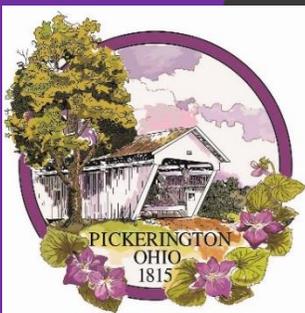


# PAFR

## POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019



# 2019

## City of Pickerington, Ohio



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## CITY OF PICKERINGTON

Citizens of the City of Pickerington, Ohio:

I am pleased to present to you the City of Pickerington's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. This report provides an analysis of the financial position of the City, where the revenues come from, where those dollars are spent, and an overview of local economic trends. My goal is to better communicate how the City is operating fiscally in a reader friendly financial publication.

The financial information for this report has been taken from the 2019 City of Pickerington Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR is comprised of 180 pages of detailed financial statements, notes, and schedules and 50 pages of statistical information. The CAFR was prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and audited by the Ohio Auditor of State Office, receiving an unmodified opinion. An unmodified opinion means that the general purpose financial statements of the City are fairly presented in all material respects.

The City of Pickerington's PAFR is un-audited and presented on a GAAP basis. The CAFR contains more detailed information of all of the City's funds and can be obtained from the Finance Department at City Hall or on the City website at <https://www.ci.pickerington.oh.us/departments/finance>.

The City of Pickerington's PAFR is a means of increasing public confidence in City government and your elected officials through more user-friendly reporting. As you review the PAFR for 2019, I invite you to share any suggestions, questions or comments you may have at (614) 837-3974.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Schornack*

Christopher Schornack  
Director of Finance

## CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2019 ELECTED OFFICIALS



**Lee A. Gray**  
**Mayor**  
[mayorgray@pickerington.net](mailto:mayorgray@pickerington.net)

Lee was elected Mayor in November 2011. Mayor Gray previously served as Mayor from 1992 to 1999 and as a Councilperson in 1987.



**Jerry Dailey**  
**Councilperson**  
[jdailey@pickerington.net](mailto:jdailey@pickerington.net)

Jerry was elected to City Council in November 2015. Jerry currently serves as a member of the Finance and Service Committees.



**Mike Sabatino**  
**President of Council**  
[msabatino@pickerington.net](mailto:msabatino@pickerington.net)

Mike was re-elected to City Council in November 2011. Mike currently serves as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.



**Crystal Hicks**  
**Councilperson**  
[chicks@pickerington.net](mailto:chicks@pickerington.net)

Crystal was appointed to City Council in June 2018. Crystal currently serves as Chairperson of the Rules Committee and as a member of the Finance and Safety Committees. Crystal is the Council representative to the Parks and Recreation Board



**Tricia Sanders**  
**Vice President of Council**  
[tsanders@pickerington.net](mailto:tsanders@pickerington.net)

Tricia was re-elected to City Council in November 2017. Tricia currently serves as Chairperson of the Service Committee and as a member of the Finance and Safety Committees. Tricia is a member of the Nuisance Abatement board.



**Jaclyn Rohaly**  
**Councilperson**  
[jrohaly@pickerington.net](mailto:jrohaly@pickerington.net)

Jaclyn was appointed to City Council in February 2019. Jaclyn currently serves as a member of the Finance and Rules Committees.



**Tony Barletta**  
**Councilperson**  
[tbarletta@pickerington.net](mailto:tbarletta@pickerington.net)

Tony was elected to City Council in November 2009. Tony currently serves as a member of the Finance and Service Committees. Tony is the Council representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission.



**Tom Romine**  
**Councilperson**  
[trromine@pickerington.net](mailto:trromine@pickerington.net)

Tom was elected to City Council in November 2017. Tom currently serves as Chairperson of the Safety Committee and as a member of the Finance and Rules Committees.



### Vision Statement

“Pickerington will be a safe, thriving, family-friendly community that preserves tradition while creating a balanced, accessible, affordable, hometown by engaging our citizens to collectively enhance our quality of life.”

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO

## 2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### Two Year Sources of Revenue – Governmental Activities

The following is an overview of the City's financial revenues for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Revenues	2019	2018
Income Taxes	\$8,204,007	\$6,993,683
Property and Other Local Taxes	2,915,025	2,821,276
Franchise Taxes	227,437	216,933
Grants and Entitlements	610,741	337,101
Investment Earnings	882,785	509,148
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	398,709	329,517
Impact Fees	718,409	1,382,772
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	28,849	0
Charges for Services	2,242,123	2,358,258
Operating Grants & Contributions	1,166,417	1,054,325
Capital Grants & Contributions	7,880,514	2,886,219
Miscellaneous	232,687	320,757
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$25,507,703</b>	<b>\$19,209,989</b>

### Two Year Expenditures by Program – Governmental Activities

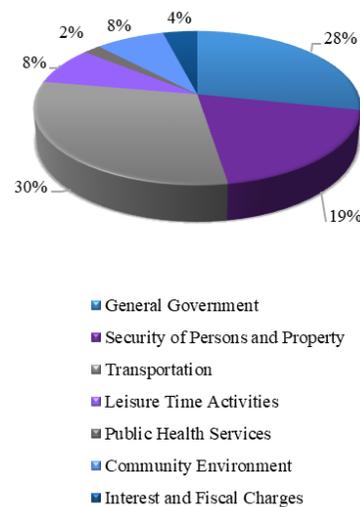
The following is an overview of the City's financial operations for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Expenditures	2019	2018
General Government	\$3,204,706	\$3,218,547
Security of Persons & Property	2,247,487	6,752,600
Transportation	3,490,565	4,847,026
Leisure Time Activities	968,183	888,853
Public Health Services	200,946	182,928
Community Environment	964,274	840,218
Interest and Fiscal Charges	477,984	346,124
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,554,145</b>	<b>\$17,076,296</b>

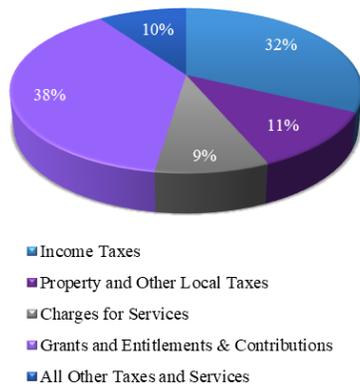
### Where the Money Comes From

The City generates revenue from a variety of sources. The most significant revenue sources are income taxes and property and other local taxes. Income taxes and property and other local taxes comprise 44 percent of total revenues in 2019. Income tax revenue increase was primarily due to an increase in compliance due to efforts of Income Tax Department and a strong local economy. During 2019, investment earnings increased by \$373,637 or 73 percent. The significant increase was due to higher yields on investments. Impact fees decreased significantly by \$664,363, or 48 percent. This was due to building permits including multi-unit developments such as the RedBud Commons, a 55 and older senior living community, and Tri-logy Health services being received in 2018. Impact fees are a one-time fee issued on new building permits. During 2019, capital grants and contributions increased by \$4,994,295 or 173 percent. The construction phase of the Refugee Road widening project continued throughout 2019 and is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2020.

### 2019 Expenditures by Program



### 2019 Sources of Revenue



#### Sources of Revenue Definitions

**Income Taxes** – The City levies a one percent income tax on all income earned within the City. Residents are granted up to a one half percent tax credit for income taxes paid to other municipalities.

**Property and Other Local Taxes** – The City's portion of real estate and public utility taxes, as well as a three percent tax levied on hotel/motel sales.

**Charges for Services** – Sources include recreation programs, building department permits and licenses, and mayor's court fines and forfeitures.

**Grants and Entitlements** – Revenue received from State levied shared taxes.

**Operating (and Capital) Grants & Contributions** – Revenues received from other governments, organizations and individuals that are restricted in some manner.

**Investment Earnings** – Revenue earned by investing all available City funds throughout the year.

**All Other Taxes, and Services** – Revenue received from cable franchise taxes, payments in lieu of taxes from infrastructure improvements, gain on sale of capital assets and miscellaneous revenue.

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO

## 2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### Where the Money Goes

During 2019, the City made significant investments in road infrastructure projects and economic development efforts. The following initiatives occurred during 2019:

- In late 2018, the City began the construction phase of the Refugee Road improvement project which continued throughout 2019. The Refugee Road project will widen the intersection at SR 256 and Refugee Road, widen Refugee Road in front of the Ohio Health property, and widen Refugee Road west of Ohio Health. The Refugee Road project is estimated to cost approximately \$14 million. The City was awarded \$3.5 million in grant funding from the ODOT Safety Planning Commission for corridor improvements to Refugee Road. In 2015 and 2016, the City was awarded grants of \$7.3 million in federal funds from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). In late 2017, the City secured an additional \$303,400 in grant funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). In 2018, the City received an additional \$250,000 from the Ohio Department of Commerce for a total of \$11.35 million in grants.
- In September 2019, the City continued the annual street resurfacing program. Various neighborhood streets were repaved and curb and gutters replaced. The City repaved 6.4 lane miles and replaced 3,638 linear feet of curb and gutter for a total project cost of just over \$1.1 million.
- In 2017, the City began designing the removal of Windmill dam. The dam, which is an Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) regulated structure, was overtopped during a significant rain event. While the overtopping did not cause any significant damage, it did generate some minor maintenance. In doing so, the City chose to have the dam removed and the stream channel restored. Construction was completed in the spring of 2019.

#### Expenditures by Program Definitions

**General Government** – consists of City Council, Mayor, Mayor’s Court, City Manager, Finance Department, and all general administrative departments.

**Security of Persons & Property** – includes the Police Department which provides public safety services through our patrol division, detective bureau and dispatch services.

**Transportation** – includes all costs associated with maintaining our roads.

**Leisure Time Activities** – includes costs associated with operating our recreation programs and maintaining our parks.

**Public Health Services** – includes health services contract with the Franklin County Public Health Department.

**Community Environment** – consists of our Building Department, Economic Development Department and the Planning and Zoning Department.

**Interest and Fiscal Charges** – includes interest payments on municipal debt.

### Governmental Activities Debt

As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the City had outstanding general obligation bonds and notes in the amounts of \$10,780,000 and \$11,725,000, respectively, as follows:

<b>Two-Year Governmental Activities Debt Summary</b>		
Debt Type	2019	2018
<b>General Obligation Bonds/Notes:</b>		
Street Improvement Bonds	\$9,910,000	\$6,175,000
Police Facility Bonds	870,000	1,150,000
Street Improvement Notes	0	4,400,000
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$10,780,000</b>	<b>\$11,725,000</b>

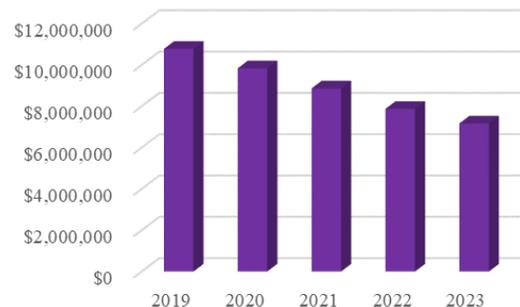
#### Debt Type Definitions

**General Obligation Bonds** - long-term debts that are repaid from the City’s available resources.

**General Obligation Notes** - short-term debts that are repaid from the City’s available resources

The following table represents the current and future balances of Governmental General Obligation Bonds:

#### Governmental Activities - Balance of Bonds



*Covered Bridge*

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO

## 2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### Two Year Revenues – Proprietary Funds

The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water, sewer, stormwater, and aquatic recreation center operations. For water and sewer operations, the City charges a fee to customers, based upon the amount of usage, to recover the costs of the services provided. For stormwater operations, the City charges a flat monthly fee per equivalent residential unit (ERU). For the aquatic recreation center the City charges a fee for pool passes.

The following is an overview of the City’s enterprise fund financial revenues for the years ending December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Revenues	Proprietary Funds	
	2019	2018
Water	\$2,481,979	\$2,416,234
Sewer	3,723,518	3,666,020
Stormwater	725,256	708,522
Aquatic Recreation	216,269	196,192
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$7,147,022</b>	<b>\$6,986,968</b>

During 2019, water and sewer revenues each increased two percent. The increase in revenues for the water and sewer funds was primarily due to additional user accounts added. During 2019, the City added 152 new utility accounts which is a two percent increase in total accounts based on 6,218 total accounts at the beginning of 2019. For 2019, stormwater revenues increased two percent. This increase directly correlates to the increase in additional utility accounts. Finally, aquatic recreation center revenues increased ten percent in 2019 over 2018. The number of pool season passes decreased slightly from 539 in 2018 to 504 in 2019, however, the number of day passes increased significantly from 7,485 in 2018 to 9,237 in 2019. The weather also played a factor in the increase as it was a very hot and dry summer.



*Pickerington Community Pool*

### Two Year Expenses – Proprietary Funds

The following is an overview of the City’s proprietary fund financial operations for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Expenses	Proprietary Funds	
	2019	2018
Personal Services	\$2,755,812	\$2,499,680
Contractual Services	1,938,906	2,079,438
Materials and Supplies	599,515	460,154
Utility Deposits Returned	66	0
Depreciation	1,125,493	1,159,339
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,419,792</b>	<b>\$6,198,611</b>

During 2019, expenses increased by just over three and one half percent compared to 2018. Personal services increased by \$256,132 or ten percent, primarily the result of wage and step increases as well as an additional service technician hired during 2019. The wastewater treatment plant, and the water plant, continued to have ongoing maintenance performed in 2019, however, expenses decreased due to a greater amount of maintenance projects being performed in 2018 that were not required to be repeated in 2019. The plants have established policies regarding the repair and/or replacement of critical pieces of equipment. This resulted in fewer expenses related to contractual services in 2019. Materials and supplies increased in 2019 mainly due to the increase in chemical costs at the water fund plant.

	Rate Comparison		
	Water (1)	Sewer (2)	Stormwater (3)
2017	\$4.16	\$9.13	\$4.50
2018	\$4.16	\$9.13	\$4.50
2019	\$4.16	\$9.13	\$4.50

- (1) per 1,000 gallons
- (2) per 1,000 gallons (minimum 3,000 gallons)
- (3) per ERU (equivalent residential unit)

#### Expense Definitions

**Personal Services** – consists of wages, retirement, and health insurance costs for water, sewer, stormwater, and aquatic recreation departments.

**Contractual Services** – includes costs associated with electricity, heating, maintenance, and services performed by outside agencies.

**Materials and Supplies** – includes costs associated with office supplies, chemical supplies, gasoline, and miscellaneous equipment.

**Depreciation** – the measurement of the decline in value of an asset over a period of time.

#### The City was awarded a total of \$11.35 million in grants for the Refugee Road intersection and widening project

- 2014 – ODOT awarded the City \$3.5 million for SR 256 and Refugee Road intersection improvements
- 2015 – MORPC awarded the City \$5.75 million for Refugee Road corridor improvements
- 2016 – MOPRC awarded an additional \$1.55 million in grant funding for Refugee Road improvements
- 2017 – OPWC awarded the City \$303,400 in grant funding for Refugee Road Improvements
- 2018 - Ohio Department of Commerce awarded \$250,000 grant for Refugee Road Improvements in collaboration with Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District (TID)

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## Outstanding Debt

As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the City had outstanding general obligation bonds and OWDA Loans in the amounts of \$9,748,096 and \$10,753,410, respectively, as follows:

Two-Year Business-Type Activities Debt Summary		
Debt Type	2019	2018
<b>General Obligation Bonds:</b>		
Water	\$1,685,000	\$1,795,000
Sewer	675,000	830,000
<b>OWDA Loans:</b>		
Water	361,744	533,061
Sewer	7,026,352	7,595,349
<b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>\$9,748,096</b>	<b>\$10,753,410</b>

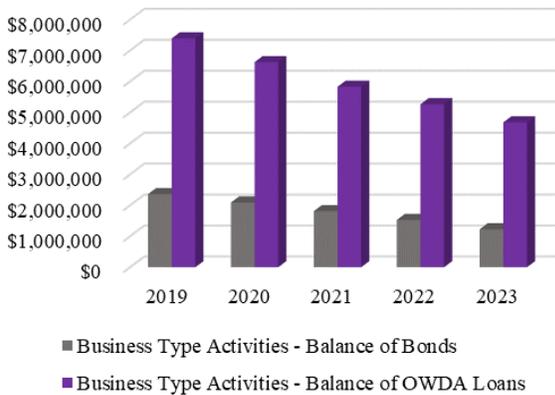
### Debt Type Definitions

**General Obligation Bonds** – long-term debts that are repaid from the City’s available resources.

**OWDA Loans** – low interest loans from the Ohio Water Development Authority to support water and sewer improvements.

The following table represents the current and future balances of Business-Type General Obligation Bonds and OWDA Loans:

### Business-Type Activities Balance of Bonds and Loans



**On December 6, 2018, Moody’s Investors Service maintained an Aa2 rating on the City’s general obligation bonds.**

*Obligations rated Aa are considered to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk. A higher credit rating often reduces the cost of borrowing.*



*Touch-A-Truck Event*



*Refugee Road Widening Project*



*Ninja Warrior Playground*

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO

## 2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position looks at the City as a whole and asks the question, "How did we do financially during the year?" The table below provides a summary of the City's governmental activities net position for 2019 compared to 2018.

<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
Assets	2019	2018
Current and Other Assets	\$22,727,707	\$20,262,373
Capital Assets, Net	77,792,942	69,884,646
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100,520,649</b>	<b>90,147,019</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred Charge on Refunding	43,793	52,551
Pension	3,637,297	1,811,684
OPEB	976,297	1,057,733
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>4,657,387</b>	<b>2,921,968</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and Other Liabilities	5,194,845	4,913,877
Long-term Liabilities	27,699,443	29,551,663
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>32,894,288</b>	<b>34,465,540</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Property Taxes	2,893,000	2,612,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	437,686	413,844
Pension	231,891	897,766
OPEB	367,405	200,129
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>3,929,982</b>	<b>4,123,739</b>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	64,569,465	56,962,956
Restricted	2,339,811	4,319,818
Unrestricted (Deficit)	1,443,990	(6,803,066)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$68,353,266</b>	<b>\$54,479,708</b>

**Governmental Activities** – Includes the majority of our City's services consisting of police, administration and all departments with the exception of our Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Aquatic Recreation services.

- During 2019, governmental activities assets increased \$10,373,130 primarily due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$2,458,925 and capital assets in the amount of \$7,908,296. The increase in cash and cash equivalents is due to an increase in income tax revenue and interest revenue in the amount of \$1,210,324 and \$373,637 respectively. The increase in capital assets is a direct result of the City accepting \$2,039,764 in capital contributions from developers and expending \$5,639,589 in federal monies for the Refugee Road widening project.
- Total governmental activities long-term liabilities decreased \$1,852,220. This decrease is primarily due to the decrease in net OPEB liability in the amount of \$4,710,363. The net OPEB liability decrease represents the City's proportionate share of the OPERS plan's and OP&F's unfunded postemployment benefits. The decrease in net OPEB liability is offset by an increase in the net pension liability in the amount of \$3,735,168. Changes in pension postemployment benefits and contribution rates affect the balance of the pension liability. In addition, the City retired the 2018 \$4,400,000 street improvement general obligation bond anticipation notes and issued \$4,400,000 in street improvement general obligation bonds.

The following table provides a summary of the City's business-type activities net position for 2019 compared to 2018.

<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		
Assets	2019	2018
Current and Other Assets	\$15,495,546	\$14,248,594
Capital Assets, Net	66,117,179	64,278,977
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>81,612,725</b>	<b>78,527,571</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred Charge on Refunding	8,752	10,941
Pension	833,838	461,785
OPEB	125,607	132,464
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>968,197</b>	<b>605,190</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and Other Liabilities	371,050	551,605
Long-term Liabilities	13,963,812	13,868,183
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>14,334,862</b>	<b>14,419,788</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Pension	164,921	444,730
OPEB	77,984	87,753
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>242,905</b>	<b>532,483</b>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	56,348,616	53,361,251
Unrestricted	11,654,539	10,819,239
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$68,003,155</b>	<b>\$64,180,490</b>

**Business-Type Activities** – Includes our Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Aquatic Recreation services.

- During 2019, total business-type activities assets increased \$3,085,154. The increase was primarily due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$1,369,681 and capital assets in the amount of \$1,838,202. The increase in capital assets is primarily due to contributions from developers of \$1.9 million. The City has not raised its water and sewer user fees since 2013.
- Total business-type liabilities decreased \$84,926. The decrease was primarily due to decreases in long-term liabilities in the amount of \$1,037,049. During 2019, the City made principal payments in the amount of \$265,000 on outstanding general obligation and refunding bonds and \$740,314 on outstanding Ohio Water Development Authority loans.

#### Net Position Definitions

**Assets** – consists of those items owned by the City that will provide a benefit in the future.

**Long-term Liabilities** – includes amounts owed for the issuance of debt, compensated absences, and net pension liability the City still owes.

**Capital Assets** – represents equipment, vehicles, land, buildings, and roads and bridges infrastructure that provide an economic benefit to the City of more than one year.

**Deferred Outflows of Resources** – represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources** – represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

**Net Investment in Capital Assets** – represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding debt, to acquire the asset.

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO

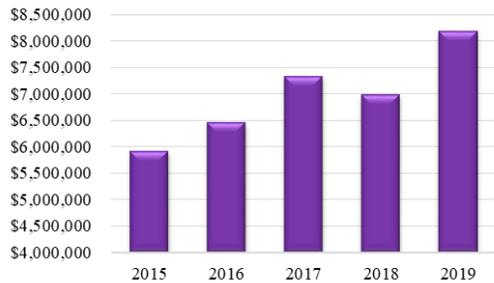
## 2019 TAXES

### Income Taxes

The City of Pickerington levies a one percent income tax on income earned within the City, which applies to all qualifying wages, commissions, other compensation earned or received, and net income of for-profit organizations that conduct business within the City. City of Pickerington residents are given up to a one half percent credit on any of their wages that are taxed by another municipality and not refunded. Income tax collections consist of three sources: taxes from employee withholdings, taxes from individuals and taxes on net profits. As shown in the chart below taxes from withholdings make up the largest percentage of the City's income tax revenue. Employee withholdings are equivalent to one percent of the wages earned in the City which are deducted from employees' earned income and remitted by the employer. Taxes from individuals consist of one percent of individuals' income that was not withheld on the resident's behalf and remitted to the City. For example, self-employment income and net income earned from rental property are taxable to the City as earned income. Taxes on net profits are levied on the net income of all businesses located in the City.

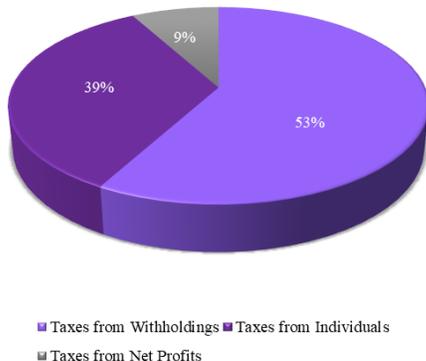
The chart below provides a summary of income tax collections over the last five years.

**Income Tax Revenues  
Last Five Years**



The chart below represents the distribution of income tax collection type.

**2019 Income Tax Collections**



### Income Taxes Levied Comparison

In addition to concentrated efforts related to delinquent income tax collections and compliance, the City continues to expand economic development initiatives in an effort to increase and diversify the income tax base.

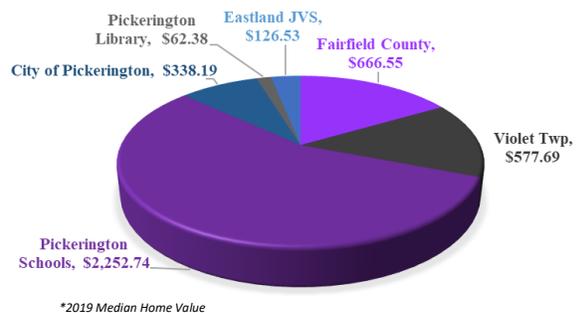
Municipality	Tax Levied	Credit
City of Canal Winchester	2.00%	100.00%
City of Columbus	2.50%	100.00%
City of Gahanna	2.50%	100.00%
City of Groveport	2.00%	100.00%
City of Hilliard	2.00%	100.00%
City of Lancaster	1.75%	57.14%
City of Pataskala	1.00%	0.00%
City of Pickerington	1.00%	50.00%
City of Reynoldsburg	2.50%	100.00%
City of Westerville	2.00%	100.00%

### Property Taxes

One of the largest tax bills a property owner receives annually is their property taxes. Property taxes are administered by Fairfield County and are generally included in the property owners monthly mortgage payment. In 2019, property taxes received accounted for 11 percent of total governmental revenues and represented just 8.4 percent of the total taxes a property owner paid.

The graph below represents the breakdown of taxes on a property valued at \$204,100 and how these monies are distributed.

**CITY OF PICKERINGTON  
\$204,100 APPRAISED HOME VALUE\*  
Total Taxes - \$4,024.08 (Tax Year 2019)**



*The City Income Tax Department offers  
Electronic Filing and Online Account  
Access for Residents and Businesses.*

## CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Commercial Development Projects During 2019

There is strong business development interest in the Pickerington market and we believe there will be steady growth in the coming years. Overall, the City of Pickerington saw a total of nearly \$13.4 million in commercial investment in 2019.

The following projects were initiated or completed in 2019:

- In March 2019, the newly constructed 19,378 square foot Volunteers of America retail store and donation center opened its doors to the Pickerington community. The \$3,000,000 project is located on Old Diley Road between Kroger and Pediatric Associates.
- Redbud Commons is an upscale housing community developed off of Diley Road. It consist of 19, single-story, Housing for Older Persons Act (HOPA) compliant multi-family buildings with attached garages. The development includes a community center, community gardens and other amenities including 24/7 concierge services. Construction was completed in the summer of 2019.
- The \$9,500,000 Trilogy Health Services facility located on Diley Road was completed and opened in the fall of 2019. The 88,113 square foot building has 103 units for skilled nursing, assisted living, and related health services.

#### 2019 Principal Employers

Employer	Employees
Pickerington LSD	1,358
Ohio Health Corporation	496
Kroger Company, Inc.	400
Kohl's Department Stores	378
Rooster's	305
Cracker Barrel Restaurant	296
Tamarkin Co Inc.	240
Wendy's	223
Marcus Cinemas of Ohio LLC	167
Hawthorn Senior Living	152

#### 2019 City of Pickerington Employees

Function/Program	Employees
General Government	23.5
Security of Persons & Property	44
Leisure Time Activities	4
Community Development	6
Transportation	5.5
Basic Utility Services	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>



*Redbud Commons*



*Volunteers of America*



*Trilogy Health Services*

## CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2019 DEMOGRAPHICS

### Demographics

County:	Fairfield County, Ohio
Area:	9.75 Square Miles
Location:	13.2 Miles Southeast of Columbus
Established:	1815
Attained City Status:	1991
Population:	22,158
Median Household Income:	\$92,783
Median Housing Value:	\$204,100
Owner Occupied Housing Rate:	75.3%
Median Resident Age:	35.3 years
Median Household Size:	2.89
Bachelor's Degree or Higher:	43.8%
Employed Labor Force:	71.0%
Unemployed Labor Force:	3.7%
Per Capita Income:	\$35,498
Households:	6,933
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes):	28.6
Businesses:	1,793

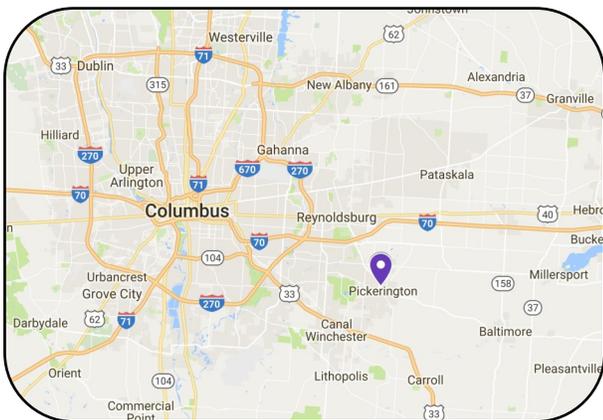
*\*Information obtained from  
2018 U.S. Census Estimates*

### Community Investments

The City provides the following services: public safety, operation of water, sewer, and stormwater utilities, street repair and maintenance, parks and recreation, and a State Certified Building Department. Fire department services are provided by Violet Township, of which the City is a part. The City of Pickerington maintains over 158 acres of park land located within Sycamore Park, Victory Park, Colony Park, Simsbury Park, Shawnee Crossing, Preston Trails, and Willow Pond Park. The parks offer a variety of activities including shelter houses, fishing, basketball courts, softball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, a putting green, playgrounds, swing sets, an arboretum, a covered bridge, sledding hills, and a skate park. During 2019, the City completed construction of the Victory Park restroom expansion, a new Ninja Warrior playground was installed at Sycamore Park, and a new replacement playground was constructed at Simsbury Park. The Community Pool completed the repaving of the upper and lower parking lots. Capital investments in the parks and recreation department totaled approximately \$300,000 for 2019.



**Community Pool - Parking Lot Resurfacing**



**Columbus Metro Area**



**Victory Park - Restroom Expansion**

## CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2019 AWARDS

### Financial Awards

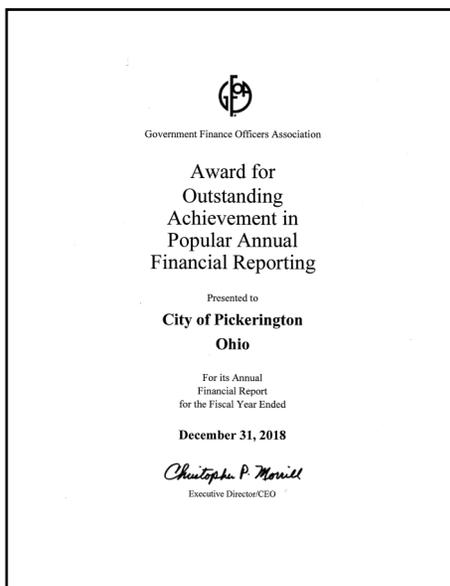
The City of Pickerington has received the Auditor of State's "Award with Distinction" for outstanding commitment to the highest standards of financial reporting for the years 2005, 2006, and 2008 through 2018 due to the filing of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and having no audit citations.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2018. This was the fifteenth year the City had filed a CAFR and received this award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the City had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR. The report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the City of Pickerington for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

An Award of Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial reporting is valid for a period of one year only. The City of Pickerington has received a Popular Award for the last eight consecutive years (fiscal years ended 2011-2018).



### A Tree City for 27 Consecutive Years

The City received its twenty-seventh Tree City USA Award for the year ended December 31, 2019. This prestigious award recognized the City for its annual program of planting new trees and maintaining and removing old trees.



*Arboretum*

#### 2019 Tree Statistics

<i>Trees Planted</i>	78
<i>Trees Pruned</i>	412
<i>Trees Removed</i>	25



*4th of July Parade*



*Finance Department*

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO

## 2019 CONTACT INFORMATION

### City Directory



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**Income Tax Department** (614) 837-4116  
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**Parks & Recreation Department** (614) 833-2211  
**Utility Billing Department** (614) 833-2289

**Building Department**  
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(614) 833-2221

**Economic Development Dept.** (614) 833-2204  
**Engineering Department** (614) 833-2221  
**Planning and Zoning Dept.** (614) 833-2204

**Police Department**  
1311 Refugee Road  
Pickerington, OH 43147  
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**Service Department**  
200 Hereford Drive  
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(614) 833-2292

**Sewer Plant** (614) 837-6470  
**Water Plant** (614) 833-2290

### Popular Annual Financial Report

The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), is to be used as a quick guide for the citizens of Pickerington, and to summarize how the City is operating fiscally. The information in this PAFR was taken directly from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is more extensive and can be found on the City's website at the following link:

<https://www.ci.pickerington.oh.us/departments/finance/>



*Friday Night Flicks*



*Pickerington City Hall*

### Did You Know?

*Pickerington was nationally recognized as one of the most budget-friendly cities for homeowners. Less than one fifth of Pickerington homeowners have a mortgage that costs 30% or more of their household income. This ranked Pickerington #5 in the state of Ohio.*

*Source - Lendedu.com*



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