

# 2021 Year in Review









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# **About Impact Ohio**

#### **Connecting People, Policy & Politics**

In 1984, The Success Group founded Impact Ohio. Since its inception, Impact Ohio has offered bipartisan conferences to explore elections, the outcomes of the political process, and policy choices facing Ohio and its communities. Impact Ohio has become known for the Post Election Conference. In 2017, Impact Ohio expanded throughout the state with regional conferences.

### **Regional Conferences**

Date: Held in odd numbered years Location: Various communities across Ohio Attendence: 130-250

At Impact Ohio's Regional Conferences, key government officials, business leaders, and community members discuss issues important to the region. Attendees heard first-hand from government leaders, political analysts, pundits, and policy experts on issues that affect their community.

#### The Post Election Conference

Date: Held in even numbered years Location: Columbus, Ohio Attendence: Over 700

The Post Election Conference is held every two years immediately following the general election. It offers the first post-election opportunity to hear directly from those who will shape Ohio's policy and political agenda for the upcoming biennium.











# 2021 By the Numbers

2021 marked the third year that Impact Ohio held regional conferences across the state. The regional conferences continue to grow in speaker participation, sponsorship, and elected official participation.

Attendees	650
Speakers	92
Elected Officials	60
Media Stories	15
Sponsors	29
Policy Panels	15
Conferences	5



# **2021 Events Overview**

Impact Ohio held five events in 2021 with locations including Akron-Canton, Dayton, Southeast Ohio, Toledo, and Mahoning Valley. Each regional event was successful thanks to partnerships with local business entities, local media, and colleges/universities in each community. The conferences are supported by numerous sponsors, and to ensure a bipartisan approach, Impact Ohio has support from the Ohio Democratic Party and Ohio Republican Party.



## **2021 Attendees**

Impact Ohio was pleased to have more than 650 people attend the 2021 regional events.

Leaders, professionals, and experts in various areas of business, public policy, and politics attended the 2021 conferences and some participated as speakers and panelists. Participants included statewide elected officials, legislative leaders, local elected leaders, business leaders, nonprofit leaders, government leaders, politicos, media, and academics.









# 2021 Key Event Highlights



## **Akron-Canton Regional**

Elected officials, including Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Senator Matt Dolan, Senator Vernon Sykes, Representative Bill Roemer, and Representative Erica Crawley joined us during our first virtual regional conference. Policy sessions included the Akron-Canton Metroplex, the 2022-2023 State Budget, and a discussion from the chairs of the Ohio Democratic and Republican Parties.

Date: April 23, 2021 Location: Virtual Attendance: 135

## Toledo Regional

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The day included remarks from Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose and Ohio Treasurer of State Robert Sprague. Policy sessions included a conversation between the Toledo mayoral candidates, and discussions on H2Ohio and redistricting. Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson, Representative D.J. Swearingen, and Director of Agriculture Dorothy Pelanda participated.

Date: September 17, 2021 Location: Stranahan Theater and Great Hall Attendance: 130

# **Key Event Highlights**

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## Mahoning Valley Regional

Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber and State Senator Michael Rulli joined us for the Mahoning Valley Regional Conference. Policy sessions included discussions on the Valley's Military Economy, the Lordstown Smart Logistics Hub, and revolutionizing manufacturing in the region.

Date: October 1, 2021 Location: The Grand Resort Attendance: 130

## **Dayton Regional**

At the Dayton Regional Conference, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Treasurer of State Robert Sprague, and Dayton mayoral candidates spoke throughout the day. The conference covered policy issues including workforce and talent policy, redistricting, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Chancellor Randy Gardner, Director of Ohio Jobs and Family Services Matt Damschroder, and Representative Phil Plummer participated.

Date: October 22, 2021 Location: University of Dayton Attendance: 130

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## Southeast Ohio Regional

At the Southeast Regional attendees had the opportunity to hear from Auditor of State Keith Faber, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, and Dr. Hugh Sherman, President of Ohio University. Numerous panels of experts explored policy issues surrounding enhancing the region's workforce, Ohio's natural asset economy, and boosting small usinesses. Representative Jay Edwards, Representative Jason Stephens, and Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia John Carey participated.

Date: November 19, 2021 Location: Stuart's Opera House Attendance: 130

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# 2021 Media Coverage 2021

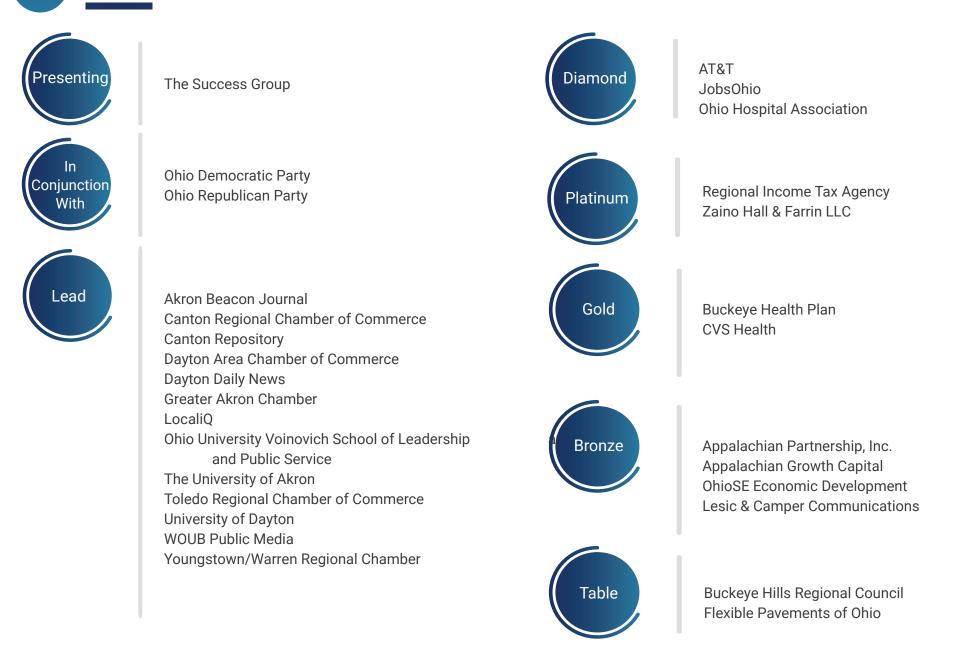




The press covered every Impact Ohio conference in 2021 with more than 15 news articles published. A few stories are linked below.

Impact Ohio Conference Discusses Workforce, Redistricting, ARPA	Dayton Daily News
Smart Logistics Hub Makes Valley Part of 'Major Paradigm Shift'	The Business Journal
Toledo Mayor Candidates Face Off on Job Creation, Policing	The Blade
Impact Ohio Hosts Bipartisan Conversations in Toledo Conference	NBC 24
Regional Impact Ohio Conference Explores	
Economic Development	Logan Daily News
	Logan Daily News Dayton Daily News
Economic Development Impact Ohio Conference to be Held Friday	

## **2021 2021 Conference Sponsors**



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