

Ohio County Profiles



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2020 Edition

Ross County

Established: Proclamation - August 20, 1796
2019 Population: 76,666
Land Area: 688.5 square miles
County Seat: Chillicothe City
Named for: Pennsylvania Senator James Ross, friend of Ohio Governor Arthur St. Clair



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,237,410,010
Residential	\$790,327,200
Agriculture	\$248,696,130
Industrial	\$25,077,820
Commercial	\$173,308,800
Mineral	\$60
Ohio income tax liability	\$30,531,302
Average per return	\$961.40

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	5.45%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.00%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.07%
Forest	46.95%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.86%
Pasture/Hay	17.74%
Cultivated Crops	25.82%
Wetlands	0.33%
Open Water	0.77%

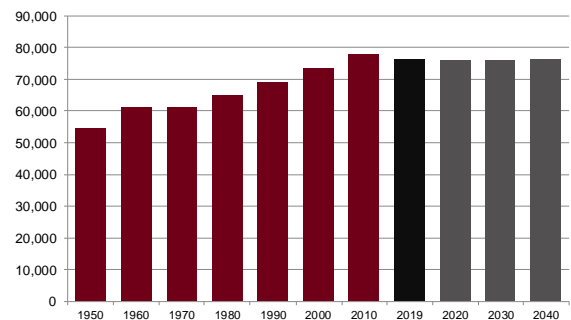
Largest Places

	Est. 2019	Census 2010
Chillicothe city	21,722	21,901
Union twp	12,305	13,345
Huntington twp	6,230	6,220
Scioto twp UB	5,784	5,823
Green twp UB	3,882	3,886
Concord twp UB	3,390	3,396
Twin twp	3,348	3,384
Springfield twp UB	2,623	2,654
Liberty twp	2,582	2,619
Buckskin twp UB	1,900	1,835

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census		Estimated	
1800	8,540	2014	77,095
1810	15,514	2015	77,049
1820	20,619	2016	76,848
1830	24,068	2017	77,295
1840	27,460	2018	76,884
1850	32,074	2019	76,666
1860	35,071	Projected	
1870	37,097	2020	76,000
1880	40,307	2030	76,010
1890	39,454	2040	76,570
1900	40,940		
		1910	40,069
		1920	41,556
		1930	45,181
		1940	52,147
		1950	54,424
		1960	61,215
		1970	61,211
		1980	65,004
		1990	69,330
		2000	73,345
		2010	78,064



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	77,051	100.0%
White	69,564	90.3%
African-American	4,120	5.3%
Native American	15	0.0%
Asian	418	0.5%
Pacific Islander	10	0.0%
Other	456	0.6%
Two or More Races	2,468	3.2%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	947	1.2%
Total Minority	7,996	10.4%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	54,281	100.0%
No high school diploma	7,216	13.3%
High school graduate	22,986	42.3%
Some college, no degree	10,358	19.1%
Associate degree	4,691	8.6%
Bachelor's degree	5,653	10.4%
Master's degree or higher	3,377	6.2%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,867	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,693	33.7%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,895	14.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,368	6.9%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,729	18.8%
Male householder, in labor force	838	4.2%
Male householder, not in labor force	328	1.7%
Female householder, in labor force	2,422	12.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,594	8.0%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	28,747	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,447	8.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,169	11.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,385	11.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,079	10.7%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,788	9.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,353	8.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,102	10.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,340	11.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,668	12.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	738	2.6%
\$200,000 or more	678	2.4%
Median household income	\$48,403	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	77,051	100.0%
Under 5 years	4,162	5.4%
5 to 17 years	12,466	16.2%
18 to 24 years	6,142	8.0%
25 to 44 years	19,921	25.9%
45 to 64 years	22,239	28.9%
65 years and more	12,121	15.7%
Median Age	40.9	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,957	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	5,112	25.6%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	541	2.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,333	11.7%
Families with no own children	11,971	60.0%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,957	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	17,398	87.2%
Family income below poverty level	2,559	12.8%
Married couple, with related children	442	17.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	142	5.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,343	52.5%
Families with no related children	632	24.7%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	71,061	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	5,231	7.4%
50% to 99% of poverty level	7,463	10.5%
100% to 124% of poverty level	3,832	5.4%
125% to 149% of poverty level	3,361	4.7%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,615	6.5%
185% to 199% of poverty level	2,134	3.0%
200% of poverty level or more	44,425	62.5%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	76,462	100.0%
Same house as previous year	65,245	85.3%
Different house, same county	6,719	8.8%
Different county, same state	3,966	5.2%
Different state	489	0.6%
Abroad	43	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	29,209	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	9,100	31.2%
15 to 29 minutes	11,185	38.3%
30 to 44 minutes	4,222	14.5%
45 to 59 minutes	1,739	6.0%
60 minutes or more	2,963	10.1%

Mean travel time 25.5 minutes

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,073	100.0%
Occupied housing units	28,747	89.6%
Owner occupied	20,077	69.8%
Renter occupied	8,670	30.2%
Vacant housing units	3,326	10.4%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,073	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	308	1.0%
Built 2010 to 2013	510	1.6%
Built 2000 to 2009	3,619	11.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	5,364	16.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,758	11.7%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,405	10.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,992	9.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	4,068	12.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,692	5.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	6,357	19.8%

Median year built 1973

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	20,077	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,096	5.5%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	875	4.4%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,193	5.9%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,815	9.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,598	12.9%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,948	14.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,059	10.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,867	19.3%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,657	13.2%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	726	3.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	199	1.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	44	0.2%

Median value \$120,900

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	28,747	100.0%
Utility gas	8,572	29.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,806	9.8%
Electricity	14,327	49.8%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,741	6.1%
Coal, coke or wood	1,085	3.8%
Solar energy or other fuel	89	0.3%
No fuel used	127	0.4%

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Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	8,670	100.0%
Less than \$100	28	0.3%
\$100 to \$199	56	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	483	5.6%
\$300 to \$399	498	5.7%
\$400 to \$499	365	4.2%
\$500 to \$599	964	11.1%
\$600 to \$699	1,120	12.9%
\$700 to \$799	1,264	14.6%
\$800 to \$899	1,213	14.0%
\$900 to \$999	763	8.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	845	9.7%
\$1,500 or more	119	1.4%
No cash rent	952	11.0%

Median gross rent \$727

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 29.6

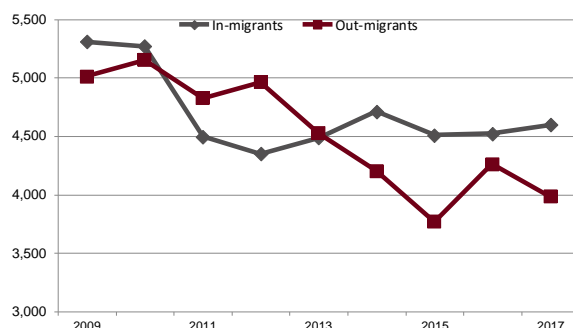
Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	10,973	100.0%
Less than \$400	77	0.7%
\$400 to \$599	371	3.4%
\$600 to \$799	1,352	12.3%
\$800 to \$999	2,372	21.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,372	21.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,746	15.9%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,654	15.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	819	7.5%
\$3,000 or more	210	1.9%

Median monthly owners cost \$1,139

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.6

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	784	62.0
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	60	29.3
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	905	1,177.1

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	247,903
Number of farms	1,121
Average size (acres)	221
Total cash receipts	\$77,745,000
Per farm	\$69,354
Receipts for crops	\$66,744,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$11,002,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	23
Students	10,155
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	688.2
Expenditures per student	\$8,624
Graduation rate	88.4
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	3
Students	620
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 8

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	92,856
Passenger cars	54,448
Noncommercial trucks	18,132
Total license revenue	\$2,430,193.51
Permissive tax revenue	\$193,162.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	93.95
State highway miles	124.06
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,022.83
Commercial airports	1

Health Care

Physicians	181
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	261
Licensed nursing homes	7
Number of beds	522
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	227
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.1%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.0%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.0%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	4
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	3,941
Average monthly unique visitors	239,985
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	3,005
Violent crime	197
Property crime	2,808

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$395,985
Branch offices	20
Institutions represented	9

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$795,156,000
Payments to individuals	\$778,056,000
Retirement and disability	\$250,232,000
Medical payments	\$395,218,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$77,891,000
Unemployment benefits	\$5,112,000
Veterans benefits	\$34,572,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$9,192,000
Other payments to individuals	\$5,839,000
Total personal income	\$2,841,928,000
Dependency ratio	28.0%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

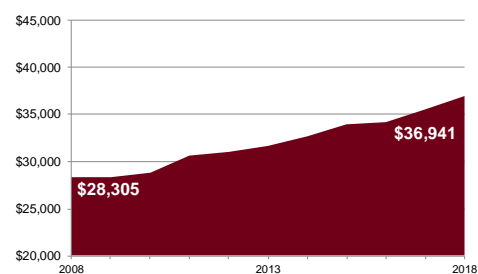
Voting

Number of registered voters	45,142
Voted in 2018 election	23,753
Percent turnout	52.6%

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

Areas/Facilities	17
Acreage	30,909

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Civilian labor force	35,300	34,800	34,200	33,800	33,700
Employed	33,800	33,200	32,400	32,000	31,900
Unemployed	1,500	1,600	1,800	1,900	1,800
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.5	5.1	5.5	5.4

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2018

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,257	22,643	\$953,505,224	\$810
Goods-Producing	186	5,273	\$328,355,014	\$1,198
Natural Resources and Mining	31	111	\$3,306,496	\$572
Construction	113	770	\$35,021,690	\$875
Manufacturing	42	4,392	\$290,026,828	\$1,270
Service-Providing	1,071	17,370	\$625,150,210	\$692
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	349	5,590	\$184,947,418	\$636
Information	13	273	\$19,233,839	\$1,353
Financial Services	123	640	\$28,377,675	\$852
Professional and Business Services	132	1,564	\$49,111,193	\$604
Education and Health Services	192	5,364	\$280,031,893	\$1,004
Leisure and Hospitality	151	3,406	\$52,285,338	\$295
Other Services	113	532	\$11,162,854	\$403
Federal Government		1,653	\$116,369,009	\$1,354
State Government		1,605	\$92,390,091	\$1,107
Local Government		3,175	\$131,840,378	\$798

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	1.3%	12.4%	20.9%	7.6%
Goods-Producing	-0.5%	9.5%	16.7%	6.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	24.0%	22.0%	35.0%	10.6%
Construction	-5.8%	20.9%	55.8%	29.1%
Manufacturing	2.4%	7.4%	13.1%	5.2%
Service-Producing	1.6%	13.3%	23.3%	8.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.8%	9.9%	28.1%	16.5%
Information	44.4%	-21.3%	19.8%	52.2%
Financial Services	-1.6%	10.3%	24.9%	13.0%
Professional and Business Services	-10.2%	18.5%	12.7%	-4.9%
Education and Health Services	21.5%	13.7%	20.5%	5.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	3.4%	25.5%	40.8%	12.2%
Other Services	-17.5%	-5.0%	4.6%	9.8%
Federal Government		4.0%	16.0%	11.6%
State Government		1.0%	23.2%	22.1%
Local Government		3.6%	11.1%	7.1%

Residential

Construction	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total units	20	19	16	13	12
Total valuation (000)	\$1,426	\$1,585	\$1,445	\$2,236	\$2,431
Total single-unit bldgs	20	19	16	13	12
Average cost per unit	\$71,282	\$83,402	\$90,313	\$172,000	\$202,583
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	0	0
Average cost per unit	\$0	\$0	\$0		

Major & Notable Employers

Adena Regional Health system	Serv
Chillicothe City Schools	Govt
Horizon Telcom Inc	Utility
Kenworth Truck Co/PACCAR	Mfg
Pixelle Specialty Solutions	Mfg
Ross County Government	Govt
State of Ohio	Govt
Trim Systems/Commercial Vehicle Grp	Mfg
US Fed Government/Veterans Admin	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade
Yanagawa Seiki/YSK Corp	Mfg