

7/6/25 How Much Do You Know About ... ?

# Ohio

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

## Overview:

We're bringing back this popular quiz – updated and improved. Each week (ish), we'll explore one US state. This week, we've randomly selected **OHIO**. Let's see how much you know about this state, whose state insect is the ladybug, state beverage is tomato juice, and state fruit is the pawpaw.

## Instructions:

1. Divide the players evenly into teams (or as closely as possible).
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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## QUESTIONS

1. What is the capital of Ohio?
2. Six Ohio cities have populations greater than 100,000. How many can you name?
3. People who live in Ohio are called either Ohioans, or this other moniker, which comes from the state's nickname.
4. The name Ohio comes from an Iroquois word *ohi-yo'*, which means "great river." What is the name of the river that forms the entire southern border of Ohio?
5. How many of the five states that border Ohio can you name?
6. This company, headquartered in Akron, Ohio, was founded in 1898, with thirteen employees making horseshoe pads, bicycle tires, and carriage tires.
7. This Cincinnati-based company began by making soap and candles in 1837. By the 1920s, as radio grew in popularity, the company also started sponsoring radio dramas, which, as a result, became known as "soap operas."
8. In 1986, the first group of inductees into this Cleveland museum included James Brown, The Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, and Jerry Lee Lewis.
9. Ohio contributed more soldiers per capita to the Civil War than any other state in the North, and the three top generals of the Union Army were from Ohio. Can you name them?
10. Eight US presidents have hailed from Ohio. Can you name three of them?
11. This fast food restaurant, founded in Columbus, Ohio by Dave Thomas, claims that it created "the first modern day, drive thru window."
12. Can you name the two major league baseball teams from Ohio?

13. Famous Ohioans:

- a. She was born Erma Fiste in Bellbrook, Ohio in 1927, and grew up to write several best-selling books, including *If Life is a Bowl of Cherries*, *What Am I Doing in the Pits?*
- b. Born in Akron, this White House Counsel to President Richard Nixon will always be remembered for telling his boss, “There is a cancer on the presidency” on the eve of the Watergate scandal.
- c. Born in Cleveland in 1913, he was the voice of Mr. Magoo and played Thurston Howell III on *Gilligan’s Island*.
- d. Although this leading man was born in Kentucky in 1961, he spent much of his childhood in Ohio, where his father was a local newsman with a morning talk show.
- e. This legendary comedian and avid golfer was born in London in 1908, but moved with his family to Cleveland when he was seven. He died in 2003 at the age of 100.
- f. Although he was most associated with New York as the owner of the New York Yankees for almost four decades, he grew up in Rocky River, Ohio.
- g. Doris Mary Anne Kappelhoff, born in Cincinnati in 1922, began her career as a big band singer in 1939. She became one of Hollywood’s most bankable film stars, especially in romantic comedies such as *Pillow Talk*, *That Touch of Mink*, and *Move Over, Darling*.
- h. Born in Toledo, Ohio in 1934, she was a leader of the women’s liberation movement in the 1960s and 1970s, and is one of the founders of *Ms. Magazine*.
- i. Perhaps one of America’s most famous criminals and cult leaders, he was born in Cincinnati in 1934 to a 16-year-old single mother. His most infamous crime, committed in 1969, was chronicled in the book *Helter Skelter* by Los Angeles attorney Vincent Bugliosi and Curt Gentry.

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## ANSWERS

1. Columbus
2. Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Akron, and Dayton
3. Buckeyes
4. It's the Ohio River! 😊
5. Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania
6. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company
7. Proctor & Gamble
8. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (which is located at 1100 Rock and Roll Boulevard in Cleveland)
9. Ulysses S. Grant, William Tecumseh Sherman, and Philip Sheridan
10. Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, and William Henry Harrison — the only one who wasn't born in Ohio, but spent most of his life there.
11. Wendy's
12. The Cincinnati Reds and the Cleveland Guardians (formerly called the Cleveland Indians)
13. Famous Ohioans:
  - a. Erma Bombeck
  - b. John Dean
  - c. Jim Backus
  - d. George Clooney
  - e. Bob Hope
  - f. George Steinbrenner
  - g. Doris Day
  - h. Gloria Steinem
  - i. Charles Manson