

Ohio County Profiles

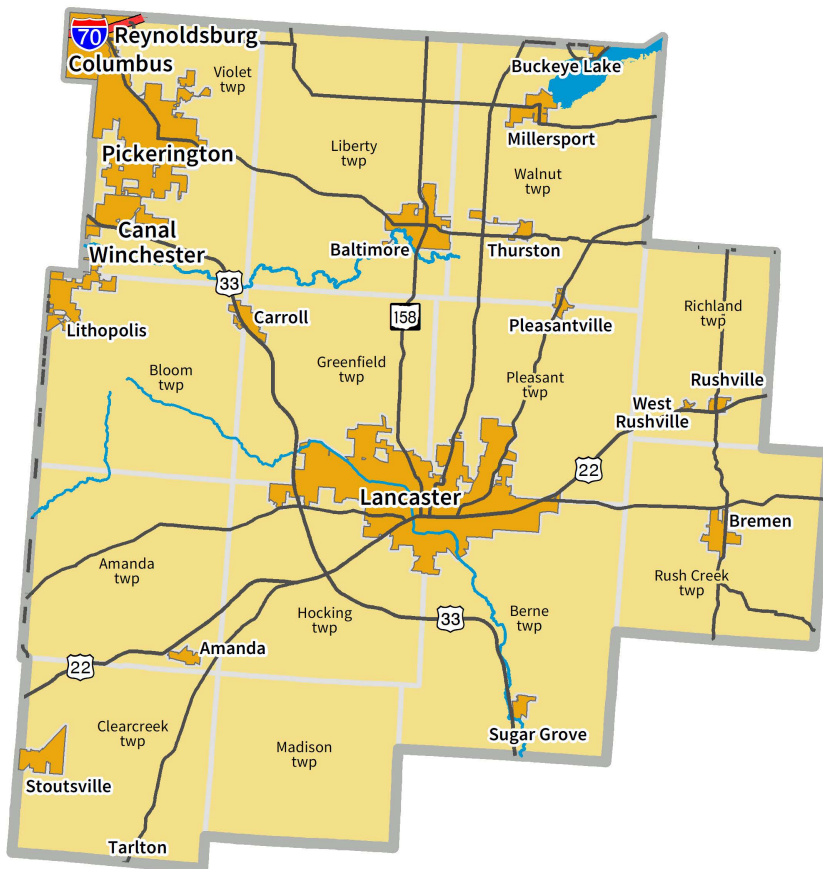
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2025 Edition



Fairfield County

Established: Proclamation - December 9, 1800
2024 Population: 167,762
Land Area: 505.7 square miles
County Seat: Lancaster City
Named for: The "fair fields" of the area



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$5,451,654,310
Residential	\$4,499,417,910
Agriculture	\$395,746,490
Industrial	\$61,856,390
Commercial	\$494,474,660
Mineral	\$158,860
Ohio income tax liability	\$122,732,957
Average per return	\$1,644.29

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	14.73%
Developed, Higher Intensity	2.78%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.04%
Forest	22.58%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.08%
Pasture/Hay	17.42%
Cultivated Crops	41.19%
Wetlands	0.41%
Open Water	0.77%

Largest Places

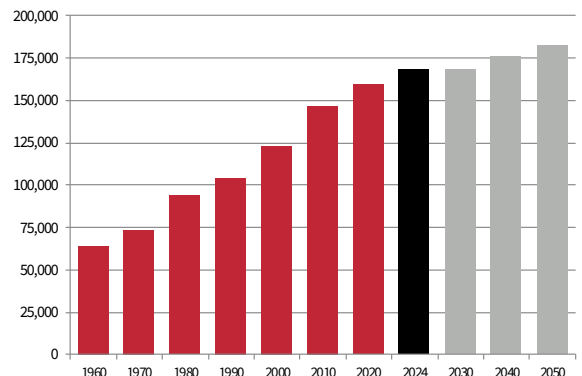
	2024	2020
Lancaster city	41,671	40,631
Pickerington city (pt.)	25,739	23,170
Violet twp UB	22,067	20,462
Columbus city (pt.)	11,527	10,878
Bloom twp UB	7,942	7,629
Pleasant twp UB	5,841	5,657
Liberty twp UB	5,490	5,218
Greenfield twp UB	5,422	5,248
Hocking twp UB	4,944	4,852
Walnut twp UB	4,826	4,668

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	39,201	2020	158,921
1810	11,361	1920	40,484		
1820	16,633	1930	44,010		
1830	24,786	1940	48,490	Estimate	
1840	31,924	1950	52,130	2024	167,762
1850	30,264	1960	63,912		
1860	30,538	1970	73,301		
1870	31,138	1980	93,678	Projection	
1880	34,284	1990	103,461	2030	167,709
1890	33,939	2000	122,759	2040	175,385
1900	34,259	2010	146,156	2050	181,913



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	161,289	100.0%
White	133,267	82.6%
African-American	14,324	8.9%
Native American	237	0.1%
Asian	4,173	2.6%
Pacific Islander	147	0.1%
Other	1,979	1.2%
Two or More Races	7,162	4.4%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	4,294	2.7%
Total Minority	29,062	18.0%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	109,647	100.0%
No high school diploma	6,557	6.0%
High school graduate	35,961	32.8%
Some college, no degree	22,702	20.7%
Associate degree	9,440	8.6%
Bachelor's degree	22,781	20.8%
Master's degree or higher	12,206	11.1%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	43,130	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	18,756	43.5%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	5,621	13.0%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	2,181	5.1%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	6,655	15.4%
Male householder, in labor force	2,766	6.4%
Male householder, not in labor force	455	1.1%
Female householder, in labor force	4,741	11.0%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,955	4.5%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	59,979	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,677	2.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,122	5.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,872	6.5%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,866	6.4%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4,179	7.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,147	6.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	5,135	8.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7,955	13.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12,947	21.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,512	10.9%
\$200,000 or more	6,567	10.9%
Median household income	\$87,069	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	161,289	100.0%
Under 5 years	9,301	5.8%
5 to 17 years	29,297	18.2%
18 to 24 years	13,044	8.1%
25 to 44 years	40,996	25.4%
45 to 64 years	42,204	26.2%
65 years and more	26,447	16.4%
Median Age	39.5	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	43,253	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	13,325	30.8%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	1,830	4.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	3,482	8.1%
Families with no own children	24,616	56.9%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	43,253	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	40,997	94.8%
Family income below poverty level	2,256	5.2%
Married couple, with related children	375	0.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	258	0.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	999	2.3%
Families with no related children	624	1.4%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	157,583	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	5,633	3.6%
50% to 99% of poverty level	7,270	4.6%
100% to 124% of poverty level	4,860	3.1%
125% to 149% of poverty level	6,103	3.9%
150% to 184% of poverty level	8,395	5.3%
185% to 199% of poverty level	4,499	2.9%
200% of poverty level or more	120,823	76.7%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	159,582	100.0%
Same house as previous year	141,981	89.0%
Different house, same county	6,206	3.9%
Different county, same state	9,405	5.9%
Different state	1,647	1.0%
Abroad	343	0.2%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	68,346	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	16,087	23.5%
15 to 29 minutes	21,213	31.0%
30 to 44 minutes	19,327	28.3%
45 to 59 minutes	7,099	10.4%
60 minutes or more	4,620	6.8%

Mean travel time **27.7 minutes**

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	63,397	100.0%
Occupied housing units	59,979	94.6%
Owner occupied	44,519	74.2%
Renter occupied	15,460	25.8%
Vacant housing units	3,418	5.4%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	63,397	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	1,000	1.6%
Built 2010 to 2019	4,543	7.2%
Built 2000 to 2009	10,079	15.9%
Built 1990 to 1999	11,527	18.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	6,236	9.8%
Built 1970 to 1979	8,927	14.1%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,729	7.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,178	8.2%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,793	2.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,385	14.8%

Median year built **1983**

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	44,519	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	943	2.1%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	497	1.1%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	513	1.2%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	507	1.1%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	578	1.3%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,796	4.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,900	4.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,434	12.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	14,044	31.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	13,658	30.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	4,390	9.9%
\$1,000,000 or more	259	0.6%

Median value **\$272,200**

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	59,979	100.0%
Utility gas	36,321	60.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,428	7.4%
Electricity	16,892	28.2%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	896	1.5%
Coal, coke or wood	926	1.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	243	0.4%
No fuel used	273	0.5%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	15,460	100.0%
Less than \$100	57	0.4%
\$100 to \$199	90	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	464	3.0%
\$300 to \$399	288	1.9%
\$400 to \$499	204	1.3%
\$500 to \$599	479	3.1%
\$600 to \$699	673	4.4%
\$700 to \$799	844	5.5%
\$800 to \$899	1,282	8.3%
\$900 to \$999	1,271	8.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	5,716	37.0%
\$1,500 or more	3,297	21.3%
No cash rent	795	5.1%

Median gross rent **\$1,114**

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income **29.1**

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	30,415	100.0%
Less than \$400	34	0.1%
\$400 to \$599	416	1.4%
\$600 to \$799	1,096	3.6%
\$800 to \$999	2,032	6.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	3,568	11.7%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	4,806	15.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	8,239	27.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	7,493	24.6%
\$3,000 or more	2,731	9.0%

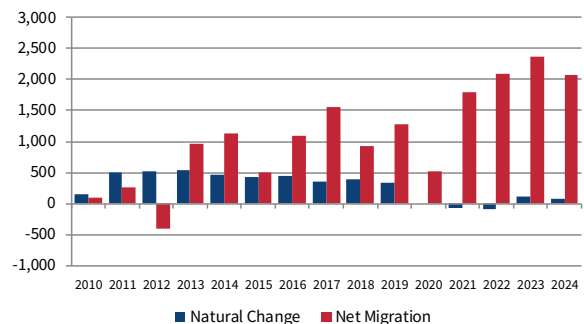
Median monthly owners cost **\$1,690**

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income **18.8**

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	1,715	56.1
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	64	12.3
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,556	941.0

Components of Population Change



■ Natural Change ■ Net Migration

Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	193,611
Number of farms	1,082
Average size (acres)	179
Total cash receipts	\$160,369,000
Per farm	\$148,215
Receipts for crops	\$130,491,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$29,878,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	43
Students	26,193
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,671.3
Expenditures per student	\$11,213
Graduation rate	94.4
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	7
Students	1,651
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	3 / 8

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	189,337
Passenger cars	123,945
Noncommercial trucks	28,049
Total license revenue	\$5,071,991.96
Permissive tax revenue	\$4,742,875.00
Interstate highway miles	2.40
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	50.86
State highway miles	138.64
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,267.70
Commercial airports	2

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

Areas/Facilities	13
Acreage	5,009

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$273,476
Branch offices	34
Institutions represented	17

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$9,622,988,000
Net earnings	\$6,339,539,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$1,831,368,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$126,552,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$9,621,000
Retirement and other	\$1,695,195,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$1,452,081,000
Dependency ratio	19.0%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

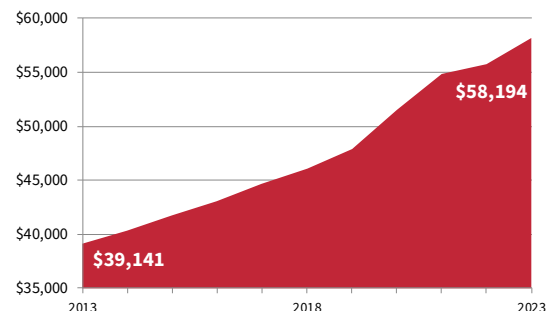
Voting

Number of registered voters	112,005
Voted in 2024 election	85,675
Percent turnout	76.5%

Health Care

Physicians	336
Registered hospitals	3
Number of beds	428
Licensed nursing homes	14
Number of beds	658
Licensed residential care	10
Number of beds	828
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.9%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	93.1%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.9%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	83,800	82,200	80,500	79,400	77,700
Employed	80,500	79,500	77,600	75,800	72,600
Unemployed	3,300	2,700	2,800	3,600	5,200
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.3	3.5	4.5	6.6

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	3,306	40,297	\$2,059,564,591	\$983
Goods-Producing	526	7,831	\$550,432,344	\$1,352
Natural Resources and Mining	25	68	\$2,643,959	\$748
Construction	389	3,317	\$246,397,353	\$1,428
Manufacturing	112	4,446	\$301,391,032	\$1,304
Service-Providing	2,780	32,467	\$1,509,132,247	\$894
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	664	9,111	\$390,349,970	\$824
Information	52	259	\$19,292,412	\$1,432
Financial Services	356	1,162	\$80,175,221	\$1,327
Professional and Business Services	649	4,499	\$258,624,988	\$1,106
Education and Health Services	459	8,826	\$536,222,999	\$1,168
Leisure and Hospitality	345	6,966	\$149,314,109	\$412
Other Services	252	1,640	\$75,005,125	\$880
Federal Government		287	\$20,344,228	\$1,365
State Government		565	\$43,553,729	\$1,482
Local Government		6,151	\$366,537,320	\$1,146

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	15.0%	8.0%	44.8%	34.1%
Goods-Producing	12.2%	13.4%	51.4%	33.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	4.2%	-15.0%	16.5%	36.5%
Construction	15.4%	28.8%	79.3%	39.0%
Manufacturing	3.7%	4.6%	34.6%	28.7%
Service-Producing	15.5%	6.8%	42.6%	33.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.7%	6.0%	34.8%	27.2%
Information	40.5%	4.0%	107.9%	99.7%
Financial Services	16.0%	-2.5%	37.3%	40.7%
Professional and Business Services	36.1%	2.3%	41.8%	38.6%
Education and Health Services	17.1%	14.0%	49.1%	30.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	5.8%	3.7%	38.0%	32.9%
Other Services	11.0%	8.0%	48.4%	37.3%
Federal Government		18.1%	39.1%	17.7%
State Government		-21.3%	4.1%	32.2%
Local Government		6.6%	32.2%	24.0%

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	464	456	572	875	744
Total valuation (000)	\$178,752	\$170,662	\$205,896	\$219,234	\$204,897
Total single-unit bldgs	452	450	572	667	633
Average cost per unit	\$387,172	\$376,866	\$359,958	\$324,712	\$309,411
Total multi-unit bldg units	12	6	0	208	111
Average cost per unit	\$312,500	\$178,643		\$12,743	\$81,438

Major & Notable Employers

Diamond Power/Babcock & Wilcox	Mfg
Anchor Hocking	Mfg
Fairfield County	Govt
Fairfield Medical Center	Serv
Glasfloss Industries	Mfg
Lancaster City Schools	Govt
MAGNA Seating	Mfg
Mid West Fabricating Co.	Mfg
Nifco America	Mfg
Pickerington Local Schools	Govt
SRI Ohio Inc	Mfg
TreeHouse Foods Inc	Mfg
Westerman Inc	Mfg