

Ohio County Profiles



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Erie County

Established: Act - March 16, 1838
2017 Population: 74,817
Land Area: 254.5 square miles
County Seat: Sandusky City
Named for: Erie Native American Tribe



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,948,076,220
Residential	\$1,401,854,020
Agriculture	\$125,792,810
Industrial	\$43,604,010
Commercial	\$376,814,780
Mineral	\$10,600
Ohio income tax liability	\$39,279,714
Average per return	\$1,081.73

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	14.95%
Developed, Higher Intensity	4.34%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	1.79%
Forest	17.43%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.59%
Pasture/Hay	2.22%
Cultivated Crops	54.73%
Wetlands	2.32%
Open Water	1.63%

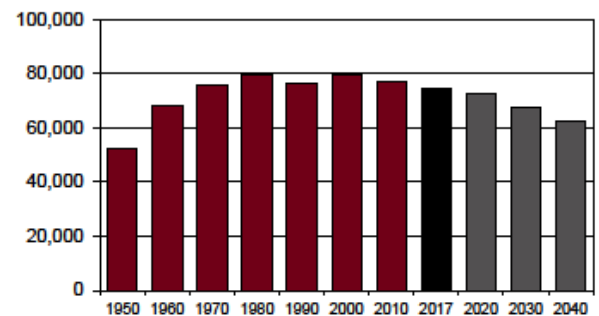
Largest Places

	Est. 2017	Census 2010
Sandusky city	24,845	25,793
Perkins twp	11,746	12,202
Huron city	6,923	7,149
Vermilion twp	4,782	4,945
Vermilion city (part)	4,630	4,742
Margaretta twp UB	4,416	4,497
Huron twp UB	3,594	3,548
Berlin twp UB	2,947	3,009
Milan twp UB	2,558	2,602
Florence twp	2,384	2,448

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census			Estimated		
1800		1910	38,327	2012	76,404
1810		1920	39,789	2013	76,011
1820		1930	42,133	2014	75,763
1830		1940	43,201	2015	75,310
1840	12,599	1950	52,565	2016	74,944
1850	18,568	1960	68,000	2017	74,817
1860	24,474	1970	75,909	Projected	
1870	28,188	1980	79,655	2020	72,900
1880	32,640	1990	76,779	2030	67,740
1890	35,462	2000	79,551	2040	62,300
1900	37,650	2010	77,079		



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	75,808	100.0%
White	65,526	86.4%
African-American	6,066	8.0%
Native American	363	0.5%
Asian	437	0.6%
Pacific Islander	86	0.1%
Other	687	0.9%
Two or More Races	2,643	3.5%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,050	4.0%
Total Minority	12,232	16.1%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	53,707	100.0%
No high school diploma	5,057	9.4%
High school graduate	20,543	38.3%
Some college, no degree	11,634	21.7%
Associate degree	4,876	9.1%
Bachelor's degree	7,236	13.5%
Master's degree or higher	4,361	8.1%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,993	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	7,316	36.6%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,644	13.2%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,389	6.9%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,349	16.8%
Male householder, in labor force	775	3.9%
Male householder, not in labor force	253	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	3,203	16.0%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,064	5.3%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	31,731	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,049	6.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,349	10.6%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,929	12.4%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,446	10.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3,609	11.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,430	7.7%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,159	10.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,927	12.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,827	12.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,132	3.6%
\$200,000 or more	874	2.8%
Median household income	\$48,276	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	75,808	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,980	5.3%
5 to 17 years	11,870	15.7%
18 to 24 years	6,251	8.2%
25 to 44 years	16,321	21.5%
45 to 64 years	22,494	29.7%
65 years and more	14,892	19.6%
Median Age	44.5	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	20,116	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,285	21.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	536	2.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,392	11.9%
Families with no own children	12,903	64.1%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	20,116	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	18,181	90.4%
Family income below poverty level	1,935	9.6%
Married couple, with related children	188	0.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	96	0.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,181	5.9%
Families with no related children	470	2.3%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	74,772	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,223	5.6%
50% to 99% of poverty level	5,361	7.2%
100% to 124% of poverty level	3,480	4.7%
125% to 149% of poverty level	3,357	4.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	5,661	7.6%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,486	2.0%
200% of poverty level or more	51,204	68.5%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	75,054	100.0%
Same house as previous year	64,448	85.9%
Different house, same county	6,134	8.2%
Different county, same state	3,172	4.2%
Different state	1,222	1.6%
Abroad	78	0.1%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	33,824	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	13,928	41.2%
15 to 29 minutes	12,317	36.4%
30 to 44 minutes	3,854	11.4%
45 to 59 minutes	1,833	5.4%
60 minutes or more	1,892	5.6%

Mean travel time 21.0 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	37,715	100.0%
Occupied housing units	31,731	84.1%
Owner occupied	21,975	69.3%
Renter occupied	9,756	30.7%
Vacant housing units	5,984	15.9%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	37,715	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	102	0.3%
Built 2010 to 2013	171	0.5%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,625	7.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	4,153	11.0%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,261	8.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	5,208	13.8%
Built 1960 to 1969	5,466	14.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,657	15.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,570	6.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	8,502	22.5%

Median year built 1964

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	21,975	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	959	4.4%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	657	3.0%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,090	5.0%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,757	8.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,662	12.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	3,224	14.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,720	12.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,992	18.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,228	14.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,202	5.5%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	397	1.8%
\$1,000,000 or more	87	0.4%

Median value \$130,900

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	31,731	100.0%
Utility gas	20,490	64.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,017	6.4%
Electricity	7,738	24.4%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	382	1.2%
Coal, coke or wood	819	2.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	150	0.5%
No fuel used	135	0.4%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	9,756	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	109	1.1%
\$200 to \$299	455	4.7%
\$300 to \$399	401	4.1%
\$400 to \$499	544	5.6%
\$500 to \$599	1,592	16.3%
\$600 to \$699	1,325	13.6%
\$700 to \$799	1,529	15.7%
\$800 to \$899	1,194	12.2%
\$900 to \$999	768	7.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,111	11.4%
\$1,500 or more	89	0.9%
No cash rent	639	6.5%

Median gross rent \$708

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 27.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	13,739	100.0%
Less than \$400	249	1.8%
\$400 to \$599	477	3.5%
\$600 to \$799	1,888	13.7%
\$800 to \$999	2,397	17.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,912	21.2%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	2,180	15.9%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,339	17.0%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	849	6.2%
\$3,000 or more	448	3.3%

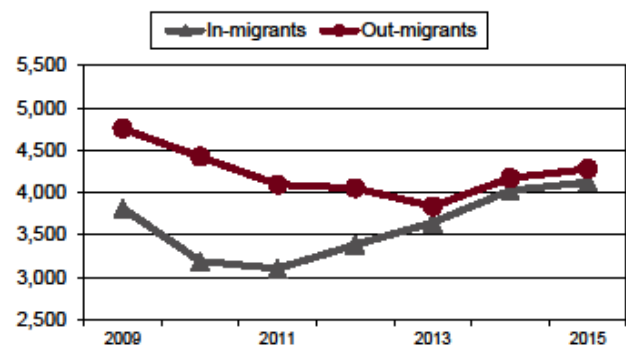
Median monthly owners cost \$1,160

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 20.1

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	799	63.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	57	25.8
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	969	1,290.2

Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	83,330
Number of farms	345
Average size (acres)	242
Total cash receipts	\$88,176,000
Per farm	\$255,582
Receipts for crops	\$81,334,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$6,841,000

Education

Public schools buildings	26
Students (Average Daily Membership)	12,456
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	741.5
Expenditures per student	\$10,216
Graduation rate	75.4
Non-public schools	5
Students	878
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	94,999
Passenger cars	62,584
Noncommercial trucks	14,317
Total license revenue	\$2,515,977.11
Permissive tax revenue	\$1,691,542.50
Interstate highway miles	26.36
Turnpike miles	26.36
U.S. highway miles	42.68
State highway miles	114.49
County, township, and municipal road miles	622.56
Commercial airports	4

Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	189
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	424
Licensed nursing homes	8
Number of beds	978
Licensed residential care	5
Number of beds	419
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.7%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.9%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.8%

Voting

Number of registered voters	53,103
Voted in 2016 election	38,478
Percent turnout	72.5%

Communications

Television stations	1
Radio stations	8
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	20,452
Weekly newspapers	1
Circulation	3,000

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	1,751
Violent crime	66
Property crime	1,682
Arson	3

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$1,567,593
Branch offices	23
Institutions represented	11

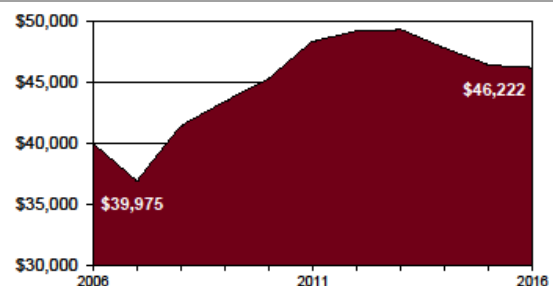
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$759,357,000
Payments to individuals	\$740,463,000
Retirement and disability	\$305,554,000
Medical payments	\$333,661,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$54,942,000
Unemployment benefits	\$6,905,000
Veterans benefits	\$24,378,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$8,539,000
Other payments to individuals	\$6,484,000
Total personal income	\$3,471,576,000
Dependency ratio	21.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

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

Areas/Facilities	17
Acreage	5,298.08

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Civilian labor force	37,900	37,100	37,300	37,400	38,600
Employed	35,600	35,100	35,300	35,000	35,500
Unemployed	2,300	2,000	2,100	2,400	3,100
Unemployment rate	6.2	5.5	5.5	6.4	8.1

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2016

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,846	31,837	\$1,134,982,632	\$686
Goods-Producing	263	7,397	\$375,729,740	\$977
Natural Resources and Mining	19	533	\$18,674,405	\$674
Constuction	145	928	\$46,069,757	\$955
Manufacturing	99	5,936	\$310,985,578	\$1,008
Service-Providing	1,583	24,441	\$759,252,892	\$597
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	422	6,519	\$211,064,117	\$623
Information	17	401	\$14,298,829	\$685
Financial Services	174	891	\$44,783,213	\$967
Professional and Business Services	227	1,528	\$66,976,035	\$843
Education and Health Services	243	5,350	\$219,931,456	\$791
Leisure and Hospitality	348	8,901	\$181,991,497	\$393
Other Services	151	848	\$20,156,998	\$457
Federal Government		216	\$13,318,763	\$1,186
State Government		1,054	\$50,246,300	\$917
Local Government		3,862	\$168,829,841	\$841

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2011

Private Sector	-1.4%	1.6%	10.0%	8.4%
Goods-Producing	-15.2%	3.4%	-1.6%	-4.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	5.6%	22.8%	41.7%	15.4%
Construction	-16.7%	-10.5%	2.7%	14.8%
Manufacturing	-15.4%	4.5%	-4.0%	-8.0%
Service-Producing	1.2%	1.1%	16.8%	15.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-1.2%	2.4%	15.8%	13.3%
Information	-26.1%	11.4%	16.7%	4.7%
Financial Services	-2.8%	-5.9%	21.7%	29.5%
Professional and Business Services	-1.7%	-12.1%	25.5%	42.9%
Education and Health Services	14.1%	0.1%	7.9%	7.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	4.2%	4.1%	26.5%	21.3%
Other Services	-3.8%	-1.5%	15.3%	16.9%
Federal Government		-28.9%	-36.9%	-11.2%
State Government		-7.5%	4.6%	13.1%
Local Government		2.1%	7.0%	4.9%

Residential

Construction	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total units	80	57	85	132	96
Total valuation (000)	\$17,177	\$14,820	\$22,094	\$26,254	\$22,689
Total single-unit bldgs	80	57	77	96	86
Average cost per unit	\$214,707	\$260,008	\$264,863	\$243,041	\$249,871
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	8	36	10
Average cost per unit	\$0	\$0	\$212,500	\$81,181	\$120,000

Major & Notable Employers

Cedar Fair/CedarPoint	Serv
Erie County Government	Govt
Firelands Regional Medical Center	Serv
Flex-N-Gate/Ventra Corporation	Mfg
Freudenberg NOK	Mfg
International Automotive Components	Mfg
Kalahari Resorts	Serv
Sandusky City Schools	Govt
State of Ohio	Govt