

Ohio County Profiles



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2020 Edition

Belmont County

Established: Proclamation - September 7, 1801
 2019 Population: 67,006
 Land Area: 537.3 square miles
 County Seat: St. Clairsville City
 Named for: French: "Beautiful Mountain"



Taxes

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Taxable value of real property | \$1,674,634,940 |
| Residential | \$853,225,530 |
| Agriculture | \$156,655,140 |
| Industrial | \$24,462,020 |
| Commercial | \$239,796,690 |
| Mineral | \$400,495,560 |
| Ohio income tax liability | \$37,438,072 |
| Average per return | \$1,272.06 |

Land Use/Land Cover

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Developed, Lower Intensity | 7.98% |
| Developed, Higher Intensity | 1.16% |
| Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.) | 0.49% |
| Forest | 58.49% |
| Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands | 2.49% |
| Pasture/Hay | 27.91% |
| Cultivated Crops | 0.07% |
| Wetlands | 0.37% |
| Open Water | 1.05% |

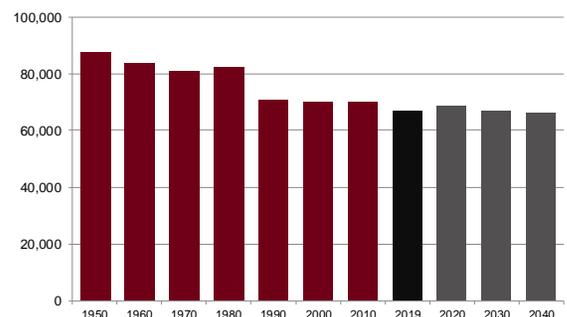
Largest Places

| | Est. 2019 | Census 2010 |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Richland twp UB | 9,387 | 9,789 |
| Martins Ferry city | 6,517 | 6,915 |
| St. Clairsville city | 5,141 | 5,184 |
| Pultney twp UB | 4,234 | 4,478 |
| Pease twp UB | 4,213 | 4,467 |
| Colerain twp | 4,052 | 4,276 |
| Bellaire vlg | 4,013 | 4,278 |
| Barnesville vlg | 3,998 | 4,193 |
| Shadyside vlg | 3,547 | 3,785 |
| Mead twp UB | 2,147 | 2,221 |

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

| Census | | Estimated | |
|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 1800 | | 1910 | 76,856 |
| 1810 | 11,097 | 1920 | 93,193 |
| 1820 | 20,329 | 1930 | 94,719 |
| 1830 | 28,627 | 1940 | 95,614 |
| 1840 | 30,901 | 1950 | 87,740 |
| 1850 | 34,600 | 1960 | 83,864 |
| 1860 | 36,398 | 1970 | 80,917 |
| 1870 | 39,714 | 1980 | 82,569 |
| 1880 | 49,638 | 1990 | 71,074 |
| 1890 | 57,413 | 2000 | 70,226 |
| 1900 | 60,875 | 2010 | 70,400 |
| | | 2014 | 69,367 |
| | | 2015 | 68,973 |
| | | 2016 | 68,606 |
| | | 2017 | 68,002 |
| | | 2018 | 67,533 |
| | | 2019 | 67,006 |
| | | Projected | |
| | | 2020 | 68,880 |
| | | 2030 | 67,330 |
| | | 2040 | 66,140 |



| Population by Race | Number | Percent |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| ACS Total Population | 68,472 | 100.0% |
| White | 63,840 | 93.2% |
| African-American | 2,775 | 4.1% |
| Native American | 153 | 0.2% |
| Asian | 301 | 0.4% |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0% |
| Other | 307 | 0.4% |
| Two or More Races | 1,096 | 1.6% |
| Hispanic (may be of any race) | 639 | 0.9% |
| Total Minority | 4,896 | 7.2% |

| Educational Attainment | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Persons 25 years and over | 50,533 | 100.0% |
| No high school diploma | 4,832 | 9.6% |
| High school graduate | 21,588 | 42.7% |
| Some college, no degree | 10,335 | 20.5% |
| Associate degree | 5,586 | 11.1% |
| Bachelor's degree | 5,221 | 10.3% |
| Master's degree or higher | 2,971 | 5.9% |

| Family Type by Employment Status | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 16,716 | 100.0% |
| Married couple, husband and wife in labor force | 5,460 | 32.7% |
| Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not | 3,074 | 18.4% |
| Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not | 1,044 | 6.2% |
| Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force | 3,043 | 18.2% |
| Male householder, in labor force | 889 | 5.3% |
| Male householder, not in labor force | 360 | 2.2% |
| Female householder, in labor force | 1,809 | 10.8% |
| Female householder, not in labor force | 1,037 | 6.2% |

| Household Income | Number | Percent |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Total Households | 26,200 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$10,000 | 1,660 | 6.3% |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 3,403 | 13.0% |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 3,046 | 11.6% |
| \$30,000 to \$39,999 | 2,662 | 10.2% |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 2,475 | 9.4% |
| \$50,000 to \$59,999 | 2,183 | 8.3% |
| \$60,000 to \$74,999 | 2,431 | 9.3% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 3,712 | 14.2% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 3,217 | 12.3% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 831 | 3.2% |
| \$200,000 or more | 580 | 2.2% |
| Median household income | \$49,361 | |

| Population by Age | Number | Percent |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|
| ACS Total Population | 68,472 | 100.0% |
| Under 5 years | 3,384 | 4.9% |
| 5 to 17 years | 9,657 | 14.1% |
| 18 to 24 years | 4,898 | 7.2% |
| 25 to 44 years | 16,762 | 24.5% |
| 45 to 64 years | 20,180 | 29.5% |
| 65 years and more | 13,591 | 19.8% |
| Median Age | 44.5 | |

| Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18 | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 16,784 | 100.0% |
| Married-couple families with own children | 3,914 | 23.3% |
| Male householder, no wife present, with own children | 613 | 3.7% |
| Female householder, no husband present, with own children | 1,501 | 8.9% |
| Families with no own children | 10,756 | 64.1% |

| Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 16,784 | 100.0% |
| Family income above poverty level | 15,276 | 91.0% |
| Family income below poverty level | 1,508 | 9.0% |
| Married couple, with related children | 238 | 15.8% |
| Male householder, no wife present, with related children | 142 | 9.4% |
| Female householder, no husband present, with related children | 694 | 46.0% |
| Families with no related children | 434 | 28.8% |

| Ratio of Income To Poverty Level | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Population for whom poverty status is determined | 64,451 | 100.0% |
| Below 50% of poverty level | 3,769 | 5.8% |
| 50% to 99% of poverty level | 4,969 | 7.7% |
| 100% to 124% of poverty level | 2,945 | 4.6% |
| 125% to 149% of poverty level | 2,623 | 4.1% |
| 150% to 184% of poverty level | 4,593 | 7.1% |
| 185% to 199% of poverty level | 1,953 | 3.0% |
| 200% of poverty level or more | 43,599 | 67.6% |

| Geographical Mobility | Number | Percent |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Population aged 1 year and older | 67,942 | 100.0% |
| Same house as previous year | 61,218 | 90.1% |
| Different house, same county | 3,285 | 4.8% |
| Different county, same state | 2,047 | 3.0% |
| Different state | 1,353 | 2.0% |
| Abroad | 39 | 0.1% |

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

| | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Workers 16 years and over | 27,916 | 100.0% |
| Less than 15 minutes | 8,180 | 29.3% |
| 15 to 29 minutes | 11,512 | 41.2% |
| 30 to 44 minutes | 4,502 | 16.1% |
| 45 to 59 minutes | 2,000 | 7.2% |
| 60 minutes or more | 1,722 | 6.2% |

Mean travel time 23.7 minutes

Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total housing units | 32,211 | 100.0% |
| Occupied housing units | 26,200 | 81.3% |
| Owner occupied | 20,021 | 76.4% |
| Renter occupied | 6,179 | 23.6% |
| Vacant housing units | 6,011 | 18.7% |

Year Structure Built

| | Number | Percent |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| Total housing units | 32,211 | 100.0% |
| Built 2014 or later | 180 | 0.6% |
| Built 2010 to 2013 | 317 | 1.0% |
| Built 2000 to 2009 | 2,004 | 6.2% |
| Built 1990 to 1999 | 2,699 | 8.4% |
| Built 1980 to 1989 | 2,081 | 6.5% |
| Built 1970 to 1979 | 4,941 | 15.3% |
| Built 1960 to 1969 | 3,124 | 9.7% |
| Built 1950 to 1959 | 4,013 | 12.5% |
| Built 1940 to 1949 | 3,046 | 9.5% |
| Built 1939 or earlier | 9,806 | 30.4% |

Median year built 1958

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Specified owner-occupied housing units | 20,021 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$20,000 | 806 | 4.0% |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999 | 1,313 | 6.6% |
| \$40,000 to \$59,999 | 2,232 | 11.1% |
| \$60,000 to \$79,999 | 2,818 | 14.1% |
| \$80,000 to \$99,999 | 3,042 | 15.2% |
| \$100,000 to \$124,999 | 2,544 | 12.7% |
| \$125,000 to \$149,999 | 1,317 | 6.6% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 2,346 | 11.7% |
| \$200,000 to \$299,999 | 2,421 | 12.1% |
| \$300,000 to \$499,999 | 904 | 4.5% |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 | 215 | 1.1% |
| \$1,000,000 or more | 63 | 0.3% |

Median value \$98,500

House Heating Fuel

| | Number | Percent |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Occupied housing units | 26,200 | 100.0% |
| Utility gas | 13,146 | 50.2% |
| Bottled, tank or LP gas | 2,077 | 7.9% |
| Electricity | 6,558 | 25.0% |
| Fuel oil, kerosene, etc | 2,851 | 10.9% |
| Coal, coke or wood | 1,229 | 4.7% |
| Solar energy or other fuel | 220 | 0.8% |
| No fuel used | 119 | 0.5% |

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Specified renter-occupied housing units | 6,179 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$100 | 64 | 1.0% |
| \$100 to \$199 | 117 | 1.9% |
| \$200 to \$299 | 411 | 6.7% |
| \$300 to \$399 | 557 | 9.0% |
| \$400 to \$499 | 434 | 7.0% |
| \$500 to \$599 | 766 | 12.4% |
| \$600 to \$699 | 764 | 12.4% |
| \$700 to \$799 | 732 | 11.8% |
| \$800 to \$899 | 507 | 8.2% |
| \$900 to \$999 | 356 | 5.8% |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499 | 463 | 7.5% |
| \$1,500 or more | 40 | 0.6% |
| No cash rent | 968 | 15.7% |

Median gross rent \$633

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 25.9

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage | 9,377 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$400 | 112 | 1.2% |
| \$400 to \$599 | 932 | 9.9% |
| \$600 to \$799 | 2,011 | 21.4% |
| \$800 to \$999 | 1,875 | 20.0% |
| \$1,000 to \$1,249 | 1,666 | 17.8% |
| \$1,250 to \$1,499 | 1,088 | 11.6% |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999 | 1,132 | 12.1% |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 | 542 | 5.8% |
| \$3,000 or more | 19 | 0.2% |

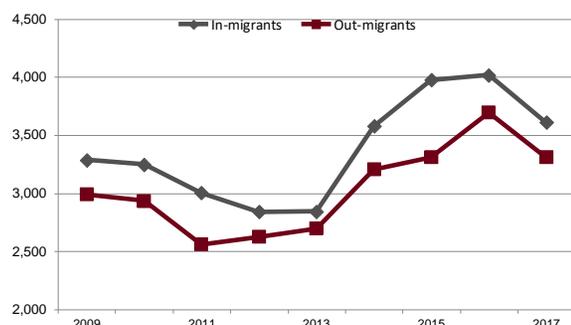
Median monthly owners cost \$973

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 17.7

Vital Statistics

| | Number | Rate |
|---|--------|---------|
| Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 | 657 | 63.0 |
| Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19 | 44 | 27.5 |
| Deaths / rate per 100,000 population | 936 | 1,386.0 |

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Land in farms (acres) | 129,364 |
| Number of farms | 750 |
| Average size (acres) | 172 |
| Total cash receipts | \$25,357,000 |
| Per farm | \$33,810 |
| Receipts for crops | \$5,887,000 |
| Receipts for livestock/products | \$19,470,000 |

Education

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|---|---------|
| Traditional public schools buildings | 22 |
| Students | 8,848 |
| Teachers (Full Time Equivalent) | 694.3 |
| Expenditures per student | \$8,346 |
| Graduation rate | 92.6 |
| Community/charter schools buildings | 0 |
| Students | 0 |
| Teachers (Full Time Equivalent) | 0.0 |
| Expenditures per student | |
| Graduation rate | |
| Private schools | 7 |
| Students | 690 |
| 4-year public universities | 0 |
| Regional campuses | 1 |
| 2-year public colleges/satellites | 1 |
| Ohio Technical Centers | 0 |
| Private universities and colleges | 0 |
| Public libraries (Districts / Facilities) | 4 / 9 |

Transportation

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| Registered motor vehicles | 85,527 |
| Passenger cars | 50,110 |
| Noncommercial trucks | 16,530 |
| Total license revenue | \$2,503,400.97 |
| Permissive tax revenue | \$729,332.50 |
| Interstate highway miles | 33.66 |
| Turnpike miles | 0.00 |
| U.S. highway miles | 32.01 |
| State highway miles | 213.75 |
| County, township, and municipal road miles | 1,209.62 |
| Commercial airports | 2 |

Health Care

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|--|-------|
| Physicians | 72 |
| Registered hospitals | 3 |
| Number of beds | 184 |
| Licensed nursing homes | 10 |
| Number of beds | 785 |
| Licensed residential care | 5 |
| Number of beds | 300 |
| Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64) | 92.7% |
| Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64) | 91.7% |
| Children with insurance (Aged Under 19) | 95.5% |

Communications

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Television stations | 0 |
| Radio stations | 3 |
| Daily newspapers | 1 |
| Circulation | 9,435 |
| Average monthly unique visitors | 0 |
| Weekly newspapers | 0 |
| Circulation | 0 |
| Average monthly unique visitors | 0 |
| Online only | 0 |
| Average monthly unique visitors | 0 |

Crime

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|---|-----|
| Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report | 544 |
| Violent crime | 59 |
| Property crime | 485 |

Finance

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|---|-------------|
| FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs) | 2 |
| Assets (000) | \$1,001,548 |
| Branch offices | 31 |
| Institutions represented | 12 |

Transfer Payments

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|--|-----------------|
| Total transfer payments | \$714,943,000 |
| Payments to individuals | \$699,658,000 |
| Retirement and disability | \$261,710,000 |
| Medical payments | \$352,191,000 |
| Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc) | \$46,434,000 |
| Unemployment benefits | \$5,404,000 |
| Veterans benefits | \$18,889,000 |
| Federal education and training assistance | \$9,884,000 |
| Other payments to individuals | \$5,146,000 |
| Total personal income | \$2,864,188,000 |
| Dependency ratio | 25.0% |
| (Percent of income from transfer payments) | |

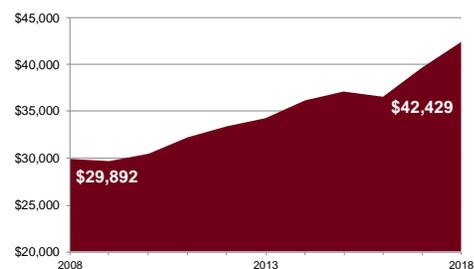
Voting

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| Number of registered voters | 47,702 |
| Voted in 2018 election | 25,332 |
| Percent turnout | 53.1% |

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

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Areas/Facilities | 9 |
| Acreage | 20,588 |

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian labor force | 30,200 | 30,500 | 30,300 | 31,000 | 31,100 |
| Employed | 28,500 | 28,900 | 28,400 | 28,700 | 29,100 |
| Unemployed | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,900 | 2,300 | 2,000 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 6.4 |

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2018

| Industrial Sector | Number of Establishments | Average Employment | Total Wages | Average Weekly Wage |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Private Sector | 1,514 | 19,023 | \$785,935,296 | \$795 |
| Goods-Producing | 241 | 3,870 | \$290,603,485 | \$1,444 |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 67 | 1,889 | \$173,495,999 | \$1,766 |
| Construction | 133 | 1,265 | \$79,990,283 | \$1,216 |
| Manufacturing | 42 | 716 | \$37,117,203 | \$997 |
| Service-Providing | 1,272 | 15,154 | \$495,331,811 | \$629 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 437 | 5,607 | \$187,606,414 | \$643 |
| Information | 11 | 272 | \$11,087,479 | \$784 |
| Financial Services | 144 | 828 | \$35,898,048 | \$834 |
| Professional and Business Services | 181 | 1,192 | \$67,207,004 | \$1,084 |
| Education and Health Services | 221 | 3,798 | \$133,792,136 | \$677 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 152 | 2,864 | \$44,552,682 | \$299 |
| Other Services | 128 | 593 | \$15,188,048 | \$493 |
| Federal Government | | 153 | \$8,667,900 | \$1,089 |
| State Government | | 647 | \$37,574,134 | \$1,118 |
| Local Government | | 2,796 | \$106,054,951 | \$730 |

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Private Sector | 4.5% | -0.2% | 14.3% | 14.6% |
| Goods-Producing | 15.9% | 1.2% | 16.5% | 15.1% |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 71.8% | -0.7% | 10.4% | 11.1% |
| Construction | 3.1% | 18.2% | 52.9% | 29.4% |
| Manufacturing | 5.0% | -16.1% | -7.3% | 10.4% |
| Service-Producing | 2.5% | -0.6% | 13.0% | 13.7% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 4.3% | 5.2% | 20.7% | 14.6% |
| Information | -15.4% | -19.0% | -9.4% | 12.0% |
| Financial Services | 2.9% | -22.8% | -6.4% | 21.2% |
| Professional and Business Services | 7.7% | 3.7% | 8.8% | 4.9% |
| Education and Health Services | 1.4% | -3.5% | 11.3% | 15.3% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 5.6% | 5.6% | 21.9% | 15.4% |
| Other Services | -7.2% | -15.0% | 12.1% | 32.2% |
| Federal Government | | -1.9% | 6.5% | 8.5% |
| State Government | | -14.3% | 14.3% | 33.4% |
| Local Government | | -2.2% | 14.6% | 17.2% |

Residential

| Construction | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total units | 52 | 10 | 6 | 115 | 8 |
| Total valuation (000) | \$4,974 | \$1,801 | \$818 | \$14,397 | \$906 |
| Total single-unit bldgs | 8 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| Average cost per unit | \$152,735 | \$180,060 | \$198,250 | \$165,875 | \$113,250 |
| Total multi-unit bldg units | 44 | 0 | 2 | 107 | 0 |
| Average cost per unit | \$85,273 | \$0 | \$12,500 | \$122,150 | |

Major & Notable Employers

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Barnesville Hospital Assn | Serv |
| Belmont Community Hospital | Serv |
| Belmont County Government | Govt |
| East Ohio Regional Hospital | Serv |
| Kroger Co | Trade |
| Murray Energy/Ohio Valley Coal Co | Mining |
| Nickles Bakery | Mfg |
| State of Ohio | Govt |
| Stingray Pressure Pumping | Mining |
| United Dairy, Inc. | Mfg |
| Wal-Mart Stores Inc | Trade |