

# Ohio County Profiles



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## Belmont County

Established: Proclamation - September 7, 1801  
 2020 Population: 66,497  
 Land Area: 537.3 square miles  
 County Seat: St. Clairsville City  
 Named for: French: "Beautiful Mountain"



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,692,508,480
Residential	\$848,568,410
Agriculture	\$154,354,990
Industrial	\$24,150,480
Commercial	\$246,440,190
Mineral	\$418,994,410
Ohio income tax liability	\$41,232,525
Average per return	\$1,386.11

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	7.98%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.16%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.49%
Forest	58.49%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	2.49%
Pasture/Hay	27.91%
Cultivated Crops	0.07%
Wetlands	0.37%
Open Water	1.05%

### Largest Places

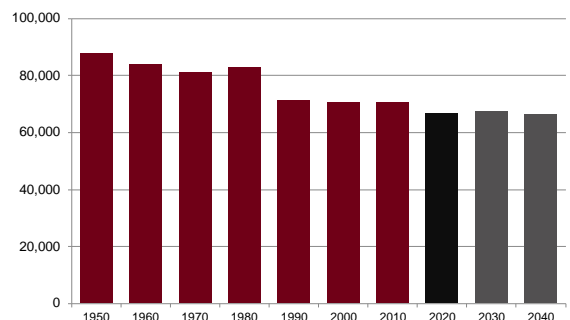
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Richland twp UB	9,585	9,789
Martins Ferry city	6,260	6,915
St. Clairsville city	5,096	5,184
Pultney twp UB	4,238	4,478
Colerain twp	4,174	4,276
Pease twp UB	4,048	4,467
Barnesville vil.	4,008	4,193
Bellaire vil.	3,870	4,278
Shadyside vil.	3,454	3,785
Mead twp UB	2,031	2,221

UB: Unincorporated balance.

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1910	76,856	2020	66,497
1810	11,097	1920	93,193		
1820	20,329	1930	94,719	Projected	
1830	28,627	1940	95,614		
1840	30,901	1950	87,740	2030	67,330
1850	34,600	1960	83,864	2040	66,140
1860	36,398	1970	80,917		
1870	39,714	1980	82,569		
1880	49,638	1990	71,074		
1890	57,413	2000	70,226		
1900	60,875	2010	70,400		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	68,024	100.0%
White	63,374	93.2%
African-American	2,652	3.9%
Native American	159	0.2%
Asian	333	0.5%
Pacific Islander	8	0.0%
Other	307	0.5%
Two or More Races	1,191	1.8%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	674	1.0%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	50,312	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,950	9.8%
High school graduate	21,329	42.4%
Some college, no degree	9,692	19.3%
Associate degree	5,956	11.8%
Bachelor's degree	5,432	10.8%
Master's degree or higher	2,953	5.9%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,284	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,480	33.7%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,906	17.8%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,145	7.0%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	2,936	18.0%
Male householder, in labor force	853	5.2%
Male householder, not in labor force	319	2.0%
Female householder, in labor force	1,499	9.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,146	7.0%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	25,919	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,563	6.0%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,049	11.8%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,737	10.6%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,830	10.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,517	9.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,066	8.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,649	10.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,538	13.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,253	12.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	930	3.6%
\$200,000 or more	787	3.0%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$50,904</b>	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	68,024	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,333	4.9%
5 to 17 years	9,562	14.1%
18 to 24 years	4,817	7.1%
25 to 44 years	16,636	24.5%
45 to 64 years	19,846	29.2%
65 years and more	13,830	20.3%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>44.6</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,321	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,875	23.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	637	3.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,329	8.1%
Families with no own children	10,480	64.2%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,321	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	15,004	91.9%
Family income below poverty level	1,317	8.1%
Married couple, with related children	180	1.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	132	0.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	562	3.4%
Families with no related children	443	2.7%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	64,062	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	3,262	5.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,638	7.2%
100% to 124% of poverty level	3,083	4.8%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,345	3.7%
150% to 184% of poverty level	5,058	7.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,942	3.0%
200% of poverty level or more	43,734	68.3%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	67,418	100.0%
Same house as previous year	61,074	90.6%
Different house, same county	3,629	5.4%
Different county, same state	1,743	2.6%
Different state	948	1.4%
Abroad	24	0.0%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	27,918	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	7,794	27.9%
15 to 29 minutes	11,687	41.9%
30 to 44 minutes	4,457	16.0%
45 to 59 minutes	1,985	7.1%
60 minutes or more	1,995	7.1%

**Mean travel time** 24.6 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,210	100.0%
Occupied housing units	25,919	80.5%
Owner occupied	19,807	76.4%
Renter occupied	6,112	23.6%
Vacant housing units	6,291	19.5%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,210	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	362	1.1%
Built 2010 to 2013	271	0.8%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,975	6.1%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,814	8.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,018	6.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	4,736	14.7%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,101	9.6%
Built 1950 to 1959	4,246	13.2%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,987	9.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,700	30.1%

**Median year built** 1958

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	19,807	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	748	3.8%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1,269	6.4%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	2,166	10.9%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2,737	13.8%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,932	14.8%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,416	12.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,147	5.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,423	12.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,579	13.0%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,018	5.1%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	306	1.5%
\$1,000,000 or more	66	0.3%

**Median value** \$100,500

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	25,919	100.0%
Utility gas	12,712	49.0%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,182	8.4%
Electricity	6,728	26.0%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	2,791	10.8%
Coal, coke or wood	1,196	4.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	193	0.7%
No fuel used	117	0.5%

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## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	6,112	100.0%
Less than \$100	37	0.6%
\$100 to \$199	96	1.6%
\$200 to \$299	371	6.1%
\$300 to \$399	521	8.5%
\$400 to \$499	579	9.5%
\$500 to \$599	707	11.6%
\$600 to \$699	754	12.3%
\$700 to \$799	562	9.2%
\$800 to \$899	562	9.2%
\$900 to \$999	277	4.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	478	7.8%
\$1,500 or more	79	1.3%
No cash rent	1,089	17.8%

**Median gross rent** \$629

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 25.2

## Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	9,428	100.0%
Less than \$400	79	0.8%
\$400 to \$599	911	9.7%
\$600 to \$799	2,069	21.9%
\$800 to \$999	1,857	19.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,766	18.7%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,047	11.1%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,139	12.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	537	5.7%
\$3,000 or more	23	0.2%

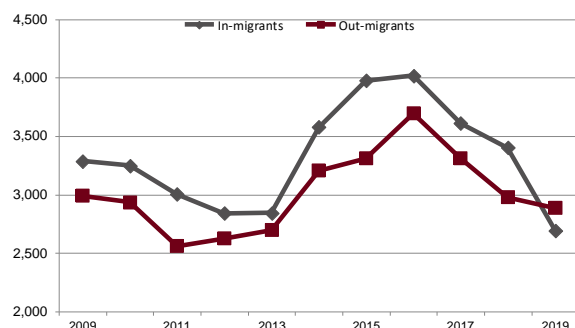
**Median monthly owners cost** \$975

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 17.2

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	597	58.1
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	27	45.2
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	907	1,353.6

## Domestic Migration



**Agriculture**

Land in farms (acres)	129,364
Number of farms	750
Average size (acres)	172
Total cash receipts	\$25,357,000
Per farm	\$33,810
Receipts for crops	\$5,887,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$19,470,000

**Education**

Traditional public schools buildings	22
Students	8,764
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	675.4
Expenditures per student	\$9,157
Graduation rate	90.7
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	6
Students	728
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	1
Ohio Technical Centers	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 9

**Transportation**

Registered motor vehicles	82,721
Passenger cars	48,001
Noncommercial trucks	16,036
Total license revenue	\$2,412,466.02
Permissive tax revenue	\$1,683,550.00
Interstate highway miles	33.66
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	32.01
State highway miles	213.74
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,212.36
Commercial airports	2

**Health Care**

Physicians	66
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	64
Licensed nursing homes	10
Number of beds	783
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	289
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.5%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.7%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.1%

**Communications**

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	9,435
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Weekly newspapers	0
Circulation	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

**Crime**

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	544
Violent crime	59
Property crime	485

**Finance**

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$1,094,301
Branch offices	31
Institutions represented	13

**Transfer Payments**

Total transfer payments	\$747,014,000
Payments to individuals	\$732,751,000
Retirement and disability	\$269,113,000
Medical payments	\$367,482,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$46,773,000
Unemployment benefits	\$5,872,000
Veterans benefits	\$21,120,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$9,524,000
Other payments to individuals	\$12,867,000
Total personal income	\$2,880,384,000
Dependency ratio	25.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

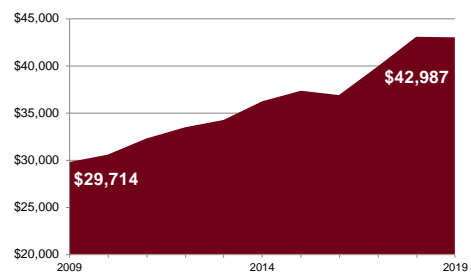
**Voting**

Number of registered voters	46,315
Voted in 2020 election	33,364
Percent turnout	72.0%

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

Areas/Facilities	9
Acreage	20,588

**Per Capita Personal Income**



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	28,900	30,100	30,600	30,500	31,100
Employed	26,000	28,400	28,900	28,500	28,800
Unemployed	2,900	1,700	1,700	1,900	2,300
Unemployment rate	10.1	5.7	5.5	6.3	7.5

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2019

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,509	18,536	\$770,486,725	\$799
Goods-Producing	234	3,683	\$276,993,166	\$1,446
Natural Resources and Mining	67	1,801	\$173,222,019	\$1,850
Construction	128	1,163	\$64,190,857	\$1,062
Manufacturing	39	720	\$39,580,290	\$1,058
Service-Providing	1,276	14,853	\$493,493,559	\$639
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	437	5,478	\$191,049,126	\$671
Information	10	262	\$10,584,639	\$778
Financial Services	145	819	\$34,900,662	\$819
Professional and Business Services	178	1,223	\$61,299,679	\$964
Education and Health Services	228	3,544	\$129,702,580	\$704
Leisure and Hospitality	149	2,862	\$46,798,537	\$315
Other Services	129	667	\$19,158,336	\$553
Federal Government		154	\$8,451,324	\$1,053
State Government		642	\$38,700,267	\$1,159
Local Government		2,794	\$110,035,443	\$757

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	5.3%	-6.9%	-0.9%	6.4%
Goods-Producing	7.3%	-15.0%	-9.4%	6.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	31.4%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Construction	1.6%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Manufacturing	-7.1%	-22.2%	-7.7%	18.6%
Service-Producing	5.0%	-4.6%	4.6%	9.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	6.8%	-1.9%	14.1%	16.3%
Information	-23.1%	-18.4%	-9.8%	10.5%
Financial Services	7.4%	-21.9%	-17.1%	6.0%
Professional and Business Services	6.6%	-10.1%	-23.5%	-14.9%
Education and Health Services	11.2%	-3.9%	12.2%	16.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	0.7%	-0.6%	17.3%	18.4%
Other Services	-6.5%	-3.1%	32.4%	36.5%
Federal Government		-2.5%	3.8%	6.0%
State Government		-15.2%	17.5%	38.5%
Local Government		-2.2%	17.1%	19.8%

Residential

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	3	8	115	6	10
Total valuation (000)	\$465	\$906	\$14,397	\$818	\$1,801
Total single-unit bldgs	3	8	8	4	10
Average cost per unit	\$155,000	\$113,250	\$165,875	\$198,250	\$180,060
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	107	2	0
Average cost per unit			\$122,150	\$12,500	\$0