

Ohio County Profiles

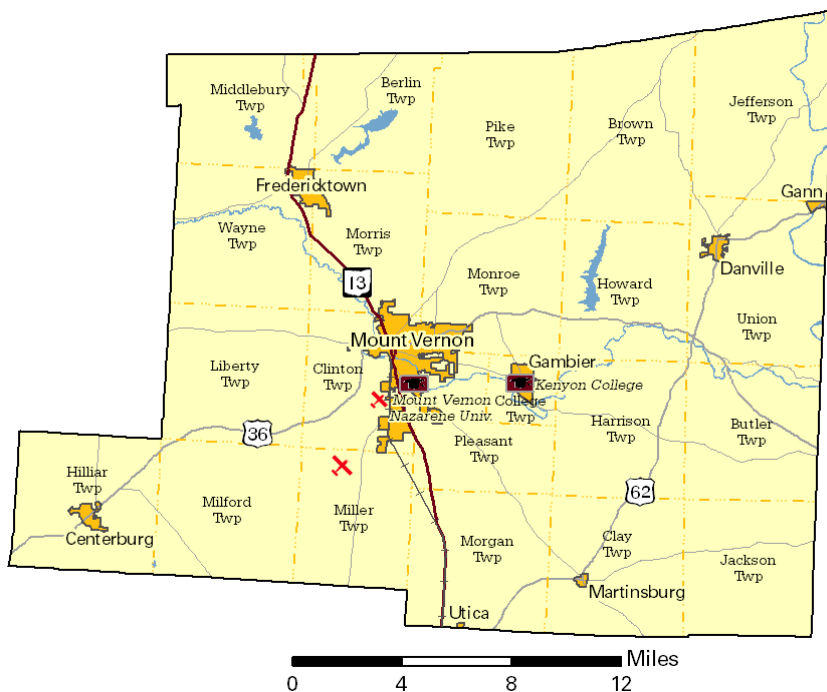


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Knox County

Established: Act - March 1, 1808
2007 Population: 58,961
Land Area: 527.2 square mile
County Seat: Mount Vernon City
Named for: General Henry Knox, First Secretary of War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$978,964,560
Residential	\$687,341,360
Agriculture	\$164,727,270
Industrial	\$27,243,940
Commercial	\$98,188,100
Mineral	\$1,463,890
Ohio income tax liability	\$33,641,819
Average per return	\$1,320.06

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/Transportation and Urban Grasses)	3.54%
Cropland	43.68%
Pasture	12.73%
Forest	39.09%
Open Water	0.28%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	0.68%
Bare/Mines	0.00%

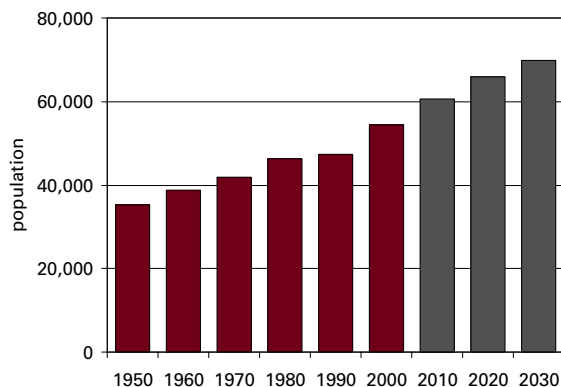
Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2007
Mount Vernon city	14,375	15,950
Howard twp	4,319	5,698
Clinton twp	3,326	2,886
Fredericktown village	2,428	2,479
Monroe twp	2,427	2,377
Brown twp	1,425	2,273
Gambier village	1,871	2,069
Morris twp	1,998	2,046
Hilliar twp UB	1,648	1,969
Berlin twp	1,789	1,832

UB: Unincorporated Balance

Total Population

Census		Estimated	
1800		1900	27,768
1810	2,149	1910	30,181
1820	8,326	1920	29,580
1830	17,085	1930	29,338
1840	29,579	1940	31,024
1850	28,872	1950	35,287
1860	27,735	1960	38,808
1870	26,333	1970	41,795
1880	27,431	1980	46,304
1890	27,600	1990	47,473
		2000	54,500
		2001	55,375
		2002	56,150
		2003	56,859
		2004	57,521
		2005	58,050
		2006	58,457
		2007	58,961
		Projected	
		2010	60,600
		2020	65,940
		2030	69,890



Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total Population	54,500	100.0%
White	53,093	97.4%
African-American	439	0.8%
Native American	105	0.2%
Asian	162	0.3%
Pacific Islander	12	0.0%
Other	66	0.1%
Two or More Races	623	1.1%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	209	0.4%
Total Minority	1,544	2.8%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	34,485	100.0%
No high school diploma	6,277	18.2%
High school graduate	14,520	42.1%
Some college, no degree	6,220	18.0%
Associate degree	1,693	4.9%
Bachelor's degree	3,638	10.5%
Master's degree or higher	2,137	6.2%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,462	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,582	45.5%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,717	18.8%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	848	5.9%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,920	13.3%
Male householder, in labor force	663	4.6%
Male householder, not in labor force	144	1.0%
Female householder, in labor force	1,118	7.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	470	3.2%

Household Income in 1999	Number	Percent
Total Households	19,956	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,624	8.1%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,937	14.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,855	14.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,845	14.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,480	12.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,133	10.7%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,043	10.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,749	8.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	908	4.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	192	1.0%
\$200,000 or more	190	1.0%
Median household income	\$38,877	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Total Population	54,500	100.0%
Under 6 years	4,145	7.6%
6 to 17 years	9,390	17.2%
18 to 24 years	6,480	11.9%
25 to 44 years	14,639	26.9%
45 to 64 years	12,332	22.6%
65 years and more	7,514	13.8%
Median Age	36.5	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,462	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	5,261	36.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	434	3.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	949	6.6%
Families with no own children	7,818	54.1%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,462	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	13,390	92.6%
Family income below poverty level	1,072	7.4%
Married couple, with related children	332	31.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	32	3.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	384	35.8%
Families with no related children	324	30.2%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	50,963	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,980	3.9%
50% to 99% of poverty level	3,179	6.2%
100% to 149% of poverty level	4,866	9.5%
150% to 199% of poverty level	5,002	9.8%
200% of poverty level or more	35,936	70.5%

Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	51,116	100.0%
Same house in 1995	28,606	56.0%
Different house, same county	11,834	23.2%
Different county, same state	6,731	13.2%
Different state	3,370	6.6%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	0	0.0%
Foreign country	575	1.1%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	25,064	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	9,172	36.6%
15 to 29 minutes	7,103	28.3%
30 to 44 minutes	2,979	11.9%
45 to 59 minutes	2,053	8.2%
60 minutes or more	2,616	10.4%
Worked at home	1,141	4.6%

Mean travel time 25.8 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	21,793	100.0%
Occupied housing units	19,975	91.7%
Owner occupied	15,122	69.4%
Renter occupied	4,853	22.3%
Vacant housing units	1,818	8.3%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	21,793	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	2,330	10.7%
Built 1990 to 1994	1,384	6.4%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,196	10.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,376	15.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,223	10.2%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,384	10.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,369	6.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	6,531	30.0%

Median year built 1963

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	11,390	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	49	0.4%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	454	4.0%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,158	10.2%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2,334	20.5%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,700	23.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,653	14.5%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,326	11.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,010	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	373	3.3%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	325	2.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1	0.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	7	0.1%

Median value \$92,100

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	19,975	100.0%
Utility gas	10,637	53.3%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,639	18.2%
Electricity	3,206	16.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,234	6.2%
Coal, coke or wood	991	5.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	255	1.3%
No fuel used	13	0.1%

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	4,597	100.0%
Less than \$100	97	2.1%
\$100 to \$199	296	6.4%
\$200 to \$299	322	7.0%
\$300 to \$399	831	18.1%
\$400 to \$499	1,071	23.3%
\$500 to \$599	853	18.6%
\$600 to \$699	467	10.2%
\$700 to \$799	121	2.6%
\$800 to \$899	62	1.3%
\$900 to \$999	50	1.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	56	1.2%
\$1,500 or more	24	0.5%
No cash rent	347	7.5%

Median gross rent \$446

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999 22.0

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,518	100.0%
Less than \$400	328	4.4%
\$400 to \$599	1,171	15.6%
\$600 to \$799	1,918	25.5%
\$800 to \$999	1,663	22.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,246	16.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	601	8.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	421	5.6%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	140	1.9%
\$3,000 or more	30	0.4%

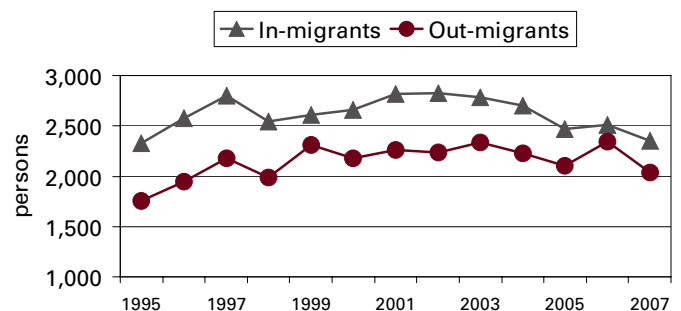
Median monthly owners cost \$838

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 20.7

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women	729	57.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	20	17.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	542	925.5
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	388	6.6
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	213	3.6

Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	205,000
Number of farms	1,220
Average size (acres)	168
Total cash receipts	\$66,001,000
Per farm	\$54,099

Education

Public schools	24
Students (Average Daily Membership)	8,937
Expenditures per student	\$8,421
Student-teacher ratio	17.5
Graduation rate	94.8
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	507.5
Non-public schools	5
Students	312
4-year public universities	0
Branches	0
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	2
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	2 / 3

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	66,953
Passenger cars	39,122
Noncommercial trucks	13,378
Total license revenue	\$1,966,384.18
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	58.74
State highway miles	139.69
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,137.47
Commercial airports	2

Voting

Number of precincts	58
Number of registered voters	36,349
Voted in 2006 election	21,329
Percent turnout	58.7%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	78
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	127
Licensed nursing homes	14
Number of beds	1,112
Licensed residential care	7
Number of beds	267
Adults with employer-based insurance	60.4%
Children with employer-based insurance	71.0%

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, And Wildlife Areas

Facilities	5
Acreage	1,000.49

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	10,500

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	113
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Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets	\$856,824
Branch offices	23
Institutions represented	12

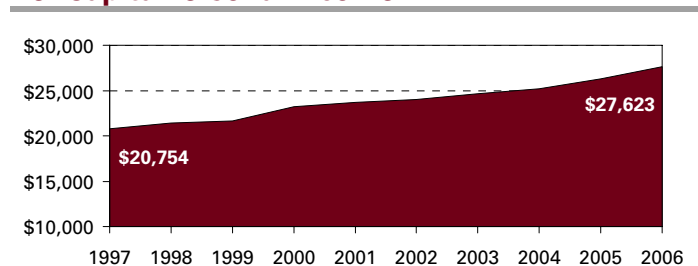
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$342,949,000
Payments to individuals	\$327,250,000
Retirement and disability	\$129,982,000
Medical payments	\$161,123,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$22,979,000
Unemployment benefits	\$4,756,000
Veterans benefits	\$5,526,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$2,739,000
Other payments to individuals	\$145,000
Total personal income	\$1,614,729,000
Dependency ratio	21.2%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$287,839,317
Retirement and disability	\$139,243,619
Other direct payments	\$77,252,616
Grant awards	\$61,501,912
Highway planning and construction	\$5,380,041
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$3,494,561
Medical assistance program	\$35,324,575
Procurement contract awards	\$2,032,095
Dept. of Defense	\$0
Salary and wages	\$7,809,075
Dept. of Defense	\$0
Other federal assistance	\$53,014,245
Direct loans	\$6,071,351
Guaranteed loans	\$14,298,260
Insurance	\$32,644,634

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian labor force	28,400	29,200	30,200	30,600	31,000
Employed	26,600	27,500	28,500	29,100	29,300
Unemployed	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,700
Unemployment rate	6.3	5.6	5.6	5.0	5.4

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2006

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,105	16,521	\$549,857,032	\$640
Goods-Producing	222	5,805	\$285,890,700	\$947
Natural Resources and Mining	20	218	\$5,866,717	\$517
Constuction	121	878	\$33,052,897	\$723
Manufacturing	82	4,710	\$246,971,086	\$1,008
Service-Providing	883	10,715	\$263,966,332	\$473
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	282	2,839	\$64,612,217	\$437
Information	24	318	\$12,661,878	\$765
Financial Services	109	593	\$16,178,114	\$524
Professional and Business Services	131	821	\$22,489,560	\$526
Education and Health Services	139	3,770	\$120,522,589	\$614
Leisure and Hospitality	112	1,744	\$17,392,114	\$191
Other Services	84	629	\$10,085,924	\$308
Unclassified	1	1	\$23,936	\$460
Federal Government		114	\$4,956,429	\$836
State Government		539	\$19,622,865	\$700
Local Government		2,349	\$75,716,522	\$619

Change Since 2001

Private Sector	5.2%	10.2%	30.7%	18.7%
Goods-Producing	-0.9%	6.3%	32.6%	24.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	-9.1%	2.8%	13.6%	10.5%
Construction	-2.4%	13.3%	-11.4%	-21.8%
Manufacturing	6.5%	5.2%	42.6%	35.5%
Service-Producing	6.9%	12.4%	28.8%	14.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-2.8%	4.7%	11.4%	6.3%
Information	60.0%	61.4%	92.5%	19.3%
Financial Services	4.8%	12.3%	25.7%	12.0%
Professional and Business Services	40.9%	17.1%	43.1%	22.0%
Education and Health Services	5.3%	16.1%	37.0%	17.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	16.7%	10.4%	10.4%	0.0%
Other Services	-8.7%	13.1%	28.4%	13.7%
Federal Government		-3.4%	11.1%	15.2%
State Government		-11.1%	-5.5%	6.2%
Local Government		9.1%	26.5%	15.9%

Business Numbers

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Business starts	181	162	124	183	121
Active businesses	1,190	1,230	1,236	1,255	1,189

Major Employers

Ariel Ltd	Mfg
JELD-WEN Inc	Mfg
Kenyon College	Serv
Knox Community Hospital	Serv
Kokosing Construction Co	Constr
Mount Vernon Nazarene University	Serv
Mt Vernon City Bd of Ed	Govt
Rolls-Royce plc	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt
TRW Automotive Holdings	Mfg

Residential Construction

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total units	408	376	373	337	209
Total valuation (000)	\$43,803	\$46,016	\$50,854	\$43,055	\$29,999
Total single-unit bldgs	389	372	365	267	200
Average cost per unit	\$111,094	\$123,161	\$139,062	\$148,614	\$146,797
Total multi-unit bldg units	19	4	8	70	9
Average cost per unit	\$30,931	\$50,000	\$12,000	\$48,214	\$71,111