

Ohio County Profiles



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2020 Edition

Lorain County

Established: Act - December 26, 1822
 2019 Population: 309,833
 Land Area: 492.6 square miles
 County Seat: Elyria City
 Named for: French Province of Lorraine



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$7,059,576,980
Residential	\$5,568,149,840
Agriculture	\$197,453,840
Industrial	\$270,509,740
Commercial	\$1,023,436,840
Mineral	\$26,720
Ohio income tax liability	\$193,161,623
Average per return	\$1,335.70

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	22.00%
Developed, Higher Intensity	4.76%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.20%
Forest	22.79%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.48%
Pasture/Hay	13.76%
Cultivated Crops	29.15%
Wetlands	6.15%
Open Water	0.70%

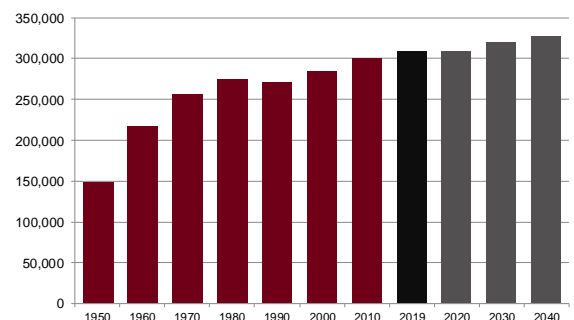
Largest Places

	Est. 2019	Census 2010
Lorain city	63,855	64,097
Elyria city	53,757	54,533
North Ridgeville city	34,392	29,465
Avon Lake city	24,504	22,581
Avon city	23,399	21,193
Amherst city	12,219	12,021
Sheffield Lake city	8,916	9,137
Oberlin city	8,199	8,286
Columbia twp	7,490	7,040
Carlisle twp	7,396	7,500

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census		Estimated	
1800		2014	304,464
1810		2015	305,417
1820		2016	306,607
1830	5,696	2017	307,441
1840	18,467	2018	309,052
1850	26,086	2019	309,833
1860	29,744	2020	310,230
1870	30,308	2030	320,430
1880	35,526	2040	328,190
1890	40,295		
1900	54,857		
		1910	76,037
		1920	90,612
		1930	109,206
		1940	112,390
		1950	148,162
		1960	217,500
		1970	256,843
		1980	274,909
		1990	271,126
		2000	284,664
		2010	301,356



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	306,713	100.0%
White	261,088	85.1%
African-American	26,140	8.5%
Native American	1,034	0.3%
Asian	3,370	1.1%
Pacific Islander	103	0.0%
Other	3,745	1.2%
Two or More Races	11,233	3.7%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	29,923	9.8%
Total Minority	65,973	21.5%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	210,974	100.0%
No high school diploma	21,800	10.3%
High school graduate	66,521	31.5%
Some college, no degree	50,285	23.8%
Associate degree	21,696	10.3%
Bachelor's degree	31,822	15.1%
Master's degree or higher	18,850	8.9%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	79,826	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	29,384	36.8%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	10,908	13.7%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	5,536	6.9%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	12,041	15.1%
Male householder, in labor force	4,300	5.4%
Male householder, not in labor force	1,737	2.2%
Female householder, in labor force	10,992	13.8%
Female householder, not in labor force	4,928	6.2%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	119,536	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	8,075	6.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11,387	9.5%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	10,861	9.1%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	10,978	9.2%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10,868	9.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	10,450	8.7%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	12,191	10.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16,340	13.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	17,158	14.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,036	5.0%
\$200,000 or more	5,192	4.3%
Median household income	\$56,965	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	306,713	100.0%
Under 5 years	17,463	5.7%
5 to 17 years	51,336	16.7%
18 to 24 years	26,940	8.8%
25 to 44 years	71,341	23.3%
45 to 64 years	86,583	28.2%
65 years and more	53,050	17.3%
Median Age	41.8	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	80,082	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	20,620	25.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	2,779	3.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	9,623	12.0%
Families with no own children	47,060	58.8%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	80,082	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	71,998	89.9%
Family income below poverty level	8,084	10.1%
Married couple, with related children	915	11.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	561	6.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	4,985	61.7%
Families with no related children	1,623	20.1%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	297,220	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	17,933	6.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	22,866	7.7%
100% to 124% of poverty level	10,939	3.7%
125% to 149% of poverty level	11,209	3.8%
150% to 184% of poverty level	16,388	5.5%
185% to 199% of poverty level	6,678	2.2%
200% of poverty level or more	211,207	71.1%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	303,568	100.0%
Same house as previous year	261,484	86.1%
Different house, same county	27,004	8.9%
Different county, same state	10,509	3.5%
Different state	3,612	1.2%
Abroad	959	0.3%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	134,672	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	35,815	26.6%
15 to 29 minutes	52,541	39.0%
30 to 44 minutes	28,989	21.5%
45 to 59 minutes	10,806	8.0%
60 minutes or more	6,521	4.8%

Mean travel time 24.5 minutes

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	130,429	100.0%
Occupied housing units	119,536	91.6%
Owner occupied	85,598	71.6%
Renter occupied	33,938	28.4%
Vacant housing units	10,893	8.4%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	130,429	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	1,767	1.4%
Built 2010 to 2013	2,910	2.2%
Built 2000 to 2009	17,387	13.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	15,216	11.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	8,287	6.4%
Built 1970 to 1979	20,639	15.8%
Built 1960 to 1969	16,803	12.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	19,344	14.8%
Built 1940 to 1949	7,283	5.6%
Built 1939 or earlier	20,793	15.9%

Median year built 1970

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	85,598	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	2,234	2.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	2,087	2.4%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	4,221	4.9%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	7,228	8.4%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	8,896	10.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	10,567	12.3%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	9,419	11.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	14,415	16.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	16,353	19.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	8,321	9.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,444	1.7%
\$1,000,000 or more	413	0.5%

Median value \$145,100

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	119,536	100.0%
Utility gas	91,043	76.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,704	3.1%
Electricity	21,023	17.6%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	825	0.7%
Coal, coke or wood	1,224	1.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	1,139	1.0%
No fuel used	578	0.5%

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Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	33,938	100.0%
Less than \$100	420	1.2%
\$100 to \$199	393	1.2%
\$200 to \$299	1,400	4.1%
\$300 to \$399	1,095	3.2%
\$400 to \$499	1,703	5.0%
\$500 to \$599	3,310	9.8%
\$600 to \$699	4,417	13.0%
\$700 to \$799	4,598	13.5%
\$800 to \$899	3,434	10.1%
\$900 to \$999	3,286	9.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6,278	18.5%
\$1,500 or more	1,692	5.0%
No cash rent	1,912	5.6%

Median gross rent \$768

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 30.4

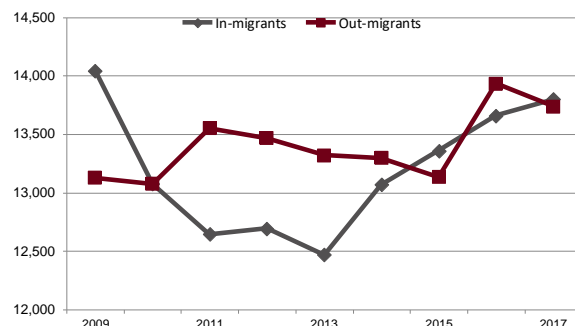
Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	55,250	100.0%
Less than \$400	318	0.6%
\$400 to \$599	1,602	2.9%
\$600 to \$799	5,053	9.1%
\$800 to \$999	7,820	14.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	11,092	20.1%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	8,478	15.3%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	11,435	20.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	7,881	14.3%
\$3,000 or more	1,571	2.8%

Median monthly owners cost \$1,301

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.9

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	3,259	59.5
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	201	20.6
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	3,312	1,071.7

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	125,721
Number of farms	1,001
Average size (acres)	126
Total cash receipts	\$133,901,000
Per farm	\$133,768
Receipts for crops	\$116,621,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$17,280,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	77
Students	40,420
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	2,917.4
Expenditures per student	\$8,834
Graduation rate	91.1
Community/charter schools buildings	8
Students	2,349
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	206.1
Expenditures per student	\$7,574
Graduation rate	78.1
Private schools	16
Students	4,400
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	0
2-year public colleges/satellites	1
Ohio Technical Centers	1
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	8 / 16

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	320,825
Passenger cars	229,297
Noncommercial trucks	36,164
Total license revenue	\$8,211,725.97
Permissive tax revenue	\$3,575,382.50
Interstate highway miles	36.81
Turnpike miles	20.79
U.S. highway miles	46.96
State highway miles	222.41
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,576.57
Commercial airports	5

Health Care

Physicians	538
Registered hospitals	5
Number of beds	906
Licensed nursing homes	20
Number of beds	1,930
Licensed residential care	14
Number of beds	1,284
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.7%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.6%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	6
Daily newspapers	2
Circulation	31,659
Average monthly unique visitors	488,702
Weekly newspapers	4
Circulation	7,875
Average monthly unique visitors	33,472
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	5,236
Violent crime	672
Property crime	4,564

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$613,335
Branch offices	81
Institutions represented	18

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$2,967,477,000
Payments to individuals	\$2,895,264,000
Retirement and disability	\$1,136,232,000
Medical payments	\$1,351,662,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$219,707,000
Unemployment benefits	\$27,249,000
Veterans benefits	\$77,848,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$57,308,000
Other payments to individuals	\$25,258,000
Total personal income	\$14,280,791,000
Dependency ratio	20.8%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

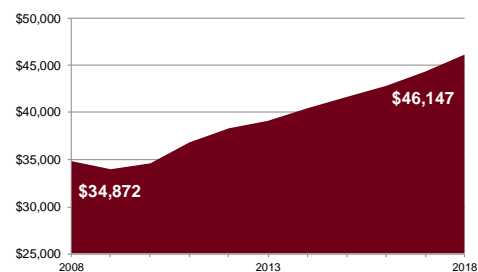
Voting

Number of registered voters	214,629
Voted in 2018 election	116,231
Percent turnout	54.2%

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

Areas/Facilities	3
Acreage	1,608

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Civilian labor force	154,200	154,700	154,200	153,600	151,200
Employed	147,600	147,100	145,100	144,500	142,900
Unemployed	6,600	7,600	9,100	9,000	8,300
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.9	5.9	5.9	5.5

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2018

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	5,860	82,686	\$3,485,186,080	\$811
Goods-Producing	1,037	21,825	\$1,292,492,132	\$1,139
Natural Resources and Mining	33	1,031	\$33,801,328	\$631
Construction	619	4,228	\$209,840,714	\$954
Manufacturing	386	16,566	\$1,048,850,090	\$1,218
Service-Providing	4,823	60,861	\$2,192,693,948	\$693
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,380	18,140	\$660,242,251	\$700
Information	81	640	\$28,854,403	\$867
Financial Services	566	2,500	\$130,271,712	\$1,002
Professional and Business Services	917	9,815	\$454,001,836	\$889
Education and Health Services	731	16,222	\$668,687,229	\$793
Leisure and Hospitality	621	10,692	\$167,131,149	\$301
Other Services	523	2,845	\$83,324,252	\$563
Federal Government		1,079	\$122,478,163	\$2,182
State Government		1,162	\$71,936,172	\$1,190
Local Government		13,252	\$579,507,362	\$841

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	2.6%	4.0%	11.1%	6.9%
Goods-Producing	-3.4%	-0.4%	5.7%	6.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	3.1%	16.1%	26.9%	9.4%
Construction	-2.7%	10.5%	22.6%	10.9%
Manufacturing	-4.7%	-3.7%	2.3%	6.2%
Service-Producing	4.0%	5.7%	14.6%	8.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.7%	1.1%	13.6%	12.4%
Information	32.8%	-12.4%	2.1%	16.7%
Financial Services	4.4%	-15.8%	3.9%	23.4%
Professional and Business Services	2.1%	19.3%	16.4%	-2.5%
Education and Health Services	8.0%	6.3%	14.4%	7.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	1.5%	13.7%	33.1%	17.1%
Other Services	2.5%	-5.1%	7.1%	12.8%
Federal Government		-1.6%	10.2%	11.9%
State Government		4.7%	27.6%	21.8%
Local Government		1.6%	9.6%	7.8%

Residential

Construction

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total units	847	990	964	1,114	1,127
Total valuation (000)	\$164,594	\$189,235	\$193,254	\$225,076	\$289,508
Total single-unit bldgs	699	681	766	946	964
Average cost per unit	\$222,838	\$247,642	\$231,526	\$217,819	\$282,447
Total multi-unit bldg units	148	309	198	168	163
Average cost per unit	\$59,664	\$66,635	\$80,326	\$113,212	\$105,699

Major & Notable Employers

Camaco LLC	Mfg
Elyria City Schools	Govt
EMH Regional Healthcare System	Serv
Ford Motor Co	Mfg
Invacare Corp	Mfg
Lorain City Schools	Govt
Lorain County Government	Govt
Mercy Health	Serv
Oberlin College	Serv
PolyOne Corp	Mfg
Ridge Tool Manufacturing	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt
US Steel Corp/Lorain Tubular	Mfg