

Ohio County Profiles

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Mercer County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820
2000 Population: 40,924
Land Area: 463.3 square miles
County Seat: Celina City
Named for: General Hugh Mercer, Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$598,257,980
Residential	\$382,092,030
Agriculture	\$138,528,520
Industrial	\$19,857,440
Commercial	\$57,778,230
Mineral	\$1,760
Ohio income tax liability	\$19,822,892
Average per return	\$966.36

Land Cover

	Acres
Total	303,280.2
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	4,193.1
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	268,537.9
Shrub/Scrub	1,744.3
Wooded	15,970.6
Open Water	10,563.3
Non-forested Wetlands	2,016.8
Barren	254.2

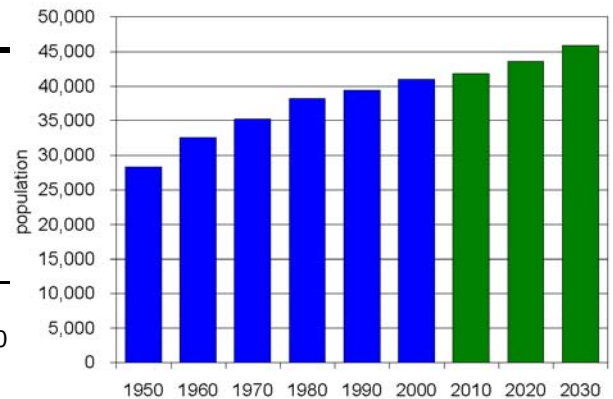
Largest Areas

	Census 1990	Census 2000
Celina city	9,650	10,303
Coldwater village	4,335	4,482
Jefferson township UIA	3,333	2,928
Marion township UIA	2,406	2,605
St. Henry village	1,907	2,271
Franklin township UIA	1,927	2,112
Butler township UIA	1,846	1,977
Granville township UIA	1,527	1,434
Fort Recovery village	1,313	1,273
Washington township	1,259	1,218

UIA: Unincorporated Area

Total Population

Census	1900	28,021	Projected
1800	1910	27,536	2010 41,834
1810	1920	26,872	2020 43,572
1820	95	25,096	2030 45,957
1830	1,110	26,256	
1840	8,277	28,311	
1850	7,712	32,559	
1860	14,104	35,265	
1870	17,254	38,334	
1880	21,808	39,443	
1890	27,220	40,924	
			Largest Changes in Population Since 1900
			Net Change
			4,248 1950 to 1960
			Percent Change
			15.0% 1950 to 1960



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Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total Population	40,924	100.0%
White	40,228	98.3%
African-American	59	0.1%
Native American	171	0.4%
Asian	115	0.3%
Pacific Islander	8	0.0%
Other	123	0.3%
Two or More Races	220	0.5%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	353	0.9%
Total Minority	884	2.2%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	25,614	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,110	16.0%
High school graduate	12,739	49.7%
Some college, no degree	3,852	15.0%
Associate degree	1,672	6.5%
Bachelor's degree	1,925	7.5%
Master's degree or higher	1,316	5.1%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,071	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,891	53.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,725	15.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	582	5.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,500	13.5%
Male householder, in labor force	307	2.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	60	0.5%
Female householder, in labor force	652	5.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	354	3.2%

Household Income in 1999	Number	Percent
Total Households	14,749	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	971	6.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,631	11.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,180	14.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,923	13.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,026	13.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,737	11.8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,862	12.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,424	9.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	733	5.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	115	0.8%
\$200,000 or more	147	1.0%
Median household income	\$42,742	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Total Population	40,924	100.0%
Under 6 years	3,603	8.8%
6 to 17 years	8,534	20.9%
18 to 24 years	3,173	7.8%
25 to 44 years	11,086	27.1%
45 to 64 years	8,629	21.1%
65 years and more	5,899	14.4%
Median Age	35.7	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,071	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,772	43.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	177	1.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	610	5.5%
Families with no own children	5,512	49.8%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,071	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,559	95.4%
Family income below poverty level	512	4.6%
Married couple, with related children	108	21.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	19	3.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	250	48.8%
Families with no related children	135	26.4%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	40,359	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,034	2.6%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,537	3.8%
100% to 149% of poverty level	2,431	6.0%
150% to 199% of poverty level	3,501	8.7%
200% of poverty level or more	31,856	78.9%

Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	37,887	100.0%
Same house in 1995	25,086	66.2%
Different house, same county	8,905	23.5%
Different county, same state	2,677	7.1%
Different state	1,119	3.0%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	5	0.0%
Foreign country	95	0.3%

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Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	19,742	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	8,497	43.0%
15 to 29 minutes	6,362	32.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,454	12.4%
45 to 59 minutes	773	3.9%
60 minutes or more	769	3.9%
Worked at home	887	4.5%
Mean travel time	19.9 minutes	

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	15,875	100.0%
Occupied housing units	14,756	93.0%
Owner occupied	11,833	74.5%
Renter occupied	2,923	18.4%
Vacant housing units	1,119	7.0%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	15,875	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	1,299	8.2%
Built 1990 to 1994	1,150	7.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,685	10.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,628	16.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,847	11.6%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,178	13.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,005	6.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,083	25.7%
Median year built	1964	

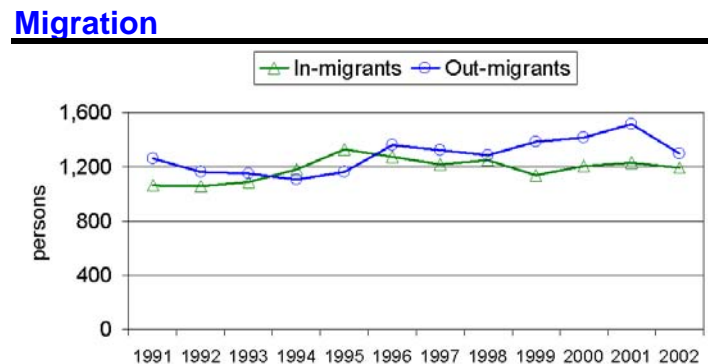
Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	9,492	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	89	0.9%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	289	3.0%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	825	8.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2,105	22.2%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,991	21.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,329	14.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	965	10.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,299	13.7%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	304	3.2%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	249	2.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	40	0.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	7	0.1%
Median value	\$94,000	

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	14,756	100.0%
Utility gas	6,967	47.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,950	20.0%
Electricity	3,256	22.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,165	7.9%
Coal, coke or wood	293	2.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	77	0.5%
No fuel used	48	0.3%

Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	2,794	100.0%
Less than \$100	78	2.8%
\$100 to \$199	148	5.3%
\$200 to \$299	279	10.0%
\$300 to \$399	583	20.9%
\$400 to \$499	576	20.6%
\$500 to \$599	547	19.6%
\$600 to \$699	242	8.7%
\$700 to \$799	28	1.0%
\$800 to \$899	19	0.7%
\$900 to \$999	17	0.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	30	1.1%
\$1,500 or more	9	0.3%
No cash rent	238	8.5%
Median gross rent	\$433	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	20.8	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	5,785	100.0%
Less than \$400	146	2.5%
\$400 to \$599	830	14.3%
\$600 to \$799	1,543	26.7%
\$800 to \$999	1,461	25.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	953	16.5%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	453	7.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	304	5.3%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	65	1.1%
\$3,000 or more	30	0.5%
Median monthly owners cost	\$858	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	19.7	

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 population	516	12.6
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	47	29.7
Deaths / rate per 1,000 population	348	8.5
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	277	6.8
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	125	3.0



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	274,000
Number of farms	1,440
Average size (acres)	190
Total cash receipts	\$282,517,000
Per farm	\$196,193

Education

Public schools	22
Students	9,433
Teachers	582
Student-teacher ratio	15.2
Expenditures per student	\$6,878
Graduation rate	92.3
Non-public schools	1
Students	196
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries	4
Branch libraries	0
Bookmobiles	0

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	50,475
Passenger cars	30,171
Noncommercial trucks	8,635
Total license revenue	\$1,448,013.45
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	44.68
State highway miles	166.05
Commercial airports	1
Commercial heliports	1

Voting

Number of precincts	40
Number of registered voters	26,724
Voted in 2002 election	15,756
Percent turnout	59.0%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs DOs)	40
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	88
Licensed nursing homes	6
Number of beds	406
Licensed residential care	5
Number of beds	164
Licensed homes for the aging	0
Number of beds	0

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	59
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Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	2
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	10,100

State Parks

Facilities	2
Acreage	11,299.62

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions	4
Assets	\$1,172,149,000

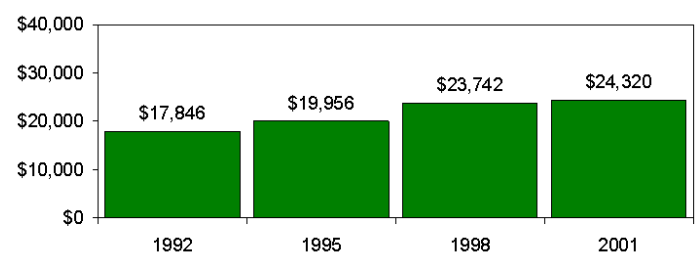
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$152,962,000
Payments to individuals	\$142,869,000
Retirement and disability	\$77,340,000
Medical payments	\$50,430,000
Income maintenance	\$6,849,000
Supplemental SSI	\$1,517,000
Family assistance	\$642,000
Food stamps	\$803,000
Other income maintenance	\$3,887,000
Unemployment benefits	\$5,478,000
Veterans benefits	\$2,184,000
Other payments to individuals	\$211,000
Total personal income	\$992,091,000
Dependency ratio	15.4%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$104,888,360
Defense	\$935,000
Retirement and disability	\$25,042,034
Other direct payments	\$53,817,194
Grant awards	\$18,331,492
Highways	\$5,042,288
AFDC/TANF	\$1,164,749
Medicaid	\$7,473,664
Procurement contract awards	\$1,701,082
Defense	\$0
Salary and wages	\$5,996,558
Defense	\$0
Other federal assistance	\$45,981,869
Direct loans	\$5,018,147
Guaranteed loans	\$6,821,542
Insurance	\$34,142,180

Per Capita Personal Income



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Civilian Labor Force	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Civilian labor force	20,100	19,900	19,100	19,300	19,400
Employed	18,700	18,300	18,000	18,200	18,200
Unemployed	1,400	1,600	1,100	1,100	1,200
Unemployment rate	7.0	7.9	5.5	5.7	6.1

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	15,253	15,189	\$373,539	\$388,053
Private Sector	12,747	12,628	\$306,383	\$316,659
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	318	294	\$5,927	\$5,988
Mining	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Utilities	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Construction	934	920	\$29,092	\$31,086
Manufacturing	3,824	3,953	\$121,609	\$126,882
Wholesale trade	652	631	\$19,599	\$20,029
Retail trade	1,808	1,856	\$31,971	\$33,647
Transportation and warehousing	483	467	\$15,228	\$15,341
Information	164	172	\$4,265	\$4,486
Finance and insurance	601	601	\$17,795	\$18,131
Real estate and rental and leasing	111	118	\$2,562	\$2,365
Professional and technical services	220	218	\$7,372	\$7,525
Management of companies and enterprises	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Administrative and waste services	247	269	\$4,009	\$4,130
Educational services	-1	8	\$0	\$38
Health care and social assistance	1,011	1,026	\$21,993	\$23,338
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	215	193	\$2,037	\$1,924
Accommodation and food services	1,262	1,187	\$10,120	\$9,922
Other services, except public administration	800	634	\$10,130	\$9,249
State and Local Government	2,506	2,561	\$67,156	\$71,393
State government	138	138	\$6,903	\$7,075
Local government	2,368	2,423	\$60,253	\$64,319
Federal Government	122	109	\$3,949	\$3,809

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Components of Business Change

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Business starts	65	85	81	99	71
Active businesses	1,180	1,171	1,201	1,228	1,224

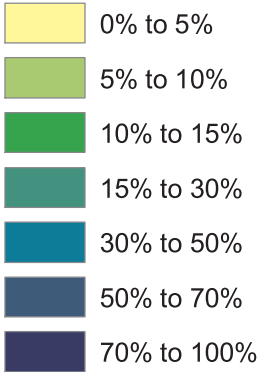
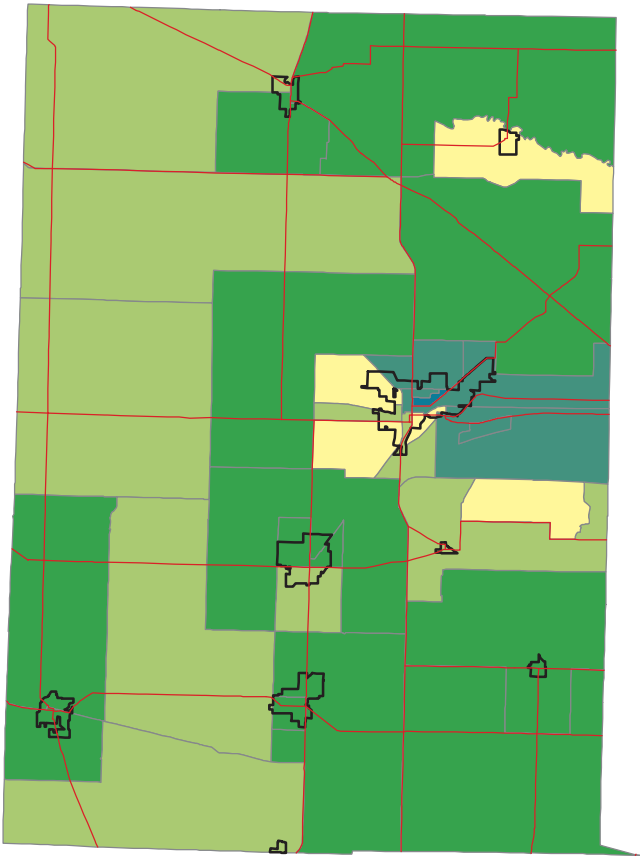
Residential Construction

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total buildings	129	136	121	110	115
Total units	137	182	159	121	124
Total valuation (000)	\$18,405	\$20,856	\$19,041	\$18,639	\$18,325,420
Total single-unit bldgs	124	121	113	103	110
Average cost per unit	\$143,839	\$145,592	\$146,158	\$169,521	\$157,949
Total multi-unit bldg units	13	61	46	18	14
Average cost per unit	\$43,727	\$53,098	\$54,891	\$65,444	\$67,929

Major Employers

Celina Aluminum Precision	Mfg
Celina City Bd of Ed	Gov't
Cooper Farms	Mfg
Crown Equipment Corp	Mfg
Fort Recovery Industries	Mfg
Mercer Co Joint Twp Community Hosp	Service
Pax Machine Works	Mfg
Relizon Co	Mfg
Reynolds & Reynolds Co	Mfg

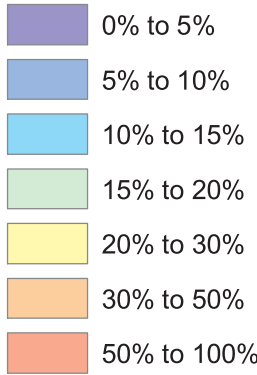
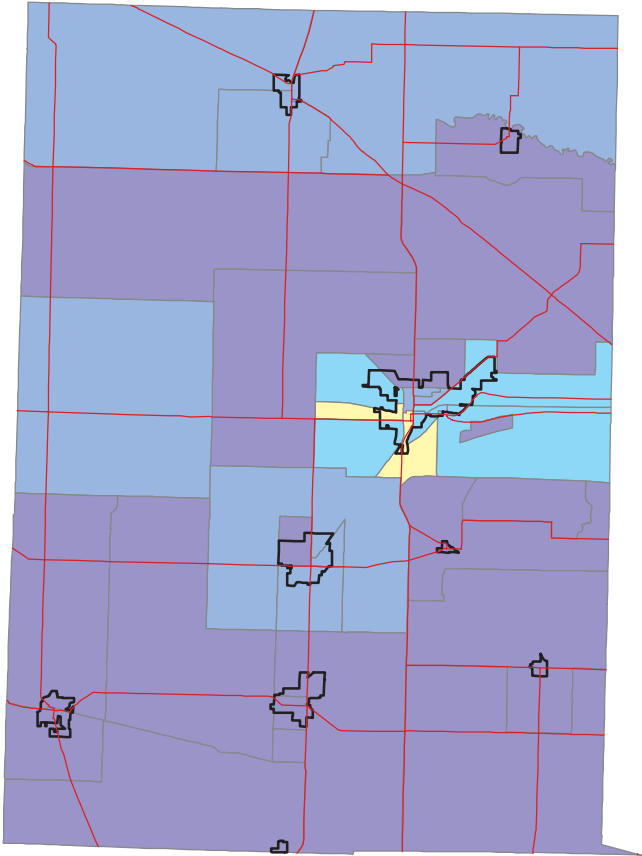
Percent of Persons 25 and Older With a Bachelor's Degree or Greater 2000



Ohio -- 21.1%
Mercer -- 12.7%

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%
Mercer -- 6.4%

Calculation based on population for whom poverty status is determined.

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