

Ohio County Profiles

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Defiance County

Established: Act - April 7, 1845
2023 Population: 38,315
Land Area: 411.2 square miles
County Seat: Defiance City
Named for: Fort Defiance



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$847,486,060
Residential	\$540,997,810
Agriculture	\$175,506,320
Industrial	\$32,315,060
Commercial	\$98,666,870
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$21,457,083
Average per return	\$1,159.34

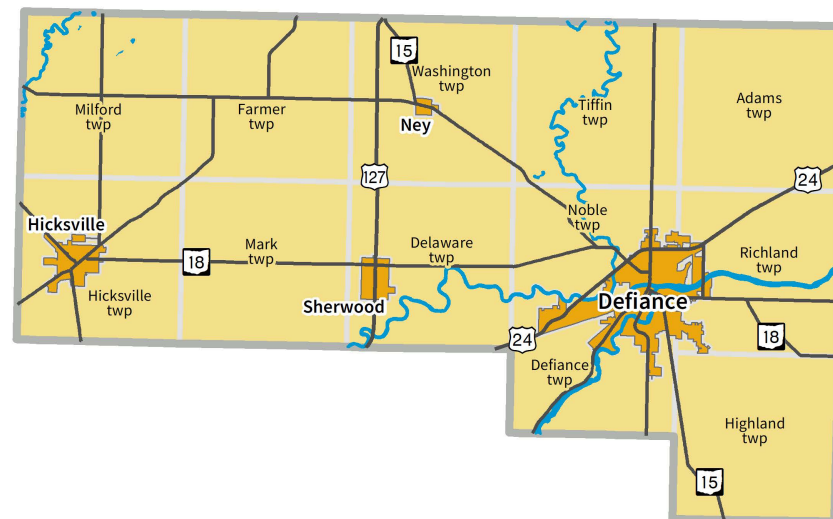
Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	6.58%
Developed, Higher Intensity	2.34%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.19%
Forest	8.37%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.24%
Pasture/Hay	4.11%
Cultivated Crops	72.66%
Wetlands	4.55%
Open Water	0.97%

Largest Places

	2023	2020
Defiance city	17,043	17,055
Hicksville vil.	3,422	3,431
Highland twp	2,277	2,291
Noble twp UB	2,234	2,218
Defiance twp UB	1,736	1,722
Tiffin twp	1,578	1,574
Hicksville twp UB	1,499	1,457
Washington twp UB	1,236	1,235
Richland twp UB	1,214	1,225
Delaware twp UB	1,198	1,209

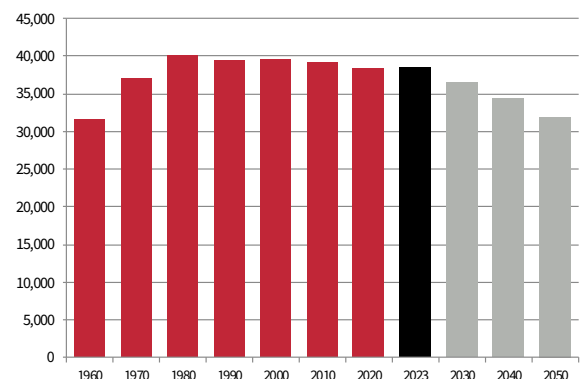
UB: Unincorporated balance



Total Population

Census

1800		1810	24,498	2020	38,286
1810		1820	24,549		
1820		1830	22,714		
1830		1840	24,367	Estimate	
1840		1850	25,925	2023	38,315
1850	6,966	1860	31,508		
1860	11,886	1870	36,949		
1870	15,719	1880	39,987	Projection	
1880	22,515	1890	39,350	2030	36,480
1890	25,769	2000	39,500	2040	34,248
1900	26,387	2010	39,037	2050	31,920



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Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	38,300	100.0%
White	34,054	88.9%
African-American	666	1.7%
Native American	100	0.3%
Asian	128	0.3%
Pacific Islander	6	0.0%
Other	1,273	3.3%
Two or More Races	2,073	5.4%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	4,105	10.7%
Total Minority	5,622	14.7%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	26,294	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,107	8.0%
High school graduate	10,634	40.4%
Some college, no degree	5,746	21.9%
Associate degree	2,832	10.8%
Bachelor's degree	3,177	12.1%
Master's degree or higher	1,798	6.8%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,308	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,312	41.8%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,243	12.1%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	669	6.5%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,921	18.6%
Male householder, in labor force	841	8.2%
Male householder, not in labor force	41	0.4%
Female householder, in labor force	959	9.3%
Female householder, not in labor force	322	3.1%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	15,262	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	386	2.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,109	7.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,203	7.9%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,455	9.5%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,180	7.7%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,131	7.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,915	12.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,405	15.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,874	18.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,090	7.1%
\$200,000 or more	514	3.4%
Median household income	\$69,302	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	38,300	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,219	5.8%
5 to 17 years	6,477	16.9%
18 to 24 years	3,310	8.6%
25 to 44 years	9,338	24.4%
45 to 64 years	9,692	25.3%
65 years and more	7,264	19.0%
Median Age	40.8	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,323	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,528	24.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	719	7.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	747	7.2%
Families with no own children	6,329	61.3%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,323	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	9,654	93.5%
Family income below poverty level	669	6.5%
Married couple, with related children	123	1.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	142	1.4%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	254	2.5%
Families with no related children	150	1.5%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	37,531	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,600	4.3%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,350	6.3%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,526	4.1%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,316	3.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,363	6.3%
185% to 199% of poverty level	978	2.6%
200% of poverty level or more	27,398	73.0%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	37,852	100.0%
Same house as previous year	34,128	90.2%
Different house, same county	1,786	4.7%
Different county, same state	1,317	3.5%
Different state	614	1.6%
Abroad	7	0.0%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	17,802	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	6,711	37.7%
15 to 29 minutes	6,455	36.3%
30 to 44 minutes	3,048	17.1%
45 to 59 minutes	892	5.0%
60 minutes or more	696	3.9%

Mean travel time 21.1 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,563	100.0%
Occupied housing units	15,262	92.1%
Owner occupied	11,814	77.4%
Renter occupied	3,448	22.6%
Vacant housing units	1,301	7.9%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,563	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	0	0.0%
Built 2010 to 2019	407	2.5%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,251	7.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,822	11.0%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,182	7.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,193	19.3%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,648	9.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,954	11.8%
Built 1940 to 1949	752	4.5%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,354	26.3%

Median year built 1967

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	11,814	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	384	3.3%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	272	2.3%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	313	2.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	715	6.1%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,164	9.9%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,684	14.3%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,519	12.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,265	19.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,312	19.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	992	8.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	184	1.6%
\$1,000,000 or more	10	0.1%

Median value \$147,600

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	15,262	100.0%
Utility gas	7,502	49.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,918	19.1%
Electricity	4,078	26.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	130	0.9%
Coal, coke or wood	511	3.3%
Solar energy or other fuel	33	0.2%
No fuel used	90	0.6%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,448	100.0%
Less than \$100	38	1.1%
\$100 to \$199	16	0.5%
\$200 to \$299	37	1.1%
\$300 to \$399	86	2.5%
\$400 to \$499	80	2.3%
\$500 to \$599	200	5.8%
\$600 to \$699	457	13.3%
\$700 to \$799	614	17.8%
\$800 to \$899	291	8.4%
\$900 to \$999	536	15.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	716	20.8%
\$1,500 or more	32	0.9%
No cash rent	345	10.0%

Median gross rent \$808

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	6,777	100.0%
Less than \$400	34	0.5%
\$400 to \$599	286	4.2%
\$600 to \$799	664	9.8%
\$800 to \$999	1,313	19.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,772	26.1%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	860	12.7%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,007	14.9%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	646	9.5%
\$3,000 or more	195	2.9%

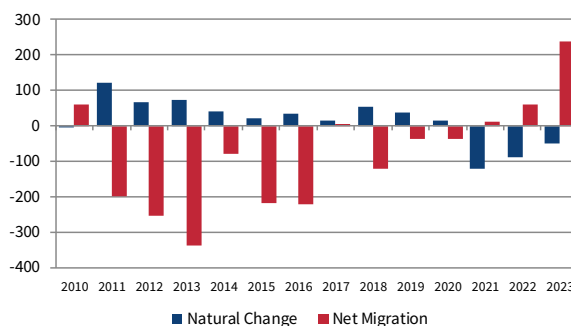
Median monthly owners cost \$1,154

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	378	55.7
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	11	9.1
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	456	1,194.1

Components of Population Change



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	206,426
Number of farms	907
Average size (acres)	228
Total cash receipts	\$236,737,000
Per farm	\$261,011
Receipts for crops	\$132,856,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$103,882,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	14
Students	5,772
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	427.1
Expenditures per student	\$11,417
Graduation rate	94.9
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	2
Students	140
Public universities, 4-year	0
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 4

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	49,968
Passenger cars	28,168
Noncommercial trucks	9,493
Total license revenue	\$1,439,557.68
Permissive tax revenue	\$866,287.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	26.95
State highway miles	121.09
County, township, and municipal road miles	881.87
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	5
Acreage	434

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$1,600,814
Branch offices	18
Institutions represented	10

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$486,236,000
Payments to individuals	\$467,581,000
Retirement and disability	\$180,722,000
Medical payments	\$213,844,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$38,714,000
Unemployment benefits	\$1,679,000
Veterans benefits	\$18,360,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$8,400,000
Other payments to individuals	\$5,862,000
Total personal income	\$1,806,642,000
Dependency ratio	26.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

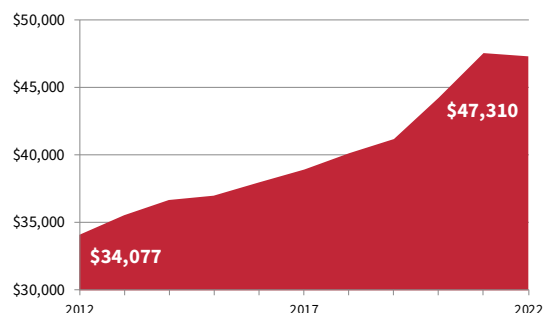
Voting

Number of registered voters	26,370
Voted in 2022 election	13,668
Percent turnout	51.8%

Health Care

Physicians	47
Registered hospitals	3
Number of beds	99
Licensed nursing homes	3
Number of beds	267
Licensed residential care	2
Number of beds	161
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.4%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	94.8%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	17,573	17,324	16,633	17,731	18,212
Employed	16,964	16,638	17,463	16,278	17,431
Unemployed	609	686	830	1,453	781
Unemployment rate	3.5	4.0	4.8	8.2	4.3

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	812	12,878	\$634,111,364	\$947
Goods-Producing	130	3,426	\$237,603,863	\$1,334
Natural Resources and Mining	15	191	\$11,138,851	\$1,122
Construction	66	386	\$21,641,856	\$1,079
Manufacturing	50	2,850	\$204,823,156	\$1,382
Service-Providing	682	9,452	\$396,507,501	\$807
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	221	3,497	\$149,934,385	\$825
Information	16	141	\$7,639,367	\$1,044
Financial Services	82	684	\$42,752,337	\$1,202
Professional and Business Services	98	749	\$41,248,167	\$1,059
Education and Health Services	88	2,100	\$112,840,138	\$1,033
Leisure and Hospitality	97	1,721	\$29,296,627	\$327
Other Services	78	559	\$12,733,860	\$438
Federal Government		83	\$5,116,237	\$1,191
State Government		72	\$5,022,162	\$1,334
Local Government		1,817	\$91,514,456	\$968

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	3.7%	-5.8%	8.2%	14.9%
Goods-Producing	13.0%	-11.6%	-9.9%	2.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	36.4%	-12.0%	26.2%	43.5%
Construction	15.8%	12.9%	40.2%	24.2%
Manufacturing	8.7%	-14.1%	-14.5%	-0.4%
Service-Producing	2.1%	-3.5%	23.1%	27.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	0.5%	3.0%	27.1%	23.5%
Information	-5.9%	-29.5%	2.0%	45.0%
Financial Services	-2.4%	-10.5%	14.0%	27.5%
Professional and Business Services	6.5%	-4.1%	25.8%	31.2%
Education and Health Services	6.0%	-17.4%	18.9%	43.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	6.6%	12.3%	48.3%	31.9%
Other Services	-4.9%	-3.1%	7.3%	10.9%
Federal Government		2.5%	21.5%	19.0%
State Government		-11.1%	1.5%	13.1%
Local Government		-3.6%	21.7%	26.2%

Major & Notable Employers

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	25	36	46	52	43
Total valuation (000)	\$7,550	\$7,702	\$9,812	\$12,354	\$8,095
Total single-unit bldgs	23	28	38	41	43
Average cost per unit	\$311,512	\$234,013	\$229,802	\$264,128	\$188,257
Total multi-unit bldg units	2	8	8	11	0
Average cost per unit	\$192,500	\$143,750	\$135,000	\$138,636	

APT Manufacturing Solutions	Mfg
Defiance City Schools	Govt
Defiance College	Serv
MEC	Mfg
General Motors Company	Mfg
Johns Manville Corp	Mfg
Meijer Inc	Trade
Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital	Serv
Parker Hannifin Corp	Mfg
ProMedica - Defiance Regional Hospital	Serv
Walmart Inc	Trade