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# How Ohioans view health of state, their neighborhood

Personal health is affected by the choices we make every day. But the community in which we live also influences our health. The **Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP)** asks Ohio adults their opinions about the health of their own neighborhood and of the state as a whole.

## 7 in 10 Ohio adults rate state as a healthy place to live; varies by region

OHIP asks, “How would you rate the State of Ohio as a healthy place to live?” More than 7 in 10 Ohio adults (74%) rate the state as excellent, very good or good as a healthy place to live.

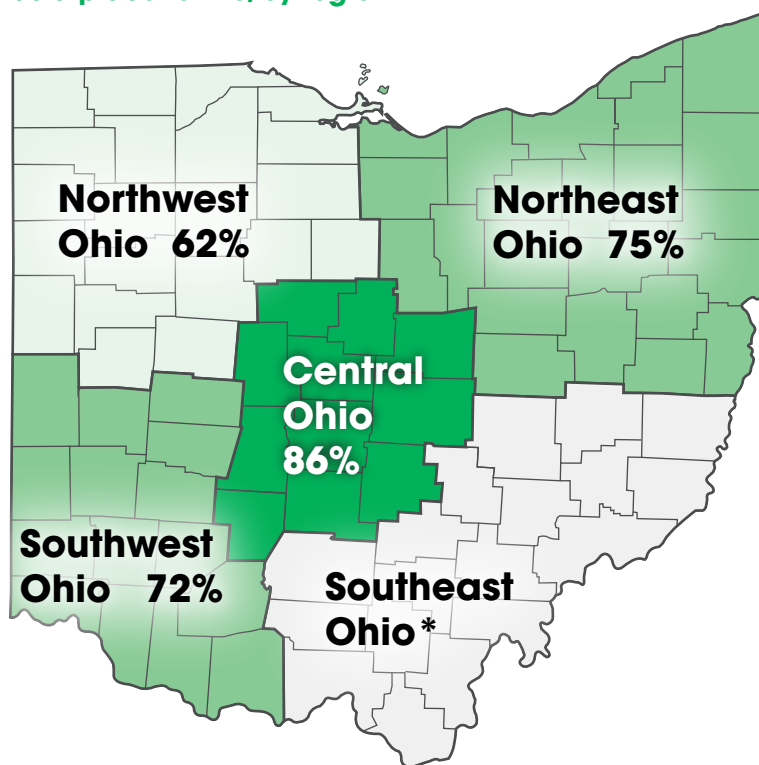
This percentage varies by region. Nearly 9 in 10 Central Ohio adults (86%) say Ohio is a healthy place to live, compared with about 6 in 10 Northwest Ohio adults (62%).

## 8 in 10 Ohio adults say their neighborhood is a healthy place to live

OHIP also asks, “How would you rate your neighborhood as a healthy place to live?” Ohio adults rate their neighborhood slightly higher than the state. Eight

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Percentage of adults who rate Ohio as excellent, very good or good as a place to live, by region



\* Sample size too small to report findings.

These findings unless otherwise noted are from Interact for Health’s Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP) conducted May 7-20, 2014, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 820 adults throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included 489 landline telephone interviews and 331 cell phone interviews. In 95 of 100 cases, statewide estimates will be accurate to  $\pm 3.4\%$ . There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about OHIP, please visit [www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll](http://www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll). If you have questions about the data in this document, please contact Jennifer Chubinski, Director of Community Research, at 513-458-6608 or [jchubinski@interactforhealth.org](mailto:jchubinski@interactforhealth.org).

in 10 Ohio adults (79%) say their neighborhood is excellent, very good or good as a healthy place to live.

## Race, age affect ratings of state, neighborhood

Ratings of state and neighborhood health vary by race in Ohio. About 8 in 10 White adults say Ohio (79%) or their own neighborhood (83%) is a healthy place to live. Only about 5 in 10 African American adults (51%) say their neighborhood is a healthy place to live, and about 3 in 10 (34%) say Ohio is a healthy place to live.

Ratings also vary by age. As age increases, adults are more likely to rate the state and their neighborhood as a healthy place to live. (See graph.)

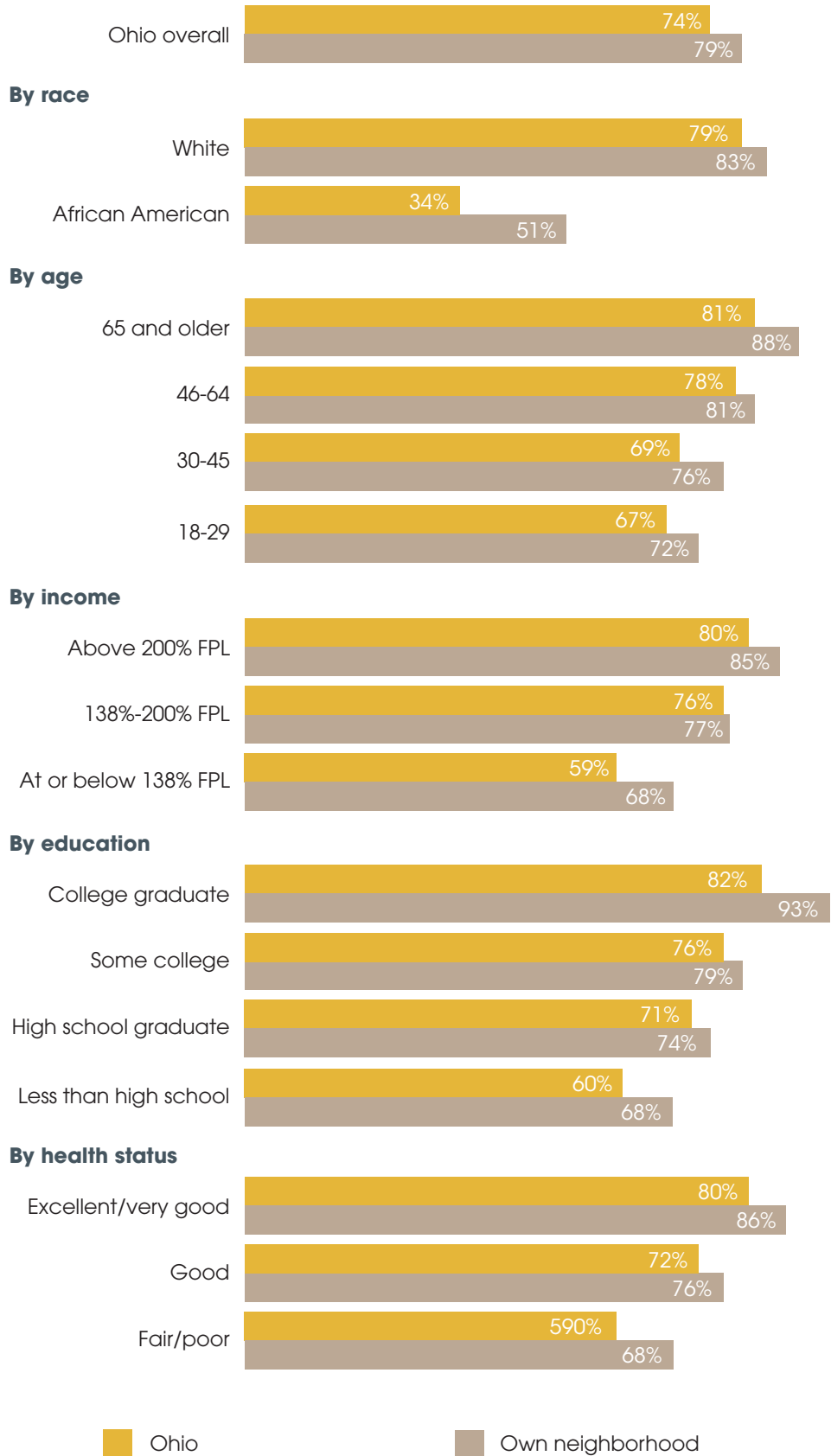
## Poverty, education, health status affect perception of health

Adults earning 138% or less of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)<sup>1</sup> are less likely than adults earning more than 200% FPL to consider either Ohio or their own neighborhood a healthy place to live. (See graph.)

Education also affects adults' perception of state and neighborhood health. About 7 in 10 high school graduates consider the state (71%) or their own neighborhood (74%) to be a healthy place to live. But about 8 in 10 college graduates (82%) say Ohio is a healthy place to live, and more than 9 in 10 (93%) say their own neighborhood is healthy.

OHIP also asks adults to rate their own personal health. Among adults who rate their personal health as excellent or very good, more than 8 in 10 (80%) say Ohio is a healthy place to live. However, fewer than 6 in 10 adults (59%) who rate their personal health as fair or poor say this. Similarly, nearly 9 in 10 adults (86%) with excellent or very good health say their neighborhood is healthy, compared with fewer than 7 in 10 adults (68%) with fair or poor health.

## Percentage of Ohio adults who rate the State of Ohio or their neighborhood as excellent, very good, or good as a healthy place to live



<sup>1</sup> The Federal Poverty Level in 2013 was \$23,550 for a family of four.