

# Ohio County Profiles

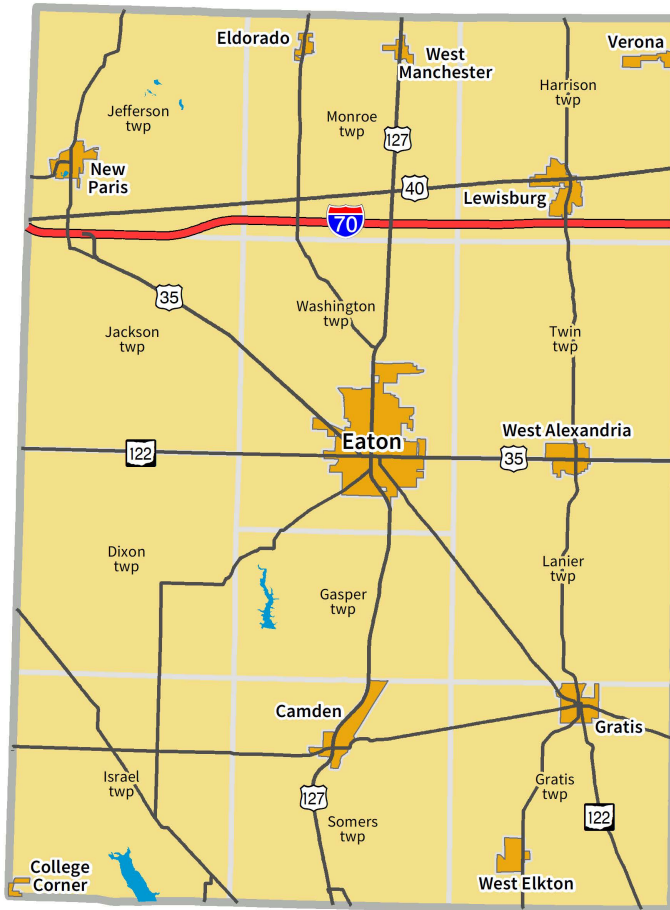
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## Preble County

**Established:** Act - March 1, 1808  
**2024 Population:** 40,801  
**Land Area:** 424.8 square miles  
**County Seat:** Eaton City  
**Named for:** Captain Edward Preble, Revolutionary War



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,253,018,220
Residential	\$781,987,300
Agriculture	\$352,452,700
Industrial	\$36,722,910
Commercial	\$81,855,310
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$20,729,551
Average per return	\$1,142.75

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	9.30%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.07%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.12%
Forest	15.02%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.04%
Pasture/Hay	10.65%
Cultivated Crops	63.19%
Wetlands	0.20%
Open Water	0.41%

### Largest Places

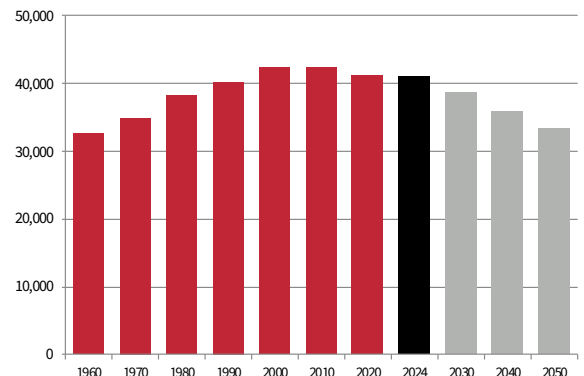
	2024	2020
Eaton city	8,337	8,391
Gasper twp	3,906	3,918
Gratis twp UB	3,208	3,221
Lanier twp UB	2,833	2,850
Harrison twp UB	2,209	2,224
Twin twp UB	2,205	2,219
Camden village	1,990	1,990
Somers twp UB	1,833	1,836
Washington twp	1,790	1,799
Lewisburg village	1,737	1,748

UB: Unincorporated balance

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1910	23,834	<b>2020</b>	<b>40,999</b>
1810	3,304	1920	23,238		
1820	10,237	1930	22,455		
1830	16,291	1940	23,329	<b>Estimate</b>	
1840	19,482	1950	27,081	<b>2024</b>	<b>40,801</b>
1850	21,736	<b>1960</b>	<b>32,498</b>		
1860	21,820	<b>1970</b>	<b>34,719</b>		
1870	21,809	<b>1980</b>	<b>38,223</b>		
1880	24,533	<b>1990</b>	<b>40,113</b>	<b>Projection</b>	
1890	23,421	<b>2000</b>	<b>42,337</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>38,493</b>
1900	23,713	<b>2010</b>	<b>42,270</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>35,817</b>
				<b>2050</b>	<b>33,130</b>



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	40,802	100.0%
White	39,063	95.7%
African-American	321	0.8%
Native American	16	0.0%
Asian	79	0.2%
Pacific Islander	4	0.0%
Other	183	0.4%
Two or More Races	1,136	2.8%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	441	1.1%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>4.7%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	28,663	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,111	7.4%
High school graduate	13,210	46.1%
Some college, no degree	5,802	20.2%
Associate degree	2,410	8.4%
Bachelor's degree	3,088	10.8%
Master's degree or higher	2,042	7.1%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,584	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,679	40.4%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,701	14.7%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	899	7.8%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,676	14.5%
Male householder, in labor force	606	5.2%
Male householder, not in labor force	213	1.8%
Female householder, in labor force	1,134	9.8%
Female householder, not in labor force	676	5.8%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	16,742	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	603	3.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,184	7.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,291	7.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,335	8.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,545	9.2%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,234	7.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,607	9.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,500	14.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,406	20.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,191	7.1%
\$200,000 or more	846	5.1%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$71,237</b>	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	40,802	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,130	5.2%
5 to 17 years	6,994	17.1%
18 to 24 years	3,015	7.4%
25 to 44 years	9,334	22.9%
45 to 64 years	11,244	27.6%
65 years and more	8,085	19.8%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>43.2</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,601	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,983	25.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	373	3.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	965	8.3%
Families with no own children	7,280	62.8%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,601	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,596	91.3%
Family income below poverty level	1,005	8.7%
Married couple, with related children	213	1.8%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	82	0.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	471	4.1%
Families with no related children	239	2.1%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	40,475	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,021	5.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,532	6.3%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,301	3.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,190	2.9%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,575	6.4%
185% to 199% of poverty level	845	2.1%
200% of poverty level or more	30,011	74.1%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	40,511	100.0%
Same house as previous year	37,675	93.0%
Different house, same county	1,649	4.1%
Different county, same state	751	1.9%
Different state	421	1.0%
Abroad	15	0.0%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	18,342	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	5,008	27.3%
15 to 29 minutes	5,825	31.8%
30 to 44 minutes	3,954	21.6%
45 to 59 minutes	2,219	12.1%
60 minutes or more	1,336	7.3%
<b>Mean travel time</b>	<b>26.7 minutes</b>	

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	18,106	100.0%
Occupied housing units	16,742	92.5%
Owner occupied	13,289	79.4%
Renter occupied	3,453	20.6%
Vacant housing units	1,364	7.5%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	18,106	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	37	0.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	529	2.9%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,828	10.1%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,581	14.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,642	9.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,875	15.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,547	8.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,528	8.4%
Built 1940 to 1949	750	4.1%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,789	26.4%
<b>Median year built</b>	<b>1972</b>	

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	13,289	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	351	2.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	234	1.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	342	2.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	545	4.1%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,120	8.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,413	10.6%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,371	10.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,767	20.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,161	23.8%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,410	10.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	447	3.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	128	1.0%
<b>Median value</b>	<b>\$171,100</b>	

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	16,742	100.0%
Utility gas	4,771	28.5%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,054	18.2%
Electricity	6,158	36.8%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,288	7.7%
Coal, coke or wood	1,032	6.2%
Solar energy or other fuel	395	2.4%
No fuel used	44	0.3%

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## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,453	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	44	1.3%
\$200 to \$299	107	3.1%
\$300 to \$399	149	4.3%
\$400 to \$499	105	3.0%
\$500 to \$599	180	5.2%
\$600 to \$699	359	10.4%
\$700 to \$799	620	18.0%
\$800 to \$899	378	10.9%
\$900 to \$999	388	11.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	689	20.0%
\$1,500 or more	132	3.8%
No cash rent	302	8.7%
<b>Median gross rent</b>	<b>\$803</b>	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income	24.0	

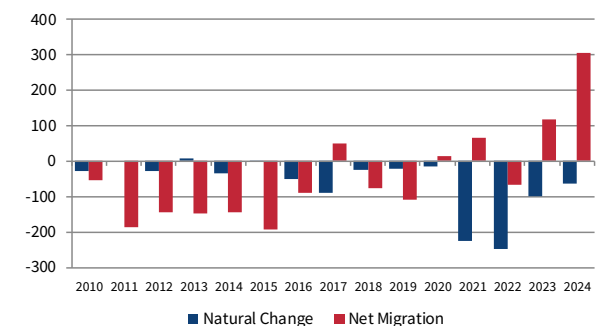
## Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,879	100.0%
Less than \$400	28	0.4%
\$400 to \$599	125	1.6%
\$600 to \$799	705	8.9%
\$800 to \$999	1,231	15.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,760	22.3%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,684	21.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,322	16.8%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	791	10.0%
\$3,000 or more	233	3.0%
<b>Median monthly owners cost</b>	<b>\$1,263</b>	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	18.3	

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	360	51.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	20	15.8
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	506	1,247.7

## Components of Population Change



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	213,053
Number of farms	1,044
Average size (acres)	204
Total cash receipts	\$260,057,000
Per farm	\$249,097
Receipts for crops	\$164,488,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$95,569,000

## Education

Traditional public schools buildings	16
Students	5,389
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	467.1
Expenditures per student	\$12,901
Graduation rate	93.3
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	0
Students	0
Public universities, 4-year	0
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	3 / 11

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	58,464
Passenger cars	30,948
Noncommercial trucks	12,382
Total license revenue	\$1,636,305.73
Permissive tax revenue	\$445,017.50
Interstate highway miles	17.66
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	60.96
State highway miles	111.99
County, township, and municipal road miles	765.43
Commercial airports	0

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

Areas/Facilities	4
Acreage	4,425

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$391,400
Branch offices	16
Institutions represented	9

## Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$2,118,679,000
Net earnings	\$1,275,071,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$567,369,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$30,448,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$2,541,000
Retirement and other	\$534,380,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$276,239,000
Dependency ratio	26.8%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

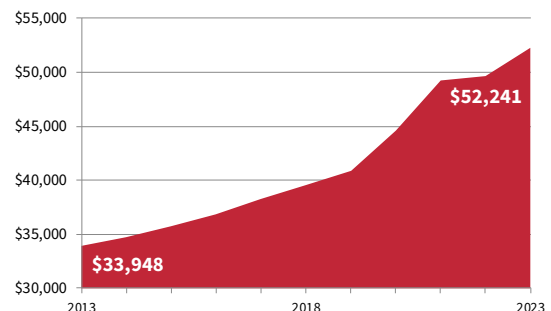
## Voting

Number of registered voters	28,920
Voted in 2024 election	21,901
Percent turnout	75.7%

## Health Care

Physicians	17
Registered hospitals	0
Number of beds	0
Licensed nursing homes	5
Number of beds	240
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	123
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	94.0%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	93.0%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	96.2%

## Per Capita Personal Income



## Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	21,400	21,100	21,000	20,600	20,300
Employed	20,500	20,400	20,300	19,700	18,800
Unemployed	800	700	700	900	1,400
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.3	3.5	4.3	7.0

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

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	711	9,650	\$520,880,578	\$1,038
Goods-Producing	175	4,352	\$311,790,818	\$1,378
Natural Resources and Mining	25	113	\$5,537,641	\$942
Construction	98	434	\$24,033,268	\$1,066
Manufacturing	52	3,805	\$282,219,909	\$1,426
Service-Providing	537	5,298	\$209,089,760	\$759
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	167	1,972	\$94,845,685	\$925
Information	10	25	\$1,879,412	\$1,451
Financial Services	57	272	\$15,458,514	\$1,093
Professional and Business Services	79	476	\$22,207,746	\$898
Education and Health Services	90	1,194	\$46,126,863	\$743
Leisure and Hospitality	71	1,025	\$19,317,343	\$362
Other Services	63	334	\$9,254,197	\$533
Federal Government		72	\$4,256,981	\$1,140
State Government		53	\$3,128,235	\$1,144
Local Government		1,734	\$78,635,211	\$872

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

## Change Since 2017

Private Sector	7.1%	9.1%	42.0%	30.1%
Goods-Producing	14.4%	11.3%	39.9%	25.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	47.1%	-14.4%	21.6%	42.5%
Construction	14.0%	8.5%	30.2%	20.2%
Manufacturing	4.0%	12.7%	41.3%	25.3%
Service-Producing	5.1%	7.3%	45.1%	35.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3.1%	4.1%	45.4%	39.7%
Information	42.9%	66.7%	162.1%	56.0%
Financial Services	-12.3%	1.1%	43.1%	41.2%
Professional and Business Services	12.9%	28.6%	76.2%	36.9%
Education and Health Services	15.4%	9.6%	45.1%	32.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	2.9%	4.3%	22.4%	17.2%
Other Services	3.3%	5.4%	29.5%	23.1%
Federal Government		-4.0%	10.2%	14.9%
State Government		-22.1%	-9.0%	17.2%
Local Government		5.6%	24.6%	18.0%

## Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	58	30	46	48	48
Total valuation (000)	\$17,563	\$10,745	\$14,505	\$11,791	\$8,944
Total single-unit bldgs	58	30	46	48	48
Average cost per unit	\$302,807	\$358,174	\$315,334	\$245,640	\$186,343
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	0	0
Average cost per unit					

## Major & Notable Employers

Cargill/Provimi North America	Mfg
Eaton City Schools	Govt
Henny Penny Corp	Mfg
International Paper Co	Mfg
Neaton Auto Products	Mfg
Parker-Hannifin Corp	Mfg
Pratt Industries	Mfg
Silfex, Inc	Mfg
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade