

# Ohio County Profiles

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2024 Edition



## Erie County

**Established:** Act - March 16, 1838  
**2023 Population:** 74,035  
**Land Area:** 254.5 square miles  
**County Seat:** Sandusky City  
**Named for:** Erie Native American Tribe



Lake Erie



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$2,342,017,500
Residential	\$1,730,612,130
Agriculture	\$110,022,970
Industrial	\$47,264,830
Commercial	\$454,101,050
Mineral	\$16,520
Ohio income tax liability	\$50,673,872
Average per return	\$1,341.47

### Land Use/Land Cover

Percent

Developed, Lower Intensity	11.93%
Developed, Higher Intensity	6.92%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	1.24%
Forest	17.89%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.15%
Pasture/Hay	4.46%
Cultivated Crops	51.30%
Wetlands	3.49%
Open Water	1.62%

### Largest Places

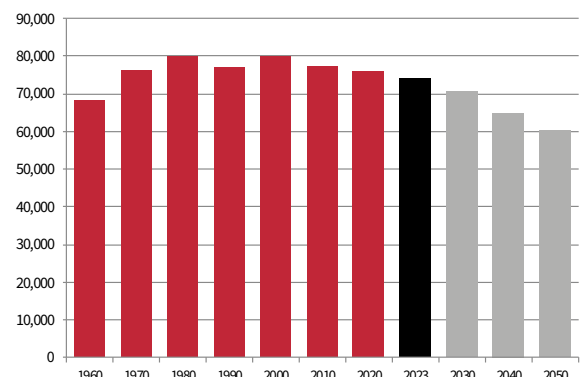
	2023	2020
Sandusky city	24,241	25,098
Perkins twp	12,551	12,406
Huron city	6,685	6,921
Vermilion twp	4,757	4,861
Vermilion city (part)	4,575	4,632
Margaretta twp UB	4,136	4,255
Huron twp UB	3,787	3,793
Berlin twp UB	2,727	2,794
Milan twp UB	2,535	2,618
Florence twp	2,389	2,471

UB: Unincorporated balance

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1810	38,327	2020	75,622
1810		1820	39,789		
1820		1830	42,133		
1830		1840	43,201	Estimate	
1840	12,599	1850	52,565	2023	74,035
1850	18,568	1860	68,000		
1860	24,474	1870	75,909		
1870	28,188	1880	79,655	Projection	
1880	32,640	1890	76,779	2030	70,426
1890	35,462	1900	79,551	2040	64,814
1900	37,650		77,079	2050	60,049



## Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	75,299	100.0%
White	62,352	82.8%
African-American	6,743	9.0%
Native American	162	0.2%
Asian	558	0.7%
Pacific Islander	21	0.0%
Other	1,023	1.4%
Two or More Races	4,440	5.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,592	4.8%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>14,171</b>	<b>18.8%</b>

## Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	54,257	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,419	8.1%
High school graduate	18,460	34.0%
Some college, no degree	11,867	21.9%
Associate degree	5,151	9.5%
Bachelor's degree	9,429	17.4%
Master's degree or higher	4,931	9.1%

## Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	20,294	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,662	32.8%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,675	13.2%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,330	6.6%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,533	17.4%
Male householder, in labor force	1,319	6.5%
Male householder, not in labor force	359	1.8%
Female householder, in labor force	3,438	16.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	978	4.8%

## Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	32,103	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,932	6.0%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,007	6.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,126	9.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,327	7.2%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,932	9.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,699	8.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,162	9.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,456	13.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5,748	17.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,879	5.9%
\$200,000 or more	1,835	5.7%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$65,171</b>	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	75,299	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,926	5.2%
5 to 17 years	11,144	14.8%
18 to 24 years	5,972	7.9%
25 to 44 years	16,763	22.3%
45 to 64 years	20,550	27.3%
65 years and more	16,944	22.5%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>44.8</b>	

## Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	20,436	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,969	19.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	773	3.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,560	12.5%
Families with no own children	13,134	64.3%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	20,436	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	18,712	91.6%
Family income below poverty level	1,724	8.4%
Married couple, with related children	146	0.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	84	0.4%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,077	5.3%
Families with no related children	417	2.0%

## Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	74,100	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,481	6.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,020	5.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,999	4.0%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,507	3.4%
150% to 184% of poverty level	5,097	6.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	2,041	2.8%
200% of poverty level or more	52,955	71.5%

## Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	74,633	100.0%
Same house as previous year	67,132	89.9%
Different house, same county	3,852	5.2%
Different county, same state	2,890	3.9%
Different state	679	0.9%
Abroad	80	0.1%

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## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	33,752	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	13,922	41.2%
15 to 29 minutes	12,150	36.0%
30 to 44 minutes	4,494	13.3%
45 to 59 minutes	1,232	3.7%
60 minutes or more	1,954	5.8%

Mean travel time 20.9 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	38,298	100.0%
Occupied housing units	32,103	83.8%
Owner occupied	22,916	71.4%
Renter occupied	9,187	28.6%
Vacant housing units	6,195	16.2%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	38,298	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	47	0.1%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,321	3.4%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,166	5.7%
Built 1990 to 1999	4,221	11.0%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,004	7.8%
Built 1970 to 1979	5,855	15.3%
Built 1960 to 1969	5,049	13.2%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,639	14.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,250	5.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	8,746	22.8%

Median year built 1965

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	22,916	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	560	2.4%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	368	1.6%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	785	3.4%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,213	5.3%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,718	7.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,145	9.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,295	10.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,141	22.4%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,556	19.9%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,035	13.2%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	891	3.9%
\$1,000,000 or more	209	0.9%

Median value \$169,400

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	32,103	100.0%
Utility gas	20,859	65.0%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,913	6.0%
Electricity	8,115	25.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	247	0.8%
Coal, coke or wood	568	1.8%
Solar energy or other fuel	358	1.1%
No fuel used	43	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	9,187	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	32	0.3%
\$200 to \$299	285	3.1%
\$300 to \$399	251	2.7%
\$400 to \$499	176	1.9%
\$500 to \$599	300	3.3%
\$600 to \$699	873	9.5%
\$700 to \$799	1,407	15.3%
\$800 to \$899	1,122	12.2%
\$900 to \$999	1,338	14.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,500	27.2%
\$1,500 or more	259	2.8%
No cash rent	644	7.0%

Median gross rent \$884

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 24.9

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

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	13,201	100.0%
Less than \$400	37	0.3%
\$400 to \$599	268	2.0%
\$600 to \$799	1,247	9.4%
\$800 to \$999	1,937	14.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,910	22.0%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	2,030	15.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,408	18.2%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	1,869	14.2%
\$3,000 or more	495	3.7%

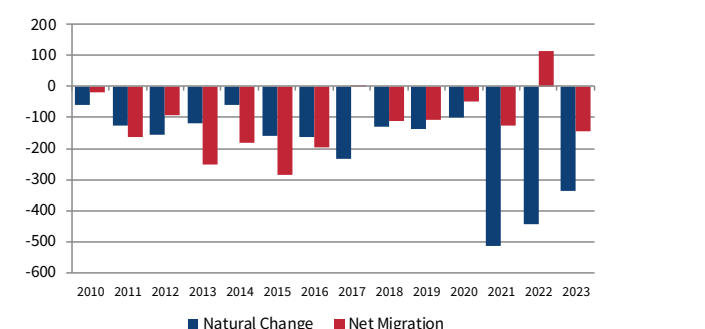
Median monthly owners cost \$1,275

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.6

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	629	50.4
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	35	17.3
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	991	1,330.2

## Components of Population Change



**Agriculture**

Land in farms (acres)	77,157
Number of farms	317
Average size (acres)	243
Total cash receipts	\$204,500,000
Per farm	\$645,110
Receipts for crops	\$195,959,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$8,541,000

**Education**

Traditional public schools buildings	21
Students	10,312
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	830.5
Expenditures per student	\$12,060
Graduation rate	95.5
Community/charter schools buildings	1
Students	187
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	17.0
Expenditures per student	\$11,462
Graduation rate	
Private schools	4
Students	686
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	2
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 6

**Transportation**

Registered motor vehicles	97,088
Passenger cars	61,218
Noncommercial trucks	15,161
Total license revenue	\$2,601,018.38
Permissive tax revenue	\$1,721,075.00
Interstate highway miles	26.37
Turnpike miles	26.37
U.S. highway miles	42.73
State highway miles	114.49
County, township, and municipal road miles	622.93
Commercial airports	4

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

Areas/Facilities	19
Acreage	6,299

**Finance**

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$3,609,742
Branch offices	23
Institutions represented	13

**Transfer Payments**

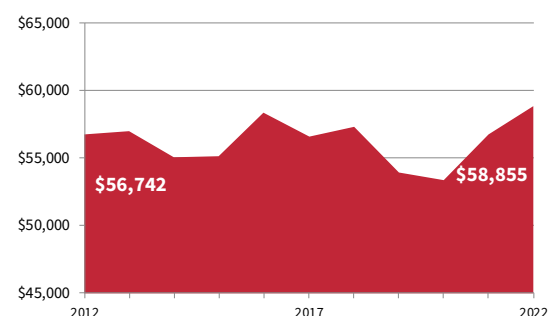
Total transfer payments	\$1,042,149,000
Payments to individuals	\$1,005,995,000
Retirement and disability	\$376,899,000
Medical payments	\$466,721,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$89,866,000
Unemployment benefits	\$4,316,000
Veterans benefits	\$41,173,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$14,582,000
Other payments to individuals	\$12,438,000
Total personal income	\$4,384,754,000
Dependency ratio	23.8%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

**Voting**

Number of registered voters	53,913
Voted in 2022 election	29,332
Percent turnout	54.4%

**Health Care**

Physicians	190
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	287
Licensed nursing homes	7
Number of beds	912
Licensed residential care	5
Number of beds	429
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.2%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.1%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.3%

**Per Capita Personal Income**

## Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	36,380	36,512	34,536	36,471	37,689
Employed	34,780	34,733	36,896	32,680	35,818
Unemployed	1,600	1,779	2,360	3,791	1,871
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.9	6.4	10.4	5.0

## Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,916	31,221	\$1,415,667,142	\$872
Goods-Producing	289	7,181	\$417,118,706	\$1,117
Natural Resources and Mining	24	614	\$29,601,100	\$928
Construction	154	1,015	\$58,812,691	\$1,114
Manufacturing	111	5,553	\$328,704,915	\$1,138
Service-Providing	1,627	24,040	\$998,548,436	\$799
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	412	6,512	\$278,654,269	\$823
Information	30	393	\$21,007,503	\$1,028
Financial Services	185	972	\$68,802,698	\$1,361
Professional and Business Services	246	1,692	\$94,955,703	\$1,079
Education and Health Services	255	4,645	\$249,595,091	\$1,033
Leisure and Hospitality	348	9,019	\$258,386,444	\$551
Other Services	150	798	\$26,968,890	\$650
Federal Government		240	\$19,133,148	\$1,532
State Government		790	\$48,836,820	\$1,189
Local Government		3,801	\$200,635,392	\$1,015

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

## Change Since 2017

Private Sector	3.8%	-3.2%	17.9%	21.8%
Goods-Producing	7.0%	-6.4%	1.8%	8.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	20.0%	2.2%	36.2%	33.5%
Construction	5.5%	0.1%	22.3%	22.1%
Manufacturing	6.7%	-8.4%	-3.3%	5.6%
Service-Producing	3.3%	-2.2%	26.2%	29.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-1.7%	0.9%	27.8%	26.6%
Information	42.9%	-8.0%	31.0%	42.4%
Financial Services	8.2%	8.2%	46.1%	35.0%
Professional and Business Services	13.4%	12.1%	44.4%	28.8%
Education and Health Services	0.0%	-16.9%	5.7%	27.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	1.2%	2.2%	38.7%	35.7%
Other Services	2.0%	-8.3%	23.7%	34.9%
Federal Government		1.7%	18.2%	16.1%
State Government		-24.1%	-8.0%	21.2%
Local Government		-2.0%	15.1%	17.3%

## Major &amp; Notable Employers

## Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	135	272	289	128	101
Total valuation (000)	\$41,580	\$52,512	\$56,334	\$30,823	\$24,171
Total single-unit bldgs	112	143	141	99	87
Average cost per unit	\$349,764	\$275,339	\$283,556	\$273,566	\$256,911
Total multi-unit bldg units	23	129	148	29	14
Average cost per unit	\$104,629	\$101,850	\$110,491	\$128,966	\$130,000

Cedar Fair/CedarPoint	Serv
Erie County Government	Govt
Firelands Regional Medical Center	Serv
Ventra Corporation	Mfg
Freudenberg NOK	Mfg
Kalahari Resorts	Serv
Meijer Inc	Serv
Sandusky City Schools	Govt
State of Ohio	Govt