

Ohio County Profiles

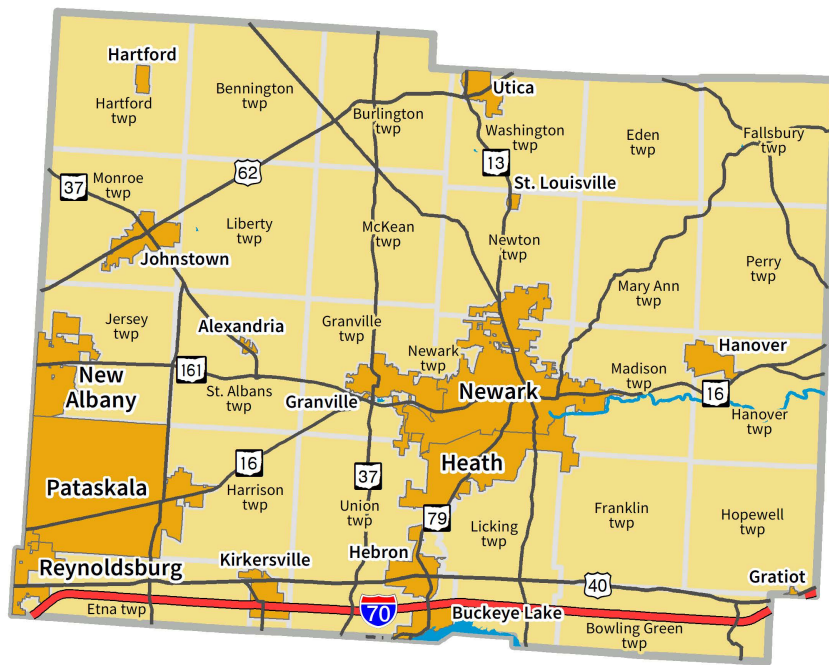
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2025 Edition



Licking County

Established: Act - March 1, 1808
2024 Population: 184,898
Land Area: 686.5 square miles
County Seat: Newark City
Named for: Licking River, for the nearby salt licks



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$7,289,658,014
Residential	\$5,527,491,260
Agriculture	\$485,272,060
Industrial	\$461,393,190
Commercial	\$814,299,530
Mineral	\$1,201,974
Ohio income tax liability	\$133,034,790
Average per return	\$1,583.45

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	14.34%
Developed, Higher Intensity	3.10%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.18%
Forest	32.08%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.11%
Pasture/Hay	21.03%
Cultivated Crops	28.24%
Wetlands	0.49%
Open Water	0.44%

Largest Places

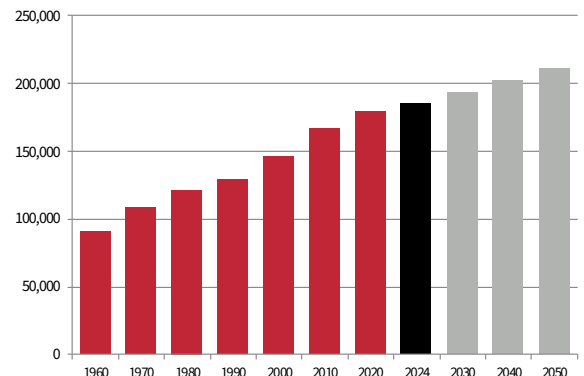
	2024	2020
Newark city	51,424	50,041
Pataskala city	18,493	17,915
Reynoldsburg city (pt.)	10,924	10,201
Heath city	10,822	10,465
Etna twp UB	10,142	9,817
Harrison twp UB	8,350	8,091
Granville village	6,308	5,958
Johnstown city	5,356	5,193
Licking twp UB	4,983	4,826
Granville twp UB	4,437	4,313

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	55,590	2020	178,519
1810	3,852	1920	56,426		
1820	11,861	1930	59,962	Estimate	
1830	20,869	1940	62,279	2024	184,898
1840	35,096	1950	70,645		
1850	38,846	1960	90,242	Projection	
1860	37,011	1970	107,799	2030	192,280
1870	35,756	1980	120,981	2040	201,974
1880	40,450	1990	128,300	2050	210,522
1890	43,279	2000	145,491		
1900	47,070	2010	166,492		



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	180,311	100.0%
White	156,892	87.0%
African-American	7,231	4.0%
Native American	39	0.0%
Asian	5,664	3.1%
Pacific Islander	52	0.0%
Other	1,499	0.8%
Two or More Races	8,934	5.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	4,223	2.3%
Total Minority	24,866	13.8%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	123,060	100.0%
No high school diploma	8,437	6.9%
High school graduate	41,635	33.8%
Some college, no degree	24,827	20.2%
Associate degree	12,128	9.9%
Bachelor's degree	24,318	19.8%
Master's degree or higher	11,715	9.5%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	47,412	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	19,573	41.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	7,467	15.7%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	3,325	7.0%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	6,690	14.1%
Male householder, in labor force	2,424	5.1%
Male householder, not in labor force	639	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	5,534	11.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,760	3.7%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	68,305	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,494	3.7%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,566	6.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,734	5.5%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	4,705	6.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4,638	6.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,672	6.8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	7,016	10.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	9,063	13.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	13,205	19.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	7,063	10.3%
\$200,000 or more	7,149	10.5%
Median household income	\$81,033	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	180,311	100.0%
Under 5 years	10,414	5.8%
5 to 17 years	31,046	17.2%
18 to 24 years	15,791	8.8%
25 to 44 years	44,380	24.6%
45 to 64 years	47,829	26.5%
65 years and more	30,851	17.1%
Median Age	40.2	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	47,574	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	14,448	30.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	1,508	3.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	4,230	8.9%
Families with no own children	27,388	57.6%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	47,574	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	44,134	92.8%
Family income below poverty level	3,440	7.2%
Married couple, with related children	519	1.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	265	0.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,769	3.7%
Families with no related children	887	1.9%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	176,361	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	7,997	4.5%
50% to 99% of poverty level	9,876	5.6%
100% to 124% of poverty level	5,097	2.9%
125% to 149% of poverty level	6,570	3.7%
150% to 184% of poverty level	7,992	4.5%
185% to 199% of poverty level	4,233	2.4%
200% of poverty level or more	134,596	76.3%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	177,815	100.0%
Same house as previous year	159,415	89.7%
Different house, same county	8,888	5.0%
Different county, same state	6,964	3.9%
Different state	2,096	1.2%
Abroad	452	0.3%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	74,334	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	20,591	27.7%
15 to 29 minutes	22,865	30.8%
30 to 44 minutes	18,002	24.2%
45 to 59 minutes	8,294	11.2%
60 minutes or more	4,582	6.2%

Mean travel time 26.8 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	73,021	100.0%
Occupied housing units	68,305	93.5%
Owner occupied	50,358	73.7%
Renter occupied	17,947	26.3%
Vacant housing units	4,716	6.5%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	73,021	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	846	1.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	4,258	5.8%
Built 2000 to 2009	11,688	16.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	11,156	15.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	6,752	9.2%
Built 1970 to 1979	10,594	14.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	7,498	10.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,785	7.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,646	3.6%
Built 1939 or earlier	11,798	16.2%

Median year built 1978

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	50,358	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,493	3.0%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	883	1.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	629	1.2%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	891	1.8%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,215	2.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,552	5.1%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,636	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,766	13.4%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	14,818	29.4%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	13,223	26.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	4,547	9.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	705	1.4%

Median value \$250,700

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	68,305	100.0%
Utility gas	44,516	65.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	5,622	8.2%
Electricity	14,869	21.8%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,047	1.5%
Coal, coke or wood	1,529	2.2%
Solar energy or other fuel	474	0.7%
No fuel used	248	0.4%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	17,947	100.0%
Less than \$100	50	0.3%
\$100 to \$199	160	0.9%
\$200 to \$299	550	3.1%
\$300 to \$399	316	1.8%
\$400 to \$499	279	1.6%
\$500 to \$599	637	3.5%
\$600 to \$699	1,525	8.5%
\$700 to \$799	1,604	8.9%
\$800 to \$899	1,621	9.0%
\$900 to \$999	1,875	10.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6,127	34.1%
\$1,500 or more	2,450	13.7%
No cash rent	753	4.2%

Median gross rent \$999

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	33,396	100.0%
Less than \$400	93	0.3%
\$400 to \$599	532	1.6%
\$600 to \$799	1,218	3.6%
\$800 to \$999	2,450	7.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	4,540	13.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	4,646	13.9%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	9,438	28.3%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	7,602	22.8%
\$3,000 or more	2,877	8.6%

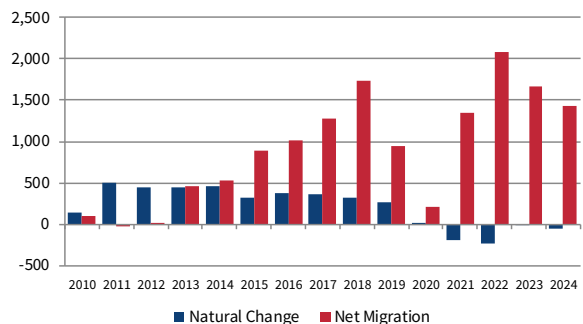
Median monthly owners cost \$1,651

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.1

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	1,838	53.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	73	12.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,862	1,016.4

Components of Population Change



■ Natural Change ■ Net Migration

Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	207,389
Number of farms	1,532
Average size (acres)	135
Total cash receipts	\$389,271,000
Per farm	\$254,093
Receipts for crops	\$109,102,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$280,168,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	55
Students	28,523
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	2,104.5
Expenditures per student	\$10,695
Graduation rate	90.8
Community/charter schools buildings	1
Students	181
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	18.4
Expenditures per student	\$12,964
Graduation rate	
Private schools	9
Students	1,272
Public universities, 4-year	2
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	5 / 10

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	220,261
Passenger cars	138,254
Noncommercial trucks	34,350
Total license revenue	\$6,061,680.73
Permissive tax revenue	\$3,182,332.50
Interstate highway miles	29.36
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	50.74
State highway miles	185.37
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,692.45
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	8
Acreage	3,099

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$10,197,002
Branch offices	43
Institutions represented	16

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$10,755,765,000
Net earnings	\$6,891,246,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$2,143,527,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$138,413,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$10,902,000
Retirement and other	\$1,994,212,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$1,720,992,000
Dependency ratio	19.9%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

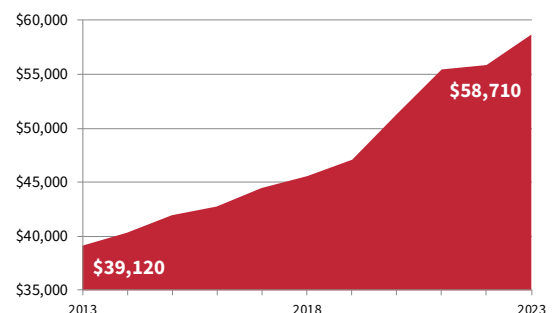
Voting

Number of registered voters	128,660
Voted in 2024 election	96,382
Percent turnout	74.9%

Health Care

Physicians	217
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	248
Licensed nursing homes	13
Number of beds	938
Licensed residential care	11
Number of beds	766
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	94.0%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.9%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	96.6%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	92,600	90,900	89,500	88,300	87,100
Employed	88,900	87,900	86,400	84,400	81,200
Unemployed	3,700	3,100	3,200	3,900	5,900
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.4	3.5	4.4	6.8

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	3,795	63,253	\$3,648,861,919	\$1,109
Goods-Producing	701	16,575	\$1,166,417,336	\$1,353
Natural Resources and Mining	80	896	\$49,525,055	\$1,063
Construction	448	5,203	\$446,916,905	\$1,652
Manufacturing	173	10,476	\$669,975,376	\$1,230
Service-Providing	3,095	46,678	\$2,482,444,583	\$1,023
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	799	18,407	\$897,740,589	\$938
Information	65	515	\$74,063,668	\$2,766
Financial Services	401	2,854	\$216,573,027	\$1,460
Professional and Business Services	701	7,274	\$509,330,032	\$1,347
Education and Health Services	403	8,475	\$499,229,769	\$1,133
Leisure and Hospitality	428	6,738	\$149,871,871	\$428
Other Services	293	2,401	\$135,376,414	\$1,084
Federal Government		416	\$33,649,634	\$1,554
State Government		1,060	\$86,821,906	\$1,576
Local Government		7,396	\$417,127,047	\$1,085

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	14.3%	14.5%	55.5%	35.7%
Goods-Producing	20.2%	44.6%	92.5%	33.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	23.1%	-5.1%	20.1%	26.4%
Construction	24.8%	79.2%	189.6%	61.6%
Manufacturing	8.8%	37.6%	63.3%	18.7%
Service-Producing	13.0%	6.7%	42.6%	33.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	7.8%	4.2%	47.3%	41.5%
Information	41.3%	114.6%	547.6%	201.6%
Financial Services	13.9%	6.1%	30.1%	22.7%
Professional and Business Services	21.5%	8.5%	32.4%	22.1%
Education and Health Services	8.9%	7.6%	34.9%	25.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.3%	7.8%	43.4%	32.9%
Other Services	16.3%	3.3%	44.8%	40.1%
Federal Government		11.2%	29.3%	16.1%
State Government		1.5%	24.4%	22.6%
Local Government		5.8%	29.5%	22.5%

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	156	174	251	363	292
Total valuation (000)	\$54,925	\$67,316	\$95,233	\$119,249	\$81,536
Total single-unit bldgs	156	174	249	361	289
Average cost per unit	\$352,083	\$386,871	\$380,394	\$329,413	\$280,596
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	2	2	3
Average cost per unit			\$257,500	\$165,600	\$147,954

Major & Notable Employers

Amazon	Trade
Anomatic Corp	Mfg
Ascena Retail Group	Trade
Axium Packaging	Mfg
Boeing Co	Mfg
Denison University	Serv
Harry & David	Trade
Licking Heights Local Schools	Govt
Licking Memorial Health Systems	Serv
Newark City Schools	Govt
Owens-Corning	Mfg
Park National Bank	Fin