

# Ohio County Profiles



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## Fairfield County

**Established:** Proclamation - December 9, 1800  
**2007 Population:** 141,318  
**Land Area:** 505.7 square mile  
**County Seat:** Lancaster City  
**Named for:** The "fair fields" of the area



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$2,797,269,060
Residential	\$2,203,005,400
Agriculture	\$165,786,600
Industrial	\$38,447,800
Commercial	\$388,508,880
Mineral	\$1,520,380
Ohio income tax liability	\$103,646,218
Average per return	\$1,649.89

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/ Transportation and Urban Grasses)	8.29%
Cropland	62.77%
Pasture	4.55%
Forest	23.89%
Open Water	0.50%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	0.00%
Bare/Mines	0.00%

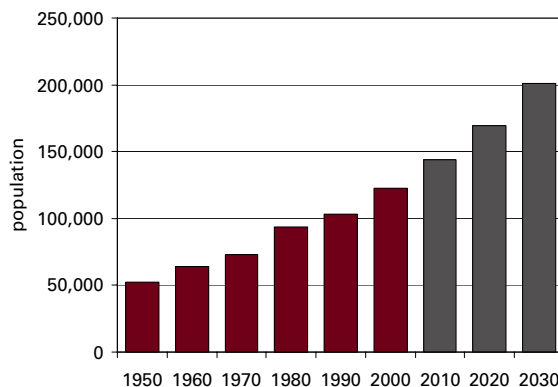
### Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2007
Lancaster city	35,335	36,950
Violet twp UB	16,893	19,072
Pickerington city (pt.)	9,737	16,940
Columbus city (pt.)	7,447	8,121
Bloom twp UB	5,765	6,733
Pleasant twp UB	5,039	5,323
Liberty twp UB	4,387	5,095
Hocking twp	4,812	4,952
Berne twp UB	4,521	4,882
Walnut twp UB	4,545	4,879

UB: Unincorporated Balance

### Total Population

Census		Estimated	
1800		1900	34,259
1810	11,361	1910	39,201
1820	16,633	1920	40,484
1830	24,786	1930	44,010
1840	31,924	1940	48,490
1850	30,264	1950	52,130
1860	30,538	1960	63,912
1870	31,138	1970	73,301
1880	34,284	1980	93,678
1890	33,939	1990	103,461
		2000	122,759
		2001	125,986
		2002	128,909
		2003	132,055
		2004	135,169
		2005	137,604
		2006	139,635
		2007	141,318
		<b>Projected</b>	
		2010	143,860
		2020	169,540
		2030	201,010



**Population by Race**

	Number	Percent
Total Population	122,759	100.0%
White	116,747	95.1%
African-American	3,195	2.6%
Native American	337	0.3%
Asian	874	0.7%
Pacific Islander	30	0.0%
Other	308	0.3%
Two or More Races	1,268	1.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,220	1.0%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>6,779</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

**Educational Attainment**

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	79,948	100.0%
No high school diploma	9,911	12.4%
High school graduate	30,695	38.4%
Some college, no degree	17,152	21.5%
Associate degree	5,530	6.9%
Bachelor's degree	11,507	14.4%
Master's degree or higher	5,153	6.4%

**Family Type by Employment Status**

	Number	Percent
Total Families	34,346	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	16,923	49.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	6,087	17.7%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,749	5.1%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	4,128	12.0%
Male householder, in labor force	1,197	3.5%
Male householder, not in labor force	316	0.9%
Female householder, in labor force	2,821	8.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,125	3.3%

**Household Income in 1999**

	Number	Percent
Total Households	45,431	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,604	5.7%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,412	9.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	5,667	12.5%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	5,782	12.7%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5,149	11.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,681	10.3%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	5,791	12.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	5,502	12.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,293	9.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	865	1.9%
\$200,000 or more	685	1.5%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$47,962</b>	

**Population by Age**

	Number	Percent
Total Population	122,759	100.0%
Under 6 years	10,415	8.5%
6 to 17 years	22,494	18.3%
18 to 24 years	9,902	8.1%
25 to 44 years	36,992	30.1%
45 to 64 years	29,227	23.8%
65 years and more	13,729	11.2%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>36.2</b>	

**Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18**

	Number	Percent
Total Families	34,346	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	13,505	39.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	872	2.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,523	7.3%
Families with no own children	17,446	50.8%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	34,346	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	32,792	95.5%
Family income below poverty level	1,554	4.5%
Married couple, with related children	366	23.6%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	123	7.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	731	47.0%
Families with no related children	334	21.5%

**Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level**

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	119,747	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,860	2.4%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,204	3.5%
100% to 149% of poverty level	6,753	5.6%
150% to 199% of poverty level	9,251	7.7%
200% of poverty level or more	96,679	80.7%

**Residence in 1995**

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	114,162	100.0%
Same house in 1995	64,724	56.7%
Different house, same county	23,941	21.0%
Different county, same state	17,957	15.7%
Different state	7,085	6.2%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	63	0.1%
Foreign country	392	0.3%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	60,465	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	14,668	24.3%
15 to 29 minutes	19,189	31.7%
30 to 44 minutes	13,108	21.7%
45 to 59 minutes	6,901	11.4%
60 minutes or more	4,617	7.6%
Worked at home	1,982	3.3%

**Mean travel time** 27.7 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	47,922	100.0%
Occupied housing units	45,425	94.8%
Owner occupied	34,626	72.3%
Renter occupied	10,799	22.5%
Vacant housing units	2,497	5.2%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	47,922	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	5,976	12.5%
Built 1990 to 1994	5,537	11.6%
Built 1980 to 1989	5,746	12.0%
Built 1970 to 1979	8,756	18.3%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,881	10.2%
Built 1950 to 1959	4,720	9.8%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,508	5.2%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,798	20.4%

**Median year built** 1972

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	30,292	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	93	0.3%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	367	1.2%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,086	3.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3,031	10.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	4,870	16.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	4,616	15.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	6,001	19.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,401	21.1%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	2,065	6.8%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,682	5.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	44	0.1%
\$1,000,000 or more	36	0.1%

**Median value** \$129,500

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	45,425	100.0%
Utility gas	27,215	59.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,316	9.5%
Electricity	10,590	23.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	2,546	5.6%
Coal, coke or wood	590	1.3%
Solar energy or other fuel	140	0.3%
No fuel used	28	0.1%

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	10,398	100.0%
Less than \$100	89	0.9%
\$100 to \$199	366	3.5%
\$200 to \$299	547	5.3%
\$300 to \$399	1,042	10.0%
\$400 to \$499	1,861	17.9%
\$500 to \$599	2,119	20.4%
\$600 to \$699	1,976	19.0%
\$700 to \$799	914	8.8%
\$800 to \$899	393	3.8%
\$900 to \$999	252	2.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	249	2.4%
\$1,500 or more	38	0.4%
No cash rent	552	5.3%

**Median gross rent** \$550

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999 23.1

## Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	22,755	100.0%
Less than \$400	489	2.1%
\$400 to \$599	2,116	9.3%
\$600 to \$799	3,660	16.1%
\$800 to \$999	3,733	16.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	4,963	21.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	3,383	14.9%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	3,312	14.6%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	992	4.4%
\$3,000 or more	107	0.5%

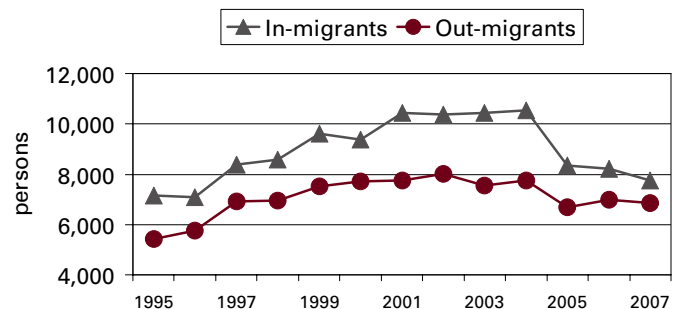
**Median monthly owners cost** \$1,069

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 21.0

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women	1,757	58.4
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	46	14.8
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,078	766.8
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	791	5.7
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	587	4.2

## Migration



**Agriculture**

Land in farms (acres)	193,000
Number of farms	1,140
Average size (acres)	169
Total cash receipts	\$56,835,000
Per farm	\$49,422

**Education**

Public schools	47
Students (Average Daily Membership)	23,491
Expenditures per student	\$8,361
Student-teacher ratio	19.2
Graduation rate	95.6
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,413.6
Non-public schools	8
Students	1,701
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	3 / 4

**Transportation**

Registered motor vehicles	158,609
Passenger cars	104,143
Noncommercial trucks	25,581
Total license revenue	\$3,965,212.76
Interstate highway miles	2.38
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	50.93
State highway miles	138.82
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,232.96
Commercial airports	2

**Voting**

Number of precincts	124
Number of registered voters	96,593
Voted in 2006 election	55,657
Percent turnout	57.6%

**Health Care**

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	252
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	245
Licensed nursing homes	19
Number of beds	2,332
Licensed residential care	7
Number of beds	473
Adults with employer-based insurance	64.6%
Children with employer-based insurance	73.4%

**State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, And Wildlife Areas**

Facilities	9
Acreage	2,179.13

**Communications**

Television stations	0
Radio stations	2
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	15,000

**Crime**

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	3,888
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**Finance**

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets	\$652,786
Branch offices	45
Institutions represented	16

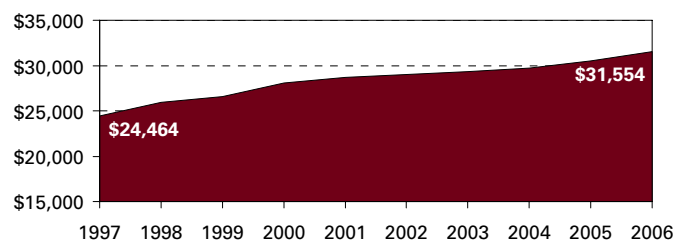
**Transfer Payments**

Total transfer payments	\$642,783,000
Payments to individuals	\$605,105,000
Retirement and disability	\$277,619,000
Medical payments	\$250,794,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$51,051,000
Unemployment benefits	\$11,703,000
Veterans benefits	\$12,233,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$1,431,000
Other payments to individuals	\$274,000
Total personal income	\$4,406,093,000
Dependency ratio	14.6%

**Federal Expenditures**

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$546,389,748
Retirement and disability	\$302,936,832
Other direct payments	\$136,503,560
Grant awards	\$83,136,406
Highway planning and construction	\$5,356,223
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$7,871,361
Medical assistance program	\$43,898,678
Procurement contract awards	\$4,659,151
Dept. of Defense	\$192,446
Salary and wages	\$19,153,799
Dept. of Defense	\$48,000
Other federal assistance	\$214,096,689
Direct loans	\$450,633
Guaranteed loans	\$72,399,647
Insurance	\$141,246,409

**Per Capita Personal Income**



<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Civilian labor force	70,200	71,700	73,000	74,800	76,300
Employed	66,400	67,800	69,100	71,200	72,500
Unemployed	3,800	3,800	3,900	3,500	3,800
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.7	5.0

**Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2006**

<b>Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Number of Establishments</b>	<b>Average Employment</b>	<b>Total Wages</b>	<b>Average Weekly Wage</b>
Private Sector	2,610	31,212	\$861,934,727	\$531
Goods-Producing	511	7,837	\$302,922,846	\$743
Natural Resources and Mining	15	49	\$1,446,435	\$567
Constuction	370	2,372	\$79,905,525	\$647
Manufacturing	126	5,416	\$221,570,886	\$786
Service-Providing	2,099	23,375	\$559,011,881	\$459
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	635	7,578	\$181,312,063	\$460
Information	28	347	\$9,253,006	\$512
Financial Services	274	1,401	\$41,564,523	\$570
Professional and Business Services	370	3,913	\$114,040,913	\$560
Education and Health Services	289	3,911	\$125,107,593	\$615
Leisure and Hospitality	254	4,795	\$55,124,042	\$221
Other Services	239	1,413	\$32,393,402	\$440
Unclassified	11	17	\$216,339	\$244
Federal Government		260	\$12,345,387	\$913
State Government		779	\$29,804,753	\$735
Local Government		7,257	\$261,696,062	\$693

**Change Since 2001**

Private Sector	6.1%	16.0%	28.3%	10.6%
Goods-Producing	-1.7%	-0.5%	14.7%	15.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	0.0%	-30.0%	-25.7%	6.2%
Construction	1.6%	8.7%	20.9%	11.2%
Manufacturing	-10.6%	-3.7%	13.0%	17.3%
Service-Producing	8.1%	22.9%	37.1%	11.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1.6%	13.9%	25.8%	10.6%
Information	7.7%	5.2%	23.6%	17.4%
Financial Services	22.3%	17.0%	29.1%	10.3%
Professional and Business Services	12.1%	61.3%	85.5%	15.0%
Education and Health Services	14.2%	28.4%	33.5%	4.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	16.5%	20.5%	28.3%	6.8%
Other Services	-4.4%	3.8%	27.8%	22.9%
Federal Government		-4.1%	10.0%	14.7%
State Government		-9.5%	-4.0%	6.1%
Local Government		16.1%	33.4%	14.9%

<b>Business Numbers</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Business starts	542	479	397	522	459
Active businesses	3,001	3,152	3,118	3,205	3,043

**Major Employers**

Anchor Hocking Corp	Mfg
Cyril-Scott Co	Mfg
Fairfield Medical Center	Serv
Kroger Co	Trade
Lancaster City Bd of Ed	Govt
McDermott Int'l/Diamond Power	Mfg
Meijer Inc	Trade
Pickerington Local Bd of Ed	Govt
Ralcorp/Ralston Foods	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt

<b>Residential Construction</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Total units	1,553	1,265	992	604	422
Total valuation (000)	\$247,132	\$200,019	\$172,509	\$124,893	\$81,273
Total single-unit bldgs	1,433	1,023	810	576	375
Average cost per unit	\$164,749	\$187,912	\$195,337	\$211,078	\$205,395
Total multi-unit bldg units	120	242	182	28	47
Average cost per unit	\$92,055	\$32,171	\$78,492	\$118,286	\$90,419