

Ohio County Profiles

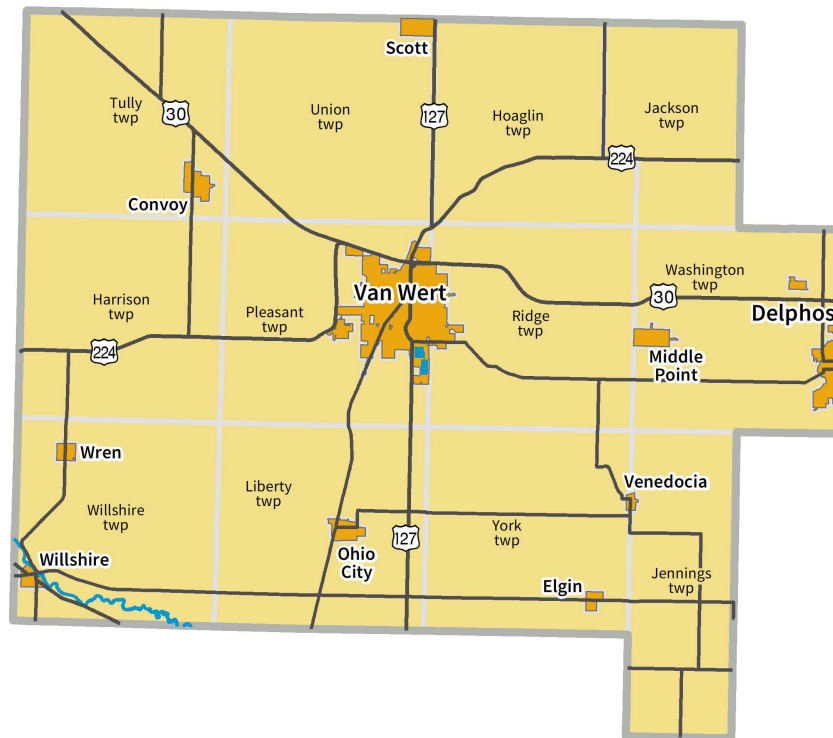
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2025 Edition



Van Wert County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820
2024 Population: 28,887
Land Area: 410.1 square miles
County Seat: Van Wert City
Named for: Isaac Van Wert, Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$907,136,720
Residential	\$525,757,230
Agriculture	\$295,421,890
Industrial	\$28,618,490
Commercial	\$57,339,110
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$15,200,531
Average per return	\$1,087.77

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	8.69%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.31%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.06%
Forest	3.26%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.01%
Pasture/Hay	0.42%
Cultivated Crops	85.67%
Wetlands	0.39%
Open Water	0.19%

Largest Places

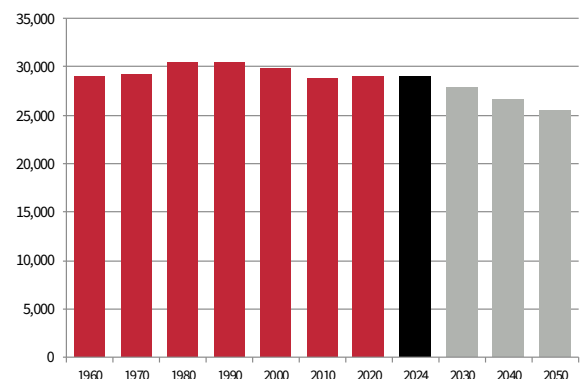
	2024	2020
Van Wert city	11,123	11,108
Delphos city (pt.)	3,148	3,182
Pleasant twp UB	1,795	1,807
Washington twp UB	1,389	1,371
Ridge twp UB	1,344	1,335
Willshire twp UB	1,077	1,089
Harrison twp	1,034	1,021
Convoy village	1,002	1,014
Tully twp UB	996	1,001
Union twp UB	795	793

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	29,119	2020	28,931
1810		1920	28,210		
1820		1930	26,273		
1830	49	1940	26,759	Estimate	
1840	1,577	1950	26,971	2024	28,887
1850	4,793	1960	28,840		
1860	10,238	1970	29,194		
1870	15,823	1980	30,458		
1880	23,028	1990	30,464	Projection	
1890	29,671	2000	29,659	2030	27,773
1900	30,394	2010	28,744	2040	26,562
				2050	25,440



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	28,824	100.0%
White	27,073	93.9%
African-American	199	0.7%
Native American	27	0.1%
Asian	115	0.4%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	276	1.0%
Two or More Races	1,134	3.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,138	3.9%
Total Minority	2,205	7.6%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	19,957	100.0%
No high school diploma	1,286	6.4%
High school graduate	8,886	44.5%
Some college, no degree	3,898	19.5%
Associate degree	2,495	12.5%
Bachelor's degree	2,118	10.6%
Master's degree or higher	1,274	6.4%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	7,988	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	3,235	40.5%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,029	12.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	468	5.9%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,422	17.8%
Male householder, in labor force	539	6.7%
Male householder, not in labor force	122	1.5%
Female householder, in labor force	831	10.4%
Female householder, not in labor force	342	4.3%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	11,651	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	349	3.0%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	730	6.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	828	7.1%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,045	9.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,004	8.6%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,324	11.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,342	11.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,819	15.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,935	16.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	940	8.1%
\$200,000 or more	335	2.9%
Median household income	\$65,344	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	28,824	100.0%
Under 5 years	1,770	6.1%
5 to 17 years	4,912	17.0%
18 to 24 years	2,185	7.6%
25 to 44 years	6,881	23.9%
45 to 64 years	7,457	25.9%
65 years and more	5,619	19.5%
Median Age	41.4	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,000	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,082	26.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	472	5.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	638	8.0%
Families with no own children	4,808	60.1%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,000	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	7,401	92.5%
Family income below poverty level	599	7.5%
Married couple, with related children	88	1.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	120	1.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	176	2.2%
Families with no related children	215	2.7%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	28,476	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	949	3.3%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,761	6.2%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,203	4.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,124	3.9%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,084	7.3%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,069	3.8%
200% of poverty level or more	20,286	71.2%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	28,546	100.0%
Same house as previous year	26,188	91.7%
Different house, same county	1,345	4.7%
Different county, same state	796	2.8%
Different state	215	0.8%
Abroad	2	0.0%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	13,259	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	6,485	48.9%
15 to 29 minutes	3,580	27.0%
30 to 44 minutes	1,914	14.4%
45 to 59 minutes	775	5.8%
60 minutes or more	505	3.8%

Mean travel time 19.5 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,574	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,651	92.7%
Owner occupied	9,392	80.6%
Renter occupied	2,259	19.4%
Vacant housing units	923	7.3%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,574	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	74	0.6%
Built 2010 to 2019	364	2.9%
Built 2000 to 2009	923	7.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,008	8.0%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,250	9.9%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,321	10.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,314	10.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,695	13.5%
Built 1940 to 1949	733	5.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,892	31.0%

Median year built 1960

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	9,392	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	228	2.4%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	161	1.7%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	544	5.8%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,058	11.3%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,187	12.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,151	12.3%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	747	8.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,746	18.6%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,581	16.8%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	754	8.0%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	174	1.9%
\$1,000,000 or more	61	0.6%

Median value \$137,300

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	11,651	100.0%
Utility gas	5,506	47.3%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,066	17.7%
Electricity	3,411	29.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	104	0.9%
Coal, coke or wood	275	2.4%
Solar energy or other fuel	200	1.7%
No fuel used	89	0.8%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	2,259	100.0%
Less than \$100	2	0.1%
\$100 to \$199	0	0.0%
\$200 to \$299	66	2.9%
\$300 to \$399	4	0.2%
\$400 to \$499	82	3.6%
\$500 to \$599	249	11.0%
\$600 to \$699	283	12.5%
\$700 to \$799	368	16.3%
\$800 to \$899	442	19.6%
\$900 to \$999	279	12.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	251	11.1%
\$1,500 or more	45	2.0%
No cash rent	188	8.3%

Median gross rent \$792

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 21.9

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	5,045	100.0%
Less than \$400	23	0.5%
\$400 to \$599	222	4.4%
\$600 to \$799	1,081	21.4%
\$800 to \$999	908	18.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,008	20.0%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	656	13.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	769	15.2%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	307	6.1%
\$3,000 or more	71	1.4%

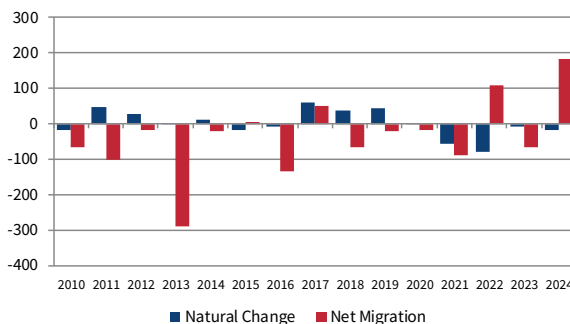
Median monthly owners cost \$1,072

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 17.1

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	331	65.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	13	14.2
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	305	1,062.6

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	226,530
Number of farms	737
Average size (acres)	307
Total cash receipts	\$372,695,000
Per farm	\$505,693
Receipts for crops	\$199,700,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$172,995,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	12
Students	4,189
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	382.3
Expenditures per student	\$11,428
Graduation rate	96.8
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	77
Public universities, 4-year	0
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 6

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	40,772
Passenger cars	22,803
Noncommercial trucks	7,150
Total license revenue	\$1,154,628.17
Permissive tax revenue	\$207,072.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	70.63
State highway miles	96.40
County, township, and municipal road miles	893.51
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	1
Acreage	9

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$480,238
Branch offices	8
Institutions represented	8

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$1,531,081,000
Net earnings	\$950,828,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$363,543,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$20,153,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$1,573,000
Retirement and other	\$341,817,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$216,710,000
Dependency ratio	23.7%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

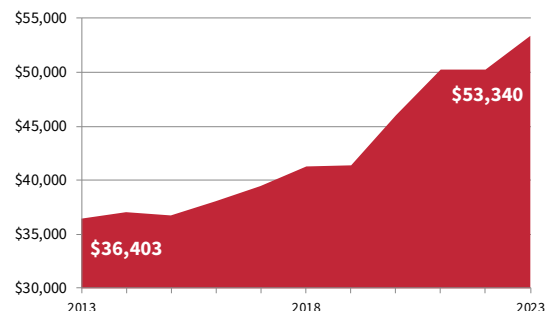
Voting

Number of registered voters	20,489
Voted in 2024 election	14,899
Percent turnout	72.7%

Health Care

Physicians	26
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	92
Licensed nursing homes	3
Number of beds	158
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	287
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	94.0%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	93.1%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	96.3%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	14,800	14,700	14,300	14,400	14,700
Employed	14,200	14,200	13,900	13,800	13,700
Unemployed	600	400	500	600	1,000
Unemployment rate	3.8	3.0	3.4	4.2	7.1

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	565	9,859	\$493,358,215	\$962
Goods-Producing	110	3,430	\$194,823,633	\$1,092
Natural Resources and Mining	26	168	\$8,916,819	\$1,023
Construction	39	241	\$14,551,708	\$1,159
Manufacturing	46	3,021	\$171,355,106	\$1,091
Service-Providing	455	6,429	\$298,534,582	\$893
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	146	2,220	\$97,484,685	\$844
Information	8	20	\$908,299	\$863
Financial Services	45	727	\$68,420,185	\$1,811
Professional and Business Services	64	401	\$19,877,806	\$953
Education and Health Services	65	1,609	\$80,232,544	\$959
Leisure and Hospitality	71	1,038	\$16,454,430	\$305
Other Services	57	414	\$15,156,633	\$704
Federal Government		42	\$2,674,946	\$1,222
State Government		61	\$4,826,540	\$1,530
Local Government		1,553	\$68,349,001	\$847

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	2.9%	-4.0%	20.2%	25.1%
Goods-Producing	3.8%	-3.6%	14.4%	18.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	44.4%	-7.2%	18.4%	27.9%
Construction	-22.0%	-35.6%	-34.1%	2.1%
Manufacturing	17.9%	0.6%	21.8%	21.0%
Service-Producing	2.7%	-4.2%	24.4%	29.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-3.3%	-9.3%	17.8%	29.8%
Information	0.0%	-33.3%	-17.3%	22.6%
Financial Services	-4.3%	10.8%	47.8%	33.5%
Professional and Business Services	6.7%	-32.1%	5.1%	54.7%
Education and Health Services	-1.5%	-6.2%	14.1%	21.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	24.6%	18.6%	58.2%	33.2%
Other Services	7.5%	4.3%	47.0%	40.8%
Federal Government		-14.3%	6.9%	23.9%
State Government		-9.0%	13.9%	25.5%
Local Government		10.5%	28.7%	16.5%

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	38	36	42	37	39
Total valuation (000)	\$12,047	\$10,158	\$11,636	\$10,631	\$9,357
Total single-unit bldgs	38	36	42	37	34
Average cost per unit	\$317,027	\$282,153	\$277,038	\$287,315	\$267,126
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	0	5
Average cost per unit					\$55,000

Major & Notable Employers

Braun Industries Inc	Mfg
Central Mutual Insurance Co	Ins
Cooper Farms Inc	Mfg
Danfoss Power Solutions	Mfg
OhioHealth - Van Wert Hospital	Serv
Tenneco	Mfg
Greif Inc	Mfg
Toledo Molding & Die	Mfg
Van Wert City Schools	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade