

# Ohio County Profiles

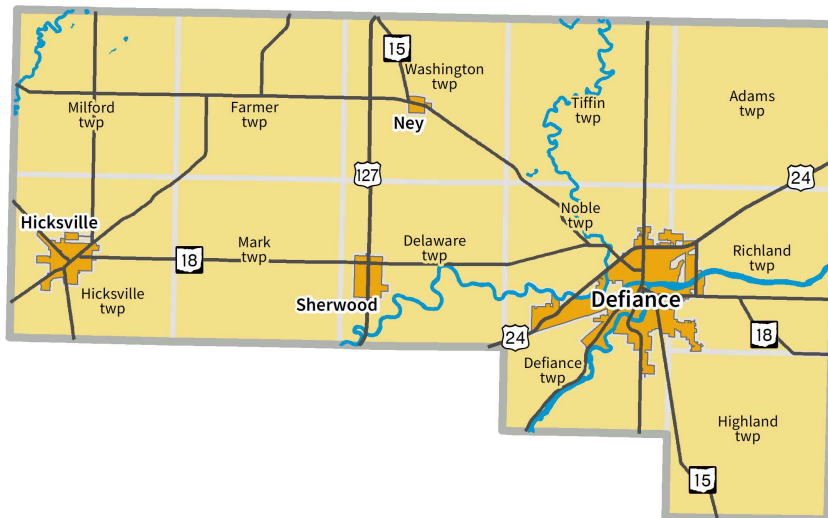
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2025 Edition



## Defiance County

**Established:** Act - April 7, 1845  
**2024 Population:** 38,644  
**Land Area:** 411.2 square miles  
**County Seat:** Defiance City  
**Named for:** Fort Defiance



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,111,929,590
Residential	\$695,761,130
Agriculture	\$274,852,160
Industrial	\$36,660,880
Commercial	\$104,655,420
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$21,455,512
Average per return	\$1,161.89

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	9.73%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.68%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.07%
Forest	8.83%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.28%
Pasture/Hay	4.71%
Cultivated Crops	69.69%
Wetlands	4.13%
Open Water	0.89%

### Largest Places

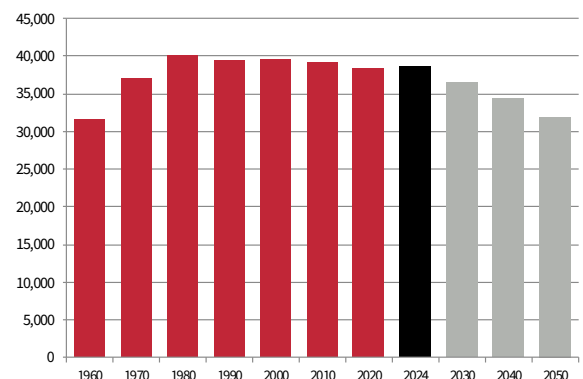
	2024	2020
Defiance city	17,180	17,050
Hicksville village	3,447	3,427
Highland twp	2,298	2,292
Noble twp UB	2,255	2,216
Defiance twp UB	1,757	1,725
Tiffin twp	1,594	1,573
Hicksville twp UB	1,518	1,462
Washington twp UB	1,247	1,234
Richland twp UB	1,223	1,220
Delaware twp UB	1,207	1,207

UB: Unincorporated balance

### Total Population

#### Census

1800					
1810					
1820					
1830					
1840					
1850	6,966	1910	24,498	2020	38,286
1860	11,886	1920	24,549		
1870	15,719	1930	22,714	Estimate	
1880	22,515	1940	24,367	2024	38,644
1890	25,769	1950	25,925		
1900	26,387	1960	31,508	Projection	
		1970	36,949	2030	36,480
		1980	39,987	2040	34,248
		1990	39,350	2050	31,920
		2000	39,500		
		2010	39,037		



## Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	38,258	100.0%
White	33,909	88.6%
African-American	646	1.7%
Native American	114	0.3%
Asian	122	0.3%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	1,080	2.8%
Two or More Races	2,387	6.2%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	4,096	10.7%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>5,646</b>	<b>14.8%</b>

## Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	26,331	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,023	7.7%
High school graduate	10,364	39.4%
Some college, no degree	5,627	21.4%
Associate degree	3,020	11.5%
Bachelor's degree	3,442	13.1%
Master's degree or higher	1,855	7.0%

## Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,281	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,214	41.0%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,329	12.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	636	6.2%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,888	18.4%
Male householder, in labor force	890	8.7%
Male householder, not in labor force	48	0.5%
Female householder, in labor force	1,049	10.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	227	2.2%

## Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	15,376	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	403	2.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,039	6.8%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,036	6.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,578	10.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,144	7.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	933	6.1%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,673	10.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,689	17.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,942	19.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,279	8.3%
\$200,000 or more	660	4.3%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$73,615</b>	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	38,258	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,237	5.8%
5 to 17 years	6,452	16.9%
18 to 24 years	3,238	8.5%
25 to 44 years	9,337	24.4%
45 to 64 years	9,533	24.9%
65 years and more	7,461	19.5%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>40.8</b>	

## Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,299	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,594	25.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	690	6.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	670	6.5%
Families with no own children	6,345	61.6%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,299	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	9,744	94.6%
Family income below poverty level	555	5.4%
Married couple, with related children	99	1.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	85	0.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	216	2.1%
Families with no related children	155	1.5%

## Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	37,422	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,481	4.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,250	6.0%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,363	3.6%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,292	3.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,208	5.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,036	2.8%
200% of poverty level or more	27,792	74.3%

## Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	37,792	100.0%
Same house as previous year	33,971	89.9%
Different house, same county	1,949	5.2%
Different county, same state	1,186	3.1%
Different state	661	1.7%
Abroad	25	0.1%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	17,311	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	6,739	38.9%
15 to 29 minutes	6,141	35.5%
30 to 44 minutes	3,069	17.7%
45 to 59 minutes	804	4.6%
60 minutes or more	558	3.2%

Mean travel time 20.2 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,570	100.0%
Occupied housing units	15,376	92.8%
Owner occupied	12,084	78.6%
Renter occupied	3,292	21.4%
Vacant housing units	1,194	7.2%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,570	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	28	0.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	488	2.9%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,283	7.7%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,772	10.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,251	7.5%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,851	17.2%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,887	11.4%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,999	12.1%
Built 1940 to 1949	658	4.0%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,353	26.3%

Median year built 1967

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	12,084	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	341	2.8%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	277	2.3%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	180	1.5%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	718	5.9%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,056	8.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,854	15.3%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,572	13.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,077	17.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,453	20.3%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,247	10.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	287	2.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	22	0.2%

Median value \$150,900

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	15,376	100.0%
Utility gas	7,666	49.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,790	18.1%
Electricity	4,158	27.0%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	93	0.6%
Coal, coke or wood	550	3.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	26	0.2%
No fuel used	93	0.6%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,292	100.0%
Less than \$100	29	0.9%
\$100 to \$199	17	0.5%
\$200 to \$299	31	0.9%
\$300 to \$399	84	2.6%
\$400 to \$499	70	2.1%
\$500 to \$599	165	5.0%
\$600 to \$699	404	12.3%
\$700 to \$799	588	17.9%
\$800 to \$899	387	11.8%
\$900 to \$999	369	11.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	804	24.4%
\$1,500 or more	33	1.0%
No cash rent	311	9.4%

Median gross rent \$826

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 25.4

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

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,890	100.0%
Less than \$400	31	0.4%
\$400 to \$599	234	3.4%
\$600 to \$799	615	8.9%
\$800 to \$999	1,480	21.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,474	21.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	998	14.5%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,153	16.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	758	11.0%
\$3,000 or more	147	2.1%

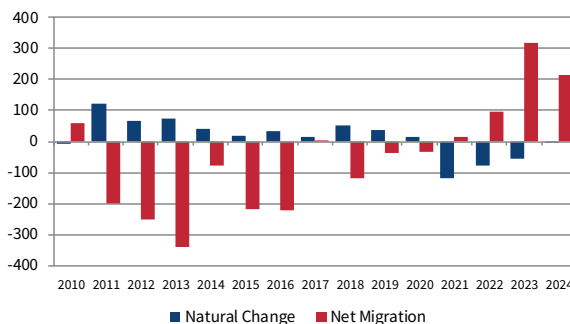
Median monthly owners cost \$1,184

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 16.6

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	402	58.7
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	19	15.3
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	435	1,135.3

## Components of Population Change



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	206,426
Number of farms	907
Average size (acres)	228
Total cash receipts	\$236,737,000
Per farm	\$261,011
Receipts for crops	\$132,856,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$103,882,000

## Education

Traditional public schools buildings	14
Students	5,675
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	426.9
Expenditures per student	\$12,177
Graduation rate	95.0
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	2
Students	160
Public universities, 4-year	0
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 4

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	51,104
Passenger cars	28,839
Noncommercial trucks	9,589
Total license revenue	\$1,470,797.34
Permissive tax revenue	\$884,305.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	26.95
State highway miles	121.09
County, township, and municipal road miles	882.32
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	5
Acreage	434

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$1,621,901
Branch offices	17
Institutions represented	10

## Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$1,922,193,000
Net earnings	\$1,128,117,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$516,173,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$28,825,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$2,323,000
Retirement and other	\$485,025,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$277,903,000
Dependency ratio	26.9%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

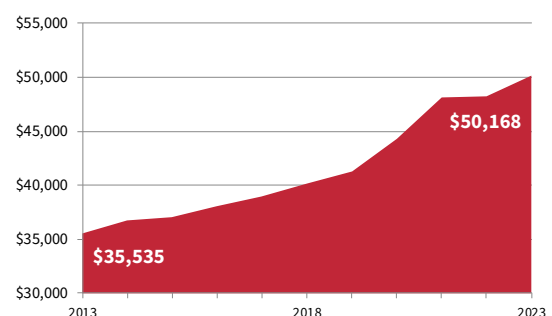
## Voting

Number of registered voters	26,818
Voted in 2024 election	19,401
Percent turnout	72.3%

## Health Care

Physicians	43
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	74
Licensed nursing homes	6
Number of beds	257
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	203
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.5%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.8%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.1%

## Per Capita Personal Income



## Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	19,500	19,200	18,700	18,900	19,000
Employed	18,700	18,600	18,100	18,000	17,600
Unemployed	800	600	700	800	1,400
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.3	3.6	4.5	7.6

## Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	852	13,624	\$718,994,847	\$1,015
Goods-Producing	133	3,791	\$285,316,959	\$1,447
Natural Resources and Mining	15	231	\$13,968,757	\$1,164
Construction	68	493	\$27,472,085	\$1,071
Manufacturing	50	3,067	\$243,876,117	\$1,529
Service-Providing	720	9,833	\$433,677,888	\$848
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	235	3,728	\$173,329,685	\$894
Information	17	170	\$8,679,232	\$981
Financial Services	94	649	\$39,515,299	\$1,171
Professional and Business Services	102	638	\$37,821,914	\$1,141
Education and Health Services	94	2,203	\$125,440,604	\$1,095
Leisure and Hospitality	96	1,831	\$33,566,132	\$353
Other Services	81	614	\$15,325,022	\$480
Federal Government		78	\$5,457,876	\$1,338
State Government		70	\$5,421,789	\$1,493
Local Government		1,735	\$88,449,188	\$981

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

## Change Since 2017

Private Sector	11.2%	2.4%	25.0%	22.0%
Goods-Producing	14.7%	4.3%	21.1%	16.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	50.0%	7.4%	54.4%	44.1%
Construction	11.5%	40.5%	68.1%	19.4%
Manufacturing	11.1%	-0.1%	16.0%	16.2%
Service-Producing	10.6%	1.7%	27.7%	25.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	8.3%	12.2%	48.2%	32.1%
Information	6.3%	-10.1%	25.3%	39.3%
Financial Services	14.6%	-10.9%	-1.5%	10.6%
Professional and Business Services	15.9%	-30.0%	-5.3%	35.3%
Education and Health Services	20.5%	0.5%	25.2%	24.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	5.5%	4.6%	39.8%	33.7%
Other Services	2.5%	6.6%	32.0%	23.7%
Federal Government		-12.4%	17.5%	33.4%
State Government		-12.5%	4.7%	19.6%
Local Government		-9.3%	6.3%	17.2%

## Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	46	25	36	46	52
Total valuation (000)	\$13,332	\$7,550	\$7,702	\$9,812	\$12,354
Total single-unit bldgs	37	23	28	38	41
Average cost per unit	\$323,577	\$311,512	\$234,013	\$229,802	\$264,128
Total multi-unit bldg units	9	2	8	8	11
Average cost per unit	\$151,111	\$192,500	\$143,750	\$135,000	\$138,636

## Major & Notable Employers

APT Manufacturing Solutions	Mfg
Defiance City Schools	Govt
Defiance College	Serv
MEC	Mfg
General Motors Company	Mfg
Johns Manville Corp	Mfg
Meijer Inc	Trade
Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital	Serv
Parker Hannifin Corp	Mfg
ProMedica - Defiance Regional Hospital	Serv
Sabre Industries	Mfg
Walmart Inc	Trade