

Ohio County Profiles

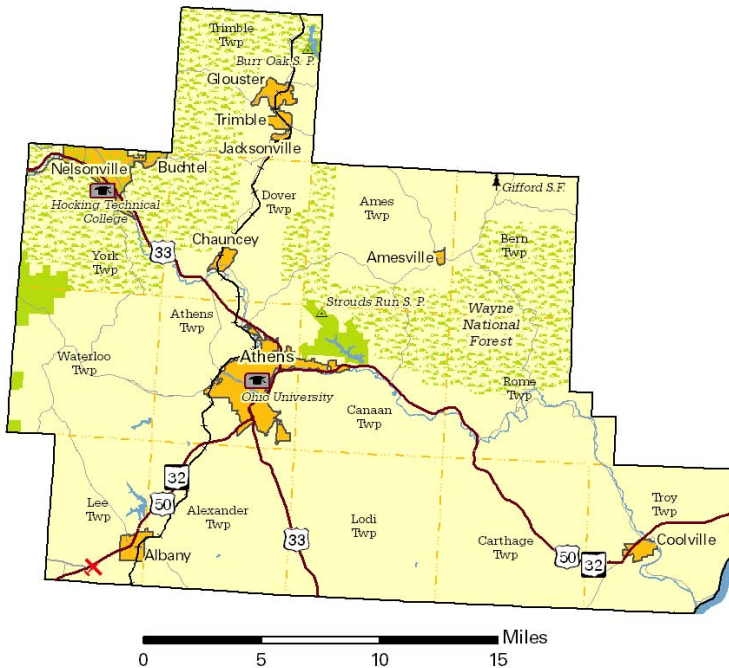


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Athens County

Established: Act - March 1, 1805
2007 Population: 63,275
Land Area: 506.8 square mile
County Seat: Athens City
Named for: Athens, Greece



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$708,800,880
Residential	\$473,458,830
Agriculture	\$86,264,030
Industrial	\$8,569,530
Commercial	\$139,855,990
Mineral	\$652,500
Ohio income tax liability	\$24,464,741
Average per return	\$1,103.16

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/ Transportation and Urban Grasses)	2.47%
Cropland	5.62%
Pasture	12.96%
Forest	77.79%
Open Water	0.76%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	0.00%
Bare/Mines	0.40%

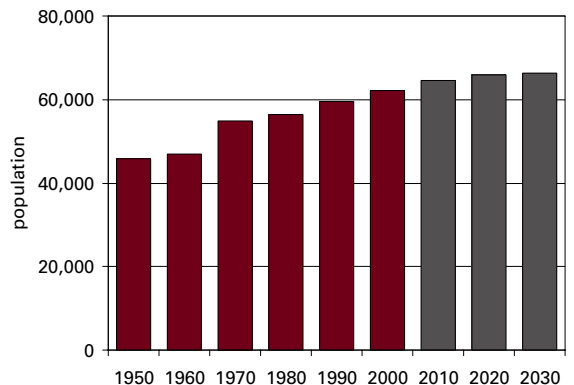
Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2007
Athens city	21,342	21,909
Athens twp UB	6,680	6,672
Nelsonville city	5,230	5,400
Dover twp UB	2,730	2,735
Waterloo twp	2,605	2,619
Alexander twp UB	2,590	2,601
Troy twp UB	2,184	2,199
Glouster village	1,972	2,034
York twp UB	1,947	1,955
Lee twp UB	1,747	1,756

UB: Unincorporated Balance

Total Population

Census	Estimated
1800	2001 62,847
1810 2,791	2002 63,120
1820 6,338	2003 63,338
1830 9,787	2004 62,597
1840 19,109	2005 63,282
1850 18,215	2006 63,237
1860 21,364	2007 63,275
1870 23,768	Projected
1880 28,411	2010 64,540
1890 35,194	2020 66,000
1900 38,730	2030 66,340
1910 47,798	
1920 50,430	
1930 44,175	
1940 46,166	
1950 45,839	
1960 46,998	
1970 54,889	
1980 56,399	
1990 59,549	
2000 62,223	



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
Total Population	62,223	100.0%
White	58,099	93.4%
African-American	1,518	2.4%
Native American	308	0.5%
Asian	1,116	1.8%
Pacific Islander	3	0.0%
Other	192	0.3%
Two or More Races	987	1.6%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	650	1.0%
Total Minority	4,527	7.3%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	31,563	100.0%
No high school diploma	5,384	17.1%
High school graduate	10,790	34.2%
Some college, no degree	5,212	16.5%
Associate degree	2,064	6.5%
Bachelor's degree	3,970	12.6%
Master's degree or higher	4,143	13.1%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	12,721	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,888	38.4%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,241	17.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	945	7.4%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,986	15.6%
Male householder, in labor force	507	4.0%
Male householder, not in labor force	278	2.2%
Female householder, in labor force	1,174	9.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	702	5.5%

Household Income in 1999

	Number	Percent
Total Households	22,500	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	4,635	20.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,083	18.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,432	15.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,659	11.8%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,033	9.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,491	6.6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,466	6.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,391	6.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	909	4.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	171	0.8%
\$200,000 or more	230	1.0%
Median household income	\$27,322	

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
Total Population	62,223	100.0%
Under 6 years	3,526	5.7%
6 to 17 years	7,861	12.6%
18 to 24 years	19,273	31.0%
25 to 44 years	14,565	23.4%
45 to 64 years	11,229	18.0%
65 years and more	5,769	9.3%
Median Age	25.7	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	12,721	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,205	33.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	518	4.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,142	9.0%
Families with no own children	6,856	53.9%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children

	Number	Percent
Total Families	12,721	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,946	86.0%
Family income below poverty level	1,775	14.0%
Married couple, with related children	459	25.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	165	9.3%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	583	32.8%
Families with no related children	568	32.0%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	53,844	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	7,813	14.5%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,915	12.8%
100% to 149% of poverty level	5,608	10.4%
150% to 199% of poverty level	5,177	9.6%
200% of poverty level or more	28,331	52.6%

Residence in 1995

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	59,224	100.0%
Same house in 1995	26,305	44.4%
Different house, same county	11,309	19.1%
Different county, same state	15,515	26.2%
Different state	4,816	8.1%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	23	0.0%
Foreign country	1,256	2.1%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	25,586	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	11,175	43.7%
15 to 29 minutes	8,278	32.4%
30 to 44 minutes	2,443	9.5%
45 to 59 minutes	833	3.3%
60 minutes or more	1,828	7.1%
Worked at home	1,029	4.0%

Mean travel time **21.7 minutes**

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	24,901	100.0%
Occupied housing units	22,501	90.4%
Owner occupied	13,596	54.6%
Renter occupied	8,905	35.8%
Vacant housing units	2,400	9.6%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	24,901	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	2,960	11.9%
Built 1990 to 1994	2,002	8.0%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,309	13.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	4,253	17.1%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,944	11.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,907	7.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,432	5.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	6,094	24.5%

Median year built **1970**

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	8,218	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	332	4.0%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	829	10.1%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,222	14.9%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,354	16.5%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,597	19.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,101	13.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	746	9.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	617	7.5%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	183	2.2%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	213	2.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	18	0.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	6	0.1%

Median value **\$84,300**

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	22,501	100.0%
Utility gas	10,351	46.0%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,956	13.1%
Electricity	7,453	33.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	565	2.5%
Coal, coke or wood	969	4.3%
Solar energy or other fuel	167	0.7%
No fuel used	40	0.2%

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	8,622	100.0%
Less than \$100	162	1.9%
\$100 to \$199	374	4.3%
\$200 to \$299	680	7.9%
\$300 to \$399	1,582	18.3%
\$400 to \$499	1,741	20.2%
\$500 to \$599	1,512	17.5%
\$600 to \$699	719	8.3%
\$700 to \$799	443	5.1%
\$800 to \$899	237	2.7%
\$900 to \$999	142	1.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	382	4.4%
\$1,500 or more	27	0.3%
No cash rent	621	7.2%

Median gross rent **\$469**

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999 **36.5**

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	5,002	100.0%
Less than \$400	296	5.9%
\$400 to \$599	1,010	20.2%
\$600 to \$799	1,308	26.1%
\$800 to \$999	891	17.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	778	15.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	355	7.1%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	221	4.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	111	2.2%
\$3,000 or more	32	0.6%

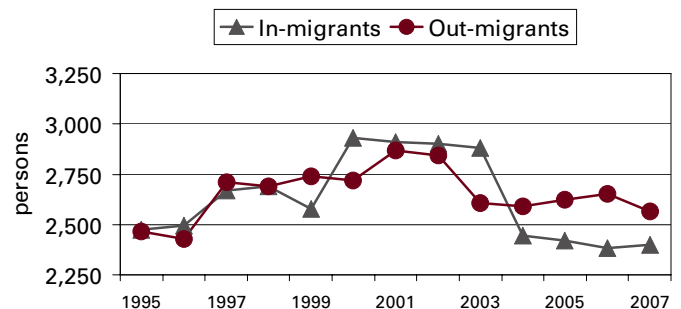
Median monthly owners cost **\$784**

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income **20.2**

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women	585	33.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	17	19.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	473	764.6
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	346	5.6
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	206	3.3

Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	98,000
Number of farms	650
Average size (acres)	151
Total cash receipts	\$9,567,000
Per farm	\$14,496

Education

Public schools	22
Students (Average Daily Membership)	8,270
Expenditures per student	\$9,691
Student-teacher ratio	16.8
Graduation rate	93.5
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	550.3
Non-public schools	1
Students	27
4-year public universities	1
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	1 / 6

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	53,626
Passenger cars	33,495
Noncommercial trucks	10,862
Total license revenue	\$1,280,961.17
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	63.78
State highway miles	147.80
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,037.89
Commercial airports	1

Voting

Number of precincts	69
Number of registered voters	42,504
Voted in 2006 election	20,402
Percent turnout	48.0%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	124
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	202
Licensed nursing homes	8
Number of beds	418
Licensed residential care	2
Number of beds	172
Adults with employer-based insurance	52.9%
Children with employer-based insurance	59.3%

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, And Wildlife Areas

Facilities	13
Acreage	12,262.78

Communications

Television stations	3
Radio stations	10
Daily newspapers	2
Circulation	25,000

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	991
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Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets	\$256,185
Branch offices	29
Institutions represented	10

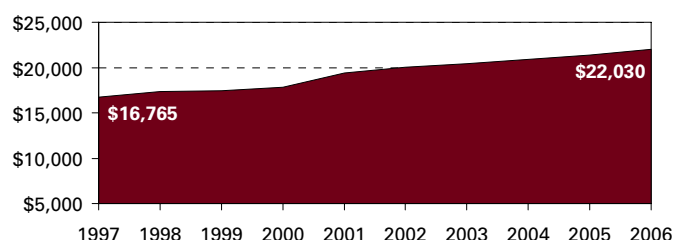
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$323,540,000
Payments to individuals	\$306,961,000
Retirement and disability	\$88,331,000
Medical payments	\$138,459,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$40,530,000
Unemployment benefits	\$5,825,000
Veterans benefits	\$8,348,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$25,313,000
Other payments to individuals	\$155,000
Total personal income	\$1,393,133,000
Dependency ratio	23.2%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$388,293,787
Retirement and disability	\$118,312,718
Other direct payments	\$102,055,727
Grant awards	\$137,025,825
Highway planning and construction	\$21,538,288
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$3,989,761
Medical assistance program	\$69,620,193
Procurement contract awards	\$12,886,302
Dept. of Defense	\$1,160,660
Salary and wages	\$18,013,215
Dept. of Defense	\$931,000
Other federal assistance	\$196,935,067
Direct loans	\$101,654,747
Guaranteed loans	\$7,883,697
Insurance	\$87,396,623

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian labor force	29,500	29,600	29,900	30,400	30,600
Employed	27,600	27,700	28,000	28,600	28,800
Unemployed	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.3	6.4	5.8	5.9

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2006

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,099	12,771	\$294,972,161	\$444
Goods-Producing	172	1,160	\$38,613,738	\$640
Natural Resources and Mining	7	150	\$8,174,883	\$1,048
Constuction	119	452	\$11,779,207	\$501
Manufacturing	45	558	\$18,659,648	\$643
Service-Providing	928	11,611	\$256,358,423	\$424
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	251	3,587	\$78,823,589	\$422
Information	27	350	\$8,070,061	\$443
Financial Services	140	739	\$20,162,760	\$524
Professional and Business Services	127	753	\$21,737,084	\$555
Education and Health Services	117	3,176	\$94,686,473	\$573
Leisure and Hospitality	157	2,516	\$23,176,500	\$177
Other Services	105	481	\$9,520,227	\$380
Unclassified	4	9	\$181,729	\$388
Federal Government		277	\$13,207,025	\$916
State Government		3,575	\$206,994,913	\$1,113
Local Government		3,489	\$114,346,534	\$630

Change Since 2001

Private Sector	1.5%	8.0%	22.9%	13.8%
Goods-Producing	-1.1%	-25.6%	-1.1%	33.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	-36.4%	94.8%	329.0%	120.6%
Construction	-0.8%	-8.7%	0.3%	9.9%
Manufacturing	4.7%	-43.5%	-26.6%	29.9%
Service-Producing	2.1%	13.1%	27.5%	12.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-10.7%	14.3%	21.4%	6.0%
Information	28.6%	16.3%	9.9%	-5.5%
Financial Services	12.9%	4.4%	11.4%	6.7%
Professional and Business Services	1.6%	-9.7%	6.6%	18.1%
Education and Health Services	1.7%	21.7%	48.4%	21.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	9.8%	14.3%	23.9%	8.6%
Other Services	5.0%	3.9%	25.1%	20.3%
Federal Government		7.4%	30.8%	21.8%
State Government		3.8%	2.4%	-1.3%
Local Government		-0.8%	15.7%	16.7%

Business Numbers

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Business starts	141	113	86	134	97
Active businesses	1,090	1,139	1,123	1,104	1,042

Major Employers

Alexander Local Bd of Ed	Govt
Athens City Bd of Ed	Govt
Athens County Government	Govt
Diagnostic Hybrids Inc	Mfg
ED MAP Inc	Serv
Federal Hocking Local Bd of Ed	Govt
Hocking College	Govt
Nelsonville-York City Bd of Ed	Govt
O'Bleness Memorial Hospital	Serv
Ohio University	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade

Residential Construction

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total units	40	43	26	97	104
Total valuation (000)	\$3,187	\$3,752	\$3,340	\$7,779	\$11,735
Total single-unit bldgs	17	14	17	26	72
Average cost per unit	\$142,941	\$141,429	\$158,235	\$179,923	\$140,347
Total multi-unit bldg units	23	29	9	71	32
Average cost per unit	\$32,922	\$61,103	\$72,222	\$43,670	\$50,938