

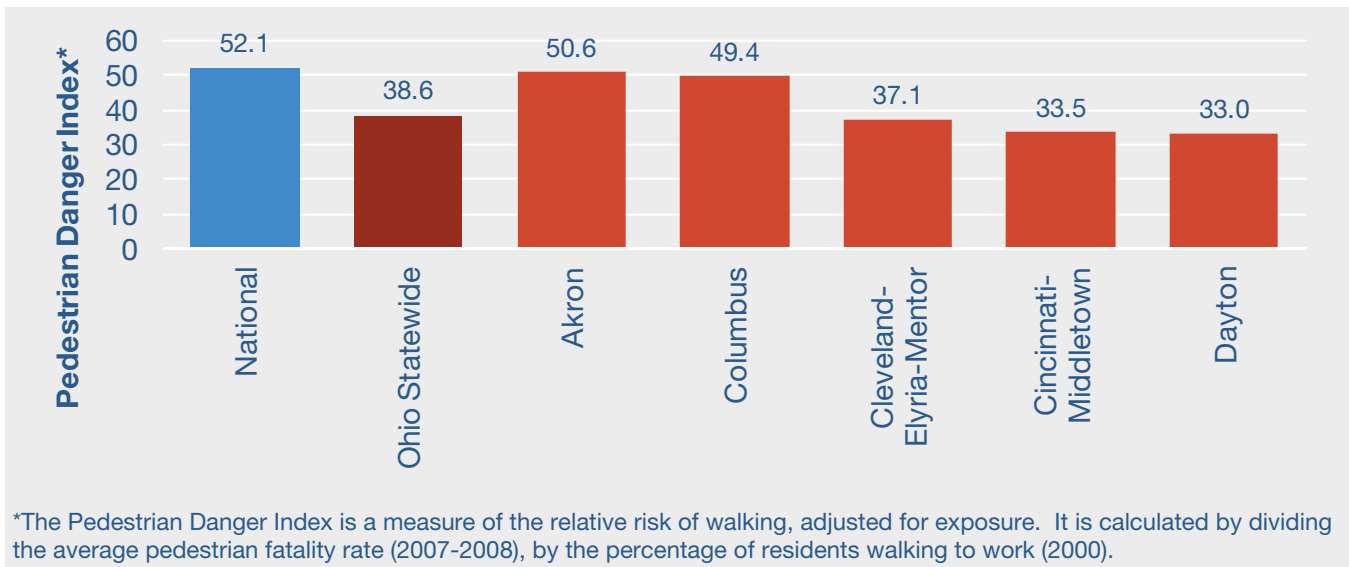
# Ohio

Walking on streets designed more for speeding cars than for people on foot can be deadly. More than 4,500 Americans died last year while crossing the street, walking to school, going to a bus stop, or strolling to the grocery store. But *not* walking is equally as hazardous. Partly out of traffic safety fears, people are walking less these days, with serious consequences for our weight and health. The CDC reports that two-thirds of Americans are now overweight or obese.

The good news is that communities that choose to change road policies and invest in safer designs see fewer deaths and injuries, even as they make their neighborhoods more livable and invite more people to walk and bicycle. Though growing in number, these places are still the exception rather than the rule.



## The Risk of Walking in Selected Ohio Metro Areas



Total traffic deaths that were pedestrians

**11.8%**  
US AVERAGE

**8.6%**  
OHIO

Pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 people

**1.53**  
US AVERAGE

**0.91**  
OHIO

## Ohio Metropolitan Areas Ranked by the Danger to Pedestrians

Rank	Metro Area	Population (2008)	Pedestrian Danger Index	Pedestrian Fatalities (2007-2008)	% of Total Traffic Deaths that Were Pedestrians	Avg. Annual Fed. \$ Spent on Bike/Ped per Person
1	Springfield	139,859	98.8	6	12.0%	\$0.54
2	Youngstown-Warren-Boardman	565,947	84.2	17	12.1%	\$2.72
3	Mansfield	124,999	69.1	3	10.0%	\$0.20
4	Toledo	649,104	61.2	19	11.1%	\$1.06
5	Huntington-Ashland	284,234	59.9	9	8.8%	\$0.48
6	Akron	698,553	50.6	14	11.9%	\$1.96
7	Canton-Massillon	407,653	50.5	8	11.6%	\$0.66
8	Columbus	1,773,120	49.4	41	12.2%	\$1.24
9	Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor	2,088,291	37.1	34	10.9%	\$1.17
10	Cincinnati-Middletown	2,155,137	33.5	33	8.5%	\$0.94
11	Dayton	836,544	33.0	13	8.1%	\$1.74
12	Wheeling	144,847	19.2	2	5.3%	\$2.76
13	Sandusky	77,062	0.0	0	0.0%	\$0.78
13	Lima	105,168	0.0	0	0.0%	\$3.93
13	Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna	160,678	0.0	0	0.0%	\$0.76
13	Weirton-Steubenville	122,054	0.0	0	0.0%	\$0.03

## Federal Funds Spent on Pedestrian Projects in Ohio (FY2005-FY2008)

Total Federal Transportation Funds Available in Ohio

**\$4.41**  
Billion

Portion of Federal Funds Spent on Pedestrian Projects

**1.3%**

Amount Spent per Person on Pedestrian Facilities and Safety

**\$1.23**