

# Ohio Economic Freedom Fact Sheet

Ohio is slowly moving in the right direction! Ohio ranked 35<sup>th</sup> out of the 50 states this year. That is up three places from 2016 when Ohio was ranked 38<sup>th</sup> and five places from 2015 when the state was ranked 40<sup>th</sup>.



## Neighboring States' Rankings

### Freer Than Ohio



- Indiana: 9<sup>th</sup>
- Pennsylvania: 18<sup>th</sup>
- Michigan: 30<sup>th</sup>

### Less Free Than Ohio



- Kentucky: 43<sup>rd</sup>
- West Virginia: 47<sup>th</sup>

## Ohio's Strengthens & Weaknesses

### Strengths

- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Consumption spending as a percentage of personal income
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Top income tax rate and top income tax rate threshold
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Government employees as a percentage of total employees

### Weaknesses

- 47<sup>th</sup> – Insurance and retirement payments as a percentage of personal income
- 41<sup>st</sup> – Government spending as a whole

