

Ohio State Profile

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State profiles for the data visualization and 50-State Comparison on postsecondary governance structures summarize information about coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards, administrative/service agencies, advisory groups and membership organizations. The most in-depth information is provided for statewide and major postsecondary systemwide coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards.

Note: This resource does not include information related to setting tuition rates, administering funding formulas or allocating funds. The state profile information is based primarily on statutes, codes and state and postsecondary system board/agency policies. To the extent possible, Education Commission of the States reached out to state and system officials to verify our information.

State Overview

Ohio’s Department of Higher Education is a statewide coordinating agency for postsecondary education and oversees authorization of and program approval for independent institutions. The department is responsible for duties common to administrative agencies and coordinating boards since the Ohio Board of Regents serves in an advisory capacity to the chancellor (executive officer). These responsibilities include developing strategic plans, advising state policy leaders, approving new academic programs, administering academic and student financial aid programs, and providing data and reporting services. The governor, with confirmation by the Senate, appoints the department’s chancellor. Ohio’s four- and two-year institutions are governed by local boards and are not part of postsecondary systems.

Data Point	Description
Single Statewide Coordinating or Governing Board/Agency	
Single Statewide Coordinating Board (or Agency) or Governing Board for All Public Higher Education	Yes
Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Ohio Department of Higher Education
Entity Function	Coordinating



Data Point	Description
Scope of Authority	Statewide
Legal Authority	Statutory
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administer federal programs - Administer state financial aid programs and/or loans - Advise and/or provide recommendations to state policy and education leaders - Approve or oversee interstate compacts and reciprocity agreements (e.g., SARA, tuition agreements) - Conduct policy research and analysis - Develop and/or administer academic policies or programs (e.g., admissions, transfer) - Develop master/strategic plans for state or system - Engage in statewide or systemwide policy planning - Ensure system/institutional efficiencies - License or approve/authorize specified institutions - Oversee residency requirements for tuition purposes - Recommend or approve establishing, merging or closing institutions - Review existing academic programs - Review or approve facility/capital construction plans
Budget Role for Institutions	Review and recommend
New Academic Program Role	Review and approve
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Governor with approval of Senate or legislature
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	0



Data Point	Description
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	0
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	Not applicable
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
General Notes	Ohio Department of Higher Education does not have an affiliated coordinating board. The Ohio Board of Regents serves an advisory role to the department of higher education's executive director. See section for Administrative and Advisory entities.
Website	https://www.ohiohighered.org/
Citations	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3333 Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 1713
Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Not applicable
Administrative and Advisory Entities	
Entity Name	Ohio Board of Regents
Entity Function	Advisory



Data Point	Description
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Primary Responsibilities	Advise or provide recommendations to state policy and education leaders
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Not applicable
General Notes	Ohio Board of Regents is responsible for developing an annual report on the Condition of Higher Education in Ohio, and issuing an annual performance review of the department's chancellor (executive director).
Website	https://www.ohiohighered.org/
Citations	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3333.01
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	https://trustees.osu.edu/
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Ohio University Board of Trustees
Entity Function	Governing



Data Point	Description
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	https://www.ohio.edu/trustees
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Independent/non-profit
Website	http://www.aicuo.edu/n/index.aspx
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Ohio Association of Community Colleges
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	http://ohiocommunitycolleges.org/