

Ohio County Profiles

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2025 Edition



Belmont County

Established: Proclamation - September 7, 1801
2024 Population: 64,692
Land Area: 537.3 square miles
County Seat: St. Clairsville City
Named for: French: "Beautiful Mountain"



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,772,216,510
Residential	\$1,010,882,370
Agriculture	\$159,548,360
Industrial	\$24,690,280
Commercial	\$238,318,430
Mineral	\$338,777,070
Ohio income tax liability	\$40,630,148
Average per return	\$1,400.65

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	10.41%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.72%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.97%
Forest	54.53%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.37%
Pasture/Hay	29.74%
Cultivated Crops	0.09%
Wetlands	0.29%
Open Water	0.88%

Largest Places

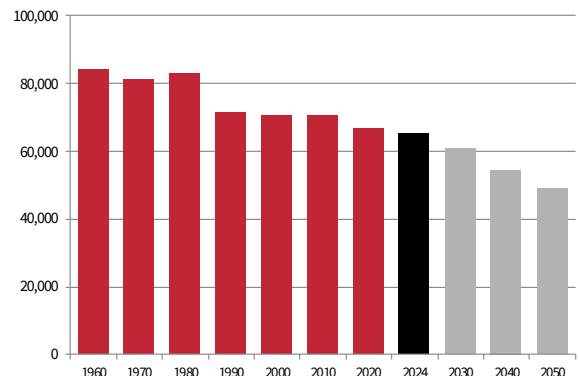
	2024	2020
Richland twp UB	9,438	9,562
Martins Ferry city	6,050	6,236
St. Clairsville city	4,954	5,074
Pultney twp UB	4,130	4,227
Colerain twp	4,082	4,196
Barnesville village	3,902	4,004
Pease twp UB	3,882	3,993
Bellaire village	3,745	3,860
Shadyside village	3,351	3,441
Union twp UB	1,999	2,049

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800					
1810	11,097	1910	76,856	2020	66,497
1820	20,329	1920	93,193		
1830	28,627	1930	94,719	Estimate	
1840	30,901	1940	95,614	2024	64,692
1850	34,600	1950	87,740		
1860	36,398	1960	83,864	Projection	
1870	39,714	1970	80,917	2030	60,524
1880	49,638	1980	82,569	2040	54,210
1890	57,413	1990	71,074	2050	48,687
1900	60,875	2000	70,226		
		2010	70,400		



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	65,982	100.0%
White	60,286	91.4%
African-American	2,040	3.1%
Native American	62	0.1%
Asian	386	0.6%
Pacific Islander	31	0.0%
Other	407	0.6%
Two or More Races	2,770	4.2%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	837	1.3%
Total Minority	5,891	8.9%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	48,385	100.0%
No high school diploma	3,847	8.0%
High school graduate	22,186	45.9%
Some college, no degree	7,727	16.0%
Associate degree	5,568	11.5%
Bachelor's degree	5,619	11.6%
Master's degree or higher	3,438	7.1%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,777	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,400	32.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	3,015	18.0%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,129	6.7%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	2,943	17.5%
Male householder, in labor force	919	5.5%
Male householder, not in labor force	434	2.6%
Female householder, in labor force	1,781	10.6%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,156	6.9%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	26,450	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,509	5.7%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,425	9.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,525	9.5%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,571	9.7%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,243	8.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,285	8.6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,770	10.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,315	12.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,319	16.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,254	4.7%
\$200,000 or more	1,234	4.7%
Median household income	\$58,411	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	65,982	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,080	4.7%
5 to 17 years	9,341	14.2%
18 to 24 years	5,176	7.8%
25 to 44 years	16,101	24.4%
45 to 64 years	18,174	27.5%
65 years and more	14,110	21.4%
Median Age	44.1	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,812	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,134	24.6%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	616	3.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,314	7.8%
Families with no own children	10,748	63.9%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children

	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,812	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	15,179	90.3%
Family income below poverty level	1,633	9.7%
Married couple, with related children	212	1.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	188	1.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	772	4.6%
Families with no related children	461	2.7%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	62,167	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,235	6.8%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,637	7.5%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,829	4.6%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,755	4.4%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,264	6.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	2,448	3.9%
200% of poverty level or more	40,999	65.9%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	65,312	100.0%
Same house as previous year	59,778	91.5%
Different house, same county	2,905	4.4%
Different county, same state	1,310	2.0%
Different state	1,165	1.8%
Abroad	154	0.2%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	26,620	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	7,715	29.0%
15 to 29 minutes	11,098	41.7%
30 to 44 minutes	3,903	14.7%
45 to 59 minutes	1,631	6.1%
60 minutes or more	2,273	8.5%

Mean travel time 25.6 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	31,599	100.0%
Occupied housing units	26,450	83.7%
Owner occupied	19,563	74.0%
Renter occupied	6,887	26.0%
Vacant housing units	5,149	16.3%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	31,599	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	53	0.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,864	5.9%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,039	6.5%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,685	8.5%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,240	7.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	5,035	15.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,957	9.4%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,839	12.1%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,387	7.6%
Built 1939 or earlier	8,500	26.9%

Median year built 1964

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	19,563	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	788	4.0%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	820	4.2%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,444	7.4%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,328	6.8%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,147	11.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,233	11.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,417	7.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,810	14.4%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,817	19.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,265	11.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	449	2.3%
\$1,000,000 or more	45	0.2%

Median value \$143,000

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	26,450	100.0%
Utility gas	12,132	45.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,631	9.9%
Electricity	7,958	30.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	2,482	9.4%
Coal, coke or wood	938	3.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	230	0.9%
No fuel used	79	0.3%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	6,887	100.0%
Less than \$100	44	0.6%
\$100 to \$199	75	1.1%
\$200 to \$299	357	5.2%
\$300 to \$399	370	5.4%
\$400 to \$499	452	6.6%
\$500 to \$599	448	6.5%
\$600 to \$699	487	7.1%
\$700 to \$799	804	11.7%
\$800 to \$899	840	12.2%
\$900 to \$999	429	6.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,123	16.3%
\$1,500 or more	201	2.9%
No cash rent	1,257	18.3%

Median gross rent \$769

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 28.8

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	9,594	100.0%
Less than \$400	45	0.5%
\$400 to \$599	344	3.6%
\$600 to \$799	1,003	10.5%
\$800 to \$999	1,605	16.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,544	26.5%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,318	13.7%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,640	17.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	901	9.4%
\$3,000 or more	194	2.0%

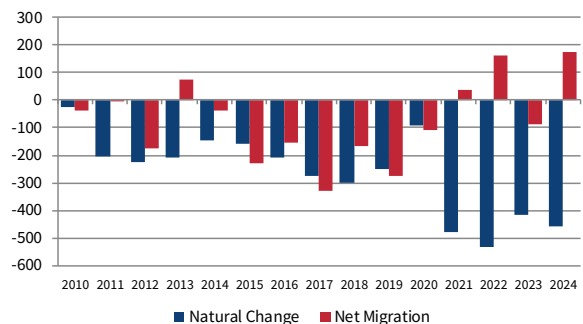
Median monthly owners cost \$1,177

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 17.7

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	565	55.3
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	34	20.2
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	866	1,334.0

Components of Population Change



■ Natural Change ■ Net Migration

Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	139,632
Number of farms	756
Average size (acres)	185
Total cash receipts	\$26,876,000
Per farm	\$35,551
Receipts for crops	\$6,805,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$20,072,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	22
Students	8,242
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	651.3
Expenditures per student	\$11,695
Graduation rate	93.4
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	5
Students	553
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	1
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 9

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	81,202
Passenger cars	46,271
Noncommercial trucks	15,906
Total license revenue	\$2,352,895.53
Permissive tax revenue	\$1,763,437.50
Interstate highway miles	33.89
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	31.90
State highway miles	214.47
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,237.85
Commercial airports	2

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, Scenic Waterways, And Wildlife Areas

Areas/Facilities	9
Acreage	20,588

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$1,319,343
Branch offices	28
Institutions represented	11

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$3,345,510,000
Net earnings	\$1,736,249,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$965,315,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$61,765,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$4,596,000
Retirement and other	\$898,954,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$643,946,000
Dependency ratio	28.9%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

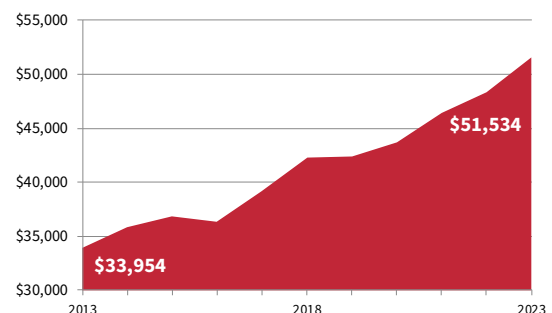
Voting

Number of registered voters	44,627
Voted in 2024 election	31,402
Percent turnout	70.4%

Health Care

Physicians	74
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	145
Licensed nursing homes	15
Number of beds	735
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	289
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.7%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.8%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.6%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	28,000	27,700	27,600	27,800	28,600
Employed	26,500	26,500	26,200	26,000	25,700
Unemployed	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,800	2,900
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.5	5.0	6.3	10.1

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,503	17,087	\$829,916,921	\$934
Goods-Producing	230	2,459	\$185,951,086	\$1,454
Natural Resources and Mining	60	762	\$74,690,677	\$1,885
Construction	131	995	\$66,462,145	\$1,284
Manufacturing	39	703	\$44,798,264	\$1,226
Service-Providing	1,273	14,627	\$643,965,835	\$847
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	398	5,562	\$253,361,821	\$876
Information	12	100	\$5,531,459	\$1,066
Financial Services	129	801	\$42,517,395	\$1,020
Professional and Business Services	219	1,524	\$110,662,494	\$1,397
Education and Health Services	204	3,227	\$154,205,416	\$919
Leisure and Hospitality	175	2,687	\$53,409,065	\$382
Other Services	137	726	\$24,275,295	\$643
Federal Government		145	\$9,867,691	\$1,312
State Government		615	\$47,656,749	\$1,491
Local Government		2,768	\$138,352,880	\$961

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	-0.4%	-7.8%	7.7%	16.9%
Goods-Producing	-1.7%	-33.2%	-32.9%	0.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	-10.4%	-57.7%	-56.9%	1.9%
Construction	2.3%	-14.4%	3.5%	20.9%
Manufacturing	0.0%	-2.4%	13.2%	15.9%
Service-Producing	-0.2%	-1.5%	30.5%	32.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-8.9%	1.5%	32.6%	30.6%
Information	20.0%	-61.8%	-47.7%	37.0%
Financial Services	-11.0%	-2.2%	21.8%	24.5%
Professional and Business Services	23.0%	24.6%	80.5%	44.9%
Education and Health Services	-10.5%	-8.9%	18.9%	30.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	17.4%	-6.1%	14.1%	21.3%
Other Services	6.2%	8.8%	26.7%	16.3%
Federal Government		-5.8%	16.8%	24.6%
State Government		-4.2%	23.1%	28.6%
Local Government		-0.9%	25.7%	26.9%

Major & Notable Employers

American Consolidated Natural Resources	Mining
Barnesville Hospital/WVU Medicine	Serv
Belmont County Government	Govt
East Ohio Regional Hospital	Serv
Nickles Bakery	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt
Stingray Energy Services	Mining
United Dairy, Inc.	Mfg
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	1	2	10	4	3
Total valuation (000)	\$150	\$492	\$1,338	\$770	\$465
Total single-unit bldgs	1	2	10	4	3
Average cost per unit	\$150,000	\$246,000	\$133,800	\$192,500	\$155,000
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	0	0
Average cost per unit					