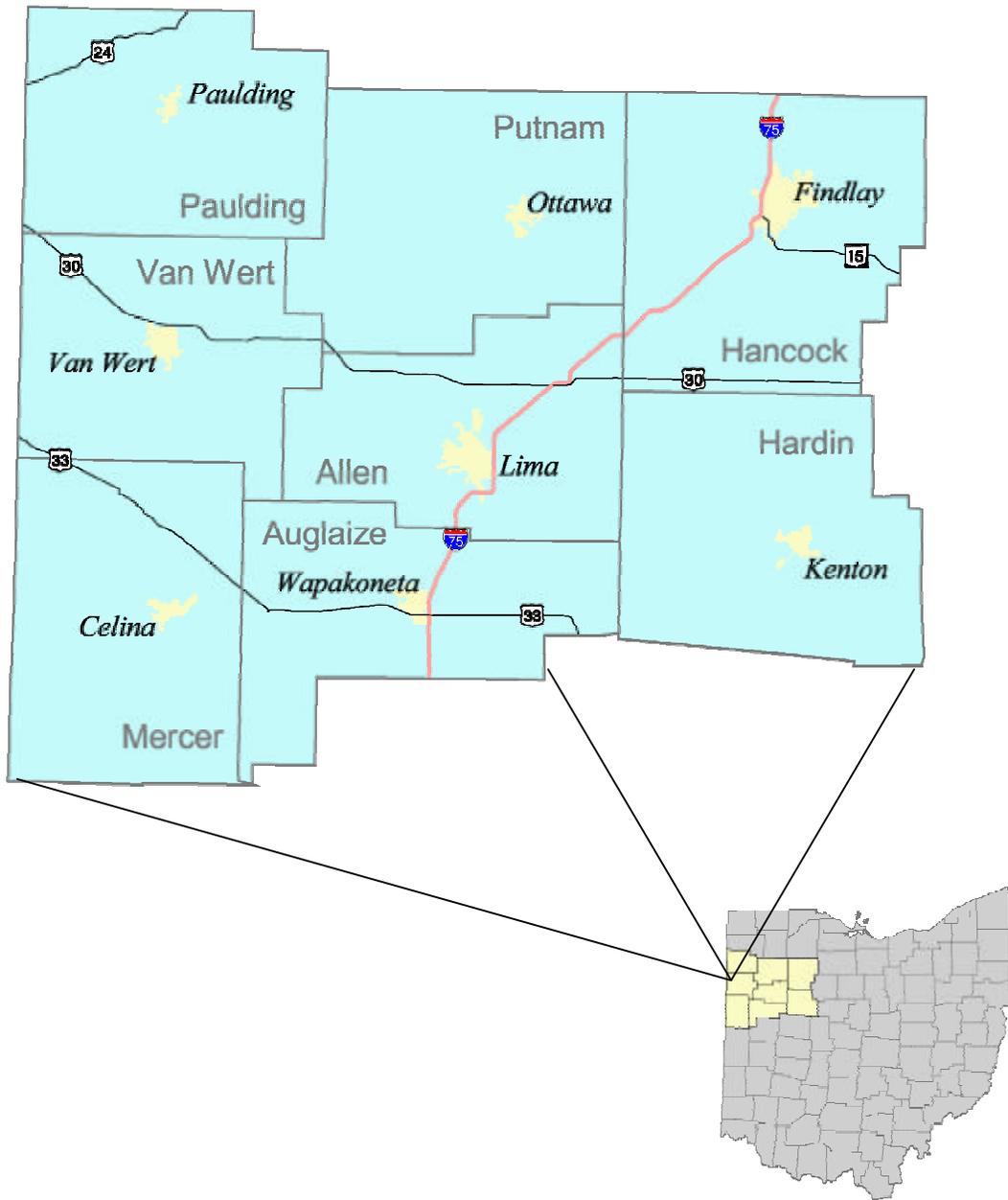
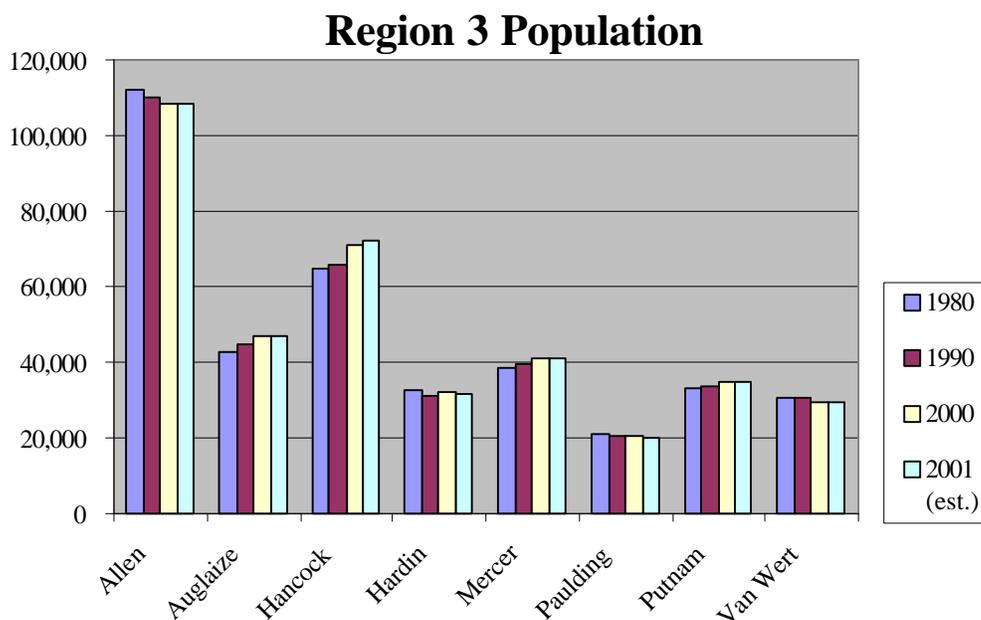


# REGION 3

## *Regional Development Profile*



# Demographic Profile - Region 3



	1980	1990	2000	2001 (est.)
<b>Region 3</b>	<b>375,180</b>	<b>375,201</b>	<b>383,926</b>	<b>384,109</b>
Allen	112,241	109,755	108,473	108,276
Auglaize	42,554	44,585	46,611	46,797
Hancock	64,581	65,536	71,295	72,046
Hardin	32,719	31,111	31,945	31,762
Mercer	38,334	39,443	40,924	40,899
Paulding	21,302	20,488	20,293	20,081
Putnam	32,991	33,819	34,726	34,808
Van Wert	30,458	30,464	29,659	29,440

- ◆ **Race:** The most recent Census results show that Region 3 is approximately 93.5% White and 3.9% Black or African-American. No other racial group makes up more than 1.5% of the population.
- ◆ **Hispanic or Latino:** The Region 3 Hispanic population (1.9%) represents the same percentage as Ohio statewide.
- ◆ **Age:** The median age for the eight counties of Region 3 ranges from 33.3 in Hardin County to 37.6 in Van Wert County. Those under 18 years of age represent 26.7% of the Region 3 population, compared to 25.4% statewide.

# *Income/Employment - Region 3*

<b>Region 3 Income 1990-2000</b>									
	Household Income						Per Capita Income		
	2000		1990		Pct. Chg. '90 - '00		2000	1990 (Inflated)	Pct. Chg. '90 - '00
	Total HHs	Median Income	Total HHs	Median Income (Inflated)	Total HHs	Median Income			
<b>Allen County</b>	40,625	\$37,048	39,303	\$35,258	3.4	5.1	\$17,511	\$15,354	14.0
<b>Auglaize County</b>	17,441	\$43,367	16,060	\$39,053	8.6	11.0	\$19,593	\$16,091	21.8
<b>Hancock County</b>	27,906	\$43,856	24,649	\$41,398	13.2	5.9	\$20,991	\$18,480	13.6
<b>Hardin County</b>	11,995	\$34,440	11,273	\$31,913	6.4	7.9	\$16,200	\$14,221	13.9
<b>Mercer County</b>	14,749	\$42,742	13,448	\$38,440	9.7	11.2	\$18,531	\$15,150	22.3
<b>Paulding County</b>	7,815	\$40,327	7,277	\$36,788	7.4	9.6	\$18,062	\$14,606	23.7
<b>Putnam County</b>	12,191	\$46,426	11,136	\$42,170	9.5	10.1	\$18,680	\$15,500	20.5
<b>Van Wert County</b>	11,569	\$39,497	11,260	\$37,173	2.7	6.3	\$18,293	\$15,461	18.3

Source: 2000 Census of Population & Housing. U.S. Bureau of the Census. Summary File 3 Demographic Profiles. (For income figures, the year of reference is the year prior to the survey year.)

<b>Major Employers</b>	
Amer Group Plc/Wilson Sporting Goods	Manufacturing
Braun Industries	Manufacturing
Central Mutual Insurance Co.	Insurance
Consolidated Biscuit Co	Manufacturing
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.	Manufacturing
Crown Equipment Corp	Manufacturing
Ford Motor Company	Manufacturing
Groupe Danone/Dannon Co.	Manufacturing
HiSAN Inc.	Manufacturing
Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC	Manufacturing
Occidental Petrol/Chemical Durez	Manufacturing
Proctor & Gamble/IAMS Co.	Manufacturing
Reynolds & Reynolds Co.	Manufacturing
Tokai Kogyo/DTR Industries	Manufacturing
Whirlpool Corp	Manufacturing

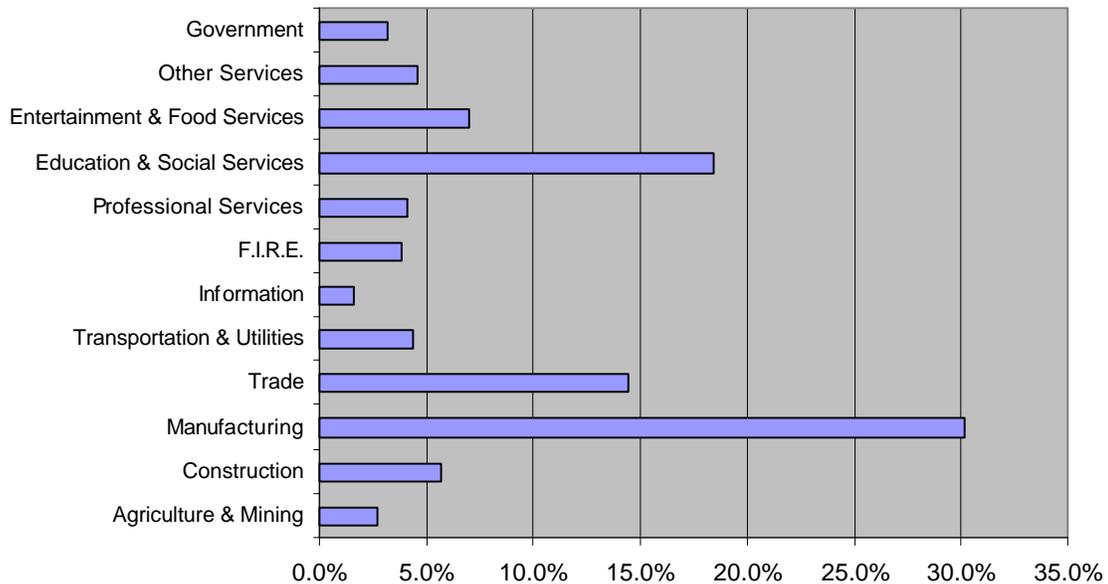
# Income/Employment - Region 3

Region 3 Civilian Labor Force Estimates - June 2002				
Area Name	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Region 3	205,200	194,400	10,900	5.3
Allen County	52,200	48,700	3,500	6.8
Auglaize County	25,200	23,700	1,500	5.8
Hancock County	43,600	42,000	1,600	3.6
Hardin County	15,800	15,000	800	5.2
Mercer County	20,000	18,800	1,300	6.4
Paulding County	10,300	9,700	600	5.9
Putnam County	21,300	20,500	800	3.8
Van Wert County	16,800	16,000	800	4.7

These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are by place of residence, NOT seasonally adjusted and revised to 2000 benchmarks. Source: Bureau of Labor Market Information; Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

## Employment by Industry, 2000

(employed civilian pop. 16 and over)

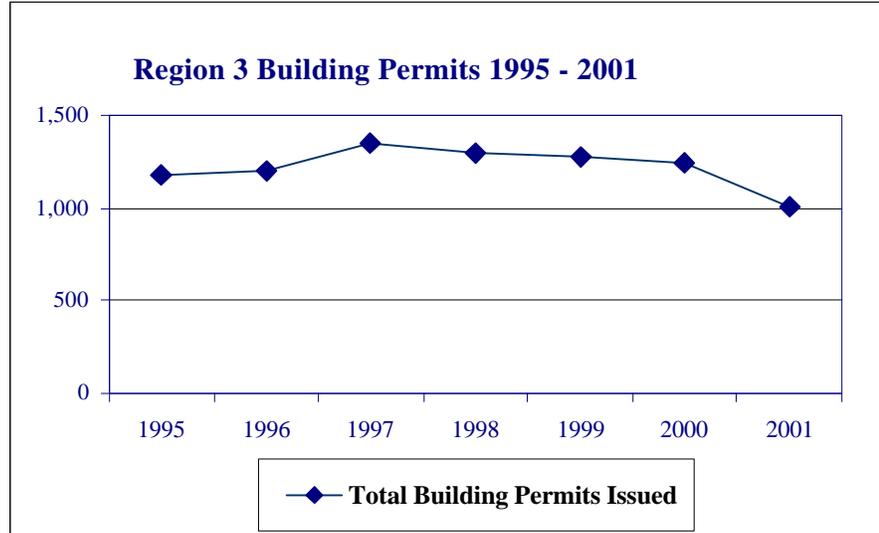


Source: 2000 Census of Population and Housing, U.S. Bureau of the Census. Summary File 3 Demographic Profiles. See Technical Documentation for complete industry classification descriptions.

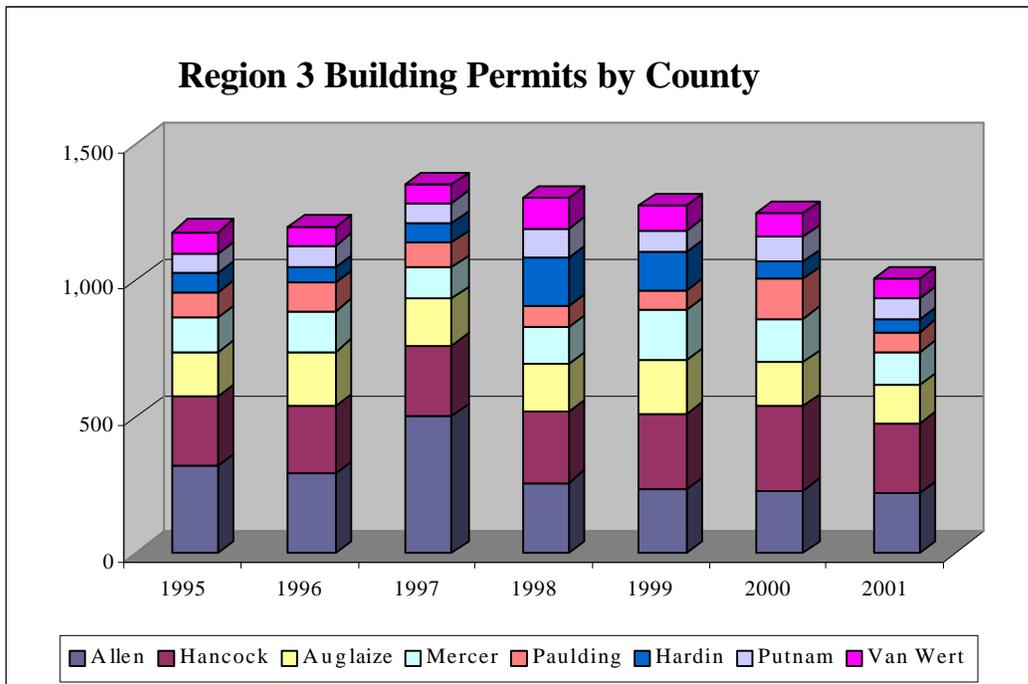
# Construction - Region 3

**Total value of the Construction Permits Issued 1995-2001: 908 million.**

**1997 was the top year for Building Permits with 1,351 permits issued in Region 3.**



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Building Permits Branch



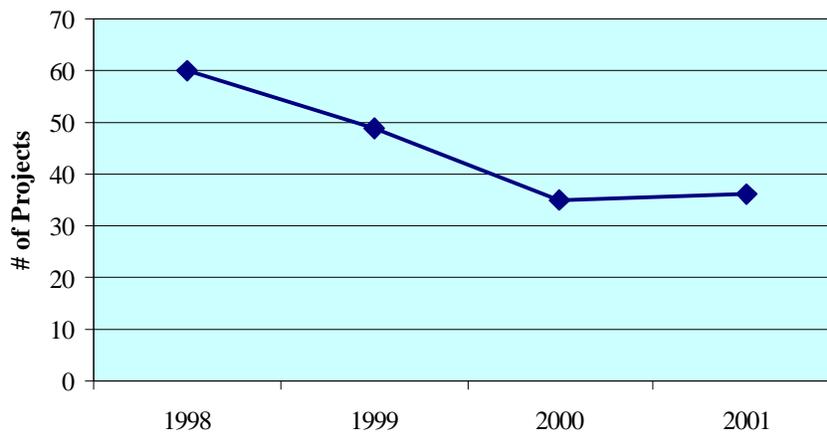
**Allen County led the area averaging 294 units per year with an average yearly value of \$32,478,000.**

# Private Investment - Region 3

- ◆ Region 3 had 36 private investment projects\* in 2001, representing about 4.4% of the statewide total. During the same time frame, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation reported that Region 3 registered 673 business starts, 2.2% of the business starts in Ohio.

*\*To be considered a private investment project, an endeavor must meet one of the following criteria: an investment minimum of \$1,000,000; square footage of 20,000 or more; or job creation of 50 or more.*

**Region 3 Private Investment 1998-2001**



Ohio Private Investment 2000-2001								
	# of Projects		Jobs Created <sup>1</sup>		Investment <sup>1</sup>		% New <sup>2</sup>	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
<b>Region 3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>\$419,987,000</b>	<b>\$1,421,705,000</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>
Allen	8	9	257	213	\$90,928,000	\$728,475,000	37.5%	66.7%
Auglaize	4	5	75	176	\$19,300,000	\$9,960,000	50.0%	0.0%
Hancock	3	6	545	166	\$89,500,000	\$586,300,000	100.0%	50.0%
Hardin	5	1	83	74	\$6,980,000	\$2,100,000	40.0%	0.0%
Mercer	4	5	100	55	\$4,882,000	\$18,090,000	25.0%	40.0%
Paulding	3	3	114	20	\$6,101,000	\$3,300,000	33.3%	0.0%
Putnam	3	5	145	39	\$24,836,000	\$61,780,000	33.3%	20.0%
Van Wert	5	2	57	95	\$177,460,000	\$11,700,000	60.0%	0.0%

<sup>1</sup>Data not available for all projects

<sup>2</sup>As opposed to expansion projects of existing facilities

# Loan Grant - Region 3

## Dept. of Development Loans and Grants to Region 3 January through December, 2001

	Direct Assistance to Business	Community Assistance Funding	Indirect Economic Assistance	Total Assistance
<b>Region 3</b>	<b>\$2,270,162</b>	<b>\$5,079,800</b>	<b>\$165,925</b>	<b>\$7,515,887</b>
Allen County	\$43,372	\$622,700	\$122,125	\$788,197
Auglaize County	\$396,734	\$789,000	\$0	\$1,185,734
Hancock County	\$858,007	\$434,100	\$43,800	\$1,335,907
Hardin County	\$163,827	\$172,000	\$0	\$335,827
Mercer County	\$527,500	\$723,000	\$0	\$1,250,500
Paulding County	\$0	\$247,000	\$0	\$247,000
Putnam County	\$0	\$1,256,000	\$0	\$1,256,000
Van Wert County	\$280,722	\$836,000	\$0	\$1,116,722

Source: 2001 Annual Loan/Grant Report to the Legislature January 1 - December 31, 2001  
Ohio Department of Development, 1-800-848-1300

## Dept. of Development Loans and Grants to Region 3 January through December, 2000

	Direct Assistance to Business	Community Assistance Funding	Indirect Economic Assistance	Total Assistance
<b>Region 3</b>	<b>\$9,684,600</b>	<b>\$13,166,609</b>	<b>\$577,292</b>	<b>\$23,428,501</b>
Allen County	\$3,646,500	\$4,141,100	\$343,180	\$8,130,780
Auglaize County	\$40,000	\$179,000	\$0	\$219,000
Hancock County	\$3,859,000	\$839,000	\$0	\$4,698,000
Hardin County	\$76,000	\$662,000	\$0	\$738,000
Mercer County	\$252,300	\$644,386	\$199,312	\$1,095,998
Paulding County	\$725,200	\$3,734,000	\$34,800	\$4,494,000
Putnam County	\$915,600	\$2,729,810	\$0	\$3,645,410
Van Wert County	\$170,000	\$237,313	\$0	\$407,313

Source: 2000 Annual Loan/Grant Report to the Legislature January 1 - December 31, 2000  
Ohio Department of Development, 1-800-848-1300

# *Loan Grant Project Profiles – Region 3*

## **InnoPlas Corp.**

*Kenton, Hardin County*

InnoPlas will receive a 50 percent tax credit for a five-year term to expand operations. The company plans to construct an 80,000 square foot building and purchase manufacturing equipment. InnoPlas is a custom thermoplastic injection molder serving approximately 30-35 companies in industries including: automotive, thermal switches, electronic, construction, electrical, consumer products, medical and others. The \$2.2 million project is expected to create 40 jobs within the first three years of operation and retain 80.

## **Teleflex, Inc.**

*Van Wert, Van Wert County*

Teleflex will receive a 55 percent tax credit for a seven-year term to expand operations. The company plans to acquire seven molders to meet production demands. Teleflex manufactures automotive cable parts, producing 12 million cables annually. Ohio was in competition with Indiana and Michigan for this \$922,000 project, which is expected to create 35 jobs within the first three years of operation and retain 508.

## **Molten North America Corporation**

*Findlay, Hancock County*

Molten North America Corporation will receive a 60 percent tax credit for an eight-year term to expand operations. Molten is a wholly owned subsidiary of Molten Corporation of Japan and manufactures automotive and industrial components. The planned expansion will provide the company with the space necessary to create and expand its ability to manufacture, paint and assemble interior and exterior plastic automotive trim. Ohio was in competition with Japan for this \$7.3 million project, which is expected to create 74 jobs within the first three years of operation and retain 146.

## **AWPS, Inc.**

*Lima, Allen County*

AWPS will receive a 55 percent tax credit for a five-year term to begin operations. The company plans to lease 12,040 square feet of space in the Liberty Business Center. AWPS, a newly formed S-Corporation, will supply the automotive industry with aluminum wheel buffing and polishing services. Competitive prototype aluminum wheel submissions have been completed with Dayton Alloy Wheel, which was awarded the Toyota 300N Camry contract, and contracted out to AWPS. AWPS was also awarded the Bentley and Rolls Royce wheel contracts as well. Ohio was in competition with Indiana and Michigan for this project. The estimated \$769,800 project is expected to create 27 jobs within the first three years of operation and retain one.

# *eCorridor – Region 3*

## ***Microsoft Technology Expands in Ohio***

Microsoft recently revealed its plans to expand its programming office and build a new headquarters in Findlay, Ohio. This announcement follows Microsoft's acquisition of the Great Plains Software company last year.

According to Jim Nelson, project manager for the Great Plains Real Estate Facilities Team, Microsoft Corp. plans to build a \$5.7 million software development center to house its Great Plains Software unit, which will create new business products. The company is planning to expand its services to help small and medium-sized businesses, which have a market value of \$27 billion, with their automated customer-service functions.

The project is expected to retain 215 jobs and create 50 positions over a three-year period. The company is expected to benefit from the Ohio Department of Development's Job Creation Tax Credit program. "*Ohio eCorridor Connection*," Issue 19, 5/10/02, Ohio Department of Development. <http://www.connectohio.com/ecorridor/newsletter/>.

## ***CentraComm Announces New Product Line***

Building upon its commitment to provide the businesses of Northwest Ohio with best-in-class technology solutions, CentraComm Communications announced the introduction of its branded core services, CentraBAND, CentraHOST, CentraBEAM and CentraCONSULT. This product suite offers affordable, reliable and secure Internet enabled services, an outsourced enterprise hosting facility to lower infrastructure and IT costs, both wireless and wired LAN and WAN solutions for a flexible network environment and an industry certified team of engineers to provide the technical expertise to tie it all together.

CentraComm Communications, Ltd., founded in June of 2001 and based in Findlay, Ohio, offers the businesses of Northwestern Ohio technology solutions that were once only available in major metropolitan areas. Source: "*CentraComm Announces New Product Line*." 11/12/2001. CentraComm Communications. [http://www.centracomm.net/press\\_releases/content.asp](http://www.centracomm.net/press_releases/content.asp)

## ***Findlay Ranked by Site Selection as one of the Top 100 Small Towns for New and Expanded Facilities***

In March 2001, Site Selection magazine ranked the top 100 small towns for new and expanded facilities throughout the United States. The **City of Findlay** in Hancock County, was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among Small Towns for Corporate Facilities. Ohio was home to more of the communities included on the list (22) than any other state.

To be included for analysis in Site Selection's Top 100 Small Towns, the magazine researched its database of new facilities and expansions since 1989. Each project met at least one of the three criteria: involve capital investment of at least \$1 million, create at least 50 new jobs or add at least 20,000 square feet of new floor area. "*Ohio eCorridor Connection*," Issue 1, 5/25/01, Ohio Department of Development. <http://www.connectohio.com/ecorridor/newsletter/>.

# Region 3 – Education

## Four-Year Colleges & Universities

Bluffton College  
Ohio Northern University  
University of Findlay

## University Branch Campuses

Ohio State University - Lima  
Wright State University - Lake

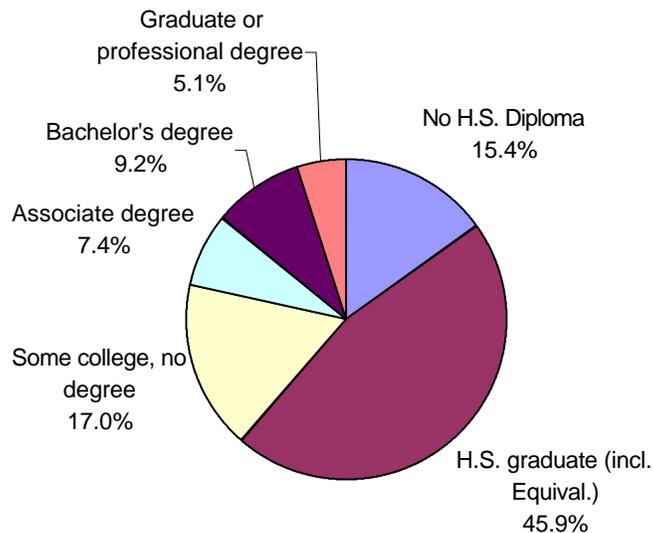
## Community & Technical Colleges

James A. Rhodes State College  
Northwestern College

- State Supported
- Independent

## Educational Attainment, 2000

(population 25 years and over)



Source: 2000 Census of Population and Housing, U.S. Bureau of the Census.