

Ohio County Profiles



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2020 Edition

Mercer County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820
 2019 Population: 41,172
 Land Area: 463.3 square miles
 County Seat: Celina City
 Named for: General Hugh Mercer, Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,082,403,680
Residential	\$671,791,560
Agriculture	\$307,963,110
Industrial	\$32,041,150
Commercial	\$70,598,850
Mineral	\$9,010
Ohio income tax liability	\$22,326,962
Average per return	\$1,073.57

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	6.55%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.08%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.07%
Forest	4.62%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.34%
Pasture/Hay	0.79%
Cultivated Crops	81.96%
Wetlands	0.99%
Open Water	3.59%

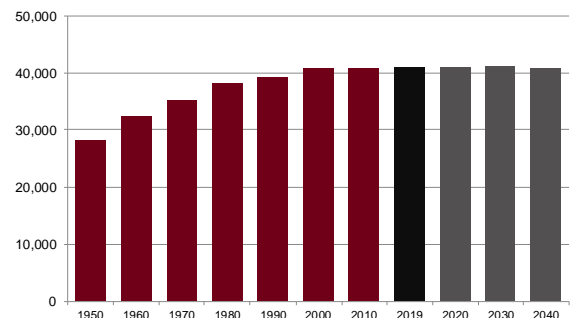
Largest Places

	Est. 2019	Census 2010
Celina city	10,425	10,400
Coldwater vlg	4,562	4,427
Marion twp UB	2,776	2,680
Jefferson twp UB	2,725	2,766
St. Henry vlg	2,555	2,427
Franklin twp UB	2,119	2,120
Butler twp UB	1,967	1,918
Granville twp UB	1,527	1,433
Fort Recovery vlg	1,458	1,430
Washington twp	1,228	1,190

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census		Estimated	
1800		1910	27,536
1810		1920	26,872
1820	95	1930	25,096
1830	1,110	1940	26,256
1840	8,277	1950	28,311
1850	7,712	1960	32,559
1860	14,104	1970	35,265
1870	17,254	1980	38,334
1880	21,808	1990	39,443
1890	27,220	2000	40,924
1900	28,021	2010	40,814
		2014	40,730
		2015	40,723
		2016	40,715
		2017	40,858
		2018	40,952
		2019	41,172
		Projected	
		2020	41,040
		2030	41,230
		2040	40,960



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	40,806	100.0%
White	39,647	97.2%
African-American	252	0.6%
Native American	0	0.0%
Asian	179	0.4%
Pacific Islander	179	0.4%
Other	156	0.4%
Two or More Races	393	1.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	781	1.9%
Total Minority	1,818	4.5%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	26,974	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,249	8.3%
High school graduate	12,548	46.5%
Some college, no degree	4,723	17.5%
Associate degree	2,949	10.9%
Bachelor's degree	2,831	10.5%
Master's degree or higher	1,674	6.2%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,270	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,609	49.8%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,199	10.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	673	6.0%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,765	15.7%
Male householder, in labor force	774	6.9%
Male householder, not in labor force	107	0.9%
Female householder, in labor force	894	7.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	249	2.2%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	16,104	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	558	3.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,149	7.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,829	11.4%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,496	9.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,660	10.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,439	8.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,186	13.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,412	15.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,428	15.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	563	3.5%
\$200,000 or more	384	2.4%
Median household income	\$59,417	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	40,806	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,826	6.9%
5 to 17 years	7,656	18.8%
18 to 24 years	3,350	8.2%
25 to 44 years	8,926	21.9%
45 to 64 years	11,125	27.3%
65 years and more	6,923	17.0%
Median Age	39.9	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,303	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,386	30.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	412	3.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	699	6.2%
Families with no own children	6,806	60.2%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,303	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,841	95.9%
Family income below poverty level	462	4.1%
Married couple, with related children	84	18.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	24	5.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	218	47.2%
Families with no related children	136	29.4%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	40,268	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	914	2.3%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,874	4.7%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,319	3.3%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,723	6.8%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,367	5.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	850	2.1%
200% of poverty level or more	30,221	75.0%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	40,200	100.0%
Same house as previous year	35,967	89.5%
Different house, same county	2,812	7.0%
Different county, same state	986	2.5%
Different state	346	0.9%
Abroad	89	0.2%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	20,069	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	9,636	48.0%
15 to 29 minutes	6,599	32.9%
30 to 44 minutes	2,399	12.0%
45 to 59 minutes	857	4.3%
60 minutes or more	578	2.9%
Mean travel time	18.0 minutes	

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	17,935	100.0%
Occupied housing units	16,104	89.8%
Owner occupied	12,330	76.6%
Renter occupied	3,774	23.4%
Vacant housing units	1,831	10.2%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	17,935	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	249	1.4%
Built 2010 to 2013	355	2.0%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,735	9.7%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,546	14.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,662	9.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,028	16.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,353	7.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,308	12.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,199	6.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,500	19.5%
Median year built	1972	

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	12,330	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	453	3.7%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	331	2.7%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	457	3.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	970	7.9%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,469	11.9%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,375	11.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,455	11.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,174	17.6%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,173	17.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,196	9.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	195	1.6%
\$1,000,000 or more	82	0.7%
Median value	\$144,100	

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	16,104	100.0%
Utility gas	7,543	46.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,840	17.6%
Electricity	4,427	27.5%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	467	2.9%
Coal, coke or wood	421	2.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	217	1.3%
No fuel used	189	1.2%

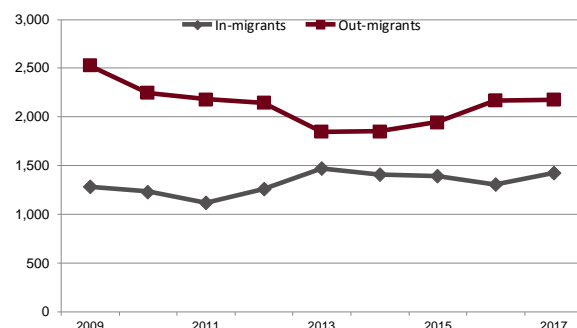
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Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,774	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	16	0.4%
\$200 to \$299	78	2.1%
\$300 to \$399	151	4.0%
\$400 to \$499	340	9.0%
\$500 to \$599	554	14.7%
\$600 to \$699	786	20.8%
\$700 to \$799	450	11.9%
\$800 to \$899	554	14.7%
\$900 to \$999	131	3.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	300	7.9%
\$1,500 or more	53	1.4%
No cash rent	361	9.6%
Median gross rent	\$677	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income	22.8	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,413	100.0%
Less than \$400	43	0.7%
\$400 to \$599	289	4.5%
\$600 to \$799	880	13.7%
\$800 to \$999	1,303	20.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,255	19.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,160	18.1%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	816	12.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	615	9.6%
\$3,000 or more	52	0.8%
Median monthly owners cost	\$1,138	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	18.7	

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	606	88.7
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	16	13.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	411	1,003.6

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	268,958
Number of farms	1,231
Average size (acres)	218
Total cash receipts	\$631,612,000
Per farm	\$513,088
Receipts for crops	\$123,310,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$508,302,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	19
Students	7,646
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	549.9
Expenditures per student	\$9,733
Graduation rate	96.0
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	172
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)	4 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	62,106
Passenger cars	31,843
Noncommercial trucks	10,276
Total license revenue	\$2,310,235.99
Permissive tax revenue	\$796,852.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	44.70
State highway miles	165.78
County, township, and municipal road miles	950.21
Commercial airports	1

Health Care

Physicians	42
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	88
Licensed nursing homes	6
Number of beds	395
Licensed residential care	6
Number of beds	308
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.7%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.7%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.7%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	8,200
Average monthly unique visitors	125,000
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	193
Violent crime	10
Property crime	183

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$970,720
Branch offices	21
Institutions represented	9

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$323,498,000
Payments to individuals	\$313,772,000
Retirement and disability	\$139,709,000
Medical payments	\$137,117,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$16,457,000
Unemployment benefits	\$2,094,000
Veterans benefits	\$9,836,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$4,974,000
Other payments to individuals	\$3,585,000
Total personal income	\$2,111,936,000
Dependency ratio	15.3%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

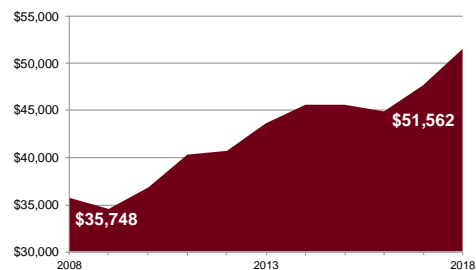
Voting

Number of registered voters	29,411
Voted in 2018 election	17,565
Percent turnout	59.7%

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

Areas/Facilities	6
Acreage	11,493

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Civilian labor force	23,400	23,600	23,500	23,400	23,000
Employed	22,800	23,000	22,800	22,600	22,200
Unemployed	600	600	700	800	800
Unemployment rate	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.3

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2018

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,000	17,935	\$721,412,802	\$774
Goods-Producing	251	8,753	\$409,459,472	\$900
Natural Resources and Mining	45	552	\$21,610,474	\$753
Construction	107	1,056	\$56,825,114	\$1,035
Manufacturing	100	7,145	\$331,023,884	\$891
Service-Providing	749	9,183	\$311,953,330	\$653
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	273	4,078	\$162,264,523	\$765
Information	8	145	\$5,206,512	\$691
Financial Services	79	648	\$33,723,642	\$1,001
Professional and Business Services	90	616	\$25,413,097	\$793
Education and Health Services	90	1,586	\$52,143,087	\$632
Leisure and Hospitality	103	1,373	\$17,479,457	\$245
Other Services	105	737	\$15,723,012	\$410
Federal Government		91	\$5,153,569	\$1,085
State Government		175	\$7,755,245	\$853
Local Government		2,414	\$94,598,273	\$754

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	5.5%	13.8%	32.1%	16.2%
Goods-Producing	10.6%	19.8%	33.7%	11.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	21.6%	11.5%	38.9%	24.7%
Construction	2.9%	19.3%	42.4%	19.2%
Manufacturing	16.3%	20.6%	32.0%	9.5%
Service-Producing	3.9%	8.6%	30.1%	19.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5.4%	15.5%	38.1%	19.5%
Information	-20.0%	-13.2%	-5.2%	9.5%
Financial Services	-15.1%	-5.1%	18.5%	25.0%
Professional and Business Services	23.3%	1.1%	29.5%	28.1%
Education and Health Services	5.9%	-0.8%	21.7%	22.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	6.2%	10.0%	28.2%	16.7%
Other Services	1.9%	19.6%	29.0%	7.6%
Federal Government		-4.2%	5.5%	9.3%
State Government		16.7%	29.4%	11.2%
Local Government		0.2%	10.8%	10.6%

Residential

Construction	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total units	66	67	94	138	60
Total valuation (000)	\$14,873	\$15,484	\$21,807	\$19,979	\$18,575
Total single-unit bldgs	58	54	70	71	60
Average cost per unit	\$243,501	\$265,059	\$289,419	\$260,613	\$309,584
Total multi-unit bldg units	8	13	24	67	0
Average cost per unit	\$93,750	\$90,031	\$64,500	\$22,015	

Major & Notable Employers

Celina Aluminum Precision Technology	Mfg
Celina City Schools	Govt
Cooper Farms Inc	Mfg
Crown Equipment Corp	Mfg
Fort Recovery Industries Inc	Mfg
J & M Manufacturing Co.	Mfg
Mercer Health Hospital	Serv
Pax Machine Works	Mfg
Reynolds & Reynolds Co	Mfg
Taylor Communications	Mfg
Visions/Awardcraft	Mfg