

Ohio County Profiles

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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Lawrence County

Established: Act - December 21, 1815
2000 Population: 62,319
Land Area: 455.4 square miles
County Seat: Ironton City
Named for: Captain James Lawrence, War of 1812



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$521,882,690
Residential	\$400,345,840
Agriculture	\$45,309,330
Industrial	\$9,618,670
Commercial	\$65,854,870
Mineral	\$753,980
Ohio income tax liability	\$18,312,880
Average per return	\$754.73

Land Cover

	Acres
Total	292,340.1
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	7,459.3
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	60,187.0
Shrub/Scrub	8,596.2
Wooded	213,093.0
Open Water	2,038.3
Non-forested Wetlands	529.3
Barren	436.9

Largest Areas

	Census 1990	Census 2000
Ironton city	12,751	11,211
Rome township UIA	7,233	8,366
Union township UIA	7,301	7,540
Fayette township UIA	6,661	6,750
Perry township UIA	5,272	5,476
South Point village	3,823	3,742
Upper township UIA	3,035	3,170
Elizabeth township	2,515	2,914
Lawrence township	2,484	2,574
Windsor township	1,886	2,127

UIA: Unincorporated Area

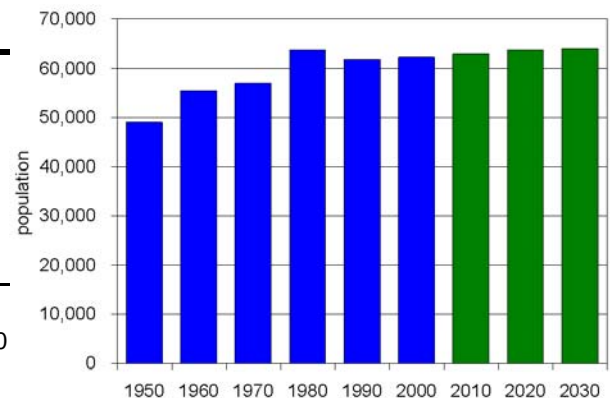
Total Population

Census	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
		39,534	39,488	39,540	44,541	46,705	49,115	55,438	56,868	61,834	62,319
1800											
1810											
1820	3,499										
1830	5,367										
1840	9,738										
1850	15,246										
1860	23,249										
1870	31,380										
1880	39,068										
1890	39,556										

Projected	
2010	62,914
2020	63,833
2030	64,060

Largest Changes in Population Since 1900

Net Change	Period
6,981	1970 to 1980
12.9%	1950 to 1960



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Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total Population	62,319	100.0%
White	59,873	96.1%
African-American	1,519	2.4%
Native American	129	0.2%
Asian	213	0.3%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	86	0.1%
Two or More Races	499	0.8%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	281	0.5%
Total Minority	2,593	4.2%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	41,685	100.0%
No high school diploma	10,155	24.4%
High school graduate	18,115	43.5%
Some college, no degree	7,274	17.4%
Associate degree	1,865	4.5%
Bachelor's degree	2,678	6.4%
Master's degree or higher	1,598	3.8%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	17,921	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,654	31.5%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	3,274	18.3%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,373	7.7%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,731	20.8%
Male householder, in labor force	603	3.4%
Male householder, not in labor force	372	2.1%
Female householder, in labor force	1,644	9.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,270	7.1%

Household Income in 1999	Number	Percent
Total Households	24,773	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	3,748	15.1%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5,047	20.4%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,869	15.6%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,437	13.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,721	11.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,979	8.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,689	6.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,373	5.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	675	2.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	92	0.4%
\$200,000 or more	143	0.6%
Median household income	\$29,127	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Total Population	62,319	100.0%
Under 6 years	4,565	7.3%
6 to 17 years	10,633	17.1%
18 to 24 years	5,436	8.7%
25 to 44 years	17,371	27.9%
45 to 64 years	15,351	24.6%
65 years and more	8,963	14.4%
Median Age	37.6	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	17,921	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	5,741	32.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	526	2.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,696	9.5%
Families with no own children	9,958	55.6%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	17,921	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	15,206	84.9%
Family income below poverty level	2,715	15.1%
Married couple, with related children	898	33.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	186	6.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	963	35.5%
Families with no related children	668	24.6%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	61,639	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,414	7.2%
50% to 99% of poverty level	7,231	11.7%
100% to 149% of poverty level	7,421	12.0%
150% to 199% of poverty level	6,902	11.2%
200% of poverty level or more	35,671	57.9%

Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	58,476	100.0%
Same house in 1995	38,110	65.2%
Different house, same county	13,278	22.7%
Different county, same state	1,555	2.7%
Different state	5,341	9.1%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	14	0.0%
Foreign country	178	0.3%

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Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	23,136	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	6,450	27.9%
15 to 29 minutes	9,884	42.7%
30 to 44 minutes	3,830	16.6%
45 to 59 minutes	1,230	5.3%
60 minutes or more	1,335	5.8%
Worked at home	407	1.8%
Mean travel time	24.1 minutes	

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	27,189	100.0%
Occupied housing units	24,732	91.0%
Owner occupied	18,511	68.1%
Renter occupied	6,221	22.9%
Vacant housing units	2,457	9.0%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	27,189	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	2,692	9.9%
Built 1990 to 1994	2,106	7.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,168	11.7%
Built 1970 to 1979	5,339	19.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,147	15.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,508	12.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,101	7.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,128	15.2%
Median year built	1969	

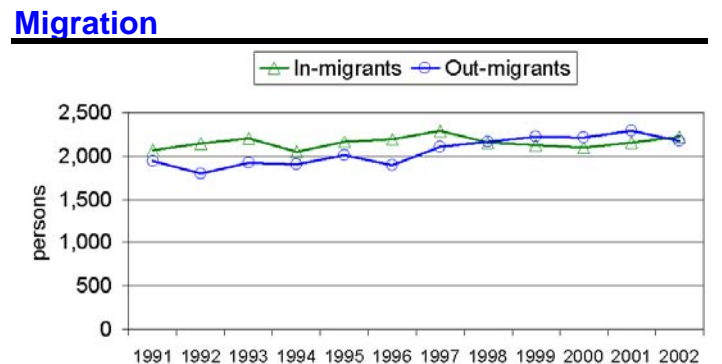
Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	13,341	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	372	2.8%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1,601	12.0%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	3,016	22.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3,413	25.6%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,355	17.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,139	8.5%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	632	4.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	536	4.0%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	111	0.8%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	153	1.1%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	5	0.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	8	0.1%
Median value	\$69,400	

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	24,732	100.0%
Utility gas	10,169	41.1%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,912	15.8%
Electricity	9,133	36.9%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	777	3.1%
Coal, coke or wood	580	2.3%
Solar energy or other fuel	110	0.4%
No fuel used	51	0.2%

Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	6,023	100.0%
Less than \$100	61	1.0%
\$100 to \$199	353	5.9%
\$200 to \$299	723	12.0%
\$300 to \$399	1,187	19.7%
\$400 to \$499	1,612	26.8%
\$500 to \$599	797	13.2%
\$600 to \$699	288	4.8%
\$700 to \$799	156	2.6%
\$800 to \$899	81	1.3%
\$900 to \$999	19	0.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	13	0.2%
\$1,500 or more	3	0.0%
No cash rent	730	12.1%
Median gross rent	\$421	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	26.6	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,130	100.0%
Less than \$400	699	9.8%
\$400 to \$599	1,900	26.6%
\$600 to \$799	2,249	31.5%
\$800 to \$999	1,077	15.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	673	9.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	254	3.6%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	197	2.8%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	62	0.9%
\$3,000 or more	19	0.3%
Median monthly owners cost	\$679	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	20.1	

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 population	740	11.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	105	45.8
Deaths / rate per 1,000 population	730	11.7
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	260	4.0
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	415	6.4



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	63,000
Number of farms	580
Average size (acres)	109
Total cash receipts	\$5,406,000
Per farm	\$9,320

Education

Public schools	25
Students	10,690
Teachers	704
Student-teacher ratio	15.3
Expenditures per student	\$6,513
Graduation rate	84.4
Non-public schools	3
Students	220
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries	1
Branch libraries	4
Bookmobiles	1

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	73,564
Passenger cars	46,490
Noncommercial trucks	16,132
Total license revenue	\$1,686,292.71
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	22.62
State highway miles	166.50
Commercial airports	1
Commercial heliports	0

Voting

Number of precincts	84
Number of registered voters	38,636
Voted in 2002 election	16,254
Percent turnout	42.1%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs DOs)	53
Registered hospitals	0
Number of beds	0
Licensed nursing homes	6
Number of beds	547
Licensed residential care	0
Number of beds	0
Licensed homes for the aging	0
Number of beds	0

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	n.a.
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Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	1
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	6,000

State Parks

Facilities	0
Acreage	0.00

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions	5
Assets	\$331,651,000

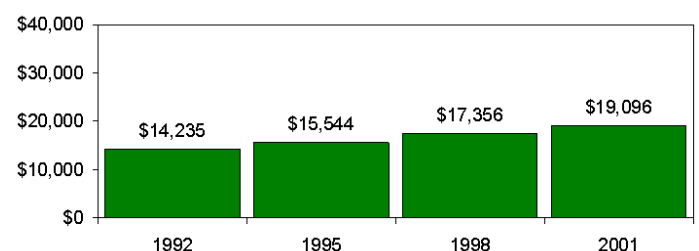
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$358,447,000
Payments to individuals	\$342,769,000
Retirement and disability	\$131,650,000
Medical payments	\$148,666,000
Income maintenance	\$46,650,000
Supplemental SSI	\$18,843,000
Family assistance	\$7,100,000
Food stamps	\$7,268,000
Other income maintenance	\$13,439,000
Unemployment benefits	\$5,444,000
Veterans benefits	\$9,447,000
Other payments to individuals	\$327,000
Total personal income	\$1,186,730,000
Dependency ratio	30.2%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$351,151,757
Defense	\$3,592,000
Retirement and disability	\$172,709,059
Other direct payments	\$69,993,456
Grant awards	\$94,588,431
Highways	\$1,557,000
AFDC/TANF	\$8,378,915
Medicaid	\$64,770,708
Procurement contract awards	\$6,109,969
Defense	\$417,000
Salary and wages	\$7,750,842
Defense	\$235,000
Other federal assistance	\$59,708,413
Direct loans	\$169,810
Guaranteed loans	\$6,563,503
Insurance	\$52,975,100

Per Capita Personal Income



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Civilian Labor Force	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Civilian labor force	26,700	27,000	25,800	25,500	25,600
Employed	24,900	25,000	23,800	24,100	24,200
Unemployed	1,700	1,900	2,000	1,400	1,400
Unemployment rate	6.5	7.2	7.6	5.5	5.6

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	12,283	11,751	\$270,626	\$260,911
Private Sector	8,875	8,661	\$183,847	\$181,710
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	11	8	\$162	\$154
Mining	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Utilities	98	94	\$3,867	\$3,818
Construction	844	789	\$23,295	\$24,051
Manufacturing	781	580	\$28,643	\$19,113
Wholesale trade	171	161	\$4,983	\$4,560
Retail trade	2,284	2,213	\$36,849	\$37,299
Transportation and warehousing	503	521	\$14,808	\$16,182
Information	90	93	\$3,215	\$3,614
Finance and insurance	323	304	\$7,170	\$7,324
Real estate and rental and leasing	69	63	\$1,026	\$944
Professional and technical services	250	247	\$5,720	\$5,663
Management of companies and enterprises	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Administrative and waste services	355	337	\$6,897	\$7,176
Educational services	44	44	\$680	\$563
Health care and social assistance	1,512	1,661	\$26,934	\$31,170
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	68	71	\$1,027	\$1,086
Accommodation and food services	1,104	1,103	\$10,418	\$10,623
Other services, except public administration	311	319	\$5,828	\$5,938
State and Local Government	3,408	3,090	\$86,779	\$79,201
State government	325	344	\$8,249	\$8,777
Local government	3,083	2,746	\$78,530	\$70,424
Federal Government	163	149	\$5,219	\$4,915

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Components of Business Change

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Business starts	86	97	121	99	75
Active businesses	794	772	791	745	789

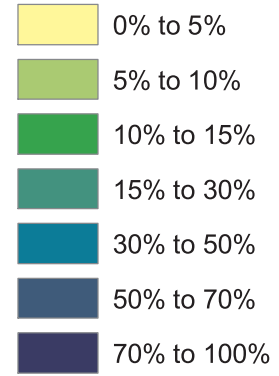
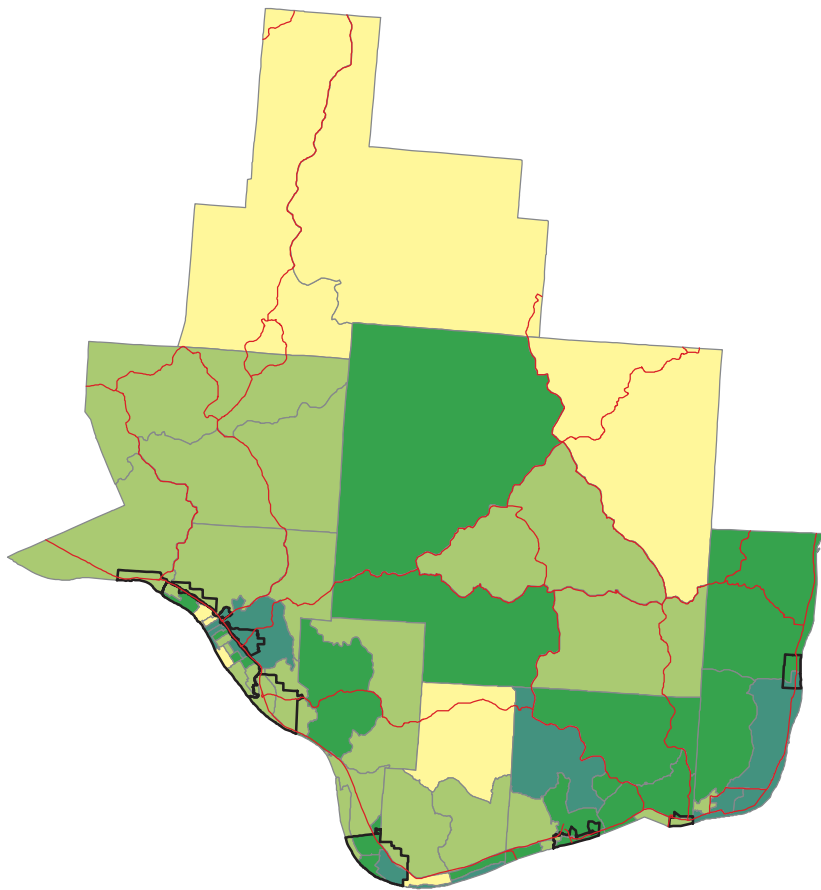
Residential Construction

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total buildings	48	27	80	18	19
Total units	52	30	103	113	26
Total valuation (000)	\$2,581	\$2,526	\$5,832	\$6,316	\$1,439,600
Total single-unit bldgs	44	25	71	12	12
Average cost per unit	\$54,114	\$94,240	\$59,158	\$85,063	\$85,800
Total multi-unit bldg units	8	5	32	101	14
Average cost per unit	\$25,000	\$34,000	\$51,008	\$52,426	\$29,286

Major Employers

Emerson Electric/Liebert Corp	Mfg
Ironton City Bd of Ed	Gov't
Lawrence County JVS	Gov't
McGinnis Inc	Mfg
Ohio University	Gov't
Rock Hill Local Bd of Ed	Gov't
South Point Local Bd of Ed	Gov't
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade

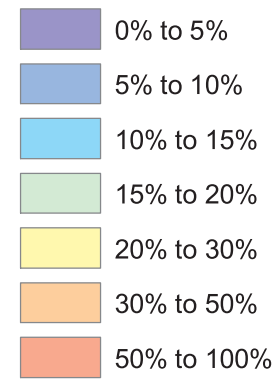
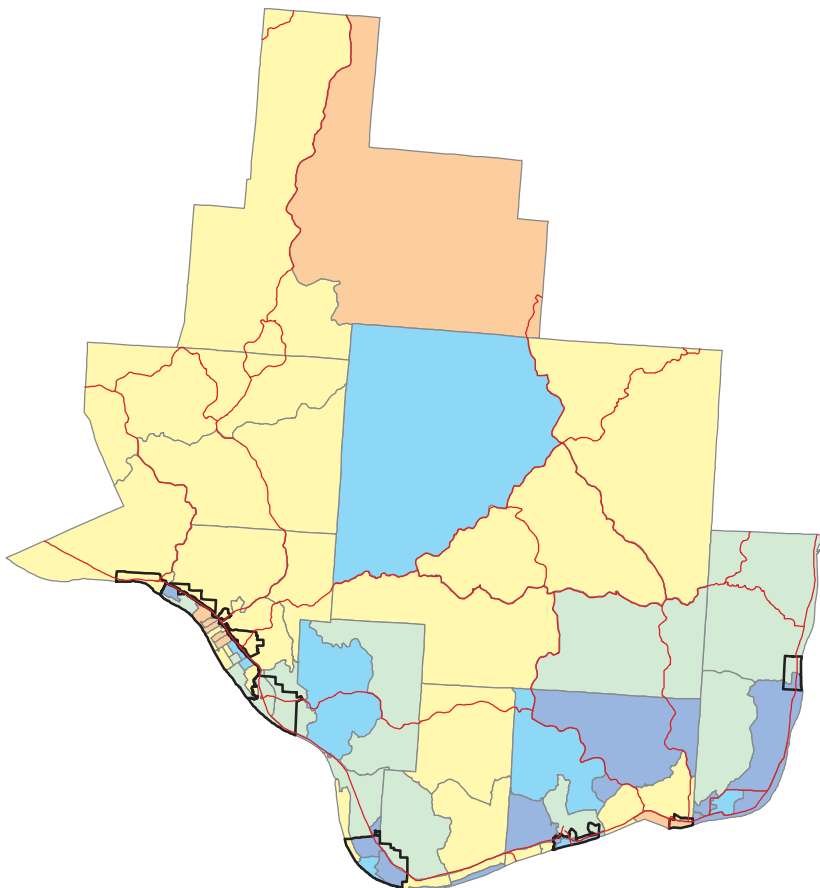
Percent of Persons 25 and Older With a Bachelor's Degree or Greater 2000



Ohio -- 21.1%
Lawrence -- 10.3%

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%
Lawrence -- 18.9%

Calculation based on population for whom poverty status is determined.

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