The 2006 population for Akron was estimated to be 198,000 according to the American Community Survey. It reached its highest census population count in 1960. After a quick drop through 1980, the decline has been more moderate.

The number of households in Akron has been steady since 1960 when the number was 90,000 dropping to 85,400 in 2006. The persons per household was 2.27 dropping from 3.20 in 1960.

In Akron, an estimated 22,300 persons, or 11.2%, were college-aged (18 to 24). The median age of the city was 35.5 compared to 37.6 for the State. Over 26,000 persons were 65 or older.

Of the 85,400 households in Akron, over 47,000 consisted of families. Of these, 11,200 were married couples with children under 18. --- Of the 7,700 foreign-born persons, nearly one-third arrived in the U.S. prior to 1980.
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The median household income for Akron was $31,600, nearly $13,000 below the State figure. An estimated 4,800 households had income over $100,000. The median family income for the city was $38,500.

Akron’s employment by industry had a distribution similar to Ohio. The main differences were the 9,000 residents employed in arts, recreation, accommodations, and food services which accounted for 10.2% compared to Ohio’s 8.2%. This was offset by a 2-point difference in manufacturing.

Over 33,000 persons 25 and older, or 26%, had at least an Associate’s degree. For Ohio, just over 30% have an Associate’s degree or higher.

The estimated labor force in 2006 was 107,600, virtually unchanged from 2001. The 2006 unemployment rate declined slightly to 5.3% for the same time period.
The median gross rent for Akron was $630, statistically the same as the State. There were 13,300 units with rent between $500 and $749 and 8,900 units with rent between $750 to $999.

The median value for owner-occupied housing in Akron was $92,700 compared to $135,200 for Ohio. Over half of the 48,300 units were valued between $50,000 and $100,000.

Over two-thirds of the housing units in Akron were built before 1960 giving the city a median year of construction of 1951. Over 7,000 units have been added to the housing stock since 1990.

The median real estate taxes paid was $1,340. Ninety-seven percent of the units used natural gas for heating.

The median monthly housing costs was $630. Seventy-nine percent were heated by natural gas.