

# Ohio County Profiles

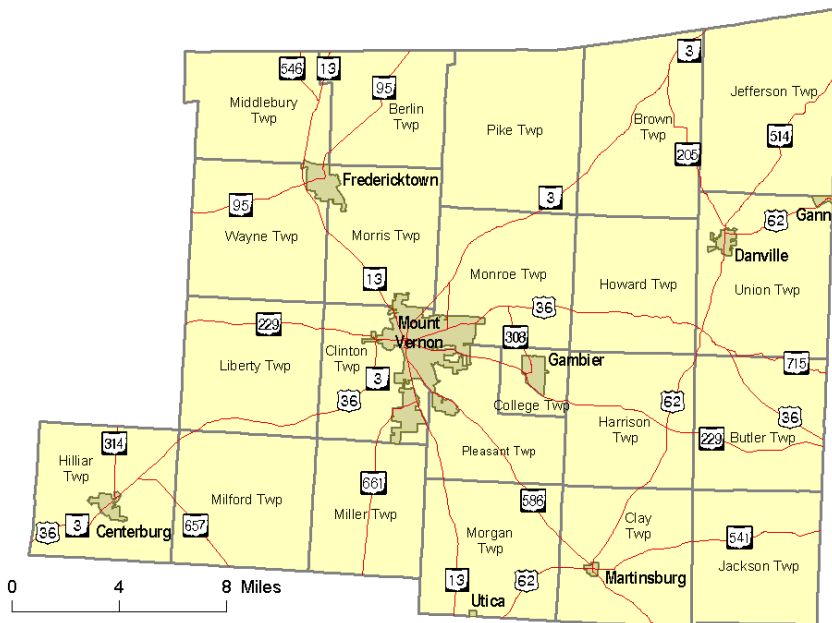
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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

## Knox County

**Established:** Act - March 1, 1808  
**2000 Population:** 54,500  
**Land Area:** 527.2 square miles  
**County Seat:** Mount Vernon City  
**Named for:** General Henry Knox, First Secretary of War



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$707,610,840
Residential	\$491,377,500
Agriculture	\$128,404,550
Industrial	\$21,937,930
Commercial	\$65,334,210
Mineral	\$556,650
Ohio income tax liability	\$25,896,619
Average per return	\$1,059.47

### Land Cover

	Acres
Total	338,671.9
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	2,051.9
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	215,360.2
Shrub/Scrub	3,583.0
Wooded	113,979.1
Open Water	1,573.1
Non-forested Wetlands	2,043.1
Barren	81.4

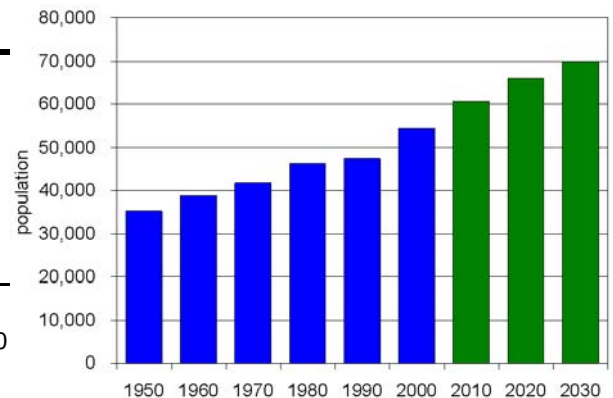
### Largest Areas

	Census 1990	Census 2000
Mount Vernon city	14,550	14,375
Howard township	2,149	4,319
Clinton township	3,502	3,326
Fredericktown village	2,443	2,428
Monroe township	2,062	2,427
Pleasant township	1,454	2,362
Morris township	1,801	1,998
Gambier village	2,073	1,871
Berlin township	1,388	1,789
Hilliar township UIA	1,322	1,648

UIA: Unincorporated Area

### Total Population

Census	1900	27,768	Projected
1800	1910	30,181	2010 60,598
1810	2,149	1920 29,580	2020 65,944
1820	8,326	1930 29,338	2030 69,886
1830	17,085	1940 31,024	
1840	29,579	1950 35,287	
1850	28,872	1960 38,808	
1860	27,735	1970 41,795	
1870	26,333	1980 46,304	
1880	27,431	1990 47,473	
1890	27,600	2000 54,500	
		<b>Largest Changes in Population Since 1900</b>	
		<b>Net Change</b>	
		7,027	1990 to 2000
		<b>Percent Change</b>	
		14.8%	1990 to 2000



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<b>Population by Race</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Population	54,500	100.0%
White	53,093	97.4%
African-American	439	0.8%
Native American	105	0.2%
Asian	162	0.3%
Pacific Islander	12	0.0%
Other	66	0.1%
Two or More Races	623	1.1%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	209	0.4%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Persons 25 years and over	34,485	100.0%
No high school diploma	6,277	18.2%
High school graduate	14,520	42.1%
Some college, no degree	6,220	18.0%
Associate degree	1,693	4.9%
Bachelor's degree	3,638	10.5%
Master's degree or higher	2,137	6.2%

<b>Family Type by Employment Status</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	14,462	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,582	45.5%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,717	18.8%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	848	5.9%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,920	13.3%
Male householder, in labor force	663	4.6%
Male householder, not in labor force	144	1.0%
Female householder, in labor force	1,118	7.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	470	3.2%

<b>Household Income in 1999</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Households	19,956	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,624	8.1%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,937	14.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,855	14.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,845	14.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,480	12.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,133	10.7%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,043	10.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,749	8.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	908	4.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	192	1.0%
\$200,000 or more	190	1.0%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$38,877</b>	

<b>Population by Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Population	54,500	100.0%
Under 6 years	4,145	7.6%
6 to 17 years	9,390	17.2%
18 to 24 years	6,480	11.9%
25 to 44 years	14,639	26.9%
45 to 64 years	12,332	22.6%
65 years and more	7,514	13.8%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>36.5</b>	

<b>Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	14,462	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	5,261	36.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	434	3.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	949	6.6%
Families with no own children	7,818	54.1%

<b>Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	14,462	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	13,390	92.6%
Family income below poverty level	1,072	7.4%
Married couple, with related children	332	31.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	32	3.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	384	35.8%
Families with no related children	324	30.2%

<b>Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Population for whom poverty status is determined	50,963	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,980	3.9%
50% to 99% of poverty level	3,179	6.2%
100% to 149% of poverty level	4,866	9.5%
150% to 199% of poverty level	5,002	9.8%
200% of poverty level or more	35,936	70.5%

<b>Residence in 1995</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Population 5 years and over	51,116	100.0%
Same house in 1995	28,606	56.0%
Different house, same county	11,834	23.2%
Different county, same state	6,731	13.2%
Different state	3,370	6.6%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	0	0.0%
Foreign country	575	1.1%

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Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	25,064	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	9,172	36.6%
15 to 29 minutes	7,103	28.3%
30 to 44 minutes	2,979	11.9%
45 to 59 minutes	2,053	8.2%
60 minutes or more	2,616	10.4%
Worked at home	1,141	4.6%
<b>Mean travel time</b>	<b>25.8 minutes</b>	

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	21,793	100.0%
Occupied housing units	19,975	91.7%
Owner occupied	15,122	69.4%
Renter occupied	4,853	22.3%
Vacant housing units	1,818	8.3%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	21,793	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	2,330	10.7%
Built 1990 to 1994	1,384	6.4%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,196	10.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,376	15.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,223	10.2%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,384	10.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,369	6.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	6,531	30.0%
<b>Median year built</b>	<b>1963</b>	

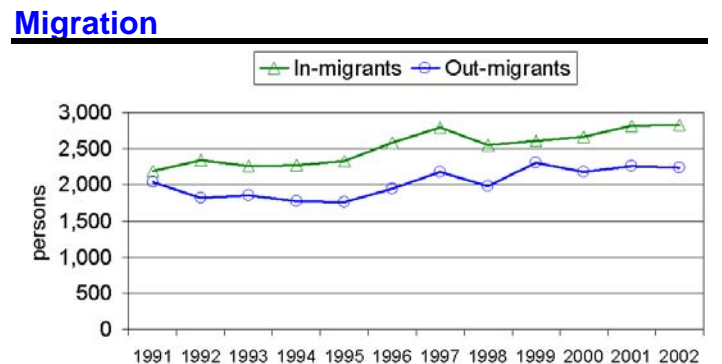
Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	11,390	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	49	0.4%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	454	4.0%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,158	10.2%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2,334	20.5%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,700	23.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,653	14.5%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,326	11.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,010	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	373	3.3%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	325	2.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1	0.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	7	0.1%
<b>Median value</b>	<b>\$92,100</b>	

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	19,975	100.0%
Utility gas	10,637	53.3%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,639	18.2%
Electricity	3,206	16.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,234	6.2%
Coal, coke or wood	991	5.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	255	1.3%
No fuel used	13	0.1%

Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	4,597	100.0%
Less than \$100	97	2.1%
\$100 to \$199	296	6.4%
\$200 to \$299	322	7.0%
\$300 to \$399	831	18.1%
\$400 to \$499	1,071	23.3%
\$500 to \$599	853	18.6%
\$600 to \$699	467	10.2%
\$700 to \$799	121	2.6%
\$800 to \$899	62	1.3%
\$900 to \$999	50	1.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	56	1.2%
\$1,500 or more	24	0.5%
No cash rent	347	7.5%
<b>Median gross rent</b>	<b>\$446</b>	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	22.0	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,518	100.0%
Less than \$400	328	4.4%
\$400 to \$599	1,171	15.6%
\$600 to \$799	1,918	25.5%
\$800 to \$999	1,663	22.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,246	16.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	601	8.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	421	5.6%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	140	1.9%
\$3,000 or more	30	0.4%
<b>Median monthly owners cost</b>	<b>\$838</b>	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	20.7	

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 population	702	12.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	94	38.9
Deaths / rate per 1,000 population	518	9.5
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	399	7.4
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	30	0.6



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## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	220,000
Number of farms	1,280
Average size (acres)	172
Total cash receipts	\$59,390,000
Per farm	\$46,398

## Education

Public schools	20
Students	8,376
Teachers	545
Student-teacher ratio	14.8
Expenditures per student	\$6,430
Graduation rate	88.4
Non-public schools	5
Students	381
4-year public universities	0
Branches	0
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	2
Public libraries	2
Branch libraries	3
Bookmobiles	1

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	62,402
Passenger cars	37,879
Noncommercial trucks	12,771
Total license revenue	\$1,775,017.90
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	58.63
State highway miles	139.66
Commercial airports	2
Commercial heliports	0

## Voting

Number of precincts	53
Number of registered voters	31,630
Voted in 2002 election	14,716
Percent turnout	46.5%

## Health Care

Physicians (MDs DOs)	66
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	127
Licensed nursing homes	10
Number of beds	626
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	200
Licensed homes for the aging	0
Number of beds	0

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	23
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## Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	10,500

## State Parks

Facilities	1
Acreage	2.17

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions	3
Assets	\$728,627,000

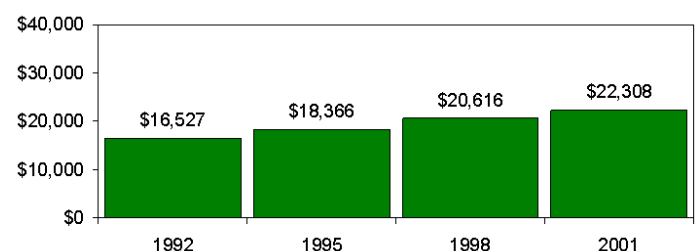
## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$243,179,000
Payments to individuals	\$229,538,000
Retirement and disability	\$98,285,000
Medical payments	\$105,275,000
Income maintenance	\$14,847,000
Supplemental SSI	\$3,918,000
Family assistance	\$1,886,000
Food stamps	\$2,002,000
Other income maintenance	\$7,041,000
Unemployment benefits	\$4,490,000
Veterans benefits	\$3,927,000
Other payments to individuals	\$285,000
Total personal income	\$1,234,003,000
Dependency ratio	19.7%

## Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$215,659,059
Defense	\$3,350,000
Retirement and disability	\$110,848,526
Other direct payments	\$61,523,343
Grant awards	\$34,639,765
Highways	\$1,578,178
AFDC/TANF	\$2,132,947
Medicaid	\$23,326,606
Procurement contract awards	\$1,984,726
Defense	\$77,000
Salary and wages	\$6,662,699
Defense	\$124,000
Other federal assistance	\$33,843,143
Direct loans	\$3,619,230
Guaranteed loans	\$10,118,969
Insurance	\$20,104,944

## Per Capita Personal Income



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<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Civilian labor force	26,500	26,300	25,900	26,800	26,900
Employed	25,300	25,000	24,900	25,800	25,600
Unemployed	1,200	1,300	1,000	1,000	1,300
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.9	4.0	3.7	4.7

## Employment and Wages by Sector

<b>NAICS Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Average Annual Employment</b>		<b>Total Wages (in thousands of dollars)</b>	
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Total covered under Ohio UC Law	17,589	17,756	\$483,729	\$501,288
Private Sector	14,910	14,996	\$406,408	\$420,674
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	104	105	\$1,716	\$1,811
Mining	97	107	\$2,953	\$3,352
Utilities	55	48	\$2,461	\$2,318
Construction	752	777	\$39,865	\$37,241
Manufacturing	4,645	4,476	\$171,363	\$173,236
Wholesale trade	448	459	\$11,849	\$13,218
Retail trade	2,048	1,984	\$36,310	\$37,422
Transportation and warehousing	236	216	\$4,502	\$5,061
Information	189	197	\$6,384	\$6,576
Finance and insurance	351	380	\$9,571	\$10,243
Real estate and rental and leasing	145	148	\$2,437	\$2,577
Professional and technical services	260	249	\$6,398	\$6,890
Management of companies and enterprises	105	95	\$2,275	\$2,074
Administrative and waste services	273	360	\$5,832	\$6,808
Educational services	1,102	1,168	\$33,682	\$36,357
Health care and social assistance	1,984	2,081	\$46,247	\$51,676
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	155	164	\$2,166	\$2,274
Accommodation and food services	1,390	1,414	\$12,791	\$13,471
Other services, except public administration	571	569	\$7,607	\$8,068
State and Local Government	2,679	2,760	\$77,321	\$80,614
State government	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Local government	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Federal Government	128	120	\$4,213	\$4,333

-1 or \$0 indicates suppression for confidentiality

## Components of Business Change

	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Business starts	149	134	120	169	154
Active businesses	1,061	1,077	1,118	1,179	1,187

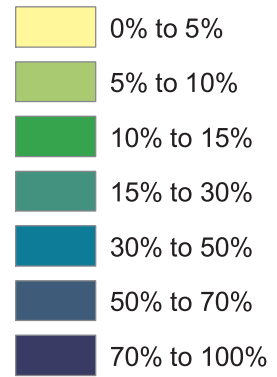
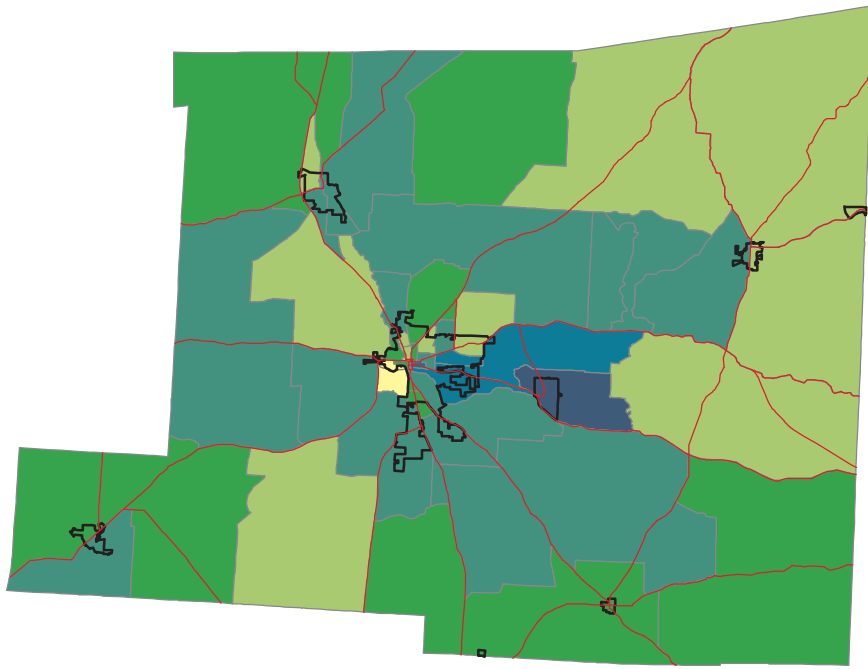
## Residential Construction

	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Total buildings	390	359	300	323	350
Total units	401	418	325	325	355
Total valuation (000)	\$38,791	\$39,264	\$32,220	\$33,431	40,103,272
Total single-unit bldgs	385	338	290	321	345
Average cost per unit	\$98,817	\$99,490	\$105,199	\$103,627	\$114,990
Total multi-unit bldg units	16	80	35	4	10
Average cost per unit	\$46,669	\$70,459	\$48,906	\$41,674	\$43,170

## Major Employers

Ariel Corp	Mfg
Jeld-Wen/Wenco Windows	Mfg
Kenyon College	Service
Knox Community Hospital	Service
Kokosing Construction Co	Construction
Mount Vernon Nazarene College	Service
Mt Vernon City Bd of Ed	Gov't
Rolls-Royce plc	Mfg
State of Ohio	Gov't
TRW Automotive	Mfg

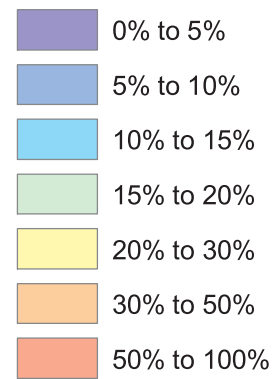
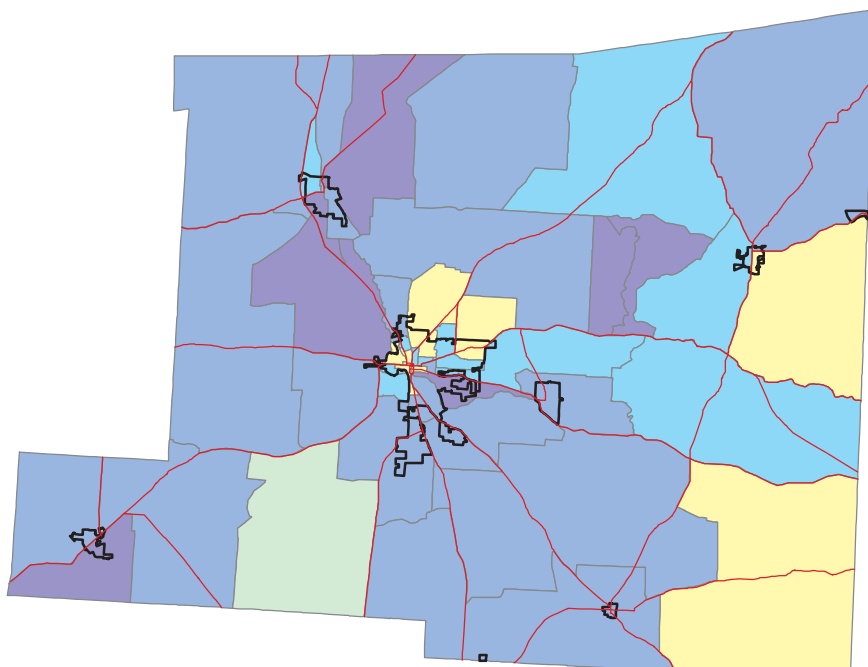
### Percent of Persons 25 and Older With a Bachelor's Degree or Greater 2000



Ohio -- 21.1%  
Knox -- 16.8%

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%  
Knox -- 10.1%

Calculation based on population for  
whom poverty status is determined.

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U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000.