

Ohio County Profiles

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2025 Edition



Lawrence County

Established: Act - December 21, 1815
2024 Population: 55,829
Land Area: 455.4 square miles
County Seat: Ironton City
Named for: Captain James Lawrence, War of 1812



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,159,033,730
Residential	\$832,323,630
Agriculture	\$129,291,090
Industrial	\$42,816,410
Commercial	\$154,276,650
Mineral	\$325,950
Ohio income tax liability	\$26,474,747
Average per return	\$1,083.52

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	9.79%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.37%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.12%
Forest	77.44%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.13%
Pasture/Hay	8.69%
Cultivated Crops	0.76%
Wetlands	0.18%
Open Water	0.51%

Largest Places

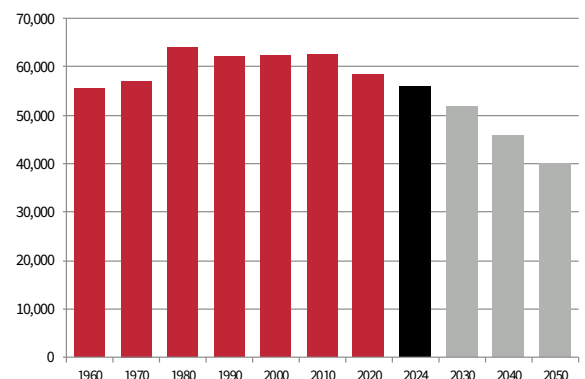
	2024	2020
Ironton city	10,147	10,553
Rome twp UB	8,129	8,486
Union twp UB	6,843	7,118
Fayette twp UB	5,779	6,000
Perry twp UB	4,952	5,177
South Point village	3,663	3,829
Upper twp UB	2,678	2,801
Elizabeth twp	2,430	2,523
Lawrence twp	2,270	2,357
Windsor twp	1,941	2,013

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	39,488	2020	58,240
1810		1920	39,540		
1820	3,499	1930	44,541	Estimate	2024
1830	5,367	1940	46,705		
1840	9,738	1950	49,115	2030	51,786
1850	15,246	1960	55,438		
1860	23,249	1970	56,868	2040	45,562
1870	31,380	1980	63,849		
1880	39,068	1990	61,834	2050	39,781
1890	39,556	2000	62,319		
1900	39,534	2010	62,450		



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	57,385	100.0%
White	53,954	94.0%
African-American	961	1.7%
Native American	23	0.0%
Asian	339	0.6%
Pacific Islander	26	0.0%
Other	430	0.7%
Two or More Races	1,652	2.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	616	1.1%
Total Minority	3,569	6.2%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	40,586	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,046	10.0%
High school graduate	17,340	42.7%
Some college, no degree	7,902	19.5%
Associate degree	3,758	9.3%
Bachelor's degree	4,751	11.7%
Master's degree or higher	2,789	6.9%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,789	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,677	31.6%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,198	14.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,059	7.2%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	2,692	18.2%
Male householder, in labor force	852	5.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	354	2.4%
Female householder, in labor force	1,909	12.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,048	7.1%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	22,501	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,325	5.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,519	11.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,288	10.2%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,089	9.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,209	9.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,912	8.5%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,500	11.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,050	13.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,642	11.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,051	4.7%
\$200,000 or more	916	4.1%
Median household income	\$54,842	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	57,385	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,982	5.2%
5 to 17 years	9,557	16.7%
18 to 24 years	4,260	7.4%
25 to 44 years	13,804	24.1%
45 to 64 years	15,978	27.8%
65 years and more	10,804	18.8%
Median Age	41.9	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,938	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,863	25.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	642	4.3%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,527	10.2%
Families with no own children	8,906	59.6%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,938	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	12,895	86.3%
Family income below poverty level	2,043	13.7%
Married couple, with related children	274	1.8%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	124	0.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	863	5.8%
Families with no related children	782	5.2%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	56,514	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,061	7.2%
50% to 99% of poverty level	5,841	10.3%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,948	5.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,794	4.9%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,130	7.3%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,659	2.9%
200% of poverty level or more	35,081	62.1%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	56,900	100.0%
Same house as previous year	51,243	90.1%
Different house, same county	3,371	5.9%
Different county, same state	952	1.7%
Different state	1,320	2.3%
Abroad	14	0.0%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	22,322	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	5,968	26.7%
15 to 29 minutes	10,269	46.0%
30 to 44 minutes	3,768	16.9%
45 to 59 minutes	1,260	5.6%
60 minutes or more	1,057	4.7%

Mean travel time **22.1 minutes**

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	26,538	100.0%
Occupied housing units	22,501	84.8%
Owner occupied	16,315	72.5%
Renter occupied	6,186	27.5%
Vacant housing units	4,037	15.2%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	26,538	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	110	0.4%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,988	7.5%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,248	8.5%
Built 1990 to 1999	3,481	13.1%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,964	11.2%
Built 1970 to 1979	4,493	16.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,002	11.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,455	13.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	974	3.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,823	14.4%

Median year built **1974**

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	16,315	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,011	6.2%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	610	3.7%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,056	6.5%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,268	7.8%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,538	9.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,953	12.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,695	10.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,582	15.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,649	16.2%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,601	9.8%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	319	2.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	33	0.2%

Median value **\$135,600**

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	22,501	100.0%
Utility gas	8,917	39.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,507	15.6%
Electricity	9,481	42.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	43	0.2%
Coal, coke or wood	496	2.2%
Solar energy or other fuel	29	0.1%
No fuel used	28	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	6,186	100.0%
Less than \$100	43	0.7%
\$100 to \$199	60	1.0%
\$200 to \$299	193	3.1%
\$300 to \$399	120	1.9%
\$400 to \$499	346	5.6%
\$500 to \$599	393	6.4%
\$600 to \$699	686	11.1%
\$700 to \$799	522	8.4%
\$800 to \$899	625	10.1%
\$900 to \$999	782	12.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,077	17.4%
\$1,500 or more	249	4.0%
No cash rent	1,090	17.6%

Median gross rent **\$830**

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income **27.7**

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,650	100.0%
Less than \$400	18	0.2%
\$400 to \$599	277	3.6%
\$600 to \$799	780	10.2%
\$800 to \$999	1,556	20.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,535	20.1%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,440	18.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,248	16.3%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	693	9.1%
\$3,000 or more	103	1.3%

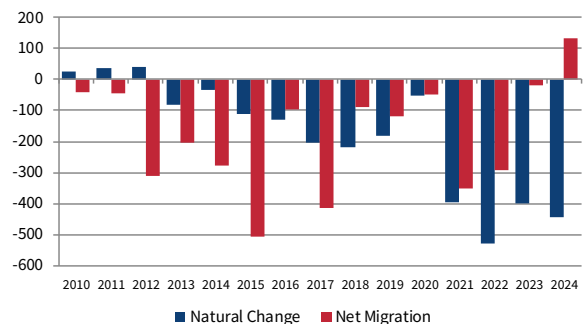
Median monthly owners cost **\$1,194**

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income **18.9**

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	585	57.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	33	19.5
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	866	1,543.2

Components of Population Change



■ Natural Change ■ Net Migration

Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	51,104
Number of farms	429
Average size (acres)	119
Total cash receipts	\$5,485,000
Per farm	\$12,785
Receipts for crops	\$3,428,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$2,057,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	22
Students	8,221
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	684.2
Expenditures per student	\$11,413
Graduation rate	96.4
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	2
Students	136
Public universities, 4-year	1
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

Registered motor vehicles	74,424
Passenger cars	43,471
Noncommercial trucks	16,207
Total license revenue	\$1,817,529.07
Permissive tax revenue	\$394,585.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	22.64
State highway miles	164.03
County, township, and municipal road miles	873.95
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	4
Acreage	7,117

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$60,626
Branch offices	15
Institutions represented	7

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$2,882,618,000
Net earnings	\$1,552,568,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$1,008,734,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$89,237,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$3,806,000
Retirement and other	\$915,691,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$321,316,000
Dependency ratio	35.0%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

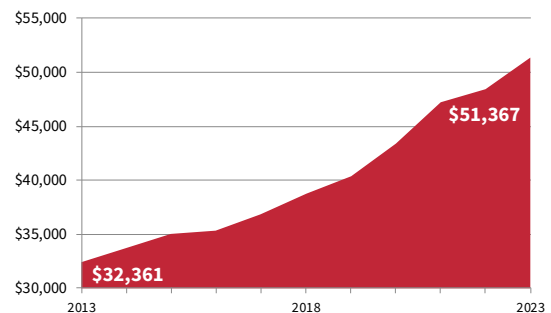
Voting

Number of registered voters	43,020
Voted in 2024 election	27,069
Percent turnout	62.9%

Health Care

Physicians	54
Registered hospitals	0
Number of beds	0
Licensed nursing homes	6
Number of beds	378
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	148
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.0%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.0%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.8%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	24,200	23,700	23,600	23,500	23,900
Employed	23,000	22,700	22,500	22,300	21,900
Unemployed	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,200	2,000
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.1	4.4	5.2	8.3

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	914	10,867	\$511,436,988	\$905
Goods-Producing	137	2,041	\$134,473,489	\$1,267
Natural Resources and Mining	3	13	\$435,216	\$636
Construction	91	902	\$62,549,206	\$1,333
Manufacturing	43	1,126	\$71,489,067	\$1,221
Service-Providing	776	8,826	\$376,963,499	\$821
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	221	2,826	\$122,898,859	\$836
Information	13	55	\$3,702,027	\$1,287
Financial Services	88	354	\$17,158,425	\$932
Professional and Business Services	113	493	\$25,545,990	\$997
Education and Health Services	167	3,499	\$166,004,498	\$912
Leisure and Hospitality	79	1,232	\$23,808,141	\$372
Other Services	95	364	\$17,763,593	\$940
Federal Government		128	\$8,583,893	\$1,289
State Government		137	\$9,901,043	\$1,386
Local Government		2,507	\$117,568,973	\$902

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	5.4%	3.9%	40.0%	34.9%
Goods-Producing	7.9%	11.5%	45.3%	30.3%
Natural Resources and Mining	200.0%	*****	Data Not Available	*****
Construction	3.4%	*****	Data Not Available	*****
Manufacturing	10.3%	16.1%	57.6%	35.7%
Service-Producing	4.9%	2.3%	38.2%	35.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-0.9%	1.4%	25.7%	23.9%
Information	85.7%	-17.9%	-3.9%	16.3%
Financial Services	4.8%	-15.7%	7.1%	27.1%
Professional and Business Services	18.9%	-39.3%	-28.2%	18.1%
Education and Health Services	5.0%	17.6%	87.1%	58.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	-3.7%	-3.1%	19.3%	23.2%
Other Services	4.4%	21.3%	65.2%	36.4%
Federal Government		-1.5%	21.8%	23.3%
State Government		-36.6%	-3.5%	52.0%
Local Government		6.0%	20.6%	13.9%

Major & Notable Employers

Harbor Healthcare of Ironton	Serv
Ironton City Schools	Govt
JENNMAR McSweeney Inc	Mfg
Lawrence County Government	Govt
Vertiv	Mfg
McGinnis Inc	Mfg
Ohio University	Govt
Rock Hill Local Schools	Govt
South Point Local Schools	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	18	16	10	16	15
Total valuation (000)	\$2,895	\$2,089	\$1,253	\$2,914	\$2,202
Total single-unit bldgs	15	5	4	16	15
Average cost per unit	\$185,667	\$321,872	\$243,362	\$182,125	\$146,800
Total multi-unit bldg units	3	11	6	0	0
Average cost per unit	\$36,667	\$43,636	\$46,667		