

Ohio County Profiles



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Belmont County

Established: Proclamation - September 7, 1801
2007 Population: 67,908
Land Area: 537.3 square mile
County Seat: St. Clairsville City
Named for: French: "Beautiful Mountain"



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$923,054,590
Residential	\$608,214,450
Agriculture	\$88,784,650
Industrial	\$36,293,480
Commercial	\$184,584,120
Mineral	\$5,177,890
Ohio income tax liability	\$30,851,757
Average per return	\$1,028.12

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/Transportation and Urban Grasses)	1.85%
Cropland	14.88%
Pasture	12.89%
Forest	69.55%
Open Water	0.82%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	0.00%
Bare/Mines	0.00%

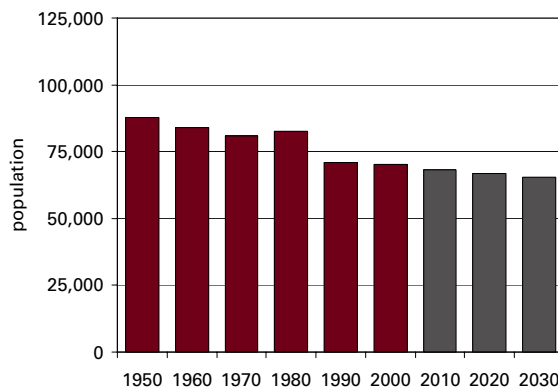
Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2007
Richland twp UB	8,514	8,772
Martins Ferry city	7,226	6,694
St. Clairsville city	5,057	5,063
Bellaire village	4,892	4,589
Pultney twp UB	4,751	4,496
Colerain twp	4,438	4,377
Pease twp UB	4,367	4,182
Barnesville village	4,225	4,071
Shadyside village	3,675	3,553
Mead twp UB	2,405	2,269

UB: Unincorporated Balance

Total Population

Census		Estimated	
1800		1900	60,875
1810	11,097	1910	76,856
1820	20,329	1920	93,193
1830	28,627	1930	94,719
1840	30,901	1940	95,614
1850	34,600	1950	87,740
1860	36,398	1960	83,864
1870	39,714	1970	80,917
1880	49,638	1980	82,569
1890	57,413	1990	71,074
		2000	70,226
		2010	68,030
		2020	66,810
		2030	65,340



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
Total Population	70,226	100.0%
White	66,553	94.8%
African-American	2,430	3.5%
Native American	259	0.4%
Asian	194	0.3%
Pacific Islander	9	0.0%
Other	163	0.2%
Two or More Races	618	0.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	351	0.5%
Total Minority	3,906	5.6%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	49,616	100.0%
No high school diploma	9,497	19.1%
High school graduate	22,984	46.3%
Some college, no degree	8,525	17.2%
Associate degree	3,087	6.2%
Bachelor's degree	3,513	7.1%
Master's degree or higher	2,010	4.1%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,402	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	7,229	37.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	3,210	16.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,287	6.6%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,636	18.7%
Male householder, in labor force	794	4.1%
Male householder, not in labor force	289	1.5%
Female householder, in labor force	1,621	8.4%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,336	6.9%

Household Income in 1999

	Number	Percent
Total Households	28,363	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	3,905	13.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5,653	19.9%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	4,746	16.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,867	13.6%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,877	10.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,313	8.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,326	8.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,633	5.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	646	2.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	140	0.5%
\$200,000 or more	257	0.9%
Median household income	\$29,714	

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
Total Population	70,226	100.0%
Under 6 years	4,216	6.0%
6 to 17 years	11,050	15.7%
18 to 24 years	5,344	7.6%
25 to 44 years	19,304	27.5%
45 to 64 years	17,504	24.9%
65 years and more	12,808	18.2%
Median Age	40.9	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,402	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	6,103	31.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	548	2.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,665	8.6%
Families with no own children	11,086	57.1%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,402	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	17,135	88.3%
Family income below poverty level	2,267	11.7%
Married couple, with related children	474	20.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	173	7.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	981	43.3%
Families with no related children	639	28.2%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	66,997	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	3,728	5.6%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,040	9.0%
100% to 149% of poverty level	7,097	10.6%
150% to 199% of poverty level	7,863	11.7%
200% of poverty level or more	42,269	63.1%

Residence in 1995

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	66,691	100.0%
Same house in 1995	44,937	67.4%
Different house, same county	13,651	20.5%
Different county, same state	4,367	6.5%
Different state	3,492	5.2%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	45	0.1%
Foreign country	199	0.3%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	27,889	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	8,761	31.4%
15 to 29 minutes	11,029	39.5%
30 to 44 minutes	4,045	14.5%
45 to 59 minutes	1,551	5.6%
60 minutes or more	1,761	6.3%
Worked at home	742	2.7%

Mean travel time 23.5 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	31,236	100.0%
Occupied housing units	28,309	90.6%
Owner occupied	21,244	68.0%
Renter occupied	7,065	22.6%
Vacant housing units	2,927	9.4%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	31,236	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	1,516	4.9%
Built 1990 to 1994	1,204	3.9%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,448	7.8%
Built 1970 to 1979	5,114	16.4%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,062	9.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,868	12.4%
Built 1940 to 1949	3,324	10.6%
Built 1939 or earlier	10,700	34.3%

Median year built 1954

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	16,897	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	857	5.1%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	3,032	17.9%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	3,678	21.8%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3,547	21.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,453	14.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,393	8.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	740	4.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	687	4.1%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	314	1.9%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	159	0.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	37	0.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	0	0.0%

Median value \$64,600

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	28,309	100.0%
Utility gas	15,237	53.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,866	6.6%
Electricity	5,784	20.4%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	4,377	15.5%
Coal, coke or wood	851	3.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	163	0.6%
No fuel used	31	0.1%

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	6,938	100.0%
Less than \$100	189	2.7%
\$100 to \$199	820	11.8%
\$200 to \$299	1,020	14.7%
\$300 to \$399	1,595	23.0%
\$400 to \$499	1,317	19.0%
\$500 to \$599	564	8.1%
\$600 to \$699	376	5.4%
\$700 to \$799	125	1.8%
\$800 to \$899	61	0.9%
\$900 to \$999	30	0.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	15	0.2%
\$1,500 or more	16	0.2%
No cash rent	810	11.7%

Median gross rent \$362

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999 24.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	8,209	100.0%
Less than \$400	725	8.8%
\$400 to \$599	2,572	31.3%
\$600 to \$799	2,240	27.3%
\$800 to \$999	1,334	16.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	721	8.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	353	4.3%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	173	2.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	65	0.8%
\$3,000 or more	26	0.3%

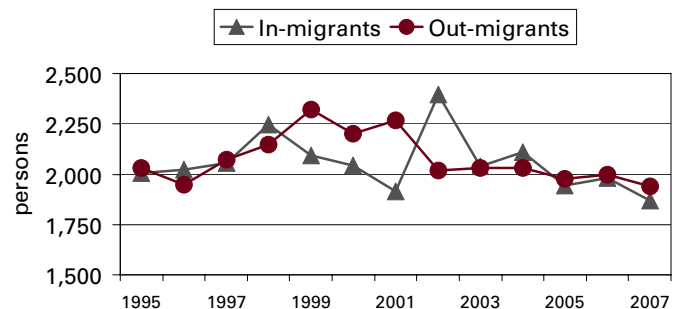
Median monthly owners cost \$668

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.0

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women	685	55.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	23	18.3
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	863	1,254.9
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	405	5.9
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	255	3.7

Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	140,000
Number of farms	730
Average size (acres)	192
Total cash receipts	\$20,108,000
Per farm	\$27,173

Education

Public schools	27
Students (Average Daily Membership)	9,141
Expenditures per student	\$8,426
Student-teacher ratio	16.3
Graduation rate	92.7
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	554.7
Non-public schools	11
Students	963
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	4 / 5

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	79,860
Passenger cars	49,658
Noncommercial trucks	15,257
Total license revenue	\$2,125,617.19
Interstate highway miles	33.66
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	32.01
State highway miles	215.24
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,205.21
Commercial airports	2

Voting

Number of precincts	66
Number of registered voters	43,411
Voted in 2006 election	24,484
Percent turnout	56.4%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	75
Registered hospitals	3
Number of beds	306
Licensed nursing homes	19
Number of beds	1,655
Licensed residential care	9
Number of beds	489
Adults with employer-based insurance	59.8%
Children with employer-based insurance	63.8%

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, And Wildlife Areas

Facilities	6
Acres	18,743.81

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	18,792

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	456
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Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets	\$705,094
Branch offices	37
Institutions represented	12

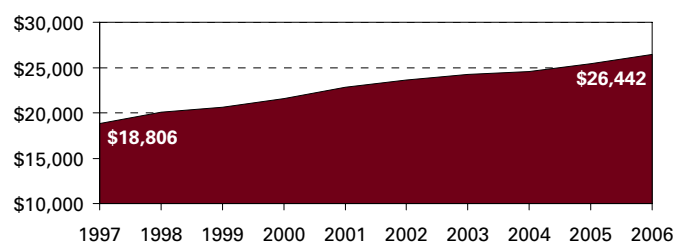
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$490,190,000
Payments to individuals	\$471,755,000
Retirement and disability	\$194,677,000
Medical payments	\$212,233,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$43,855,000
Unemployment benefits	\$7,070,000
Veterans benefits	\$10,265,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$3,523,000
Other payments to individuals	\$132,000
Total personal income	\$1,806,224,000
Dependency ratio	27.1%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$491,690,874
Retirement and disability	\$219,868,693
Other direct payments	\$139,111,588
Grant awards	\$111,034,571
Highway planning and construction	\$29,875,175
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$4,502,920
Medical assistance program	\$54,873,149
Procurement contract awards	\$8,118,517
Dept. of Defense	\$3,227,272
Salary and wages	\$13,557,505
Dept. of Defense	\$517,000
Other federal assistance	\$48,440,606
Direct loans	\$576,430
Guaranteed loans	\$12,498,528
Insurance	\$35,365,648

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian labor force	31,700	32,000	32,400	32,700	32,800
Employed	29,500	29,900	30,300	30,800	30,900
Unemployed	2,100	2,200	2,100	1,900	1,800
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.8	6.4	5.7	5.6

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2006

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,530	20,106	\$527,763,720	\$504
Goods-Producing	247	3,881	\$173,213,709	\$858
Natural Resources and Mining	33	1,261	\$73,239,339	\$1,116
Constuction	167	1,286	\$39,956,037	\$597
Manufacturing	47	1,335	\$60,018,333	\$864
Service-Providing	1,283	16,225	\$354,550,011	\$420
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	436	5,847	\$126,170,549	\$414
Information	20	524	\$16,497,578	\$605
Financial Services	150	1,130	\$31,114,198	\$529
Professional and Business Services	175	1,125	\$31,929,380	\$545
Education and Health Services	196	4,098	\$109,200,615	\$512
Leisure and Hospitality	145	2,775	\$28,584,030	\$198
Other Services	161	722	\$11,026,228	\$293
Unclassified	1	3	\$27,433	\$175
Federal Government		188	\$8,692,189	\$889
State Government		802	\$29,520,838	\$707
Local Government		3,232	\$94,091,774	\$559

Change Since 2001

Private Sector	0.9%	2.8%	24.3%	20.9%
Goods-Producing	-8.9%	14.5%	50.9%	32.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	-10.8%	57.0%	102.7%	29.0%
Construction	-5.1%	23.1%	40.0%	13.7%
Manufacturing	-19.0%	-13.5%	19.7%	38.5%
Service-Producing	3.0%	0.3%	14.5%	14.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-5.8%	-9.7%	-0.3%	10.4%
Information	42.9%	-0.6%	19.9%	20.5%
Financial Services	4.2%	-2.2%	18.0%	20.8%
Professional and Business Services	9.4%	53.9%	80.7%	17.5%
Education and Health Services	24.1%	2.4%	21.6%	18.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	0.0%	7.1%	12.5%	5.3%
Other Services	0.6%	6.5%	12.5%	5.4%
Federal Government		6.2%	40.5%	32.3%
State Government		-7.9%	-5.0%	3.1%
Local Government		4.0%	15.5%	11.1%

Business Numbers	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Business starts	162	114	91	115	99
Active businesses	1,410	1,421	1,369	1,392	1,303

Residential Construction	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total units	23	96	41	47	62
Total valuation (000)	\$2,604	\$6,362	\$2,338	\$4,209	\$7,334
Total single-unit bldgs	21	65	19	23	18
Average cost per unit	\$118,618	\$79,105	\$105,689	\$95,366	\$90,757
Total multi-unit bldg units	2	31	22	24	44
Average cost per unit	\$56,500	\$39,355	\$15,000	\$84,000	\$129,545

Major Employers

Barnesville Hospital Assn	Serv
Belmont Community Hospital	Serv
Belmont County Government	Govt
Belmont County Technical College	Govt
Commercial Vehicle Group/Mayflower	Mfg
East Ohio Regional Hospital	Serv
Kroger Co	Trade
Ohio Valley Coal Co	Mining
State of Ohio	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade
Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp	Mfg