

All-Time Association Press Poll Champions



Below are the Associated Press poll winners from the past 75 years, with (*) indicating the school also won the OHSAA state tournament. Winning a poll title (which is released prior to the start of the OHSAA football tournaments) is certainly no guarantee that a school will go on to win an OHSAA state tournament. From 1972 through 2021, only 77 of the 257 poll champions (29.96%) have gone on to win an OHSAA playoff state title on the field. Note: The OHSAA moved from classes to divisions in 1980. However, the AP continued to select poll champions in three classes between 1980 and 1986 before also moving to divisions in 1987.

- 1947:** Barberton
1948: Massillon Washington
1949: Massillon Washington
1950: Massillon Washington
1951: Massillon Washington
1952: Massillon Washington
1953: Massillon Washington
1954: Massillon Washington
1955: Canton McKinley
1956: Canton McKinley
1957: Cleveland Benedictine
1958: Alliance
1959: Massillon Washington
1960: Massillon Washington
1961: Niles McKinley
1962: Toledo Central Catholic
1963: Niles McKinley
1964: Massillon Washington
1965: Class AA-Massillon Washington; Class A-Dover St. Joseph
1966: Class AA-Columbus Bishop Watterson; Class A-Marion Catholic
1967: Class AA-Upper Arlington; Class A-Portsmouth Notre Dame
1968: Class AA-Upper Arlington; Class A-Newark Catholic
1969: Class AA-Upper Arlington; Class A-Norwalk St. Paul
1970: Class AAA-Massillon Washington; Class AA-New Lexington; Class A-Portsmouth Notre Dame
1971: Class AAA-Warren Harding; Class AA-Steubenville Catholic Central; Class A-Marion Pleasant
1972: Class AAA-Massillon Washington; Class AA-Columbus Bishop Watterson; Class A-Marion Pleasant(*)
1973: Class AAA-Warren Western Reserve; Class AA-Washington Court House Washington; Class A-Newark Catholic
1974: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller; Class AA-Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary; Class A-McDonald
1975: Class AAA-Lakewood St. Edward; Class AA-Cincinnati Wyoming; Class A-Newark Catholic
1976: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller(*); Class AA-New Lexington; Class A-Woodsfield Monroe Central
1977: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller(*); Class AA-Elyria Catholic; Class A-Sullivan Black River
1978: Class AAA-Cincinnati Princeton(*); Class AA-Cincinnati Wyoming; Class A-Newark Catholic(*)
1979: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller(*); Class AA-St. Marys Memorial; Class A-Mogadore(*)
1980: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller(*); Class AA-Orrville; Class A-Mogadore
1981: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller; Class AA-Youngstown Cardinal Mooney; Class A-Waynesville
1982: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller(*); Class AA-Urbana; Class A-West Jefferson(*)
1983: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller; Class AA-Urbana; Class A-Mogadore
1984: Class AAA-Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller; Class AA-Elyria Catholic(*); Class A-Newark Catholic(*)
1985: Class AAA-Cincinnati Princeton; Class AA-Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas; Class A-Mogadore
1986: Class AAA-Centerville; Class AA-Ironton; Class A-Delphos Jefferson
1987: Division I-Cleveland St. Joseph; Division II-Minerva; Division III-Youngstown Cardinal Mooney(*); Division IV-Gahanna Columbus Academy(*); Division V-Newark Catholic(*)
1988: Division I-Cleveland St. Ignatius(*); Division II-Steubenville; Division III-Ironton; Division IV-Gahanna Columbus Academy; Division V-Archbold(*)
1989: Division I-Cleveland St. Ignatius(*); Division II-Fostoria; Division III-Cincinnati Academy of P.E.; Division IV-Wheelersburg(*); Division V-Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic
1990: Division I-Cleveland St. Ignatius; Division II-St. Marys Memorial(*); Division III-Mentor Lake Catholic; Division IV-Campbell Memorial; Division V-St. Henry(*)
1991: Division I-Cincinnati Princeton; Division II-Fostoria(*); Division III-Cincinnati Academy of P.E.; Division IV-Akron Manchester; Division V-Newark Catholic(*)
1992: Division I-Cleveland St. Ignatius(*); Division II-Fostoria; Division III-Mentor Lake Catholic(*); Division IV-Akron Manchester; Division V-Newark Catholic
1993: Division I-Cleveland St. Ignatius(*); Division II-Fostoria; Division III-Ironton; Division IV-Aurora; Division V-St. Henry
1994: Division I-Euclid; Division II-Celina; Division III-Steubenville; Division IV-Germantown Valley View(*); Division V-Versailles(*); Division VI-Delphos St. John's
1995: Division I-Cleveland St. Ignatius(*); Division II-Celina; Division III-Hillsboro; Division IV-Orrville; Division V-Cincinnati Mariemont; Division VI-St. Henry(*)
1996: Division I-Troy; Division II-Akron Springfield; Division III-Mentor Lake Catholic; Division IV-Germantown Valley View(*); Division V-Versailles; Division VI-St. Henry
1997: Division I-Canton McKinley(*); Division II-Defiance(*); Division III-Minerva; Division IV-Germantown Valley View(*); Division V-Marion Pleasant; Division VI-Delphos St. John's(*)
1998: Division I-Upper Arlington; Division II-Chardon; Division III-Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit; Division IV-Germantown Valley View; Division V-Liberty Center; Division VI-Delphos St. John's(*)
1999: Division I-Grove City; Division II-Dover; Division III-Poland Seminary(*); Division IV-Youngstown Cardinal Mooney; Division V-Bedford St. Peter Chanel; Division VI-Delphos St. John's(*)
2000: Division I-Cleveland St. Ignatius; Division II-Youngstown Cheney; Division III-Portsmouth; Division IV-Sandusky Perkins; Division V-Liberty Center; Division VI-Delphos St. John's
2001: Division I-Cincinnati Colerain; Division II-Avon Lake; Division III-Sunbury Big Walnut; Division IV-Ironton; Division V-Bedford St. Peter Chanel(*); Division VI-Mogadore
2002: Division I-Warren Harding; Division II-Louisville; Division III-Akron Buchtel; Division IV-Coldwater; Division V-Marion Pleasant(*); Division VI-Maria Stein Marion Local
2003: Division I-Warren Harding; Division II-Avon Lake(*); Division III-Steubenville; Division IV-Versailles(*); Division V-Marion Pleasant; Division VI-Columbus Grove(*)
2004: Division I-Cincinnati Colerain; Division II-Avon Lake; Division III-Steubenville; Division IV-Coldwater; Division V-Amada-Clearcreek; Division VI-Bascom Hopewell-Loudon
2005: Division I-Cincinnati St. Xavier(*); Division II-Avon Lake; Division III-Steubenville(*); Division IV-Coldwater(*); Division V-Patrick Henry(*); Division VI-Dola Hardin Northern
2006: Division I-Cincinnati Colerain; Division II-Ashland; Division III-Steubenville; Division IV-Youngstown Cardinal Mooney; Division V-North Lima South Range; Division VI-Covington
2007: Division I-Cincinnati St. Xavier(*); Division II-Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Division III-Canal Fulton Northwest; Division IV-Youngstown Cardinal Mooney; Division V-Maria Stein Marion Local(*); Division VI-Bascom Hopewell-Loudon
2008: Division I-Cleveland Glenville; Division II-Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Division III-Thornville Sheridan; Division IV-Coldwater; Division V-Youngstown Ursuline; Division VI-Bascom Hopewell-Loudon
2009: Division I-Cleveland St. Ignatius; Division II-Louisville; Division III-Youngstown Cardinal Mooney(*); Division IV-Kettering Archbishop Alter(*); Division V-Patrick Henry; Division VI-Delphos St. John's
2010: Division I-Cleveland Glenville; Division II-Columbus Marion-Franklin; Division III-Alliance Marlinton; Division IV-Clarksville Clinton-Massie; Division V-Youngstown Ursuline(*); Division VI-Delphos St. John's(*)
2011: Division I-Hilliard Davidson; Division II-Trotwood-Madison(*); Division III-Steubenville; Division IV-Kenton; Division V-Lima Central Catholic; Division VI-Berlin Center Western Reserve
2012: Division I-Lakewood St. Edward; Division II-Cincinnati Turpin; Division III-Napoleon; Division IV-Columbus Bishop Hartley; Division V-Coldwater(*); Division VI-Mogadore

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- 2013:** **Division I**-Cincinnati Colerain; **Division II**-Zanesville; **Division III**-Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary (*); **Division IV**-Kenton; **Division V**-Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy; **Division VI**-Kirtland (*); **Division VII**-Maria Stein Marion Local (*)
- 2014:** **Division I**-Hudson; **Division II**-Perrysburg; **Division III**-Hubbard; **Division IV**-Kettering Archbishop Alter; **Division V**-Canton Central Catholic; **Division VI**-Kirtland; **Division VII**-Maria Stein Marion Local (*)
- 2015:** **Division I**-Lakewood St. Edward (*); **Division II**-Perrysburg; **Division III**-Cleveland Benedictine; **Division IV**-Middletown Bishop Fenwick; **Division V**-Coldwater (*); **Division VI**-Maria Stein Marion Local; **Division VII**-Danville
- 2016:** **Division I**-Cincinnati Colerain; **Division II**-Avon; **Division III**-Toledo Central Catholic; **Division IV**-Kettering Archbishop Alter; **Division V**-Wheelersburg; **Division VI**-Maria Stein Marion Local (*); **Division VII**-Covington
- 2017:** **Division I**-Cleveland St. Ignatius; **Division II**-Avon; **Division III**-Trotwood-Madison (*); **Division IV**-Steubenville (*); **Division V**-Pemberville Eastwood; **Division VI**-Maria Stein Marion Local (*); **Division VII**-Norwalk St.Paul

- 2018:** **Division I**-Cincinnati Colerain; **Division II**-Akron Archbishop Hoban (*); **Division III**-Kettering Archbishop Alter; **Division IV**-Cincinnati Wyoming (*); **Division V**-Genoa Area; **Division VI**-Kirtland (*); **Division VII**-Sycamore Mohawk
- 2019:** **Division I**-Mentor; **Division II**-Massillon Washington; **Division III**-Columbus Bishop Hartley; **Division IV**-Cincinnati Wyoming; **Division V**-Kirtland (*); **Division VI**-Anna (*); **Division VII**-Maria Stein Marion Local (*)
- 2020:** **Division I**-Pickerington HS Central; **Division II**-Akron Archbishop Hoban (*); **Division III**-Chardon (*); **Division IV**-Clarksville Clinton-Massie; **Division V**-Kirtland (*); **Division VI**-Coldwater (*); **Division VII**-Maria Stein Marion Local
- 2021:** **Division I**-Medina; **Division II**-Kings Mills Kings; **Division III**-Chardon (*); **Division IV**-Cincinnati Wyoming; **Division V**-Kirtland (*); **Division VI**-Archbold; **Division VII**-Maria Stein Marion Local (*)
- 2022:** **Division I**-Lakewood St. Edward; **Division II**-Cincinnati Winton Woods; **Division III**-Hamilton Badin; **Division IV**-Cleveland Glenville; **Division V**-Ironton; **Division VI**-Maria Stein Marion Local; **Division VII**-Warren John F. Kennedy

Ohio's Pre-Poll Era State Champions



Ohio Football State Champions by Popular Acclaim, 1895-1946

There were no polls, and certainly no statewide playoffs, in the earliest days of Ohio high school football. If a sportswriter, newspaper or a group of them said that a team was the state champion, then that team usually was unless someone came along to challenge it. Quite often, a school that felt that its team was the "king of the hill" issued an invitation to any team from around the state that wished to challenge it on the gridiron for the state championship. This quite often resulted in some exciting last minute, end of the season games to settle the issue of who was the state's champion that year. This system of a popularly declared state football champion remained in effect until the era of the AP and UPI polls, which began in 1947.

The following list of state champions from 1895 to 1946 was compiled by various high school football researchers, most notably James Baker. It is the most complete listing of recognized state champions before the advent of the AP Poll in 1947. Listed after each team is at least one of the authorities that declared the team champion. Also noted are teams that are recognized as National Champion.

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KEY: (PD – Cleveland Plain Dealer; JB – James Baker; SL – Simon Lyons; TH-Timothy Hudak; DRS – Dickinson Rating System; NSNS – National Sports News Service; DR – Fostoria Daily Review; BJ – Akron Beacon Journal; BT – Boston Transcript)

YEAR	TEAM	W	L	T	Authority
1895	Cleveland Central	3	2	1	JB, PD, TH
1896	Sandusky	5	0	0	JB
1897	None Named				
1898	None Named				
1899	Oberlin High School	4	1	0	JB
1900	Oberlin High School	5	0	1	JB, TH
	Youngstown Rayen	4	1	1	JB, PD, TH
	Cleveland Central	4	1	1	JB, PD, TH
1901	Youngstown Rayen	12	1	0	JB
	Toledo Central				Unknown JB
1902	Fostoria	8	0	1	JB, DR
1903	Kenyon Military Academy				Unknown JB
1904	Toledo Central				Unknown JB, TH
1905	None Named				
1906	Fostoria	7	1	0	JB, DR
1907	Fostoria	8	0	1	JB, DR
1908	None Named				
1909	Massillon	9	0	1	JB, SL
1910	Fostoria	8	1	0	JB, DR, TH
1911	Fostoria	10	0	0	JB, SL, DR, TH
	Akron Central	8	0	1	JB, BJ, TH
1912	Fostoria	8	0	0	JB, DR, BT - National Champion
1913	None Named				
1914	Fostoria	10	0	0	JB, DR, SL, TH
	Bellaire	9	0	1	JB, SL
	Lisbon	9	0	0	JB, SL
1915	Fostoria	8	0	1	JB, SL, DR, TH
1916	Toledo Scott	10	0	0	JB, SL, TH, NSNS – National Champion
	Massillon Washington	10	0	0	JB, SL
1917	None Named				
1918	Toledo Scott	6	1	0	JB, SL
1919	Toledo Scott	8	0	1	JB, SL
1920	Canton McKinley	8	1	0	JB, SL
	Cleveland East Tech	9	1	0	JB, SL, TH, PD
1921	None Named				
1922	Toledo Scott	9	0	0	JB, SL, TH, NSNS – National Champion
	Massillon Washington	10	0	0	JB, SL
1923	Toledo Scott	10	0	0	JB, SL, TH, NSNS – Co-National Champion
	East Cleveland Shaw	9	1	0	JB, SL, TH, PD, NSNS – Co-National Champion
1924	Toledo Waite	10	0	0	JB, SL, TL, NSNS – National Champion

YEAR	TEAM	W	L	T	Authority
1925	Findlay	8	0	2	JB, SL, PD
	Steubenville	10	0	0	SL, TH, PD
1926	Steubenville	9	0	0	SL, TH, PD
1927	Cleveland Cathedral Latin	10	1	0	JB, SL, TH, PD
	Canton McKinley	9	1	0	JB, SL
1928	None Named				
1929	None Named				
1930	Lorain	10	0	0	JB, SL, TH, PD
	Steubenville	9	0	0	SL
1931	Steubenville Wells	8	1	0	JB, SL
1932	Toledo Waite	12	0	0	JB, SL, NSNS – National Champion
1933	Springfield	11	0	0	JB, SL
	Dover	10	0	0	JB, SL
1934	Canton McKinley	11	0	0	JB, SL, NSNS – National Champion
1935	Massillon Washington	10	0	0	JB, SL, NSNS – National Champion
1936	Massillon Washington	10	0	0	JB, SL, NSNS – National Champion
1937	Massillon Washington	8	1	1	JB, SL
1938	Massillon Washington	10	0	0	JB, SL, DRS
1939	Massillon Washington	10	0	0	JB, SL, NSNS – National Champion
	Toledo Waite	11	0	0	JB, SL
	Hamilton	9	0	0	JB, SL
1940	Massillon Washington	10	0	0	JB, SL, NSNS – National Champion
1941	Massillon Washington	9	0	1	JB, SL
	Martins Ferry	10	0	1	JB, SL, TH
	Mansfield	8	0	2	JB, SL
1942	Canton McKinley	8	1	1	JB, SL
1943	Massillon Washington	10	0	0	JB, SL
1944	Cleveland Cathedral Latin	10	0	0	JB, SL, TH, PD
	Canton McKinley	9	1	0	JB, SL
1945	Cleveland Cathedral Latin	9	0	1	JB, SL, TH, PD
	Toledo Waite	10	0	1	JB, SL
	Canton Lincoln	7	0	3	JB, SL
1946	Cleveland Cathedral Latin	9	0	1	JB, SL, TH, PD
	Lima Central	10	0	0	JB, SL
1947	Associated Press state poll begins				
1972	OHSAA football playoffs begin				

See OHSAA football website for historical information.