

# OHIO COUNTY PROFILES

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## FAIRFIELD COUNTY

**NAMED FOR:** The "fair fields" of the area  
**ESTABLISHED:** Proclamation - December 9, 1800  
**2000 POPULATION:** 122,759  
**LAND AREA:** 505.7 Square Miles  
**COUNTY SEAT:** Lancaster City

### DECENNIAL CENSUS OF POPULATION 1800 - 2000

<u>1800</u>	<u>1810</u>	<u>1820</u>	<u>1830</u>	<u>1840</u>	<u>1850</u>	<u>1860</u>
	11,361	16,633	24,786	31,924	30,264	30,538
<u>1870</u>	<u>1880</u>	<u>1890</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>1930</u>
31,138	34,284	33,939	34,259	39,201	40,484	44,010
<u>1940</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
48,490	52,130	63,912	73,301	93,678	103,461	122,759

### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, 2000

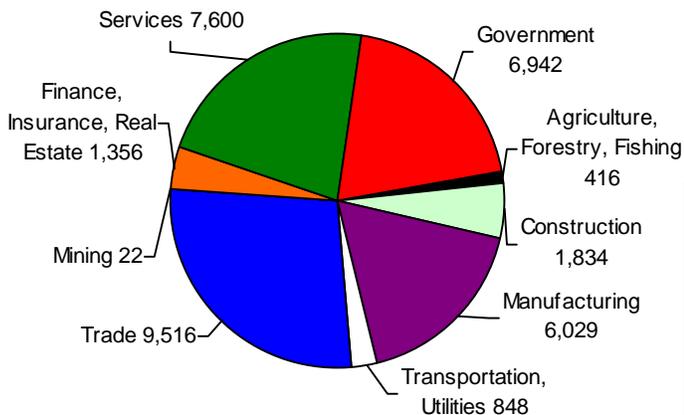
#### LMI (place of residence data)

The 2000 annual average civilian labor force estimates for Fairfield County were: total labor force - 67,900, employment - 66,200, unemployment - 1,800, and unemployment rate - 2.6. Fairfield County ranked eighty-fifth in unemployment among Ohio's 88 counties.

Fairfield County is located in the central portion of the state. Interstate Highway 70 dips through the northwest corner of the county, U.S. Route 22, and State Routes 188, 204, and 256 cross east and west, and U.S. Route 33 and State Routes 37, 158, 188, and 664 run north and south. The Hocking River flows through Fairfield County.

### EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2000

#### LMI (place of work data)



Colonel Ebenezer Zane, pioneer, trailblazer, and soldier, opened the area to development when he built the first national road, known as "Zane's Trace," through Fairfield County.

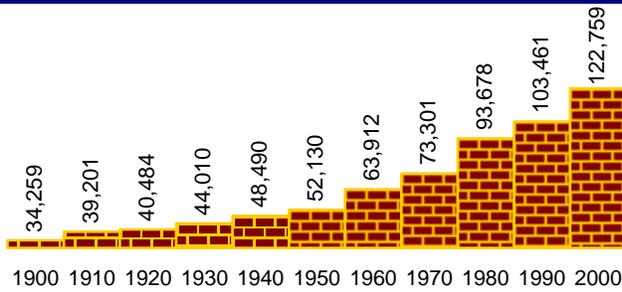
What first appeared on pioneer maps as "The Great Buffalo Swamp" is now the bed of the reservoir known as Buckeye Lake, a popular boating and recreational area. Other attractions in Fairfield County include a number of covered bridges, three of which are active; Georgian Museum; William Tecumseh Sherman House; Wagnalls Memorial Library; and Shallenberger State Nature Preserve.

In 2000 the total employment for all industries in Fairfield County was 34,553, with the Wholesale & Retail Trade industry claiming the largest portion-- 27.5 percent. Average weekly earnings for all industrial groups in Fairfield County were \$488.93.

Largest Places	1990 Census	2000 Census
Lancaster city	34,507	35,335
Violet township UIA	12,968	16,893
Pickerington city	5,645	9,737
Columbus city	640	7,447
Bloom township UIA	5,225	5,765
Pleasant township UIA	5,060	5,039
Hocking township	4,331	4,812
Walnut township UIA	4,270	4,545
Berne township UIA	4,225	4,521
Greenfield township UIA	4,023	4,465

UIA: Unincorporated Area

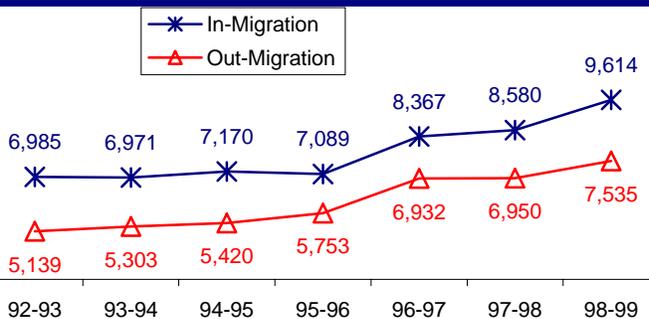
**DECENNIAL POPULATION GROWTH 1900 - 2000**



**CENSUS, 2000**

<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total	122,759	100.0%
Male	61,119	49.8%
Female	61,640	50.2%
<b>PERSONS BY RACE</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Population	122,759	100.0%
One Race Only	121,520	99.0%
White	116,803	95.1%
African-American	3,274	2.7%
Native American	244	0.2%
Asian	890	0.7%
Pacific Islander	27	0.0%
Other	282	0.2%
Two or More Races	1,239	1.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	993	0.8%
Total Minority	6,558	5.3%
<b>PERSONS BY AGE</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>
Under 5 Years	8,590	4,078
5 to 9 Years	9,200	4,414
10 to 14 Years	9,598	4,709
15 to 19 Years	8,550	4,118
20 to 24 Years	6,789	3,084
25 to 29 Years	7,543	3,648
30 to 34 Years	8,751	4,361
35 to 39 Years	10,445	5,261
40 to 44 Years	10,301	5,153
45 to 49 Years	9,482	4,878
50 to 54 Years	8,485	4,249
55 to 59 Years	6,411	3,243
60 to 64 Years	4,942	2,480
65 to 69 Years	3,950	2,048
70 to 74 Years	3,561	1,948
75 to 79 Years	2,788	1,659
80 to 84 Years	1,803	1,181
85 Years and Over	1,570	1,128
Median Age	36.2	
Male	34.9	
Female	37.3	

**POPULATION MIGRATION**



**CENSUS, 2000**

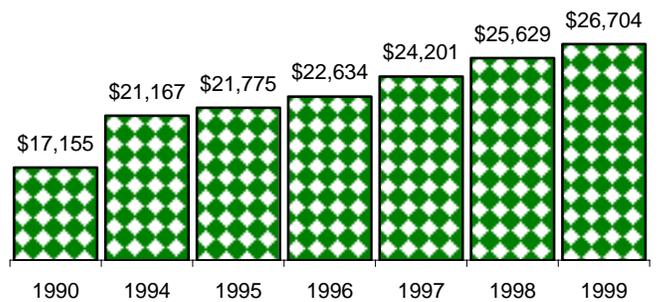
<b>PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total	120,168	100.0%
Householder	45,425	37.8%
Spouse	28,465	23.7%
Child	38,067	31.7%
Other Relatives	3,825	3.2%
Nonrelatives	4,386	3.6%
Unmarried Partner	2,205	1.8%
<b>PERSONS IN GROUP QUARTERS</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total	2,591	100.0%
Institutionalized Persons	2,512	97.0%
Noninstitutionalized Persons	79	3.0%
<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total	45,425	100.0%
Persons Per Household	2.65	
<b>FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total	34,149	100.0%
Married Couple	28,465	83.4%
With Children	13,251	38.8%
Male Householder/No Spouse	1,567	4.6%
With Children	936	2.7%
Female Householder/No Spouse	4,117	12.1%
With Children	2,537	7.4%
Persons Per Family	3.06	
<b>NONFAMILY HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total	11,276	100.0%
Householder Living Alone	9,393	83.3%
<b>HOUSING UNITS</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total	47,922	100.0%
Occupied	45,425	94.8%
Owner-Occupied	34,645	72.3%
Renter-Occupied	10,780	22.5%
Vacant	2,497	5.2%
For Rent	711	1.5%
For Sale Only	490	1.0%

2000 data were not yet released at publication time.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

	<b>Number</b>
Total Births, 1999	1,656
Rate Per 1,000 Population	16.0
Teen Births, 1999	161
Rate Per 1,000 Females 10-19	21.4
Deaths, 1999	1,012
Rate Per 1,000 Population	8.0
Marriages, 1998	861
Rate Per 1,000 Population	8.3
Divorces, 1998	524
Rate Per 1,000 Population	5.1

**PER CAPITA INCOME (BEA)**



## HEALTH CARE, 2000

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	203
Registered Hospitals	1
Number of Beds	235
Licensed Nursing Homes	10
Number of Beds	879
Licensed Residential Care	6
Number of Beds	395
Licensed Homes For Aged	0
Number of Beds	0
Estimate of Uninsured, Total	11,792
Percent of Population	9.5%
Estimate of Uninsured, Children	2,652
Percent of Population	8.1%

## CRIME, 1999

Crimes Reported	2,045
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## VOTING, 2000

Number of Precincts	118
Number of Registered Voters	81,544
Voted-November 2000 Election	54,913
Percent of Registered Voters	67.3%

## CLIMATE, 1998

Average Annual Temperature	55.3° F
Average Annual Precipitation	35.13 in

## STATE PARKS, 2000

Facilities	1
Acreage	1,695.12

## LAND COVER, 1994 (acres)

Total	325,199.37
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	5,217.94
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	229,762.62
Shrub/Scrub	2,709.82
Wooded	83,582.94
Open Water	2,249.12
Non Forested Wetlands	1,492.98
Barren	183.94

## AGRICULTURE, 2000

Land in Farms (acres)	206,000
Number of Farms	1,190
Average Size (acres)	173
Total Cash Receipts	\$44,742,000
Per Farm	\$37,598

## EDUCATION, 2000

Public Schools	42
Students	22,274
Teachers	1,426
Teacher-Pupil Ratio	19.2
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$6,204
Graduation Rate	86.1
Joint Vocational School:	
Eastland	
Non-Public Schools	7
Students	1,425
4-Year Public Universities	0
Branches	1
2-Year Public Colleges	0
Private Colleges & Universities	0
Public Libraries	2
Branches	4
Bookmobiles	1

## TRANSPORTATION, 2000

Registered Motor Vehicles	137,924
Passenger Cars	91,644
Noncommercial Trucks	23,692
Total License Revenue	\$3,454,543.83
Interstate Highway Miles	2.38
Turnpike Miles	0.00
U.S. Highway Miles	49.60
State Highway Miles	143.71
Nearest Airport with	
Scheduled Airline Service:	Port Columbus Intl
Commercial Airports	2
Commercial Heliports	0

## COMMUNICATIONS, 2000

Television Stations	0
Radio Stations	3
Daily Newspapers	1
Circulation	17,000

## FINANCE, 2000

FDIC Insured Financial Institutions	4
Assets	\$576,031,000

## TAXES, 2000

Taxable Value of Real Property	\$1,829,586,650
Residential	\$1,403,433,700
Agriculture	\$136,678,730
Industrial	\$34,837,050
Commercial	\$252,822,360
Mineral	\$1,814,810
Ohio Income Tax Liability, 1999	\$80,546,983
Average Per Return	\$1,398.36

## TRANSFER PAYMENTS, 1999

Total	\$368,396,000
Dependency Ratio	10.9%
Payments to Individuals	\$341,196,000
Retirement & Disability	\$183,791,000
Medical Payments	\$121,528,000
Income Maintenance	\$21,711,000
Supplemental SSI	\$7,013,000
AFDC	\$1,865,000
Food Stamps	\$2,346,000
Other Income Maintenance	\$10,487,000
Unemployment Benefits	\$4,974,000
Veterans Benefits	\$7,306,000
Other Payments to Individuals	\$268,000

## FEDERAL EXPENDITURES, 2000

Direct Expenditures or Obligations	\$359,352,592
Defense	\$10,059,000
Retirement & Disability	\$205,872,912
Other Direct Payments	\$94,962,050
Grant Awards	\$40,176,898
Highways	\$878,709
AFDC/TANF	\$3,596,346
Medicaid	\$25,571,337
Procurement Contract Awards	\$4,312,143
Defense	\$644,000
Salaries & Wages	\$14,028,589
Defense	\$37,000
Other Federal Assistance	\$163,568,533
Direct Loans	\$4,032,488
Guaranteed Loans	\$74,284,043
Insurance	\$85,252,002

**CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE**

LMI (Household Survey)	1997County	1998County	1999County	2000County	2000State	2000 U.S.
Civilian Labor Force	63,600	64,500	66,900	67,900	5,783,000	140,863,000
Employment	61,600	62,600	65,000	66,200	5,546,000	135,208,000
Unemployment	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	237,000	5,655,000
Unemployment Rate	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.6	4.1	4.0

**EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR**

LMI (Covered Employment)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Industries	30,659	31,645	31,975	32,904	34,310	34,553
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	262	277	313	372	371	416
Mining	21	19	14	13	26	22
Construction	1,423	1,479	1,461	1,462	1,700	1,834
Manufacturing	6,368	6,392	6,331	6,332	6,236	6,029
Transportation & Utilities	834	899	821	840	911	848
Wholesale & Retail Trade	8,661	8,917	8,907	9,059	9,419	9,516
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1,198	1,313	1,376	1,433	1,461	1,356
Services	6,033	6,393	6,595	7,048	7,502	7,600
Government	5,858	5,957	6,158	6,344	6,684	6,942

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR**

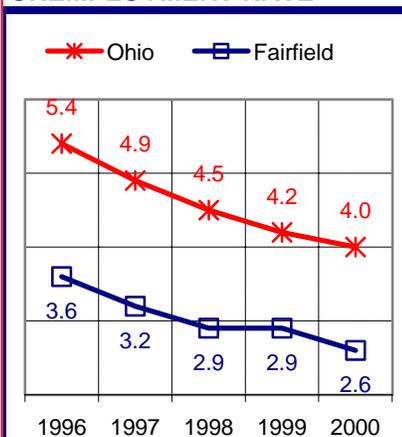
LMI (Covered Employment)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Industries	\$418.91	\$429.26	\$446.79	\$460.80	\$468.43	\$488.93
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$347.37	\$361.21	\$356.72	\$385.65	\$418.31	\$394.90
Mining	\$327.98	\$301.54	\$307.37	\$347.21	\$542.90	\$479.91
Construction	\$453.72	\$453.75	\$468.24	\$491.29	\$523.12	\$543.55
Manufacturing	\$564.23	\$568.42	\$590.93	\$613.49	\$624.77	\$650.68
Transportation & Utilities	\$620.02	\$626.74	\$661.70	\$673.77	\$686.91	\$728.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	\$257.03	\$262.97	\$278.50	\$291.69	\$298.65	\$316.26
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	\$571.86	\$611.31	\$596.72	\$628.84	\$632.20	\$611.20
Services	\$357.42	\$374.48	\$398.36	\$397.74	\$401.12	\$433.87
Government	\$498.83	\$515.16	\$531.47	\$551.45	\$560.38	\$581.77

**RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total Buildings	596	734	595	702	764	824
Total Units	705	820	676	767	810	914
Total Valuation (000)	\$79,966	\$93,860	\$81,155	105,104	\$120,818	\$138,298
Total Single-Units	565	715	572	681	753	817
Average Cost Per Unit	\$133,676	\$127,262	\$136,682	\$149,336	\$157,472	\$163,750
Total Multi-Units	140	105	104	86	57	97
Average Cost Per Unit	\$31,704	\$27,313	\$28,591	\$39,614	\$39,326	\$46,546

**COMPONENTS OF BUSINESS CHANGE**

Businesses with Employees	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Business Starts	364	355	374	388	410	373
Business Terminations	300	282	318	322	see notes	365
Active Businesses	2,461	2,520	2,479	2,500	2,599	2,766

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE****REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

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**MAJOR EMPLOYERS**

Cyril-Scott Co	Manufacturing
Fairfield Medical Center	Service
Kroger Co	Trade
Lancaster City Bd of Ed	Government
McDermott Intl/Diamond Power Spec	Manufacturing
Meijer Inc	Trade
Newell Rubbermaid/Anchor Hocking	Manufacturing
Pickerington Local Bd of Ed	Government
Ralcorp/Ralston Foods	Manufacturing
State of Ohio	Government