

Fair Housing Policy Update

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April is Fair Housing Month!

HUD Theme - "More than Just Words"

Ohio Housing Finance Agency celebrates April as Fair Housing Month



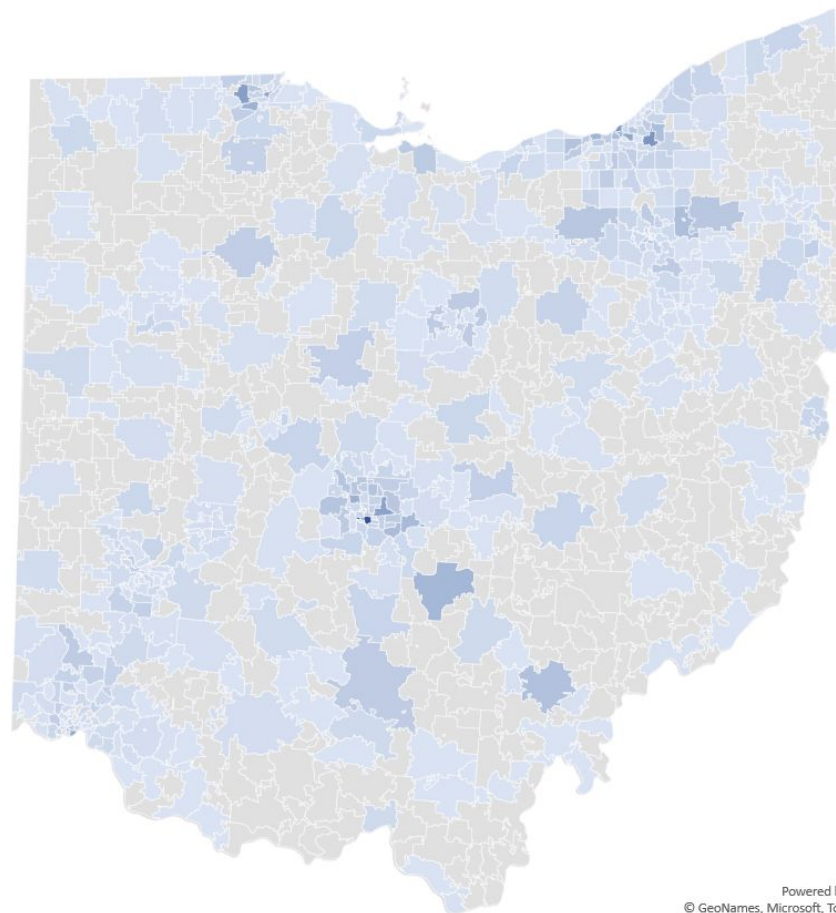
Ohio Civil Rights Commission

Housing Complaint Data 2017 - 2021 (5 year period)

3122 total OCRC Housing Discrimination Complaints

From OHFA: less than two percent of discriminatory incidents are reported as many renters and homebuyers do not fully understand what activities are illegal under the Fair Housing Act

OCRC Housing Charges by Zip Code



Three zip codes in Gahanna:
43230 (large majority of Gahanna population)
43004
43054

These zip codes correlate to 0.98% of Ohio's
Population and 0.93% of OCRC Housing Complaints

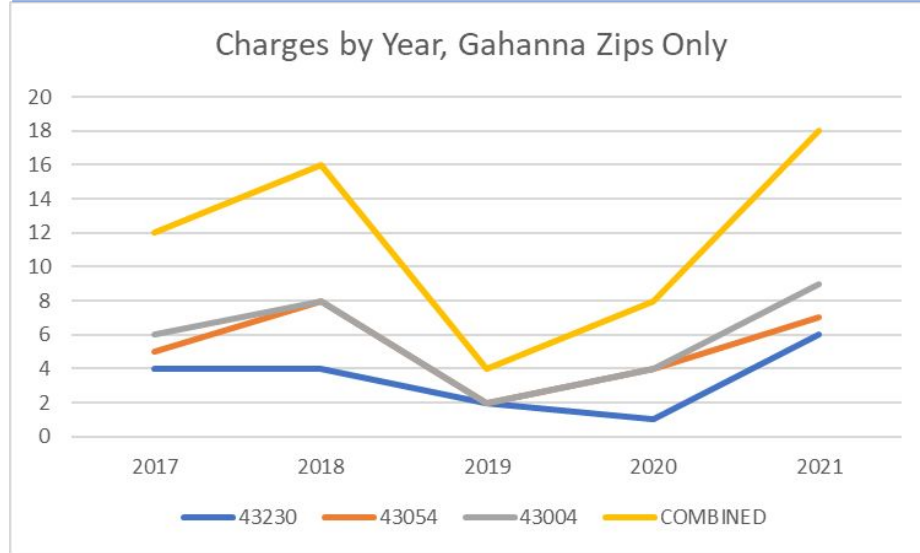
These three zip codes also saw an increase of 50% in
complaints over the 5 year time period.

Said another way:

Gahanna is the 38th largest city in Ohio and
43230 ranked 33rd in number of OCRC Housing
Complaints

(Dublin's zip code 43235 ranked 32nd)

OH Zip Code	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
43230	4	4	2	1	6
43054	1	4	0	3	1
43004	1	0	0	0	2
COMBINED	6	8	2	4	9



Fair Housing – Local Ordinances

21 municipalities - Central Ohio and similarly sized cities in Ohio

19 municipalities' ordinances located as of meeting date

15 have a Fair Housing ordinance

(Delaware, Brunswick, and Granville do not; Grove City considering Diversity Task Force)

Almost all enforcement is Administrative with Civil penalty

Thank you.

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