

Ohio County Profiles



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Belmont County

Established: Proclamation - September 7, 1801
2016 Population: 68,673
Land Area: 537.3 square miles
County Seat: St. Clairsville City
Named for: French: "Beautiful Mountain"



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,284,604,350
Residential	\$787,587,510
Agriculture	\$136,311,210
Industrial	\$27,131,680
Commercial	\$222,305,720
Mineral	\$111,268,230
Ohio income tax liability	\$41,424,024
Average per return	\$1,411.09

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	8.49%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.05%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	1.07%
Forest	57.64%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	3.50%
Pasture/Hay	21.10%
Cultivated Crops	5.84%
Wetlands	0.14%
Open Water	1.17%

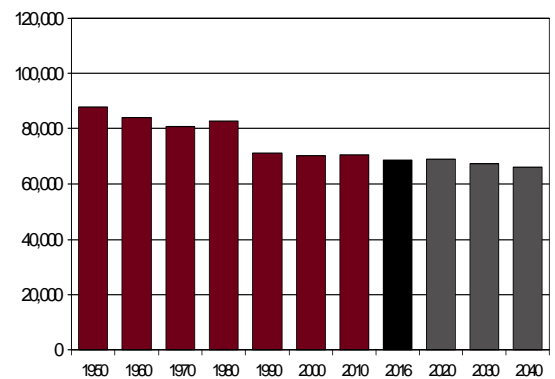
Largest Places

	Est. 2016	Census 2010
Richland twp UB	9,587	9,789
Martins Ferry city	6,756	6,915
St. Clairsville city	5,109	5,184
Pultney twp UB	4,358	4,478
Pease twp UB	4,341	4,467
Bellaire vlg	4,170	4,278
Colerain twp	4,164	4,276
Barnesville vlg	4,111	4,193
Shadyside vlg	3,662	3,785
Mead twp UB	2,199	2,221

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census				Estimated	
1800		1910	76,856	2011	70,055
1810	11,097	1920	93,193	2012	69,612
1820	20,329	1930	94,719	2013	69,494
1830	28,627	1940	95,614	2014	69,324
1840	30,901	1950	87,740	2015	69,039
1850	34,600	1960	83,864	2016	68,673
1860	36,398	1970	80,917		
1870	39,714	1980	82,569	Projected	
1880	49,638	1990	71,074	2020	68,880
1890	57,413	2000	70,226	2030	67,330
1900	60,875	2010	70,400	2040	66,140



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	69,560	100.0%
White	65,031	93.5%
African-American	2,667	3.8%
Native American	153	0.2%
Asian	256	0.4%
Pacific Islander	6	0.0%
Other	282	0.4%
Two or More Races	1,165	1.7%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	576	0.8%
Total Minority	4,744	6.8%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	50,842	100.0%
No high school diploma	5,342	10.5%
High school graduate	22,092	43.5%
Some college, no degree	10,638	20.9%
Associate degree	5,099	10.0%
Bachelor's degree	4,769	9.4%
Master's degree or higher	2,902	5.7%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,002	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,651	36.9%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	3,192	17.7%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,141	6.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	2,945	16.4%
Male householder, in labor force	990	5.5%
Male householder, not in labor force	343	1.9%
Female householder, in labor force	1,587	8.8%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,153	6.4%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	27,935	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,166	7.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,819	13.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,543	12.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,315	11.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,932	10.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,299	8.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,715	9.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,354	12.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,712	9.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	529	1.9%
\$200,000 or more	551	2.0%
Median household income	\$43,833	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	69,560	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,432	4.9%
5 to 17 years	9,878	14.2%
18 to 24 years	5,408	7.8%
25 to 44 years	17,191	24.7%
45 to 64 years	20,845	30.0%
65 years and more	12,806	18.4%
Median Age	43.9	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,038	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,651	25.8%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	509	2.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,376	7.6%
Families with no own children	11,502	63.8%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,038	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	16,302	90.4%
Family income below poverty level	1,736	9.6%
Married couple, with related children	283	1.6%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	130	0.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	855	4.7%
Families with no related children	468	2.6%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	65,538	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	3,990	6.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	5,563	8.5%
100% to 124% of poverty level	3,108	4.7%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,987	4.6%
150% to 184% of poverty level	5,199	7.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,758	2.7%
200% of poverty level or more	42,933	65.5%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	69,180	100.0%
Same house as previous year	61,002	88.2%
Different house, same county	4,146	6.0%
Different county, same state	2,489	3.6%
Different state	1,485	2.1%
Abroad	58	0.1%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	28,432	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	9,447	33.2%
15 to 29 minutes	11,362	40.0%
30 to 44 minutes	3,909	13.7%
45 to 59 minutes	1,915	6.7%
60 minutes or more	1,799	6.3%

Mean travel time **22.5 minutes**

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,220	100.0%
Occupied housing units	27,935	86.7%
Owner occupied	20,719	74.2%
Renter occupied	7,216	25.8%
Vacant housing units	4,285	13.3%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,220	100.0%
Built 2010 or later	310	1.0%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,311	7.2%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,690	8.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,399	7.4%
Built 1970 to 1979	4,906	15.2%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,222	10.0%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,375	10.5%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,469	7.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	10,538	32.7%

Median year built **1959**

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	20,719	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,137	5.5%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1,626	7.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	2,523	12.2%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3,311	16.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,784	13.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,741	13.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,357	6.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,388	11.5%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,009	9.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	720	3.5%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	101	0.5%
\$1,000,000 or more	22	0.1%

Median value **\$91,700**

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	27,935	100.0%
Utility gas	13,288	47.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,903	6.8%
Electricity	7,771	27.8%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	3,355	12.0%
Coal, coke or wood	1,283	4.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	211	0.8%
No fuel used	124	0.4%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	7,216	100.0%
Less than \$100	135	1.9%
\$100 to \$199	290	4.0%
\$200 to \$299	661	9.2%
\$300 to \$399	664	9.2%
\$400 to \$499	694	9.6%
\$500 to \$599	1,350	18.7%
\$600 to \$699	914	12.7%
\$700 to \$799	493	6.8%
\$800 to \$899	335	4.6%
\$900 to \$999	426	5.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	279	3.9%
\$1,500 or more	57	0.8%
No cash rent	918	12.7%

Median gross rent **\$552**

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income **26.5**

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	10,519	100.0%
Less than \$400	245	2.3%
\$400 to \$599	1,040	9.9%
\$600 to \$799	2,197	20.9%
\$800 to \$999	1,979	18.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,034	19.3%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,197	11.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,272	12.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	506	4.8%
\$3,000 or more	49	0.5%

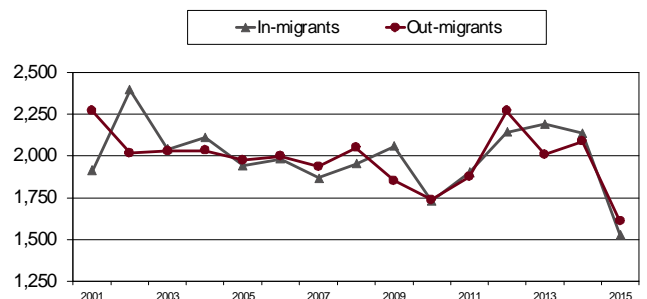
Median monthly owners cost **\$978**

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income **19.3**

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	692	63.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	43	25.1
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	893	1,291.3

Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	113,233
Number of farms	700
Average size (acres)	162
Total cash receipts	\$20,135,000
Per farm	\$28,764
Receipts for crops	\$4,410,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$15,725,000

Education

Public schools buildings	24
Students (Average Daily Membership)	9,171
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	547.2
Expenditures per student	\$8,649
Graduation rate	90.2
Non-public schools	7
Students	657
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	4 / 5

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	84,235
Passenger cars	49,919
Noncommercial trucks	16,113
Total license revenue	\$2,415,301.07
Permissive tax revenue	\$665,437.50
Interstate highway miles	33.66
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	32.01
State highway miles	213.75
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,207.94
Commercial airports	2

Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	72
Registered hospitals	4
Number of beds	278
Licensed nursing homes	10
Number of beds	793
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	180
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.0%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.2%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.4%

Voting

Number of registered voters	46,971
Voted in 2016 election	31,848
Percent turnout	67.8%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	12,000
Weekly newspapers	1
Circulation	3,611

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	687
Violent crime	70
Property crime	611
Arson	6

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$957,700
Branch offices	32
Institutions represented	13

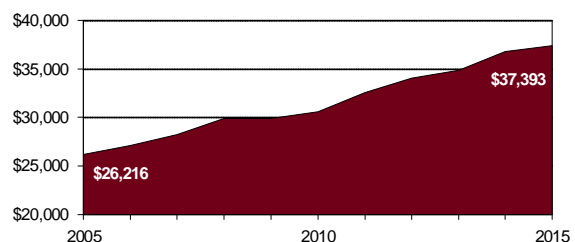
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$680,544,000
Payments to individuals	\$665,102,000
Retirement and disability	\$253,400,000
Medical payments	\$323,812,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$51,116,000
Unemployment benefits	\$6,684,000
Veterans benefits	\$16,199,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$8,907,000
Other payments to individuals	\$4,984,000
Total personal income	\$2,585,843,000
Dependency ratio	26.3%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, Scenic Waterways, And Wildlife Areas

Areas/Facilities	4
Acreage	18,853.78

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian labor force	31,700	32,000	31,800	31,300	30,800
Employed	29,100	29,400	29,700	29,300	28,500
Unemployed	2,600	2,600	2,100	2,000	2,300
Unemployment rate	8.2	8.2	6.7	6.3	7.4

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2015

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,595	23,612	\$929,551,735	\$757
Goods-Producing	232	4,030	\$285,268,075	\$1,361
Natural Resources and Mining	57	2,058	\$185,794,997	\$1,736
Constuction	129	1,053	\$56,246,557	\$1,028
Manufacturing	45	919	\$43,226,521	\$905
Service-Providing	1,229	15,910	\$504,448,802	\$610
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	411	5,767	\$178,190,405	\$594
Information	10	313	\$12,482,657	\$766
Financial Services	140	1,037	\$44,116,516	\$818
Professional and Business Services	174	1,479	\$87,324,666	\$1,136
Education and Health Services	215	3,712	\$123,347,304	\$639
Leisure and Hospitality	148	2,921	\$43,405,684	\$286
Other Services	131	681	\$15,581,570	\$440
Federal Government		159	\$8,309,615	\$1,004
State Government		695	\$34,009,496	\$942
Local Government		2,818	\$97,515,747	\$665

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2010

Private Sector	0.3%	4.9%	30.3%	24.1%
Goods-Producing	15.4%	14.7%	45.1%	26.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	96.6%	41.3%	75.9%	24.4%
Construction	2.4%	8.1%	42.2%	31.6%
Manufacturing	4.7%	-10.8%	-6.0%	5.5%
Service-Producing	-0.9%	5.6%	34.1%	27.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-1.2%	14.3%	27.3%	11.4%
Information	-37.5%	-18.1%	-7.4%	12.8%
Financial Services	-2.1%	-10.6%	24.3%	39.1%
Professional and Business Services	5.5%	57.3%	260.9%	129.5%
Education and Health Services	2.9%	-10.7%	2.8%	15.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	5.0%	9.0%	37.5%	26.0%
Other Services	-10.9%	-1.4%	37.3%	39.2%
Federal Government		-20.5%	-9.3%	13.7%
State Government		-14.3%	-9.4%	5.7%
Local Government		-3.5%	3.7%	7.4%

Business Numbers

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Business starts	95	101	92	69	67
Active businesses	1,160	1,184	1,163	1,154	1,050

Residential

Construction

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total units	11	18	5	52	10
Total valuation (000)	\$1,084	\$2,265	\$508	\$4,974	\$1,801
Total single-unit bldgs	11	10	5	8	10
Average cost per unit	\$98,566	\$123,708	\$101,605	\$152,735	\$180,060
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	8	0	44	0
Average cost per unit	\$0	\$128,442	\$0	\$85,273	\$0

Major & Notable Employers

Barnesville Hospital Assn	Serv
Belmont Community Hospital	Serv
Belmont County Government	Govt
Commercial Vehicle Group	Mfg
East Ohio Regional Hospital	Serv
Health Plan	Serv
Kroger Co	Trade
Murray Energy/Ohio Valley Coal Co	Mining
State of Ohio	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade