

Ohio County Profiles

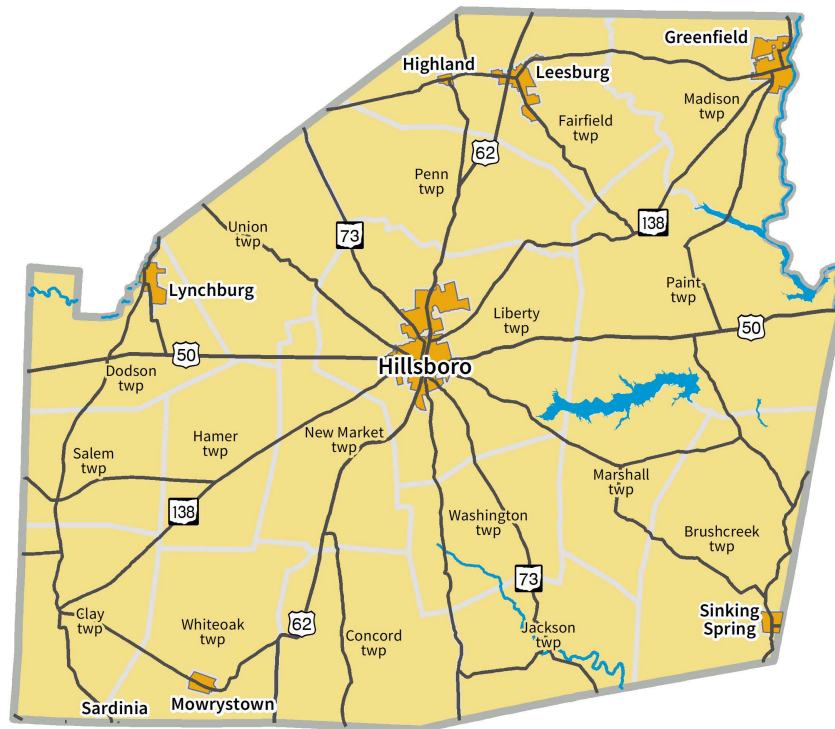
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Highland County

Established: Act - May 1, 1805
2024 Population: 43,785
Land Area: 553.3 square miles
County Seat: Hillsboro City
Named for: The "high lands" between the Scioto and Little Miami Rivers



Taxes

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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Taxable value of real property | \$902,617,800 |
| Residential | \$600,241,890 |
| Agriculture | \$210,026,770 |
| Industrial | \$15,645,500 |
| Commercial | \$76,703,640 |
| Mineral | \$0 |
| Ohio income tax liability | \$16,933,997 |
| Average per return | \$931.41 |

Land Use/Land Cover

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Developed, Lower Intensity | 8.23% |
| Developed, Higher Intensity | 0.60% |
| Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.) | 0.18% |
| Forest | 26.41% |
| Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands | 0.12% |
| Pasture/Hay | 24.31% |
| Cultivated Crops | 39.06% |
| Wetlands | 0.16% |
| Open Water | 0.93% |

Largest Places

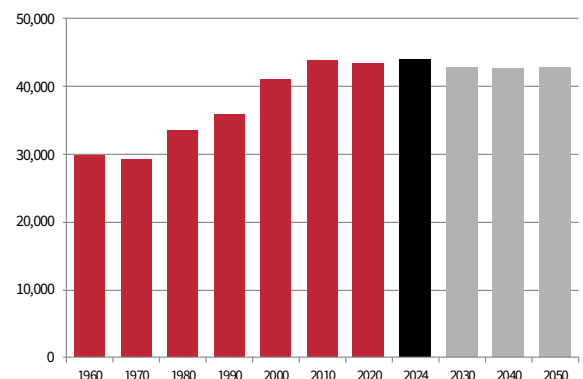
| | 2024 | 2020 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Hillsboro city | 6,599 | 6,448 |
| Paint twp | 4,900 | 4,841 |
| Greenfield village (pt.) | 4,350 | 4,342 |
| Liberty twp UB | 3,764 | 3,744 |
| Fairfield twp UB | 2,153 | 2,138 |
| Madison twp UB | 2,148 | 2,110 |
| Union twp | 1,957 | 1,943 |
| New Market twp | 1,891 | 1,882 |
| Penn twp | 1,564 | 1,555 |
| Lynchburg village (pt.) | 1,541 | 1,513 |

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

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|------|--|------|-------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| 1800 | | 1810 | 5,766 | 1820 | 12,308 | 1830 | 16,345 | 1840 | 22,269 | 1850 | 25,781 | 1860 | 27,773 | 1870 | 29,133 | 1880 | 30,281 | 1890 | 29,048 | 1900 | 30,982 | 1910 | 28,711 | 1920 | 27,610 | 1930 | 25,416 | 1940 | 27,099 | 1950 | 28,188 | 1960 | 29,716 | 1970 | 28,996 | 1980 | 33,477 | 1990 | 35,728 | 2000 | 40,875 | 2010 | 43,589 | 2020 | 43,317 | 2024 | 43,785 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Estimate | | 2024 | | 43,785 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Projection | | 2030 | | 42,751 | | 2040 | | 42,538 | | 2050 | | 42,689 | | | | | | | | | |



Population by Race

| | Number | Percent |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| ACS Total Population | 43,403 | 100.0% |
| White | 41,220 | 95.0% |
| African-American | 509 | 1.2% |
| Native American | 36 | 0.1% |
| Asian | 36 | 0.1% |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0% |
| Other | 128 | 0.3% |
| Two or More Races | 1,474 | 3.4% |
| Hispanic (may be of any race) | 492 | 1.1% |
| Total Minority | 2,348 | 5.4% |

Educational Attainment

| | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Persons 25 years and over | 29,648 | 100.0% |
| No high school diploma | 3,898 | 13.1% |
| High school graduate | 11,964 | 40.4% |
| Some college, no degree | 5,572 | 18.8% |
| Associate degree | 3,588 | 12.1% |
| Bachelor's degree | 3,008 | 10.1% |
| Master's degree or higher | 1,618 | 5.5% |

Family Type by Employment Status

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 11,433 | 100.0% |
| Married couple, husband and wife in labor force | 4,138 | 36.2% |
| Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not | 1,653 | 14.5% |
| Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not | 978 | 8.6% |
| Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force | 1,707 | 14.9% |
| Male householder, in labor force | 536 | 4.7% |
| Male householder, not in labor force | 233 | 2.0% |
| Female householder, in labor force | 1,207 | 10.6% |
| Female householder, not in labor force | 981 | 8.6% |

Household Income

| | Number | Percent |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Total Households | 16,814 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$10,000 | 790 | 4.7% |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 1,671 | 9.9% |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 1,511 | 9.0% |
| \$30,000 to \$39,999 | 1,189 | 7.1% |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 1,488 | 8.8% |
| \$50,000 to \$59,999 | 1,444 | 8.6% |
| \$60,000 to \$74,999 | 2,253 | 13.4% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 2,107 | 12.5% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 2,906 | 17.3% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 929 | 5.5% |
| \$200,000 or more | 526 | 3.1% |
| Median household income | \$62,008 | |

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

| | Number | Percent |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|
| ACS Total Population | 43,403 | 100.0% |
| Under 5 years | 2,737 | 6.3% |
| 5 to 17 years | 7,656 | 17.6% |
| 18 to 24 years | 3,362 | 7.7% |
| 25 to 44 years | 10,023 | 23.1% |
| 45 to 64 years | 11,540 | 26.6% |
| 65 years and more | 8,085 | 18.6% |
| Median Age | 40.8 | |

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 11,464 | 100.0% |
| Married-couple families with own children | 3,149 | 27.5% |
| Male householder, no wife present, with own children | 442 | 3.9% |
| Female householder, no husband present, with own children | 854 | 7.4% |
| Families with no own children | 7,019 | 61.2% |

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

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 11,464 | 100.0% |
| Family income above poverty level | 10,263 | 89.5% |
| Family income below poverty level | 1,201 | 10.5% |
| Married couple, with related children | 214 | 1.9% |
| Male householder, no wife present, with related children | 135 | 1.2% |
| Female householder, no husband present, with related children | 522 | 4.6% |
| Families with no related children | 330 | 2.9% |

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

| | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Population for whom poverty status is determined | 42,780 | 100.0% |
| Below 50% of poverty level | 1,988 | 4.6% |
| 50% to 99% of poverty level | 4,181 | 9.8% |
| 100% to 124% of poverty level | 2,197 | 5.1% |
| 125% to 149% of poverty level | 2,107 | 4.9% |
| 150% to 184% of poverty level | 3,918 | 9.2% |
| 185% to 199% of poverty level | 2,098 | 4.9% |
| 200% of poverty level or more | 26,291 | 61.5% |

Geographical Mobility

| | Number | Percent |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Population aged 1 year and older | 42,719 | 100.0% |
| Same house as previous year | 38,327 | 89.7% |
| Different house, same county | 2,252 | 5.3% |
| Different county, same state | 1,691 | 4.0% |
| Different state | 342 | 0.8% |
| Abroad | 107 | 0.3% |

Travel Time To Work

| | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Workers 16 years and over | 17,708 | 100.0% |
| Less than 15 minutes | 5,045 | 28.5% |
| 15 to 29 minutes | 5,087 | 28.7% |
| 30 to 44 minutes | 3,749 | 21.2% |
| 45 to 59 minutes | 1,670 | 9.4% |
| 60 minutes or more | 2,157 | 12.2% |

Mean travel time 28.3 minutes

Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total housing units | 19,005 | 100.0% |
| Occupied housing units | 16,814 | 88.5% |
| Owner occupied | 12,316 | 73.2% |
| Renter occupied | 4,498 | 26.8% |
| Vacant housing units | 2,191 | 11.5% |

Year Structure Built

| | Number | Percent |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| Total housing units | 19,005 | 100.0% |
| Built 2020 or later | 26 | 0.1% |
| Built 2010 to 2019 | 1,014 | 5.3% |
| Built 2000 to 2009 | 2,173 | 11.4% |
| Built 1990 to 1999 | 3,885 | 20.4% |
| Built 1980 to 1989 | 2,228 | 11.7% |
| Built 1970 to 1979 | 2,746 | 14.4% |
| Built 1960 to 1969 | 1,091 | 5.7% |
| Built 1950 to 1959 | 1,529 | 8.0% |
| Built 1940 to 1949 | 613 | 3.2% |
| Built 1939 or earlier | 3,700 | 19.5% |

Median year built 1979

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Specified owner-occupied housing units | 12,316 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$20,000 | 368 | 3.0% |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999 | 484 | 3.9% |
| \$40,000 to \$59,999 | 635 | 5.2% |
| \$60,000 to \$79,999 | 662 | 5.4% |
| \$80,000 to \$99,999 | 1,169 | 9.5% |
| \$100,000 to \$124,999 | 1,353 | 11.0% |
| \$125,000 to \$149,999 | 1,160 | 9.4% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 2,174 | 17.7% |
| \$200,000 to \$299,999 | 2,538 | 20.6% |
| \$300,000 to \$499,999 | 1,065 | 8.6% |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 | 595 | 4.8% |
| \$1,000,000 or more | 113 | 0.9% |

Median value \$157,000

House Heating Fuel

| | Number | Percent |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Occupied housing units | 16,814 | 100.0% |
| Utility gas | 3,915 | 23.3% |
| Bottled, tank or LP gas | 2,289 | 13.6% |
| Electricity | 8,059 | 47.9% |
| Fuel oil, kerosene, etc | 555 | 3.3% |
| Coal, coke or wood | 1,252 | 7.4% |
| Solar energy or other fuel | 619 | 3.7% |
| No fuel used | 125 | 0.7% |

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Specified renter-occupied housing units | 4,498 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$100 | 48 | 1.1% |
| \$100 to \$199 | 47 | 1.0% |
| \$200 to \$299 | 198 | 4.4% |
| \$300 to \$399 | 190 | 4.2% |
| \$400 to \$499 | 78 | 1.7% |
| \$500 to \$599 | 321 | 7.1% |
| \$600 to \$699 | 515 | 11.4% |
| \$700 to \$799 | 888 | 19.7% |
| \$800 to \$899 | 647 | 14.4% |
| \$900 to \$999 | 497 | 11.0% |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499 | 633 | 14.1% |
| \$1,500 or more | 26 | 0.6% |
| No cash rent | 410 | 9.1% |

Median gross rent \$757

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 25.7

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage | 7,343 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$400 | 18 | 0.2% |
| \$400 to \$599 | 180 | 2.5% |
| \$600 to \$799 | 771 | 10.5% |
| \$800 to \$999 | 1,373 | 18.7% |
| \$1,000 to \$1,249 | 1,745 | 23.8% |
| \$1,250 to \$1,499 | 1,513 | 20.6% |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999 | 1,309 | 17.8% |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 | 271 | 3.7% |
| \$3,000 or more | 163 | 2.2% |

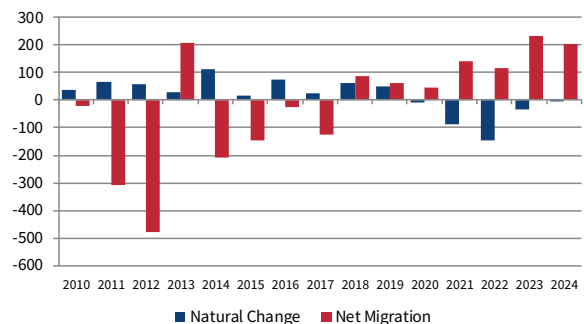
Median monthly owners cost \$1,190

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 | 517 | 68.0 |
| Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19 | 24 | 17.4 |
| Deaths / rate per 100,000 population | 538 | 1,233.5 |

Components of Population Change



■ Natural Change ■ Net Migration

Agriculture

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Land in farms (acres) | 227,859 |
| Number of farms | 1,188 |
| Average size (acres) | 192 |
| Total cash receipts | \$194,536,000 |
| Per farm | \$163,751 |
| Receipts for crops | \$124,600,000 |
| Receipts for livestock/products | \$69,937,000 |

Education

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|---|----------|
| Traditional public schools buildings | 18 |
| Students | 6,456 |
| Teachers (Full Time Equivalent) | 556.6 |
| Expenditures per student | \$12,225 |
| Graduation rate | 97.0 |
| Community/charter schools buildings | |
| Students | |
| Teachers (Full Time Equivalent) | |
| Expenditures per student | |
| Graduation rate | |
| Private schools | 1 |
| Students | 210 |
| Public universities, 4-year | 0 |
| Public universities/colleges, 2-year | 1 |
| Public learning centers, less-than 2-year | 0 |
| Private universities and colleges | 0 |
| Public libraries (Districts / Facilities) | 1 / 5 |

Transportation

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| Registered motor vehicles | 57,824 |
| Passenger cars | 30,884 |
| Noncommercial trucks | 12,187 |
| Total license revenue | \$1,675,509.05 |
| Permissive tax revenue | \$709,757.50 |
| Interstate highway miles | 0.00 |
| Turnpike miles | 0.00 |
| U.S. highway miles | 56.16 |
| State highway miles | 203.67 |
| County, township, and municipal road miles | 897.22 |
| Commercial airports | 1 |

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

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Areas/Facilities | 10 |
| Acreage | 15,049 |

Finance

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|---|-------------|
| FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs) | 3 |
| Assets (000) | \$5,186,207 |
| Branch offices | 16 |
| Institutions represented | 9 |

Sources of Income

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|---|-----------------|
| Total personal income | \$2,032,744,000 |
| Net earnings | \$1,160,841,000 |
| Personal current transfer receipts | \$623,139,000 |
| Income maintenance benefits | \$50,047,000 |
| Unemployment insurance compensation | \$3,020,000 |
| Retirement and other | \$570,072,000 |
| Dividends, interest, and rent | \$248,764,000 |
| Dependency ratio | 30.7% |
| (Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts) | |

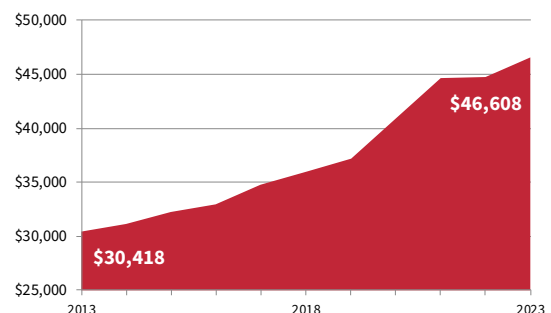
Voting

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| Number of registered voters | 27,601 |
| Voted in 2024 election | 20,171 |
| Percent turnout | 73.1% |

Health Care

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|--|-------|
| Physicians | 32 |
| Registered hospitals | 2 |
| Number of beds | 50 |
| Licensed nursing homes | 5 |
| Number of beds | 361 |
| Licensed residential care | 1 |
| Number of beds | 50 |
| Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64) | 91.4% |
| Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64) | 90.3% |
| Children with insurance (Aged Under 19) | 94.0% |

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian labor force | 19,800 | 19,500 | 19,300 | 19,100 | 19,200 |
| Employed | 18,900 | 18,700 | 18,400 | 18,100 | 17,700 |
| Unemployed | 900 | 800 | 900 | 1,000 | 1,500 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 7.8 |

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

| Industrial Sector | Number of Establishments | Average Employment | Total Wages | Average Weekly Wage |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Private Sector | 762 | 8,784 | \$380,603,398 | \$833 |
| Goods-Producing | 141 | 2,797 | \$161,519,470 | \$1,111 |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 21 | 94 | \$4,444,955 | \$909 |
| Construction | 90 | 723 | \$49,261,741 | \$1,310 |
| Manufacturing | 30 | 1,980 | \$107,812,774 | \$1,047 |
| Service-Providing | 621 | 5,987 | \$219,083,928 | \$704 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 207 | 2,279 | \$81,822,102 | \$691 |
| Information | 11 | 66 | \$3,234,967 | \$944 |
| Financial Services | 69 | 447 | \$26,350,681 | \$1,135 |
| Professional and Business Services | 81 | 410 | \$16,454,340 | \$771 |
| Education and Health Services | 102 | 1,340 | \$61,338,911 | \$880 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 75 | 1,132 | \$19,728,342 | \$335 |
| Other Services | 77 | 314 | \$10,103,420 | \$620 |
| Federal Government | | 95 | \$5,959,239 | \$1,203 |
| State Government | | 96 | \$5,861,953 | \$1,179 |
| Local Government | | 2,132 | \$105,364,367 | \$950 |

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Private Sector | 13.2% | 8.7% | 34.3% | 23.4% |
| Goods-Producing | 29.4% | 26.7% | 60.0% | 26.3% |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 61.5% | 38.2% | 71.6% | 24.4% |
| Construction | 28.6% | 114.5% | 237.0% | 56.7% |
| Manufacturing | 15.4% | 9.8% | 28.7% | 17.2% |
| Service-Producing | 10.1% | 2.0% | 20.0% | 17.7% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 11.9% | 10.1% | 17.7% | 7.0% |
| Information | 57.1% | 6.5% | 69.7% | 58.7% |
| Financial Services | -6.8% | -3.2% | -2.5% | 1.0% |
| Professional and Business Services | 14.1% | -27.6% | 1.2% | 39.4% |
| Education and Health Services | -4.7% | -4.0% | 25.5% | 30.8% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 23.0% | 13.0% | 56.0% | 37.9% |
| Other Services | 30.5% | 0.0% | 60.7% | 60.6% |
| Federal Government | | -1.0% | 25.2% | 25.7% |
| State Government | | 3.2% | 20.2% | 17.4% |
| Local Government | | 0.6% | 20.7% | 19.9% |

Residential Construction

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total units | 121 | 11 | 15 | 71 | 4 |
| Total valuation (000) | \$34,970 | \$1,937 | \$2,562 | \$13,442 | \$655 |
| Total single-unit bldgs | 96 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 4 |
| Average cost per unit | \$319,627 | \$177,357 | \$188,967 | \$136,152 | \$163,750 |
| Total multi-unit bldg units | 25 | 2 | 3 | 56 | 0 |
| Average cost per unit | \$171,441 | \$170,248 | \$97,996 | \$203,571 | |

Major & Notable Employers

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Adient | Mfg |
| Candle-Lite Inc | Mfg |
| Greenfield Exempted Village Schools | Govt |
| Greenfield Research | Mfg |
| Highland District Hospital | Serv |
| Hillsboro City Schools | Govt |
| Huhtamaki Packaging Worldwide | Mfg |
| Illinois Tool Works/Hobart Corp | Mfg |
| PAS Technologies | Mfg |
| Wal-Mart Stores Inc | Trade |
| Weastec Inc/Toyo Denso Co | Mfg |