

Ohio County Profiles

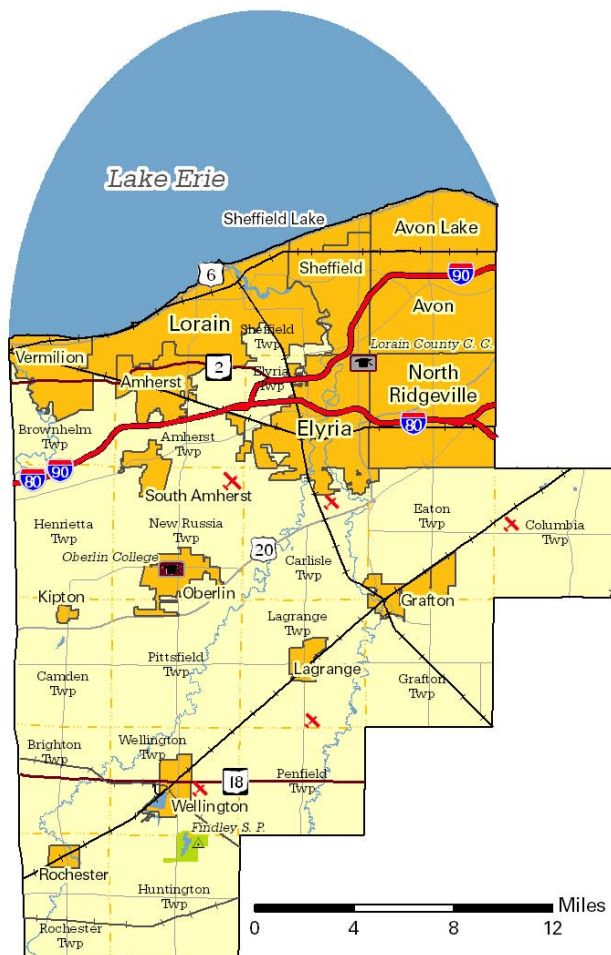


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Lorain County

Established: Act - December 26, 1822
2007 Population: 302,260
Land Area: 492.6 square mile
County Seat: Elyria City
Named for: French Province of Lorraine



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$6,365,389,980
Residential	\$5,135,086,010
Agriculture	\$121,544,010
Industrial	\$226,122,730
Commercial	\$882,609,520
Mineral	\$27,710
Ohio income tax liability	\$212,667,866
Average per return	\$1,549.46

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/Transportation and Urban Grasses)	26.67%
Cropland	38.32%
Pasture	6.99%
Forest	22.64%
Open Water	1.06%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	4.32%
Bare/Mines	0.00%

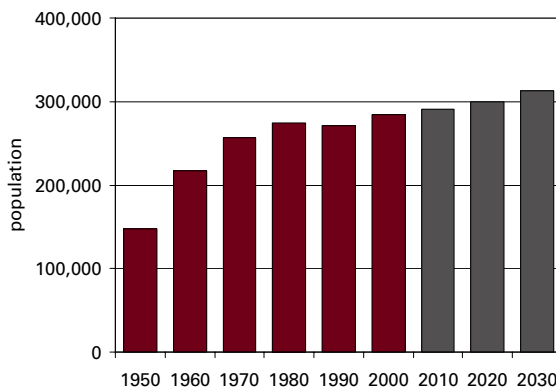
Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2007
Lorain city	68,652	70,124
Elyria city	55,953	55,059
North Ridgeville city	22,338	27,578
Avon Lake city	18,145	23,668
Avon city	11,446	16,717
Amherst city	11,797	11,694
Sheffield Lake city	9,371	8,938
Oberlin city	8,195	8,330
Carlisle twp	7,339	7,157
Columbia twp	6,912	6,958

UB: Unincorporated Balance

Total Population

Census	Estimated
1800	2001 286,829
1810	2002 289,248
1820	2003 293,061
1830 5,696	2004 295,410
1840 18,467	2005 298,990
1850 26,086	2006 300,727
1860 29,744	2007 302,260
1870 30,308	Projected
1880 35,526	2010 290,840
1890 40,295	2020 299,630
1900 54,857	2030 312,540
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	



Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total Population	284,664	100.0%
White	243,296	85.5%
African-American	23,543	8.3%
Native American	829	0.3%
Asian	1,715	0.6%
Pacific Islander	33	0.0%
Other	8,153	2.9%
Two or More Races	7,095	2.5%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	19,358	6.8%
Total Minority	49,987	17.6%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	185,491	100.0%
No high school diploma	31,880	17.2%
High school graduate	68,348	36.8%
Some college, no degree	41,694	22.5%
Associate degree	12,828	6.9%
Bachelor's degree	20,203	10.9%
Master's degree or higher	10,538	5.7%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	76,589	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	32,142	42.0%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	12,610	16.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	3,796	5.0%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	11,016	14.4%
Male householder, in labor force	3,324	4.3%
Male householder, not in labor force	1,030	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	8,384	10.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	4,287	5.6%

Household Income in 1999	Number	Percent
Total Households	105,875	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	7,591	7.2%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12,361	11.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	13,301	12.6%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	12,997	12.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12,198	11.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	11,194	10.6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	12,641	11.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12,217	11.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,868	7.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,896	1.8%
\$200,000 or more	1,611	1.5%
Median household income	\$45,042	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Total Population	284,664	100.0%
Under 6 years	24,179	8.5%
6 to 17 years	50,438	17.7%
18 to 24 years	24,556	8.6%
25 to 44 years	83,636	29.4%
45 to 64 years	66,140	23.2%
65 years and more	35,715	12.5%
Median Age	36.5	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	76,589	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	26,072	34.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	2,359	3.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	7,556	9.9%
Families with no own children	40,602	53.0%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	76,589	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	71,462	93.3%
Family income below poverty level	5,127	6.7%
Married couple, with related children	816	15.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	336	6.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	3,060	59.7%
Families with no related children	915	17.8%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	275,784	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	11,208	4.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	13,601	4.9%
100% to 149% of poverty level	17,866	6.5%
150% to 199% of poverty level	21,348	7.7%
200% of poverty level or more	211,761	76.8%

Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	264,988	100.0%
Same house in 1995	157,396	59.4%
Different house, same county	68,805	26.0%
Different county, same state	23,728	9.0%
Different state	12,705	4.8%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	642	0.2%
Foreign country	1,712	0.6%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	132,895	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	40,349	30.4%
15 to 29 minutes	50,944	38.3%
30 to 44 minutes	25,140	18.9%
45 to 59 minutes	8,269	6.2%
60 minutes or more	5,234	3.9%
Worked at home	2,959	2.2%

Mean travel time 22.8 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	111,368	100.0%
Occupied housing units	105,836	95.0%
Owner occupied	78,472	70.5%
Renter occupied	27,364	24.6%
Vacant housing units	5,532	5.0%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	111,368	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	8,319	7.5%
Built 1990 to 1994	6,344	5.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	8,137	7.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	20,796	18.7%
Built 1960 to 1969	18,414	16.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	19,892	17.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	9,453	8.5%
Built 1939 or earlier	20,013	18.0%

Median year built 1963

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	70,466	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	185	0.3%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	934	1.3%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	3,226	4.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	8,665	12.3%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	14,348	20.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	13,081	18.6%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	10,900	15.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,319	14.6%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	4,389	6.2%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4,043	5.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	281	0.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	95	0.1%

Median value \$115,100

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	105,836	100.0%
Utility gas	81,252	76.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,396	4.2%
Electricity	16,310	15.4%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,854	1.8%
Coal, coke or wood	744	0.7%
Solar energy or other fuel	982	0.9%
No fuel used	298	0.3%

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	27,074	100.0%
Less than \$100	518	1.9%
\$100 to \$199	1,500	5.5%
\$200 to \$299	1,321	4.9%
\$300 to \$399	2,885	10.7%
\$400 to \$499	5,438	20.1%
\$500 to \$599	5,524	20.4%
\$600 to \$699	3,418	12.6%
\$700 to \$799	2,104	7.8%
\$800 to \$899	1,088	4.0%
\$900 to \$999	567	2.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	811	3.0%
\$1,500 or more	317	1.2%
No cash rent	1,583	5.8%

Median gross rent \$518

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999 24.3

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	50,926	100.0%
Less than \$400	1,003	2.0%
\$400 to \$599	4,265	8.4%
\$600 to \$799	9,208	18.1%
\$800 to \$999	10,581	20.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	10,466	20.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	6,701	13.2%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	5,954	11.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	2,253	4.4%
\$3,000 or more	495	1.0%

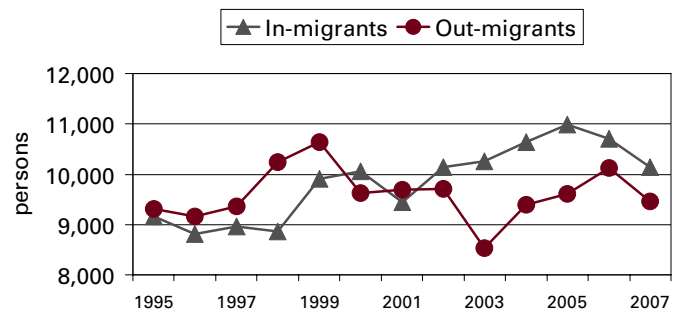
Median monthly owners cost \$1,010

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 21.1

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women	3,666	59.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	116	17.8
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	2,578	853.7
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	1,571	5.3
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	930	3.1

Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	152,000
Number of farms	950
Average size (acres)	160
Total cash receipts	\$97,470,000
Per farm	\$101,531

Education

Public schools	125
Students (Average Daily Membership)	47,682
Expenditures per student	\$9,077
Student-teacher ratio	19.6
Graduation rate	85.3
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	2,684.9
Non-public schools	19
Students	4,559
4-year public universities	0
Branches	0
2-year public colleges	1
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	8 / 8

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	298,641
Passenger cars	211,515
Noncommercial trucks	37,619
Total license revenue	\$7,474,803.08
Interstate highway miles	36.81
Turnpike miles	20.79
U.S. highway miles	46.96
State highway miles	222.39
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,569.66
Commercial airports	5

Voting

Number of precincts	235
Number of registered voters	190,767
Voted in 2006 election	104,008
Percent turnout	54.5%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	494
Registered hospitals	4
Number of beds	810
Licensed nursing homes	40
Number of beds	4,216
Licensed residential care	25
Number of beds	1,776
Adults with employer-based insurance	67.9%
Children with employer-based insurance	63.4%

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, And Wildlife Areas

Facilities	3
Acreage	1,600.41

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	5
Daily newspapers	2
Circulation	60,453

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	8,336
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Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets	\$1,633,258
Branch offices	77
Institutions represented	13

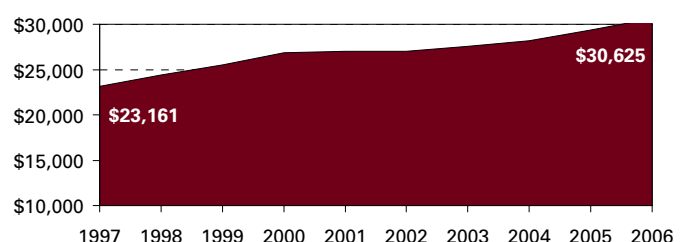
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$1,664,281,000
Payments to individuals	\$1,583,343,000
Retirement and disability	\$680,658,000
Medical payments	\$673,281,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$153,116,000
Unemployment benefits	\$36,225,000
Veterans benefits	\$25,964,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$13,515,000
Other payments to individuals	\$584,000
Total personal income	\$9,209,780,000
Dependency ratio	18.1%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$1,554,658,457
Retirement and disability	\$718,605,589
Other direct payments	\$403,465,668
Grant awards	\$272,423,381
Highway planning and construction	\$19,763,521
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$18,252,778
Medical assistance program	\$140,611,798
Procurement contract awards	\$29,981,477
Dept. of Defense	\$18,243,384
Salary and wages	\$130,182,342
Dept. of Defense	\$811,000
Other federal assistance	\$289,299,184
Direct loans	\$2,462,843
Guaranteed loans	\$147,560,955
Insurance	\$139,275,386

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian labor force	152,700	152,500	154,000	158,700	158,400
Employed	143,200	143,600	145,200	149,500	148,600
Unemployed	9,500	8,900	8,800	9,100	9,800
Unemployment rate	6.2	5.8	5.7	5.8	6.2

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2006

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	5,916	84,957	\$2,949,565,396	\$667
Goods-Producing	1,287	26,588	\$1,366,178,450	\$988
Natural Resources and Mining	27	876	\$21,762,019	\$477
Constuction	823	5,531	\$202,566,797	\$704
Manufacturing	437	20,181	\$1,141,849,634	\$1,088
Service-Providing	4,630	58,368	\$1,583,386,946	\$521
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,404	18,782	\$508,907,258	\$521
Information	63	1,297	\$47,734,132	\$707
Financial Services	565	3,019	\$102,470,124	\$652
Professional and Business Services	849	7,629	\$245,486,746	\$618
Education and Health Services	603	14,749	\$509,073,745	\$663
Leisure and Hospitality	587	9,678	\$105,349,215	\$209
Other Services	545	3,193	\$63,523,239	\$382
Unclassified	16	22	\$842,487	\$736
Federal Government		1,177	\$112,793,576	\$1,842
State Government		1,255	\$54,407,696	\$833
Local Government		13,430	\$499,424,959	\$715

Change Since 2001

Private Sector	4.6%	-3.4%	7.0%	10.8%
Goods-Producing	-5.1%	-18.2%	-3.7%	17.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	-22.9%	25.9%	32.6%	5.3%
Construction	-3.5%	-3.4%	2.7%	6.3%
Manufacturing	-6.6%	-22.6%	-5.2%	22.4%
Service-Producing	7.7%	5.2%	18.3%	12.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3.2%	1.4%	14.5%	13.0%
Information	10.5%	-12.5%	6.6%	21.9%
Financial Services	12.8%	4.2%	26.8%	21.6%
Professional and Business Services	20.8%	18.7%	31.5%	10.8%
Education and Health Services	3.4%	8.6%	23.5%	13.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	10.8%	12.1%	22.6%	9.4%
Other Services	0.2%	-17.5%	-22.3%	-5.9%
Federal Government		-2.6%	15.0%	18.0%
State Government		-2.0%	11.0%	13.3%
Local Government		5.9%	20.2%	13.5%

Business Numbers

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Business starts	713	567	551	617	479
Active businesses	5,446	5,562	5,652	5,647	5,413

Major Employers

Community Health Partners	Serv
Elyria City Bd of Ed	Govt
Emerson Electric/Ridge Tool	Mfg
EMH Regional Medical Center	Serv
Ford Motor Co	Mfg
Invacare Corp	Mfg
Lorain City Bd of Ed	Govt
Lorain County Government	Govt
Nordson Corp	Mfg
Oberlin College	Serv
PolyOne Corp	Mfg
Republic Engineered Products Inc	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt

Residential

Construction

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total units	2,262	2,041	1,958	1,420	1,076
Total valuation (000)	\$359,657	\$371,397	\$352,879	\$247,624	\$192,638
Total single-unit bldgs	2,119	1,965	1,784	1,338	974
Average cost per unit	\$163,340	\$184,585	\$190,133	\$178,880	\$187,454
Total multi-unit bldg units	143	76	174	82	102
Average cost per unit	\$94,677	\$114,303	\$78,635	\$101,015	\$98,601