

Ohio County Profiles



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2020 Edition

Fairfield County

Established: Proclamation - December 9, 1800
 2019 Population: 157,574
 Land Area: 505.7 square miles
 County Seat: Lancaster City
 Named for: The "fair fields" of the area



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$3,487,984,050
Residential	\$2,660,046,560
Agriculture	\$312,906,520
Industrial	\$43,032,510
Commercial	\$471,639,760
Mineral	\$358,700
Ohio income tax liability	\$98,628,817
Average per return	\$1,436.31

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	10.87%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.75%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.07%
Forest	25.35%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.67%
Pasture/Hay	18.12%
Cultivated Crops	42.03%
Wetlands	0.28%
Open Water	0.87%

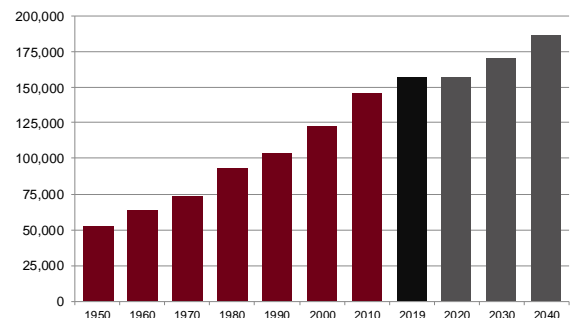
Largest Places

	Est. 2019	Census 2010
Lancaster city	40,505	38,780
Pickerington city (pt.)	22,068	18,205
Violet twp UB	20,252	18,994
Columbus city (pt.)	10,718	9,666
Bloom twp UB	7,509	7,028
Pleasant twp UB	5,742	5,512
Greenfield twp UB	5,436	5,027
Liberty twp UB	5,296	4,950
Walnut twp UB	5,007	4,789
Berne twp UB	4,861	4,662

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census				Estimated	
1800		1910	39,201	2014	150,360
1810	11,361	1920	40,484	2015	151,254
1820	16,633	1930	44,010	2016	152,789
1830	24,786	1940	48,490	2017	154,686
1840	31,924	1950	52,130	2018	155,982
1850	30,264	1960	63,912	2019	157,574
1860	30,538	1970	73,301		
1870	31,138	1980	93,678		
1880	34,284	1990	103,461	Projected	
1890	33,939	2000	122,759	2020	157,040
1900	34,259	2010	146,156	2030	170,630
				2040	186,810



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	152,910	100.0%
White	134,357	87.9%
African-American	10,889	7.1%
Native American	154	0.1%
Asian	2,294	1.5%
Pacific Islander	63	0.0%
Other	931	0.6%
Two or More Races	4,222	2.8%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,242	2.1%
Total Minority	20,412	13.3%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	102,943	100.0%
No high school diploma	7,872	7.6%
High school graduate	34,633	33.6%
Some college, no degree	22,219	21.6%
Associate degree	10,219	9.9%
Bachelor's degree	18,309	17.8%
Master's degree or higher	9,691	9.4%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	40,164	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	16,939	42.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	6,515	16.2%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	2,795	7.0%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	5,490	13.7%
Male householder, in labor force	2,250	5.6%
Male householder, not in labor force	506	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	3,991	9.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,678	4.2%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	55,748	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,445	4.4%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,115	7.4%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	5,451	9.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	5,067	9.1%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3,965	7.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,029	7.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	6,059	10.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7,494	13.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10,425	18.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,929	7.0%
\$200,000 or more	2,769	5.0%
Median household income	\$66,175	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	152,910	100.0%
Under 5 years	8,989	5.9%
5 to 17 years	28,059	18.4%
18 to 24 years	12,919	8.4%
25 to 44 years	37,884	24.8%
45 to 64 years	41,951	27.4%
65 years and more	23,108	15.1%
Median Age	39.3	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	40,373	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	13,308	33.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	1,631	4.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	3,546	8.8%
Families with no own children	21,888	54.2%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	40,373	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	37,553	93.0%
Family income below poverty level	2,820	7.0%
Married couple, with related children	421	14.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	318	11.3%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,364	48.4%
Families with no related children	717	25.4%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	149,796	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	5,896	3.9%
50% to 99% of poverty level	8,246	5.5%
100% to 124% of poverty level	5,836	3.9%
125% to 149% of poverty level	5,903	3.9%
150% to 184% of poverty level	9,723	6.5%
185% to 199% of poverty level	3,243	2.2%
200% of poverty level or more	110,949	74.1%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	151,100	100.0%
Same house as previous year	131,625	87.1%
Different house, same county	8,463	5.6%
Different county, same state	8,009	5.3%
Different state	2,769	1.8%
Abroad	234	0.2%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	67,857	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	14,648	21.6%
15 to 29 minutes	21,318	31.4%
30 to 44 minutes	17,172	25.3%
45 to 59 minutes	9,222	13.6%
60 minutes or more	5,497	8.1%

Mean travel time 28.8 minutes

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	60,573	100.0%
Occupied housing units	55,748	92.0%
Owner occupied	40,508	72.7%
Renter occupied	15,240	27.3%
Vacant housing units	4,825	8.0%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	60,573	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	770	1.3%
Built 2010 to 2013	1,315	2.2%
Built 2000 to 2009	9,982	16.5%
Built 1990 to 1999	11,618	19.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	6,677	11.0%
Built 1970 to 1979	9,174	15.1%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,803	7.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,177	8.5%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,942	3.2%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,115	15.0%

Median year built 1980

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	40,508	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,195	3.0%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	371	0.9%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	791	2.0%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,457	3.6%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,830	7.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	3,876	9.6%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	4,257	10.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,047	24.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	10,317	25.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,434	10.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	787	1.9%
\$1,000,000 or more	146	0.4%

Median value \$173,600

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	55,748	100.0%
Utility gas	33,673	60.4%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,021	7.2%
Electricity	14,774	26.5%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,370	2.5%
Coal, coke or wood	1,330	2.4%
Solar energy or other fuel	314	0.6%
No fuel used	266	0.5%

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Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	15,240	100.0%
Less than \$100	64	0.4%
\$100 to \$199	94	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	263	1.7%
\$300 to \$399	414	2.7%
\$400 to \$499	679	4.5%
\$500 to \$599	832	5.5%
\$600 to \$699	1,444	9.5%
\$700 to \$799	1,951	12.8%
\$800 to \$899	2,375	15.6%
\$900 to \$999	1,639	10.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,008	26.3%
\$1,500 or more	841	5.5%
No cash rent	636	4.2%

Median gross rent \$866

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 29.4

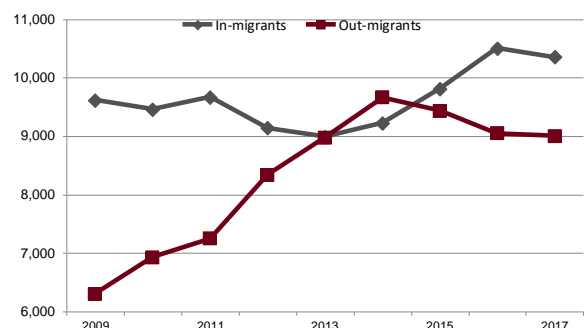
Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	27,799	100.0%
Less than \$400	139	0.5%
\$400 to \$599	600	2.2%
\$600 to \$799	1,772	6.4%
\$800 to \$999	2,748	9.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	5,375	19.3%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	4,581	16.5%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,396	26.6%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	4,453	16.0%
\$3,000 or more	735	2.6%

Median monthly owners cost \$1,428

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	1,768	61.0
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	84	16.6
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,483	950.8

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	188,407
Number of farms	1,117
Average size (acres)	169
Total cash receipts	\$99,750,000
Per farm	\$89,302
Receipts for crops	\$77,395,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$22,356,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	43
Students	25,474
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,572.5
Expenditures per student	\$9,039
Graduation rate	94.2
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	6
Students	1,476
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	3 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	180,239
Passenger cars	120,295
Noncommercial trucks	26,413
Total license revenue	\$4,613,738.52
Permissive tax revenue	\$3,290,060.00
Interstate highway miles	2.38
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	50.93
State highway miles	138.82
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,245.42
Commercial airports	2

Health Care

Physicians	300
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	255
Licensed nursing homes	7
Number of beds	707
Licensed residential care	9
Number of beds	773
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.6%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.6%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.9%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	3,479
Average monthly unique visitors	226,059
Weekly newspapers	0
Circulation	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	3,771
Violent crime	260
Property crime	3,511

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$368,044
Branch offices	45
Institutions represented	17

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$1,291,555,000
Payments to individuals	\$1,254,855,000
Retirement and disability	\$470,448,000
Medical payments	\$606,106,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$91,193,000
Unemployment benefits	\$10,105,000
Veterans benefits	\$44,826,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$18,769,000
Other payments to individuals	\$13,408,000
Total personal income	\$7,183,596,000
Dependency ratio	18.0%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

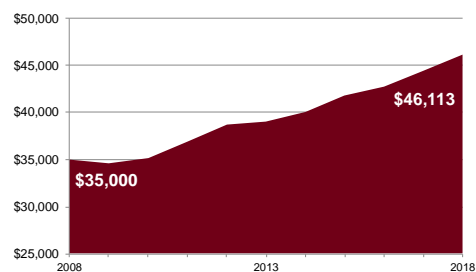
Voting

Number of registered voters	103,718
Voted in 2018 election	60,400
Percent turnout	58.2%

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

Areas/Facilities	13
Acreage	5,009

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Civilian labor force	78,000	77,200	77,000	75,900	74,800
Employed	75,100	74,000	73,700	72,600	71,500
Unemployed	2,900	3,100	3,300	3,300	3,300
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.4

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2018

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	2,815	37,136	\$1,363,478,941	\$706
Goods-Producing	469	6,561	\$338,548,479	\$992
Natural Resources and Mining	25	85	\$2,345,155	\$532
Construction	333	2,370	\$120,131,117	\$975
Manufacturing	112	4,106	\$216,072,207	\$1,012
Service-Providing	2,346	30,576	\$1,024,930,462	\$645
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	624	8,694	\$284,404,683	\$629
Information	35	265	\$10,245,022	\$744
Financial Services	304	1,175	\$56,708,238	\$928
Professional and Business Services	460	4,503	\$176,117,702	\$752
Education and Health Services	369	7,639	\$342,690,912	\$863
Leisure and Hospitality	325	6,831	\$106,481,938	\$300
Other Services	225	1,459	\$47,976,423	\$632
Federal Government		237	\$14,943,403	\$1,214
State Government		750	\$42,612,098	\$1,093
Local Government		5,725	\$265,004,651	\$890

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	8.9%	7.2%	21.7%	13.5%
Goods-Producing	13.3%	5.8%	15.5%	9.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	38.9%	3.7%	-36.6%	-38.8%
Construction	16.4%	37.7%	63.2%	18.5%
Manufacturing	0.9%	-6.7%	0.1%	7.3%
Service-Producing	8.1%	7.5%	23.9%	15.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5.6%	1.6%	20.2%	18.2%
Information	34.6%	-8.9%	-16.8%	-8.5%
Financial Services	16.5%	1.6%	38.2%	36.1%
Professional and Business Services	12.5%	-6.1%	6.0%	12.9%
Education and Health Services	14.2%	12.1%	32.6%	18.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	9.1%	25.8%	42.8%	13.6%
Other Services	-10.4%	6.9%	27.9%	19.7%
Federal Government		3.0%	14.3%	10.9%
State Government		-9.6%	21.6%	34.4%
Local Government		7.9%	21.4%	12.4%

Residential

Construction	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total units	342	454	671	682	551
Total valuation (000)	\$91,574	\$108,485	\$133,189	\$152,815	\$139,506
Total single-unit bldgs	338	376	442	565	497
Average cost per unit	\$269,894	\$274,108	\$272,701	\$254,569	\$266,677
Total multi-unit bldg units	4	78	229	117	54
Average cost per unit	\$87,500	\$69,487	\$55,265	\$76,782	\$129,034

Major & Notable Employers

Cyril-Scott Co	Mfg
Oneida Group/Anchor Hocking	Mfg
Fairfield County	Govt
Fairfield Medical Center	Serv
Glasfloss Industries	Mfg
Lancaster City Schools	Govt
McDermott Int'l/Diamond Power	Mfg
Mid West Fabricating Co.	Mfg
Nifco America	Mfg
Pickerington Local Schools	Govt
Ralcorp/Ralston Foods	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt
Worthington Cylinder Corp	Mfg