



What is the role of the Ohio Auditor of State?

The Ohio Auditor is the Chief Compliance Officer. They are responsible for analysis, inspection, and audits of all public offices. <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-117.09>.

How do I find who the Auditor is?

Visit ohioauditor.gov/.

How often is the Auditor elected? Are there term limits?

The auditor is elected every four years during midterm elections. According to the Ohio Constitution, an auditor can only hold office for up to two consecutive four-year terms. <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-117.02>.

Is the Auditor a partisan official?

Yes, the auditor runs as a member of a political party. Their party affiliation is listed on the ballot.

What role does the Ohio Auditor play in the redistricting process?

The Ohio Auditor is one of seven members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission (ORC). In 2015 and 2018, Ohio voters overwhelmingly supported amending the Ohio Constitution to create the bipartisan ORC. Voters tasked the ORC with drawing state legislative maps each decade, as well as congressional maps should the Ohio General Assembly fail to do so. In order to be enacted for ten years, a bipartisan majority of the ORC must vote in favor of the maps. The Auditor has the power to vote in favor of fair maps that comply with the Ohio Constitution. <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-constitution/section-11.1>.

How does the office of the Ohio Auditor of State operate?

With 800 employees, the office of the Ohio Auditor of State has several departments ranging from Policy to Legal to Public Affairs. A full list of these divisions can be found at <https://ohioauditor.gov/about.html>.

A few examples:

- **Policy and Legislative Affairs:** This department connects the Auditor of State's office with the Ohio General Assembly. The purpose of this department is to make sure state legislators have the information necessary to make well-informed legislative decisions that affect the Auditor of State's Office.
- **Open Government Unit:** The Open Government Unit supports local officials and citizens with the necessary resources to know their rights under the state's Sunshine Laws.
- **Ohio Performance Team (OPT):** The OPT audits state agencies performance by using a forward lens to ensure tax dollars are being used efficiently. This type of audit can be done to any school district or local government that might be approaching fiscal emergency.