees to get to your place of employment? (Check all that apply)



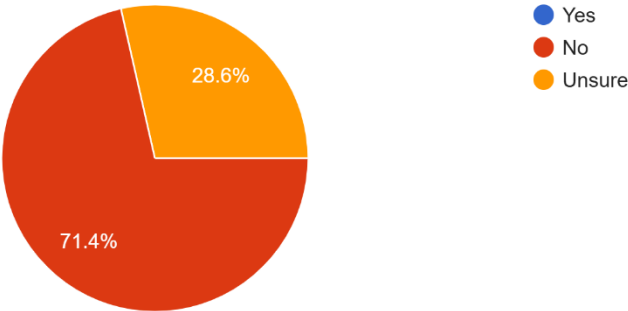
How any of your employees missed work or arrived late due to a lack of transportation?



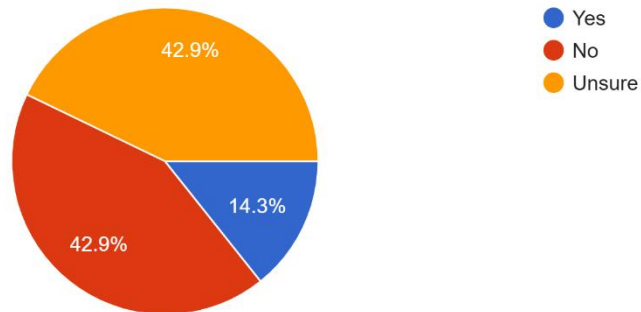
Have any of your employees been fire or had to quit due to a lack of transportation?



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



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



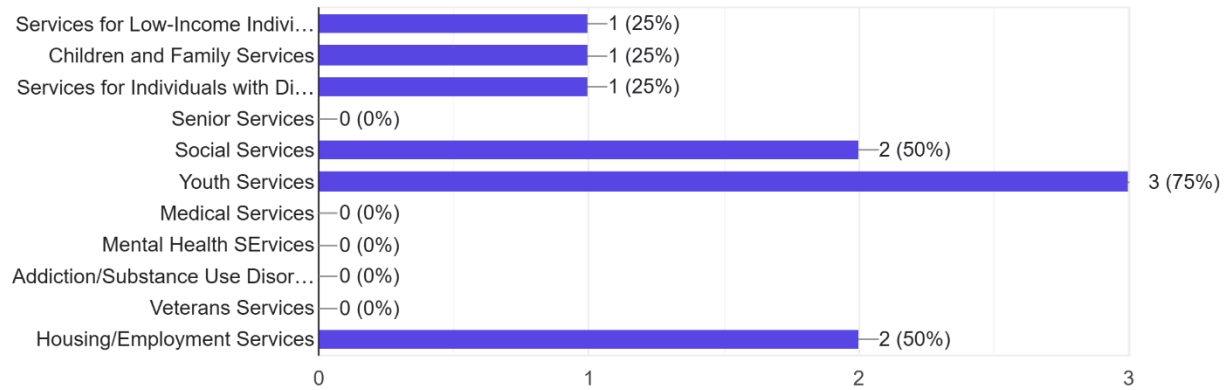
Please provide suggestions to improve transportation options for your employees in Hocking County.

Staff transportation seems fine but as a provider, transportation for individuals with disabilities is needed during hours that aren't the typical 9-5.

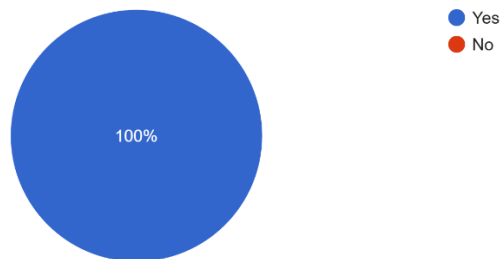
Would be real nice if visitor park shuttle could also be used for the work force when stops would be along the same route.

Hocking County Transportation Survey: Social Services

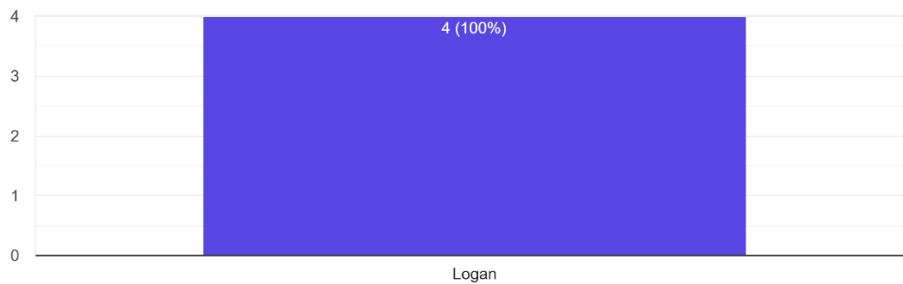
What services does your organization offer? (check all that apply)



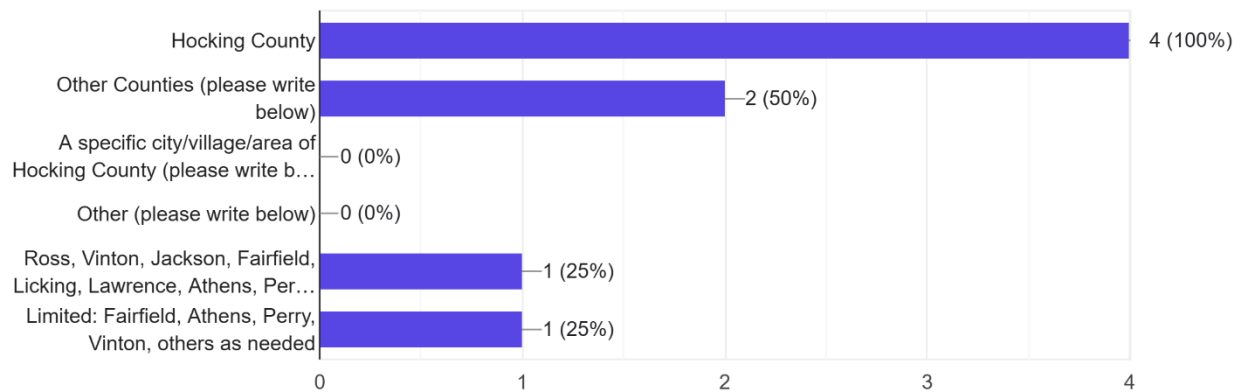
Is your organization located in Hocking County?



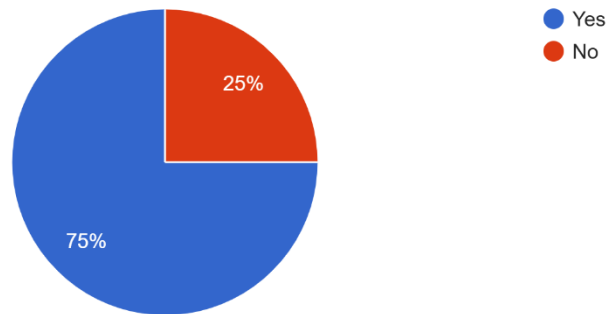
What city or village is your organization located in? (list all that apply if you operate in multiple locations)



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



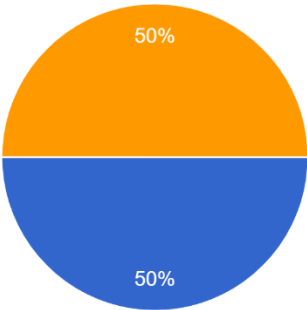
Do you consider transportation a barrier for community members to get to your organization/events/appointments?



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

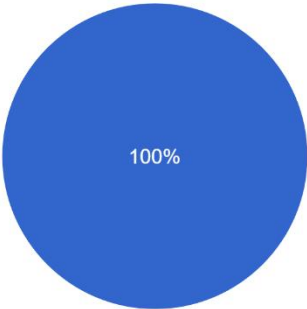
It is vital to their success as young adults for school and medical and jobs
 Very important.
 On a Likert scale of 1 to 5, I would say 4 somewhat important
 Mild to moderate

Does your organization provide transportation for clients?



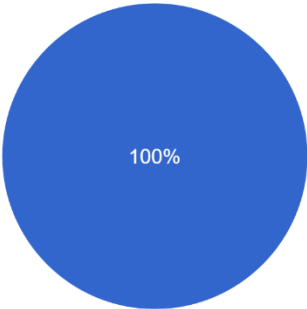
- Yes
- Not currently, but we used to
- No
- We have future plans to provide transportation

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



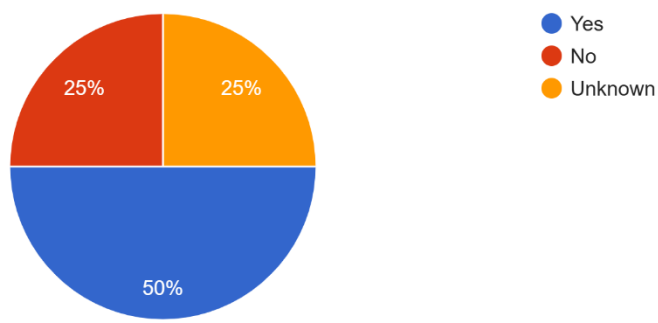
- We manage the transportation
- We contract with a third party

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

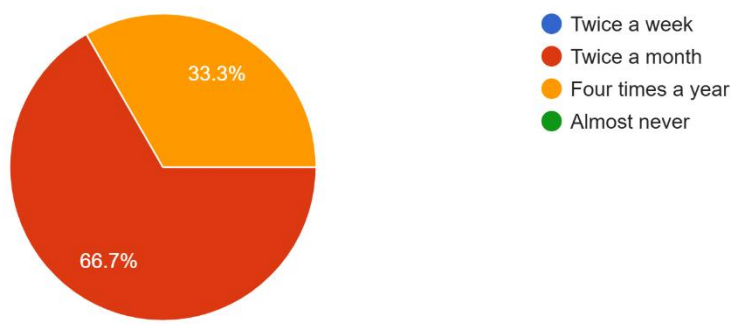


- Yes
- No

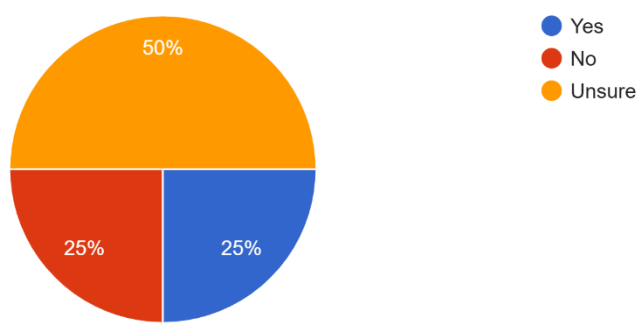
Have members of the staff missed scheduled work time to provide transportation to a friend or family member?



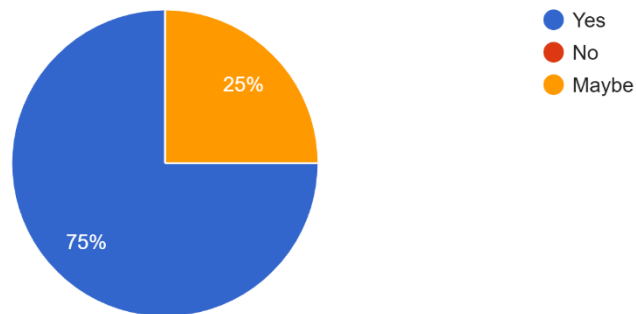
If you answered yes to either question above, how often does this occur?



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



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



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

We can't always be there for every appt. We had a youth attending OU but the go bus was too expensive and wasn't very reliable.

Online scheduling. Extended hours of operation, like 7am - 7pm, and/or weekend service. More low-cost options, LPT is the only reasonable option for our clients because they charge a very small amount per trip (but they have limited hours of operation).

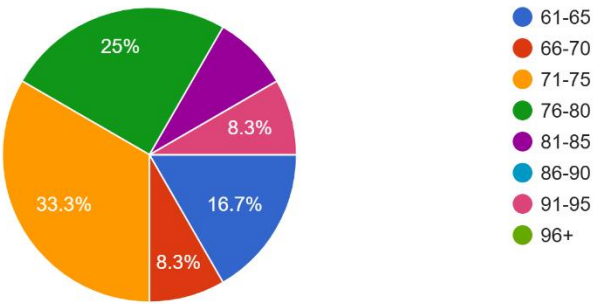
A public bus

Understanding medical transport usage. Limited free/very reduced pass for organizations to use with clients.

Hocking County Transportation Survey: Senior Citizens/Individuals Aged 60+

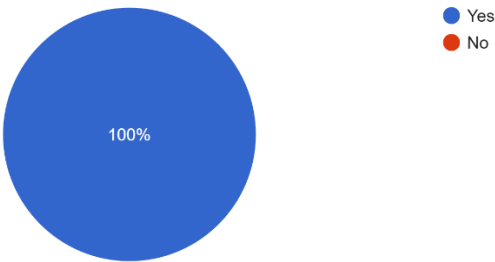
How old are you?

12 responses



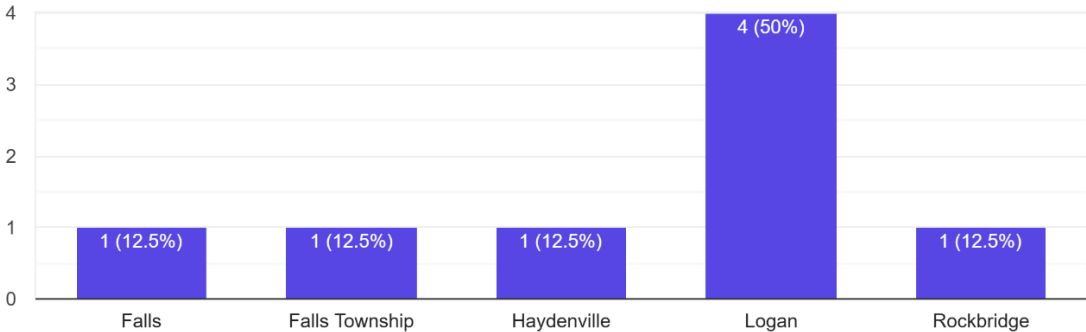
Do you live in Hocking County?

12 responses



What city or village do you live in?

8 responses

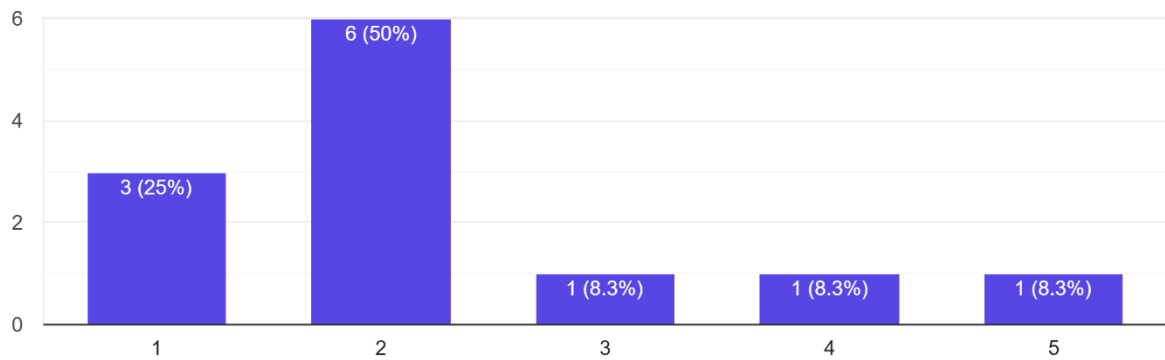


If you do not live in a city or village, what township do you live in?

Falls Township
green
Benton
Perry
Laurel

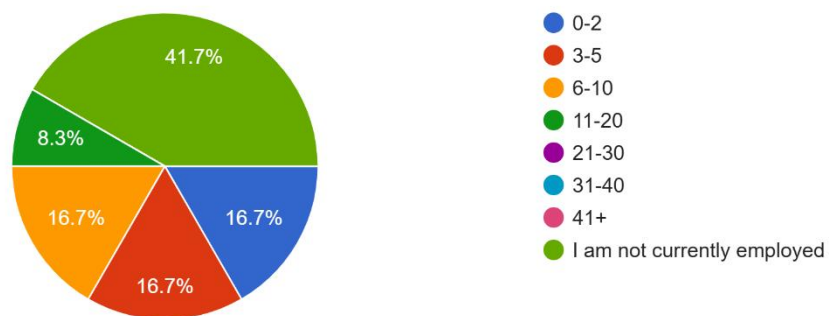
Including you, how many people live in your household?

12 responses



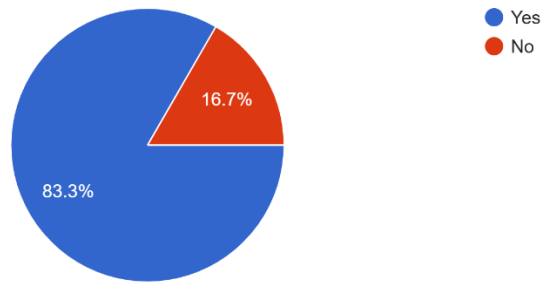
How many miles away is your place of employment from your home?

12 responses



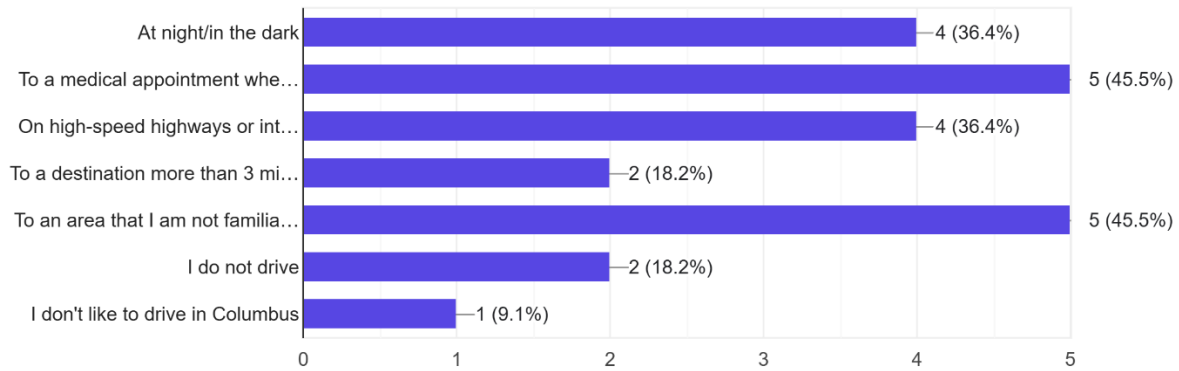
Are you currently able to drive?

12 responses



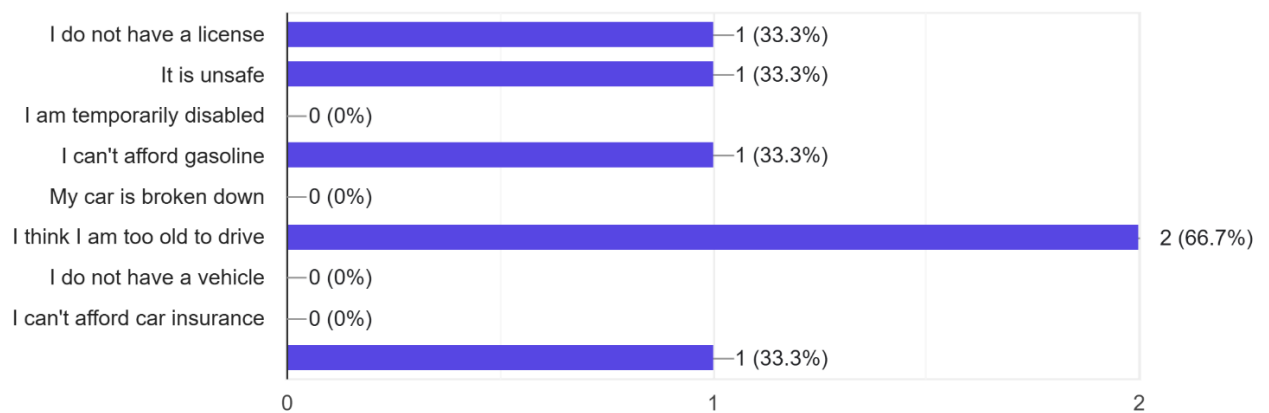
Are there any circumstances under which you would prefer not to drive? (check all that apply)

11 responses



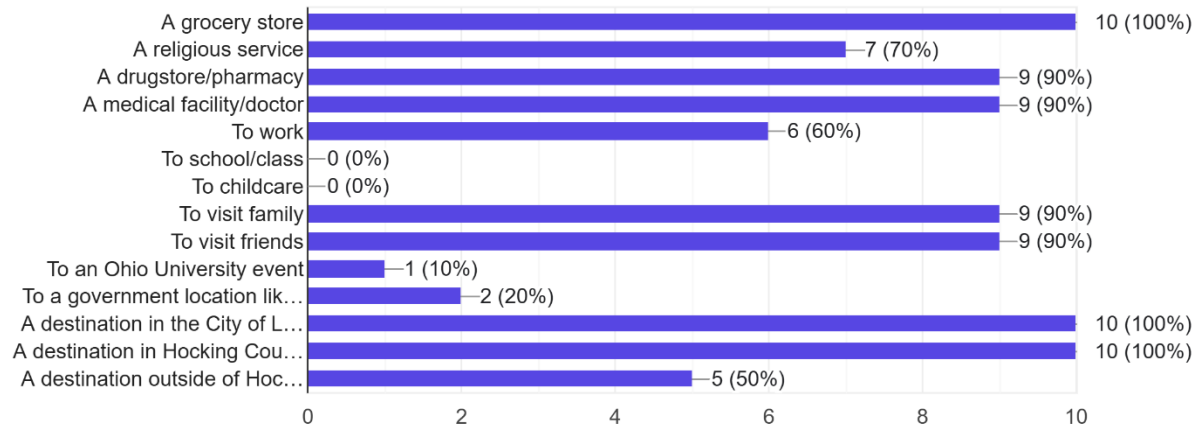
If you are not currently able to drive, why not? (check all that apply)

3 responses



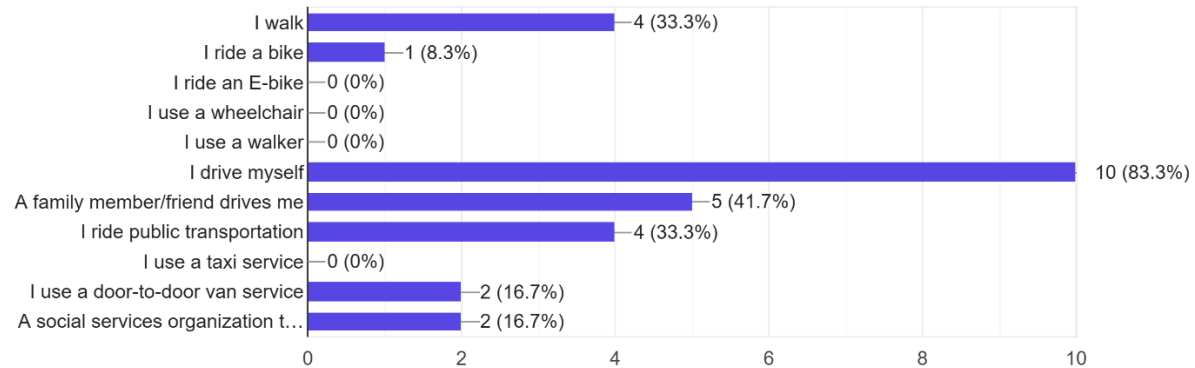
If you drive, to which of the following local destinations do you drive? (check all that apply)

10 responses



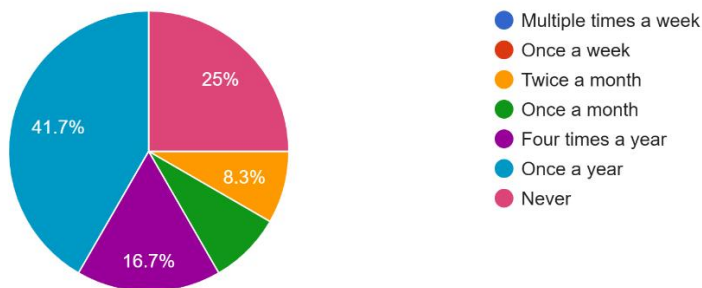
How do you get to your destinations? (check all that apply)

12 responses



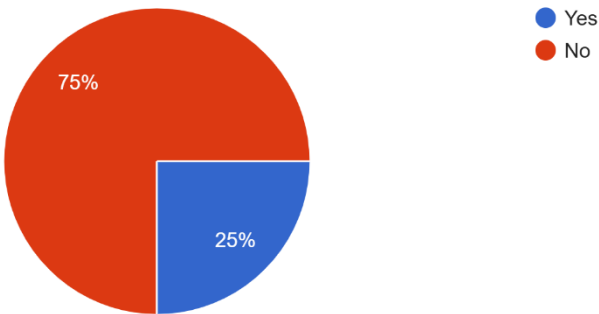
How often do you have medical appointments that are located outside of Hocking County?

12 responses



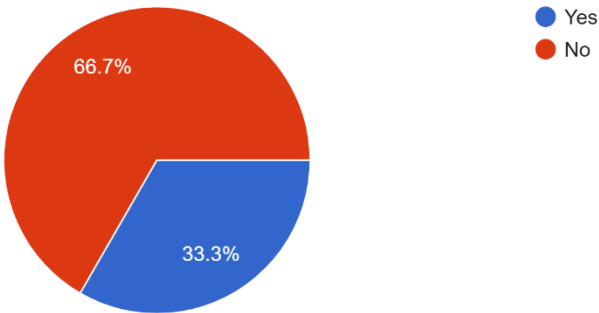
Have you ever missed a medical appointment due to a lack of transportation?

12 responses



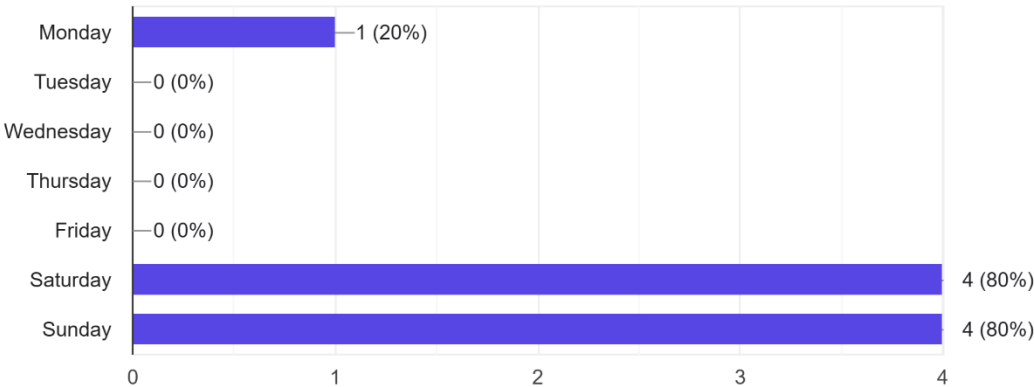
Have you ever missed a social event due to a lack of transportation?

12 responses



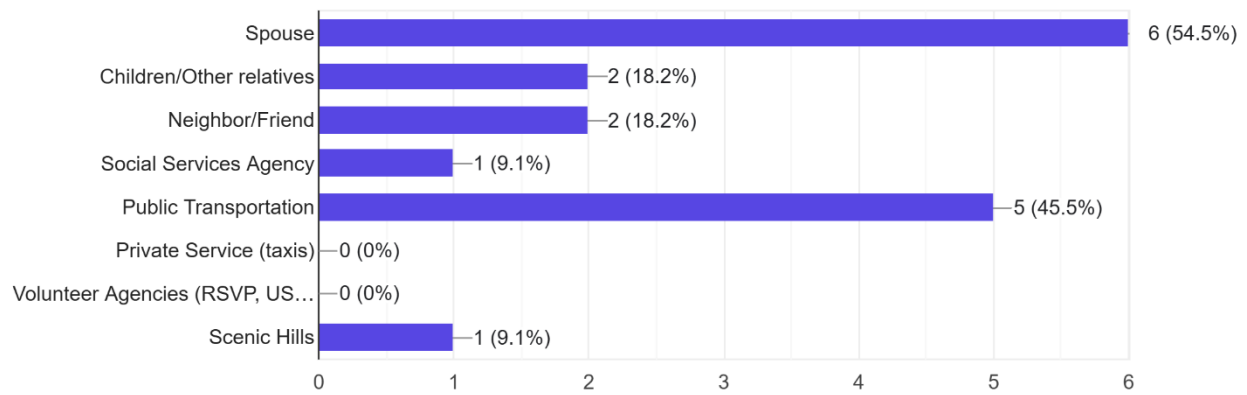
What days of the week are difficult for you to find transportation services? (check all that apply)

5 responses



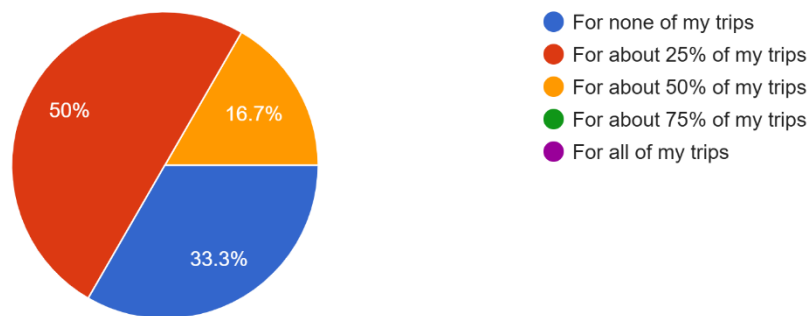
If you depend on others for any of your trips, who do you depend on? (check all that apply)

11 responses



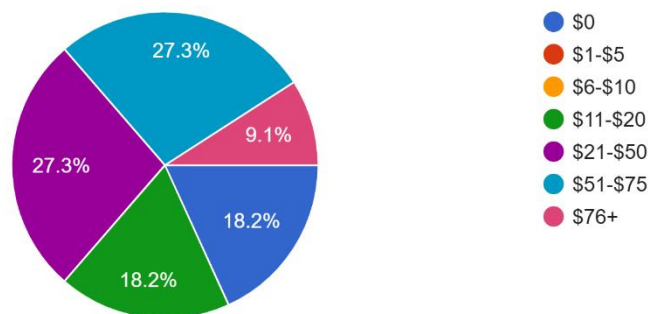
Over the past 3 months, how much did you rely on family, friends, or neighbors for transportation?

12 responses



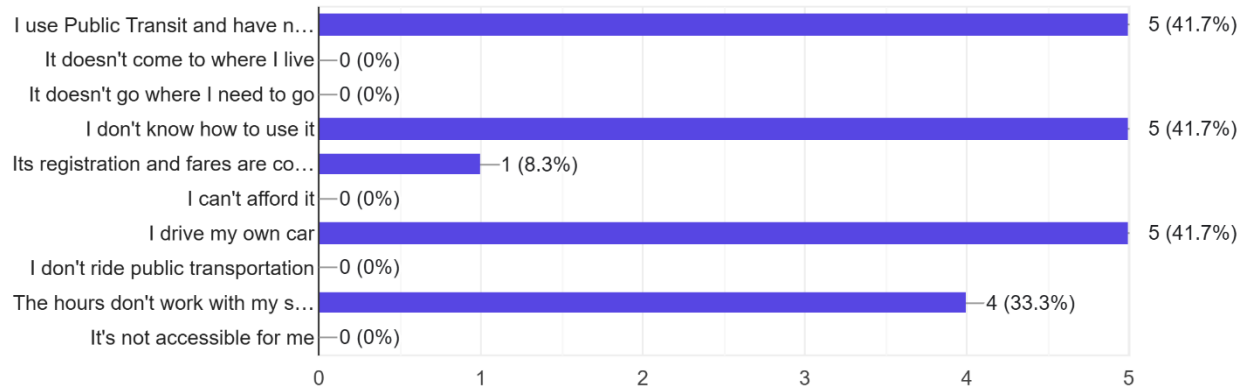
How much do you spend on transportation services in one month?

11 responses



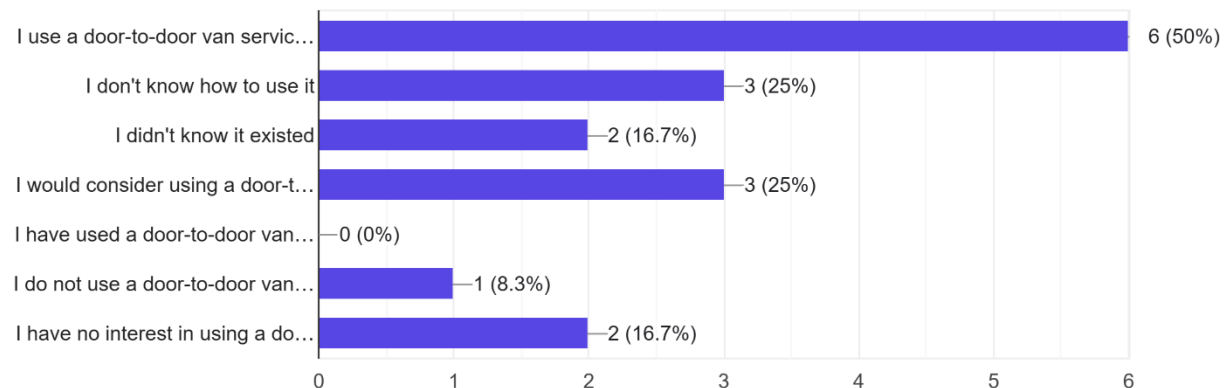
Regarding Public Transportation (bus/van), which of the following are true for you? (check all that apply)

12 responses



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

12 responses



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

If not on Medicaid how do I access public transportation?

I wish the vans were driving on Saturdays and Sundays, if my neighbor can't take me, I can't get to Church. They do such a good job though, Logan Transit is always so nice

More sidewalks

i wish i could use logan transit during saturdays and sundays but they dont go then weekend vans would be good and also at night

Roads could be better paved, it gets really dark on back roads too

If you do not use Hocking County's transportations services, why not?

No need yet

No need at this time.

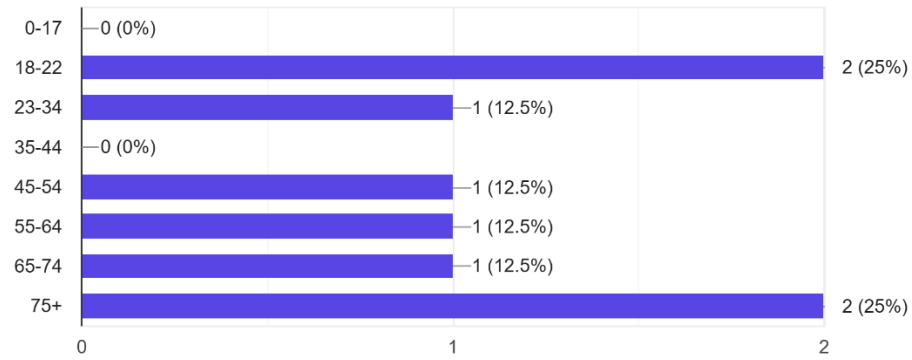
I drive myself

I drive myself or my husband drives

Hocking County Transportation Survey: Individuals with Disabilities

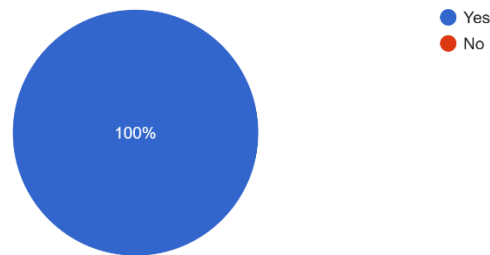
How old are you?

8 responses



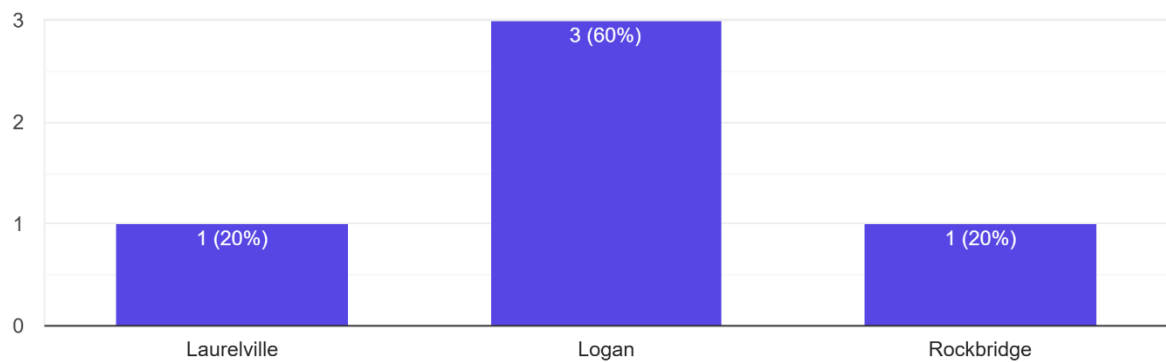
Do you live in Hocking County?

8 responses



What city or village do you live in?

5 responses

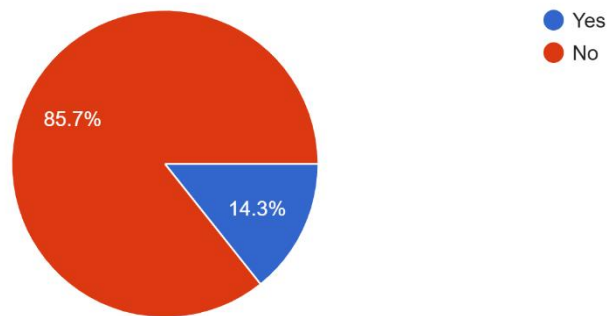


If you do not live in a city or village, what township do you live in?

laurel
Green
Falls

Are you currently a student?

7 responses

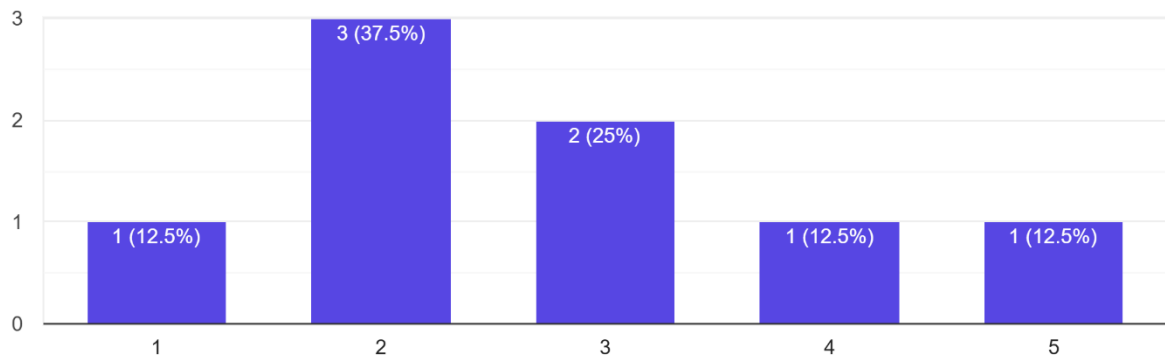


If you are a student, what school do you attend?

Hocking College

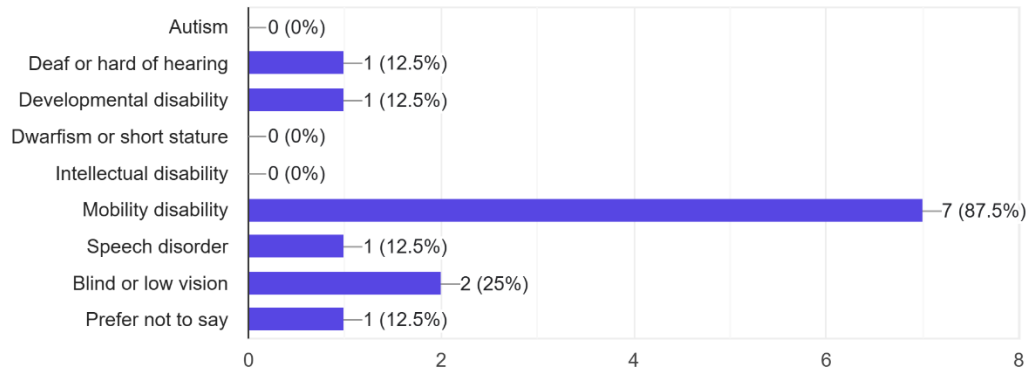
Including you, how many people live in your household?

8 responses



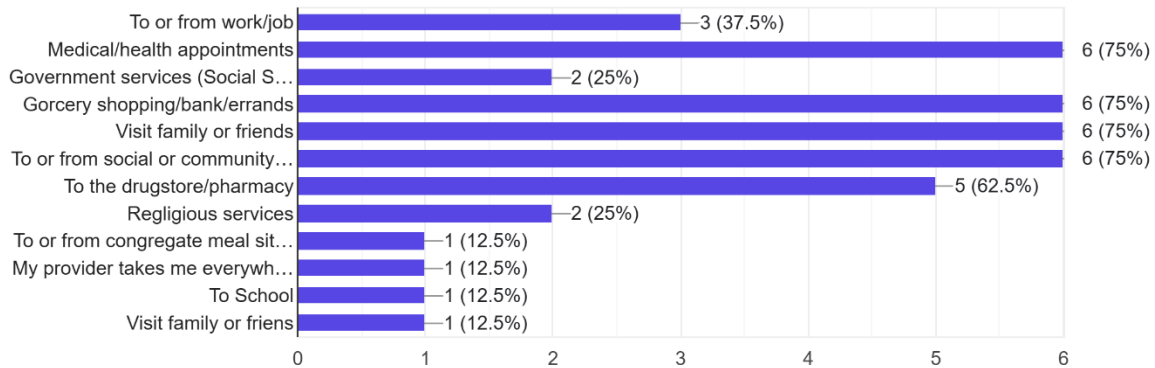
Please check each type of disability that applies to you

8 responses



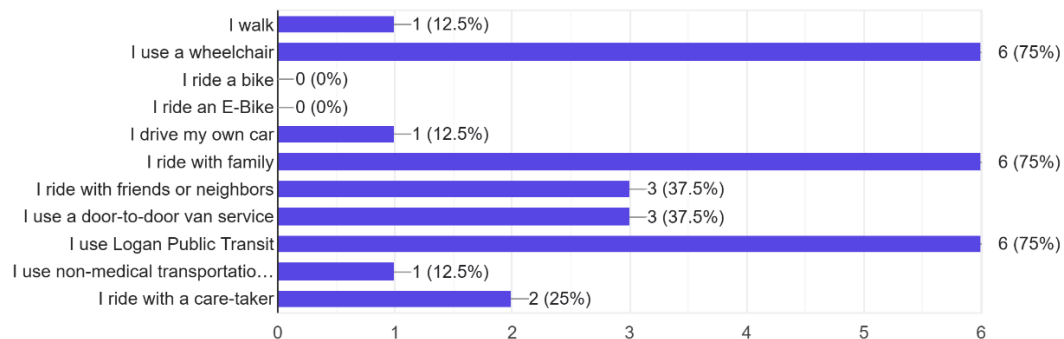
What do you use transportation services for? (check all that apply)

8 responses



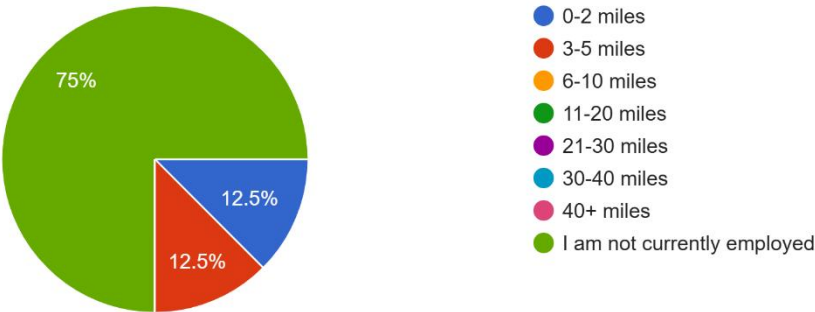
What kind of transportation do you use now to get where you want and need to go? (check all that you use)

8 responses



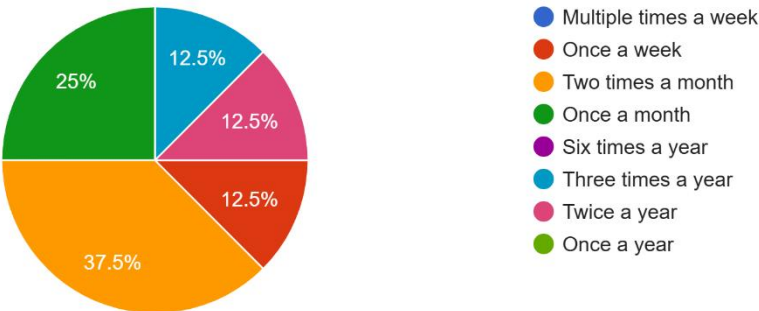
How many miles away is your place of employment from your home?

8 responses



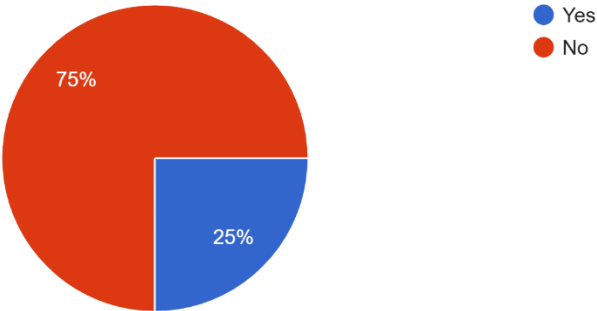
How often do you have medical appointments?

8 responses



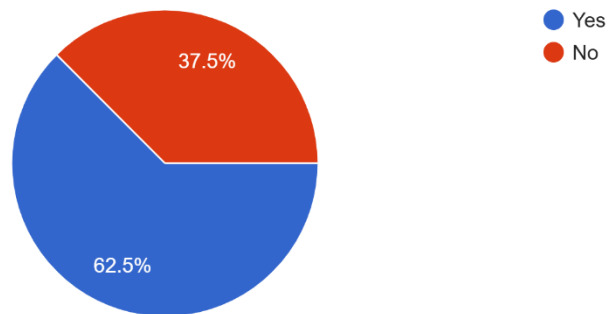
Do you often have medical appointments outside of Hocking County?

8 responses



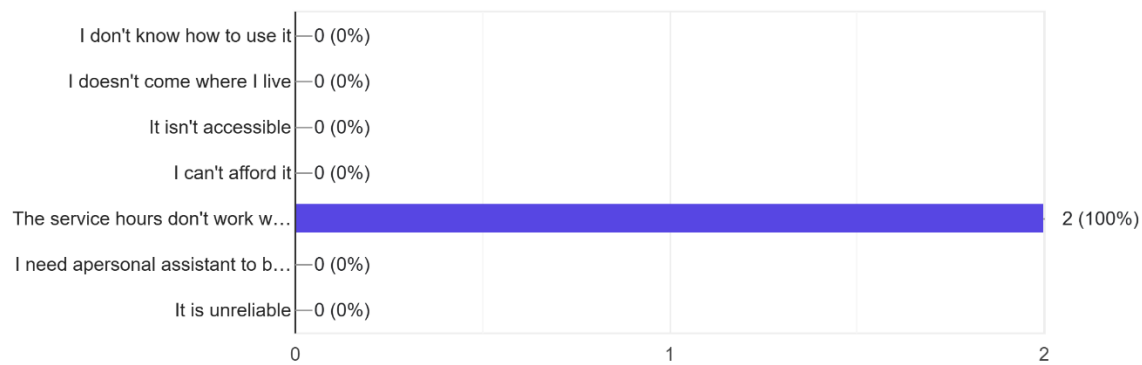
Have you ever missed an appointment due to a lack of transportation?

8 responses



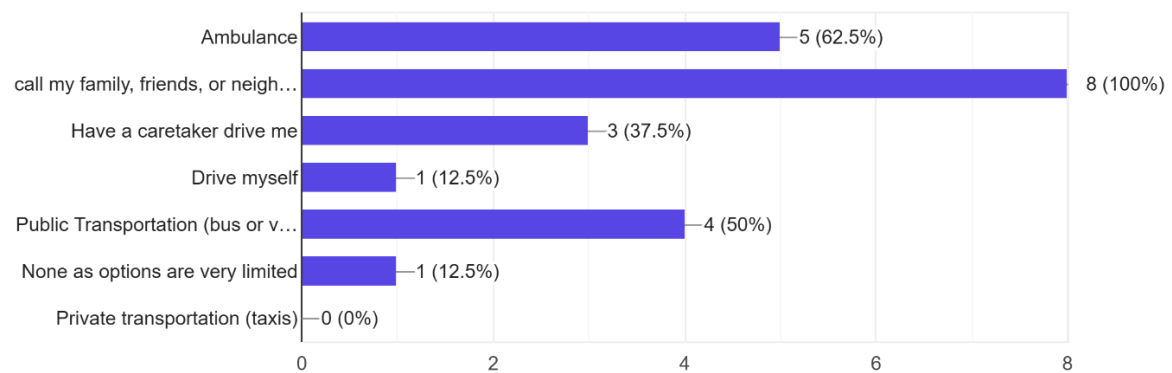
What problems do you have getting the transportation you want or need? (check all that apply)

2 responses



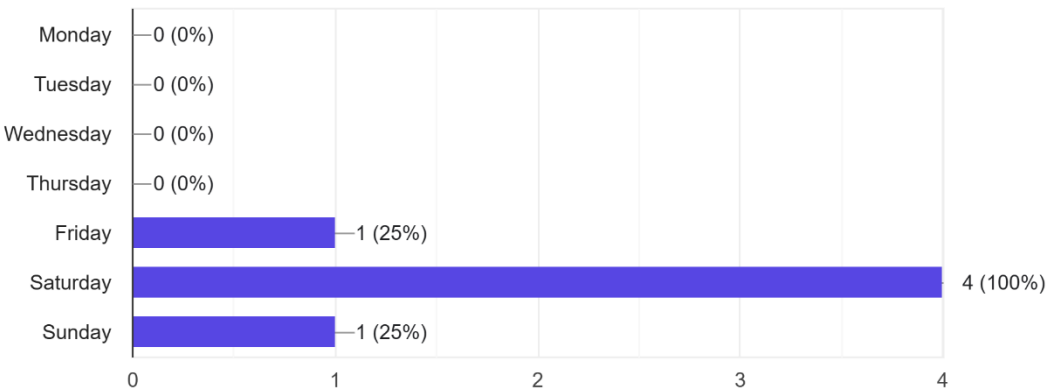
If you have a temporary emergency situation, what type of transportation do you use? (check all that apply)

8 responses



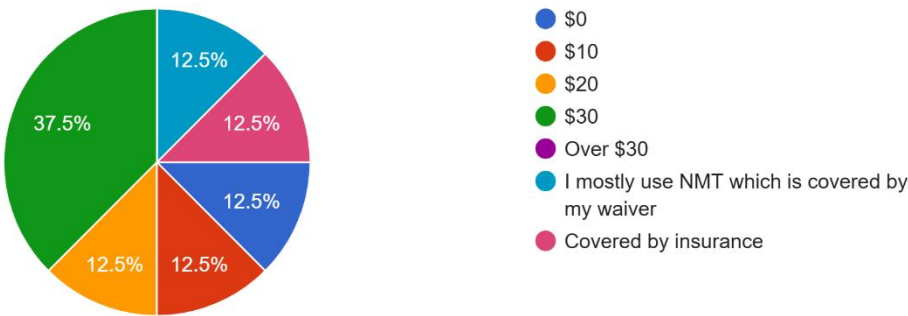
What days of the week are the most difficult for you to use transportation services? (check all that apply)

4 responses



How much do you spend on transportation services per month?

8 responses



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

Have at least partial day services for Saturday.
Weekend service would be very helpful, people who can't drive still need and want to go places on the weekends.
If there was service at night that would help make getting jobs easier

Final Insights and Analysis of Data

Hocking County reflects a poverty rate of 16.9%. Low-income individuals lacking transportation options have no access to medical facilities, grocery/shopping centers, social engagements with family and friends. A number of respondents are currently not employed, likely in part due to little or no access to affordable transportation options connecting rural areas to the major trip generators in the city of Logan and other regions of the county.

Financial hardships also serve as a barrier for community members to access transportation options available to them due to their inability to pay for services and vehicle ownership (vehicle and maintenance, license, insurance, gas, etc).

Community members who wish to use services to commute to work or other locations are unable to do so because they:

- Live or work outside of the service area.
- Cannot afford to pay for services every day. (This will be addressed by LPT going fare-free starting July 1st, 2026)
- The services run neither early enough or late enough.
- There is no weekend service.

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.
- They rely on family & friends at this time.

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.
- Lower or free fares. (This will hopefully be achieved starting July 1st, 2026)
- Outreach/promotion of services.
- More capacity to fulfill existing requests and needs.

Challenges to Coordinated Transportation

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

- There is no shared collection of data on the trip denials and reasons why people can't be served across agencies in order to learn specifics about the actual depth of the problem.
- Transportation providers are working at nearly full capacity and are unable to consistently coordinate efforts.
- Transportation providers are currently not meeting together to share information and support one another.
- Different funding sources and calculating of fares are prohibitive for coordination of public and private efforts.

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.

Table 9: Prioritized Unmet Mobility Needs

Rank	Unmet Need Description	Method Used to Identify
1	Before/after standard hours & weekend transportation	Survey, Round Table Input, Coordinated Plan Steering Committee
2	Education & coordination of transportation services in Hocking County	Survey, TAC meetings, Calls to Mobility Coordinator & Coordinated Plan Steering Committee
3	Affordable out of county trips	Survey, Calls to Mobility Coordinator & Coordinated Plan Steering Committee
4	Active Transportation – sidewalks, bike lanes/paths, complete streets initiatives, crosswalks, etc.	Survey, Round Table Input, TAC meetings, Coordinated Plan Steering Committee
5	Hiring, training & retaining drivers	Transportation Provider Discussion
6	Meeting operating expenses and expanding fleet to include more accessible vehicles	Transportation Provider Discussion

V. Goals and Strategies

Developing Strategies to Address Gaps and Needs

Strategies for improving transportation for Hocking 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 are based on information obtained from geographic analysis, the attendees participating in the meetings, and responses to the public surveys – general public and express.

Based on information gathered throughout the planning process, the following strategies were developed 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 prioritized strategies have been tailored to 5 of the identified primary barriers and unmet needs.

Goal #1:

INCREASED SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS TO HELP MAINTAIN AND EXPAND CURRENT SERVICES FOR HOCKING COUNTY

Need(s) Addressed: Affordable transportation services for seniors, individuals with disabilities, the workforce & general public, during business hours (Monday-Friday) and beyond standard business hours (early/late hours and weekends). Securing local match for public transportation and mobility management.

Strategy

Maintain and expand transportation services through ODOT's 5311, 5339 and possibly 5310 funding program, other state or federal funding streams, increased local support from city and county, increased contracting opportunities, and by pursuing grants and donations and increased advertising revenue, etc. Engage more strategic partners and stakeholders on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Timeline for Implementation: July 2026 to June 2031.

Action Steps:

- *Build up capacity for transportation services*
- *Request and advocate for 5311, 5339 and 5310 funding (ODOT)*
- *Collect stories and data to support the need, continue to survey the public (data collection on who transportation providers are not able to serve and why)*
- *Advocate for increased local match and explore additional city and county entities to provide funding*
- *Explore other funding sources, including grants*
- *Promote contracting opportunities*
- *Create a work group to explore expanding services*

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Hocking Athens Perry Community Action Transportation Division, Mobility Management, Work Group, Logan Public Transit

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Hocking County Transportation Providers, City/County Government and other funding partners

Resources needed: additional funding, staff time, contract services, building space, vehicles, publications or printing, local cash, technology, capital needs

Potential Cost Range: Variable

Potential Funding Sources: 5311, 5339, 5310 programs, Medicaid, foundations, advertising revenue, private donations, local government & community organizations, levy, tax income and others

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Active work group meeting at least 4 times per year
- Increase funding to maintain and expand transportation services
- Increase number of new contracts
- Increase of service hours

Goal #2:

EDUCATION OF HOCKING COUNTY COMMUNITY ABOUT TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Need(s) Addressed: Currently, there is a lack of knowledge about community transportation options and awareness of needs, a lack in coordination of services, limited advocacy for transportation, and utilization of services.

Strategy

Surveys, stakeholder meetings, steering committee and public meeting results have shown: an overall lack of knowledge of current transportation services available and a lack of coordination efforts between existing transportation providers in the county. An enhanced mobility program will provide education for the community, perform travel training, help connect individuals to transportation options, advocate for transportation in planning meetings and encourage the coordination of services in the county.

Timeline for Implementation: July 2026 to June 2031.

Action Steps:

- *Continuation of Mobility Management program*
- *Identify 20% local match for Mobility Coordinator; apply to ODOT funding for other 80%*
- *Continue to meet with senior citizen groups at Senior Center and agencies supporting persons with disabilities and other vulnerable populations*
- *Create education campaign around transportation*
- *Continue to explore regional mobility coordination*
- *Improve Athens-Hocking MM Social Media Presence*
- *Utilize comprehensive county plan to enhance and promote our work*

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: Mobility Coordinator, HAPCAP Transportation Division

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Hocking County, City of Logan, County Social Service Providers, Ohio Department of Transportation

Resources Needed: Funding Sources for Mobility Management programs, including Federal Transportation Programs, Ohio Department of Transportation, Hocking County, City of Logan, South Central Ohio JFS, Hocking County Board of DD, Hocking County Health Department, other Hocking County social service providers, foundation grants

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

Potential Funding Sources: Federal Transportation Programs, Ohio Department of Transportation, Hocking County, City of Logan, Hocking County Children Services, South Central Department of Job & Family Services, Hocking County Board of Developmental Disabilities & other Social Service Providers.

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Build continued awareness and support for Athens-Hocking County Mobility Management Program
- Continue to track tabling opportunities at community events and expos throughout county to share info on Mobility Management and transportation options

- Increased funding to support transportation awareness and coordination and match for Mobility Management program
- Social media actively used to share information to public

Goal #3:

CREATE A COUNTY-WIDE AND REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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

Strategy

Active transportation plans are dedicated to increasing the safety of active transportation users and increase the number of residents participating in active transportation and the number of active transportation options. These plans include a variety of goals such as implementing Complete Streets policies, creating safe pedestrian crossings and walks, and creating and expanding bike paths and lane infrastructure. Based on community survey and discussions with stakeholders, the county could benefit from an Active Transportation Plan.

Timeline for Implementation: July 2026-June 2031

Action Steps:

- *Initially, create an Active Transportation work group, meeting at least quarterly*
- *Team creates an Active Transportation Plan*
- *Team conducts research, outreach, education, and advocacy regarding the Active Transportation Plan and explores funding options*
- *Team explores a pedestrian safety campaign, sidewalk audits*
- *Team encourages Complete Streets policies adopted in Hocking County*

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: HAPCAP Mobility until lead agency identified by Active Transportation Work Group

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Health, Health and Human Services, Local Government Entities (Commissioners, Township Trustees, City Council)

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

Potential Cost Range: Project dependent. Access free technical assistance from Ohio Department of Transportation

Potential Funding Sources: Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Health, Community Foundations, City of Logan, Hocking County, Buckeye Hills Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Ohio Department of Transportation currently funding a bikeway study from Nelsonville to Logan

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Creation of Active Transportation Work Group with meetings at least quarterly
- Creation of Active Transportation Plan by Work Group
- Funding awarded for projects
- Number of Complete Streets policies adopted in county

Goal #4:

WORK WITH SOUTH-EAST OHIO MOBILITY MANAGERS TO PROMOTE REGIONALIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Need(s) Addressed: As shown in the surveys and from calls received by current Mobility Coordinator, there is a need for more reasonable cost out of county trips.

Strategy

Working with other Mobility Managers in Region 8 and other neighboring counties, come up with a plan to offer reasonable trips out of county. Look into other funding sources, like foundation grants, to help cover transportation costs for out of county trips not covered by Medicaid NET.

Timeline for Implementation: Present to December 2026

Action Steps:

- *Create tracking tool to capture trips that are being denied due to lack of service out of county borders*
- *Discuss regional transportation needs at Region 8/Buckeye Hills meetings and discuss options*
- *Meet with mobility managers in neighboring counties outside of Region 8 area and discuss options*

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: HAPCAP Mobility, Region 8, Buckeye Hills

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: Ohio Mobility Management, Ohio Department of Transportation

Resources Needed: Funding, meeting space, travel expenses, publication and printing

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on projects

Potential Funding Sources: Buckeye Hills, Ohio Department of Transportation, Federal Transportation Programs

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Create regional coordinated transportation plan
- Continue meeting quarterly with Region 8 Mobility Managers
- Meet at least once per year with all Mobility Managers whose counties border Hocking
- Tracking tool created and utilized

Goal #5:

EXPANSION OF BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE, ACCESS, AND SAFETY

Need(s) Addressed: Expansion of bike path infrastructure in Logan proper is already underway, but connecting it to regional and other local paths is not yet funded. As infrastructure is developed, expanding the percentage of the population with access to active transportation will be vital. As such, this program is interested in procuring and providing bicycles for community use. Additionally, with the introduction of new infrastructure, education about safety and etiquette will be warranted.

Strategy

Maintenance of existing collaborations between the Mobility Management team and Hocking Valley Scenic Trail Commission, cultivation of a relationship with Hocking County Libraries and the Hocking County Health Department. Continue to aid HVST in searching for funding and strategizing new infrastructure, developing a bike-lending program through or alongside the library system or health department. Develop bicycle safety programming through libraries and health department.

Timeline for Implementation: July 2026-June 2031

Action Steps:

- *Continue to meet with Hocking Valley Scenic Trail Commission*
- *Cultivate relationship with Hocking County Libraries administrative staff*
- *Cultivate relationship with Hocking County Health Department*
- *Cultivate relationship with City and County officials*
- *Identify potential donors for bicycle procurement*
- *Create work team for bike lending program and attendant educational efforts*
- *Build educational programming for new cyclists young and old*

Parties Responsible for Leading Implementation: HAPCAP Mobility, HAPCAP Transportation Division

Parties Responsible for Supporting Implementation: County Health Department, Hocking Valley Scenic Trail Commission, County Libraries, County Social Service Providers, Ohio Department of Transportation

Resources Needed: Funding for trail design and implementation, new and/or used bicycles through purchase or donation, printed materials and promotional material for programming

Potential Cost Range: Dependent on projects

Potential Funding Sources: Buckeye Hills, Ohio Department of Transportation, Federal Transportation Programs, Hocking County Commissioners, City of Logan, Hocking County Health Department, South Central Department of Job & Family Services

Performance Measures/Targets:

- Establish working relationships with City/County officials
- Procure funding sources for bicycles
- Outline bicycle-lending program with help from libraries/health department
- Develop educational materials for safety programming

VI. Plan Adoption

The ODOT Office of Transit requires that all locally adopted coordinated public transit human services transportation plans be developed according to a stated planning process. The previous version of Hocking County Coordinated Transportation Plan was developed internally and adopted at the end of 2022. The plan was re-written internally in 2026, open for 30 a day public review, and votes and adopted by the Hocking County Steering Committee, a group of local organizations including representatives of senior citizens, persons with disabilities and low income population on June 30, 2026. The annual updates (2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031) and development going forward is as follows:

- The Mobility Coordinator will facilitate public meetings, focus groups and quarterly stakeholder meetings.
- The Mobility Coordinator will create a public survey and distribute surveys at all meetings and public functions for part of the year.
- A survey will be make available on the HAPCAP Mobility website and promoted through local media sources, including social media.
- The Mobility Coordinator will distribute surveys to focus groups at senior centers and agencies who serve people with disabilities.
- The Mobility Coordinator will attend all work group meetings listed in the plan and keep track of progress on goals/strategies.
- The Transportation Steering Committee will discuss any changes needed based on progress from work groups or new survey information.
- Any changes will follow the Amendment Process.

Appendix A: List of Steering Committee Participants

Agency Representation

Name	Agency
Tisha Springer	317 Board
Eric Wade	Buckeye Hills Regional Council
Rendell Stiles	GoBus
Gary Grant	Greencab
Sean Brooks	Hocking County Commissioner's Office
Ashlee Hagenbarth	Hocking County Health Department
Brice Frasure	Logan-Hocking Schools

In addition to participants listed above, the community engagement process also included representation of older adults, people with disabilities, and members of the general public. In addition to hosting a steering committee, HAPCAP and other steering 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 steering 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 –

Amendment

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/aka Steering Committee –The Steering Committee is composed of key community stakeholders. The Steering 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. Sub recipients 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.