

Ohio County Profiles

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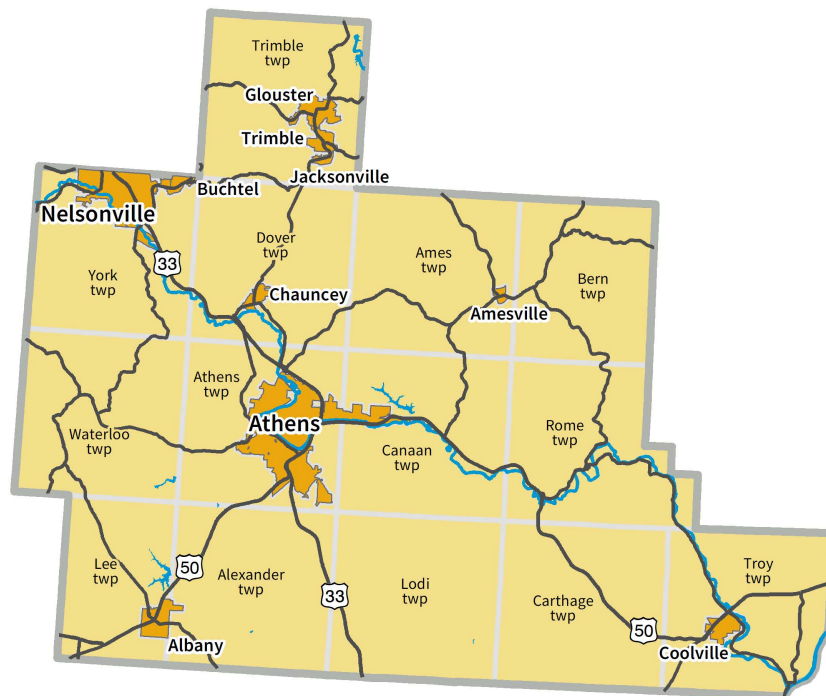
2024 Edition



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Athens County

Established: Act - March 1, 1805
2023 Population: 62,706
Land Area: 506.8 square miles
County Seat: Athens City
Named for: Athens, Greece



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,096,916,890
Residential	\$682,038,000
Agriculture	\$159,346,940
Industrial	\$5,979,470
Commercial	\$248,946,800
Mineral	\$605,680
Ohio income tax liability	\$24,687,086
Average per return	\$1,081.39

Land Use/Land Cover

Percent

Developed, Lower Intensity	7.54%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.42%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.09%
Forest	73.85%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.78%
Pasture/Hay	14.36%
Cultivated Crops	0.93%
Wetlands	0.46%
Open Water	0.56%

Largest Places

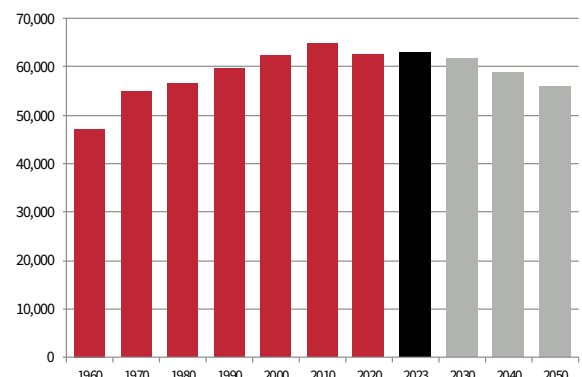
	2023	2020
Athens city	24,673	23,843
Athens twp UB	6,501	6,592
Nelsonville city	4,518	4,603
Alexander twp UB	2,739	2,770
Dover twp UB	2,332	2,366
Waterloo twp	2,318	2,356
Troy twp UB	2,006	2,034
Lee twp UB	1,921	1,948
York twp UB	1,740	1,752
Trimble twp UB	1,649	1,672

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	47,798	2020	62,431
1810	2,791	1920	50,430		
1820	6,338	1930	44,175	Estimate	
1830	9,787	1940	46,166	2023	62,706
1840	19,109	1950	45,839		
1850	18,215	1960	46,998	Projection	
1860	21,364	1970	54,889	2030	61,585
1870	23,768	1980	56,399	2040	58,717
1880	28,411	1990	59,549	2050	55,953
1890	35,194	2000	62,223		
1900	38,730	2010	64,757		



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	61,276	100.0%
White	55,686	90.9%
African-American	1,557	2.5%
Native American	69	0.1%
Asian	1,604	2.6%
Pacific Islander	19	0.0%
Other	218	0.4%
Two or More Races	2,123	3.5%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,231	2.0%
Total Minority	6,469	10.6%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	36,121	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,986	8.3%
High school graduate	11,396	31.5%
Some college, no degree	6,308	17.5%
Associate degree	3,052	8.4%
Bachelor's degree	5,632	15.6%
Master's degree or higher	6,747	18.7%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,329	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,295	37.9%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,348	11.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	940	8.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	2,003	17.7%
Male householder, in labor force	707	6.2%
Male householder, not in labor force	296	2.6%
Female householder, in labor force	1,035	9.1%
Female householder, not in labor force	705	6.2%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	22,582	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,347	10.4%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,893	12.8%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,362	10.5%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,068	9.2%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,794	7.9%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,723	7.6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,615	7.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,718	12.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,056	13.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,018	4.5%
\$200,000 or more	988	4.4%
Median household income	\$48,750	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	61,276	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,361	3.9%
5 to 17 years	6,746	11.0%
18 to 24 years	16,048	26.2%
25 to 44 years	13,906	22.7%
45 to 64 years	13,445	21.9%
65 years and more	8,770	14.3%
Median Age	32.2	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,424	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,890	25.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	598	5.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	752	6.6%
Families with no own children	7,184	62.9%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children

	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,424	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,286	90.0%
Family income below poverty level	1,138	10.0%
Married couple, with related children	317	2.8%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	156	1.4%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	320	2.8%
Families with no related children	345	3.0%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	53,380	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	7,000	13.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,049	11.3%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,469	4.6%
125% to 149% of poverty level	3,066	5.7%
150% to 184% of poverty level	3,607	6.8%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,442	2.7%
200% of poverty level or more	29,747	55.7%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	60,871	100.0%
Same house as previous year	44,496	73.1%
Different house, same county	5,978	9.8%
Different county, same state	7,885	13.0%
Different state	1,854	3.0%
Abroad	658	1.1%

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Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	24,868	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	10,611	42.7%
15 to 29 minutes	8,809	35.4%
30 to 44 minutes	2,276	9.2%
45 to 59 minutes	1,173	4.7%
60 minutes or more	1,999	8.0%

Mean travel time 22.8 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	26,420	100.0%
Occupied housing units	22,582	85.5%
Owner occupied	13,698	60.7%
Renter occupied	8,884	39.3%
Vacant housing units	3,838	14.5%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	26,420	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	59	0.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,760	6.7%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,615	9.9%
Built 1990 to 1999	5,124	19.4%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,091	11.7%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,961	11.2%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,447	9.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,892	7.2%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,022	3.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	5,449	20.6%

Median year built 1978

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	13,698	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	899	6.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	633	4.6%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	803	5.9%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	979	7.1%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,027	7.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,076	7.9%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	885	6.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,230	16.3%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,544	18.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,820	13.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	706	5.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	96	0.7%

Median value \$161,700

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	22,582	100.0%
Utility gas	8,590	38.0%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,112	9.4%
Electricity	10,320	45.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	279	1.2%
Coal, coke or wood	1,031	4.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	100	0.4%
No fuel used	150	0.7%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	8,884	100.0%
Less than \$100	37	0.4%
\$100 to \$199	28	0.3%
\$200 to \$299	514	5.8%
\$300 to \$399	337	3.8%
\$400 to \$499	215	2.4%
\$500 to \$599	456	5.1%
\$600 to \$699	694	7.8%
\$700 to \$799	806	9.1%
\$800 to \$899	949	10.7%
\$900 to \$999	906	10.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,183	24.6%
\$1,500 or more	1,065	12.0%
No cash rent	694	7.8%

Median gross rent \$907

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 34.5

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,446	100.0%
Less than \$400	37	0.6%
\$400 to \$599	94	1.5%
\$600 to \$799	647	10.0%
\$800 to \$999	612	9.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,639	25.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,009	15.7%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,246	19.3%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	952	14.8%
\$3,000 or more	210	3.3%

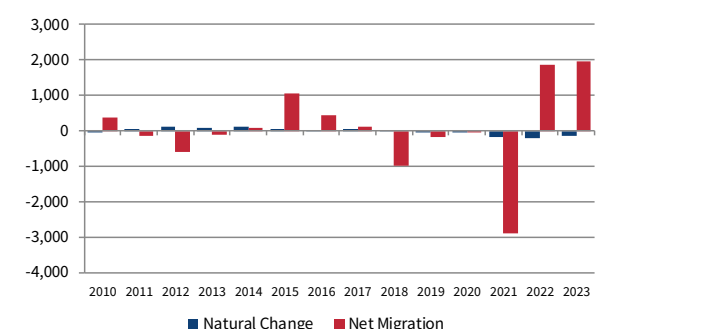
Median monthly owners cost \$1,298

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.1

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	444	30.7
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	36	12.4
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	627	1,063.1

Components of Population Change



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	106,866
Number of farms	663
Average size (acres)	161
Total cash receipts	\$14,818,000
Per farm	\$22,350
Receipts for crops	\$8,252,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$6,565,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	17
Students	6,339
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	585.1
Expenditures per student	\$12,615
Graduation rate	90.2
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	71
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	1
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	55,652
Passenger cars	33,963
Noncommercial trucks	10,516
Total license revenue	\$1,415,404.81
Permissive tax revenue	\$834,650.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	63.32
State highway miles	148.95
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,014.61
Commercial airports	1

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, Scenic Waterways, And Wildlife Areas

Areas/Facilities	13
Acreage	18,502

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$331,698
Branch offices	18
Institutions represented	8

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$714,046,000
Payments to individuals	\$687,160,000
Retirement and disability	\$159,223,000
Medical payments	\$343,139,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$90,781,000
Unemployment benefits	\$3,028,000
Veterans benefits	\$37,256,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$43,984,000
Other payments to individuals	\$9,749,000
Total personal income	\$2,469,196,000
Dependency ratio	28.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

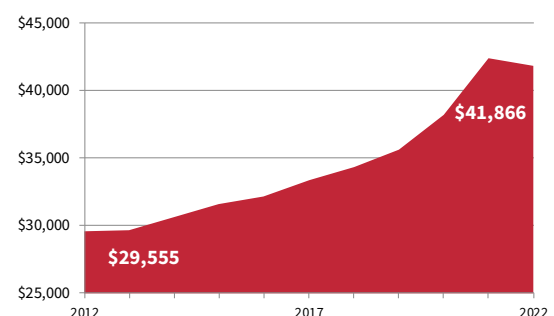
Voting

Number of registered voters	38,989
Voted in 2022 election	19,331
Percent turnout	49.6%

Health Care

Physicians	154
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	135
Licensed nursing homes	4
Number of beds	322
Licensed residential care	2
Number of beds	108
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	90.2%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	89.0%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	94.8%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	25,976	26,044	24,245	26,347	28,124
Employed	24,824	24,792	25,686	24,340	26,633
Unemployed	1,152	1,252	1,441	2,007	1,491
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.8	5.6	7.6	5.3

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,199	13,311	\$525,897,529	\$760
Goods-Producing	150	1,277	\$69,768,523	\$1,051
Natural Resources and Mining	8	34	\$1,320,190	\$750
Construction	104	564	\$27,562,735	\$940
Manufacturing	39	679	\$40,885,598	\$1,158
Service-Providing	1,049	12,034	\$456,129,006	\$729
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	248	3,422	\$127,346,622	\$716
Information	35	217	\$9,414,733	\$834
Financial Services	135	682	\$32,899,580	\$928
Professional and Business Services	174	1,198	\$55,620,360	\$893
Education and Health Services	190	3,254	\$167,642,089	\$991
Leisure and Hospitality	158	2,838	\$49,579,295	\$336
Other Services	109	423	\$13,626,327	\$619
Federal Government		231	\$15,222,165	\$1,267
State Government		4,457	\$276,623,669	\$1,194
Local Government		2,891	\$138,663,703	\$923

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	12.9%	1.3%	22.9%	21.4%
Goods-Producing	10.3%	-1.1%	12.4%	13.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	60.0%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Construction	9.5%	0.0%	24.2%	24.3%
Manufacturing	5.4%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Service-Producing	13.4%	1.5%	24.7%	22.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	10.2%	5.5%	30.6%	23.9%
Information	52.2%	-40.9%	-44.9%	-6.8%
Financial Services	7.1%	7.9%	35.3%	25.2%
Professional and Business Services	31.8%	5.5%	44.5%	37.0%
Education and Health Services	9.8%	1.9%	20.9%	18.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	8.2%	-0.7%	25.2%	25.8%
Other Services	7.9%	0.7%	35.6%	34.6%
Federal Government		2.7%	13.9%	11.1%
State Government		* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Local Government		* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *

Major & Notable Employers

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	4	90	110	13	10
Total valuation (000)	\$1,340	\$14,761	\$16,174	\$3,343	\$2,580
Total single-unit bldgs	4	4	3	13	10
Average cost per unit	\$335,000	\$250,000	\$486,667	\$257,166	\$258,015
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	86	107	0	0
Average cost per unit		\$160,006	\$137,511		

Alexander Local Schools	Govt
Athens City Schools	Govt
Athens County Government	Govt
Diagnostic Hybrids Inc	Mfg
Global Cooling Inc	Mfg
Hocking Technical College	Govt
Jackie O's	Mfg
Nelsonville-York City Schools	Govt
OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital	Serv
Ohio University	Govt
Rocky Boot Company	Trade
Sunpower Inc	Mfg
University Medical Associates	Serv
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade