

Ohio County Profiles

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Hardin County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820
2023 Population: 30,368
Land Area: 470.3 square miles
County Seat: Kenton City
Named for: Colonel John Hardin Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$591,139,620
Residential	\$347,121,940
Agriculture	\$175,574,170
Industrial	\$26,957,770
Commercial	\$41,485,740
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$12,143,390
Average per return	\$923.24

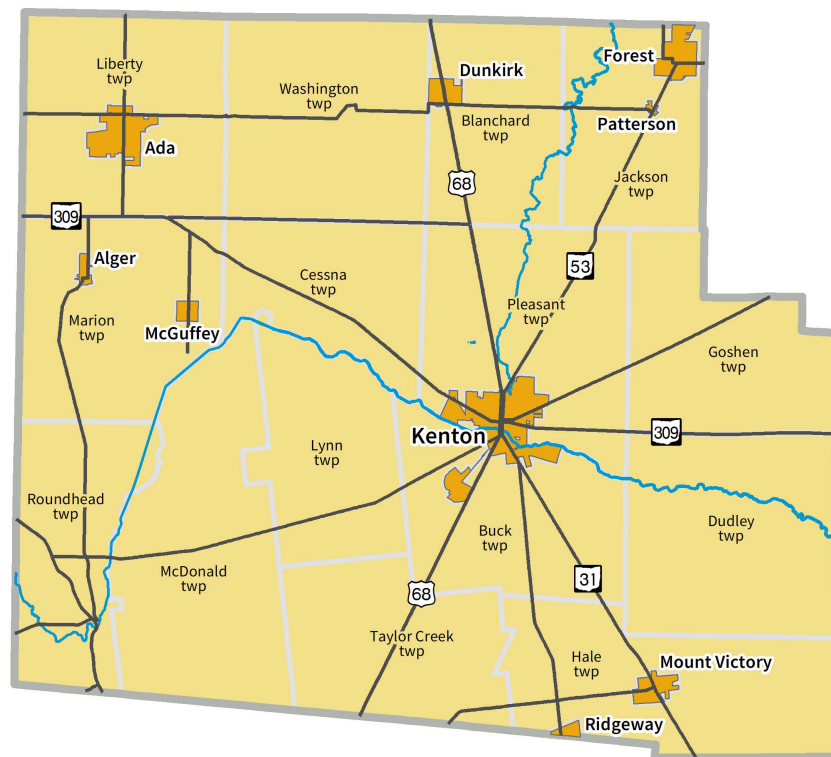
Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	5.64%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.19%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.06%
Forest	7.02%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.43%
Pasture/Hay	3.50%
Cultivated Crops	81.09%
Wetlands	0.89%
Open Water	0.17%

Largest Places

	2023	2020
Kenton city	7,840	7,944
Ada vil.	5,302	5,329
Liberty twp UB	1,711	1,740
Dudley twp	1,444	1,473
Pleasant twp UB	1,422	1,437
Forest vil.	1,331	1,349
Buck twp UB	1,037	1,024
Marion twp UB	982	992
McDonald twp	869	880
Alger vil.	824	839

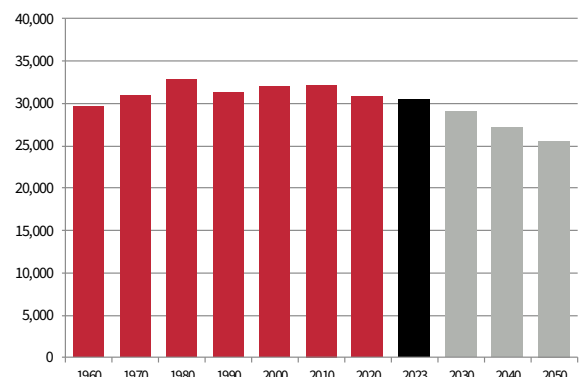
UB: Unincorporated balance



Total Population

Census

1800		1910	30,407	2020	30,696
1810		1920	29,167		
1820	22	1930	27,635		
1830	210	1940	27,061	Estimate	
1840	4,598	1950	28,673	2023	30,368
1850	8,251	1960	29,633		
1860	13,570	1970	30,813		
1870	18,714	1980	32,719	Projection	
1880	27,023	1990	31,111	2030	28,887
1890	28,939	2000	31,945	2040	27,115
1900	31,187	2010	32,058	2050	25,409



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	30,622	100.0%
White	28,818	94.1%
African-American	363	1.2%
Native American	20	0.1%
Asian	260	0.8%
Pacific Islander	11	0.0%
Other	296	1.0%
Two or More Races	854	2.8%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	654	2.1%
Total Minority	1,974	6.4%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	18,602	100.0%
No high school diploma	1,564	8.4%
High school graduate	8,791	47.3%
Some college, no degree	3,337	17.9%
Associate degree	1,472	7.9%
Bachelor's degree	2,148	11.5%
Master's degree or higher	1,290	6.9%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	7,593	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	2,951	38.9%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,318	17.4%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	413	5.4%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,262	16.6%
Male householder, in labor force	426	5.6%
Male householder, not in labor force	207	2.7%
Female householder, in labor force	670	8.8%
Female householder, not in labor force	346	4.6%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	11,640	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	942	8.1%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	693	6.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,085	9.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,157	9.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,205	10.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,205	10.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,164	10.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,507	12.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,659	14.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	585	5.0%
\$200,000 or more	438	3.8%
Median household income	\$55,876	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	30,622	100.0%
Under 5 years	1,779	5.8%
5 to 17 years	5,257	17.2%
18 to 24 years	4,984	16.3%
25 to 44 years	6,413	20.9%
45 to 64 years	7,294	23.8%
65 years and more	4,895	16.0%
Median Age	35.6	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	7,639	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,139	28.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	404	5.3%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	529	6.9%
Families with no own children	4,567	59.8%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	7,639	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	6,700	87.7%
Family income below poverty level	939	12.3%
Married couple, with related children	240	3.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	101	1.3%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	274	3.6%
Families with no related children	324	4.2%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	28,278	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,074	7.3%
50% to 99% of poverty level	3,060	10.8%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,200	4.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,181	4.2%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,041	7.2%
185% to 199% of poverty level	855	3.0%
200% of poverty level or more	17,867	63.2%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	30,286	100.0%
Same house as previous year	26,140	86.3%
Different house, same county	1,996	6.6%
Different county, same state	1,345	4.4%
Different state	761	2.5%
Abroad	44	0.1%

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Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	12,885	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	5,003	38.8%
15 to 29 minutes	3,226	25.0%
30 to 44 minutes	2,797	21.7%
45 to 59 minutes	1,285	10.0%
60 minutes or more	574	4.5%

Mean travel time 23.2 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,920	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,640	90.1%
Owner occupied	8,660	74.4%
Renter occupied	2,980	25.6%
Vacant housing units	1,280	9.9%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,920	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	63	0.5%
Built 2010 to 2019	538	4.2%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,126	8.7%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,632	12.6%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,013	7.8%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,838	14.2%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,223	9.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,221	9.5%
Built 1940 to 1949	639	4.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,627	28.1%

Median year built 1968

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	8,660	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	429	5.0%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	414	4.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	612	7.1%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	960	11.1%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	835	9.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,060	12.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	823	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,361	15.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,555	18.0%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	495	5.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	103	1.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	13	0.2%

Median value \$125,600

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	11,640	100.0%
Utility gas	4,961	42.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,842	24.4%
Electricity	2,757	23.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	68	0.6%
Coal, coke or wood	758	6.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	126	1.1%
No fuel used	128	1.1%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	2,980	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	56	1.9%
\$200 to \$299	162	5.4%
\$300 to \$399	183	6.1%
\$400 to \$499	63	2.1%
\$500 to \$599	341	11.4%
\$600 to \$699	346	11.6%
\$700 to \$799	441	14.8%
\$800 to \$899	227	7.6%
\$900 to \$999	240	8.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	499	16.7%
\$1,500 or more	180	6.0%
No cash rent	242	8.1%

Median gross rent \$755

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 24.6

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	4,871	100.0%
Less than \$400	36	0.7%
\$400 to \$599	223	4.6%
\$600 to \$799	660	13.5%
\$800 to \$999	787	16.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,078	22.1%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	900	18.5%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	708	14.5%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	458	9.4%
\$3,000 or more	21	0.4%

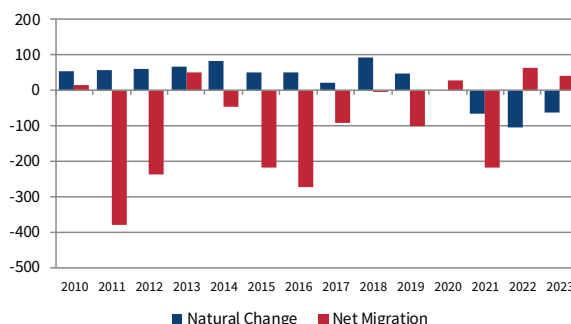
Median monthly owners cost \$1,169

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.9

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	361	58.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	17	13.9
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	423	1,390.7

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	243,914
Number of farms	715
Average size (acres)	341
Total cash receipts	\$408,373,000
Per farm	\$571,151
Receipts for crops	\$206,309,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$202,064,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	12
Students	3,841
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	307.7
Expenditures per student	\$11,868
Graduation rate	94.3
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	0
Students	0
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)	6 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	36,631
Passenger cars	20,009
Noncommercial trucks	7,367
Total license revenue	\$1,086,878.04
Permissive tax revenue	\$716,690.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	21.80
State highway miles	148.37
County, township, and municipal road miles	823.43
Commercial airports	3

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

Areas/Facilities	2
Acreage	1,060

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$283,539
Branch offices	10
Institutions represented	7

Transfer Payments

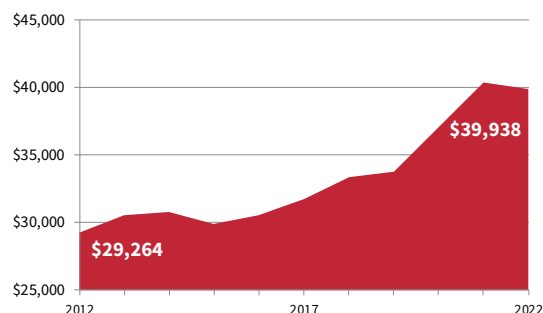
Total transfer payments	\$356,760,000
Payments to individuals	\$342,480,000
Retirement and disability	\$116,024,000
Medical payments	\$163,733,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$32,432,000
Unemployment benefits	\$1,333,000
Veterans benefits	\$13,977,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$8,042,000
Other payments to individuals	\$6,939,000
Total personal income	\$1,214,741,000
Dependency ratio	29.4%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

Voting

Number of registered voters	17,900
Voted in 2022 election	9,199
Percent turnout	51.4%

Health Care

Physicians	14
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	25
Licensed nursing homes	2
Number of beds	185
Licensed residential care	2
Number of beds	97
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	90.1%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	89.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	91.5%

Per Capita Personal Income

Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	12,959	13,131	12,797	13,920	14,033
Employed	12,472	12,579	13,506	12,791	13,441
Unemployed	487	552	709	1,129	592
Unemployment rate	3.8	4.2	5.2	8.1	4.2

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	445	6,249	\$283,804,679	\$873
Goods-Producing	96	2,058	\$115,927,794	\$1,083
Natural Resources and Mining	22	280	\$14,190,248	\$975
Construction	42	130	\$5,027,902	\$746
Manufacturing	32	1,648	\$96,709,644	\$1,128
Service-Providing	349	4,192	\$167,876,885	\$770
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	106	1,234	\$54,072,229	\$843
Information	4	28	\$844,386	\$587
Financial Services	44	249	\$17,161,173	\$1,324
Professional and Business Services	48	224	\$9,807,428	\$842
Education and Health Services	53	1,473	\$66,959,533	\$874
Leisure and Hospitality	51	779	\$13,129,947	\$324
Other Services	44	204	\$5,902,189	\$556
Federal Government		58	\$3,527,961	\$1,166
State Government		37	\$2,322,684	\$1,196
Local Government		1,278	\$51,141,983	\$770

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	4.5%	-9.5%	14.7%	26.7%
Goods-Producing	9.1%	-9.5%	9.9%	21.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	10.0%	26.1%	67.7%	33.0%
Construction	10.5%	-7.8%	5.5%	14.6%
Manufacturing	6.7%	-13.8%	4.8%	21.6%
Service-Producing	3.3%	-9.5%	18.2%	30.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-6.2%	-5.5%	16.8%	23.6%
Information	0.0%	-33.3%	-21.0%	20.8%
Financial Services	-4.3%	-6.7%	56.0%	67.0%
Professional and Business Services	23.1%	-17.9%	8.6%	32.4%
Education and Health Services	3.9%	-16.1%	9.5%	30.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	15.9%	-0.6%	40.0%	40.9%
Other Services	7.3%	-1.0%	43.9%	45.2%
Federal Government		-13.4%	10.9%	26.9%
State Government		-5.1%	13.0%	17.0%
Local Government		-5.8%	8.5%	15.3%

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	12	15	24	31	17
Total valuation (000)	\$3,441	\$3,428	\$5,175	\$5,460	\$2,572
Total single-unit bldgs	12	15	24	19	14
Average cost per unit	\$286,766	\$228,547	\$215,631	\$187,920	\$178,015
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	12	3
Average cost per unit				\$157,500	\$26,667

Major & Notable Employers

Ada Technologies	Mfg
Hardin County Government	Govt
Hardin Memorial Hospital	Serv
Graphic Packaging International	Mfg
Kenton City Schools	Govt
Ohio Northern University	Serv
Precision Strip Inc	Mfg
Sumitomo Bakelite/Durez Corp	Mfg
Triumph Group Inc	Mfg
Wilson Sporting Goods	Mfg