

# Christ's Mission in New Carlisle

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# Background

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- 1931 organized with 15 members and F. P. Rowe as lay pastor
- R. S. Schoonard, a literature evangelist worked here in 1932; he joined Rowe in a second evangelism campaign with six baptisms
- 1933 moved out of town hall into the abandoned Mount Pleasant Community Church building

# Background

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- 1943 starts daily 6:45 a.m. radio broadcast on WING 1410 AM by Calvin Osborn, district pastor
- Big campaigns in Dayton and Piqua
- Old church building remodeled
- 1955 Fall evangelism campaign
- 1959 Fall evangelism campaign

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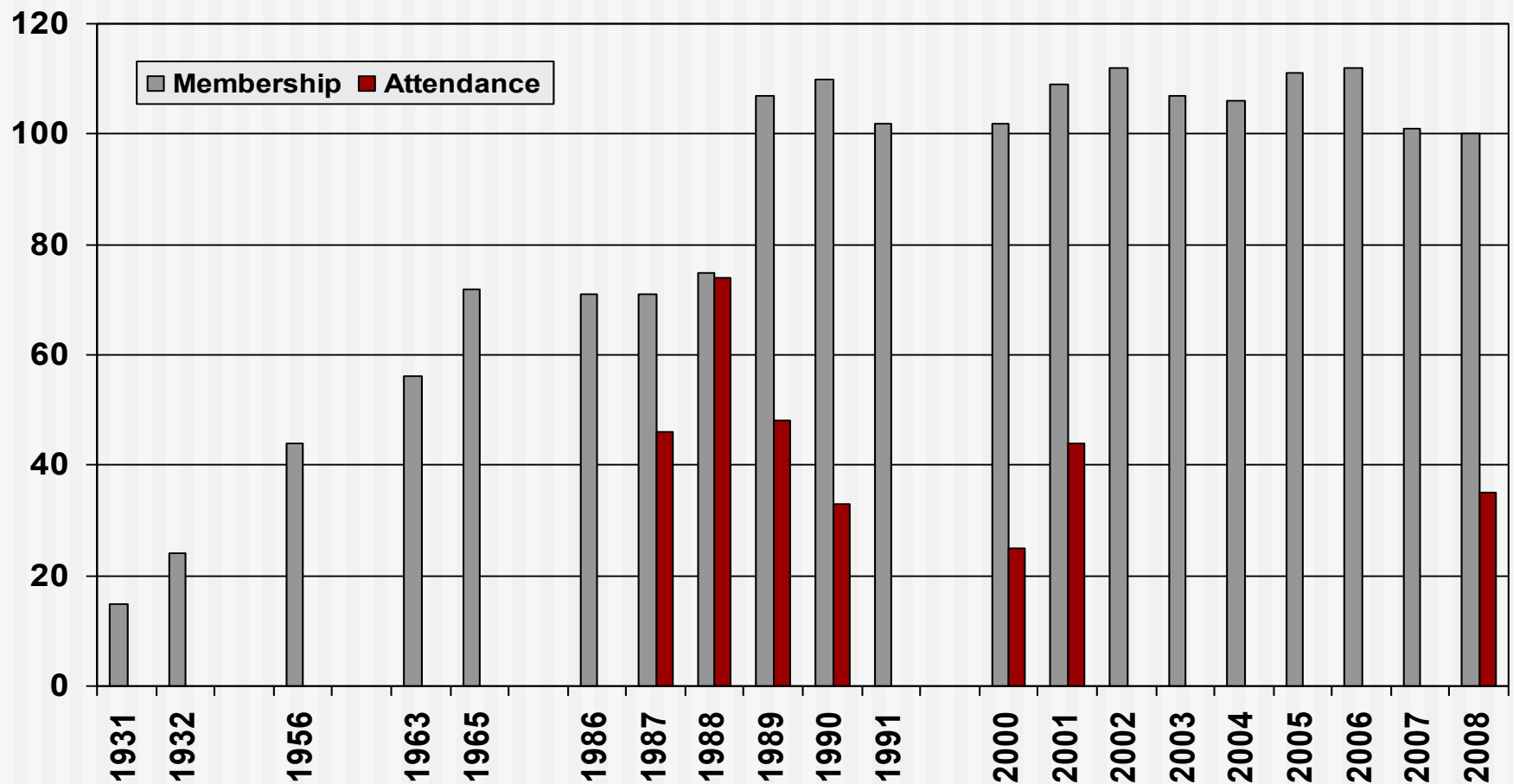
- March 6, 1961 – Groundbreaking for a new building
- Fall 1962 – 11 in Pathfinder Club gathering food to help the poor
- 1963 – New Carlisle has the highest per capita Ingathering in Ohio and Francis Phelps preaches for a Fall evangelism campaign

# Background

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- May 7-8, 1965 – New building is dedicated debt free
- Speakers
  - Theodore Carcich, vice president of the General Conference
  - Neal C. Wilson, Columbia Union Conference president
- 1994 opening of Good Neighbor House

# Membership & Attendance



# Goals of this Study

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- Understand the people who live in the New Carlisle community
- Identify the needs in the community
- Suggest some opportunities for missional involvement by the New Carlisle Adventist Church
- Ask, What is God doing in New Carlisle?

# New Carlisle as a Mission Field

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- Clark County has a population of 140,000
- Town of New Carlisle, Bethel Township and Mad River Township have a combined population of 27,500
  - Zip Codes 45344, 45341 and 45323
  - Includes Park Layne, Crystal Lake, Medway, Enon and Donnelsonville
- All of these communities are suburbs in the Dayton metropolitan area



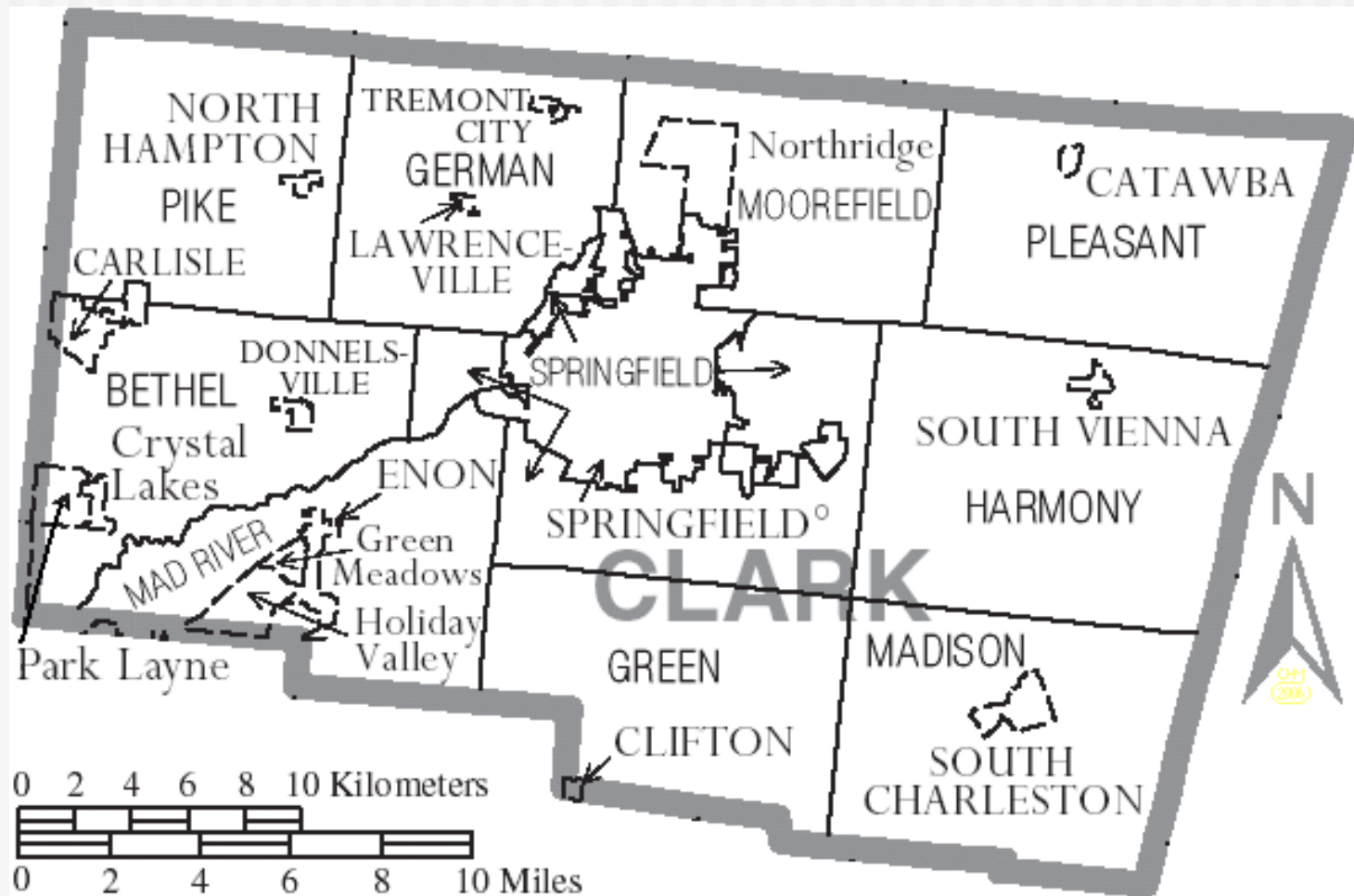
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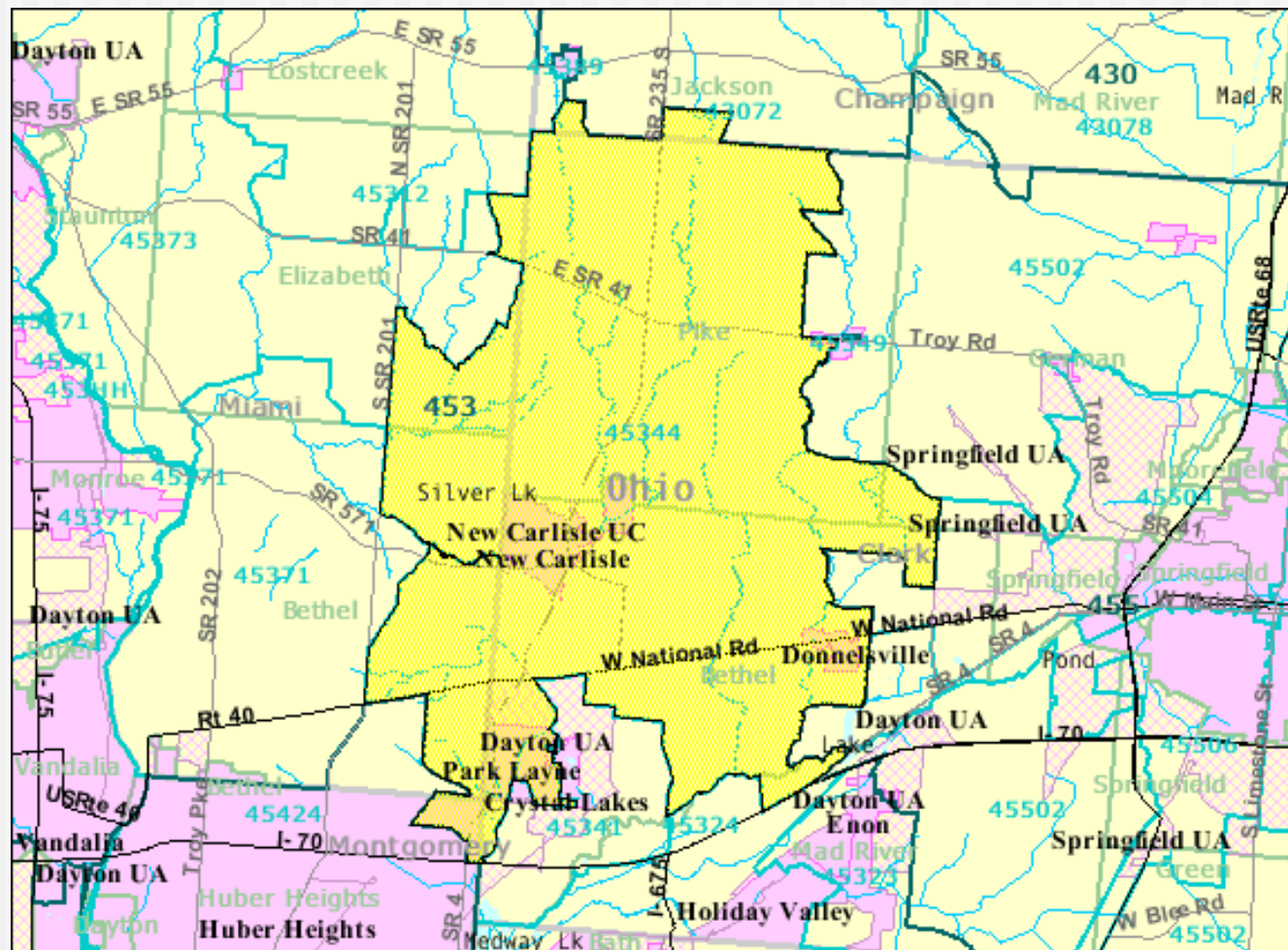
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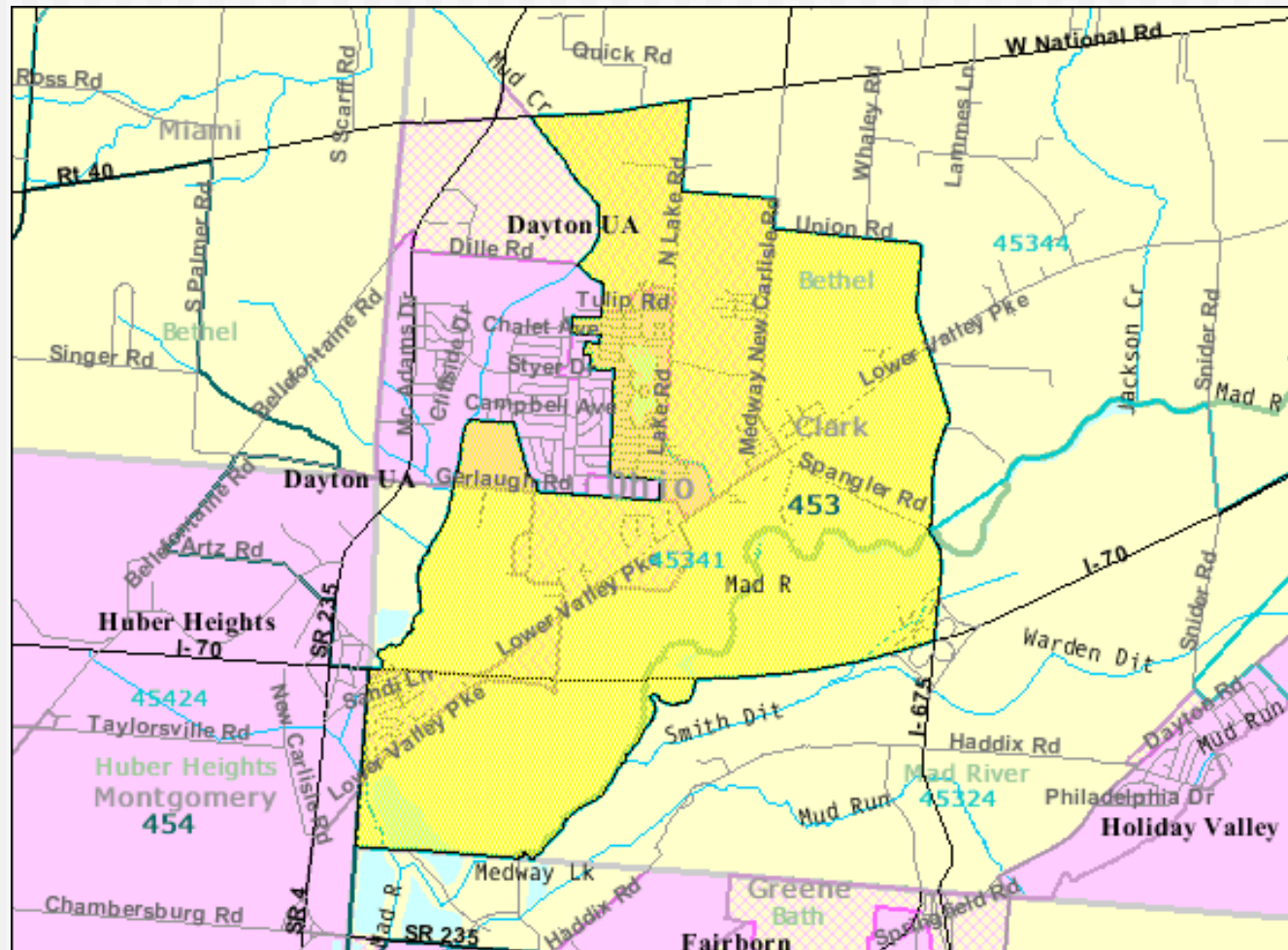
- Clark County has 1 Adventist per each 476 population
- U.S. – 1 per 305
- World – 1 per 450
- Ghana – 1 per 73
- Fiji – 1 per 37
- New Guinea – 1 per 23
- Rwanda – 1 per 21
- Jamaica – 1 per 14
- Belize – 1 per 10

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- At least 32 Adventists live in Zip Code 45344, but only 16 of these are members at New Carlisle
  - Two Adventists live in Medway (Zip 45341); neither of them are members at New Carlisle
  - Two Adventists live in Enon
    - One is a New Carlisle member

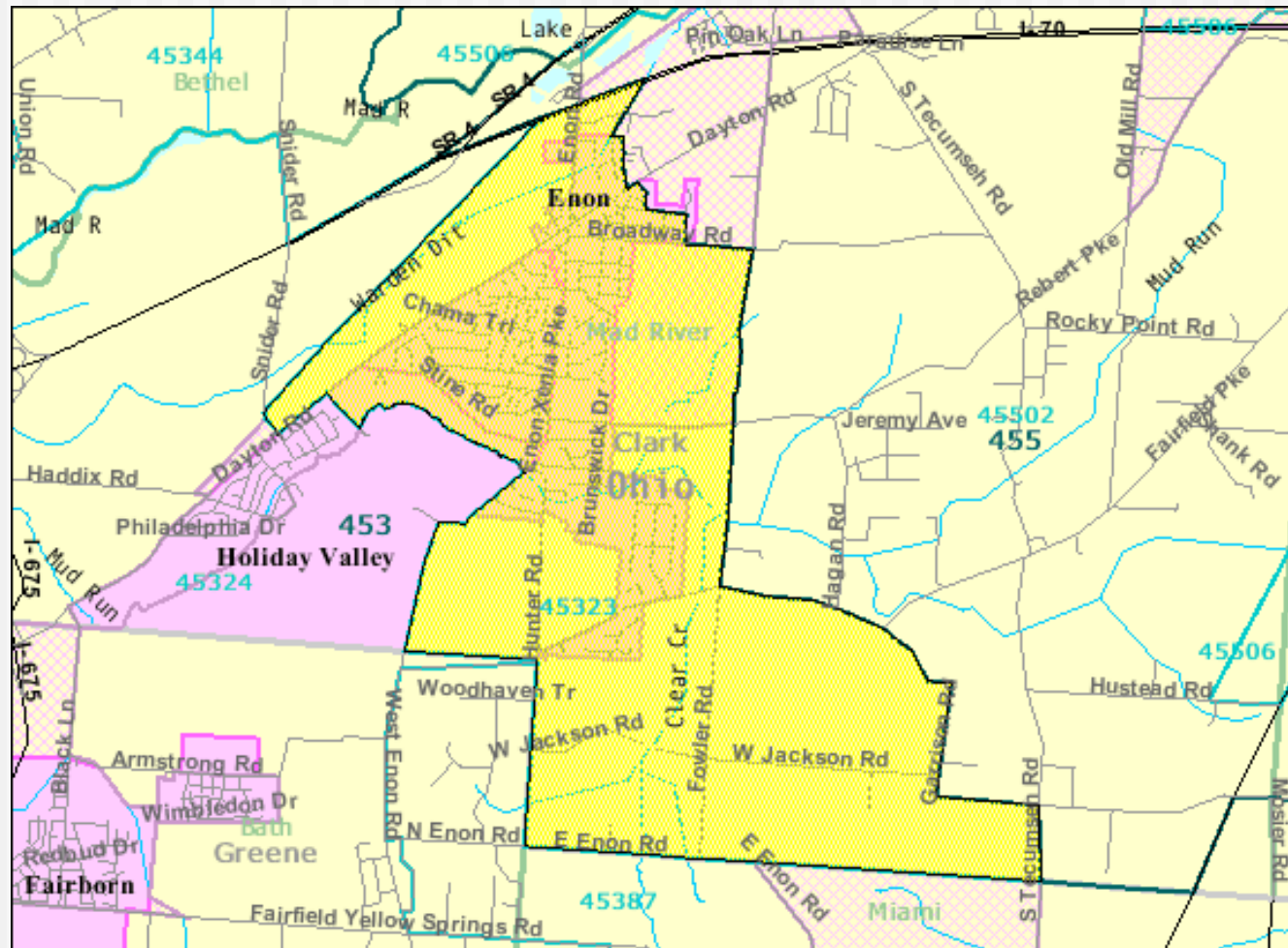
# Clark County Towns & Townships





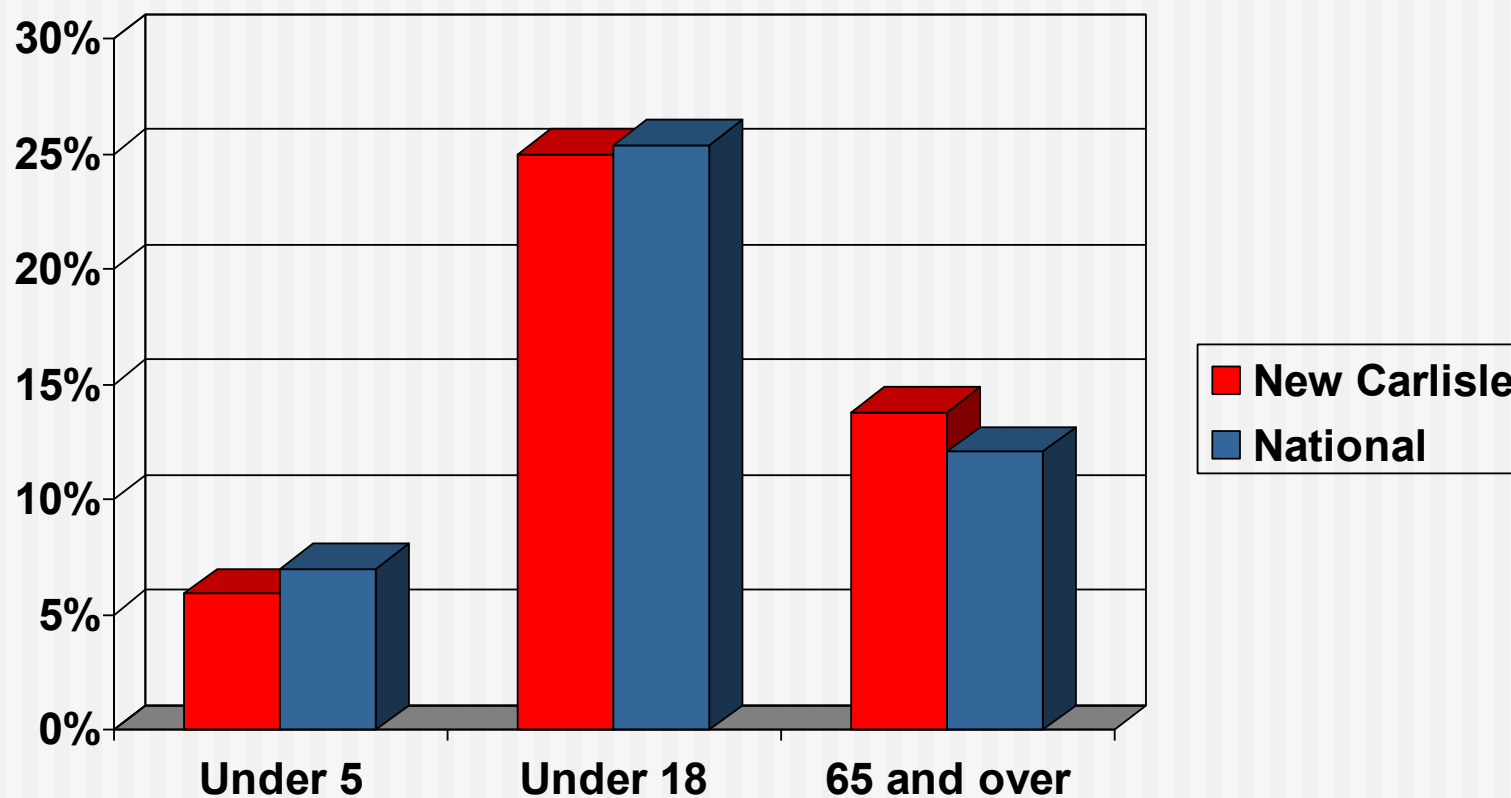


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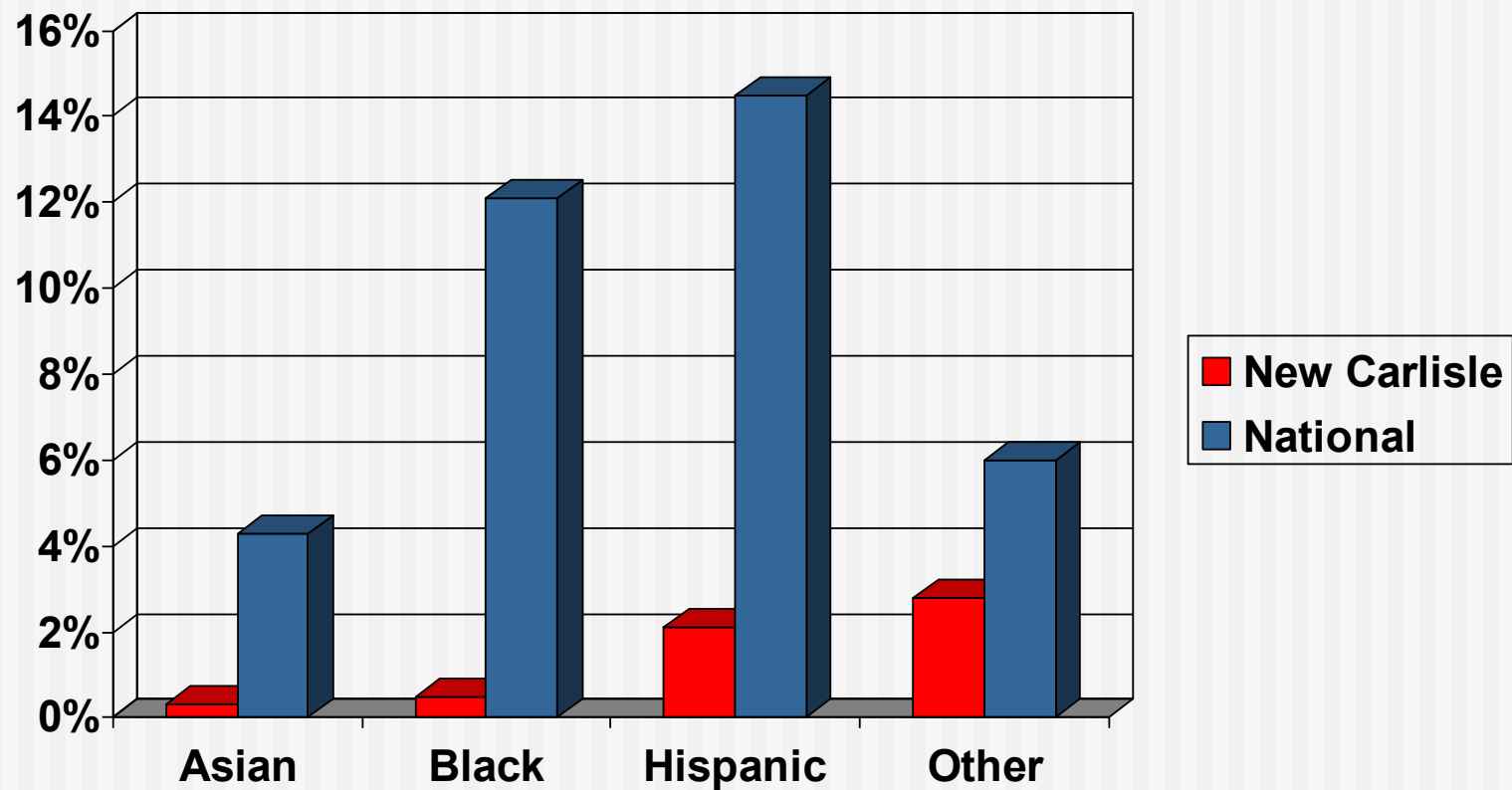


# Age Groups

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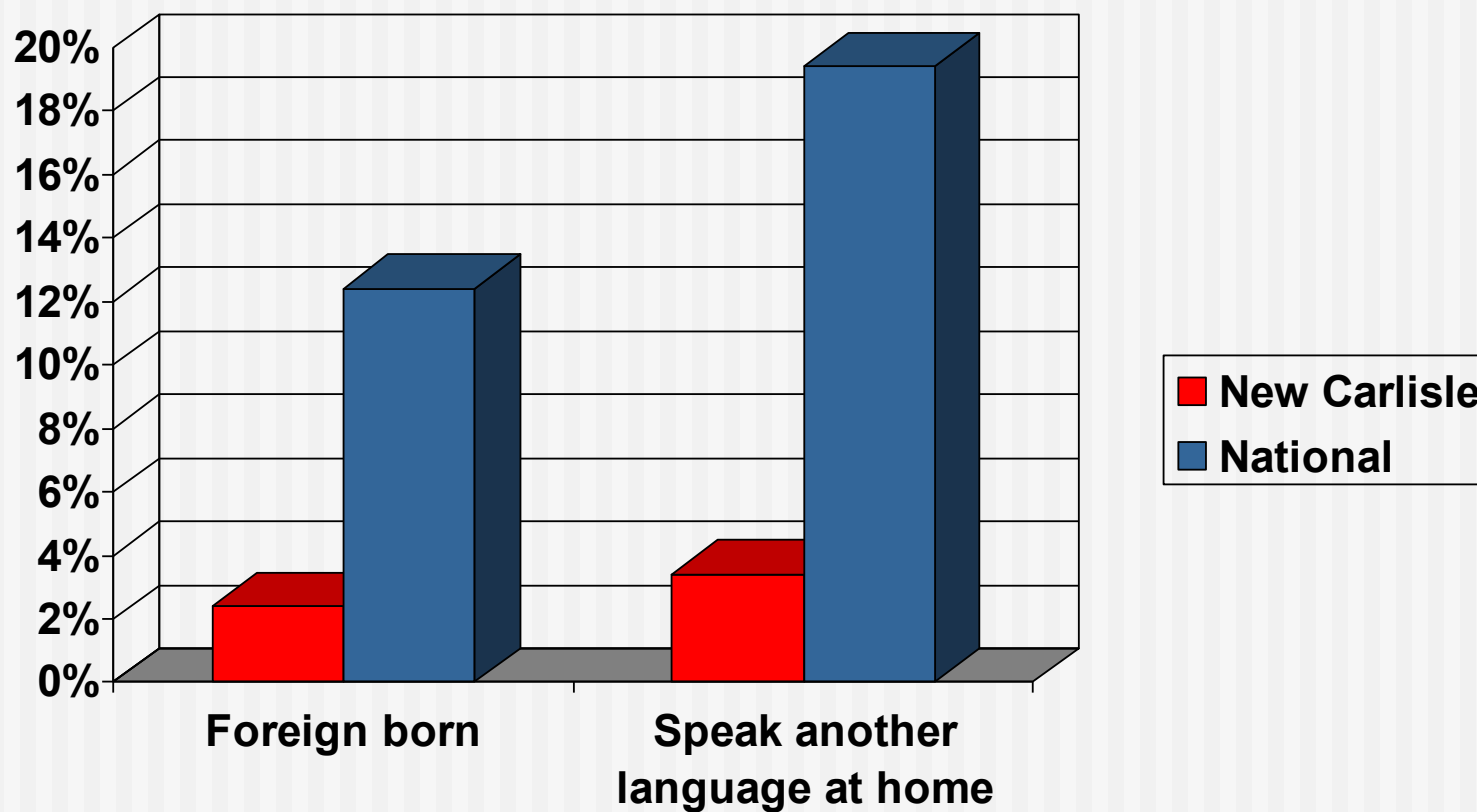


# Ethnic Minorities

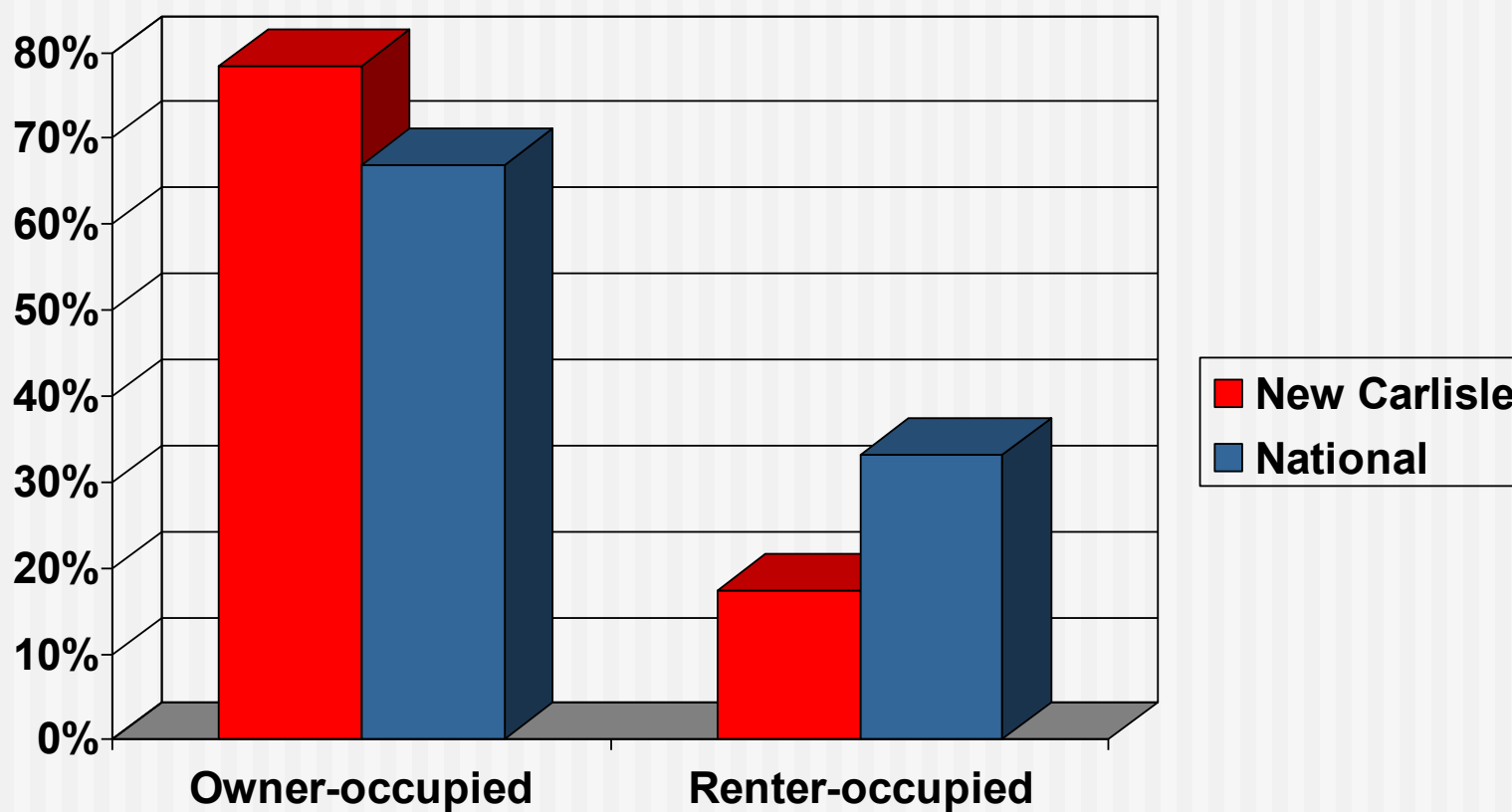




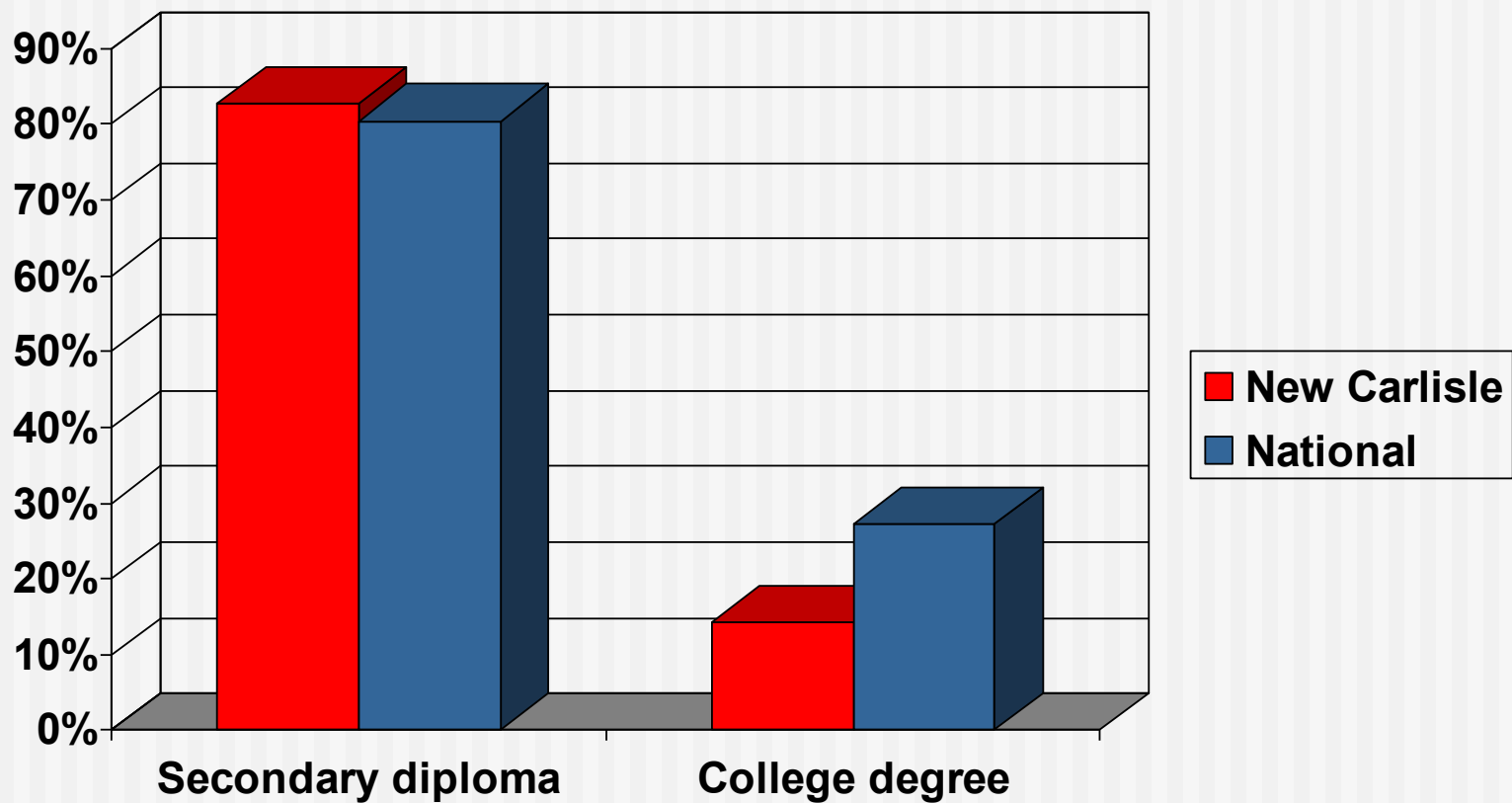
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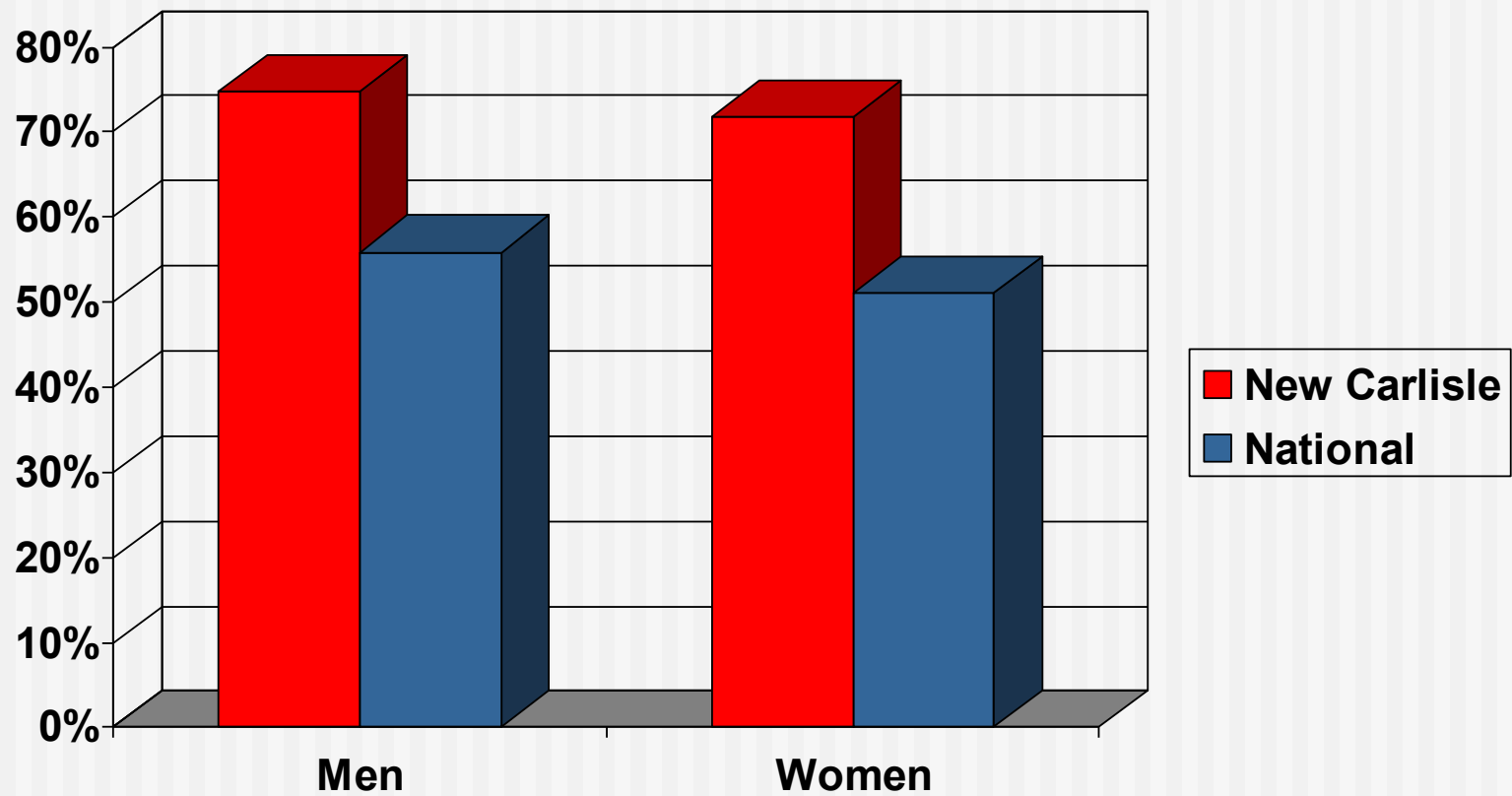
# Housing



# Education

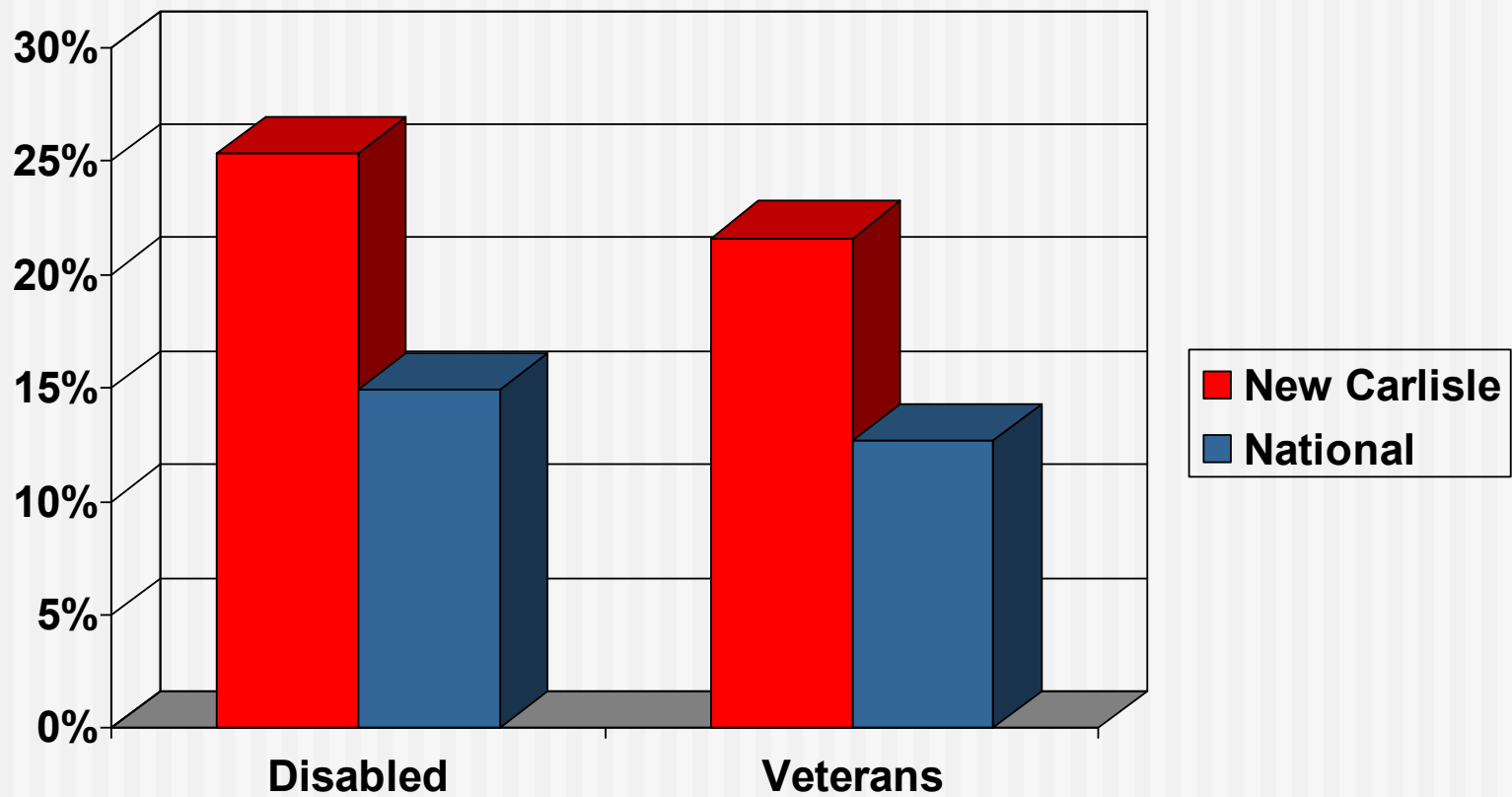


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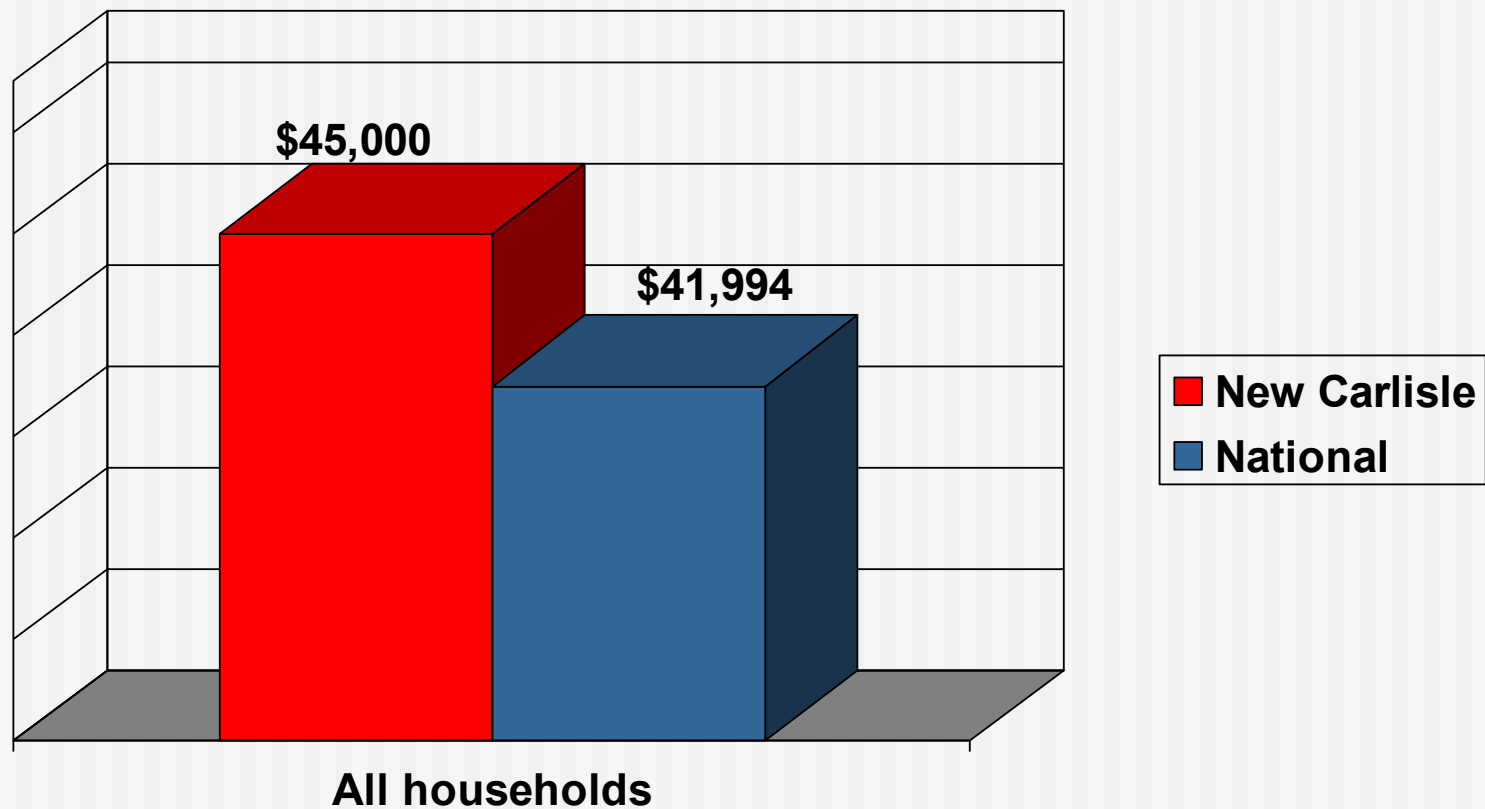
# Special Needs

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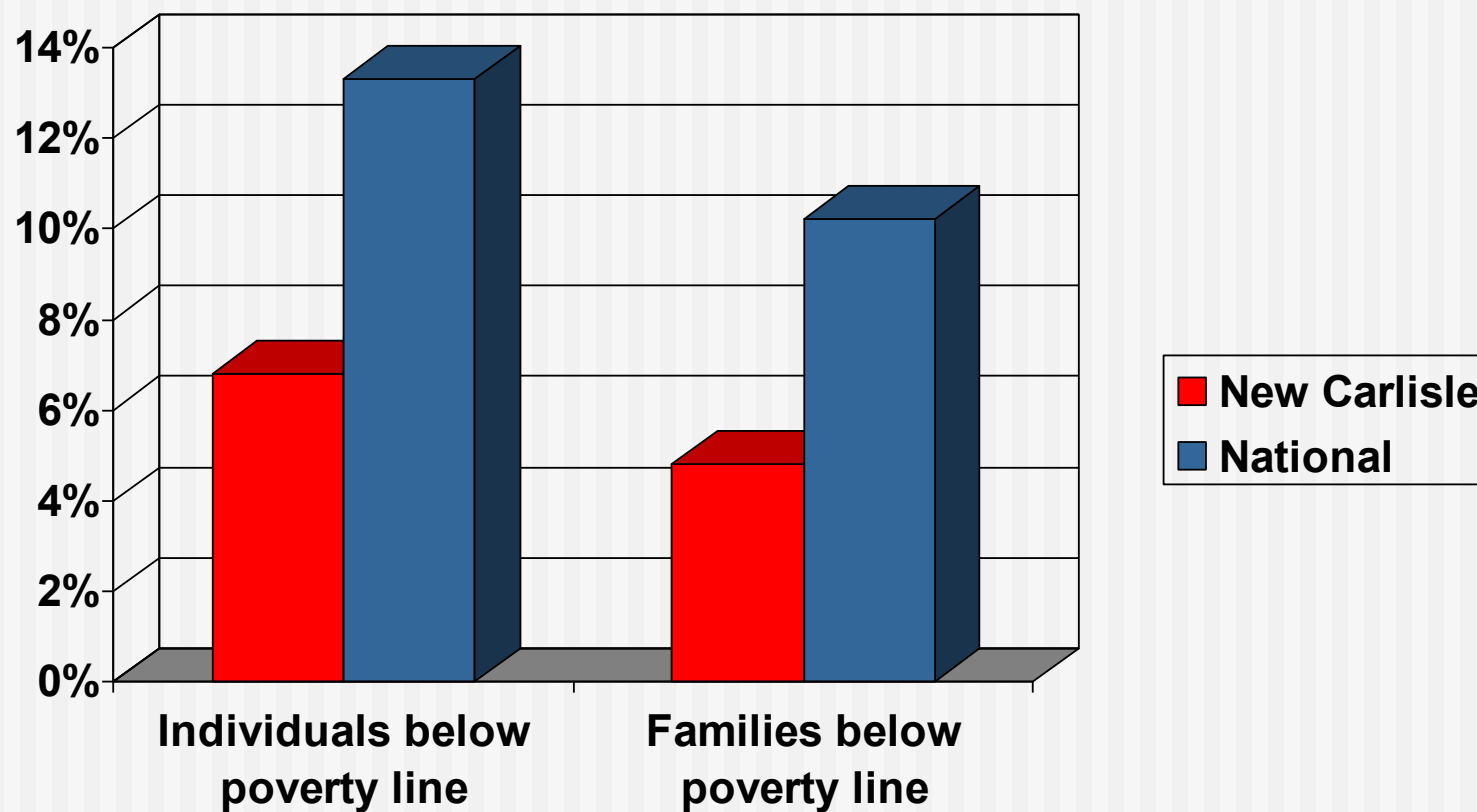


# Median Income

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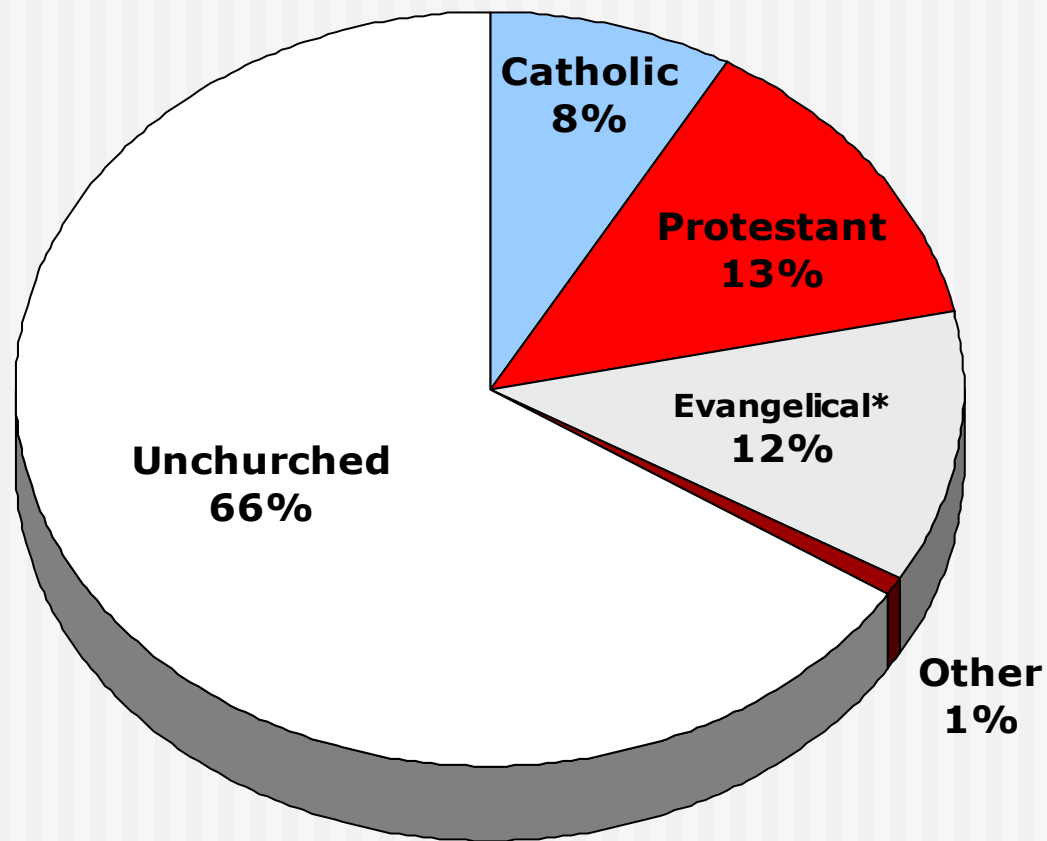


# Poverty



# Religious Profile of Clark County

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\*Includes Adventists



# Church Attendance

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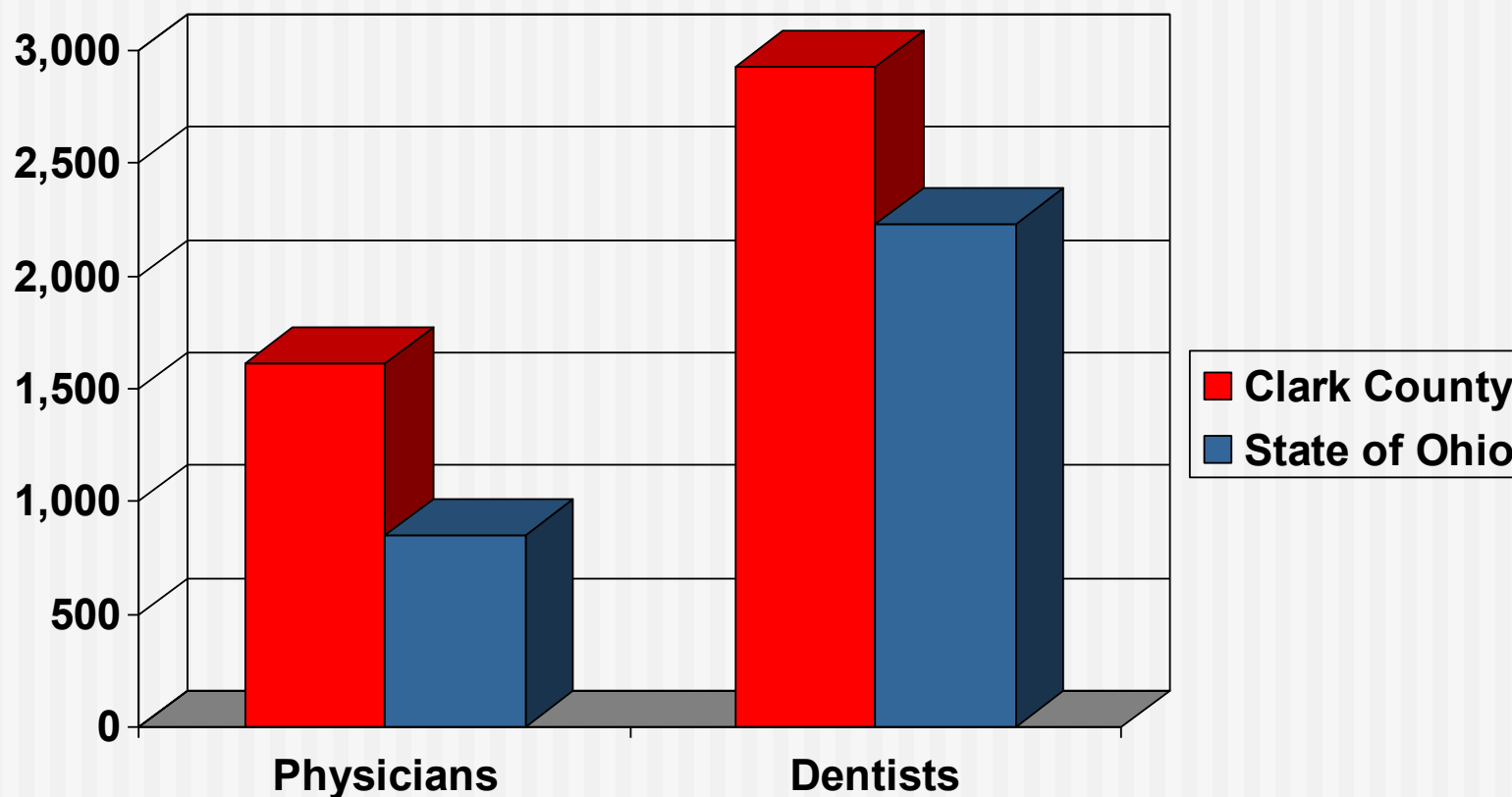
- 17.5% of the total population goes to church on a typical weekend
  - 9.5% in Evangelical churches
  - 4.3% in Mainline Protestant churches
  - 3.6% in Catholic churches
- Between 1990 and 2000, this percentage increased by 1.9%
  - So did Miami & Montgomery counties, while most of the state did not

# United Way Community Assessment: Key Needs

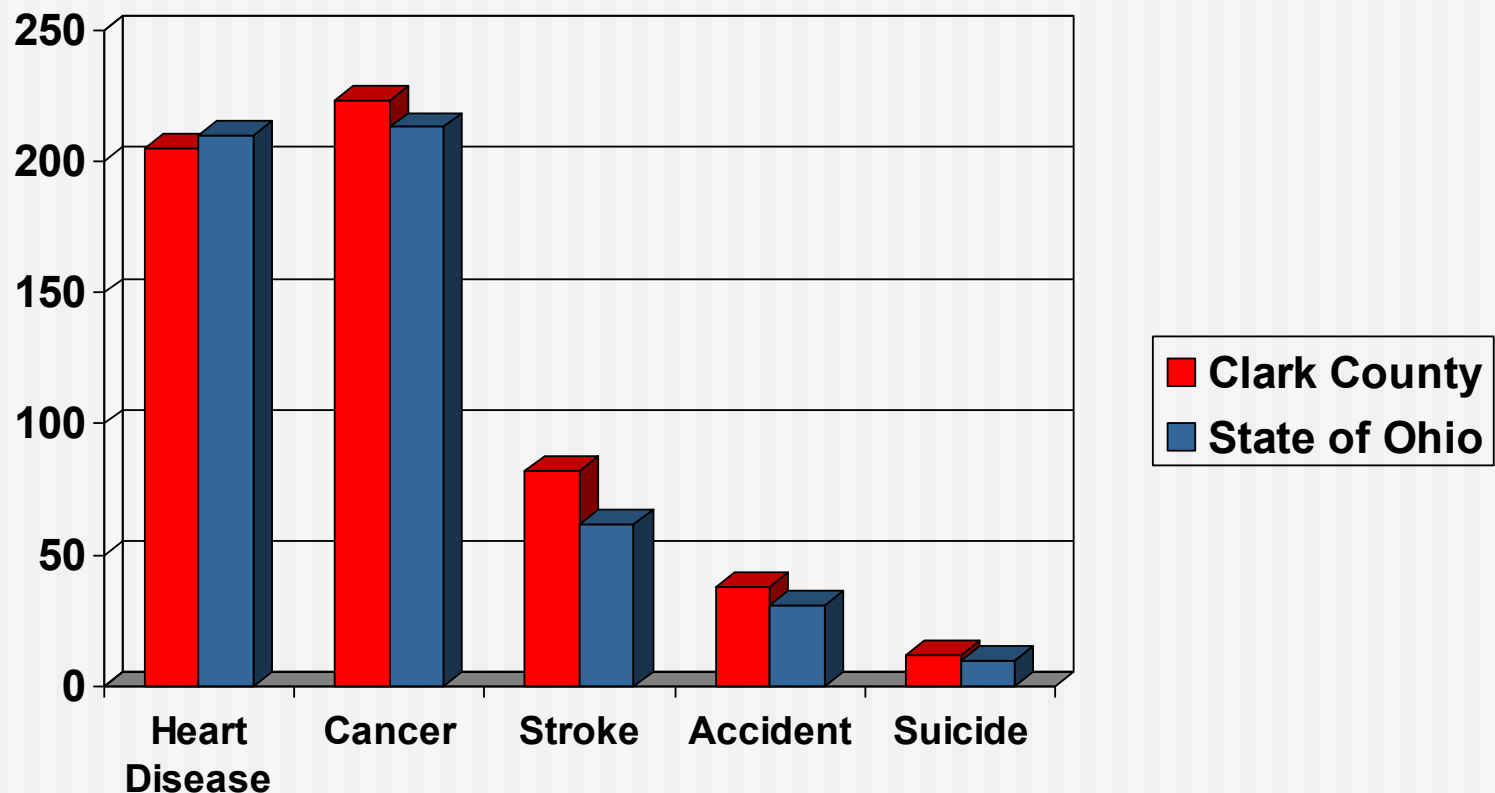
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- Basic social services: food, clothing, emergency shelter
- Stable, healthy families
- Helping people gain self-sufficiency
- Healthy neighborhoods

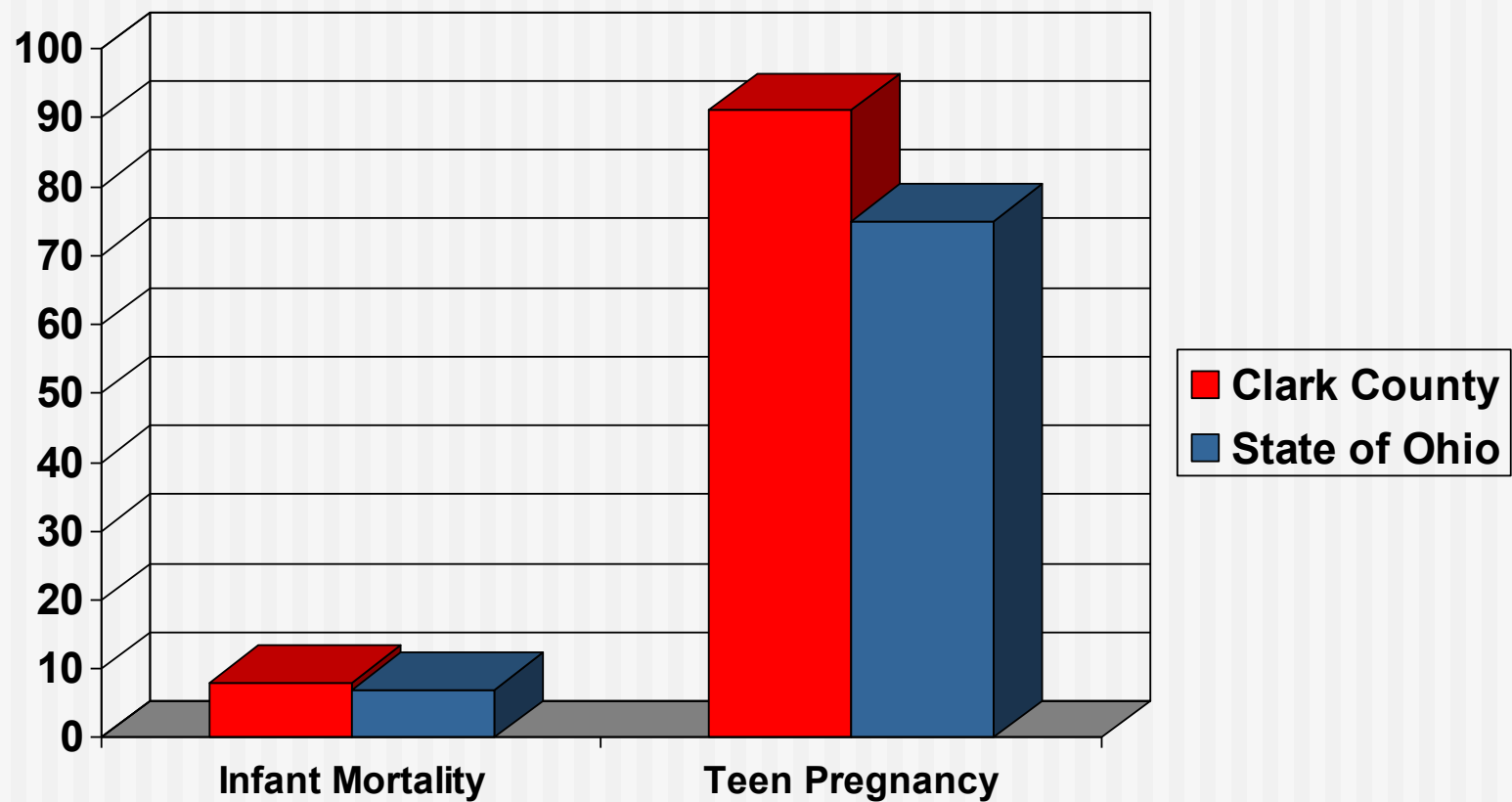
# Population Per Doctor



# Mortality Rate per 100,000 Population



# Children's Health



# Analysis

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- Research has shown that growth in Adventist churches comes from:
  - Community involvement
  - Rich spirituality
  - Intentionality (goals, planning)
  - A positive atmosphere in congregation
  - Activities for the unchurched on Sabbath

# Recommendations

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- Continue the food pantry and hot meals
- Continue the booths at fairs, etc. and strengthen the health screening offered
- Conduct a Heartbeat Community Coronary Risk program or CHIP program
- Use direct mail to advertize these programs and the local newspaper, radio
- Collaborate with the Impact Bethel community coalition

# Recommendations

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- Get a student missionary from CUC or Andrews to come for a year and establish a youth outreach
  - Pathfinder Club for the community
- Find a location in downtown New Carlisle for an outreach center that will be more visible



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