

Ohio County Profiles

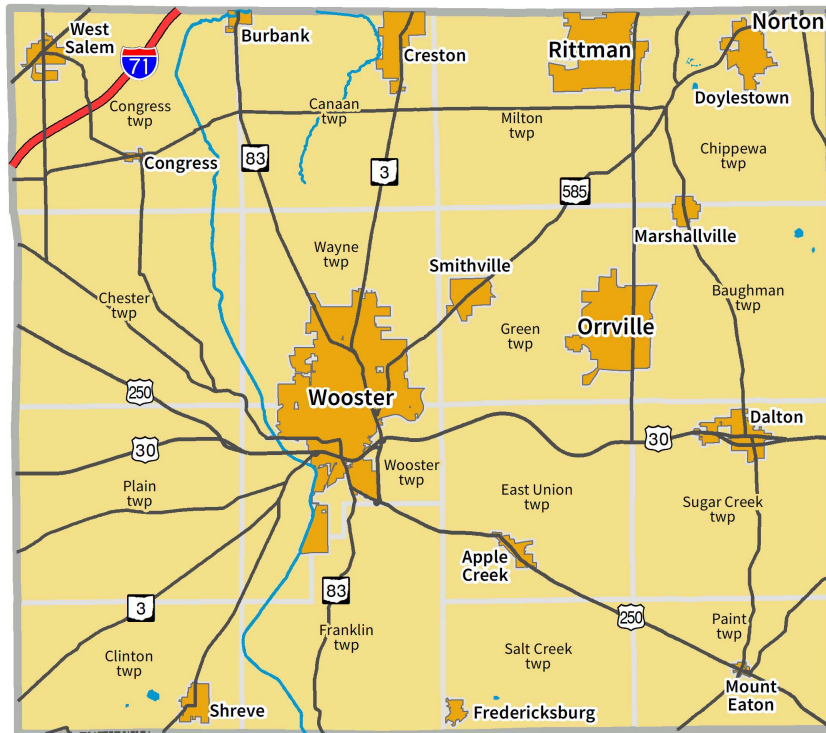
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2025 Edition



Wayne County

Established: Proclamation - August 15, 1796
2024 Population: 116,632
Land Area: 555.4 square miles
County Seat: Wooster City
Named for: General Anthony Wayne, Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$3,639,695,850
Residential	\$2,632,101,220
Agriculture	\$449,350,060
Industrial	\$197,399,620
Commercial	\$359,427,690
Mineral	\$1,417,260
Ohio income tax liability	\$68,343,147
Average per return	\$1,281.90

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	13.92%
Developed, Higher Intensity	2.34%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.08%
Forest	14.57%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.11%
Pasture/Hay	26.72%
Cultivated Crops	39.14%
Wetlands	2.67%
Open Water	0.45%

Largest Places

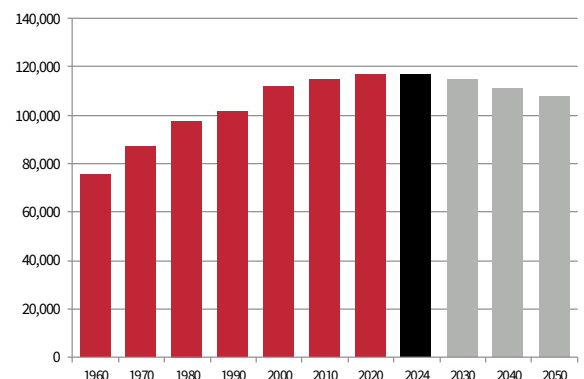
	2024	2020
Wooster city	26,982	27,237
Orrville city	8,442	8,462
Chippewa twp UB	6,783	6,755
Rittman city (pt.)	6,003	6,024
East Union twp UB	5,775	5,764
Sugar Creek twp UB	5,232	5,240
Wooster twp	4,602	4,614
Franklin twp	4,237	4,236
Salt Creek twp UB	4,099	4,108
Wayne twp	4,013	4,003

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800				
1810				
1820	11,933	1910	38,058	2020 116,894
1830	23,333	1920	41,346	
1840	35,808	1930	47,024	
1850	32,981	1940	50,520	Estimate
1860	32,483	1950	58,716	2024 116,632
1870	35,116	1960 75,497		
1880	40,076	1970 87,123		
1890	39,005	1980 97,408		
1900	37,870	1990 101,461		Projection
		2000 111,564		2030 114,490
		2010 114,520		2040 110,745
				2050 107,314



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	116,618	100.0%
White	108,708	93.2%
African-American	1,351	1.2%
Native American	98	0.1%
Asian	1,368	1.2%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	1,238	1.1%
Two or More Races	3,855	3.3%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	2,781	2.4%
Total Minority	8,743	7.5%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	76,835	100.0%
No high school diploma	10,519	13.7%
High school graduate	29,197	38.0%
Some college, no degree	12,410	16.2%
Associate degree	5,719	7.4%
Bachelor's degree	11,591	15.1%
Master's degree or higher	7,399	9.6%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	29,649	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	10,804	36.4%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	7,203	24.3%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,839	6.2%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	4,678	15.8%
Male householder, in labor force	1,339	4.5%
Male householder, not in labor force	507	1.7%
Female householder, in labor force	2,403	8.1%
Female householder, not in labor force	876	3.0%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	44,192	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,395	3.2%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,107	7.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,101	7.0%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,603	8.2%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3,532	8.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	3,676	8.3%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	4,952	11.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7,275	16.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,850	17.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,972	6.7%
\$200,000 or more	2,729	6.2%
Median household income	\$71,769	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	116,618	100.0%
Under 5 years	7,283	6.2%
5 to 17 years	20,817	17.9%
18 to 24 years	11,683	10.0%
25 to 44 years	26,617	22.8%
45 to 64 years	28,525	24.5%
65 years and more	21,693	18.6%
Median Age	38.9	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	29,864	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	9,589	32.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	605	2.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,562	5.2%
Families with no own children	18,108	60.6%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	29,864	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	28,381	95.0%
Family income below poverty level	1,483	5.0%
Married couple, with related children	363	1.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	108	0.4%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	511	1.7%
Families with no related children	501	1.7%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	112,277	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	3,631	3.2%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,176	5.5%
100% to 124% of poverty level	5,421	4.8%
125% to 149% of poverty level	5,011	4.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	8,392	7.5%
185% to 199% of poverty level	3,628	3.2%
200% of poverty level or more	80,018	71.3%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	115,110	100.0%
Same house as previous year	102,695	89.2%
Different house, same county	7,406	6.4%
Different county, same state	2,855	2.5%
Different state	1,517	1.3%
Abroad	637	0.6%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	50,192	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	21,283	42.4%
15 to 29 minutes	16,918	33.7%
30 to 44 minutes	6,867	13.7%
45 to 59 minutes	2,588	5.2%
60 minutes or more	2,536	5.1%
Mean travel time	20.6 minutes	

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	46,804	100.0%
Occupied housing units	44,192	94.4%
Owner occupied	33,612	76.1%
Renter occupied	10,580	23.9%
Vacant housing units	2,612	5.6%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	46,804	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	202	0.4%
Built 2010 to 2019	2,725	5.8%
Built 2000 to 2009	4,973	10.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	6,599	14.1%
Built 1980 to 1989	4,962	10.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	7,903	16.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,837	10.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	4,636	9.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,750	3.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	8,217	17.6%
Median year built	1975	

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	33,612	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,162	3.5%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1,067	3.2%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	467	1.4%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	730	2.2%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,200	3.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,376	7.1%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,739	8.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,540	19.5%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	9,170	27.3%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	6,139	18.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,644	4.9%
\$1,000,000 or more	378	1.1%
Median value	\$204,600	

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	44,192	100.0%
Utility gas	28,507	64.5%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,065	6.9%
Electricity	8,247	18.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,598	3.6%
Coal, coke or wood	2,237	5.1%
Solar energy or other fuel	394	0.9%
No fuel used	144	0.3%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	10,580	100.0%
Less than \$100	57	0.5%
\$100 to \$199	74	0.7%
\$200 to \$299	420	4.0%
\$300 to \$399	197	1.9%
\$400 to \$499	291	2.8%
\$500 to \$599	734	6.9%
\$600 to \$699	960	9.1%
\$700 to \$799	1,415	13.4%
\$800 to \$899	1,442	13.6%
\$900 to \$999	1,249	11.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,331	22.0%
\$1,500 or more	550	5.2%
No cash rent	860	8.1%
Median gross rent	\$849	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income	23.6	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

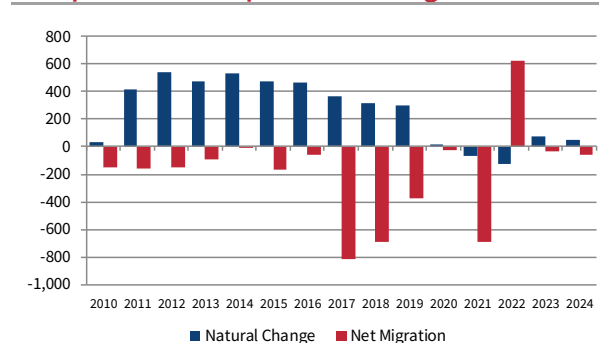
	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	19,124	100.0%
Less than \$400	66	0.3%
\$400 to \$599	390	2.0%
\$600 to \$799	1,288	6.7%
\$800 to \$999	2,278	11.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	3,857	20.2%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	3,292	17.2%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	4,672	24.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	2,568	13.4%
\$3,000 or more	713	3.7%
Median monthly owners cost	\$1,378	

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.9

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	1,399	66.0
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	41	9.8
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,286	1,103.8

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	259,339
Number of farms	2,084
Average size (acres)	124
Total cash receipts	\$554,206,000
Per farm	\$265,934
Receipts for crops	\$143,265,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$410,941,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	37
Students	13,317
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,109.8
Expenditures per student	\$12,895
Graduation rate	96.2
Community/charter schools buildings	1
Students	61
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	5.4
Expenditures per student	\$11,801
Graduation rate	
Private schools	6
Students	941
Public universities, 4-year	0
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	1
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	2
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	2 / 8

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	139,369
Passenger cars	81,129
Noncommercial trucks	23,295
Total license revenue	\$4,352,696.80
Permissive tax revenue	\$2,306,467.50
Interstate highway miles	7.12
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	58.54
State highway miles	186.83
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,343.81
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	5
Acreage	6,123

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$1,801,659
Branch offices	42
Institutions represented	12

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$6,776,366,000
Net earnings	\$4,336,998,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$1,340,076,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$78,693,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$6,509,000
Retirement and other	\$1,254,874,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$1,099,292,000
Dependency ratio	19.8%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

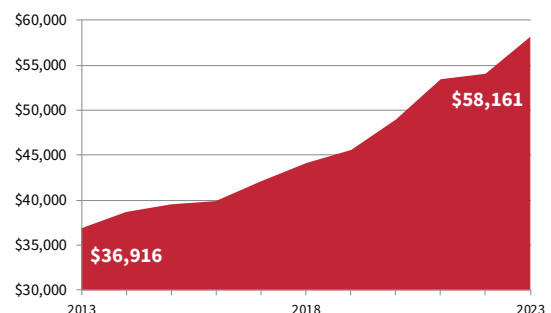
Voting

Number of registered voters	70,625
Voted in 2024 election	53,865
Percent turnout	76.3%

Health Care

Physicians	174
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	188
Licensed nursing homes	15
Number of beds	958
Licensed residential care	11
Number of beds	750
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	87.4%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	87.2%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	87.8%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	56,200	55,800	55,000	54,800	55,300
Employed	54,100	54,000	53,100	52,600	51,800
Unemployed	2,200	1,800	1,900	2,200	3,500
Unemployment rate	3.9	3.2	3.5	4.1	6.4

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	2,857	41,965	\$2,448,894,969	\$1,122
Goods-Producing	845	17,512	\$1,184,580,717	\$1,301
Natural Resources and Mining	121	1,039	\$51,888,445	\$960
Construction	385	2,539	\$166,892,729	\$1,264
Manufacturing	339	13,934	\$965,799,543	\$1,333
Service-Providing	2,012	24,454	\$1,264,314,252	\$994
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	676	8,243	\$387,143,891	\$903
Information	36	145	\$9,969,431	\$1,324
Financial Services	206	1,400	\$98,385,140	\$1,351
Professional and Business Services	392	3,450	\$321,789,302	\$1,794
Education and Health Services	269	6,286	\$316,564,119	\$968
Leisure and Hospitality	239	3,820	\$78,446,290	\$395
Other Services	193	1,109	\$51,953,035	\$901
Federal Government		252	\$18,474,945	\$1,408
State Government		637	\$41,187,803	\$1,244
Local Government		5,671	\$286,240,198	\$971

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	11.8%	-1.5%	20.1%	21.8%
Goods-Producing	13.6%	-7.6%	3.8%	12.3%
Natural Resources and Mining	9.0%	-44.9%	-54.9%	-18.2%
Construction	15.6%	12.8%	43.8%	27.4%
Manufacturing	13.0%	-5.9%	6.1%	12.7%
Service-Producing	11.0%	3.4%	41.0%	36.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	8.0%	1.8%	23.7%	21.4%
Information	157.1%	-28.6%	27.4%	78.2%
Financial Services	-1.4%	-3.0%	15.4%	18.9%
Professional and Business Services	24.8%	38.7%	121.7%	59.9%
Education and Health Services	5.1%	-4.2%	27.9%	33.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	13.8%	6.3%	48.9%	40.1%
Other Services	4.9%	-11.6%	14.3%	29.3%
Federal Government		-1.6%	21.3%	23.2%
State Government		-18.6%	-2.2%	20.3%
Local Government		-0.7%	21.1%	22.0%

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	282	212	205	189	275
Total valuation (000)	\$84,947	\$67,495	\$55,487	\$55,065	\$60,387
Total single-unit bldgs	228	202	168	168	196
Average cost per unit	\$337,822	\$323,290	\$297,422	\$304,465	\$261,292
Total multi-unit bldg units	54	10	37	21	79
Average cost per unit	\$146,729	\$219,000	\$149,181	\$186,429	\$116,126

Major & Notable Employers

Artiflex Manufacturing	Mfg
College of Wooster	Serv
Daisy Brand	Mfg
Frito-Lay Inc	Mfg
Gerber Poultry	Mfg
GOJO Industries	Serv
JM Smucker Co	Mfg
Schaeffler Transmission	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt
Will-Burt Co	Mfg
Wooster Brush Co	Mfg
Wooster City Schools	Govt
Wooster Community Hospital	Serv