

Ohio County Profiles

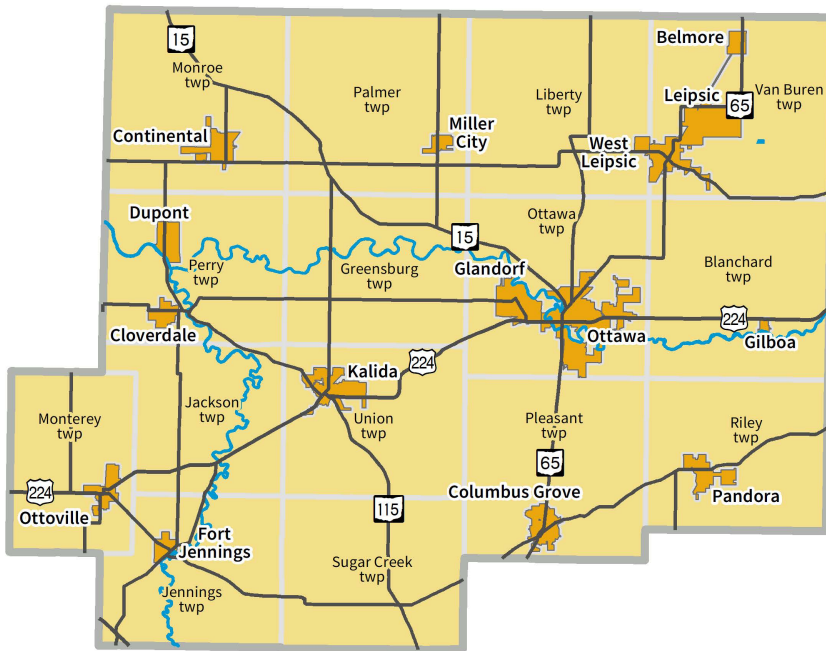
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2025 Edition



Putnam County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820
2024 Population: 34,206
Land Area: 483.9 square miles
County Seat: Ottawa Village
Named for: General Israel Putnam, Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,256,349,000
Residential	\$800,331,860
Agriculture	\$365,601,900
Industrial	\$39,541,490
Commercial	\$50,873,750
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$25,801,618
Average per return	\$1,526.81

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	9.42%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.19%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.03%
Forest	2.61%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.02%
Pasture/Hay	0.94%
Cultivated Crops	83.78%
Wetlands	1.79%
Open Water	0.23%

Largest Places

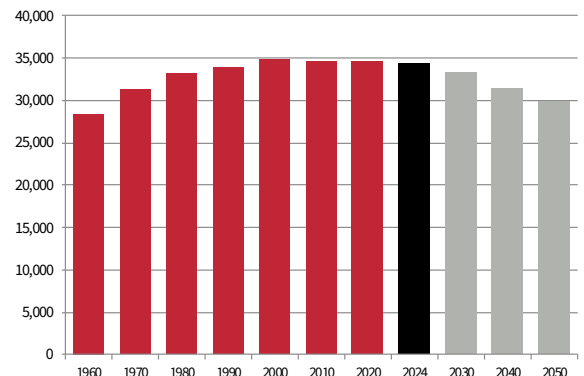
	2024	2020
Ottawa village	4,422	4,462
Ottawa twp UB	2,605	2,601
Leipsic village	2,159	2,186
Columbus Grove village	2,124	2,151
Pleasant twp UB	1,611	1,632
Union twp UB	1,495	1,489
Jennings twp UB	1,484	1,497
Kalida village	1,451	1,456
Liberty twp UB	1,448	1,452
Greensburg twp	1,431	1,424

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800					
1810					
1820					
1830	230	1910	29,972	2020	34,451
1840	5,189	1920	27,751		
1850	7,221	1930	25,074		
1860	12,808	1940	25,016	Estimate	
1870	17,081	1950	25,248	2024	34,206
1880	23,713	1960	28,331		
1890	30,188	1970	31,134		
1900	32,525	1980	32,991	Projection	
		1990	33,819	2030	33,175
		2000	34,726	2040	31,341
		2010	34,499	2050	29,668



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	34,352	100.0%
White	31,620	92.0%
African-American	294	0.9%
Native American	147	0.4%
Asian	75	0.2%
Pacific Islander	18	0.1%
Other	1,233	3.6%
Two or More Races	965	2.8%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	2,264	6.6%
Total Minority	3,101	9.0%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	23,012	100.0%
No high school diploma	1,229	5.3%
High school graduate	8,712	37.9%
Some college, no degree	3,768	16.4%
Associate degree	3,251	14.1%
Bachelor's degree	4,155	18.1%
Master's degree or higher	1,897	8.2%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,472	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,968	52.4%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,182	12.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	504	5.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,662	17.5%
Male householder, in labor force	363	3.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	102	1.1%
Female householder, in labor force	474	5.0%
Female householder, not in labor force	217	2.3%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	13,173	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	498	3.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	788	6.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	610	4.6%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	782	5.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	994	7.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	879	6.7%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,405	10.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,136	16.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,887	21.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,093	8.3%
\$200,000 or more	1,101	8.4%
Median household income	\$82,785	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	34,352	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,155	6.3%
5 to 17 years	6,583	19.2%
18 to 24 years	2,602	7.6%
25 to 44 years	7,807	22.7%
45 to 64 years	8,918	26.0%
65 years and more	6,287	18.3%
Median Age	40.0	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,493	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,484	36.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	211	2.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	273	2.9%
Families with no own children	5,525	58.2%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,493	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	8,992	94.7%
Family income below poverty level	501	5.3%
Married couple, with related children	127	1.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	46	0.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	132	1.4%
Families with no related children	196	2.1%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	33,993	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,268	3.7%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,159	3.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	629	1.9%
125% to 149% of poverty level	868	2.6%
150% to 184% of poverty level	1,805	5.3%
185% to 199% of poverty level	758	2.2%
200% of poverty level or more	27,506	80.9%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	33,904	100.0%
Same house as previous year	32,026	94.5%
Different house, same county	1,122	3.3%
Different county, same state	674	2.0%
Different state	64	0.2%
Abroad	18	0.1%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	15,830	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	5,936	37.5%
15 to 29 minutes	4,410	27.9%
30 to 44 minutes	3,987	25.2%
45 to 59 minutes	941	5.9%
60 minutes or more	556	3.5%

Mean travel time 22.1 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	13,870	100.0%
Occupied housing units	13,173	95.0%
Owner occupied	11,300	85.8%
Renter occupied	1,873	14.2%
Vacant housing units	697	5.0%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	13,870	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	21	0.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	595	4.3%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,311	9.5%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,985	14.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,561	11.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,927	13.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,242	9.0%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,332	9.6%
Built 1940 to 1949	409	2.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,487	25.1%

Median year built 1972

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	11,300	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	287	2.5%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	163	1.4%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	281	2.5%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	321	2.8%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	618	5.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,224	10.8%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,094	9.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,985	17.6%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,049	27.0%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,855	16.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	379	3.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	44	0.4%

Median value \$191,600

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	13,173	100.0%
Utility gas	4,189	31.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,931	29.8%
Electricity	4,064	30.9%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	294	2.2%
Coal, coke or wood	374	2.8%
Solar energy or other fuel	178	1.4%
No fuel used	143	1.1%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	1,873	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	0	0.0%
\$200 to \$299	52	2.8%
\$300 to \$399	35	1.9%
\$400 to \$499	46	2.5%
\$500 to \$599	98	5.2%
\$600 to \$699	214	11.4%
\$700 to \$799	210	11.2%
\$800 to \$899	303	16.2%
\$900 to \$999	311	16.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	333	17.8%
\$1,500 or more	52	2.8%
No cash rent	219	11.7%

Median gross rent \$857

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 21.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,429	100.0%
Less than \$400	18	0.3%
\$400 to \$599	338	5.3%
\$600 to \$799	539	8.4%
\$800 to \$999	669	10.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,207	18.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,304	20.3%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,412	22.0%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	835	13.0%
\$3,000 or more	107	1.7%

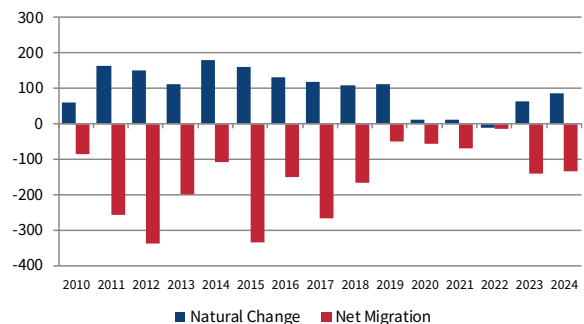
Median monthly owners cost \$1,335

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 16.9

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	384	66.5
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	0	0.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	318	929.9

Components of Population Change



■ Natural Change ■ Net Migration

Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	306,504
Number of farms	1,471
Average size (acres)	208
Total cash receipts	\$392,280,000
Per farm	\$266,676
Receipts for crops	\$248,334,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$143,946,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	22
Students	5,637
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	459.1
Expenditures per student	\$12,050
Graduation rate	97.9
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	3
Students	484
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)	1 / 8

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	52,390
Passenger cars	26,631
Noncommercial trucks	9,687
Total license revenue	\$1,704,691.58
Permissive tax revenue	\$817,827.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	30.95
State highway miles	177.29
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,062.96
Commercial airports	2

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

Areas/Facilities	5
Acreage	164

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	4
Assets (000)	\$1,747,893
Branch offices	17
Institutions represented	6

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$2,182,928,000
Net earnings	\$1,402,456,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$405,365,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$16,265,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$1,896,000
Retirement and other	\$387,204,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$375,107,000
Dependency ratio	18.6%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

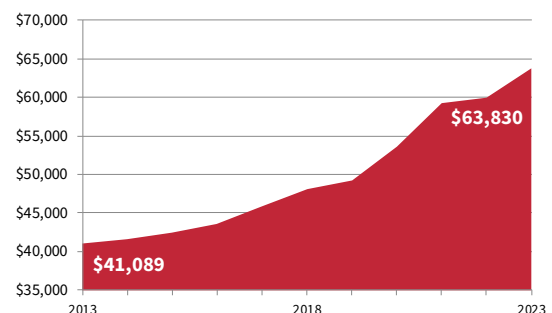
Voting

Number of registered voters	24,016
Voted in 2024 election	19,972
Percent turnout	83.2%

Health Care

Physicians	21
Registered hospitals	0
Number of beds	0
Licensed nursing homes	7
Number of beds	250
Licensed residential care	7
Number of beds	361
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	94.2%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	93.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.9%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	18,500	18,300	18,200	18,100	17,900
Employed	17,900	17,800	17,600	17,400	16,800
Unemployed	600	500	600	700	1,000
Unemployment rate	3.5	2.9	3.2	3.7	5.8

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	778	10,886	\$548,164,659	\$968
Goods-Producing	218	5,274	\$341,156,008	\$1,244
Natural Resources and Mining	29	154	\$8,810,824	\$1,104
Construction	128	1,097	\$69,145,290	\$1,212
Manufacturing	60	4,024	\$263,199,894	\$1,258
Service-Providing	561	5,611	\$207,008,651	\$709
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	183	1,922	\$83,596,771	\$836
Information	11	47	\$3,915,493	\$1,605
Financial Services	66	311	\$18,875,935	\$1,169
Professional and Business Services	92	463	\$24,750,135	\$1,028
Education and Health Services	82	1,358	\$52,672,713	\$746
Leisure and Hospitality	76	1,038	\$13,886,640	\$257
Other Services	52	472	\$9,310,964	\$379
Federal Government		59	\$3,626,956	\$1,192
State Government		45	\$3,168,970	\$1,357
Local Government		1,551	\$72,588,315	\$900

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	7.2%	5.9%	35.2%	27.7%
Goods-Producing	3.3%	14.5%	43.3%	25.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	-3.3%	0.7%	64.6%	64.3%
Construction	4.1%	21.9%	61.5%	32.5%
Manufacturing	1.7%	13.3%	38.6%	22.3%
Service-Producing	8.7%	-1.1%	23.7%	25.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1.7%	3.3%	34.6%	30.2%
Information	10.0%	-2.1%	71.7%	75.6%
Financial Services	24.5%	-5.5%	14.2%	21.0%
Professional and Business Services	21.1%	-27.1%	-4.6%	30.8%
Education and Health Services	9.3%	-2.1%	21.9%	24.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	10.1%	6.5%	30.9%	23.0%
Other Services	-1.9%	6.8%	40.6%	31.6%
Federal Government		-10.6%	5.7%	19.7%
State Government		0.0%	26.3%	25.1%
Local Government		1.2%	23.0%	21.5%

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	37	45	37	47	51
Total valuation (000)	\$12,393	\$17,996	\$13,236	\$15,212	\$15,315
Total single-unit bldgs	34	43	37	45	49
Average cost per unit	\$351,592	\$414,327	\$357,741	\$331,818	\$307,961
Total multi-unit bldg units	3	2	0	2	2
Average cost per unit	\$146,285	\$90,000		\$140,000	\$112,500

Major & Notable Employers

Mars Petcare - Iams	Mfg
Kalida Manufacturing Inc	Mfg
Ottawa-Glandorf Local Schools	Govt
Pro-Tec Coating Co Inc	Mfg
Progressive Stamping/Midway Products	Mfg
Production Products, Inc/Midway Products	Mfg
Putnam County Government	Govt
Schnipke Engraving Co Inc	Mfg
Silgan Plastics Corp	Mfg
Unverferth Manufacturing Co Inc	Mfg
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade
Whirlpool Corp	Mfg