

Ohio County Profiles

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Belmont County

Established: Proclamation - September 7, 1801

2023 Population: 64,918

Land Area: 537.3 square miles

County Seat: St. Clairsville City

Named for: French: "Beautiful Mountain"



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,762,246,250
Residential	\$1,005,630,890
Agriculture	\$160,546,680
Industrial	\$24,957,820
Commercial	\$237,036,490
Mineral	\$334,074,370
Ohio income tax liability	\$34,470,096
Average per return	\$1,180.56

Land Use/Land Cover

Developed, Lower Intensity	8.33%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.89%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.43%
Forest	57.38%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	2.64%
Pasture/Hay	27.73%
Cultivated Crops	0.09%
Wetlands	0.51%
Open Water	1.01%

Largest Places

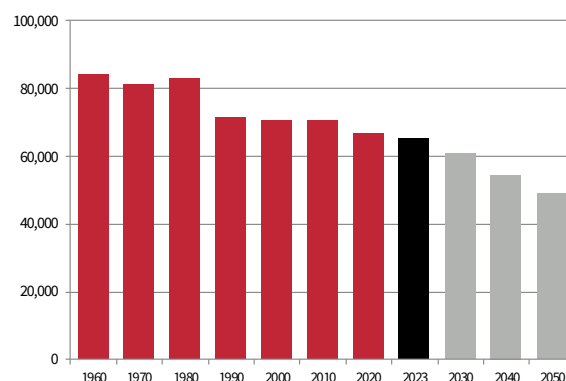
Largest Places	2023	2020
Richland twp UB	9,450	9,583
Martins Ferry city	6,076	6,258
St. Clairsville city	4,973	5,095
Pultney twp UB	4,141	4,241
Colerain twp	4,104	4,213
Barnesville vil.	3,908	4,012
Pease twp UB	3,895	4,007
Bellaire vil.	3,763	3,875
Shadyside vil.	3,365	3,452
Union twp UB	2,009	2,057

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		
1830	28,627	1940	95,614	Estimate	
1840	30,901	1950	87,740	2023	64,918
1850	34,600	1960	83,864		
1860	36,398	1970	80,917		
1870	39,714	1980	82,569	Projection	
1880	49,638	1990	71,074	2030	60,524
1890	57,413	2000	70,226	2040	54,210
1900	60,875	2010	70,400	2050	48,687



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	66,554	100.0%
White	61,237	92.0%
African-American	2,014	3.0%
Native American	40	0.1%
Asian	409	0.6%
Pacific Islander	38	0.1%
Other	300	0.5%
Two or More Races	2,516	3.8%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	776	1.2%
Total Minority	5,549	8.3%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	48,858	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,164	8.5%
High school graduate	22,527	46.1%
Some college, no degree	8,016	16.4%
Associate degree	5,635	11.5%
Bachelor's degree	5,451	11.2%
Master's degree or higher	3,065	6.3%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,394	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,187	31.6%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	3,155	19.2%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,111	6.8%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,060	18.7%
Male householder, in labor force	752	4.6%
Male householder, not in labor force	376	2.3%
Female householder, in labor force	1,659	10.1%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,094	6.7%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	25,974	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,503	5.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,394	9.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,556	9.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,520	9.7%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,343	9.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,410	9.3%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,587	10.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,592	13.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,787	14.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,195	4.6%
\$200,000 or more	1,087	4.2%
Median household income	\$56,943	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	66,554	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,076	4.6%
5 to 17 years	9,337	14.0%
18 to 24 years	5,283	7.9%
25 to 44 years	16,294	24.5%
45 to 64 years	18,523	27.8%
65 years and more	14,041	21.1%
Median Age	44.1	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,434	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,011	24.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	432	2.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,319	8.0%
Families with no own children	10,672	64.9%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	16,434	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	14,834	90.3%
Family income below poverty level	1,600	9.7%
Married couple, with related children	241	1.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	127	0.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	743	4.5%
Families with no related children	489	3.0%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	62,795	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,478	7.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,322	6.9%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,754	4.4%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,715	4.3%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,193	6.7%
185% to 199% of poverty level	2,452	3.9%
200% of poverty level or more	41,881	66.7%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	65,884	100.0%
Same house as previous year	60,839	92.3%
Different house, same county	2,752	4.2%
Different county, same state	1,249	1.9%
Different state	938	1.4%
Abroad	106	0.2%

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Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	26,830	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	7,179	26.8%
15 to 29 minutes	11,216	41.8%
30 to 44 minutes	4,491	16.7%
45 to 59 minutes	1,693	6.3%
60 minutes or more	2,251	8.4%

Mean travel time 26.0 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	31,636	100.0%
Occupied housing units	25,974	82.1%
Owner occupied	19,357	74.5%
Renter occupied	6,617	25.5%
Vacant housing units	5,662	17.9%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	31,636	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	43	0.1%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,535	4.9%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,954	6.2%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,607	8.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,358	7.5%
Built 1970 to 1979	4,789	15.1%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,172	10.0%
Built 1950 to 1959	4,007	12.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,660	8.4%
Built 1939 or earlier	8,511	26.9%

Median year built 1962

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	19,357	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	718	3.7%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	894	4.6%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,465	7.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,457	7.5%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,340	12.1%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,488	12.9%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,531	7.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,607	13.5%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,555	18.4%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,813	9.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	426	2.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	63	0.3%

Median value \$130,200

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	25,974	100.0%
Utility gas	11,920	45.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,594	10.0%
Electricity	7,777	29.9%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	2,344	9.0%
Coal, coke or wood	1,162	4.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	125	0.5%
No fuel used	52	0.2%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	6,617	100.0%
Less than \$100	40	0.6%
\$100 to \$199	49	0.7%
\$200 to \$299	347	5.2%
\$300 to \$399	349	5.3%
\$400 to \$499	478	7.2%
\$500 to \$599	305	4.6%
\$600 to \$699	618	9.3%
\$700 to \$799	950	14.4%
\$800 to \$899	607	9.2%
\$900 to \$999	487	7.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	909	13.7%
\$1,500 or more	169	2.6%
No cash rent	1,309	19.8%

Median gross rent \$754

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 27.7

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	9,166	100.0%
Less than \$400	95	1.0%
\$400 to \$599	446	4.9%
\$600 to \$799	1,054	11.5%
\$800 to \$999	1,872	20.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,243	24.5%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,100	12.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,438	15.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	743	8.1%
\$3,000 or more	175	1.9%

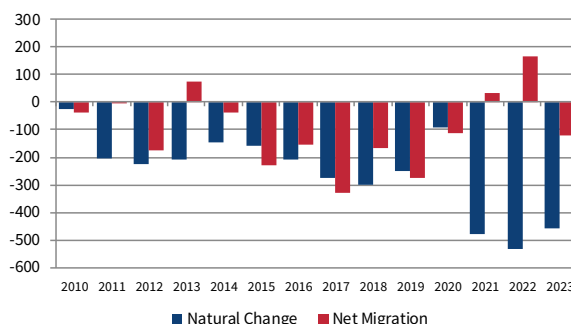
Median monthly owners cost \$1,124

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 17.3

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	584	56.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	42	25.8
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	953	1,454.8

Components of Population Change



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	139,632
Number of farms	756
Average size (acres)	185
Total cash receipts	\$26,876,000
Per farm	\$35,551
Receipts for crops	\$6,805,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$20,072,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	22
Students	8,300
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	648.6
Expenditures per student	\$11,242
Graduation rate	93.4
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	6
Students	671
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	1
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 9

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	81,986
Passenger cars	46,724
Noncommercial trucks	15,715
Total license revenue	\$2,436,709.96
Permissive tax revenue	\$1,764,405.00
Interstate highway miles	33.89
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	31.90
State highway miles	214.47
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,237.75
Commercial airports	2

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

Areas/Facilities	9
Acreage	20,588

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$1,276,970
Branch offices	28
Institutions represented	11

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$916,318,000
Payments to individuals	\$885,537,000
Retirement and disability	\$301,838,000
Medical payments	\$435,634,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$76,189,000
Unemployment benefits	\$3,405,000
Veterans benefits	\$30,614,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$12,873,000
Other payments to individuals	\$24,984,000
Total personal income	\$3,056,506,000
Dependency ratio	30.0%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

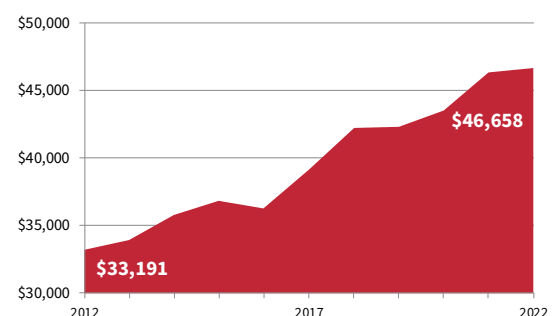
Voting

Number of registered voters	44,829
Voted in 2022 election	22,875
Percent turnout	51.0%

Health Care

Physicians	70
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	145
Licensed nursing homes	10
Number of beds	735
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	289
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.0%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.0%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	94.8%

Per Capita Personal Income



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Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	27,716	27,464	25,955	28,506	30,243
Employed	26,508	26,065	27,667	25,615	28,529
Unemployed	1,208	1,399	1,712	2,891	1,714
Unemployment rate	4.4	5.1	6.2	10.1	5.7

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,519	17,344	\$781,658,698	\$867
Goods-Producing	248	2,642	\$180,858,900	\$1,316
Natural Resources and Mining	74	877	\$71,230,191	\$1,562
Construction	137	1,065	\$67,878,708	\$1,226
Manufacturing	37	700	\$41,750,001	\$1,147
Service-Providing	1,271	14,702	\$600,799,798	\$786
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	414	5,451	\$225,951,464	\$797
Information	12	265	\$12,550,543	\$912
Financial Services	128	739	\$35,948,911	\$936
Professional and Business Services	210	1,508	\$115,751,365	\$1,476
Education and Health Services	207	3,379	\$139,988,223	\$797
Leisure and Hospitality	167	2,714	\$49,566,201	\$351
Other Services	132	647	\$21,043,091	\$626
Federal Government		136	\$8,516,826	\$1,201
State Government		604	\$41,615,460	\$1,326
Local Government		2,722	\$125,277,124	\$885

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	0.8%	-11.2%	-0.5%	12.0%
Goods-Producing	3.8%	-29.3%	-32.9%	-5.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	21.3%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Construction	2.2%	-16.1%	-11.9%	5.1%
Manufacturing	-15.9%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Service-Producing	0.2%	-6.9%	16.3%	25.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-2.6%	-3.1%	27.0%	31.1%
Information	0.0%	-45.5%	-44.3%	2.1%
Financial Services	-8.6%	-33.2%	-30.1%	4.7%
Professional and Business Services	14.1%	14.0%	36.4%	19.6%
Education and Health Services	-8.8%	-9.0%	16.0%	27.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	10.6%	-7.2%	12.5%	21.0%
Other Services	1.5%	5.2%	39.9%	33.2%
Federal Government		-13.4%	2.1%	17.9%
State Government		-10.5%	10.5%	23.6%
Local Government		-4.4%	21.7%	27.3%

Major & Notable Employers

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	2	10	4	3	8
Total valuation (000)	\$492	\$1,338	\$770	\$465	\$906
Total single-unit bldgs	2	10	4	3	8
Average cost per unit	\$246,000	\$133,800	\$192,500	\$155,000	\$113,250
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	0	0
Average cost per unit					

American Consolidated Natural Resources	Mining
Barnesville Hospital/WVU Medicine	Serv
Belmont County Government	Govt
East Ohio Regional Hospital	Serv
Kroger Co	Trade
Nickles Bakery	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt
Stingray Energy Services	Mining
United Dairy, Inc.	Mfg
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade