

Ohio County Profiles

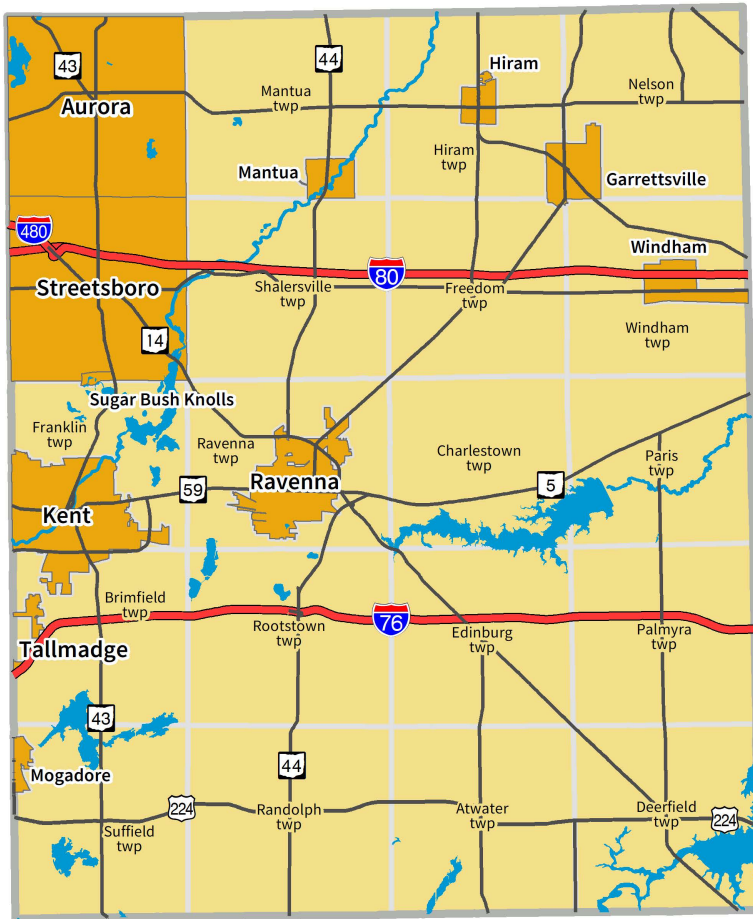
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2025 Edition



Portage County

Established: Act - June 7, 1807
2024 Population: 163,839
Land Area: 492.4 square miles
County Seat: Ravenna City
Named for: "Portage", a carrying path



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$4,406,217,840
Residential	\$3,365,025,640
Agriculture	\$199,598,630
Industrial	\$242,760,990
Commercial	\$596,230,630
Mineral	\$2,601,950
Ohio income tax liability	\$113,972,540
Average per return	\$1,491.65

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	18.69%
Developed, Higher Intensity	3.12%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.46%
Forest	36.86%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.60%
Pasture/Hay	20.27%
Cultivated Crops	10.96%
Wetlands	6.14%
Open Water	2.90%

Largest Places

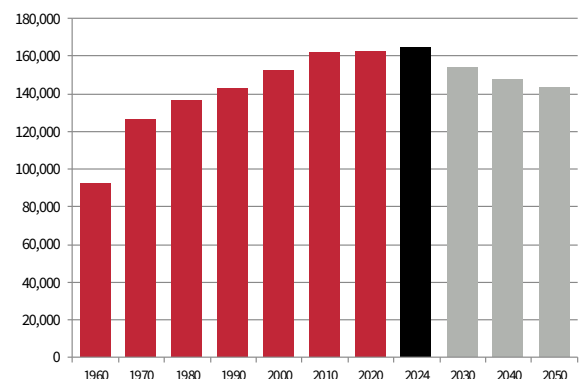
	2024	2020
Kent city	27,720	28,176
Aurora city	17,985	17,264
Streetsboro city	17,877	17,320
Brimfield twp	11,496	11,350
Ravenna city	11,236	11,315
Ravenna twp	9,169	8,983
Rootstown twp	8,724	8,604
Franklin twp	6,379	6,289
Suffield twp	6,047	5,978
Randolph twp	5,356	5,282

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800				
1810	2,995	1810	30,307	2020
1820	10,095	1820	36,269	161,791
1830	18,826	1830	42,682	
1840	22,965	1840	46,660	Estimate
1850	24,419	1850	63,954	2024
1860	24,208	1860	91,798	163,839
1870	24,584	1870	125,868	
1880	27,500	1880	135,856	Projection
1890	27,868	1890	142,585	2030
1900	29,246	1900	152,061	153,249
		2000	161,419	2040
		2010		147,177
				2050
				143,049



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	161,421	100.0%
White	141,303	87.5%
African-American	7,621	4.7%
Native American	144	0.1%
Asian	2,840	1.8%
Pacific Islander	27	0.0%
Other	1,596	1.0%
Two or More Races	7,890	4.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,591	2.2%
Total Minority	21,258	13.2%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	107,455	100.0%
No high school diploma	7,597	7.1%
High school graduate	38,463	35.8%
Some college, no degree	19,050	17.7%
Associate degree	8,474	7.9%
Bachelor's degree	20,184	18.8%
Master's degree or higher	13,687	12.7%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,778	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	15,929	40.0%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	5,377	13.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	2,841	7.1%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	5,890	14.8%
Male householder, in labor force	2,280	5.7%
Male householder, not in labor force	804	2.0%
Female householder, in labor force	4,713	11.8%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,944	4.9%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	64,560	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,953	4.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,529	7.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	5,366	8.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	4,567	7.1%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5,108	7.9%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,640	7.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	5,968	9.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8,723	13.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	11,984	18.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,471	8.5%
\$200,000 or more	5,251	8.1%
Median household income	\$72,822	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	161,421	100.0%
Under 5 years	7,018	4.3%
5 to 17 years	22,653	14.0%
18 to 24 years	24,295	15.1%
25 to 44 years	36,955	22.9%
45 to 64 years	41,802	25.9%
65 years and more	28,698	17.8%
Median Age	39.3	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,935	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	10,271	25.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	1,413	3.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	3,226	8.1%
Families with no own children	25,025	62.7%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,935	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	37,129	93.0%
Family income below poverty level	2,806	7.0%
Married couple, with related children	296	0.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	227	0.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,360	3.4%
Families with no related children	923	2.3%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	154,107	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	7,740	5.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	9,827	6.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	6,409	4.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	6,641	4.3%
150% to 184% of poverty level	8,407	5.5%
185% to 199% of poverty level	3,968	2.6%
200% of poverty level or more	111,115	72.1%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	160,442	100.0%
Same house as previous year	140,049	87.3%
Different house, same county	7,982	5.0%
Different county, same state	8,929	5.6%
Different state	2,328	1.5%
Abroad	1,154	0.7%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	69,722	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	17,927	25.7%
15 to 29 minutes	25,560	36.7%
30 to 44 minutes	16,521	23.7%
45 to 59 minutes	6,263	9.0%
60 minutes or more	3,451	4.9%
Mean travel time	25.5 minutes	

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	71,040	100.0%
Occupied housing units	64,560	90.9%
Owner occupied	45,284	70.1%
Renter occupied	19,276	29.9%
Vacant housing units	6,480	9.1%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	71,040	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	414	0.6%
Built 2010 to 2019	5,497	7.7%
Built 2000 to 2009	8,809	12.4%
Built 1990 to 1999	9,725	13.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	6,518	9.2%
Built 1970 to 1979	11,223	15.8%
Built 1960 to 1969	9,138	12.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	7,835	11.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,831	4.0%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,050	12.7%
Median year built	1976	

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	45,284	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	2,061	4.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1,445	3.2%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	584	1.3%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	778	1.7%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,195	2.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	3,378	7.5%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	3,621	8.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8,157	18.0%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	11,822	26.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	9,445	20.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2,469	5.5%
\$1,000,000 or more	329	0.7%
Median value	\$210,500	

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	64,560	100.0%
Utility gas	41,382	64.1%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,996	4.6%
Electricity	13,887	21.5%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	3,433	5.3%
Coal, coke or wood	1,636	2.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	902	1.4%
No fuel used	324	0.5%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	19,276	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	38	0.2%
\$200 to \$299	223	1.2%
\$300 to \$399	300	1.6%
\$400 to \$499	371	1.9%
\$500 to \$599	548	2.8%
\$600 to \$699	1,193	6.2%
\$700 to \$799	1,786	9.3%
\$800 to \$899	2,189	11.4%
\$900 to \$999	1,873	9.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6,473	33.6%
\$1,500 or more	3,357	17.4%
No cash rent	925	4.8%
Median gross rent	\$1,036	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income	33.7	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

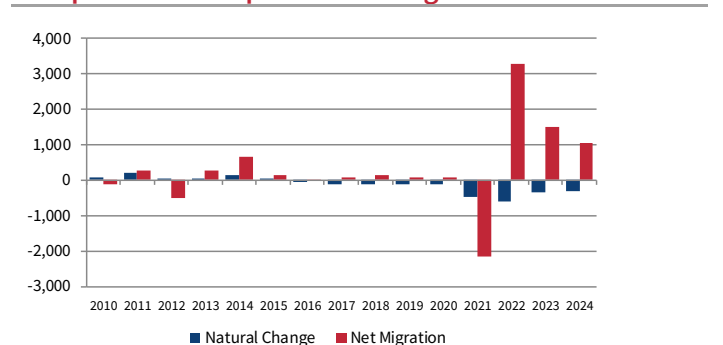
	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	27,197	100.0%
Less than \$400	36	0.1%
\$400 to \$599	564	2.1%
\$600 to \$799	1,130	4.2%
\$800 to \$999	1,870	6.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	4,734	17.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	4,744	17.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,656	28.2%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	4,932	18.1%
\$3,000 or more	1,531	5.6%
Median monthly owners cost	\$1,529	

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.0

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	1,310	38.1
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	42	6.2
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,735	1,066.6

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	85,762
Number of farms	927
Average size (acres)	93
Total cash receipts	\$58,687,000
Per farm	\$63,308
Receipts for crops	\$42,665,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$16,022,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	43
Students	17,784
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,406.9
Expenditures per student	\$12,696
Graduation rate	93.6
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	4
Students	514
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)	3 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	181,808
Passenger cars	111,650
Noncommercial trucks	24,778
Total license revenue	\$5,251,992.14
Permissive tax revenue	\$3,168,957.50
Interstate highway miles	43.79
Turnpike miles	20.39
U.S. highway miles	23.23
State highway miles	204.23
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,132.00
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	23
Acreage	19,954

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$764,493
Branch offices	34
Institutions represented	11

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$9,324,865,000
Net earnings	\$5,691,746,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$1,997,555,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$105,500,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$11,282,000
Retirement and other	\$1,880,773,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$1,635,564,000
Dependency ratio	21.4%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

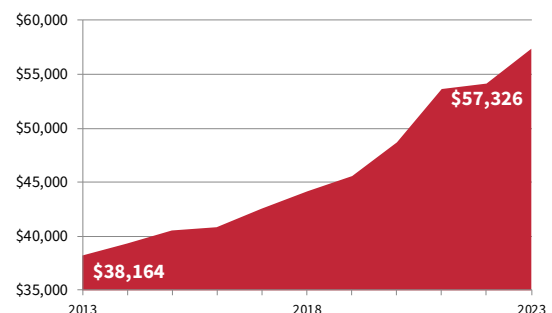
Voting

Number of registered voters	111,132
Voted in 2024 election	84,211
Percent turnout	75.8%

Health Care

Physicians	193
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	229
Licensed nursing homes	11
Number of beds	901
Licensed residential care	7
Number of beds	609
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.7%
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	85,500	84,900	83,500	81,700	83,200
Employed	81,700	81,800	80,300	77,700	77,000
Unemployed	3,700	3,100	3,200	4,000	6,200
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.6	3.8	4.9	7.4

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	3,572	46,142	\$2,594,592,810	\$1,081
Goods-Producing	715	12,914	\$895,565,448	\$1,334
Natural Resources and Mining	51	431	\$24,358,791	\$1,087
Construction	381	2,273	\$166,410,490	\$1,408
Manufacturing	284	10,210	\$704,796,167	\$1,327
Service-Providing	2,857	33,227	\$1,699,027,362	\$983
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	804	12,011	\$695,079,979	\$1,113
Information	78	347	\$28,936,544	\$1,602
Financial Services	298	1,700	\$135,724,989	\$1,536
Professional and Business Services	642	4,656	\$349,965,377	\$1,446
Education and Health Services	347	6,567	\$297,295,579	\$871
Leisure and Hospitality	401	6,386	\$133,611,316	\$402
Other Services	285	1,559	\$58,362,520	\$720
Federal Government		340	\$24,806,136	\$1,405
State Government		4,331	\$318,815,282	\$1,416
Local Government		5,750	\$324,063,268	\$1,084

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	12.2%	4.6%	33.7%	27.8%
Goods-Producing	9.7%	-2.1%	16.4%	18.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	4.1%	-8.5%	1.5%	10.9%
Construction	13.7%	8.2%	35.9%	25.6%
Manufacturing	6.0%	-3.9%	13.1%	17.6%
Service-Producing	12.8%	7.5%	45.1%	34.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5.1%	7.7%	37.3%	27.5%
Information	66.0%	-20.6%	17.0%	47.4%
Financial Services	13.7%	50.6%	142.2%	60.8%
Professional and Business Services	25.4%	21.2%	57.6%	30.2%
Education and Health Services	14.9%	8.3%	37.7%	27.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	8.1%	-5.4%	29.1%	36.3%
Other Services	5.6%	2.2%	37.8%	34.8%
Federal Government		-0.9%	18.8%	19.8%
State Government			* * * * *	Data Not Available * * * * *
Local Government			* * * * *	Data Not Available * * * * *

Major & Notable Employers

Automated Packaging Systems/Sealed Air	Mfg
East Manufacturing Corp	Mfg
Kent City Schools	Govt
Kent State University	Govt
McMaster-Carr Supply Co	Trade
Northeast Ohio Medical University	Serv
Parker-Hannifin	Mfg
Portage County Government	Govt
Ravenna City Schools	Govt
State of Ohio	Govt
Step2 Company	Mfg
UH Portage Medical Center	Serv

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	200	301	323	427	344
Total valuation (000)	\$78,026	\$95,952	\$106,297	\$112,597	\$89,879
Total single-unit bldgs	181	276	288	379	342
Average cost per unit	\$410,086	\$331,023	\$351,301	\$279,364	\$262,365
Total multi-unit bldg units	19	25	35	48	2
Average cost per unit	\$200,000	\$183,578	\$146,348	\$139,957	\$75,000