

# Ohio County Profiles

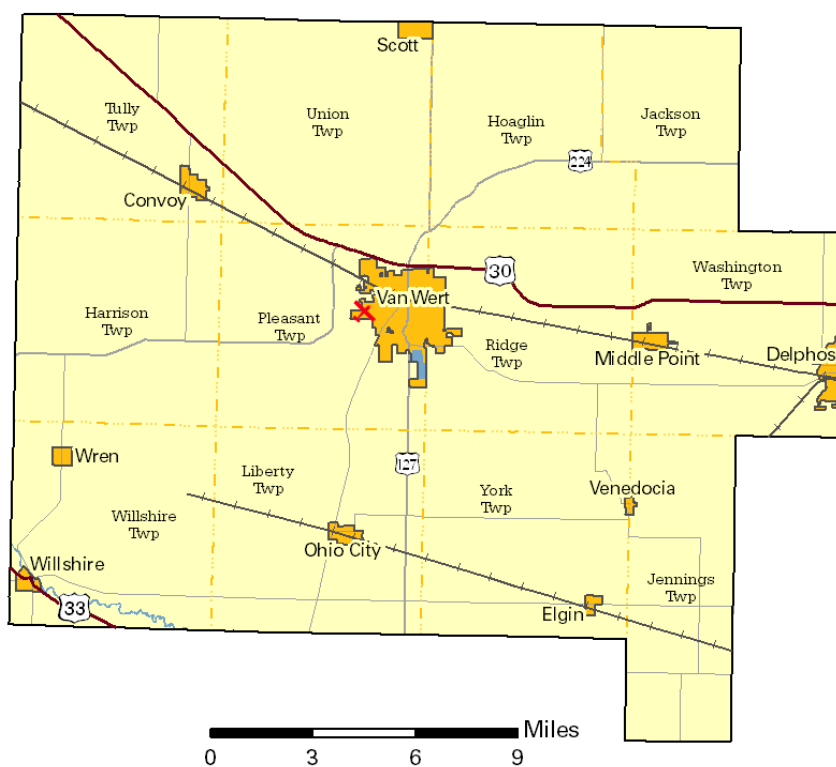


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## Van Wert County

**Established:** Act - April 1, 1820  
**2007 Population:** 28,889  
**Land Area:** 410.1 square mile  
**County Seat:** Van Wert City  
**Named for:** Isaac Van Wert, Revolutionary War



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$397,683,330
Residential	\$286,043,180
Agriculture	\$58,587,160
Industrial	\$16,183,900
Commercial	\$36,869,090
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$15,641,334
Average per return	\$1,097.56

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/ Transportation and Urban Grasses)	3.91%
Cropland	87.13%
Pasture	2.15%
Forest	4.01%
Open Water	0.33%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	2.42%
Bare/Mines	0.05%

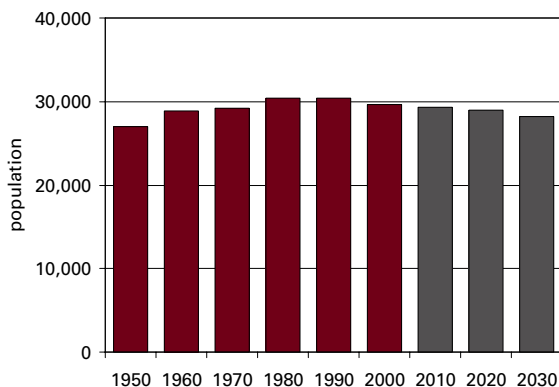
### Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2007
Van Wert city	10,690	10,269
Delphos city (pt.)	3,043	2,908
Pleasant twp UB	2,233	2,103
Washington twp UB	1,592	1,598
Ridge twp UB	1,311	1,353
Harrison twp	1,085	1,069
Convoy village	1,110	1,056
Willshire twp UB	1,057	1,044
Tully twp UB	1,009	1,018
Liberty twp UB	912	873

UB: Unincorporated Balance

### Total Population

Census	Estimated
1800	2001 29,394
1810	2002 29,257
1820	2003 29,161
1830 49	2004 29,158
1840 1,577	2005 29,049
1850 4,793	2006 29,073
1860 10,238	2007 28,889
1870 15,823	2010 29,330
1880 23,028	2020 28,970
1890 29,671	2030 28,190
1900 30,394	
1910 29,119	
1920 28,210	
1930 26,273	
1940 26,759	
1950 26,971	
1960 28,840	
1970 29,194	
1980 30,458	
1990 30,464	
2000 29,659	



## Population by Race

	Number	Percent
Total Population	29,659	100.0%
White	28,802	97.1%
African-American	233	0.8%
Native American	38	0.1%
Asian	46	0.2%
Pacific Islander	12	0.0%
Other	303	1.0%
Two or More Races	225	0.8%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	554	1.9%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

## Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	19,453	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,601	13.4%
High school graduate	10,053	51.7%
Some college, no degree	3,042	15.6%
Associate degree	1,431	7.4%
Bachelor's degree	1,543	7.9%
Master's degree or higher	783	4.0%

## Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,432	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,148	49.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,173	13.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	402	4.8%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,298	15.4%
Male householder, in labor force	345	4.1%
Male householder, not in labor force	72	0.9%
Female householder, in labor force	735	8.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	259	3.1%

## Household Income in 1999

	Number	Percent
Total Households	11,569	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	696	6.0%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,375	11.9%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,900	16.4%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,905	16.5%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,595	13.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,307	11.3%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,281	11.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	991	8.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	346	3.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	78	0.7%
\$200,000 or more	95	0.8%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$39,497</b>	

## Population by Age

	Number	Percent
Total Population	29,659	100.0%
Under 6 years	2,307	7.8%
6 to 17 years	5,416	18.3%
18 to 24 years	2,483	8.4%
25 to 44 years	8,079	27.2%
45 to 64 years	6,795	22.9%
65 years and more	4,579	15.4%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>37.6</b>	

## Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,432	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,066	36.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	257	3.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	563	6.7%
Families with no own children	4,546	53.9%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,432	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	8,076	95.8%
Family income below poverty level	356	4.2%
Married couple, with related children	79	22.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	11	3.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	132	37.1%
Families with no related children	134	37.6%

## Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	29,168	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	666	2.3%
50% to 99% of poverty level	929	3.2%
100% to 149% of poverty level	2,182	7.5%
150% to 199% of poverty level	3,076	10.5%
200% of poverty level or more	22,315	76.5%

## Residence in 1995

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	27,769	100.0%
Same house in 1995	17,921	64.5%
Different house, same county	6,062	21.8%
Different county, same state	2,399	8.6%
Different state	1,288	4.6%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	0	0.0%
Foreign country	99	0.4%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	14,375	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	6,691	46.5%
15 to 29 minutes	4,332	30.1%
30 to 44 minutes	1,735	12.1%
45 to 59 minutes	739	5.1%
60 minutes or more	485	3.4%
Worked at home	393	2.7%
<b>Mean travel time</b>	<b>19.0 minutes</b>	

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,363	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,587	93.7%
Owner occupied	9,462	76.5%
Renter occupied	2,125	17.2%
Vacant housing units	776	6.3%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,363	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	695	5.6%
Built 1990 to 1994	462	3.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	863	7.0%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,656	13.4%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,135	9.2%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,602	13.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,093	8.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,857	39.3%
<b>Median year built</b>	<b>1951</b>	

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	7,865	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	124	1.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	740	9.4%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,519	19.3%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,925	24.5%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,448	18.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	974	12.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	492	6.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	436	5.5%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	111	1.4%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	92	1.2%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	0	0.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	4	0.1%
<b>Median value</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	11,587	100.0%
Utility gas	5,864	50.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,047	17.7%
Electricity	2,927	25.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	527	4.5%
Coal, coke or wood	178	1.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	38	0.3%
No fuel used	6	0.1%

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	2,080	100.0%
Less than \$100	12	0.6%
\$100 to \$199	67	3.2%
\$200 to \$299	216	10.4%
\$300 to \$399	557	26.8%
\$400 to \$499	604	29.0%
\$500 to \$599	212	10.2%
\$600 to \$699	103	5.0%
\$700 to \$799	62	3.0%
\$800 to \$899	6	0.3%
\$900 to \$999	6	0.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8	0.4%
\$1,500 or more	0	0.0%
No cash rent	227	10.9%
<b>Median gross rent</b>	<b>\$412</b>	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	19.4	

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

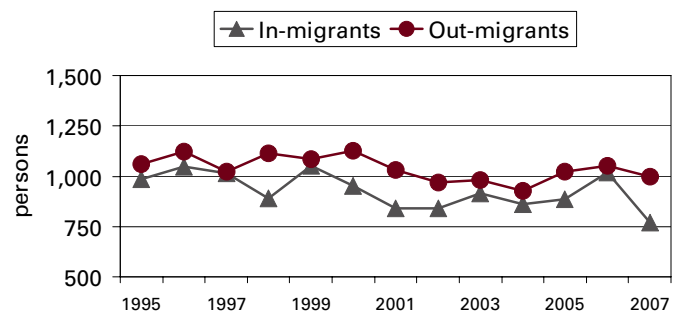
	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	4,965	100.0%
Less than \$400	291	5.9%
\$400 to \$599	1,194	24.0%
\$600 to \$799	1,441	29.0%
\$800 to \$999	1,052	21.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	539	10.9%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	269	5.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	136	2.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	43	0.9%
\$3,000 or more	0	0.0%
<b>Median monthly owners cost</b>	<b>\$738</b>	

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.4

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women	387	68.6
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	8	12.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	295	1,006.7
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	225	7.7
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	109	3.7

## Migration



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	243,000
Number of farms	660
Average size (acres)	368
Total cash receipts	\$86,904,000
Per farm	\$127,800

## Education

Public schools	14
Students (Average Daily Membership)	4,350
Expenditures per student	\$9,050
Student-teacher ratio	16.4
Graduation rate	85.7
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	246.3
Non-public schools	1
Students	110
4-year public universities	0
Branches	0
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	2 / 5

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	36,256
Passenger cars	21,566
Noncommercial trucks	6,491
Total license revenue	\$939,082.35
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	70.61
State highway miles	96.40
County, township, and municipal road miles	892.23
Commercial airports	1

## Voting

Number of precincts	39
Number of registered voters	20,372
Voted in 2006 election	10,765
Percent turnout	52.8%

## Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	26
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	109
Licensed nursing homes	7
Number of beds	725
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	396
Adults with employer-based insurance	72.2%
Children with employer-based insurance	75.7%

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

Facilities	1
Acreage	10.94

## Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	2
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	7,000

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	876
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## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets	\$218,869
Branch offices	9
Institutions represented	7

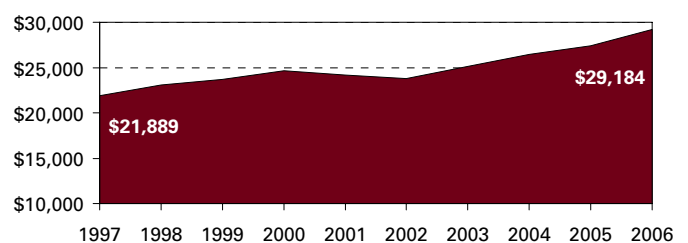
## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$147,681,000
Payments to individuals	\$139,825,000
Retirement and disability	\$72,938,000
Medical payments	\$52,834,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$8,628,000
Unemployment benefits	\$2,464,000
Veterans benefits	\$2,455,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$434,000
Other payments to individuals	\$72,000
Total personal income	\$848,472,000
Dependency ratio	17.4%

## Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$127,950,764
Retirement and disability	\$58,026,215
Other direct payments	\$45,254,664
Grant awards	\$18,544,408
Highway planning and construction	\$948,155
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$1,901,744
Medical assistance program	\$10,288,765
Procurement contract awards	\$1,706,863
Dept. of Defense	\$182,694
Salary and wages	\$4,418,614
Dept. of Defense	\$0
Other federal assistance	\$45,635,123
Direct loans	\$1,298,851
Guaranteed loans	\$6,061,556
Insurance	\$38,274,716

## Per Capita Personal Income



**Civilian Labor Force**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian labor force	14,700	15,200	15,100	15,600	15,500
Employed	13,800	14,300	14,300	14,800	14,700
Unemployed	900	800	800	700	900
Unemployment rate	6.1	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.6

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

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	554	10,126	\$295,982,186	\$562
Goods-Producing	107	4,134	\$152,752,236	\$710
Natural Resources and Mining	11	75	\$1,859,870	\$476
Constuction	48	274	\$8,792,089	\$617
Manufacturing	48	3,785	\$142,100,277	\$721
Service-Providing	448	5,992	\$143,229,950	\$459
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	153	1,926	\$44,719,302	\$446
Information	9	69	\$1,468,717	\$409
Financial Services	50	662	\$31,213,136	\$906
Professional and Business Services	65	488	\$10,893,908	\$429
Education and Health Services	62	1,673	\$42,156,845	\$484
Leisure and Hospitality	52	737	\$6,163,720	\$160
Other Services	58	436	\$6,603,020	\$291
Unclassified	1	1	\$11,302	\$217
Federal Government		68	\$2,792,148	\$789
State Government		76	\$3,227,650	\$816
Local Government		1,508	\$45,564,545	\$581

**Change Since 2001**

Private Sector	0.5%	-1.9%	10.4%	12.6%
Goods-Producing	-5.3%	-8.3%	-0.9%	8.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	0.0%	21.0%	32.1%	9.2%
Construction	-7.7%	-8.7%	-0.1%	9.4%
Manufacturing	-4.0%	-8.8%	-1.3%	8.3%
Service-Producing	2.3%	3.2%	25.7%	21.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-3.2%	2.1%	20.2%	17.7%
Information	12.5%	-20.7%	-20.0%	1.0%
Financial Services	0.0%	3.0%	41.5%	37.5%
Professional and Business Services	32.7%	101.7%	178.8%	38.4%
Education and Health Services	-3.1%	17.1%	32.0%	12.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	-1.9%	-34.5%	-47.3%	-19.6%
Other Services	1.8%	10.1%	24.2%	12.8%
Federal Government		-10.5%	9.6%	22.5%
State Government		13.4%	21.9%	7.4%
Local Government		14.9%	38.7%	20.8%

**Business Numbers**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Business starts	35	32	29	40	28
Active businesses	526	518	525	529	497

**Major Employers**

Central Mutual Insurance Co	Ins
Cooper Farms Inc	Mfg
Eaton Corp	Mfg
Federal-Mogul Corp	Mfg
Greif Inc	Mfg
Kennedy Manufacturing Co Inc	Mfg
Teleflex Inc	Mfg
Van Wert City Bd of Ed	Govt
Van Wert County Hospital Association	Serv

**Residential**

**Construction**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total units	95	74	67	47	42
Total valuation (000)	\$10,604	\$9,703	\$7,603	\$6,348	\$5,913
Total single-unit bldgs	95	72	67	44	38
Average cost per unit	\$111,619	\$130,040	\$113,477	\$144,263	\$155,600
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	2	0	3	4
Average cost per unit	\$0	\$170,000	\$0	\$0	\$0