

Ohio County Profiles

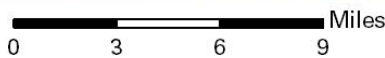


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Portage County

Established: Act - June 7, 1807
2007 Population: 155,869
Land Area: 492.4 square mile
County Seat: Ravenna City
Named for: "Portage", a carrying path



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$3,221,466,660
Residential	\$2,429,273,920
Agriculture	\$174,774,140
Industrial	\$184,005,560
Commercial	\$426,209,750
Mineral	\$7,203,290
Ohio income tax liability	\$111,617,140
Average per return	\$1,577.14

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/ Transportation and Urban Grasses)	12.79%
Cropland	23.00%
Pasture	7.69%
Forest	46.46%
Open Water	3.01%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	6.85%
Bare/Mines	0.20%

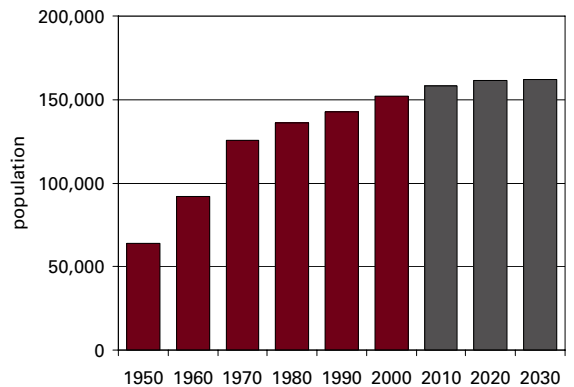
Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2007
Kent city	27,906	28,253
Aurora city	13,556	14,544
Streetsboro city	12,311	14,270
Ravenna city	11,771	11,422
Ravenna twp	9,270	9,153
Brimfield twp	7,963	7,895
Rootstown twp	7,212	7,226
Suffield twp	6,383	6,376
Shalersville twp	5,976	6,058
Randolph twp	5,504	5,600

UB: Unincorporated Balance

Total Population

Census		Estimated	
1800		1900	29,246
1810	2,995	1910	30,307
1820	10,095	1920	36,269
1830	18,826	1930	42,682
1840	22,965	1940	46,660
1850	24,419	1950	63,954
1860	24,208	1960	91,798
1870	24,584	1970	125,868
1880	27,500	1980	135,856
1890	27,868	1990	142,585
		2000	152,061
		2001	153,053
		2002	153,758
		2003	154,565
		2004	154,964
		2005	155,206
		2006	155,044
		2007	155,869
		Projected	
		2010	158,160
		2020	161,660
		2030	161,880



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
Total Population	152,061	100.0%
White	143,919	94.6%
African-American	4,688	3.1%
Native American	239	0.2%
Asian	1,156	0.8%
Pacific Islander	8	0.0%
Other	306	0.2%
Two or More Races	1,745	1.1%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,028	0.7%
Total Minority	8,853	5.8%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	94,073	100.0%
No high school diploma	13,244	14.1%
High school graduate	37,558	39.9%
Some college, no degree	19,023	20.2%
Associate degree	4,469	4.8%
Bachelor's degree	13,132	14.0%
Master's degree or higher	6,647	7.1%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,413	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	17,958	45.6%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	6,747	17.1%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	2,200	5.6%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	4,710	12.0%
Male householder, in labor force	1,813	4.6%
Male householder, not in labor force	435	1.1%
Female householder, in labor force	3,910	9.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,640	4.2%

Household Income in 1999

	Number	Percent
Total Households	56,415	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	4,387	7.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6,207	11.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	7,232	12.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	7,336	13.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6,671	11.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	5,714	10.1%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	6,981	12.4%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	6,350	11.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,922	7.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	792	1.4%
\$200,000 or more	823	1.5%
Median household income	\$44,347	

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
Total Population	152,061	100.0%
Under 6 years	11,214	7.4%
6 to 17 years	24,795	16.3%
18 to 24 years	21,979	14.5%
25 to 44 years	43,651	28.7%
45 to 64 years	33,717	22.2%
65 years and more	16,705	11.0%
Median Age	34.4	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,413	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	13,934	35.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	1,206	3.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	3,402	8.6%
Families with no own children	20,871	53.0%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,413	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	37,094	94.1%
Family income below poverty level	2,319	5.9%
Married couple, with related children	441	19.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	155	6.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,266	54.6%
Families with no related children	457	19.7%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	144,317	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	6,055	4.2%
50% to 99% of poverty level	7,340	5.1%
100% to 149% of poverty level	9,437	6.5%
150% to 199% of poverty level	11,317	7.8%
200% of poverty level or more	110,168	76.3%

Residence in 1995

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	142,803	100.0%
Same house in 1995	79,463	55.6%
Different house, same county	28,995	20.3%
Different county, same state	25,669	18.0%
Different state	7,353	5.1%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	70	0.0%
Foreign country	1,253	0.9%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	78,023	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	21,663	27.8%
15 to 29 minutes	26,833	34.4%
30 to 44 minutes	16,790	21.5%
45 to 59 minutes	6,559	8.4%
60 minutes or more	4,160	5.3%
Worked at home	2,018	2.6%

Mean travel time 25.1 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	60,096	100.0%
Occupied housing units	56,449	93.9%
Owner occupied	40,225	66.9%
Renter occupied	16,224	27.0%
Vacant housing units	3,647	6.1%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	60,096	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	6,544	10.9%
Built 1990 to 1994	4,560	7.6%
Built 1980 to 1989	6,898	11.5%
Built 1970 to 1979	11,843	19.7%
Built 1960 to 1969	9,646	16.1%
Built 1950 to 1959	7,215	12.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	3,898	6.5%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,492	15.8%

Median year built 1970

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	31,458	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	76	0.2%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	288	0.9%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	859	2.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2,619	8.3%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	5,582	17.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	6,862	21.8%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	5,247	16.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,570	17.7%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	2,042	6.5%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2,074	6.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	216	0.7%
\$1,000,000 or more	23	0.1%

Median value \$123,000

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	56,449	100.0%
Utility gas	36,240	64.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,155	7.4%
Electricity	8,276	14.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	6,452	11.4%
Coal, coke or wood	731	1.3%
Solar energy or other fuel	485	0.9%
No fuel used	110	0.2%

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	15,909	100.0%
Less than \$100	212	1.3%
\$100 to \$199	616	3.9%
\$200 to \$299	869	5.5%
\$300 to \$399	1,572	9.9%
\$400 to \$499	2,932	18.4%
\$500 to \$599	3,135	19.7%
\$600 to \$699	2,340	14.7%
\$700 to \$799	1,330	8.4%
\$800 to \$899	988	6.2%
\$900 to \$999	501	3.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	707	4.4%
\$1,500 or more	100	0.6%
No cash rent	607	3.8%

Median gross rent \$544

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999 25.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	22,785	100.0%
Less than \$400	451	2.0%
\$400 to \$599	1,839	8.1%
\$600 to \$799	3,795	16.7%
\$800 to \$999	4,825	21.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	4,970	21.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	2,940	12.9%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,625	11.5%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	1,083	4.8%
\$3,000 or more	257	1.1%

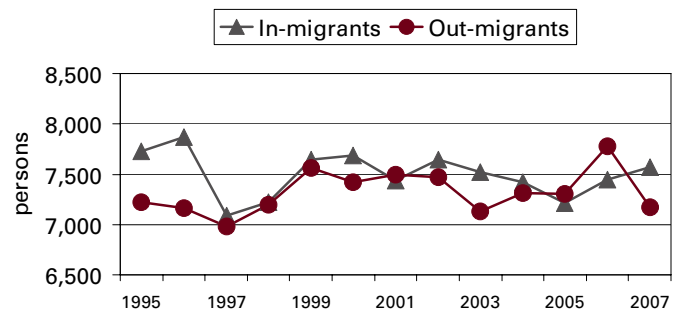
Median monthly owners cost \$1,024

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 20.9

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women	1,619	45.1
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	41	13.5
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,177	759.3
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	826	5.3
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	528	3.4

Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	93,000
Number of farms	940
Average size (acres)	99
Total cash receipts	\$34,164,000
Per farm	\$36,344

Education

Public schools	56
Students (Average Daily Membership)	24,156
Expenditures per student	\$8,970
Student-teacher ratio	17.7
Graduation rate	93.6
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,483.1
Non-public schools	4
Students	886
4-year public universities	1
Branches	0
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	3 / 6

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	166,139
Passenger cars	106,022
Noncommercial trucks	24,585
Total license revenue	\$4,371,002.44
Interstate highway miles	43.67
Turnpike miles	23.32
U.S. highway miles	23.22
State highway miles	203.53
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,154.31
Commercial airports	3

Voting

Number of precincts	129
Number of registered voters	103,718
Voted in 2006 election	56,433
Percent turnout	54.4%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	157
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	302
Licensed nursing homes	9
Number of beds	909
Licensed residential care	8
Number of beds	699
Adults with employer-based insurance	59.8%
Children with employer-based insurance	73.2%

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, And Wildlife Areas

Facilities	12
Acreage	5,086.35

Communications

Television stations	4
Radio stations	4
Daily newspapers	2
Circulation	32,000

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	3,912
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Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets	\$298,700
Branch offices	50
Institutions represented	14

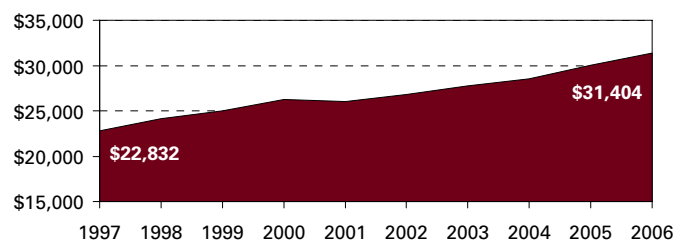
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$780,829,000
Payments to individuals	\$739,281,000
Retirement and disability	\$322,594,000
Medical payments	\$304,759,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$52,165,000
Unemployment benefits	\$16,183,000
Veterans benefits	\$12,461,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$30,821,000
Other payments to individuals	\$298,000
Total personal income	\$4,869,044,000
Dependency ratio	16.0%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$679,804,909
Retirement and disability	\$317,013,692
Other direct payments	\$190,625,725
Grant awards	\$119,499,866
Highway planning and construction	\$3,217,255
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$9,750,218
Medical assistance program	\$45,955,795
Procurement contract awards	\$31,039,029
Dept. of Defense	\$25,126,538
Salary and wages	\$21,626,597
Dept. of Defense	\$1,412,000
Other federal assistance	\$136,787,907
Direct loans	\$50,058,626
Guaranteed loans	\$43,412,435
Insurance	\$43,316,846

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian labor force	86,600	87,500	89,200	90,300	91,000
Employed	81,500	82,400	84,200	85,700	86,100
Unemployed	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,600	4,900
Unemployment rate	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.1	5.4

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2006

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	3,147	41,411	\$1,363,135,079	\$633
Goods-Producing	768	15,202	\$663,576,631	\$839
Natural Resources and Mining	50	548	\$20,810,112	\$730
Constuction	430	2,372	\$88,754,555	\$719
Manufacturing	288	12,283	\$554,011,964	\$867
Service-Providing	2,380	26,208	\$699,558,448	\$513
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	777	9,138	\$293,670,194	\$618
Information	41	421	\$15,476,186	\$706
Financial Services	268	1,311	\$40,871,521	\$599
Professional and Business Services	459	3,701	\$130,847,314	\$679
Education and Health Services	226	4,042	\$111,868,765	\$532
Leisure and Hospitality	318	5,909	\$71,689,262	\$233
Other Services	282	1,668	\$34,549,748	\$398
Unclassified	9	19	\$585,458	\$592
Federal Government		292	\$13,730,018	\$904
State Government		4,041	\$205,718,462	\$979
Local Government		7,768	\$281,886,123	\$697

Change Since 2001

Private Sector	7.1%	2.0%	15.9%	13.8%
Goods-Producing	-1.9%	-6.8%	7.6%	15.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	16.3%	59.3%	86.6%	17.2%
Construction	1.7%	-2.5%	8.1%	10.8%
Manufacturing	-9.4%	-9.2%	5.8%	16.7%
Service-Producing	10.4%	7.8%	25.0%	16.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2.8%	2.6%	16.9%	14.0%
Information	13.9%	-25.9%	-8.1%	24.1%
Financial Services	22.9%	13.2%	37.5%	21.5%
Professional and Business Services	18.0%	54.1%	78.1%	15.5%
Education and Health Services	13.6%	7.8%	20.7%	12.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	11.6%	0.5%	7.2%	6.9%
Other Services	8.5%	5.2%	23.7%	17.8%
Federal Government		-11.2%	7.9%	21.5%
State Government		3.4%	19.9%	16.0%
Local Government		3.5%	19.3%	15.2%

Business Numbers

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Business starts	315	251	274	339	260
Active businesses	2,798	2,804	2,797	2,852	2,754

Major Employers

East Manufacturing Corp	Mfg
General Electric Co	Mfg
Kent City Board of Education	Govt
Kent State University	Govt
McMaster-Carr Supply Co	Trade
Ravenna City Bd of Ed	Govt
Robinson Memorial Hospital	Serv
State of Ohio	Govt
Step2 Company	Mfg

Residential

Construction

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total units	836	711	756	581	505
Total valuation (000)	\$106,586	\$112,646	\$120,207	\$103,044	\$80,380
Total single-unit bldgs	801	652	625	517	473
Average cost per unit	\$127,135	\$165,494	\$175,285	\$187,365	\$165,865
Total multi-unit bldg units	35	59	131	64	32
Average cost per unit	\$135,743	\$80,407	\$81,329	\$96,509	\$60,178