

Ohio County Profiles

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Fairfield County

Established:	Proclamation - December 9, 1800
2023 Population:	165,360
Land Area:	505.7 square miles
County Seat:	Lancaster City
Named for:	The "fair fields" of the area



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$5,357,544,440
Residential	\$4,395,435,020
Agriculture	\$397,277,130
Industrial	\$59,228,220
Commercial	\$505,323,660
Mineral	\$280,410
Ohio income tax liability	\$116,998,165
Average per return	\$1,585.88

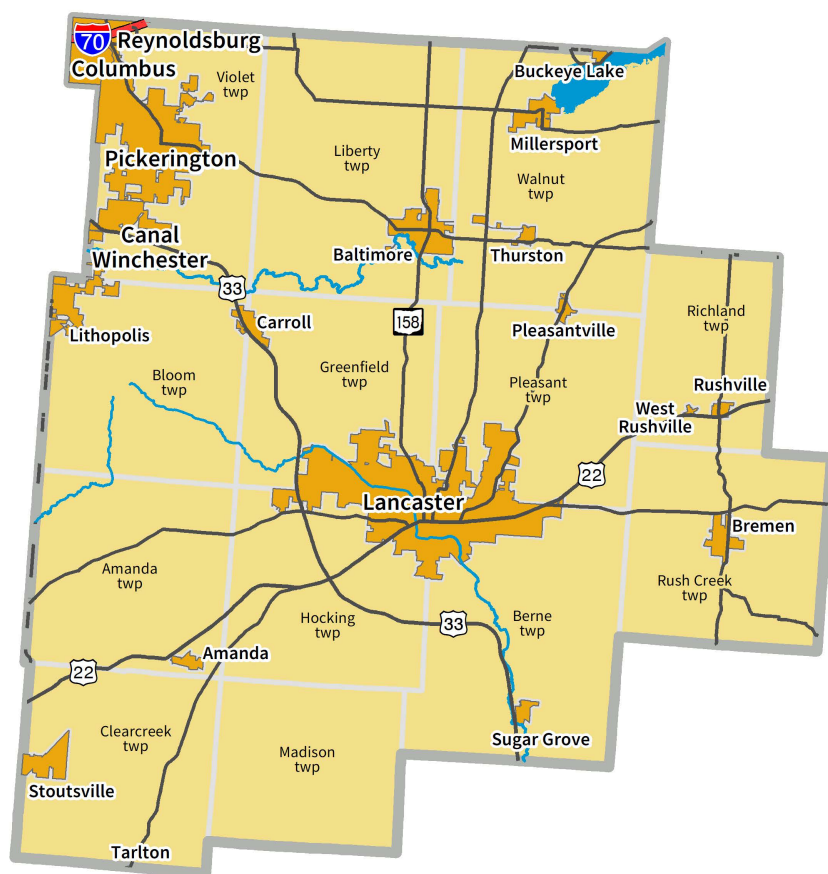
Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	11.97%
Developed, Higher Intensity	2.73%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.07%
Forest	25.32%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.52%
Pasture/Hay	16.53%
Cultivated Crops	41.68%
Wetlands	0.34%
Open Water	0.85%

Largest Places

	2023	2020
Lancaster city	41,422	40,540
Pickerington city (part)	25,155	23,005
Violet twp UB	21,600	20,391
Columbus city (part)	11,314	10,846
Bloom twp UB	7,847	7,606
Pleasant twp UB	5,765	5,639
Liberty twp UB	5,442	5,237
Greenfield twp UB	5,352	5,231
Hocking twp UB	4,908	4,846
Walnut twp UB	4,764	4,654

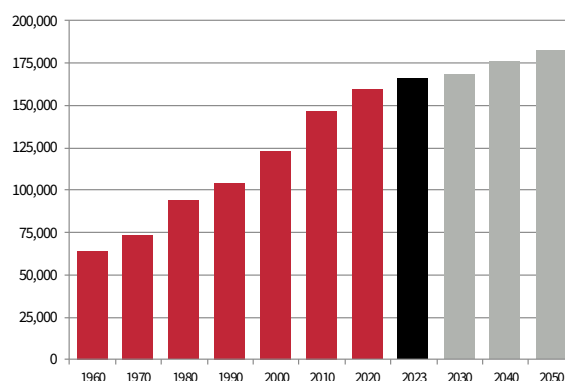
UB: Unincorporated balance



Total Population

Census

1800		1910	39,201	2020	158,921
1810	11,361	1920	40,484		
1820	16,633	1930	44,010		
1830	24,786	1940	48,490	Estimate	
1840	31,924	1950	52,130	2023	165,360
1850	30,264	1960	63,912		
1860	30,538	1970	73,301		
1870	31,138	1980	93,678	Projection	
1880	34,284	1990	103,461	2030	167,709
1890	33,939	2000	122,759	2040	175,385
1900	34,259	2010	146,156	2050	181,913



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	159,371	100.0%
White	133,707	83.9%
African-American	13,477	8.5%
Native American	145	0.1%
Asian	3,497	2.2%
Pacific Islander	143	0.1%
Other	1,804	1.1%
Two or More Races	6,598	4.1%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	4,013	2.5%
Total Minority	26,943	16.9%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	107,962	100.0%
No high school diploma	6,608	6.1%
High school graduate	35,396	32.8%
Some college, no degree	22,897	21.2%
Associate degree	9,496	8.8%
Bachelor's degree	22,057	20.4%
Master's degree or higher	11,508	10.7%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	41,858	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	18,748	44.8%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	5,706	13.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	2,148	5.1%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	6,059	14.5%
Male householder, in labor force	2,346	5.6%
Male householder, not in labor force	416	1.0%
Female householder, in labor force	4,626	11.1%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,809	4.3%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	58,723	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,657	2.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,551	6.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	4,129	7.0%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	4,066	6.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4,328	7.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	3,886	6.6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	5,036	8.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7,975	13.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12,340	21.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,285	10.7%
\$200,000 or more	5,470	9.3%
Median household income	\$82,969	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	159,371	100.0%
Under 5 years	9,180	5.8%
5 to 17 years	28,678	18.0%
18 to 24 years	13,551	8.5%
25 to 44 years	39,952	25.1%
45 to 64 years	42,175	26.5%
65 years and more	25,835	16.2%
Median Age	39.5	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	42,045	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	13,527	32.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	1,547	3.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	3,427	8.2%
Families with no own children	23,544	56.0%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	42,045	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	39,722	94.5%
Family income below poverty level	2,323	5.5%
Married couple, with related children	322	0.8%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	356	0.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,115	2.7%
Families with no related children	530	1.3%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	155,814	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	5,813	3.7%
50% to 99% of poverty level	7,766	5.0%
100% to 124% of poverty level	5,032	3.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	5,382	3.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	8,410	5.4%
185% to 199% of poverty level	4,148	2.7%
200% of poverty level or more	119,263	76.5%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	157,683	100.0%
Same house as previous year	139,823	88.7%
Different house, same county	6,313	4.0%
Different county, same state	9,535	6.0%
Different state	1,679	1.1%
Abroad	333	0.2%

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Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	68,911	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	16,793	24.4%
15 to 29 minutes	21,113	30.6%
30 to 44 minutes	18,914	27.4%
45 to 59 minutes	7,174	10.4%
60 minutes or more	4,917	7.1%

Mean travel time 27.7 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	62,743	100.0%
Occupied housing units	58,723	93.6%
Owner occupied	43,974	74.9%
Renter occupied	14,749	25.1%
Vacant housing units	4,020	6.4%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	62,743	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	381	0.6%
Built 2010 to 2019	4,008	6.4%
Built 2000 to 2009	9,587	15.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	11,864	18.9%
Built 1980 to 1989	6,341	10.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	9,019	14.4%
Built 1960 to 1969	4,881	7.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	5,235	8.3%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,115	3.4%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,312	14.8%

Median year built 1981

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	43,974	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	941	2.1%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	415	0.9%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	713	1.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	590	1.3%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,026	2.3%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,318	5.3%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,777	6.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,160	14.0%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	14,625	33.3%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	11,606	26.4%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2,589	5.9%
\$1,000,000 or more	214	0.5%

Median value \$247,800

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	58,723	100.0%
Utility gas	35,694	60.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,614	7.9%
Electricity	16,069	27.4%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	920	1.6%
Coal, coke or wood	958	1.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	309	0.5%
No fuel used	159	0.3%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	14,749	100.0%
Less than \$100	57	0.4%
\$100 to \$199	75	0.5%
\$200 to \$299	424	2.9%
\$300 to \$399	271	1.8%
\$400 to \$499	286	1.9%
\$500 to \$599	584	4.0%
\$600 to \$699	802	5.4%
\$700 to \$799	987	6.7%
\$800 to \$899	1,240	8.4%
\$900 to \$999	1,778	12.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,829	32.7%
\$1,500 or more	2,709	18.4%
No cash rent	707	4.8%

Median gross rent \$1,042

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 29.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	30,055	100.0%
Less than \$400	27	0.1%
\$400 to \$599	460	1.5%
\$600 to \$799	1,277	4.2%
\$800 to \$999	2,324	7.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	4,168	13.9%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	4,996	16.6%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	8,110	27.0%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	6,976	23.2%
\$3,000 or more	1,717	5.7%

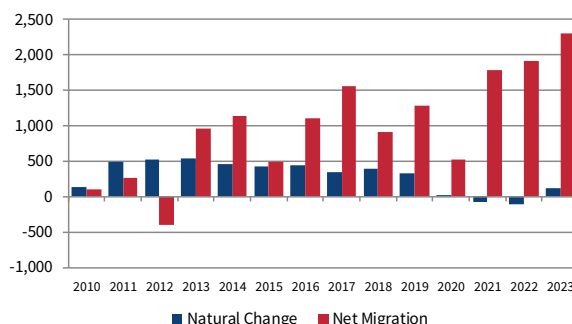
Median monthly owners cost \$1,599

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.8

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	1,715	57.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	69	13.6
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,697	1,041.8

Components of Population Change



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	193,611
Number of farms	1,082
Average size (acres)	179
Total cash receipts	\$160,369,000
Per farm	\$148,215
Receipts for crops	\$130,491,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$29,878,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	44
Students	26,164
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,586.8
Expenditures per student	\$10,873
Graduation rate	95.0
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	7
Students	1,615
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	3 / 8

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	186,968
Passenger cars	121,723
Noncommercial trucks	27,896
Total license revenue	\$5,020,023.63
Permissive tax revenue	\$4,671,870.00
Interstate highway miles	2.40
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	50.86
State highway miles	138.64
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,267.70
Commercial airports	2

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

Areas/Facilities	13
Acreage	5,009

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$280,942
Branch offices	37
Institutions represented	17

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$1,693,412,000
Payments to individuals	\$1,614,424,000
Retirement and disability	\$567,028,000
Medical payments	\$743,080,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$160,753,000
Unemployment benefits	\$6,759,000
Veterans benefits	\$82,526,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$29,428,000
Other payments to individuals	\$24,850,000
Total personal income	\$8,961,909,000
Dependency ratio	18.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

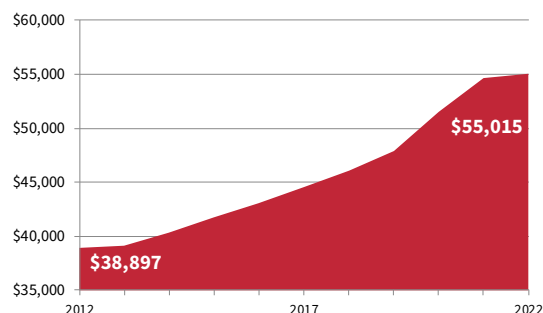
Voting

Number of registered voters	109,963
Voted in 2022 election	60,113
Percent turnout	54.7%

Health Care

Physicians	312
Registered hospitals	3
Number of beds	428
Licensed nursing homes	7
Number of beds	658
Licensed residential care	9
Number of beds	710
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.8%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.8%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	80,859	80,029	75,810	78,532	79,238
Employed	78,328	77,231	79,302	73,318	76,255
Unemployed	2,531	2,798	3,492	5,214	2,983
Unemployment rate	3.1	3.5	4.4	6.6	3.8

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	3,163	37,288	\$1,731,648,556	\$893
Goods-Producing	503	7,566	\$453,451,012	\$1,153
Natural Resources and Mining	24	71	\$2,286,407	\$616
Construction	366	2,889	\$182,722,453	\$1,216
Manufacturing	112	4,606	\$268,442,152	\$1,121
Service-Providing	2,661	29,722	\$1,278,197,544	\$827
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	657	8,762	\$357,436,705	\$785
Information	48	204	\$13,616,190	\$1,281
Financial Services	333	1,290	\$84,248,595	\$1,256
Professional and Business Services	595	4,082	\$211,321,313	\$995
Education and Health Services	442	7,262	\$414,446,680	\$1,098
Leisure and Hospitality	330	6,500	\$128,774,351	\$381
Other Services	245	1,602	\$67,614,375	\$812
Federal Government		356	\$27,171,202	\$1,467
State Government		559	\$39,953,216	\$1,375
Local Government		5,781	\$322,338,597	\$1,072

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	14.0%	1.0%	26.2%	25.1%
Goods-Producing	11.0%	19.1%	36.7%	14.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	-7.7%	-34.9%	-31.6%	4.8%
Construction	15.8%	34.1%	73.7%	29.5%
Manufacturing	0.0%	12.6%	20.3%	6.9%
Service-Producing	14.6%	-2.8%	22.9%	26.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.0%	-3.0%	7.5%	10.9%
Information	50.0%	-16.7%	33.5%	59.7%
Financial Services	11.0%	6.7%	53.3%	43.7%
Professional and Business Services	35.8%	-6.7%	26.8%	35.7%
Education and Health Services	22.8%	-3.7%	25.1%	29.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	-0.9%	-4.2%	26.2%	31.8%
Other Services	9.4%	14.8%	60.0%	39.5%
Federal Government		50.2%	90.2%	26.5%
State Government		-31.5%	-5.9%	37.4%
Local Government		1.3%	25.4%	23.8%

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	456	572	875	744	551
Total valuation (000)	\$170,662	\$205,896	\$219,234	\$204,897	\$139,506
Total single-unit bldgs	450	572	667	633	497
Average cost per unit	\$376,866	\$359,958	\$324,712	\$309,411	\$266,677
Total multi-unit bldg units	6	0	208	111	54
Average cost per unit	\$178,643		\$12,743	\$81,438	\$129,034

Major & Notable Employers

Diamond Power/Babcock & Wilcox	Mfg
Anchor Hocking	Mfg
Fairfield County	Govt
Fairfield Medical Center	Serv
Glasfloss Industries	Mfg
Lancaster City Schools	Govt
MAGNA Seating	Mfg
Mid West Fabricating Co.	Mfg
Nifco America	Mfg
Pickerington Local Schools	Govt
SRI Ohio Inc	Mfg
TreeHouse Foods Inc	Mfg
Westerman Inc	Mfg