

COVID-19 Viral (RT-PCR) Laboratory 14-Day Test Positivity Rates, by US County

Test Positivity Classification:

Counties with test percent positivity <5.0% or with <20 tests in past 14 days: Green; test percent positivity 5.0%-10.0% or with <500 tests and <2000 tests/100k and >10% positivity over 14 days: Yellow; >10.0% and not meeting the criteria for “Green” or “Yellow”: Red. Test positivity is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent before classifying.

Percent Positive and Tests in prior 14 days:

Data from October 15-October 28

Data Sources:

Testing data: HHS Unified Testing Dataset; Population data: 2019 Census

Documentation:

The data presented represent viral COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic and screening test (reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction, RT-PCR) results and exclude antibody and antigen tests. COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting (CELR) state health department-reported data are used to describe county-level viral COVID-19 laboratory test (RT-PCR) result totals when information is available on patients’ county of residence or healthcare providers’ practice location. HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to Federal Government from public health labs, hospital labs, and commercial labs) are used otherwise. Some states did not report on certain days, which may affect the total number of tests resulted and positivity rate values. Total viral (RT-PCR) laboratory tests are the number of tests performed, not the number of individuals tested. Viral (RT-PCR) laboratory test positivity rate is the number of positive tests divided by the total number of tests performed and resulted. Resulted tests are assigned to a timeframe based on this hierarchy of test-related dates: 1. test date; 2. result date; 3. specimen received date; 4. specimen collection date. Resulted tests are assigned to a county based on a hierarchy of test-related locations: 1. patient residency; 2. provider facility location; 3. ordering facility location; 4. performing organization location.

Note:

During the week of Sept 14, 2020, the following updates were made to the county percent test positivity characterization methodology. In order to use a greater amount of data to calculate percent test positivity and improve the stability of values, the indicator was expanded to include 14 days of data instead of 7 days. Further, because there are instances where counties with high test positivity rates may reflect low testing levels rather than high levels of viral transmission, additional criteria were added to re-assign counties with low testing volume to lower nursing home staff testing tiers (i.e., communities with low levels of testing and high test positivity (>10%) are reassigned to either yellow or green testing tiers). Nursing homes may set their testing frequency based on the color-coded reassigned positivity classification.

County	FIPS	State	FEMA Region	Population	NCHS Urban Rural Classification	Tests in prior 14 days	14-day test rate	Percent Positivity in prior 14 days	Test Positivity Classification - 14 days
Adams County, OH	39001	OH		5	27,698 Non-core	322	1,163	2.8%	Green
Allen County, OH	39003	OH		5	102,351 Small metro	1,918	1,874	14.5%	Red
Ashland County, OH	39005	OH		5	53,484 Micropolitan	266	497	8.6%	Yellow
Ashtabula County, OH	39007	OH		5	97,241 Micropolitan	950	977	2.7%	Green
Athens County, OH	39009	OH		5	65,327 Micropolitan	608	931	10.0%	Red
Auglaize County, OH	39011	OH		5	45,656 Micropolitan	546	1,196	17.8%	Red
Belmont County, OH	39013	OH		5	67,006 Small metro	828	1,236	5.7%	Yellow
Brown County, OH	39015	OH		5	43,432 Large fringe metro	684	1,575	5.1%	Yellow
Butler County, OH	39017	OH		5	383,134 Large fringe metro	1,984	518	13.9%	Red
Carroll County, OH	39019	OH		5	26,914 Medium metro	164	609	15.2%	Yellow

Champaign County, OH	39021 OH	5	38,885 Micropolitan	485	1,247	5.8%	Yellow
Clark County, OH	39023 OH	5	134,083 Small metro	2,011	1,500	6.1%	Yellow
Clermont County, OH	39025 OH	5	206,428 Large fringe metro	1,096	531	8.6%	Yellow
Clinton County, OH	39027 OH	5	41,968 Micropolitan	409	975	10.8%	Yellow
Columbiana County, OH	39029 OH	5	101,883 Micropolitan	2,100	2,061	5.7%	Yellow
Coshocton County, OH	39031 OH	5	36,600 Micropolitan	446	1,219	11.4%	Yellow
Crawford County, OH	39033 OH	5	41,494 Micropolitan	1,192	2,873	8.9%	Yellow
Cuyahoga County, OH	39035 OH	5	1,235,072 Large central metro	32,719	2,649	5.8%	Yellow
Darke County, OH	39037 OH	5	51,113 Micropolitan	824	1,612	15.3%	Red
Defiance County, OH	39039 OH	5	38,087 Micropolitan	668	1,754	13.5%	Red
Delaware County, OH	39041 OH	5	209,177 Large fringe metro	1,870	894	7.1%	Yellow
Erie County, OH	39043 OH	5	74,266 Micropolitan	2,286	3,078	5.1%	Yellow
Fairfield County, OH	39045 OH	5	157,574 Large fringe metro	1,792	1,137	7.5%	Yellow
Fayette County, OH	39047 OH	5	28,525 Micropolitan	1,170	4,102	8.5%	Yellow
Franklin County, OH	39049 OH	5	1,316,756 Large central metro	40,361	3,065	6.4%	Yellow
Fulton County, OH	39051 OH	5	42,126 Medium metro	895	2,125	13.2%	Red
Gallia County, OH	39053 OH	5	29,898 Micropolitan	1,810	6,054	7.3%	Yellow
Geauga County, OH	39055 OH	5	93,649 Large fringe metro	844	901	8.5%	Yellow
Greene County, OH	39057 OH	5	168,937 Medium metro	1,201	711	12.0%	Red
Guernsey County, OH	39059 OH	5	38,875 Micropolitan	975	2,508	12.0%	Red
Hamilton County, OH	39061 OH	5	817,473 Large central metro	31,599	3,865	7.6%	Yellow
Hancock County, OH	39063 OH	5	75,783 Micropolitan	1,339	1,767	12.5%	Red
Hardin County, OH	39065 OH	5	31,365 Non-core	268	854	14.2%	Yellow
Harrison County, OH	39067 OH	5	15,040 Non-core	47	312	8.5%	Yellow
Henry County, OH	39069 OH	5	27,006 Non-core	405	1,500	15.3%	Yellow
Highland County, OH	39071 OH	5	43,161 Non-core	603	1,397	9.6%	Yellow
Hocking County, OH	39073 OH	5	28,264 Large fringe metro	236	835	3.8%	Green
Holmes County, OH	39075 OH	5	43,960 Non-core	316	719	49.4%	Yellow
Huron County, OH	39077 OH	5	58,266 Micropolitan	1,329	2,281	3.4%	Green
Jackson County, OH	39079 OH	5	32,413 Micropolitan	101	312	10.9%	Yellow
Jefferson County, OH	39081 OH	5	65,325 Small metro	343	525	4.4%	Green
Knox County, OH	39083 OH	5	62,322 Micropolitan	358	574	8.4%	Yellow
Lake County, OH	39085 OH	5	230,149 Large fringe metro	2,615	1,136	7.7%	Yellow
Lawrence County, OH	39087 OH	5	59,463 Medium metro	434	730	6.9%	Yellow
Licking County, OH	39089 OH	5	176,862 Large fringe metro	1,982	1,121	10.6%	Red
Logan County, OH	39091 OH	5	45,672 Micropolitan	348	762	12.1%	Yellow
Lorain County, OH	39093 OH	5	309,833 Large fringe metro	3,410	1,101	4.3%	Green
Lucas County, OH	39095 OH	5	428,348 Medium metro	16,480	3,847	6.7%	Yellow
Madison County, OH	39097 OH	5	44,731 Large fringe metro	278	621	5.8%	Yellow
Mahoning County, OH	39099 OH	5	228,683 Medium metro	5,056	2,211	3.6%	Green
Marion County, OH	39101 OH	5	65,093 Micropolitan	636	977	13.5%	Red

Medina County, OH	39103 OH	5	179,746 Large fringe metro	2,158	1,201	4.5%	Green
Meigs County, OH	39105 OH	5	22,907 Non-core	87	380	9.2%	Yellow
Mercer County, OH	39107 OH	5	41,172 Micropolitan	170	413	15.3%	Yellow
Miami County, OH	39109 OH	5	106,987 Medium metro	369	345	11.7%	Yellow
Monroe County, OH	39111 OH	5	13,654 Non-core	183	1,340	9.3%	Yellow
Montgomery County, OH	39113 OH	5	531,687 Medium metro	12,520	2,355	8.8%	Yellow
Morgan County, OH	39115 OH	5	14,508 Non-core	86	593	8.1%	Yellow
Morrow County, OH	39117 OH	5	35,328 Large fringe metro	242	685	14.5%	Yellow
Muskingum County, OH	39119 OH	5	86,215 Micropolitan	762	884	7.0%	Yellow
Noble County, OH	39121 OH	5	14,424 Non-core	500	3,466	7.6%	Yellow
Ottawa County, OH	39123 OH	5	40,525 Micropolitan	642	1,584	8.1%	Yellow
Paulding County, OH	39125 OH	5	18,672 Non-core	246	1,317	19.9%	Yellow
Perry County, OH	39127 OH	5	36,134 Large fringe metro	359	994	4.7%	Green
Pickaway County, OH	39129 OH	5	58,457 Large fringe metro	417	713	8.9%	Yellow
Pike County, OH	39131 OH	5	27,772 Non-core	128	461	1.6%	Green
Portage County, OH	39133 OH	5	162,466 Medium metro	1,888	1,162	9.0%	Yellow
Preble County, OH	39135 OH	5	40,882 Non-core	301	736	17.6%	Yellow
Putnam County, OH	39137 OH	5	33,861 Non-core	610	1,801	24.3%	Red
Richland County, OH	39139 OH	5	121,154 Small metro	1,922	1,586	7.5%	Yellow
Ross County, OH	39141 OH	5	76,666 Micropolitan	1,179	1,538	6.4%	Yellow
Sandusky County, OH	39143 OH	5	58,518 Micropolitan	1,507	2,575	5.7%	Yellow
Scioto County, OH	39145 OH	5	75,314 Micropolitan	3,793	5,036	6.0%	Yellow
Seneca County, OH	39147 OH	5	55,178 Micropolitan	1,340	2,429	4.7%	Green
Shelby County, OH	39149 OH	5	48,590 Micropolitan	106	218	19.8%	Yellow
Stark County, OH	39151 OH	5	370,606 Medium metro	4,129	1,114	6.4%	Yellow
Summit County, OH	39153 OH	5	541,013 Medium metro	8,686	1,606	9.5%	Yellow
Trumbull County, OH	39155 OH	5	197,974 Medium metro	3,753	1,896	5.5%	Yellow
Tuscarawas County, OH	39157 OH	5	91,987 Micropolitan	243	264	14.4%	Yellow
Union County, OH	39159 OH	5	58,988 Large fringe metro	1,011	1,714	7.0%	Yellow
Van Wert County, OH	39161 OH	5	28,275 Micropolitan	365	1,291	18.9%	Yellow
Vinton County, OH	39163 OH	5	13,085 Non-core	46	352	2.2%	Green
Warren County, OH	39165 OH	5	234,602 Large fringe metro	1,435	612	12.2%	Red
Washington County, OH	39167 OH	5	59,911 Micropolitan	1,222	2,040	6.7%	Yellow
Wayne County, OH	39169 OH	5	115,710 Micropolitan	2,159	1,866	14.8%	Red
Williams County, OH	39171 OH	5	36,692 Non-core	570	1,553	10.7%	Red
Wood County, OH	39173 OH	5	130,817 Medium metro	2,874	2,197	5.8%	Yellow
Wyandot County, OH	39175 OH	5	21,772 Non-core	112	514	8.0%	Yellow