

# Ohio County Profiles

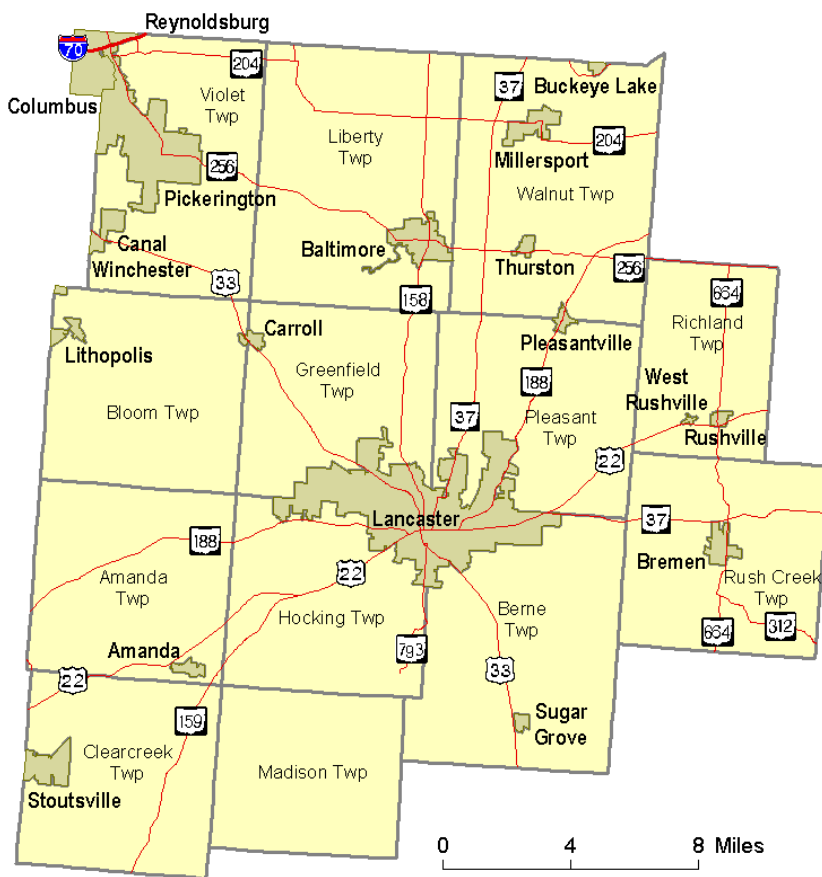


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## Fairfield County

**Established:** Proclamation - December 9, 1800  
**2006 Population:** 140,591  
**Land Area:** 505.7 square mile  
**County Seat:** Lancaster City  
**Named for:** The "fair fields" of the area



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$2,710,396,630
Residential	\$2,128,648,410
Agriculture	\$167,557,130
Industrial	\$39,206,030
Commercial	\$373,336,570
Mineral	\$1,648,490
Ohio income tax liability	\$101,606,682
Average per return	\$1,633.99

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/Transportation and Urban Grasses)	8.29%
Cropland	62.77%
Pasture	4.55%
Forest	23.89%
Open Water	0.50%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	0.00%
Bare/Mines	0.00%

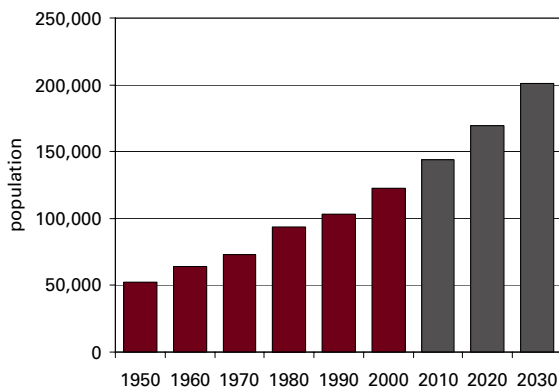
### Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2006
Lancaster city	35,335	36,507
Violet twp UB	16,893	19,099
Pickerington city	9,737	16,320
Columbus city	7,447	8,128
Bloom twp UB	5,765	6,646
Pleasant twp UB	5,039	5,320
Greenfield twp UB	4,465	5,088
Liberty twp UB	4,387	5,029
Hocking twp	4,812	4,998
Berne twp UB	4,521	4,900

UB: Unincorporated Balance

### Total Population

Census	Estimated
1800	2001 126,238
1810 11,361	2002 129,241
1820 16,633	2003 132,578
1830 24,786	2004 135,857
1840 31,924	2005 138,403
1850 30,264	2006 140,591
1860 30,538	
1870 31,138	1950 52,130
1880 34,284	1960 63,912
1890 33,939	1970 73,301
	1980 93,678
	1990 103,461
	2000 122,759
	Projected
	2010 143,860
	2020 169,540
	2030 201,010



<b>Population by Race</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Population	122,759	100.0%
White	116,747	95.1%
African-American	3,195	2.6%
Native American	337	0.3%
Asian	874	0.7%
Pacific Islander	30	0.0%
Other	308	0.3%
Two or More Races	1,268	1.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,220	1.0%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>6,779</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Persons 25 years and over	79,948	100.0%
No high school diploma	9,911	12.4%
High school graduate	30,695	38.4%
Some college, no degree	17,152	21.5%
Associate degree	5,530	6.9%
Bachelor's degree	11,507	14.4%
Master's degree or higher	5,153	6.4%

<b>Family Type by Employment Status</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	34,346	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	16,923	49.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	6,087	17.7%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,749	5.1%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	4,128	12.0%
Male householder, in labor force	1,197	3.5%
Male householder, not in labor force	316	0.9%
Female householder, in labor force	2,821	8.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,125	3.3%

<b>Household Income in 1999</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Households	45,431	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,604	5.7%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,412	9.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	5,667	12.5%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	5,782	12.7%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5,149	11.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,681	10.3%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	5,791	12.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	5,502	12.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,293	9.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	865	1.9%
\$200,000 or more	685	1.5%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$47,962</b>	

<b>Population by Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Population	122,759	100.0%
Under 6 years	10,415	8.5%
6 to 17 years	22,494	18.3%
18 to 24 years	9,902	8.1%
25 to 44 years	36,992	30.1%
45 to 64 years	29,227	23.8%
65 years and more	13,729	11.2%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>36.2</b>	

<b>Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	34,346	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	13,505	39.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	872	2.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,523	7.3%
Families with no own children	17,446	50.8%

<b>Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	34,346	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	32,792	95.5%
Family income below poverty level	1,554	4.5%
Married couple, with related children	366	23.6%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	123	7.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	731	47.0%
Families with no related children	334	21.5%

<b>Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Population for whom poverty status is determined	119,747	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,860	2.4%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,204	3.5%
100% to 149% of poverty level	6,753	5.6%
150% to 199% of poverty level	9,251	7.7%
200% of poverty level or more	96,679	80.7%

<b>Residence in 1995</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Population 5 years and over	114,162	100.0%
Same house in 1995	64,724	56.7%
Different house, same county	23,941	21.0%
Different county, same state	17,957	15.7%
Different state	7,085	6.2%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	63	0.1%
Foreign country	392	0.3%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	60,465	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	14,668	24.3%
15 to 29 minutes	19,189	31.7%
30 to 44 minutes	13,108	21.7%
45 to 59 minutes	6,901	11.4%
60 minutes or more	4,617	7.6%
Worked at home	1,982	3.3%

**Mean travel time** 27.7 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	47,922	100.0%
Occupied housing units	45,425	94.8%
Owner occupied	34,626	72.3%
Renter occupied	10,799	22.5%
Vacant housing units	2,497	5.2%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	47,922	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	5,976	12.5%
Built 1990 to 1994	5,537	11.6%
Built 1980 to 1989	5,746	12.0%
Built 1970 to 1979	8,756	18.3%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,881	10.2%
Built 1950 to 1959	4,720	9.8%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,508	5.2%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,798	20.4%

**Median year built** 1972

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	30,292	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	93	0.3%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	367	1.2%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,086	3.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3,031	10.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	4,870	16.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	4,616	15.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	6,001	19.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,401	21.1%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	2,065	6.8%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,682	5.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	44	0.1%
\$1,000,000 or more	36	0.1%

**Median value** \$129,500

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	45,425	100.0%
Utility gas	27,215	59.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,316	9.5%
Electricity	10,590	23.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	2,546	5.6%
Coal, coke or wood	590	1.3%
Solar energy or other fuel	140	0.3%
No fuel used	28	0.1%

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	10,398	100.0%
Less than \$100	89	0.9%
\$100 to \$199	366	3.5%
\$200 to \$299	547	5.3%
\$300 to \$399	1,042	10.0%
\$400 to \$499	1,861	17.9%
\$500 to \$599	2,119	20.4%
\$600 to \$699	1,976	19.0%
\$700 to \$799	914	8.8%
\$800 to \$899	393	3.8%
\$900 to \$999	252	2.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	249	2.4%
\$1,500 or more	38	0.4%
No cash rent	552	5.3%

**Median gross rent** \$550

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999 23.1

## Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	22,755	100.0%
Less than \$400	489	2.1%
\$400 to \$599	2,116	9.3%
\$600 to \$799	3,660	16.1%
\$800 to \$999	3,733	16.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	4,963	21.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	3,383	14.9%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	3,312	14.6%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	992	4.4%
\$3,000 or more	107	0.5%

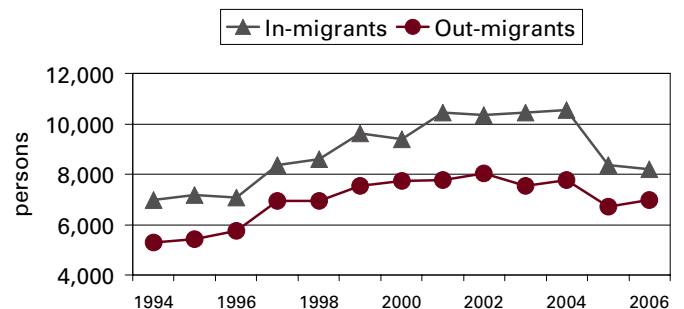
**Median monthly owners cost** \$1,069

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 21.0

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15-44	1,788	60.4
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	31	10.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,061	766.5
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	793	5.7
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	519	3.7

## Migration



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	194,000
Number of farms	1,150
Average size (acres)	169
Total cash receipts	\$46,219,000
Per farm	\$40,190

## Education

Public schools	48
Students (Average Daily Membership)	22,608
Expenditures per student	\$8,619
Student-teacher ratio	20.0
Graduation rate	93.3
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,341.8
Non-public schools	8
Students	1,701
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	3 / 3

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	156,782
Passenger cars	103,387
Noncommercial trucks	25,300
Total license revenue	\$3,962,800.85
Interstate highway miles	2.38
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	50.93
State highway miles	138.82
Commercial airports	2

## Voting

Number of precincts	124
Number of registered voters	96,593
Voted in 2006 election	55,657
Percent turnout	57.6%

## Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	251
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	245
Licensed nursing homes	10
Number of beds	1,104
Licensed residential care	6
Number of beds	403
Adults with employer-based insurance	64.6%
Children with employer-based insurance	73.4%

## State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, And Wildlife Areas

Facilities	9
Acreage	2,179.13

## Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	2
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	15,000

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	4,075
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## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	4
Assets	\$743,711,000
Branch offices	45
Institutions represented	18

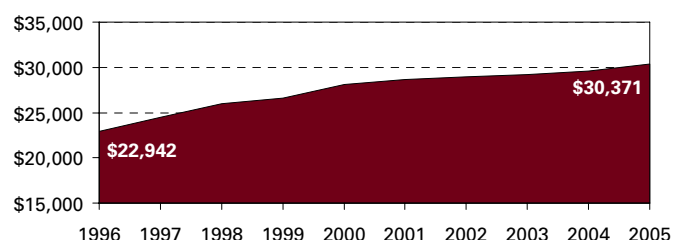
## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$595,003,000
Payments to individuals	\$557,687,000
Retirement and disability	\$260,462,000
Medical payments	\$225,671,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$46,638,000
Unemployment benefits	\$11,939,000
Veterans benefits	\$11,453,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$1,268,000
Other payments to individuals	\$256,000
Total personal income	\$4,203,422,000
Dependency ratio	14.2%

## Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$472,765,375
Retirement and disability	\$261,679,533
Other direct payments	\$107,341,676
Grant awards	\$78,341,552
Highway planning and construction	\$7,328,664
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$8,175,364
Medical assistance program	\$41,499,344
Procurement contract awards	\$8,051,214
Dept. of Defense	\$4,094,402
Salary and wages	\$17,351,400
Dept. of Defense	\$48,000
Other federal assistance	\$238,832,283
Direct loans	\$241,812
Guaranteed loans	\$123,781,536
Insurance	\$114,808,935

## Per Capita Personal Income



**Civilian Labor Force**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Civilian labor force	68,800	70,200	71,700	73,000	74,200
Employed	65,300	66,400	67,800	69,100	70,600
Unemployed	3,500	3,800	3,800	3,900	3,600
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.8

**Employment and Wages by Sector**

NAICS Industrial Sector	Average Annual Employment		Total Wages (in thousands of dollars)	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total covered under Ohio UC Law	36,597	37,196	\$1,055,276	\$1,079,566
Private Sector	28,824	29,121	\$779,299	\$793,550
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	64	55	\$1,559	\$1,573
Mining	30	30	\$1,041	\$1,151
Utilities	-1	182	\$0	\$9,986
Construction	2,262	2,276	\$74,914	\$75,824
Manufacturing	5,054	5,027	\$194,740	\$193,410
Wholesale trade	732	726	\$29,001	\$30,196
Retail trade	5,083	5,131	\$98,431	\$100,105
Transportation and warehousing	-1	401	\$0	\$15,189
Information	364	363	\$9,274	\$9,047
Finance and insurance	882	890	\$28,628	\$29,973
Real estate and rental and leasing	461	470	\$10,597	\$11,063
Professional and technical services	1,099	1,116	\$38,099	\$37,714
Management of companies and enterprises	92	110	\$4,434	\$4,791
Administrative and waste services	2,859	2,892	\$73,482	\$73,927
Educational services	366	274	\$6,102	\$5,207
Health care and social assistance	3,166	3,416	\$108,077	\$113,420
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	373	395	\$4,410	\$6,728
Accommodation and food services	3,997	4,041	\$43,724	\$44,756
Other services, except public administration	1,391	1,325	\$30,135	\$29,490
State and Local Government	7,773	8,075	\$275,977	\$286,016
State government	820	813	\$29,468	\$31,281
Local government	6,953	7,262	\$246,509	\$254,734
Federal Government	261	257	\$11,969	\$11,876

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**Business Numbers**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Business starts	448	542	479	397	509
Active businesses	2,884	3,001	3,152	3,118	3,205

**Residential**

**Construction**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total units	1,288	1,553	1,265	992	604
Total valuation (000)	\$197,147	\$247,132	\$200,019	\$172,509	\$124,893
Total single-unit bldgs	967	1,433	1,023	810	576
Average cost per unit	\$182,331	\$164,749	\$187,912	\$195,337	\$211,078
Total multi-unit bldg units	321	120	242	182	28
Average cost per unit	\$64,902	\$92,055	\$32,171	\$78,492	\$118,286

**Major Employers**

Anchor Hocking Corp	Mfg
Cyril-Scott Co	Mfg
Fairfield Medical Center	Serv
Kroger Co	Trade
Lancaster City Bd of Ed	Govt
McDermott Int'l/Diamond Power	Mfg
Meijer Inc	Trade
Pickerington Local Bd of Ed	Govt
Ralcorp/Ralston Foods	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt