

# Ohio County Profiles

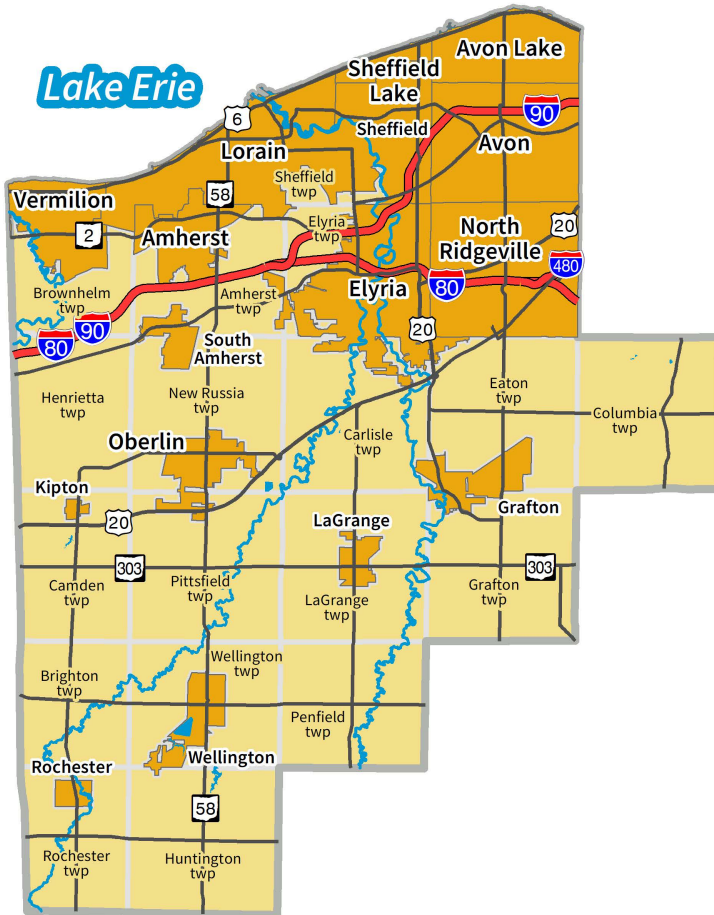
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## Lorain County

**Established:** Act - December 26, 1822  
**2024 Population:** 322,030  
**Land Area:** 492.6 square miles  
**County Seat:** Elyria City  
**Named for:** French Province of Lorraine



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$8,594,226,350
Residential	\$7,090,088,410
Agriculture	\$168,705,710
Industrial	\$267,674,800
Commercial	\$1,067,750,450
Mineral	\$6,980
Ohio income tax liability	\$236,801,043
Average per return	\$1,544.79

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	24.40%
Developed, Higher Intensity	9.39%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.08%
Forest	15.82%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.17%
Pasture/Hay	10.33%
Cultivated Crops	30.86%
Wetlands	8.37%
Open Water	0.58%

### Largest Places

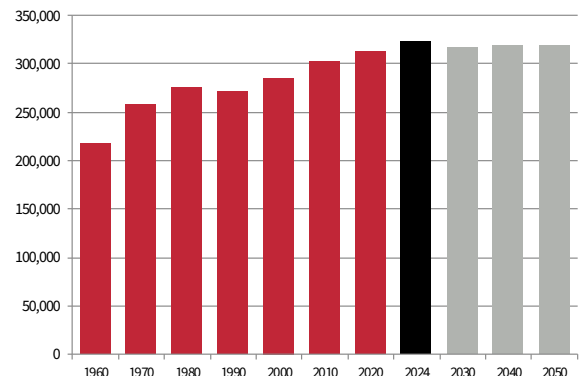
	2024	2020
Lorain city	65,751	65,232
Elyria city	53,604	52,686
North Ridgeville city	37,504	35,455
Avon Lake city	26,342	25,279
Avon city	25,573	24,934
Amherst city	13,048	12,731
Sheffield Lake city	9,035	8,954
Columbia twp	8,847	7,427
Oberlin city	8,587	8,562
Carlisle twp	7,139	7,115

UB: Unincorporated balance

### Total Population

#### Census

1800				
1810				
1820				
1830	5,696	1940	112,390	
1840	18,467	1950	148,162	
1850	26,086	1960	217,500	
1860	29,744	1970	256,843	
1870	30,308	1980	274,909	
1880	35,526	1990	271,126	
1890	40,295	2000	284,664	
1900	54,857	2010	301,356	
			<b>2020</b>	<b>312,964</b>
			<b>Estimate</b>	
			<b>2024</b>	<b>322,030</b>
			<b>Projection</b>	
			2030	316,704
			2040	317,331
			2050	317,491



## Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	314,588	100.0%
White	250,254	79.5%
African-American	23,588	7.5%
Native American	654	0.2%
Asian	4,148	1.3%
Pacific Islander	41	0.0%
Other	6,412	2.0%
Two or More Races	29,491	9.4%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	33,992	10.8%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>75,240</b>	<b>23.9%</b>

## Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	220,277	100.0%
No high school diploma	18,803	8.5%
High school graduate	68,540	31.1%
Some college, no degree	48,188	21.9%
Associate degree	23,299	10.6%
Bachelor's degree	38,245	17.4%
Master's degree or higher	23,202	10.5%

## Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	78,183	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	29,914	38.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	10,105	12.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	4,382	5.6%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	12,882	16.5%
Male householder, in labor force	4,205	5.4%
Male householder, not in labor force	1,742	2.2%
Female householder, in labor force	9,619	12.3%
Female householder, not in labor force	5,334	6.8%

## Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	125,856	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	6,450	5.1%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9,722	7.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	9,350	7.4%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	9,803	7.8%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9,695	7.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	8,612	6.8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	12,740	10.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16,299	13.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	21,488	17.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,080	8.0%
\$200,000 or more	11,617	9.2%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$70,693</b>	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	314,588	100.0%
Under 5 years	17,062	5.4%
5 to 17 years	51,329	16.3%
18 to 24 years	25,920	8.2%
25 to 44 years	74,472	23.7%
45 to 64 years	84,813	27.0%
65 years and more	60,992	19.4%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>42.1</b>	

## Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	78,662	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	20,080	25.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	3,071	3.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	8,207	10.4%
Families with no own children	47,304	60.1%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	78,662	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	71,496	90.9%
Family income below poverty level	7,166	9.1%
Married couple, with related children	734	0.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	642	0.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	4,012	5.1%
Families with no related children	1,778	2.3%

## Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	305,901	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	17,931	5.9%
50% to 99% of poverty level	21,183	6.9%
100% to 124% of poverty level	9,510	3.1%
125% to 149% of poverty level	11,601	3.8%
150% to 184% of poverty level	17,449	5.7%
185% to 199% of poverty level	7,450	2.4%
200% of poverty level or more	220,777	72.2%

## Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	310,847	100.0%
Same house as previous year	281,162	90.5%
Different house, same county	15,804	5.1%
Different county, same state	9,147	2.9%
Different state	4,004	1.3%
Abroad	730	0.2%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	130,592	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	34,198	26.2%
15 to 29 minutes	49,476	37.9%
30 to 44 minutes	29,762	22.8%
45 to 59 minutes	10,061	7.7%
60 minutes or more	7,095	5.4%
<b>Mean travel time</b>	<b>25.4 minutes</b>	

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	135,584	100.0%
Occupied housing units	125,856	92.8%
Owner occupied	92,762	73.7%
Renter occupied	33,094	26.3%
Vacant housing units	9,728	7.2%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	135,584	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	1,573	1.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	8,947	6.6%
Built 2000 to 2009	17,299	12.8%
Built 1990 to 1999	15,231	11.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	9,149	6.7%
Built 1970 to 1979	20,101	14.8%
Built 1960 to 1969	17,753	13.1%
Built 1950 to 1959	19,048	14.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	6,555	4.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	19,928	14.7%
<b>Median year built</b>	<b>1972</b>	

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	92,762	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,753	1.9%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1,375	1.5%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	2,389	2.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3,132	3.4%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	4,706	5.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	7,617	8.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	7,207	7.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16,402	17.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	21,769	23.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	20,350	21.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	5,324	5.7%
\$1,000,000 or more	738	0.8%
<b>Median value</b>	<b>\$207,200</b>	

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	125,856	100.0%
Utility gas	96,406	76.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,227	3.4%
Electricity	22,393	17.8%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	683	0.5%
Coal, coke or wood	577	0.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	986	0.8%
No fuel used	584	0.5%

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## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	33,094	100.0%
Less than \$100	305	0.9%
\$100 to \$199	270	0.8%
\$200 to \$299	1,315	4.0%
\$300 to \$399	1,040	3.1%
\$400 to \$499	1,062	3.2%
\$500 to \$599	1,848	5.6%
\$600 to \$699	2,236	6.8%
\$700 to \$799	3,108	9.4%
\$800 to \$899	4,095	12.4%
\$900 to \$999	3,184	9.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	9,247	27.9%
\$1,500 or more	3,838	11.6%
No cash rent	1,546	4.7%
<b>Median gross rent</b>	<b>\$916</b>	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income	28.3	

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

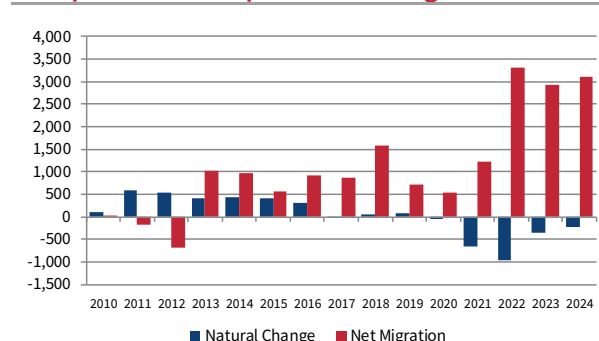
	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	57,745	100.0%
Less than \$400	277	0.5%
\$400 to \$599	918	1.6%
\$600 to \$799	2,834	4.9%
\$800 to \$999	5,775	10.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	9,801	17.0%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	9,450	16.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	13,347	23.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	11,231	19.4%
\$3,000 or more	4,112	7.1%
<b>Median monthly owners cost</b>	<b>\$1,495</b>	

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	3,069	54.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	118	12.5
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	3,569	1,122.6

## Components of Population Change



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	108,838
Number of farms	894
Average size (acres)	122
Total cash receipts	\$170,982,000
Per farm	\$191,255
Receipts for crops	\$156,832,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$14,150,000

## Education

Traditional public schools buildings	74
Students	38,331
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	2,809.8
Expenditures per student	\$12,220
Graduation rate	90.8
Community/charter schools buildings	9
Students	2,445
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	199.8
Expenditures per student	\$10,761
Graduation rate	97.5
Private schools	17
Students	4,569
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	7 / 15

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	342,654
Passenger cars	240,572
Noncommercial trucks	40,096
Total license revenue	\$8,965,511.65
Permissive tax revenue	\$3,868,730.00
Interstate highway miles	37.09
Turnpike miles	20.80
U.S. highway miles	46.88
State highway miles	223.18
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,645.46
Commercial airports	3

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

Areas/Facilities	3
Acreage	1,608

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$743,547
Branch offices	67
Institutions represented	18

## Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$18,801,649,000
Net earnings	\$11,430,935,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$4,164,523,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$294,005,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$22,481,000
Retirement and other	\$3,848,037,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$3,206,191,000
Dependency ratio	22.1%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

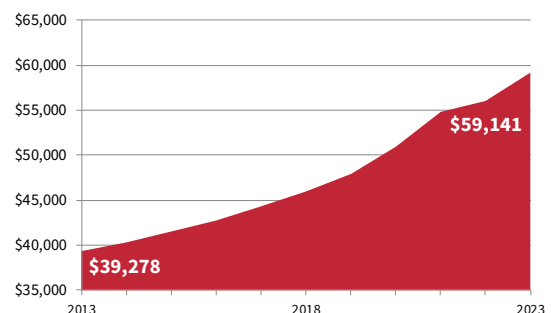
## Voting

Number of registered voters	221,647
Voted in 2024 election	161,185
Percent turnout	72.7%

## Health Care

Physicians	527
Registered hospitals	5
Number of beds	800
Licensed nursing homes	33
Number of beds	1,917
Licensed residential care	16
Number of beds	1,576
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.7%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.6%

## Per Capita Personal Income



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## Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	155,900	153,800	151,600	147,500	147,100
Employed	149,800	147,900	143,900	138,900	132,200
Unemployed	6,200	6,000	7,600	8,600	14,900
Unemployment rate	4.0	3.9	5.0	5.8	10.1

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

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	6,650	82,855	\$4,488,255,346	\$1,042
Goods-Producing	1,118	21,103	\$1,507,908,070	\$1,374
Natural Resources and Mining	35	871	\$45,293,146	\$1,000
Construction	677	4,555	\$295,195,361	\$1,246
Manufacturing	406	15,678	\$1,167,419,563	\$1,432
Service-Providing	5,532	61,752	\$2,980,347,276	\$928
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,469	19,406	\$998,465,401	\$989
Information	126	578	\$47,793,508	\$1,591
Financial Services	597	2,827	\$194,917,482	\$1,326
Professional and Business Services	1,248	8,601	\$517,739,619	\$1,158
Education and Health Services	812	16,558	\$866,911,143	\$1,007
Leisure and Hospitality	687	10,816	\$238,373,386	\$424
Other Services	584	2,956	\$115,062,673	\$749
Federal Government		1,115	\$147,599,767	\$2,546
State Government		1,096	\$89,052,614	\$1,563
Local Government		13,210	\$752,030,745	\$1,095

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

## Change Since 2017

Private Sector	11.9%	-0.4%	25.9%	26.5%
Goods-Producing	8.8%	-3.1%	13.9%	17.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	6.1%	-6.5%	27.3%	36.2%
Construction	10.1%	6.2%	34.1%	26.2%
Manufacturing	6.8%	-5.3%	9.3%	15.5%
Service-Producing	12.6%	0.5%	32.9%	32.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5.2%	4.5%	47.4%	40.9%
Information	40.0%	-4.0%	69.8%	77.0%
Financial Services	4.0%	22.2%	67.2%	36.7%
Professional and Business Services	33.5%	-12.0%	11.7%	27.0%
Education and Health Services	8.3%	0.1%	24.4%	24.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.3%	0.3%	36.3%	35.9%
Other Services	11.0%	4.2%	35.7%	30.3%
Federal Government		2.2%	19.6%	17.0%
State Government		-6.2%	18.0%	25.8%
Local Government		-1.6%	25.6%	27.6%

## Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	1,331	950	1,071	1,127	1,252
Total valuation (000)	\$409,655	\$257,471	\$294,715	\$285,589	\$272,389
Total single-unit bldgs	1,091	820	932	1,030	1,049
Average cost per unit	\$346,127	\$294,271	\$297,975	\$263,350	\$243,830
Total multi-unit bldg units	240	130	139	97	203
Average cost per unit	\$133,460	\$124,380	\$122,317	\$147,822	\$81,829

## Major & Notable Employers

Avient	Mfg
Camaco LLC	Mfg
Cleveland Clinic	Serv
Elyria City Schools	Govt
UH - Elyria Medical Center	Serv
Ford Motor Co	Mfg
Invacare Corp	Mfg
Lorain City Schools	Govt
Lorain County Government	Govt
Mercy Health	Serv
Oberlin College	Serv
Ridge Tool Manufacturing	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt