

Ohio County Profiles



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2020 Edition

Defiance County

Established: Act - April 7, 1845
 2019 Population: 38,087
 Land Area: 411.2 square miles
 County Seat: Defiance City
 Named for: Fort Defiance



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$823,527,880
Residential	\$474,670,810
Agriculture	\$222,536,720
Industrial	\$28,381,200
Commercial	\$97,939,150
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$18,313,584
Average per return	\$984.92

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	6.88%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.08%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.26%
Forest	8.44%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.20%
Pasture/Hay	4.26%
Cultivated Crops	73.55%
Wetlands	4.31%
Open Water	1.01%

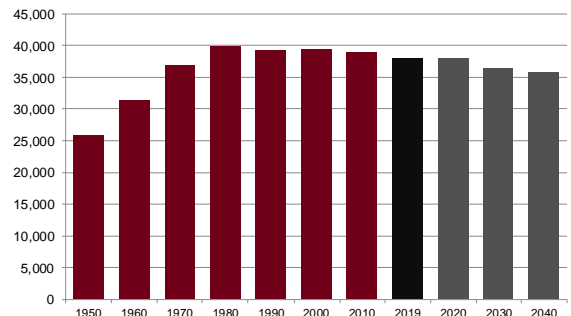
Largest Places

	Est. 2019	Census 2010
Defiance city	16,634	16,494
Hicksville vlg	3,434	3,581
Noble twp UB	2,387	2,419
Highland twp	2,278	2,372
Defiance twp UB	1,685	1,792
Tiffin twp	1,580	1,612
Hicksville twp UB	1,472	1,398
Delaware twp UB	1,253	1,307
Washington twp UB	1,219	1,263
Richland twp UB	1,193	1,719

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census			Estimated		
1800		1910	24,498	2014	38,525
1810		1920	24,549	2015	38,326
1820		1930	22,714	2016	38,140
1830		1940	24,367	2017	38,156
1840		1950	25,925	2018	38,089
1850	6,966	1960	31,508	2019	38,087
1860	11,886	1970	36,949		
1870	15,719	1980	39,987	Projected	
1880	22,515	1990	39,350	2020	38,090
1890	25,769	2000	39,500	2030	36,490
1900	26,387	2010	39,037	2040	35,890



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	38,279	100.0%
White	34,821	91.0%
African-American	728	1.9%
Native American	144	0.4%
Asian	152	0.4%
Pacific Islander	15	0.0%
Other	1,191	3.1%
Two or More Races	1,228	3.2%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,764	9.8%
Total Minority	5,156	13.5%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	25,899	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,072	8.0%
High school graduate	11,388	44.0%
Some college, no degree	5,498	21.2%
Associate degree	2,621	10.1%
Bachelor's degree	2,854	11.0%
Master's degree or higher	1,466	5.7%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,516	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,415	42.0%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,147	10.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	752	7.2%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,803	17.1%
Male householder, in labor force	676	6.4%
Male householder, not in labor force	140	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	974	9.3%
Female householder, not in labor force	609	5.8%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	15,213	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	551	3.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,284	8.4%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,450	9.5%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,420	9.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,823	12.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,383	9.1%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,146	14.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,303	15.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,925	12.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	480	3.2%
\$200,000 or more	448	2.9%
Median household income	\$57,665	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	38,279	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,204	5.8%
5 to 17 years	6,696	17.5%
18 to 24 years	3,480	9.1%
25 to 44 years	8,989	23.5%
45 to 64 years	10,182	26.6%
65 years and more	6,728	17.6%
Median Age	40.6	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,544	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,740	26.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	482	4.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	879	8.3%
Families with no own children	6,443	61.1%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,544	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	9,715	92.1%
Family income below poverty level	829	7.9%
Married couple, with related children	137	16.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	87	10.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	518	62.5%
Families with no related children	87	10.5%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	37,505	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,382	3.7%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,650	7.1%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,334	3.6%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,287	3.4%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,007	5.4%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,088	2.9%
200% of poverty level or more	27,757	74.0%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	37,899	100.0%
Same house as previous year	33,017	87.1%
Different house, same county	2,805	7.4%
Different county, same state	1,549	4.1%
Different state	515	1.4%
Abroad	13	0.0%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	18,165	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	7,526	41.4%
15 to 29 minutes	6,090	33.5%
30 to 44 minutes	2,729	15.0%
45 to 59 minutes	931	5.1%
60 minutes or more	889	4.9%

Mean travel time 20.8 minutes

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,807	100.0%
Occupied housing units	15,213	90.5%
Owner occupied	11,723	77.1%
Renter occupied	3,490	22.9%
Vacant housing units	1,594	9.5%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,807	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	72	0.4%
Built 2010 to 2013	218	1.3%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,716	10.2%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,004	11.9%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,363	8.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,758	16.4%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,669	9.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,742	10.4%
Built 1940 to 1949	735	4.4%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,530	27.0%

Median year built 1968

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	11,723	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	610	5.2%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	204	1.7%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	681	5.8%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,349	11.5%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,670	14.2%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,902	16.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,234	10.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,012	17.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,476	12.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	404	3.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	165	1.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	16	0.1%

Median value \$117,700

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	15,213	100.0%
Utility gas	7,336	48.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,733	18.0%
Electricity	4,093	26.9%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	338	2.2%
Coal, coke or wood	601	4.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	77	0.5%
No fuel used	35	0.2%

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Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,490	100.0%
Less than \$100	33	0.9%
\$100 to \$199	0	0.0%
\$200 to \$299	131	3.8%
\$300 to \$399	162	4.6%
\$400 to \$499	209	6.0%
\$500 to \$599	500	14.3%
\$600 to \$699	595	17.0%
\$700 to \$799	445	12.8%
\$800 to \$899	556	15.9%
\$900 to \$999	258	7.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	277	7.9%
\$1,500 or more	29	0.8%
No cash rent	295	8.5%

Median gross rent \$695

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 24.8

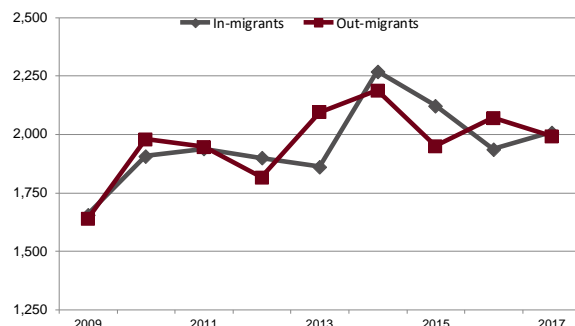
Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,036	100.0%
Less than \$400	36	0.5%
\$400 to \$599	344	4.9%
\$600 to \$799	1,109	15.8%
\$800 to \$999	1,489	21.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,398	19.9%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	856	12.2%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,213	17.2%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	464	6.6%
\$3,000 or more	127	1.8%

Median monthly owners cost \$1,097

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.1

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	415	60.0
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	24	18.5
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	395	1,037.0

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	228,465
Number of farms	907
Average size (acres)	252
Total cash receipts	\$107,279,000
Per farm	\$118,279
Receipts for crops	\$80,238,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$27,041,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	15
Students	6,072
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	465.0
Expenditures per student	\$9,365
Graduation rate	95.4
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	2
Students	259
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	0
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	0
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 3

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	48,449
Passenger cars	28,381
Noncommercial trucks	9,148
Total license revenue	\$1,343,463.07
Permissive tax revenue	\$830,902.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	26.95
State highway miles	121.09
County, township, and municipal road miles	880.40
Commercial airports	1

Health Care

Physicians	45
Registered hospitals	3
Number of beds	104
Licensed nursing homes	4
Number of beds	360
Licensed residential care	2
Number of beds	161
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.2%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.4%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.2%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	12,750
Average monthly unique visitors	78,000
Weekly newspapers	1
Circulation	1,600
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	640
Violent crime	39
Property crime	601

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	4
Assets (000)	\$4,391,490
Branch offices	16
Institutions represented	10

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$378,578,000
Payments to individuals	\$369,593,000
Retirement and disability	\$153,567,000
Medical payments	\$168,944,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$22,803,000
Unemployment benefits	\$2,596,000
Veterans benefits	\$12,701,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$5,881,000
Other payments to individuals	\$3,101,000
Total personal income	\$1,585,376,000
Dependency ratio	23.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

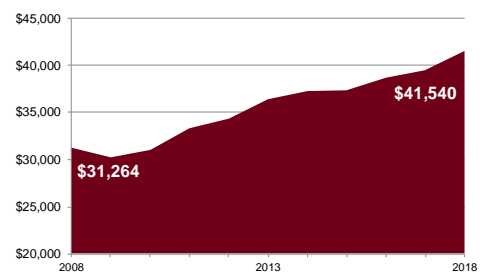
Voting

Number of registered voters	26,283
Voted in 2018 election	14,169
Percent turnout	53.9%

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

Areas/Facilities	5
Acreage	434

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Civilian labor force	18,100	18,200	18,400	18,400	18,700
Employed	17,300	17,400	17,500	17,500	17,700
Unemployed	800	800	900	900	900
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.4	4.9	5.0	4.9

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2018

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	776	13,664	\$583,211,020	\$821
Goods-Producing	117	3,722	\$243,777,701	\$1,259
Natural Resources and Mining	11	231	\$9,514,867	\$791
Construction	61	339	\$15,828,639	\$899
Manufacturing	45	3,152	\$218,434,195	\$1,333
Service-Providing	659	9,942	\$339,433,319	\$657
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	219	3,355	\$119,115,008	\$683
Information	16	193	\$7,466,427	\$746
Financial Services	82	717	\$38,727,430	\$1,039
Professional and Business Services	89	895	\$38,420,037	\$826
Education and Health Services	86	2,601	\$102,555,295	\$758
Leisure and Hospitality	88	1,610	\$21,270,889	\$254
Other Services	80	572	\$11,878,233	\$399
Federal Government		81	\$4,473,118	\$1,058
State Government		80	\$4,954,394	\$1,190
Local Government		1,882	\$78,659,410	\$804

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	1.0%	0.9%	6.4%	5.5%
Goods-Producing	-5.6%	-11.5%	-11.2%	0.3%
Natural Resources and Mining	57.1%	239.7%	344.9%	30.3%
Construction	-11.6%	-11.5%	6.1%	20.2%
Manufacturing	-6.3%	-16.1%	-15.1%	1.1%
Service-Producing	2.3%	6.5%	24.1%	16.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-1.8%	2.3%	23.6%	20.9%
Information	6.7%	-11.5%	-1.6%	11.5%
Financial Services	6.5%	5.9%	24.3%	17.4%
Professional and Business Services	9.9%	13.4%	35.7%	19.7%
Education and Health Services	14.7%	11.6%	24.9%	11.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	-8.3%	7.4%	24.4%	16.0%
Other Services	2.6%	5.7%	9.5%	3.6%
Federal Government		-5.8%	7.1%	12.8%
State Government		5.3%	27.6%	21.3%
Local Government		1.4%	16.8%	15.2%

Major & Notable Employers

Defiance City Schools	Govt
Defiance College	Serv
Defiance Metal Products Co	Mfg
General Motors Company	Mfg
Johns Manville Corp	Mfg
Meijer Inc	Trade
Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital	Serv
Parker Hannifin Corp	Mfg
Walmart Inc	Trade

Residential

Construction	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total units	22	42	38	39	43
Total valuation (000)	\$3,389	\$7,474	\$7,119	\$7,240	\$8,095
Total single-unit bldgs	16	34	31	35	43
Average cost per unit	\$166,178	\$188,931	\$210,017	\$191,727	\$188,257
Total multi-unit bldg units	6	8	7	4	0
Average cost per unit	\$121,667	\$131,250	\$86,857	\$132,500	