

Ohio County Profiles

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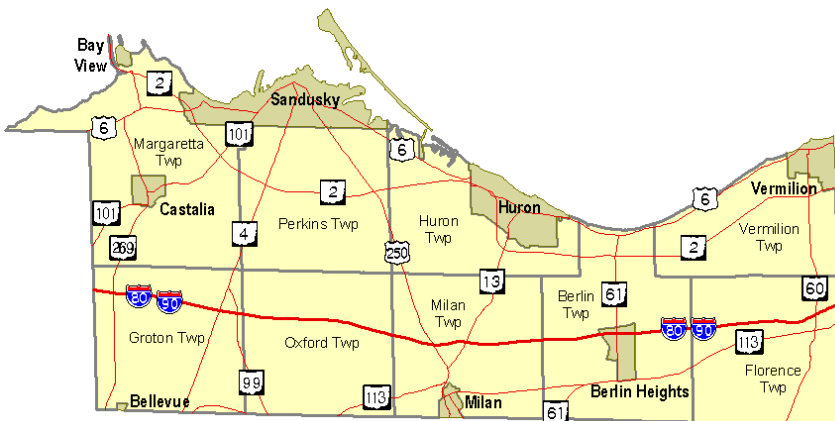
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Erie County

Established: Act - March 16, 1838
2000 Population: 79,551
Land Area: 254.5 square miles
County Seat: Sandusky City
Named for: Erie Native American Tribe



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Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,385,952,430
Residential	\$1,040,725,900
Agriculture	\$57,382,950
Industrial	\$46,110,920
Commercial	\$241,713,280
Mineral	\$19,380
Ohio income tax liability	\$51,812,266
Average per return	\$1,319.99

Land Cover

Acres

Total	162,490.3
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	9,763.0
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	114,049.6
Shrub/Scrub	436.5
Wooded	29,350.3
Open Water	2,076.6
Non-forested Wetlands	5,678.9
Barren	1,135.4

Largest Areas

Census 1990 Census 2000

Sandusky city	29,764	27,844
Perkins township UIA	10,793	12,578
Huron city	7,030	7,958
Vermilion city	5,483	4,937
Margaretta township UIA	4,601	4,662
Vermilion township UIA	4,051	4,638
Berlin township UIA	2,628	3,017
Milan township UIA	2,093	2,661
Huron township UIA	2,267	2,572
Florence township	2,101	2,500

UIA: Unincorporated Area

Total Population

Census	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
		37,650	38,327	39,789	42,133	43,201	52,565	68,000	75,909	79,655	79,551
1800	12,599										
1810	18,568										
1820	24,474										
1830	28,188										
1840	32,640										
1850	35,462										
1860											
1870											
1880											
1890											

Projected

2010	81,424
2020	82,404
2030	83,061

Largest Changes in

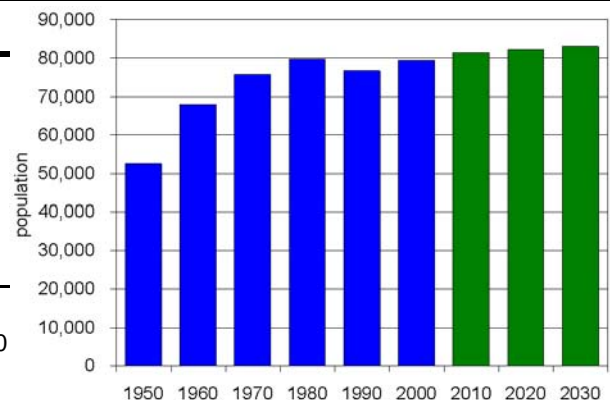
Population Since 1900

Net Change

15,435 1950 to 1960

Percent Change

29.4% 1950 to 1960



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Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total Population	79,551	100.0%
White	70,427	88.5%
African-American	6,863	8.6%
Native American	163	0.2%
Asian	332	0.4%
Pacific Islander	6	0.0%
Other	441	0.6%
Two or More Races	1,319	1.7%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,453	1.8%
Total Minority	9,955	12.5%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	54,232	100.0%
No high school diploma	8,699	16.0%
High school graduate	22,227	41.0%
Some college, no degree	11,109	20.5%
Associate degree	3,170	5.8%
Bachelor's degree	5,976	11.0%
Master's degree or higher	3,051	5.6%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	21,939	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	9,204	42.0%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	3,398	15.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,367	6.2%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,471	15.8%
Male householder, in labor force	807	3.7%
Male householder, not in labor force	283	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	2,509	11.4%
Female householder, not in labor force	900	4.1%

Household Income in 1999	Number	Percent
Total Households	31,756	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,151	6.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,010	12.6%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	4,782	15.1%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,878	12.2%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3,517	11.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	3,232	10.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,851	12.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,459	10.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,991	6.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	420	1.3%
\$200,000 or more	465	1.5%
Median household income	\$42,746	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Total Population	79,551	100.0%
Under 6 years	5,714	7.2%
6 to 17 years	13,879	17.4%
18 to 24 years	5,726	7.2%
25 to 44 years	21,635	27.2%
45 to 64 years	20,222	25.4%
65 years and more	12,375	15.6%
Median Age	39.5	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	21,939	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	7,100	32.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	595	2.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,208	10.1%
Families with no own children	12,036	54.9%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	21,939	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	20,621	94.0%
Family income below poverty level	1,318	6.0%
Married couple, with related children	255	19.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	84	6.4%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	698	53.0%
Families with no related children	281	21.3%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	77,628	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,316	3.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,123	5.3%
100% to 149% of poverty level	5,179	6.7%
150% to 199% of poverty level	6,375	8.2%
200% of poverty level or more	59,635	76.8%

Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	74,817	100.0%
Same house in 1995	46,198	61.7%
Different house, same county	17,495	23.4%
Different county, same state	8,354	11.2%
Different state	2,470	3.3%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	17	0.0%
Foreign country	283	0.4%

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Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	37,016	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	16,947	45.8%
15 to 29 minutes	12,663	34.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,925	10.6%
45 to 59 minutes	1,217	3.3%
60 minutes or more	1,413	3.8%
Worked at home	851	2.3%
Mean travel time	18.8 minutes	

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	35,909	100.0%
Occupied housing units	31,727	88.4%
Owner occupied	22,854	63.6%
Renter occupied	8,873	24.7%
Vacant housing units	4,182	11.6%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	35,909	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	2,425	6.8%
Built 1990 to 1994	2,027	5.6%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,058	8.5%
Built 1970 to 1979	5,335	14.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	5,605	15.6%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,149	14.3%
Built 1940 to 1949	3,173	8.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,137	25.4%
Median year built	1961	

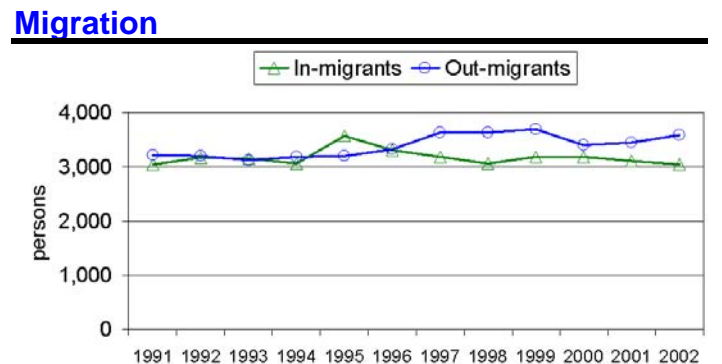
Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	19,803	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	33	0.2%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	493	2.5%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,517	7.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2,958	14.9%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	3,583	18.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	3,376	17.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,898	14.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,658	13.4%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	1,050	5.3%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,063	5.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	138	0.7%
\$1,000,000 or more	36	0.2%
Median value	\$109,800	

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	31,727	100.0%
Utility gas	22,159	69.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,612	8.2%
Electricity	5,641	17.8%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	771	2.4%
Coal, coke or wood	333	1.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	160	0.5%
No fuel used	51	0.2%

Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	8,813	100.0%
Less than \$100	85	1.0%
\$100 to \$199	312	3.5%
\$200 to \$299	522	5.9%
\$300 to \$399	1,073	12.2%
\$400 to \$499	2,186	24.8%
\$500 to \$599	1,623	18.4%
\$600 to \$699	983	11.2%
\$700 to \$799	719	8.2%
\$800 to \$899	354	4.0%
\$900 to \$999	193	2.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	151	1.7%
\$1,500 or more	77	0.9%
No cash rent	535	6.1%
Median gross rent	\$498	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	23.2	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	12,829	100.0%
Less than \$400	325	2.5%
\$400 to \$599	1,329	10.4%
\$600 to \$799	2,756	21.5%
\$800 to \$999	2,686	20.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,742	21.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,409	11.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	973	7.6%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	487	3.8%
\$3,000 or more	122	1.0%
Median monthly owners cost	\$949	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	20.2	

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 population	921	11.6
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	125	45.7
Deaths / rate per 1,000 population	848	10.7
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	562	7.2
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	294	3.8



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	90,000
Number of farms	390
Average size (acres)	231
Total cash receipts	\$32,464,000
Per farm	\$83,241

Education

Public schools	32
Students	14,368
Teachers	1,006
Student-teacher ratio	13.7
Expenditures per student	\$7,816
Graduation rate	87.7
Non-public schools	7
Students	1,311
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries	4
Branch libraries	3
Bookmobiles	0

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	94,545
Passenger cars	63,028
Noncommercial trucks	15,703
Total license revenue	\$2,412,525.89
Interstate highway miles	26.30
Turnpike miles	26.30
U.S. highway miles	41.92
State highway miles	114.03
Commercial airports	4
Commercial heliports	0

Voting

Number of precincts	101
Number of registered voters	51,523
Voted in 2002 election	25,581
Percent turnout	49.7%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs DOs)	198
Registered hospitals	3
Number of beds	560
Licensed nursing homes	8
Number of beds	1,012
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	279
Licensed homes for the aging	0
Number of beds	0

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	3,474
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Communications

Television stations	1
Radio stations	7
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	24,700

State Parks

Facilities	1
Acreage	676.71

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions	2
Assets	\$526,736,000

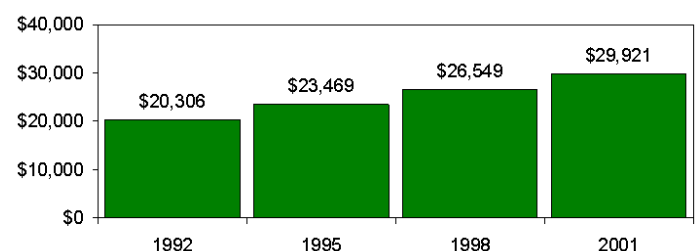
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$350,404,000
Payments to individuals	\$331,264,000
Retirement and disability	\$168,482,000
Medical payments	\$124,245,000
Income maintenance	\$18,324,000
Supplemental SSI	\$5,478,000
Family assistance	\$1,841,000
Food stamps	\$2,526,000
Other income maintenance	\$8,479,000
Unemployment benefits	\$10,386,000
Veterans benefits	\$8,615,000
Other payments to individuals	\$400,000
Total personal income	\$2,378,974,000
Dependency ratio	14.7%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$392,829,551
Defense	\$12,281,000
Retirement and disability	\$187,961,683
Other direct payments	\$96,589,877
Grant awards	\$74,766,523
Highways	\$29,715,848
AFDC/TANF	\$3,203,060
Medicaid	\$21,062,050
Procurement contract awards	\$20,566,202
Defense	\$8,065,000
Salary and wages	\$12,945,266
Defense	\$1,006,000
Other federal assistance	\$155,936,969
Direct loans	\$9,424,452
Guaranteed loans	\$20,626,639
Insurance	\$125,885,878

Per Capita Personal Income



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Civilian Labor Force	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Civilian labor force	41,700	42,100	42,400	42,800	43,200
Employed	39,700	40,200	40,600	40,700	40,900
Unemployed	2,100	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,300
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.7	5.4

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	39,931	39,227	\$1,214,372	\$1,200,147
Private Sector	34,806	33,846	\$1,057,137	\$1,029,532
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	212	206	\$4,126	\$4,086
Mining	189	165	\$8,932	\$8,184
Utilities	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Construction	1,469	1,368	\$49,685	\$47,697
Manufacturing	9,989	9,046	\$494,602	\$449,142
Wholesale trade	1,226	1,383	\$38,741	\$63,423
Retail trade	4,808	4,686	\$86,781	\$86,848
Transportation and warehousing	758	775	\$24,257	\$26,439
Information	500	529	\$12,282	\$12,601
Finance and insurance	658	699	\$25,257	\$27,220
Real estate and rental and leasing	312	311	\$6,019	\$6,229
Professional and technical services	570	573	\$22,919	\$21,353
Management of companies and enterprises	38	28	\$1,987	\$1,456
Administrative and waste services	926	844	\$17,068	\$17,920
Educational services	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Health care and social assistance	4,121	4,254	\$127,045	\$128,266
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	2,924	2,847	\$65,999	\$54,029
Accommodation and food services	4,352	4,387	\$43,963	\$45,556
Other services, except public administration	1,355	1,343	\$18,981	\$20,505
State and Local Government	5,125	5,381	\$157,235	\$170,614
State government	977	1,028	\$32,902	\$34,225
Local government	4,148	4,353	\$124,333	\$136,390
Federal Government	216	205	\$8,810	\$8,777

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Components of Business Change

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Business starts	180	148	146	173	159
Active businesses	1,672	1,739	1,790	1,768	1,797

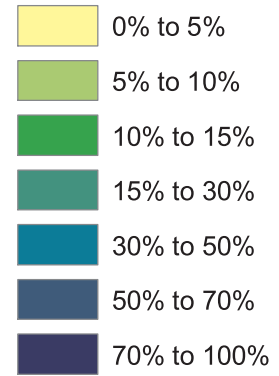
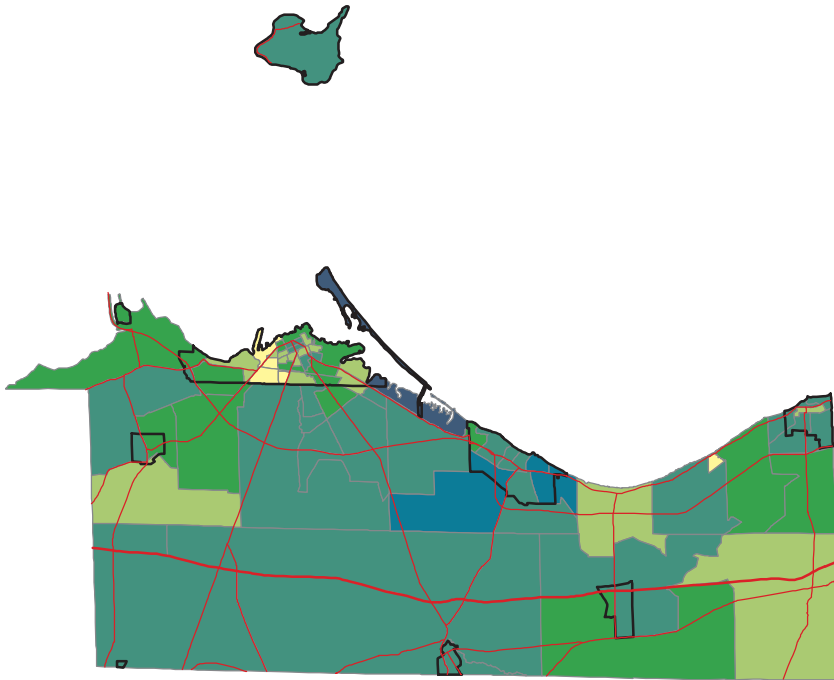
Residential Construction

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total buildings	250	280	290	213	194
Total units	281	479	309	248	204
Total valuation (000)	\$33,995	\$43,677	\$40,028	\$32,678	30,432,730
Total single-unit bldgs	237	243	277	198	191
Average cost per unit	\$134,258	\$131,826	\$133,564	\$150,463	\$157,684
Total multi-unit bldg units	44	236	32	50	13
Average cost per unit	\$49,455	\$49,338	\$94,701	\$57,720	\$24,231

Major Employers

Cedar Fair/CedarPoint	Service
Delphi Corp	Mfg
Firelands Regional Hospital	Service
Lear Corp	Mfg
Meijer Inc	Trade
Sandusky City Bd of Ed	Gov't
State of Ohio	Gov't
Visteon Corp	Mfg

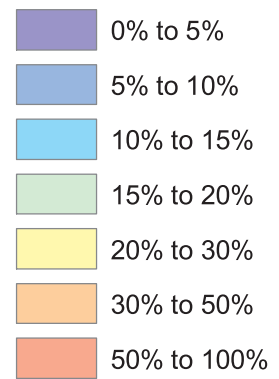
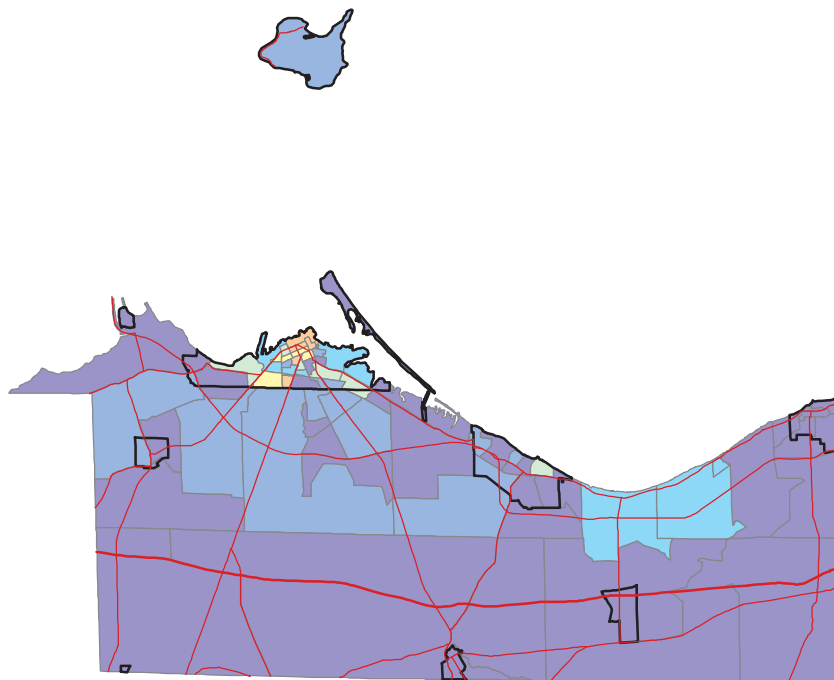
Percent of Persons 25 and Older With a Bachelor's Degree or Greater 2000



Ohio -- 21.1%
Erie -- 16.7%

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%
Erie -- 8.3%

Calculation based on population for whom poverty status is determined.

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