

OH-10 District Primer

In 2024, Republican Michael Turner won this seat by **68,275 votes—that's 115 votes per precinct**. If we can persuade just 116 voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we're going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates:

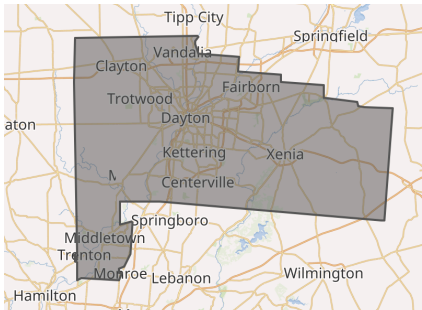
Early Voting begins: October 6, 2026

Midterms: November 3, 2026

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Harris: 176,357 (46.6%) Trump: 198,058 (53.4%)	Amy Cox (D): 145,420 (39.2%) Michael Turner (R): 213,695 (57.6%)	Amy Cox (D): 104,634 (38.3%) Michael Turner (R): 168,327 (61.7%)

District Facts & Stats



Largest Cities

- Dayton, pop. 136,688
- Kettering, pop. 57,396
- Middletown, pop. 52,146

Geography

OH-10 is in southwestern Ohio, centered on Dayton and the Miami River Valley. After redistricting in 2025 it will no longer include Springfield, but will include Middletown. It will continue to include Greene and Montgomery counties and now a portion of Butler county. Maps for the current district are not the same as the maps for the election and the future district. OH-10 is a mixture of rural and suburban areas. It was home to the Wright brothers, and it contains the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Citizenry

The vast majority of OH-10 residents are citizens (98%) and 71% of them are white, 16% are Black, 4% are Hispanic. 16% are employed in health care and 9% in education. Significant numbers are employed in manufacturing. There are many farms in the district, the majority small to mid-size, producing grain and livestock.

In 2025, 23% of OH-10 residents were on Medicaid and 13% on Medicare. 16% of households participate in SNAP. The median household income is \$69k.

The Local Vibe

In recent elections the district has voted Republican but in the past the area has elected Democrats to Congress.

District residents have been upset by the trade war with Canada which has damaged its extensive manufacturing trade. Tariffs and Trump's indiscriminate exception for meat product imports have caused serious problems for farmers. Trump's budget of 2025 will cause 34,000 people in OH-10 to lose health insurance and will cause many to lose SNAP and Medicaid benefits.

Thousands gathered in Dayton for the *No Kings* protest and large crowds marched in Dayton to protest ICE and support Ohio's Haitian community.

Also on the ballot is a special election for the U.S. Senate as well as the race for Governor.

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Key Issues

- **Cost of living:** Tariffs and the war with Iran have caused grocery and fuel prices to skyrocket.
 - **Cuts to benefits:** Many in the district are vulnerable to cuts to SNAP and Medicaid.
 - **Jobs:** Many jobs here are in hospitals and schools, two sectors that are greatly harmed by Trump's budget cuts, as well as the job losses from the disruption to trade with Canada.
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About the Candidates

Mike Turner | GOP Incumbent

Mike Turner was first elected to represent this area in 2002. He is a lawyer and former Mayor of Dayton. He has successfully gotten money and jobs for the district from the federal government and private corporations, including expansion of Wright-Patterson. He has also become wealthy while in office and is on a non-partisan watchdog list (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington) of "most corrupt congressmembers". He has been accused of spending lavishly for himself from campaign funds, and he has accepted an enormous number of donations from corporate PACs.

Once regarded as an independent "traditional" conservative, Turner has almost completely knuckled under to Trump and the MAGA agenda. He said he was "concerned" about the effects of tariffs on the supply chain but he voted for them and defended Trump's use of them. He has voted against the ACA many times, voted against extending the ACA subsidies, he supports the war in Iran and voted for the OBBB (Trump's budget bill). All these votes will harm his constituents while helping his wealthy donors.

Kristina Knickerbocker | Democratic Candidate

It was **Kristina Knickerbocker's** service in the Air Force that brought her to the Miami Valley. She was a Major and a nurse in the 88th Air Base Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB, where she led teams to improve health outcomes for servicemembers. While in the Air Force Reserves she worked as a Neuro-oncology Nurse Practitioner at the Ohio State University Medical Center, where she witnessed the broken health care system first-hand.

Knickerbocker's number one priority is to repair the broken health care system, and to fix the skewed priorities in Washington that advantage the wealthy and well connected. She will work to ban stock-trading by members of Congress, end corporate PAC influence, protect voting rights and end the revolving door that allows former members to cash in as lobbyists. She will vote to repeal the harmful tariffs, work toward universal health coverage and lower energy bills by making sure corporations, not ratepayers, pay for data center infrastructure.

The contrast: This district is overdue for a breath of fresh air. Knickerbocker's record of selfless service and commitment to her patients make her the perfect candidate to bring change to a district that needs someone who is concerned about the welfare of its residents. Mike Turner has shown himself to be deaf to the needs and concerns of his constituents and very good at feathering his own nest.

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