

# Ohio County Profiles

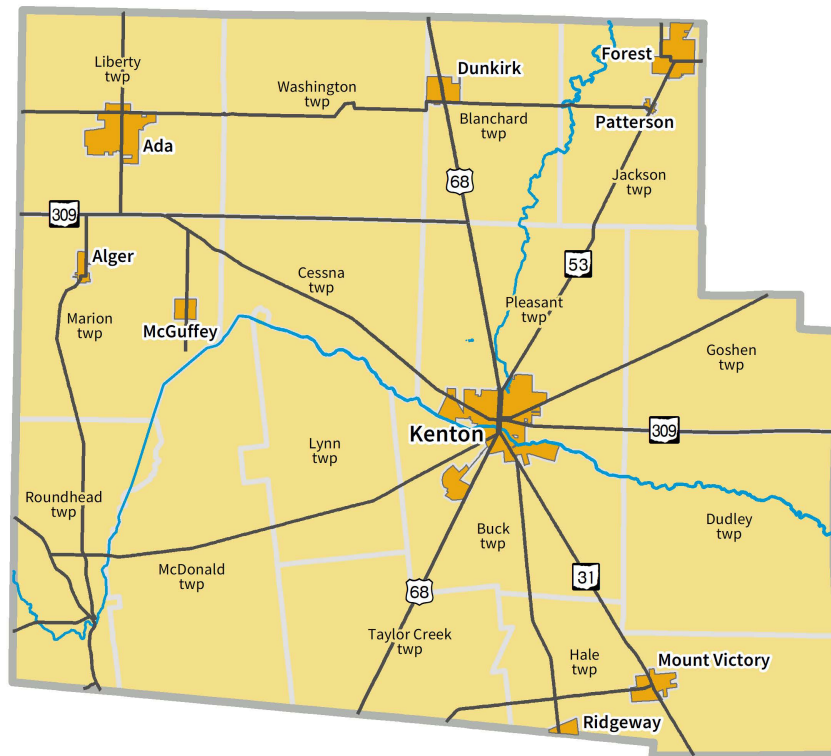
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## Hardin County

**Established:** Act - April 1, 1820  
**2024 Population:** 30,402  
**Land Area:** 470.3 square miles  
**County Seat:** Kenton City  
**Named for:** Colonel John Hardin Revolutionary War



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$812,121,770
Residential	\$432,971,100
Agriculture	\$306,577,910
Industrial	\$28,617,910
Commercial	\$43,954,850
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$13,143,772
Average per return	\$1,020.48

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	7.99%
Developed, Higher Intensity	0.92%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.04%
Forest	6.71%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.02%
Pasture/Hay	4.77%
Cultivated Crops	78.34%
Wetlands	1.07%
Open Water	0.13%

### Largest Places

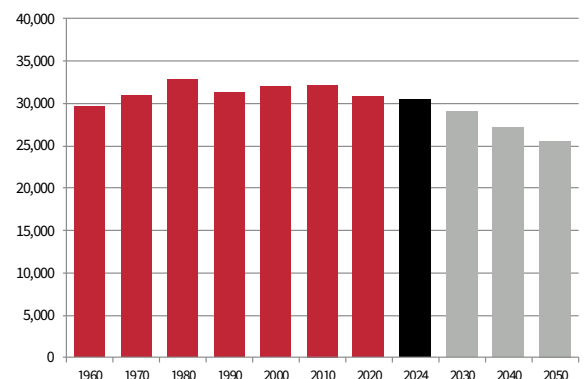
	2024	2020
Kenton city	7,857	7,954
Ada village	5,293	5,329
Liberty twp UB	1,716	1,743
Dudley twp	1,447	1,476
Pleasant twp UB	1,425	1,443
Forest village	1,332	1,355
Buck twp UB	1,032	1,024
Marion twp UB	976	993
McDonald twp	868	881
Alger village	828	843

UB: Unincorporated balance

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1910	30,407	<b>2020</b>	<b>30,696</b>
1810		1920	29,167		
1820	22	1930	27,635	<b>Estimate</b>	
1830	210	1940	27,061	<b>2024</b>	<b>30,402</b>
1840	4,598	1950	28,673		
1850	8,251	<b>1960</b>	<b>29,633</b>	<b>Projection</b>	
1860	13,570	<b>1970</b>	<b>30,813</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>28,887</b>
1870	18,714	<b>1980</b>	<b>32,719</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>27,115</b>
1880	27,023	<b>1990</b>	<b>31,111</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>25,409</b>
1890	28,939	<b>2000</b>	<b>31,945</b>		
1900	31,187	<b>2010</b>	<b>32,058</b>		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	30,527	100.0%
White	28,513	93.4%
African-American	344	1.1%
Native American	41	0.1%
Asian	273	0.9%
Pacific Islander	22	0.1%
Other	195	0.6%
Two or More Races	1,139	3.7%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	701	2.3%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	18,582	100.0%
No high school diploma	1,540	8.3%
High school graduate	8,803	47.4%
Some college, no degree	3,191	17.2%
Associate degree	1,540	8.3%
Bachelor's degree	2,315	12.5%
Master's degree or higher	1,193	6.4%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	7,453	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	2,962	39.7%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,271	17.1%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	419	5.6%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,223	16.4%
Male householder, in labor force	430	5.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	139	1.9%
Female householder, in labor force	593	8.0%
Female householder, not in labor force	416	5.6%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	11,711	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	924	7.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	623	5.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,051	9.0%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,030	8.8%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,395	11.9%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,110	9.5%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,021	8.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,533	13.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,964	16.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	580	5.0%
\$200,000 or more	480	4.1%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$58,001</b>	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	30,527	100.0%
Under 5 years	1,808	5.9%
5 to 17 years	5,278	17.3%
18 to 24 years	4,859	15.9%
25 to 44 years	6,459	21.2%
45 to 64 years	7,217	23.6%
65 years and more	4,906	16.1%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>35.3</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	7,517	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,135	28.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	389	5.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	493	6.6%
Families with no own children	4,500	59.9%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	7,517	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	6,660	88.6%
Family income below poverty level	857	11.4%
Married couple, with related children	240	3.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	57	0.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	325	4.3%
Families with no related children	235	3.1%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	28,330	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,008	7.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	3,145	11.1%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,220	4.3%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,431	5.1%
150% to 184% of poverty level	1,432	5.1%
185% to 199% of poverty level	924	3.3%
200% of poverty level or more	18,170	64.1%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	30,125	100.0%
Same house as previous year	25,828	85.7%
Different house, same county	1,787	5.9%
Different county, same state	1,566	5.2%
Different state	907	3.0%
Abroad	37	0.1%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	13,161	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	4,790	36.4%
15 to 29 minutes	3,379	25.7%
30 to 44 minutes	3,025	23.0%
45 to 59 minutes	1,354	10.3%
60 minutes or more	613	4.7%

Mean travel time 24.0 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,921	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,711	90.6%
Owner occupied	8,583	73.3%
Renter occupied	3,128	26.7%
Vacant housing units	1,210	9.4%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,921	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	78	0.6%
Built 2010 to 2019	625	4.8%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,005	7.8%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,522	11.8%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,050	8.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,044	15.8%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,345	10.4%
Built 1950 to 1959	899	7.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	679	5.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,674	28.4%

Median year built 1969

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	8,583	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	427	5.0%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	411	4.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	598	7.0%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	659	7.7%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	986	11.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	938	10.9%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	692	8.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,326	15.4%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,679	19.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	740	8.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	122	1.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	5	0.1%

Median value \$134,800

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	11,711	100.0%
Utility gas	5,209	44.5%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,784	23.8%
Electricity	2,777	23.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	126	1.1%
Coal, coke or wood	577	4.9%
Solar energy or other fuel	136	1.2%
No fuel used	102	0.9%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,128	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	48	1.5%
\$200 to \$299	132	4.2%
\$300 to \$399	183	5.9%
\$400 to \$499	44	1.4%
\$500 to \$599	365	11.7%
\$600 to \$699	442	14.1%
\$700 to \$799	479	15.3%
\$800 to \$899	419	13.4%
\$900 to \$999	214	6.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	339	10.8%
\$1,500 or more	182	5.8%
No cash rent	281	9.0%

Median gross rent \$733

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 24.3

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

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	4,715	100.0%
Less than \$400	16	0.3%
\$400 to \$599	177	3.8%
\$600 to \$799	628	13.3%
\$800 to \$999	803	17.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	888	18.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	847	18.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	710	15.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	546	11.6%
\$3,000 or more	100	2.1%

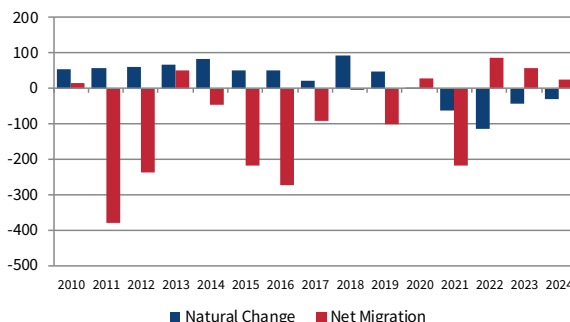
Median monthly owners cost \$1,207

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.0

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	332	53.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	13	10.4
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	338	1,113.0

## Components of Population Change



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	243,914
Number of farms	715
Average size (acres)	341
Total cash receipts	\$408,373,000
Per farm	\$571,151
Receipts for crops	\$206,309,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$202,064,000

## Education

Traditional public schools buildings	12
Students	3,805
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	320.1
Expenditures per student	\$12,786
Graduation rate	93.8
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	0
Students	0
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)	6 / 7

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	36,609
Passenger cars	19,977
Noncommercial trucks	7,383
Total license revenue	\$1,090,361.72
Permissive tax revenue	\$715,537.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	21.80
State highway miles	148.37
County, township, and municipal road miles	823.28
Commercial airports	2

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

Areas/Facilities	2
Acreage	1,060

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$294,576
Branch offices	10
Institutions represented	7

## Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$1,304,556,000
Net earnings	\$758,316,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$377,691,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$25,072,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$1,853,000
Retirement and other	\$350,766,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$168,549,000
Dependency ratio	29.0%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

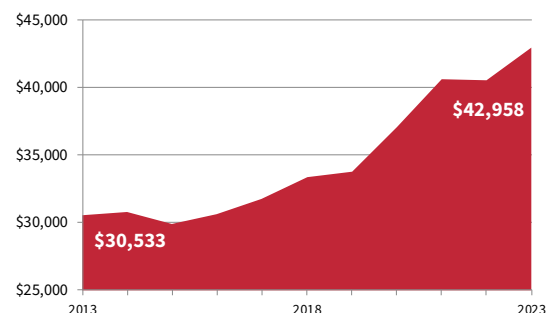
## Voting

Number of registered voters	17,922
Voted in 2024 election	13,036
Percent turnout	72.7%

## Health Care

Physicians	12
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	25
Licensed nursing homes	5
Number of beds	263
Licensed residential care	2
Number of beds	97
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	91.5%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	90.6%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	93.5%

## Per Capita Personal Income



## Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	13,400	13,100	13,400	13,900	14,400
Employed	12,800	12,600	12,800	13,200	13,300
Unemployed	600	500	500	700	1,100
Unemployment rate	4.4	3.7	4.0	5.1	7.7

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

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	474	6,312	\$320,669,915	\$977
Goods-Producing	101	2,193	\$133,276,370	\$1,169
Natural Resources and Mining	24	292	\$15,929,680	\$1,048
Construction	45	141	\$6,737,863	\$917
Manufacturing	33	1,759	\$110,608,827	\$1,209
Service-Providing	373	4,119	\$187,393,545	\$875
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	110	1,342	\$66,989,587	\$960
Information	6	56	\$2,984,913	\$1,033
Financial Services	49	258	\$16,086,041	\$1,200
Professional and Business Services	54	190	\$9,672,087	\$980
Education and Health Services	53	1,218	\$70,909,781	\$1,120
Leisure and Hospitality	54	857	\$15,018,340	\$337
Other Services	48	199	\$5,732,796	\$554
Federal Government		51	\$3,309,778	\$1,258
State Government		37	\$2,526,652	\$1,322
Local Government		1,270	\$56,468,981	\$855

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

## Change Since 2017

Private Sector	8.7%	-6.9%	26.8%	36.3%
Goods-Producing	9.8%	2.8%	25.2%	21.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	20.0%	22.7%	36.1%	10.9%
Construction	9.8%	6.0%	46.5%	37.5%
Manufacturing	6.5%	-0.2%	22.7%	22.9%
Service-Producing	8.1%	-11.4%	28.0%	44.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-0.9%	5.8%	48.0%	39.9%
Information	200.0%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Financial Services	6.5%	-0.4%	33.8%	34.5%
Professional and Business Services	35.0%	-30.9%	-3.0%	40.4%
Education and Health Services	-3.6%	-33.3%	10.8%	66.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	12.5%	8.6%	51.0%	38.7%
Other Services	14.3%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Federal Government		-21.5%	1.2%	29.6%
State Government		-7.5%	15.7%	24.6%
Local Government		-3.6%	18.5%	23.0%

## Major & Notable Employers

Ada Technologies	Mfg
Hardin County Government	Govt
Hardin Memorial Hospital	Serv
Graphic Packaging International	Mfg
Kenton City Schools	Govt
Ohio Northern University	Serv
Precision Strip Inc	Mfg
Sumitomo Bakelite/Durez Corp	Mfg
Triumph Group Inc	Mfg
Wilson Sporting Goods	Mfg

## Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	24	12	15	24	31
Total valuation (000)	\$6,669	\$3,441	\$3,428	\$5,175	\$5,460
Total single-unit bldgs	24	12	15	24	19
Average cost per unit	\$277,860	\$286,766	\$228,547	\$215,631	\$187,920
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	0	12
Average cost per unit					\$157,500