

Ohio County Profiles

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Belmont County

Established: Proclamation - September 7, 1801
2000 Population: 70,226
Land Area: 537.3 square miles
County Seat: St. Clairsville City
Named for: French: "Beautiful Mountain"



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$708,715,390
Residential	\$450,136,560
Agriculture	\$70,057,270
Industrial	\$28,535,320
Commercial	\$154,812,140
Mineral	\$5,174,100
Ohio income tax liability	\$25,175,545
Average per return	\$828.88

Land Cover

	Acres
Total	346,386.3
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	2,952.4
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	122,987.3
Shrub/Scrub	6,401.9
Wooded	208,063.5
Open Water	3,463.8
Non-forested Wetlands	1,630.3
Barren	887.1

Largest Areas

	Census 1990	Census 2000
Richland township UIA	6,156	8,514
Martins Ferry city	7,990	7,226
St. Clairsville city	5,162	5,057
Bellaire city	6,028	4,892
Pultney township UIA	4,961	4,751
Colerain township	4,602	4,438
Pease township UIA	4,869	4,367
Barnesville village	4,326	4,225
Shadyside village	3,934	3,675
Mead township UIA	2,350	2,405

UIA: Unincorporated Area

Total Population

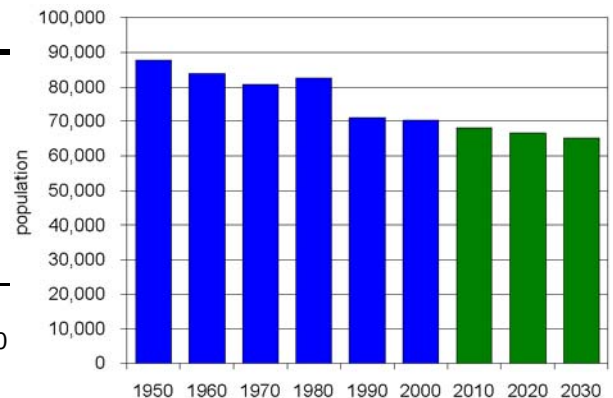
Census	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
		60,875	68,030	66,813	65,336						
1800		1910	76,856								
1810	11,097	1920	93,193								
1820	20,329	1930	94,719								
1830	28,627	1940	95,614								
1840	30,901	1950	87,740								
1850	34,600	1960	83,864								
1860	36,398	1970	80,917								
1870	39,714	1980	82,569								
1880	49,638	1990	71,074								
1890	57,413	2000	70,226								

Projected

2010	68,030
2020	66,813
2030	65,336

Largest Changes in Population Since 1900

Net Change	16,337	1910 to 1920
Percent Change	26.3%	1900 to 1910



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Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total Population	70,226	100.0%
White	66,553	94.8%
African-American	2,430	3.5%
Native American	259	0.4%
Asian	194	0.3%
Pacific Islander	9	0.0%
Other	163	0.2%
Two or More Races	618	0.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	351	0.5%
Total Minority	3,906	5.6%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	49,616	100.0%
No high school diploma	9,497	19.1%
High school graduate	22,984	46.3%
Some college, no degree	8,525	17.2%
Associate degree	3,087	6.2%
Bachelor's degree	3,513	7.1%
Master's degree or higher	2,010	4.1%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,402	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	7,229	37.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	3,210	16.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,287	6.6%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,636	18.7%
Male householder, in labor force	794	4.1%
Male householder, not in labor force	289	1.5%
Female householder, in labor force	1,621	8.4%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,336	6.9%

Household Income in 1999	Number	Percent
Total Households	28,363	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	3,905	13.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5,653	19.9%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	4,746	16.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,867	13.6%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,877	10.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,313	8.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,326	8.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,633	5.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	646	2.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	140	0.5%
\$200,000 or more	257	0.9%
Median household income	\$29,714	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Total Population	70,226	100.0%
Under 6 years	4,216	6.0%
6 to 17 years	11,050	15.7%
18 to 24 years	5,344	7.6%
25 to 44 years	19,304	27.5%
45 to 64 years	17,504	24.9%
65 years and more	12,808	18.2%
Median Age	40.9	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,402	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	6,103	31.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	548	2.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,665	8.6%
Families with no own children	11,086	57.1%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,402	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	17,135	88.3%
Family income below poverty level	2,267	11.7%
Married couple, with related children	474	20.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	173	7.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	981	43.3%
Families with no related children	639	28.2%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	66,997	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	3,728	5.6%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,040	9.0%
100% to 149% of poverty level	7,097	10.6%
150% to 199% of poverty level	7,863	11.7%
200% of poverty level or more	42,269	63.1%

Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	66,691	100.0%
Same house in 1995	44,937	67.4%
Different house, same county	13,651	20.5%
Different county, same state	4,367	6.5%
Different state	3,492	5.2%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	45	0.1%
Foreign country	199	0.3%

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Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	27,889	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	8,761	31.4%
15 to 29 minutes	11,029	39.5%
30 to 44 minutes	4,045	14.5%
45 to 59 minutes	1,551	5.6%
60 minutes or more	1,761	6.3%
Worked at home	742	2.7%
Mean travel time	23.5 minutes	

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	31,236	100.0%
Occupied housing units	28,309	90.6%
Owner occupied	21,244	68.0%
Renter occupied	7,065	22.6%
Vacant housing units	2,927	9.4%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	31,236	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	1,516	4.9%
Built 1990 to 1994	1,204	3.9%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,448	7.8%
Built 1970 to 1979	5,114	16.4%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,062	9.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,868	12.4%
Built 1940 to 1949	3,324	10.6%
Built 1939 or earlier	10,700	34.3%
Median year built	1954	

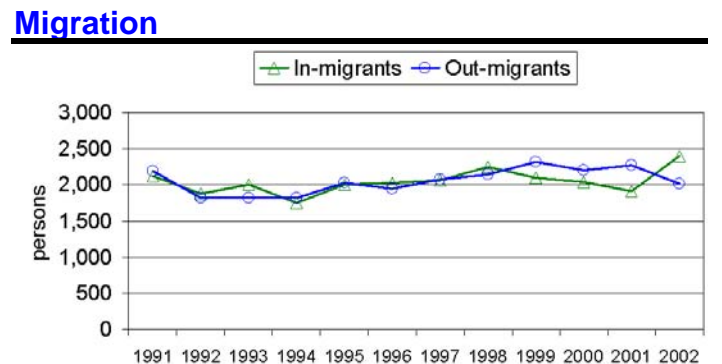
Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	16,897	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	857	5.1%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	3,032	17.9%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	3,678	21.8%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3,547	21.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,453	14.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,393	8.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	740	4.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	687	4.1%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	314	1.9%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	159	0.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	37	0.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	0	0.0%
Median value	\$64,600	

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	28,309	100.0%
Utility gas	15,237	53.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,866	6.6%
Electricity	5,784	20.4%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	4,377	15.5%
Coal, coke or wood	851	3.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	163	0.6%
No fuel used	31	0.1%

Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	6,938	100.0%
Less than \$100	189	2.7%
\$100 to \$199	820	11.8%
\$200 to \$299	1,020	14.7%
\$300 to \$399	1,595	23.0%
\$400 to \$499	1,317	19.0%
\$500 to \$599	564	8.1%
\$600 to \$699	376	5.4%
\$700 to \$799	125	1.8%
\$800 to \$899	61	0.9%
\$900 to \$999	30	0.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	15	0.2%
\$1,500 or more	16	0.2%
No cash rent	810	11.7%
Median gross rent	\$362	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	24.4	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	8,209	100.0%
Less than \$400	725	8.8%
\$400 to \$599	2,572	31.3%
\$600 to \$799	2,240	27.3%
\$800 to \$999	1,334	16.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	721	8.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	353	4.3%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	173	2.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	65	0.8%
\$3,000 or more	26	0.3%
Median monthly owners cost	\$668	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	19.0	

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 population	667	9.5
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	72	32.3
Deaths / rate per 1,000 population	902	12.8
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	472	6.6
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	274	3.8



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	146,000
Number of farms	610
Average size (acres)	239
Total cash receipts	\$14,347,000
Per farm	\$23,520

Education

Public schools	26
Students	9,337
Teachers	658
Student-teacher ratio	14.1
Expenditures per student	\$6,791
Graduation rate	87.5
Non-public schools	11
Students	1,447
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries	4
Branch libraries	6
Bookmobiles	1

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	79,870
Passenger cars	52,248
Noncommercial trucks	14,813
Total license revenue	\$2,120,380.57
Interstate highway miles	33.66
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	32.01
State highway miles	216.64
Commercial airports	2
Commercial heliports	1

Voting

Number of precincts	84
Number of registered voters	42,800
Voted in 2002 election	21,637
Percent turnout	50.6%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs DOs)	77
Registered hospitals	3
Number of beds	442
Licensed nursing homes	8
Number of beds	650
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	145
Licensed homes for the aging	1
Number of beds	60

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	461
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Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	1
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	18,792

State Parks

Facilities	1
Acreage	1,121.91

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions	3
Assets	\$535,981,000

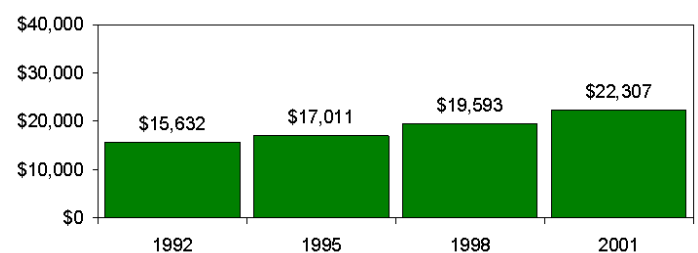
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$391,387,000
Payments to individuals	\$374,158,000
Retirement and disability	\$169,769,000
Medical payments	\$157,360,000
Income maintenance	\$30,294,000
Supplemental SSI	\$9,505,000
Family assistance	\$5,084,000
Food stamps	\$4,886,000
Other income maintenance	\$10,819,000
Unemployment benefits	\$7,009,000
Veterans benefits	\$7,756,000
Other payments to individuals	\$359,000
Total personal income	\$1,547,947,000
Dependency ratio	25.3%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$387,349,430
Defense	\$4,261,000
Retirement and disability	\$202,513,324
Other direct payments	\$101,461,865
Grant awards	\$67,949,988
Highways	\$11,962,782
AFDC/TANF	\$6,653,630
Medicaid	\$36,235,519
Procurement contract awards	\$4,123,847
Defense	\$234,000
Salary and wages	\$11,300,406
Defense	\$484,000
Other federal assistance	\$26,449,527
Direct loans	\$599,246
Guaranteed loans	\$5,622,946
Insurance	\$20,227,335

Per Capita Personal Income



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Civilian Labor Force	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Civilian labor force	32,300	32,400	32,000	32,300	32,600
Employed	30,600	30,600	30,300	31,000	30,900
Unemployed	1,700	1,800	1,600	1,300	1,700
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.5	5.0	4.1	5.3

Employment and Wages by Sector

NAICS Industrial Sector	Average Annual Employment		Total Wages (in thousands of dollars)	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
Total covered under Ohio UC Law	23,507	23,540	\$515,819	\$537,165
Private Sector	19,544	19,561	\$408,309	\$424,642
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	41	34	\$498	\$422
Mining	727	770	\$32,273	\$35,702
Utilities	195	188	\$12,118	\$11,720
Construction	1,091	1,045	\$28,256	\$28,435
Manufacturing	1,670	1,543	\$54,677	\$50,123
Wholesale trade	595	602	\$17,032	\$17,558
Retail trade	5,405	5,213	\$82,953	\$84,854
Transportation and warehousing	460	472	\$12,019	\$12,459
Information	473	527	\$11,537	\$13,759
Finance and insurance	845	887	\$20,510	\$22,105
Real estate and rental and leasing	259	270	\$4,011	\$4,267
Professional and technical services	434	423	\$12,194	\$12,384
Management of companies and enterprises	15	16	\$666	\$632
Administrative and waste services	309	297	\$4,095	\$5,111
Educational services	202	214	\$2,380	\$2,564
Health care and social assistance	3,580	3,783	\$78,522	\$87,032
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	157	186	\$2,370	\$2,705
Accommodation and food services	2,338	2,405	\$21,642	\$22,706
Other services, except public administration	747	686	\$10,557	\$10,106
State and Local Government	3,963	3,980	\$107,509	\$112,522
State government	865	871	\$29,939	\$31,085
Local government	3,098	3,109	\$77,571	\$81,437
Federal Government	192	177	\$6,242	\$6,060

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Components of Business Change

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Business starts	168	129	109	142	117
Active businesses	1,320	1,377	1,367	1,347	1,386

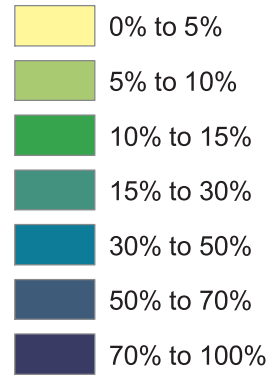
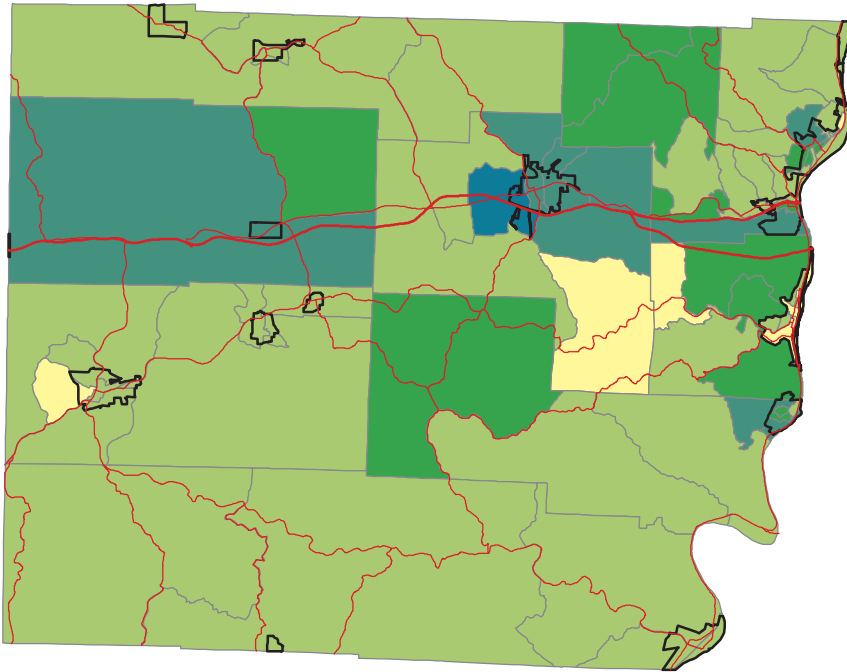
Residential Construction

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total buildings	33	45	25	15	21
Total units	35	54	25	15	22
Total valuation (000)	\$3,731	\$3,277	\$2,595	\$1,204	\$2,403,000
Total single-unit bldgs	32	42	25	15	20
Average cost per unit	\$113,922	\$64,679	\$103,804	\$80,250	\$112,650
Total multi-unit bldg units	3	12	0	0	2
Average cost per unit	\$28,333	\$46,667	\$0	\$0	\$75,000

Major Employers

Barnesville Hospital Assn	Service
Belmont County Government	Gov't
Belmont Technical College	Gov't
East Ohio Regional Hospital	Service
Health Plan of Upper Oh Valley	Service
Mayflower Vehicle Systems	Mfg
Ohio Valley Coal Co	Mining
State of Ohio	Gov't
Times Leader	Mfg
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade
WHX/Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp	Mfg

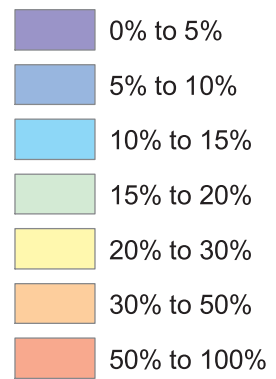
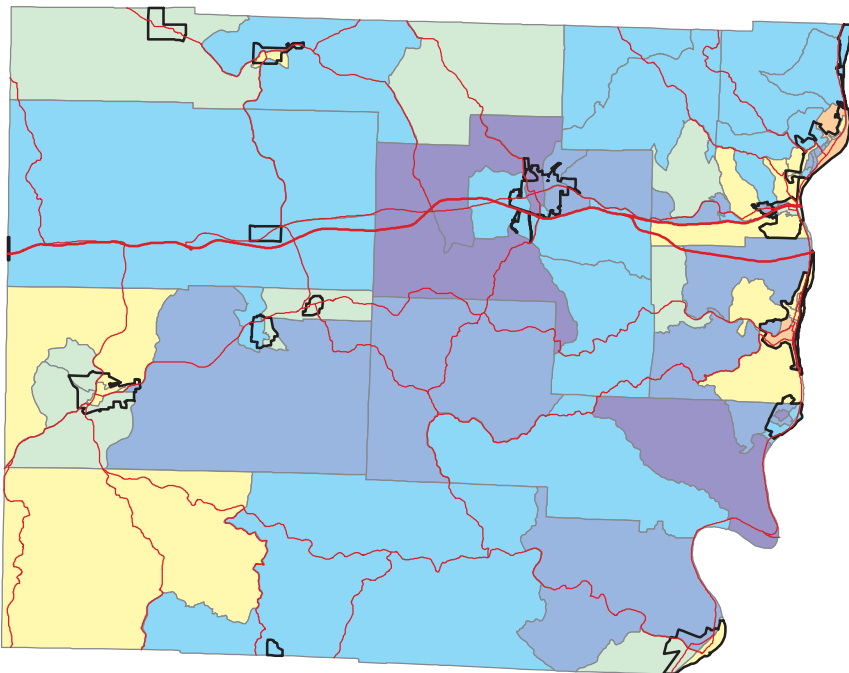
Percent of Persons 25 and Older With a Bachelor's Degree or Greater 2000



Ohio -- 21.1%
Belmont -- 11.1%

Source: Summary File 3, Census of Population and Housing, U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000.

Percent of Persons Living In Poverty 2000



Ohio -- 10.6%
Belmont -- 14.6%

Calculation based on population for whom poverty status is determined.

Source: Summary File 3, Census of Population and Housing, U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000.