

# Ohio County Profiles

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## Lawrence County

**Established:** Act - December 21, 1815  
**2023 Population:** 56,118  
**Land Area:** 455.4 square miles  
**County Seat:** Ironton City  
**Named for:** Captain James Lawrence, War of 1812



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,156,525,890
Residential	\$830,354,680
Agriculture	\$128,960,910
Industrial	\$43,737,800
Commercial	\$153,149,120
Mineral	\$323,380
Ohio income tax liability	\$24,373,492
Average per return	\$992.20

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	7.75%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.94%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.06%
Forest	78.72%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.31%
Pasture/Hay	8.80%
Cultivated Crops	0.64%
Wetlands	0.24%
Open Water	0.55%

### Largest Places

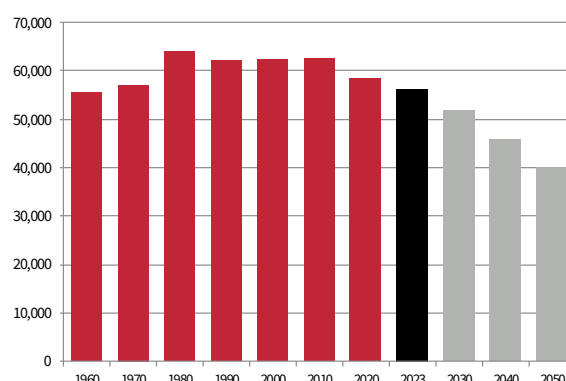
	2023	2020
Ironton city	10,187	10,573
Rome twp UB	8,158	8,502
Union twp UB	6,879	7,124
Fayette twp UB	5,818	6,011
Perry twp UB	4,981	5,187
South Point vil.	3,679	3,831
Upper twp UB	2,694	2,802
Elizabeth twp	2,446	2,526
Lawrence twp	2,281	2,361
Windsor twp	1,941	2,017

UB: Unincorporated balance

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1910	39,488	2020	58,240
1810		1920	39,540		
1820	3,499	1930	44,541	Estimate	
1830	5,367	1940	46,705	2023	56,118
1840	9,738	1950	49,115		
1850	15,246	1960	55,438	Projection	
1860	23,249	1970	56,868	2030	51,786
1870	31,380	1980	63,849	2040	45,562
1880	39,068	1990	61,834	2050	39,781
1890	39,556	2000	62,319		
1900	39,534	2010	62,450		



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## Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	57,994	100.0%
White	54,757	94.4%
African-American	890	1.5%
Native American	35	0.1%
Asian	366	0.6%
Pacific Islander	40	0.1%
Other	372	0.6%
Two or More Races	1,534	2.6%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	606	1.0%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>5.9%</b>

## Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	40,878	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,329	10.6%
High school graduate	17,716	43.3%
Some college, no degree	7,752	19.0%
Associate degree	3,660	9.0%
Bachelor's degree	4,544	11.1%
Master's degree or higher	2,877	7.0%

## Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,700	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,837	32.9%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,842	12.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	980	6.7%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	2,832	19.3%
Male householder, in labor force	721	4.9%
Male householder, not in labor force	374	2.5%
Female householder, in labor force	1,949	13.3%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,165	7.9%

## Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	22,455	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,197	5.3%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,002	13.4%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,020	9.0%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,297	10.2%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,366	10.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,832	8.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,441	10.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,970	13.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,627	11.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	868	3.9%
\$200,000 or more	835	3.7%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$51,846</b>	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	57,994	100.0%
Under 5 years	3,067	5.3%
5 to 17 years	9,563	16.5%
18 to 24 years	4,486	7.7%
25 to 44 years	13,857	23.9%
45 to 64 years	16,197	27.9%
65 years and more	10,824	18.7%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>41.9</b>	

## Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,801	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,846	26.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	549	3.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,775	12.0%
Families with no own children	8,631	58.3%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,801	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	12,704	85.8%
Family income below poverty level	2,097	14.2%
Married couple, with related children	299	2.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	166	1.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	984	6.6%
Families with no related children	648	4.4%

## Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	57,075	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,154	7.3%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,078	10.6%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,620	4.6%
125% to 149% of poverty level	3,062	5.4%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,850	8.5%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,610	2.8%
200% of poverty level or more	34,701	60.8%

## Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	57,435	100.0%
Same house as previous year	51,988	90.5%
Different house, same county	3,433	6.0%
Different county, same state	904	1.6%
Different state	1,089	1.9%
Abroad	21	0.0%

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## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	22,353	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	5,761	25.8%
15 to 29 minutes	10,769	48.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,576	16.0%
45 to 59 minutes	1,232	5.5%
60 minutes or more	1,015	4.5%

Mean travel time 22.0 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	26,579	100.0%
Occupied housing units	22,455	84.5%
Owner occupied	16,374	72.9%
Renter occupied	6,081	27.1%
Vacant housing units	4,124	15.5%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	26,579	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	81	0.3%
Built 2010 to 2019	2,046	7.7%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,178	8.2%
Built 1990 to 1999	3,707	13.9%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,733	10.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	4,670	17.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,892	10.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,410	12.8%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,052	4.0%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,810	14.3%

Median year built 1975

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	16,374	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,083	6.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	757	4.6%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,254	7.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,172	7.2%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,871	11.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,860	11.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,642	10.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,814	17.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,553	15.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,197	7.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	138	0.8%
\$1,000,000 or more	33	0.2%

Median value \$127,900

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	22,455	100.0%
Utility gas	8,736	38.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,323	14.8%
Electricity	9,832	43.8%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	31	0.1%
Coal, coke or wood	445	2.0%
Solar energy or other fuel	64	0.3%
No fuel used	24	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	6,081	100.0%
Less than \$100	45	0.7%
\$100 to \$199	36	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	171	2.8%
\$300 to \$399	113	1.9%
\$400 to \$499	380	6.2%
\$500 to \$599	450	7.4%
\$600 to \$699	613	10.1%
\$700 to \$799	718	11.8%
\$800 to \$899	779	12.8%
\$900 to \$999	558	9.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,115	18.3%
\$1,500 or more	168	2.8%
No cash rent	935	15.4%

Median gross rent \$806

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 28.2

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

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,668	100.0%
Less than \$400	74	1.0%
\$400 to \$599	237	3.1%
\$600 to \$799	926	12.1%
\$800 to \$999	1,475	19.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,539	20.1%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,440	18.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,304	17.0%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	621	8.1%
\$3,000 or more	52	0.7%

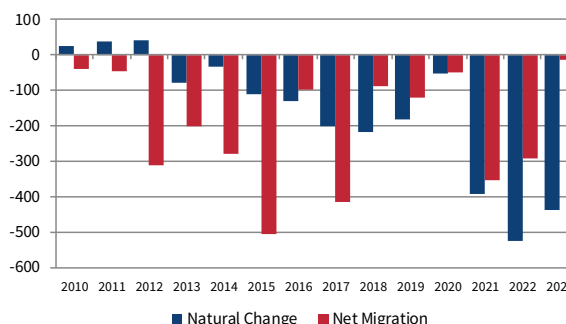
Median monthly owners cost \$1,182

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.8

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	602	59.4
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	35	21.3
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,013	1,788.1

## Components of Population Change



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## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	51,104
Number of farms	429
Average size (acres)	119
Total cash receipts	\$5,485,000
Per farm	\$12,785
Receipts for crops	\$3,428,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$2,057,000

## Education

Traditional public schools buildings	22
Students	8,344
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	704.7
Expenditures per student	\$10,896
Graduation rate	95.8
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	2
Students	188
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	1
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 5

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	74,992
Passenger cars	43,806
Noncommercial trucks	16,666
Total license revenue	\$1,834,605.73
Permissive tax revenue	\$395,145.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	22.64
State highway miles	164.03
County, township, and municipal road miles	873.84
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	4
Acreage	7,117

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$59,113
Branch offices	16
Institutions represented	7

## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$949,031,000
Payments to individuals	\$920,951,000
Retirement and disability	\$267,422,000
Medical payments	\$469,109,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$106,823,000
Unemployment benefits	\$2,818,000
Veterans benefits	\$55,567,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$12,221,000
Other payments to individuals	\$6,991,000
Total personal income	\$2,688,149,000
Dependency ratio	35.3%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

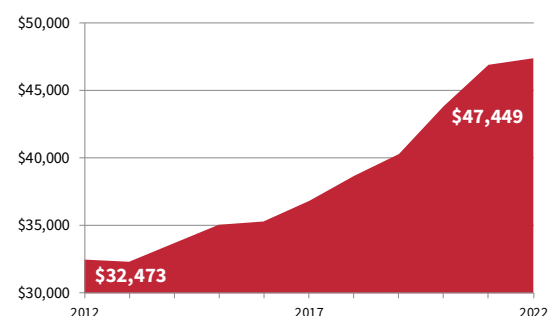
## Voting

Number of registered voters	42,613
Voted in 2022 election	17,699
Percent turnout	41.5%

## Health Care

Physicians	52
Registered hospitals	0
Number of beds	0
Licensed nursing homes	4
Number of beds	378
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	148
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	91.4%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	90.2%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	94.8%

## Per Capita Personal Income



## Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	23,518	23,346	21,837	23,640	24,070
Employed	22,554	22,267	23,040	21,630	22,818
Unemployed	964	1,079	1,203	2,010	1,252
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.6	5.2	8.5	5.2

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

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	890	10,826	\$460,278,307	\$818
Goods-Producing	137	1,922	\$112,403,748	\$1,124
Natural Resources and Mining	4	8	\$257,931	\$627
Construction	92	836	\$51,898,824	\$1,194
Manufacturing	42	1,079	\$60,246,993	\$1,074
Service-Providing	753	8,904	\$347,874,559	\$751
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	218	2,835	\$112,004,871	\$760
Information	10	59	\$3,784,844	\$1,242
Financial Services	79	366	\$16,216,968	\$852
Professional and Business Services	113	811	\$39,028,615	\$926
Education and Health Services	163	3,204	\$137,436,029	\$825
Leisure and Hospitality	80	1,278	\$23,238,110	\$350
Other Services	90	351	\$16,146,746	\$885
Federal Government		126	\$7,949,453	\$1,211
State Government		157	\$9,350,362	\$1,143
Local Government		2,358	\$109,230,112	\$891

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

## Change Since 2017

Private Sector	5.2%	10.4%	44.4%	30.9%
Goods-Producing	18.1%	40.7%	65.6%	17.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	300.0%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Construction	15.0%	5.4%	25.2%	18.8%
Manufacturing	20.0%	* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Service-Producing	3.2%	5.5%	38.7%	31.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-3.5%	3.4%	25.1%	21.0%
Information	25.0%	-9.2%	12.3%	24.8%
Financial Services	-7.1%	-21.1%	-6.0%	19.0%
Professional and Business Services	17.7%	0.4%	48.2%	47.7%
Education and Health Services	13.2%	10.9%	55.1%	39.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	3.9%	7.5%	34.8%	25.4%
Other Services	-4.3%	23.6%	91.2%	54.5%
Federal Government		-3.8%	14.8%	19.1%
State Government		-45.7%	-19.3%	48.4%
Local Government		-1.3%	17.5%	19.0%

## Major &amp; Notable Employers

## Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	16	10	16	15	10
Total valuation (000)	\$2,089	\$1,253	\$2,914	\$2,202	\$914
Total single-unit bldgs	5	4	16	15	6
Average cost per unit	\$321,872	\$243,362	\$182,125	\$146,800	\$121,167
Total multi-unit bldg units	11	6	0	0	4
Average cost per unit	\$43,636	\$46,667			\$46,678

Harbor Healthcare of Ironton	Serv
Ironton City Schools	Govt
JENNMAR McSweeney Inc	Mfg
Lawrence County Government	Govt
Vertiv	Mfg
McGinnis Inc	Mfg
Ohio University	Govt
Rock Hill Local Schools	Govt
South Point Local Schools	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade