

# Ohio County Profiles



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2020 Edition

## Erie County

Established: Act - March 16, 1838  
 2019 Population: 74,266  
 Land Area: 254.5 square miles  
 County Seat: Sandusky City  
 Named for: Erie Native American Tribe



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$2,028,518,690
Residential	\$1,477,689,130
Agriculture	\$117,059,450
Industrial	\$43,402,540
Commercial	\$390,358,250
Mineral	\$9,320
Ohio income tax liability	\$42,187,790
Average per return	\$1,135.76

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	12.76%
Developed, Higher Intensity	4.39%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	1.50%
Forest	18.60%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.99%
Pasture/Hay	4.82%
Cultivated Crops	51.96%
Wetlands	3.24%
Open Water	1.75%

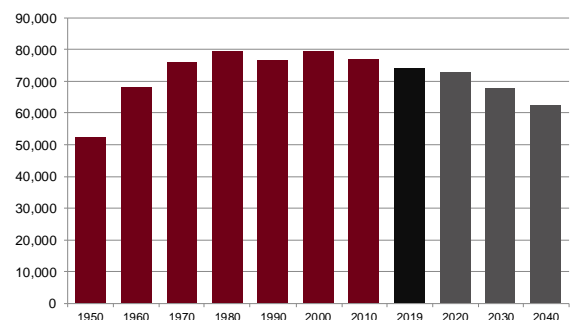
### Largest Places

	Est. 2019	Census 2010
Sandusky city	24,564	25,793
Perkins twp	11,678	12,202
Huron city	6,869	7,149
Vermilion twp	4,763	4,945
Vermilion city (pt.)	4,586	4,742
Margaretta twp UB	4,389	4,497
Huron twp UB	3,609	3,548
Berlin twp UB	2,933	3,009
Milan twp UB	2,535	2,602
Florence twp	2,364	2,448

UB: Unincorporated balance.

### Total Population

Census		Estimated	
1800		2014	75,809
1810		2015	75,360
1820		2016	74,999
1830		2017	74,760
1840	12,599	2018	74,513
1850	18,568	2019	74,266
1860	24,474	2020	72,900
1870	28,188	2030	67,740
1880	32,640	2040	62,300
1890	35,462		
1900	37,650		
	1910	38,327	
	1920	39,789	
	1930	42,133	
	1940	43,201	
	1950	52,565	
	1960	68,000	
	1970	75,909	
	1980	79,655	
	1990	76,779	
	2000	79,551	
	2010	77,079	



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	75,136	100.0%
White	64,312	85.6%
African-American	6,765	9.0%
Native American	270	0.4%
Asian	443	0.6%
Pacific Islander	6	0.0%
Other	1,018	1.4%
Two or More Races	2,322	3.1%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,246	4.3%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>12,551</b>	<b>16.7%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	53,613	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,331	8.1%
High school graduate	20,267	37.8%
Some college, no degree	11,268	21.0%
Associate degree	5,553	10.4%
Bachelor's degree	7,658	14.3%
Master's degree or higher	4,536	8.5%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,760	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	7,088	35.9%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,560	13.0%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,469	7.4%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,497	17.7%
Male householder, in labor force	918	4.6%
Male householder, not in labor force	238	1.2%
Female householder, in labor force	2,965	15.0%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,025	5.2%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	31,301	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,968	6.3%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,494	8.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,536	11.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,326	10.6%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3,580	11.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,513	8.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,375	10.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,810	12.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,115	13.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,459	4.7%
\$200,000 or more	1,125	3.6%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$52,270</b>	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	75,136	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,982	5.3%
5 to 17 years	11,482	15.3%
18 to 24 years	6,059	8.1%
25 to 44 years	16,275	21.7%
45 to 64 years	21,696	28.9%
65 years and more	15,642	20.8%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>44.8</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,848	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,107	20.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	556	2.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,249	11.3%
Families with no own children	12,936	65.2%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,848	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	18,108	91.2%
Family income below poverty level	1,740	8.8%
Married couple, with related children	225	12.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	78	4.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	999	57.4%
Families with no related children	438	25.2%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	73,963	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	3,522	4.8%
50% to 99% of poverty level	5,336	7.2%
100% to 124% of poverty level	3,594	4.9%
125% to 149% of poverty level	3,096	4.2%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,976	6.7%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,515	2.0%
200% of poverty level or more	51,924	70.2%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	74,296	100.0%
Same house as previous year	64,926	87.4%
Different house, same county	5,468	7.4%
Different county, same state	2,465	3.3%
Different state	1,382	1.9%
Abroad	55	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	34,424	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	13,966	40.6%
15 to 29 minutes	12,591	36.6%
30 to 44 minutes	4,359	12.7%
45 to 59 minutes	1,593	4.6%
60 minutes or more	1,915	5.6%

**Mean travel time** 21.1 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	37,859	100.0%
Occupied housing units	31,301	82.7%
Owner occupied	21,602	69.0%
Renter occupied	9,699	31.0%
Vacant housing units	6,558	17.3%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	37,859	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	226	0.6%
Built 2010 to 2013	147	0.4%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,389	6.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	4,367	11.5%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,379	8.9%
Built 1970 to 1979	5,315	14.0%
Built 1960 to 1969	5,298	14.0%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,270	13.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,732	7.2%
Built 1939 or earlier	8,736	23.1%

**Median year built** 1964

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	21,602	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	720	3.3%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	550	2.5%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	903	4.2%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,732	8.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,548	11.8%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	3,096	14.3%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,666	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,260	19.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,202	14.8%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,387	6.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	361	1.7%
\$1,000,000 or more	177	0.8%

**Median value** \$136,700

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	31,301	100.0%
Utility gas	20,090	64.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,769	5.7%
Electricity	7,820	25.0%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	263	0.8%
Coal, coke or wood	877	2.8%
Solar energy or other fuel	319	1.0%
No fuel used	163	0.5%

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## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	9,699	100.0%
Less than \$100	61	0.6%
\$100 to \$199	59	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	339	3.5%
\$300 to \$399	337	3.5%
\$400 to \$499	461	4.8%
\$500 to \$599	1,067	11.0%
\$600 to \$699	1,765	18.2%
\$700 to \$799	1,233	12.7%
\$800 to \$899	1,304	13.4%
\$900 to \$999	928	9.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,377	14.2%
\$1,500 or more	258	2.7%
No cash rent	510	5.3%

**Median gross rent** \$739

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 26.5

## Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	13,104	100.0%
Less than \$400	119	0.9%
\$400 to \$599	467	3.6%
\$600 to \$799	1,564	11.9%
\$800 to \$999	2,355	18.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,777	21.2%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	2,084	15.9%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,285	17.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	1,127	8.6%
\$3,000 or more	326	2.5%

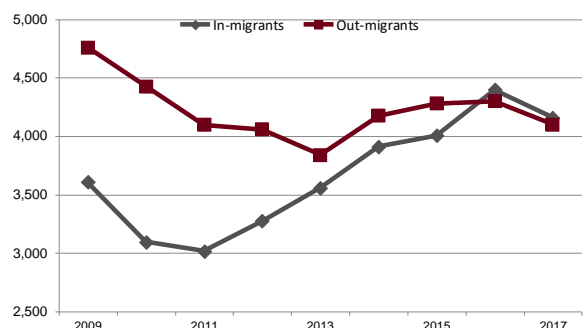
**Median monthly owners cost** \$1,184

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.8

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	744	60.4
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	52	25.4
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	954	1,280.3

## Domestic Migration



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	86,440
Number of farms	382
Average size (acres)	226
Total cash receipts	\$94,205,000
Per farm	\$246,609
Receipts for crops	\$86,949,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$7,256,000

## Education

Traditional public schools buildings	23
Students	10,823
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	765.9
Expenditures per student	\$9,784
Graduation rate	94.4
Community/charter schools buildings	1
Students	212
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	24.0
Expenditures per student	\$9,374
Graduation rate	
Private schools	5
Students	1,006
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	2
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 7

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	97,539
Passenger cars	63,391
Noncommercial trucks	14,666
Total license revenue	\$2,577,075.45
Permissive tax revenue	\$1,708,145.00
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	622.86
Commercial airports	4

## Health Care

Physicians	200
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	287
Licensed nursing homes	7
Number of beds	912
Licensed residential care	5
Number of beds	429
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.6%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.8%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.8%

## Communications

Television stations	1
Radio stations	8
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	13,900
Average monthly unique visitors	264,937
Weekly newspapers	1
Circulation	2,800
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	1,870
Violent crime	88
Property crime	1,782

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$2,271,534
Branch offices	23
Institutions represented	11

## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$816,190,000
Payments to individuals	\$798,682,000
Retirement and disability	\$321,089,000
Medical payments	\$372,398,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$53,147,000
Unemployment benefits	\$8,315,000
Veterans benefits	\$27,405,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$10,162,000
Other payments to individuals	\$6,166,000
Total personal income	\$4,670,236,000
Dependency ratio	17.5%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

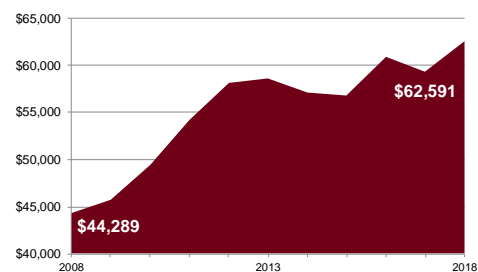
## Voting

Number of registered voters	54,213
Voted in 2018 election	30,922
Percent turnout	57.0%

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

Areas/Facilities	19
Acreage	6,299

## Per Capita Personal Income



**Civilian Labor Force**

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Civilian labor force	37,200	37,900	38,100	37,400	37,300
Employed	35,400	35,800	35,800	35,300	35,200
Unemployed	1,800	2,100	2,300	2,100	2,100
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.6	6.1	5.5	5.6

**Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2018**

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,846	32,303	\$1,193,272,216	\$710
Goods-Producing	275	7,697	\$389,082,009	\$972
Natural Resources and Mining	22	594	\$22,872,779	\$741
Construction	152	1,060	\$52,539,822	\$953
Manufacturing	101	6,043	\$313,669,408	\$998
Service-Providing	1,571	24,606	\$804,190,207	\$629
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	420	6,521	\$222,864,833	\$657
Information	22	405	\$15,958,089	\$758
Financial Services	177	908	\$49,911,933	\$1,057
Professional and Business Services	210	1,424	\$66,537,077	\$899
Education and Health Services	256	5,554	\$234,822,203	\$813
Leisure and Hospitality	342	8,965	\$191,725,258	\$411
Other Services	145	828	\$22,269,564	\$517
Federal Government		243	\$17,641,683	\$1,397
State Government		1,017	\$52,673,303	\$997
Local Government		3,881	\$180,287,978	\$893

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

**Change Since 2013**

Private Sector	-0.8%	2.4%	15.2%	12.3%
Goods-Producing	-3.5%	4.6%	8.8%	4.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	22.2%	35.6%	56.4%	15.4%
Construction	-4.4%	23.3%	43.2%	16.2%
Manufacturing	-6.5%	-0.3%	2.4%	2.8%
Service-Producing	-0.3%	1.8%	18.5%	16.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-3.2%	-0.9%	15.4%	16.5%
Information	46.7%	35.5%	59.1%	17.3%
Financial Services	-0.6%	1.3%	15.6%	14.1%
Professional and Business Services	-5.4%	-1.9%	21.1%	23.5%
Education and Health Services	8.5%	1.9%	17.8%	15.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	0.9%	3.3%	20.0%	16.1%
Other Services	-2.7%	1.5%	23.2%	21.4%
Federal Government		-21.1%	-20.5%	0.7%
State Government		-7.0%	16.5%	25.4%
Local Government		6.2%	16.2%	9.3%

**Residential**

Construction	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total units	85	132	96	71	101
Total valuation (000)	\$22,094	\$26,254	\$22,689	\$18,556	\$24,171
Total single-unit bldgs	77	96	86	71	87
Average cost per unit	\$264,863	\$243,041	\$249,871	\$261,351	\$256,911
Total multi-unit bldg units	8	36	10	0	14
Average cost per unit	\$212,500	\$81,181	\$120,000		\$130,000

**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
Meijer Inc	Serv
Sandusky City Schools	Govt
State of Ohio	Govt