



# Mental Health Boards of Ohio by Geographic Classification



## Geographic Classification

- Green = Appalachian** (Federal statute)
- Yellow = Rural** (Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research)
- Blue = Metro** (Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research)
- Lavender = Suburban** (Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research)
- Orange = Mixed** (Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research and the Ohio Department of Mental Health, Office Program Evaluation and Research)

The Ohio Department of Development, using U.S. Census data and the Appalachian federal designations, created a geographical classification for Ohio's 88 counties to help analysts compare population shifts across county types. Since local mental health board areas can include multiple counties, the scheme has been adapted so that all counties within the board area carry the same classification. Note: A mixed mental health board area includes two county types, such as a rural and suburban county. Mental health board areas comprised of Appalachian and rural counties are classified as Appalachian.