

# Ohio County Profiles

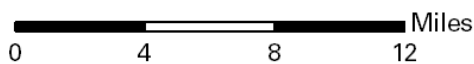


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## Mercer County

**Established:** Act - April 1, 1820  
**2007 Population:** 40,888  
**Land Area:** 463.3 square mile  
**County Seat:** Celina City  
**Named for:** General Hugh Mercer, Revolutionary War



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$715,262,670
Residential	\$502,024,220
Agriculture	\$123,847,550
Industrial	\$20,893,550
Commercial	\$68,491,570
Mineral	\$5,780
Ohio income tax liability	\$24,654,468
Average per return	\$1,218.83

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/ Transportation and Urban Grasses)	3.96%
Cropland	75.86%
Pasture	9.10%
Forest	6.95%
Open Water	3.51%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	0.58%
Bare/Mines	0.04%

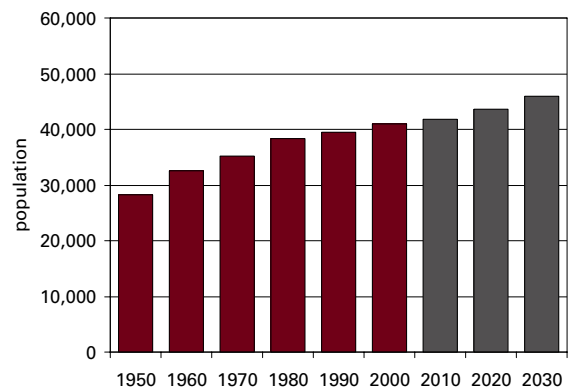
### Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2007
Celina city	10,303	10,255
Coldwater village	4,482	4,416
Jefferson twp UB	2,928	2,714
Marion twp UB	2,605	2,469
St. Henry village	2,271	2,366
Franklin twp UB	2,112	2,330
Butler twp UB	1,977	2,191
Granville twp UB	1,434	1,563
Fort Recovery village	1,273	1,335
Washington twp	1,218	1,209

UB: Unincorporated Balance

### Total Population

Census	Estimated
1800	2001 40,795
1810	2002 40,792
1820 95	2003 40,735
1830 1,110	2004 40,760
1840 8,277	2005 40,795
1850 7,712	2006 40,830
1860 14,104	2007 40,888
1870 17,254	2008 40,888
1880 21,808	2009 40,888
1890 27,220	2010 41,830
1900 28,021	2020 43,570
1910 27,536	2030 45,960
1920 26,872	
1930 25,096	
1940 26,256	
1950 28,311	
1960 32,559	
1970 35,265	
1980 38,334	
1990 39,443	
2000 40,924	



## Population by Race

	Number	Percent
Total Population	40,924	100.0%
White	40,228	98.3%
African-American	59	0.1%
Native American	171	0.4%
Asian	115	0.3%
Pacific Islander	8	0.0%
Other	123	0.3%
Two or More Races	220	0.5%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	353	0.9%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

## Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	25,614	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,110	16.0%
High school graduate	12,739	49.7%
Some college, no degree	3,852	15.0%
Associate degree	1,672	6.5%
Bachelor's degree	1,925	7.5%
Master's degree or higher	1,316	5.1%

## Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,071	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,891	53.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,725	15.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	582	5.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,500	13.5%
Male householder, in labor force	307	2.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	60	0.5%
Female householder, in labor force	652	5.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	354	3.2%

## Household Income in 1999

	Number	Percent
Total Households	14,749	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	971	6.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,631	11.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,180	14.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,923	13.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,026	13.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,737	11.8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,862	12.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,424	9.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	733	5.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	115	0.8%
\$200,000 or more	147	1.0%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$42,742</b>	

## Population by Age

	Number	Percent
Total Population	40,924	100.0%
Under 6 years	3,603	8.8%
6 to 17 years	8,534	20.9%
18 to 24 years	3,173	7.8%
25 to 44 years	11,086	27.1%
45 to 64 years	8,629	21.1%
65 years and more	5,899	14.4%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>35.7</b>	

## Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,071	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,772	43.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	177	1.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	610	5.5%
Families with no own children	5,512	49.8%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,071	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,559	95.4%
Family income below poverty level	512	4.6%
Married couple, with related children	108	21.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	19	3.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	250	48.8%
Families with no related children	135	26.4%

## Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	40,359	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,034	2.6%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,537	3.8%
100% to 149% of poverty level	2,431	6.0%
150% to 199% of poverty level	3,501	8.7%
200% of poverty level or more	31,856	78.9%

## Residence in 1995

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	37,887	100.0%
Same house in 1995	25,086	66.2%
Different house, same county	8,905	23.5%
Different county, same state	2,677	7.1%
Different state	1,119	3.0%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	5	0.0%
Foreign country	95	0.3%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	19,742	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	8,497	43.0%
15 to 29 minutes	6,362	32.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,454	12.4%
45 to 59 minutes	773	3.9%
60 minutes or more	769	3.9%
Worked at home	887	4.5%
<b>Mean travel time</b>	<b>19.9 minutes</b>	

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	15,875	100.0%
Occupied housing units	14,756	93.0%
Owner occupied	11,833	74.5%
Renter occupied	2,923	18.4%
Vacant housing units	1,119	7.0%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	15,875	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	1,299	8.2%
Built 1990 to 1994	1,150	7.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,685	10.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,628	16.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,847	11.6%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,178	13.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,005	6.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,083	25.7%
<b>Median year built</b>	<b>1964</b>	

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	9,492	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	89	0.9%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	289	3.0%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	825	8.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2,105	22.2%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,991	21.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,329	14.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	965	10.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,299	13.7%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	304	3.2%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	249	2.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	40	0.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	7	0.1%
<b>Median value</b>	<b>\$94,000</b>	

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	14,756	100.0%
Utility gas	6,967	47.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,950	20.0%
Electricity	3,256	22.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,165	7.9%
Coal, coke or wood	293	2.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	77	0.5%
No fuel used	48	0.3%

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	2,794	100.0%
Less than \$100	78	2.8%
\$100 to \$199	148	5.3%
\$200 to \$299	279	10.0%
\$300 to \$399	583	20.9%
\$400 to \$499	576	20.6%
\$500 to \$599	547	19.6%
\$600 to \$699	242	8.7%
\$700 to \$799	28	1.0%
\$800 to \$899	19	0.7%
\$900 to \$999	17	0.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	30	1.1%
\$1,500 or more	9	0.3%
No cash rent	238	8.5%
<b>Median gross rent</b>	<b>\$433</b>	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	20.8	

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

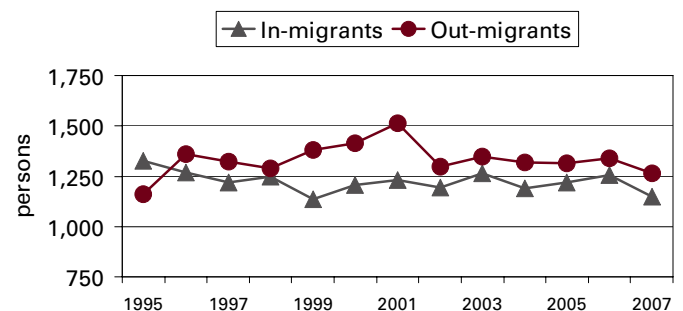
	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	5,785	100.0%
Less than \$400	146	2.5%
\$400 to \$599	830	14.3%
\$600 to \$799	1,543	26.7%
\$800 to \$999	1,461	25.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	953	16.5%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	453	7.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	304	5.3%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	65	1.1%
\$3,000 or more	30	0.5%
<b>Median monthly owners cost</b>	<b>\$858</b>	

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.7

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women	562	73.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	6	6.1
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	385	932.1
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	293	7.1
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	112	2.7

## Migration



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	262,000
Number of farms	1,230
Average size (acres)	213
Total cash receipts	\$320,507,000
Per farm	\$258,473

## Education

Public schools	21
Students (Average Daily Membership)	8,317
Expenditures per student	\$8,681
Student-teacher ratio	17.2
Graduation rate	96.8
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	521.0
Non-public schools	1
Students	153
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	4 / 3

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	53,810
Passenger cars	29,901
Noncommercial trucks	9,142
Total license revenue	\$1,697,731.08
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	44.68
State highway miles	166.05
County, township, and municipal road miles	954.33
Commercial airports	1

## Voting

Number of precincts	37
Number of registered voters	30,705
Voted in 2006 election	18,066
Percent turnout	58.8%

## Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	49
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	88
Licensed nursing homes	9
Number of beds	728
Licensed residential care	7
Number of beds	254
Adults with employer-based insurance	65.9%
Children with employer-based insurance	82.5%

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

Facilities	5
Acreage	11,722.70

## Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	10,100

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	862
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## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets	\$599,336
Branch offices	22
Institutions represented	10

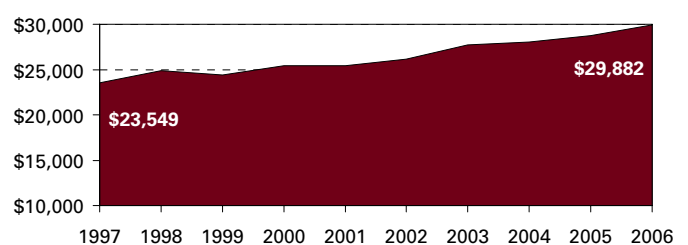
## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$197,812,000
Payments to individuals	\$186,739,000
Retirement and disability	\$94,547,000
Medical payments	\$74,709,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$10,521,000
Unemployment benefits	\$3,203,000
Veterans benefits	\$3,234,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$422,000
Other payments to individuals	\$103,000
Total personal income	\$1,220,098,000
Dependency ratio	16.2%

## Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$131,746,999
Retirement and disability	\$30,664,946
Other direct payments	\$64,017,105
Grant awards	\$27,382,838
Highway planning and construction	\$5,149,676
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$2,624,064
Medical assistance program	\$11,317,721
Procurement contract awards	\$2,959,004
Dept. of Defense	\$296,590
Salary and wages	\$6,723,106
Dept. of Defense	\$0
Other federal assistance	\$77,663,200
Direct loans	\$1,289,571
Guaranteed loans	\$14,978,828
Insurance	\$61,394,801

## Per Capita Personal Income



**Civilian Labor Force**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian labor force	22,100	23,000	23,800	24,200	24,500
Employed	21,100	22,000	22,800	23,300	23,600
Unemployed	1,000	1,000	900	900	900
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.8

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

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	961	14,381	\$425,865,594	\$569
Goods-Producing	236	6,212	\$224,714,379	\$695
Natural Resources and Mining	24	375	\$9,004,230	\$461
Constuction	134	903	\$31,894,353	\$679
Manufacturing	79	4,934	\$183,815,796	\$716
Service-Providing	724	8,169	\$201,151,215	\$473
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	271	3,704	\$106,398,836	\$552
Information	15	177	\$4,817,199	\$523
Financial Services	95	743	\$25,031,918	\$647
Professional and Business Services	78	530	\$16,298,118	\$591
Education and Health Services	75	1,008	\$25,184,032	\$480
Leisure and Hospitality	94	1,370	\$12,463,895	\$174
Other Services	97	637	\$10,957,217	\$330
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Federal Government		101	\$4,221,579	\$803
State Government		150	\$4,862,706	\$623
Local Government		2,452	\$76,727,510	\$601

**Change Since 2001**

Private Sector	3.3%	13.9%	33.3%	17.1%
Goods-Producing	6.3%	19.9%	34.3%	12.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	60.0%	20.6%	37.8%	14.1%
Construction	3.9%	-1.8%	2.6%	4.6%
Manufacturing	1.3%	24.8%	41.8%	13.7%
Service-Producing	2.1%	9.8%	32.1%	20.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1.5%	25.0%	53.2%	22.7%
Information	25.0%	2.9%	7.4%	4.4%
Financial Services	14.5%	3.5%	22.1%	18.1%
Professional and Business Services	9.9%	-2.8%	22.6%	26.0%
Education and Health Services	5.6%	-2.4%	7.7%	10.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	-6.9%	0.1%	6.0%	5.5%
Other Services	-6.7%	-0.3%	16.9%	17.0%
Federal Government		-7.3%	7.7%	16.2%
State Government		8.7%	-31.3%	-36.8%
Local Government		1.2%	19.3%	17.8%

**Business Numbers**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Business starts	67	65	72	59	51
Active businesses	1,231	1,243	1,249	1,247	1,189

**Major Employers**

Celina Aluminum Precision Technology	Mfg
Celina City Bd of Ed	Govt
Cooper Farms Inc	Mfg
Crown Equipment Corp	Mfg
Fort Recovery Industries Inc	Mfg
Mercer Health	Serv
Pax Machine Works	Mfg
Renoir Visions LLC	Mfg
Reynolds & Reynolds Co	Mfg
Workflow One	Mfg

**Residential**

**Construction**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total units	181	182	145	84	126
Total valuation (000)	\$29,068	\$28,049	\$23,095	\$14,975	\$17,406
Total single-unit bldgs	137	154	117	78	72
Average cost per unit	\$177,581	\$167,477	\$174,247	\$187,750	\$200,083
Total multi-unit bldg units	44	28	28	6	54
Average cost per unit	\$107,705	\$80,643	\$96,714	\$55,000	\$55,556