

Ohio County Profiles

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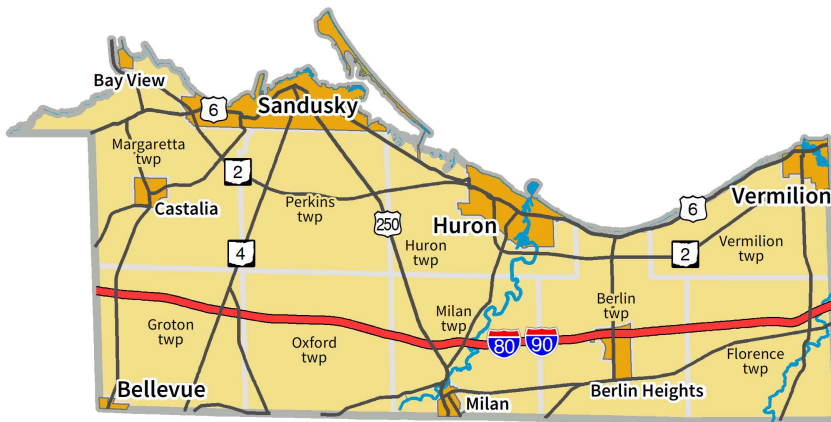


Erie County

Established: Act - March 16, 1838
2024 Population: 73,841
Land Area: 254.5 square miles
County Seat: Sandusky City
Named for: Erie Native American Tribe



Lake Erie



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$2,381,982,320
Residential	\$1,752,089,420
Agriculture	\$111,738,010
Industrial	\$51,987,930
Commercial	\$466,149,440
Mineral	\$17,520
Ohio income tax liability	\$48,529,254
Average per return	\$1,291.02

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	17.11%
Developed, Higher Intensity	6.74%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.88%
Forest	16.21%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.16%
Pasture/Hay	4.55%
Cultivated Crops	49.09%
Wetlands	3.71%
Open Water	1.55%

Largest Places

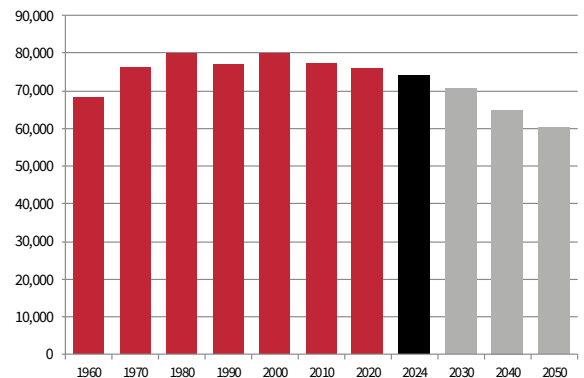
	2024	2020
Sandusky city	24,174	25,089
Perkins twp	12,538	12,384
Huron city	6,630	6,889
Vermilion twp	4,753	4,857
Vermilion city (pt.)	4,561	4,626
Margaretta twp UB	4,084	4,202
Huron twp UB	3,836	3,810
Berlin twp UB	2,725	2,789
Milan twp UB	2,522	2,612
Florence twp	2,376	2,465

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800				
1810				
1820				
1830				
1840	12,599	1910	38,327	2020
1850	18,568	1920	39,789	75,622
1860	24,474	1930	42,133	
1870	28,188	1940	43,201	Estimate
1880	32,640	1950	52,565	2024
1890	35,462	1960	68,000	73,841
1900	37,650	1970	75,909	
		1980	79,655	Projection
		1990	76,779	2030
		2000	79,551	70,426
		2010	77,079	2040
				64,814
				2050
				60,049



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	74,938	100.0%
White	61,587	82.2%
African-American	6,334	8.5%
Native American	93	0.1%
Asian	513	0.7%
Pacific Islander	14	0.0%
Other	1,031	1.4%
Two or More Races	5,366	7.2%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,299	4.4%
Total Minority	14,383	19.2%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	54,299	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,110	7.6%
High school graduate	18,596	34.2%
Some college, no degree	11,710	21.6%
Associate degree	4,720	8.7%
Bachelor's degree	10,160	18.7%
Master's degree or higher	5,003	9.2%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	20,231	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,982	34.5%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,475	12.2%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,296	6.4%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,568	17.6%
Male householder, in labor force	1,250	6.2%
Male householder, not in labor force	395	2.0%
Female householder, in labor force	3,375	16.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	890	4.4%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	32,122	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,803	5.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,241	7.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,953	9.2%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,088	6.5%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,269	7.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,743	8.5%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,375	10.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,536	14.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5,880	18.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,240	7.0%
\$200,000 or more	1,994	6.2%
Median household income	\$68,431	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	74,938	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,789	5.1%
5 to 17 years	11,192	14.9%
18 to 24 years	5,658	7.6%
25 to 44 years	16,688	22.3%
45 to 64 years	20,346	27.2%
65 years and more	17,265	23.0%
Median Age	45.2	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	20,368	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,168	20.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	747	3.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,432	11.9%
Families with no own children	13,021	63.9%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	20,368	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	18,604	91.3%
Family income below poverty level	1,764	8.7%
Married couple, with related children	140	0.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	97	0.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,201	5.9%
Families with no related children	326	1.6%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	73,666	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,901	6.7%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,327	5.9%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,642	3.6%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,590	3.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,305	5.8%
185% to 199% of poverty level	2,084	2.8%
200% of poverty level or more	52,817	71.7%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	74,222	100.0%
Same house as previous year	66,702	89.9%
Different house, same county	3,829	5.2%
Different county, same state	2,891	3.9%
Different state	649	0.9%
Abroad	151	0.2%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	33,228	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	13,671	41.1%
15 to 29 minutes	11,755	35.4%
30 to 44 minutes	4,510	13.6%
45 to 59 minutes	1,262	3.8%
60 minutes or more	2,030	6.1%

Mean travel time 21.5 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	38,400	100.0%
Occupied housing units	32,122	83.7%
Owner occupied	22,838	71.1%
Renter occupied	9,284	28.9%
Vacant housing units	6,278	16.3%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	38,400	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	91	0.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,467	3.8%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,319	6.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	4,288	11.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,863	7.5%
Built 1970 to 1979	6,095	15.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,937	12.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,733	14.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,405	6.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	8,202	21.4%

Median year built 1966

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	22,838	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	601	2.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	316	1.4%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	551	2.4%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,171	5.1%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,408	6.2%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,099	9.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,849	8.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,878	21.4%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	5,375	23.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,150	13.8%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,219	5.3%
\$1,000,000 or more	221	1.0%

Median value \$183,900

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	32,122	100.0%
Utility gas	20,512	63.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,371	7.4%
Electricity	8,409	26.2%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	139	0.4%
Coal, coke or wood	375	1.2%
Solar energy or other fuel	276	0.9%
No fuel used	40	0.1%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	9,284	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	3	0.0%
\$200 to \$299	173	1.9%
\$300 to \$399	153	1.6%
\$400 to \$499	403	4.3%
\$500 to \$599	386	4.2%
\$600 to \$699	753	8.1%
\$700 to \$799	1,459	15.7%
\$800 to \$899	1,159	12.5%
\$900 to \$999	1,175	12.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,556	27.5%
\$1,500 or more	333	3.6%
No cash rent	731	7.9%

Median gross rent \$882

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 26.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	12,953	100.0%
Less than \$400	47	0.4%
\$400 to \$599	208	1.6%
\$600 to \$799	1,095	8.5%
\$800 to \$999	2,040	15.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,638	20.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	2,399	18.5%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,202	17.0%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	1,818	14.0%
\$3,000 or more	506	3.9%

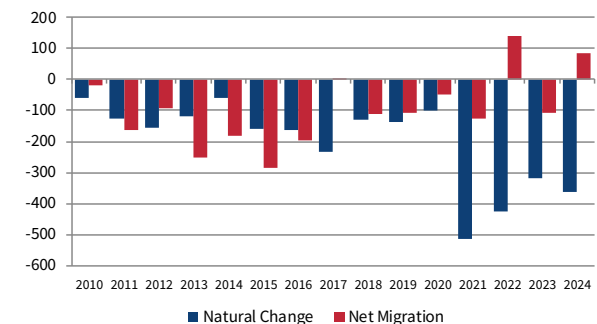
Median monthly owners cost \$1,297

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.1

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	604	48.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	24	12.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	955	1,289.9

Components of Population Change



■ Natural Change ■ Net Migration

Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	77,157
Number of farms	317
Average size (acres)	243
Total cash receipts	\$204,500,000
Per farm	\$645,110
Receipts for crops	\$195,959,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$8,541,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	21
Students	10,224
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	816.7
Expenditures per student	\$12,417
Graduation rate	94.7
Community/charter schools buildings	1
Students	188
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	13.0
Expenditures per student	\$12,029
Graduation rate	
Private schools	4
Students	727
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	2
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 6

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	98,035
Passenger cars	61,435
Noncommercial trucks	15,443
Total license revenue	\$2,651,585.27
Permissive tax revenue	\$1,770,545.00
Interstate highway miles	26.37
Turnpike miles	26.37
U.S. highway miles	42.73
State highway miles	114.49
County, township, and municipal road miles	623.22
Commercial airports	3

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

Areas/Facilities	19
Acreage	6,299

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$4,002,867
Branch offices	21
Institutions represented	12

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$4,587,497,000
Net earnings	\$2,588,985,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$1,124,652,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$70,490,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$6,092,000
Retirement and other	\$1,048,070,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$873,860,000
Dependency ratio	24.5%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

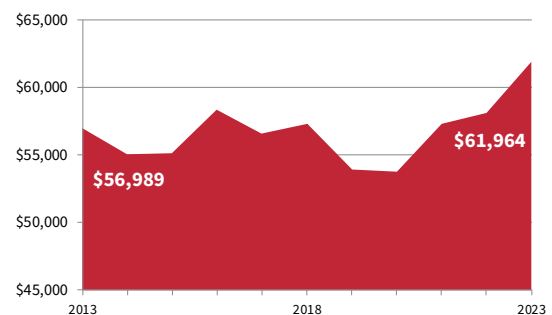
Voting

Number of registered voters	54,260
Voted in 2024 election	40,282
Percent turnout	74.2%

Health Care

Physicians	205
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	287
Licensed nursing homes	15
Number of beds	912
Licensed residential care	5
Number of beds	429
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.6%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.8%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.9%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	37,500	36,900	36,800	37,000	36,800
Employed	35,700	35,300	35,000	34,600	33,000
Unemployed	1,800	1,700	1,800	2,400	3,800
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.5	4.8	6.6	10.3

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,938	31,309	\$1,515,772,410	\$931
Goods-Producing	288	7,095	\$477,390,866	\$1,294
Natural Resources and Mining	25	585	\$30,401,851	\$999
Construction	152	1,065	\$66,297,931	\$1,197
Manufacturing	112	5,444	\$380,691,084	\$1,345
Service-Providing	1,650	24,214	\$1,038,381,544	\$825
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	430	6,698	\$287,896,298	\$827
Information	30	277	\$16,191,432	\$1,125
Financial Services	183	1,012	\$81,628,588	\$1,551
Professional and Business Services	256	1,552	\$97,818,398	\$1,212
Education and Health Services	234	4,727	\$264,129,478	\$1,075
Leisure and Hospitality	358	9,159	\$264,678,614	\$556
Other Services	159	789	\$26,038,736	\$635
Federal Government		249	\$21,594,489	\$1,671
State Government		765	\$52,947,777	\$1,331
Local Government		3,958	\$223,234,769	\$1,085

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	4.8%	-0.6%	25.7%	26.5%
Goods-Producing	3.2%	-4.4%	23.8%	29.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	4.2%	20.1%	47.6%	22.7%
Construction	0.0%	-3.0%	14.5%	18.0%
Manufacturing	8.7%	-6.8%	23.9%	33.0%
Service-Producing	5.0%	0.6%	26.6%	26.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5.4%	4.2%	28.6%	23.4%
Information	25.0%	-33.3%	-54.1%	-31.2%
Financial Services	6.4%	15.8%	67.3%	44.5%
Professional and Business Services	14.3%	-1.8%	28.7%	31.2%
Education and Health Services	-10.7%	-10.5%	15.7%	29.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	5.9%	5.6%	43.0%	35.3%
Other Services	12.0%	-3.2%	14.5%	18.2%
Federal Government		4.6%	27.2%	21.6%
State Government		-22.3%	-1.5%	26.6%
Local Government		1.4%	19.9%	18.3%

Major & Notable Employers

Ardagh Metal Beverage	Mfg
Cedar Fair/CedarPoint	Serv
Erie County Government	Govt
Firelands Regional Medical Center	Serv
Ventra Corporation	Mfg
Freudenberg NOK	Mfg
Kalahari Resorts	Serv
Meijer Inc	Serv
Sandusky City Schools	Govt
State of Ohio	Govt

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	113	135	272	289	128
Total valuation (000)	\$38,640	\$41,580	\$52,512	\$56,334	\$30,823
Total single-unit bldgs	107	112	143	141	99
Average cost per unit	\$352,709	\$349,764	\$275,339	\$283,556	\$273,566
Total multi-unit bldg units	6	23	129	148	29
Average cost per unit	\$150,000	\$104,629	\$101,850	\$110,491	\$128,966