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One page, three views of the same calendar. **By week** — which weekend a race owns, year after year. **By month** — what each month of the Ohio running year carries. **By year** — what actually happened, with field sizes, so one season can be read against the last.

The ranked list of the biggest ones is [Top Ten Ohio 5Ks](#).

What is tracked, and the rule

A race is on this page if it is run in [Ohio](#) and includes a 5K — whether as a standalone race or as one distance inside a larger weekend. Where a weekend also carries a 10K, a half or a marathon, that is noted, because it changes what the published participation number means.

The rule for every cell below: a date or a figure needs a named source and the year it belongs to.

Where the only source is a third-party listing site rather than the organiser, the row says check. Nothing on this page is estimated, and an empty cell stays empty.

Live entries

Every dated note in the vault tagged or categorised running shows up here. Adding a race as a dated event note — see the checklist at the foot of the page — puts it on this calendar and into the site's feed automatically.

By year

The 2026 season

Chronological, with what each event published. "Field" is whatever number the organiser or named coverage put out; the [Top Ten Ohio 5Ks](#) page explains why some of these count a 5K and some count a whole weekend.

Date	Event	City	Distances	Field	Status
February	The 5th Line 5K	Columbus	5K	more than 4,000	run
Arnold Sports Festival weekend	Arnold 5K, Pump & Run and Ruck	Columbus	5K, pump & run, ruck	"thousands"; over 50% growth	run
Sun 15 Mar	Cincinnati Heart Mini-Marathon & Walk	Cincinnati	½, 15K, 5K race, 5K walk, 2K, 1K	close to 30,000 registrants	run
Sat 25 Apr	Cap City Half & Quarter + Columbus Promise 5K	Columbus	13.1, 6.55, 5K	12,000+ expected	run
Fri 1 – Sun 3 May	Flying Pig weekend, Queen City Running Co. 5K	Cincinnati	marathon, ½, 10K, 5K, mile	8,300 in the 5K; 45,197 across the weekend	run
Sat 16 May, 7:30 a.m.	Cleveland Marathon 5K and 10K	Cleveland	marathon, ½, 10K, 5K	not published for the 5K	run
Sat 16 May, 8:00 a.m.	Susan G. Komen Columbus Race for the Cure	Columbus	5K, 1 mile	more than 7,500	run
Sun 7 Jun check	Race for the Place	Beachwood	5K, 1-mile walk	—	run
August check	Grandview Yard Half & Quarter + Purple Heart 5K	Grandview Heights	½, quarter, 5K	2,400+ set the record in 2025	run
Wed 26 Aug check	Komen Northeast Ohio Race for the Cure	Cleveland	5K, 1 mile, kids' dash	—	upcoming

September check	Air Force Marathon 5K, Wright State	Fairborn	5K, on the marathon's Friday	1,600+ in 2025	upcoming
Sun 15 Nov, 5K at 7:30 a.m.	SKECHERS Hot Chocolate Run Columbus	Columbus	5K, 10K, 15K	10,000+ band	upcoming
Thu 26 Nov	Granville Turkey Trot	Granville	5K	2,000+ in 2025	upcoming
Thu 26 Nov	Tuscarawas County YMCA Turkey Trot	New Philadelphia	5K	1,172 in 2025, a record	upcoming
Thu 26 Nov	Western & Southern Thanksgiving Day Race	Cincinnati	10K — no 5K	116th running in 2025	upcoming
Sat 28 Nov check	Dayton Turkey Trot Half & 5K	Dayton	½, 5K	—	upcoming

Field size by year

The point of the tracker: one line per race, one column per year, so growth or decline is visible without reading a news story. Empty cells are unresearched, not zero.

Race	1993	2015	2023	2025	2026
Komen Columbus Race for the Cure	749	30,000+	—	—	7,500+
Queen City Running Co. 5K (Flying Pig)	—	—	—	8,199	8,300
Flying Pig weekend, all distances	—	—	—	—	45,197
SKECHERS Hot Chocolate Columbus	—	—	~8,000	—	—
Air Force Marathon weekend	—	—	—	7,600+	—
Air Force Marathon 5K	—	—	—	1,600+	—
The 5th Line 5K	—	—	—	—	4,000+
Grandview Yard weekend	—	—	—	2,400+	—
Granville Turkey Trot	—	—	—	2,000+	—
Tuscarawas County YMCA Turkey Trot	—	—	—	1,172	—

Year totals

How many 5Ks Ohio actually holds in a year is a countable number, not an impression — but it has to be counted the same way each time to be worth anything. The method is in **How to count a year**, below. Nothing goes in this table until a year has been counted that way.

Year	5Ks counted statewide	Counted from	Counted on	Notes
2026	—	—	—	—

By month

Month	What the month carries	Anchors
January	Thin. New Year's Day runs and indoor-training season.	—
February	The first real date on the calendar.	The 5th Line 5K, Columbus — finishes on centre ice at Nationwide Arena
March	Season opens. The Arnold brings a convention-centre field downtown; the Heart Mini is the largest single-day field in the state.	Arnold 5K, Pump & Run and Ruck, Columbus · Cincinnati Heart Mini-Marathon & Walk
April	Spring stacking begins.	Cap City Half & Quarter + Columbus Promise 5K, Columbus
May	The heaviest month of the Ohio year — three of the state's largest events inside three weekends.	Flying Pig weekend + Queen City Running Co. 5K, Cincinnati · Cleveland Marathon 5K and 10K · Komen Columbus Race for the Cure
June	Charity-race season, and the last comfortable weather before the humidity.	Race for the Place, Beachwood, on National Cancer Survivors Day
July	Heat. Early starts, holiday runs, small fields.	—
August	Suburban half-marathon weekends with 5K legs attached.	Grandview Yard Half & Quarter + Purple Heart 5K · Komen Northeast Ohio Race for the Cure, Cleveland check
September	Best running weather of the year. The Air Force Marathon runs its 5K on the Friday, on campus rather than on base.	Air Force Marathon 5K, Wright State, Fairborn
October	The deepest month for small and mid-size races — cross-country season, harvest and Halloween 5Ks in most towns. None yet researched for this page.	—
November	Two peaks: a mid-month themed race, then Thanksgiving morning.	SKECHERS Hot Chocolate Run Columbus · Thanksgiving Day trots statewide
December	Holiday-themed and reindeer runs; nothing at scale recorded here yet.	—

By week

Most of these races hold a weekend rather than a date, which is what makes them predictable. This is the recurring rule for each, with the dates confirmed so far.

Weekend	Recurring rule	Race	2026	2027
Mid-February	Sunday, Presidents' Day weekend or near it	The 5th Line 5K	run — date unconfirmed	Sun 14 Feb, 10:00 a.m.
Arnold weekend	Arnold Sports Festival, late Feb – early Mar	Arnold 5K, Pump & Run and Ruck	run — date check	—
Mid-March	Sunday	Cincinnati Heart Mini	Sun 15 Mar	—

Late April	Saturday	Cap City + Columbus Promise 5K	Sat 25 Apr	—
First weekend of May	Fri–Sun	Flying Pig weekend, incl. the 5K	Fri 1 – Sun 3 May	—
Third weekend of May	Saturday of marathon weekend, 7:30 a.m.	Cleveland Marathon 5K and 10K	Sat 16 May	Sat 15 May check
Third weekend of May	Saturday, 8:00 a.m., North Bank Park	Komen Columbus Race for the Cure	Sat 16 May	—
First Sunday in June	National Cancer Survivors Day	Race for the Place	Sun 7 Jun check	—
Third weekend of September	Friday of Air Force Marathon weekend	Air Force Marathon 5K	check	—
Mid-November	Sunday, 5K at 7:30 a.m.	SKECHERS Hot Chocolate Columbus	Sun 15 Nov	—
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday of November	Turkey trots statewide	Thu 26 Nov	Thu 25 Nov
Saturday after Thanksgiving	Saturday	Dayton Turkey Trot Half & 5K	Sat 28 Nov check	—

Everything outside these weekends is the long tail — the club races, park districts, school fundraisers and township trots that make up most of the Ohio 5K calendar and none of the headlines. They are not on this page yet.

How to count a year

So the **Year totals** table means the same thing every time it is filled:

1. Pick one calendar as the spine and name it in the Counted from column. The statewide listings worth using are RunSignup, RunGuides, Running in the USA and OhioRuns.
2. Filter to the state of Ohio and to the 5K distance only. A weekend that offers a 5K among other distances counts once.
3. Count events, not race days — a two-day weekend with one 5K is one event.
4. Exclude virtual-only entries and anything with no date set.
5. Record the date counted. These calendars keep adding races through the year, so a January count and a September count of the same year are different numbers and are only comparable to counts taken in the same month.
6. For field sizes, prefer in order: the organiser's own post-race release, then named local coverage, then a results page's finisher count on Athlinks or RunSignup. A listing site's "size band" is a last resort and should be labelled as one.

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