

# Ohio County Profiles



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## Fairfield County

Established: Proclamation - December 9, 1800  
 2020 Population: 158,921  
 Land Area: 505.7 square miles  
 County Seat: Lancaster City  
 Named for: The "fair fields" of the area



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$4,080,846,830
Residential	\$3,232,437,460
Agriculture	\$316,593,010
Industrial	\$48,640,570
Commercial	\$482,855,020
Mineral	\$320,770
Ohio income tax liability	\$101,402,499
Average per return	\$1,443.88

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	10.87%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.75%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.07%
Forest	25.35%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.67%
Pasture/Hay	18.12%
Cultivated Crops	42.03%
Wetlands	0.28%
Open Water	0.87%

### Largest Places

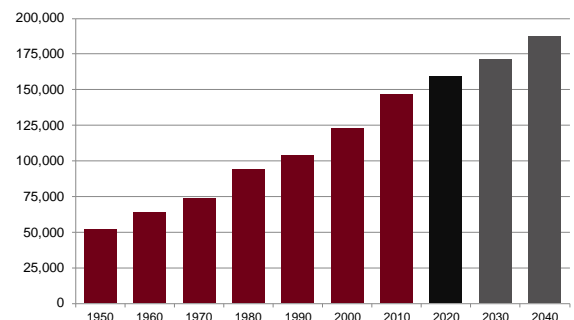
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Lancaster city	40,552	38,780
Pickerington city (part)	22,999	18,205
Violet twp UB	20,407	18,994
Columbus city (part)	10,849	9,666
Bloom twp UB	7,612	7,028
Pleasant twp UB	5,650	5,512
Liberty twp UB	5,241	4,950
Greenfield twp UB	5,227	5,027
Hocking twp UB	4,850	4,672
Walnut twp UB	4,655	4,789

UB: Unincorporated balance.

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1910	39,201	2020	158,921
1810	11,361	1920	40,484		
1820	16,633	1930	44,010	Projected	
1830	24,786	1940	48,490		
1840	31,924	1950	52,130	2030	170,630
1850	30,264	1960	63,912	2040	186,810
1860	30,538	1970	73,301		
1870	31,138	1980	93,678		
1880	34,284	1990	103,461		
1890	33,939	2000	122,759		
1900	34,259	2010	146,156		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	154,457	100.0%
White	134,573	87.1%
African-American	11,384	7.4%
Native American	163	0.1%
Asian	2,492	1.6%
Pacific Islander	71	0.0%
Other	1,107	0.7%
Two or More Races	4,667	3.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,398	2.2%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>21,581</b>	<b>14.0%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	104,296	100.0%
No high school diploma	7,669	7.4%
High school graduate	35,512	34.0%
Some college, no degree	22,581	21.7%
Associate degree	9,789	9.4%
Bachelor's degree	18,639	17.9%
Master's degree or higher	10,106	9.7%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	40,190	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	17,279	43.0%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	6,077	15.1%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	2,540	6.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	5,700	14.2%
Male householder, in labor force	2,124	5.3%
Male householder, not in labor force	541	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	4,263	10.6%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,666	4.1%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	56,339	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,284	4.1%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,019	7.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	5,174	9.2%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	5,065	9.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3,977	7.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,265	7.6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	5,913	10.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7,687	13.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10,650	18.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,166	7.4%
\$200,000 or more	3,139	5.6%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$67,609</b>	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	154,457	100.0%
Under 5 years	9,133	5.9%
5 to 17 years	28,093	18.2%
18 to 24 years	12,935	8.4%
25 to 44 years	38,253	24.8%
45 to 64 years	42,284	27.4%
65 years and more	23,759	15.4%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>39.2</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	40,345	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	13,150	32.6%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	1,495	3.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	3,664	9.1%
Families with no own children	22,036	54.6%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	40,345	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	37,684	93.4%
Family income below poverty level	2,661	6.6%
Married couple, with related children	405	1.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	287	0.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,314	3.3%
Families with no related children	655	1.6%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	151,338	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	5,743	3.8%
50% to 99% of poverty level	8,187	5.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	4,787	3.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	5,897	3.9%
150% to 184% of poverty level	9,886	6.5%
185% to 199% of poverty level	3,188	2.1%
200% of poverty level or more	113,650	75.1%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	152,656	100.0%
Same house as previous year	132,846	87.0%
Different house, same county	8,667	5.7%
Different county, same state	8,240	5.4%
Different state	2,600	1.7%
Abroad	303	0.2%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	69,670	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	15,355	22.0%
15 to 29 minutes	20,753	29.8%
30 to 44 minutes	18,443	26.5%
45 to 59 minutes	9,288	13.3%
60 minutes or more	5,831	8.4%

**Mean travel time** 28.9 minutes

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	61,093	100.0%
Occupied housing units	56,339	92.2%
Owner occupied	41,654	73.9%
Renter occupied	14,685	26.1%
Vacant housing units	4,754	7.8%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	61,093	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	1,242	2.0%
Built 2010 to 2013	1,470	2.4%
Built 2000 to 2009	10,136	16.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	11,188	18.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	6,720	11.0%
Built 1970 to 1979	9,512	15.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,552	7.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,257	8.6%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,041	3.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	8,975	14.7%

**Median year built** 1980

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	41,654	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,048	2.5%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	354	0.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	680	1.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,301	3.1%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,754	6.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	3,460	8.3%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	3,939	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,860	23.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	11,831	28.4%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	5,306	12.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	988	2.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	133	0.3%

**Median value** \$185,300

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	56,339	100.0%
Utility gas	34,016	60.4%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,175	7.4%
Electricity	14,826	26.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,162	2.1%
Coal, coke or wood	1,441	2.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	425	0.8%
No fuel used	294	0.5%

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Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	14,685	100.0%
Less than \$100	20	0.1%
\$100 to \$199	152	1.0%
\$200 to \$299	325	2.2%
\$300 to \$399	366	2.5%
\$400 to \$499	680	4.6%
\$500 to \$599	752	5.1%
\$600 to \$699	1,403	9.6%
\$700 to \$799	1,758	12.0%
\$800 to \$899	2,452	16.7%
\$900 to \$999	1,658	11.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	3,537	24.1%
\$1,500 or more	1,099	7.5%
No cash rent	483	3.3%

**Median gross rent** \$867

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 28.9

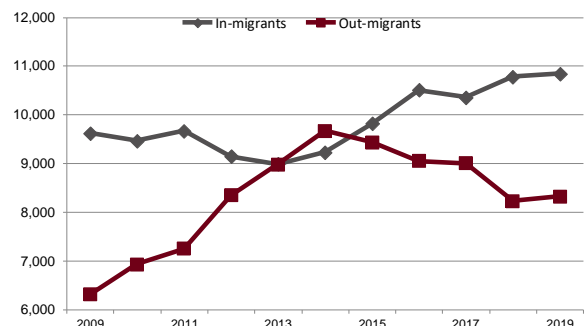
Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	28,846	100.0%
Less than \$400	125	0.4%
\$400 to \$599	617	2.1%
\$600 to \$799	1,768	6.1%
\$800 to \$999	3,196	11.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	5,075	17.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	4,605	16.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	7,909	27.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	4,679	16.2%
\$3,000 or more	872	3.0%

**Median monthly owners cost** \$1,448

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.2

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	1,638	55.6
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	47	28.7
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,469	932.3

## Domestic Migration



**Agriculture**

Land in farms (acres)	188,407
Number of farms	1,117
Average size (acres)	169
Total cash receipts	\$99,750,000
Per farm	\$89,302
Receipts for crops	\$77,395,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$22,356,000

**Education**

Traditional public schools buildings	43
Students	25,637
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,549.3
Expenditures per student	\$9,294
Graduation rate	94.1
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	7
Students	1,421
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	3 / 8

**Transportation**

Registered motor vehicles	181,781
Passenger cars	120,718
Noncommercial trucks	26,576
Total license revenue	\$4,728,903.32
Permissive tax revenue	\$4,108,145.00
Interstate highway miles	2.38
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	50.93
State highway miles	138.82
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,247.95
Commercial airports	2

**Health Care**

Physicians	298
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	255
Licensed nursing homes	8
Number of beds	757
Licensed residential care	10
Number of beds	814
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.2%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.1%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.6%

**Communications**

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	3,479
Average monthly unique visitors	226,059
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	3,771
Violent crime	260
Property crime	3,511

**Finance**

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$382,953
Branch offices	42
Institutions represented	17

**Transfer Payments**

Total transfer payments	\$1,358,016,000
Payments to individuals	\$1,323,102,000
Retirement and disability	\$492,469,000
Medical payments	\$631,989,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$95,734,000
Unemployment benefits	\$10,115,000
Veterans benefits	\$60,581,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$18,967,000
Other payments to individuals	\$13,247,000
Total personal income	\$7,452,479,000
Dependency ratio	18.2%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

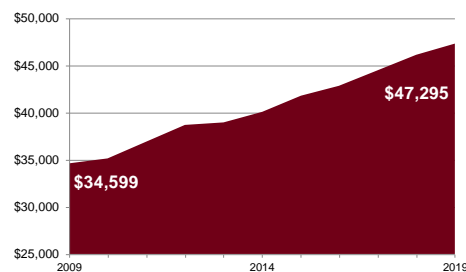
**Voting**

Number of registered voters	109,176
Voted in 2020 election	84,061
Percent turnout	77.0%

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

Areas/Facilities	13
Acreage	5,009

**Per Capita Personal Income**



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	78,600	78,900	77,400	77,400	76,300
Employed	73,400	76,000	74,200	74,100	72,900
Unemployed	5,200	3,000	3,100	3,300	3,300
Unemployment rate	6.6	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.3

**Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2019**

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	2,875	37,318	\$1,421,934,857	\$733
Goods-Producing	469	6,904	\$363,660,069	\$1,013
Natural Resources and Mining	24	80	\$2,269,902	\$548
Construction	337	2,575	\$137,450,636	\$1,027
Manufacturing	108	4,250	\$223,939,531	\$1,013
Service-Providing	2,406	30,413	\$1,058,274,788	\$669
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	634	8,594	\$289,595,635	\$648
Information	37	249	\$9,279,393	\$717
Financial Services	307	1,192	\$58,410,676	\$943
Professional and Business Services	477	4,396	\$182,427,701	\$798
Education and Health Services	392	7,740	\$359,589,514	\$893
Leisure and Hospitality	326	6,719	\$108,216,015	\$310
Other Services	227	1,518	\$50,554,613	\$641
Federal Government		243	\$14,630,072	\$1,160
State Government		718	\$41,837,644	\$1,121
Local Government		5,770	\$277,255,358	\$924

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

**Change Since 2013**

Private Sector	10.3%	7.5%	23.4%	14.9%
Goods-Producing	12.7%	13.7%	23.7%	8.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	20.0%	-20.0%	-51.0%	-38.4%
Construction	18.7%	38.9%	68.1%	21.1%
Manufacturing	-3.6%	3.2%	7.9%	4.5%
Service-Producing	9.9%	6.2%	23.3%	16.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5.1%	-1.1%	15.4%	16.8%
Information	37.0%	-3.5%	-24.0%	-21.3%
Financial Services	12.0%	4.8%	35.5%	29.4%
Professional and Business Services	17.8%	-7.6%	10.6%	19.6%
Education and Health Services	19.9%	13.9%	33.6%	17.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.9%	19.1%	36.9%	15.2%
Other Services	-6.6%	12.4%	32.1%	17.6%
Federal Government		5.7%	10.1%	4.2%
State Government		-15.5%	15.3%	36.5%
Local Government		6.2%	23.0%	15.8%

**Residential**

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	744	551	682	671	454
Total valuation (000)	\$204,897	\$139,506	\$152,815	\$133,189	\$108,485
Total single-unit bldgs	633	497	565	442	376
Average cost per unit	\$309,411	\$266,677	\$254,569	\$272,701	\$274,108
Total multi-unit bldg units	111	54	117	229	78
Average cost per unit	\$81,438	\$129,034	\$76,782	\$55,265	\$69,487