

Ohio County Profiles

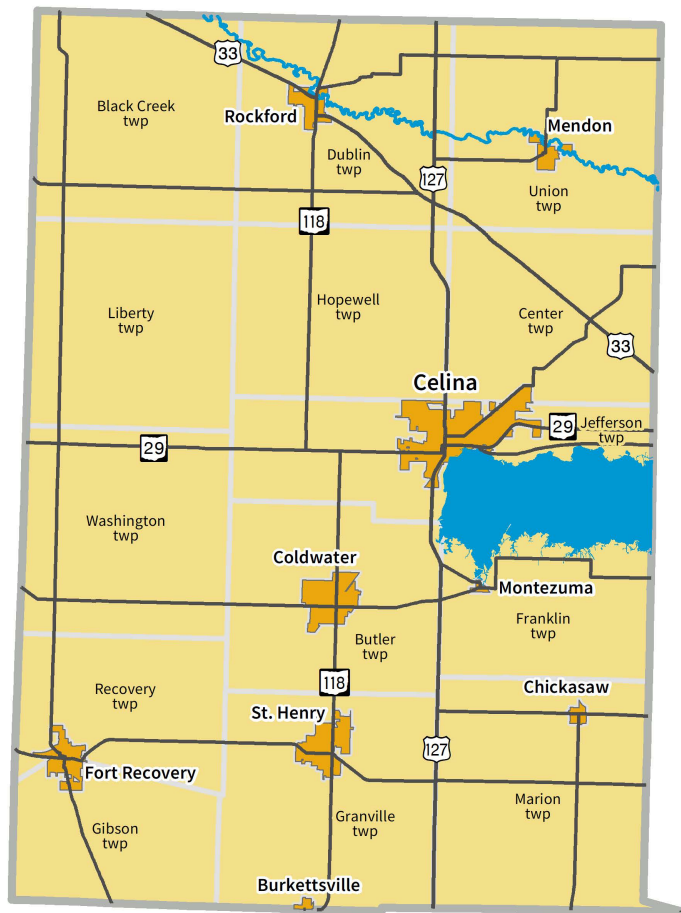
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2025 Edition



Mercer County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820
2024 Population: 42,648
Land Area: 463.3 square miles
County Seat: Celina City
Named for: General Hugh Mercer, Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,680,872,320
Residential	\$1,124,446,480
Agriculture	\$426,757,430
Industrial	\$41,311,810
Commercial	\$88,352,240
Mineral	\$4,360
Ohio income tax liability	\$30,534,624
Average per return	\$1,472.04

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	8.93%
Developed, Higher Intensity	2.17%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.08%
Forest	4.70%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.04%
Pasture/Hay	1.56%
Cultivated Crops	77.83%
Wetlands	1.14%
Open Water	3.56%

Largest Places

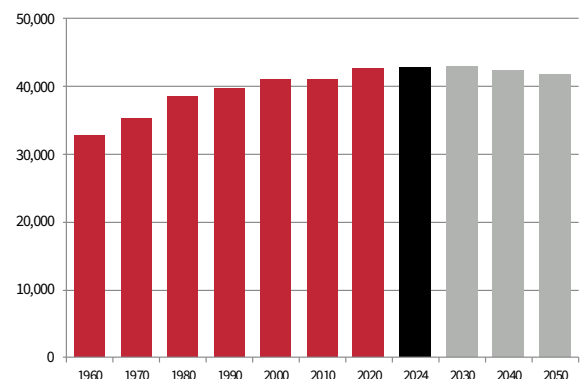
	2024	2020
Celina city	10,945	10,929
Coldwater village	4,729	4,769
Marion twp UB	3,011	2,974
Jefferson twp UB	2,934	2,963
St. Henry village	2,608	2,602
Franklin twp UB	2,441	2,355
Butler twp UB	1,921	1,889
Fort Recovery village	1,474	1,497
Granville twp UB	1,413	1,413
Washington twp	1,258	1,223

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	27,536	2020	42,528
1810		1920	26,872		
1820	95	1930	25,096	Estimate	
1830	1,110	1940	26,256	2024	42,648
1840	8,277	1950	28,311		
1850	7,712	1960	32,559	Projection	
1860	14,104	1970	35,265	2030	42,871
1870	17,254	1980	38,334	2040	42,214
1880	21,808	1990	39,443	2050	41,766
1890	27,220	2000	40,924		
1900	28,021	2010	40,814		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	42,438	100.0%
White	40,308	95.0%
African-American	298	0.7%
Native American	23	0.1%
Asian	213	0.5%
Pacific Islander	36	0.1%
Other	404	1.0%
Two or More Races	1,156	2.7%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	922	2.2%
Total Minority	2,393	5.6%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	27,956	100.0%
No high school diploma	1,492	5.3%
High school graduate	12,152	43.5%
Some college, no degree	4,641	16.6%
Associate degree	3,477	12.4%
Bachelor's degree	3,960	14.2%
Master's degree or higher	2,234	8.0%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,680	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,691	53.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,295	12.1%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	460	4.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,642	15.4%
Male householder, in labor force	514	4.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	86	0.8%
Female householder, in labor force	685	6.4%
Female householder, not in labor force	307	2.9%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	16,278	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	402	2.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	982	6.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,270	7.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,114	6.8%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,339	8.2%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,205	7.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,444	8.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,411	14.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,966	24.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,509	9.3%
\$200,000 or more	636	3.9%
Median household income	\$78,036	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	42,438	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,062	7.2%
5 to 17 years	8,039	18.9%
18 to 24 years	3,381	8.0%
25 to 44 years	9,462	22.3%
45 to 64 years	10,591	25.0%
65 years and more	7,903	18.6%
Median Age	39.1	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,779	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,450	32.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	362	3.4%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	522	4.8%
Families with no own children	6,445	59.8%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,779	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,319	95.7%
Family income below poverty level	460	4.3%
Married couple, with related children	75	0.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	15	0.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	169	1.6%
Families with no related children	201	1.9%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	41,634	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,224	2.9%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,331	3.2%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,149	2.8%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,674	4.0%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,000	4.8%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,009	2.4%
200% of poverty level or more	33,247	79.9%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	41,685	100.0%
Same house as previous year	37,915	91.0%
Different house, same county	2,486	6.0%
Different county, same state	970	2.3%
Different state	232	0.6%
Abroad	82	0.2%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	20,514	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	9,223	45.0%
15 to 29 minutes	7,222	35.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,534	12.4%
45 to 59 minutes	700	3.4%
60 minutes or more	835	4.1%

Mean travel time 19.1 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	18,023	100.0%
Occupied housing units	16,278	90.3%
Owner occupied	12,965	79.6%
Renter occupied	3,313	20.4%
Vacant housing units	1,745	9.7%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	18,023	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	227	1.3%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,106	6.1%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,154	12.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,370	13.1%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,855	10.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,332	12.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,633	9.1%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,383	13.2%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,009	5.6%
Built 1939 or earlier	2,954	16.4%

Median year built 1974

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	12,965	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	339	2.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	244	1.9%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	317	2.4%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	319	2.5%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	632	4.9%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,292	10.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	894	6.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,137	16.5%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,137	24.2%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,644	20.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	790	6.1%
\$1,000,000 or more	220	1.7%

Median value \$208,600

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	16,278	100.0%
Utility gas	7,616	46.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,201	19.7%
Electricity	4,320	26.5%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	379	2.3%
Coal, coke or wood	454	2.8%
Solar energy or other fuel	138	0.8%
No fuel used	170	1.0%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,313	100.0%
Less than \$100	40	1.2%
\$100 to \$199	3	0.1%
\$200 to \$299	55	1.7%
\$300 to \$399	67	2.0%
\$400 to \$499	76	2.3%
\$500 to \$599	301	9.1%
\$600 to \$699	495	14.9%
\$700 to \$799	403	12.2%
\$800 to \$899	553	16.7%
\$900 to \$999	456	13.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	509	15.4%
\$1,500 or more	59	1.8%
No cash rent	296	8.9%

Median gross rent \$812

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 23.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,821	100.0%
Less than \$400	39	0.6%
\$400 to \$599	79	1.2%
\$600 to \$799	685	10.0%
\$800 to \$999	892	13.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,623	23.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,119	16.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,325	19.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	713	10.5%
\$3,000 or more	346	5.1%

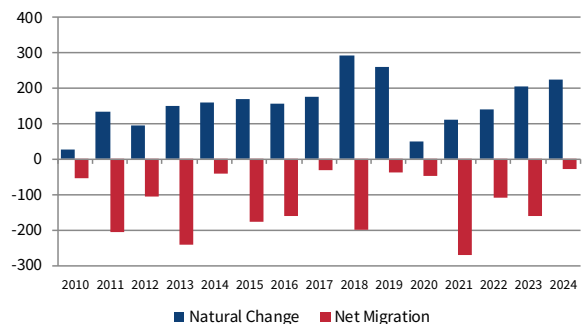
Median monthly owners cost \$1,271

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 17.3

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	610	86.5
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	14	10.2
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	425	1,001.4

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	270,984
Number of farms	1,292
Average size (acres)	210
Total cash receipts	\$1,086,264,000
Per farm	\$840,762
Receipts for crops	\$219,635,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$866,629,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	19
Students	7,585
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	488.8
Expenditures per student	\$11,297
Graduation rate	96.8
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	97
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	64,338
Passenger cars	32,076
Noncommercial trucks	11,035
Total license revenue	\$2,276,848.24
Permissive tax revenue	\$1,160,977.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	44.70
State highway miles	165.79
County, township, and municipal road miles	951.40
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	6
Acreage	11,493

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$1,371,427
Branch offices	20
Institutions represented	9

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$2,877,469,000
Net earnings	\$1,943,910,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$482,646,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$21,354,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$1,972,000
Retirement and other	\$459,320,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$450,913,000
Dependency ratio	16.8%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

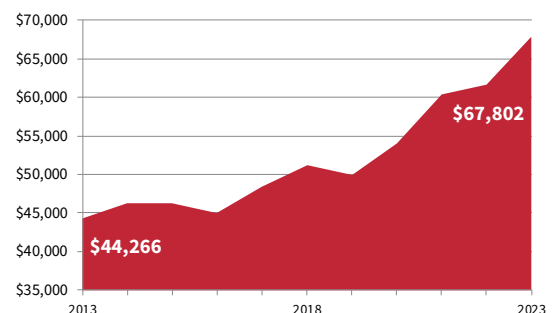
Voting

Number of registered voters	29,692
Voted in 2024 election	23,978
Percent turnout	80.8%

Health Care

Physicians	42
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	88
Licensed nursing homes	9
Number of beds	340
Licensed residential care	6
Number of beds	308
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.4%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.1%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	22,700	22,400	22,000	22,000	22,600
Employed	22,000	21,800	21,300	21,200	21,300
Unemployed	700	600	600	800	1,300
Unemployment rate	3.3	2.5	2.8	3.4	5.6

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,111	17,874	\$908,897,992	\$978
Goods-Producing	305	8,041	\$466,021,938	\$1,114
Natural Resources and Mining	67	999	\$50,048,361	\$964
Construction	132	1,153	\$71,773,237	\$1,197
Manufacturing	105	5,890	\$344,200,340	\$1,124
Service-Providing	807	9,833	\$442,876,054	\$866
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	292	4,186	\$216,103,712	\$993
Information	14	117	\$5,557,114	\$917
Financial Services	79	664	\$43,885,198	\$1,271
Professional and Business Services	111	866	\$52,468,272	\$1,166
Education and Health Services	98	1,768	\$79,002,679	\$859
Leisure and Hospitality	104	1,518	\$25,843,412	\$327
Other Services	109	715	\$20,015,667	\$539
Federal Government		84	\$6,347,370	\$1,449
State Government		144	\$8,104,708	\$1,079
Local Government		2,471	\$119,419,824	\$929

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	9.9%	1.6%	25.8%	23.8%
Goods-Producing	18.7%	-3.6%	16.3%	20.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	45.7%	65.4%	102.6%	22.5%
Construction	16.8%	4.8%	21.0%	15.4%
Manufacturing	7.1%	-11.2%	8.7%	22.4%
Service-Producing	7.0%	6.3%	37.7%	29.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5.8%	2.9%	33.1%	29.5%
Information	55.6%	-12.0%	6.3%	21.0%
Financial Services	-2.5%	0.9%	22.9%	21.7%
Professional and Business Services	19.4%	38.8%	96.7%	41.8%
Education and Health Services	6.5%	7.6%	37.2%	27.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	2.0%	9.3%	43.8%	31.3%
Other Services	6.9%	-3.2%	23.2%	27.4%
Federal Government		-11.6%	21.8%	37.3%
State Government		-17.2%	2.7%	23.5%
Local Government		2.1%	22.8%	20.3%

Major & Notable Employers

Celina Aluminum Precision Technology	Mfg
Celina City Schools	Govt
Cooper Farms Inc	Mfg
Crown Equipment Corp	Mfg
Fort Recovery Industries Inc	Mfg
J & M Manufacturing Co.	Mfg
Mercer Health Hospital	Serv
Pax Machine Works	Mfg
Reynolds & Reynolds Co	Mfg
Taylor Communications/Wilmer	Mfg
Visions/Awardcraft	Mfg

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	86	94	81	85	113
Total valuation (000)	\$32,582	\$30,466	\$25,932	\$22,432	\$27,762
Total single-unit bldgs	80	78	70	79	76
Average cost per unit	\$394,126	\$354,573	\$347,851	\$278,258	\$308,381
Total multi-unit bldg units	6	16	11	6	37
Average cost per unit	\$175,244	\$175,580	\$143,864	\$75,000	\$116,892