

Ohio County Profiles

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Licking County

Established: Act - March 1, 1808
2023 Population: 183,201
Land Area: 686.5 square miles
County Seat: Newark City
Named for: Licking River, for the nearby salt licks



Taxes

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Taxable value of real property | \$5,208,945,005 |
| Residential | \$4,027,933,600 |
| Agriculture | \$330,382,260 |
| Industrial | \$249,354,950 |
| Commercial | \$600,125,290 |
| Mineral | \$1,148,905 |
| Ohio income tax liability | \$130,230,455 |
| Average per return | \$1,548.15 |

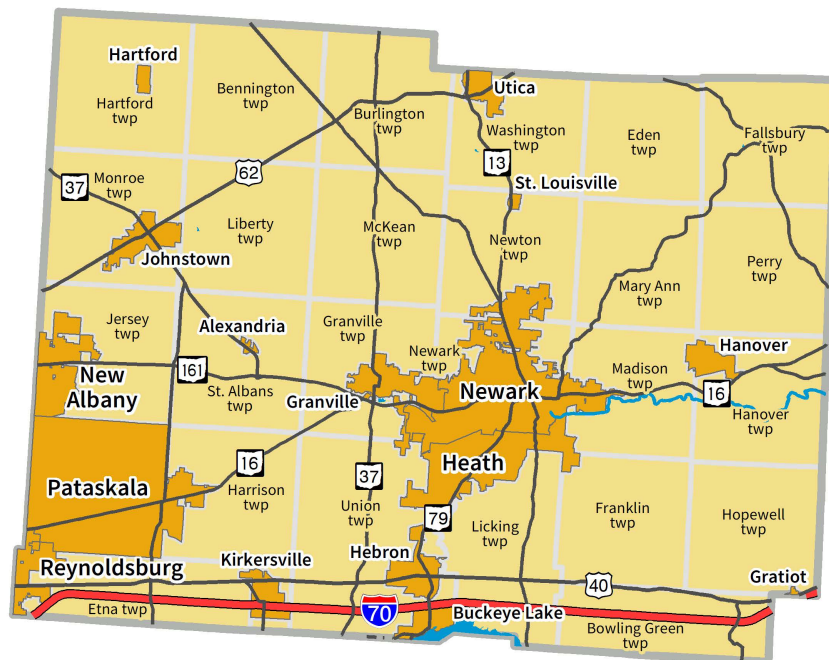
Land Use/Land Cover

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Developed, Lower Intensity | 10.83% |
| Developed, Higher Intensity | 3.05% |
| Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.) | 0.10% |
| Forest | 35.28% |
| Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands | 0.64% |
| Pasture/Hay | 19.88% |
| Cultivated Crops | 29.23% |
| Wetlands | 0.47% |
| Open Water | 0.53% |

Largest Places

| | 2023 | 2020 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Newark city | 51,046 | 49,948 |
| Pataskala city | 18,346 | 17,883 |
| Heath city | 10,693 | 10,414 |
| Reynoldsburg city (part) | 10,558 | 10,190 |
| Etna twp UB | 10,057 | 9,800 |
| Harrison twp UB | 8,284 | 8,079 |
| Granville vil. | 6,281 | 5,950 |
| Johnstown vil. | 5,310 | 5,183 |
| Licking twp UB | 4,993 | 4,854 |
| Granville twp UB | 4,409 | 4,309 |

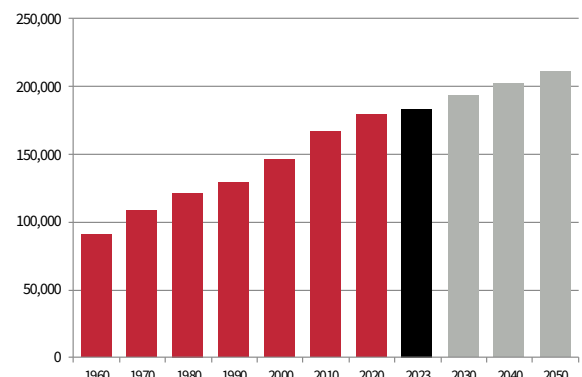
UB: Unincorporated balance



Total Population

Census

| | | | | | |
|------|--------|------|---------|------------|---------|
| 1800 | | 1910 | 55,590 | 2020 | 178,519 |
| 1810 | 3,852 | 1920 | 56,426 | | |
| 1820 | 11,861 | 1930 | 59,962 | Estimate | |
| 1830 | 20,869 | 1940 | 62,279 | 2023 | 183,201 |
| 1840 | 35,096 | 1950 | 70,645 | | |
| 1850 | 38,846 | 1960 | 90,242 | Projection | |
| 1860 | 37,011 | 1970 | 107,799 | 2030 | 192,280 |
| 1870 | 35,756 | 1980 | 120,981 | 2040 | 201,974 |
| 1880 | 40,450 | 1990 | 128,300 | 2050 | 210,522 |
| 1890 | 43,279 | 2000 | 145,491 | | |
| 1900 | 47,070 | 2010 | 166,492 | | |



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Population by Race

| | Number | Percent |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| ACS Total Population | 178,844 | 100.0% |
| White | 157,835 | 88.3% |
| African-American | 7,361 | 4.1% |
| Native American | 163 | 0.1% |
| Asian | 4,860 | 2.7% |
| Pacific Islander | 37 | 0.0% |
| Other | 1,339 | 0.7% |
| Two or More Races | 7,249 | 4.1% |
| Hispanic (may be of any race) | 4,001 | 2.2% |
| Total Minority | 22,885 | 12.8% |

Educational Attainment

| | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Persons 25 years and over | 121,399 | 100.0% |
| No high school diploma | 8,305 | 6.8% |
| High school graduate | 40,864 | 33.7% |
| Some college, no degree | 24,576 | 20.2% |
| Associate degree | 11,782 | 9.7% |
| Bachelor's degree | 24,104 | 19.9% |
| Master's degree or higher | 11,768 | 9.7% |

Family Type by Employment Status

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 47,075 | 100.0% |
| Married couple, husband and wife in labor force | 19,829 | 42.1% |
| Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not | 7,320 | 15.5% |
| Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not | 3,243 | 6.9% |
| Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force | 6,810 | 14.5% |
| Male householder, in labor force | 2,155 | 4.6% |
| Male householder, not in labor force | 553 | 1.2% |
| Female householder, in labor force | 5,387 | 11.4% |
| Female householder, not in labor force | 1,778 | 3.8% |

Household Income

| | Number | Percent |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Total Households | 67,239 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$10,000 | 2,476 | 3.7% |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 4,857 | 7.2% |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 3,805 | 5.7% |
| \$30,000 to \$39,999 | 4,684 | 7.0% |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 4,740 | 7.0% |
| \$50,000 to \$59,999 | 4,978 | 7.4% |
| \$60,000 to \$74,999 | 6,702 | 10.0% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 9,049 | 13.5% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 13,660 | 20.3% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 6,227 | 9.3% |
| \$200,000 or more | 6,061 | 9.0% |
| Median household income | \$78,505 | |

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

| | Number | Percent |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|
| ACS Total Population | 178,844 | 100.0% |
| Under 5 years | 10,384 | 5.8% |
| 5 to 17 years | 30,602 | 17.1% |
| 18 to 24 years | 16,459 | 9.2% |
| 25 to 44 years | 43,218 | 24.2% |
| 45 to 64 years | 48,039 | 26.9% |
| 65 years and more | 30,142 | 16.9% |
| Median Age | 40.2 | |

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 47,335 | 100.0% |
| Married-couple families with own children | 14,493 | 30.6% |
| Male householder, no wife present, with own children | 1,406 | 3.0% |
| Female householder, no husband present, with own children | 4,072 | 8.6% |
| Families with no own children | 27,364 | 57.8% |

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

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total Families | 47,335 | 100.0% |
| Family income above poverty level | 43,996 | 92.9% |
| Family income below poverty level | 3,339 | 7.1% |
| Married couple, with related children | 574 | 1.2% |
| Male householder, no wife present, with related children | 225 | 0.5% |
| Female householder, no husband present, with related children | 1,679 | 3.5% |
| Families with no related children | 861 | 1.8% |

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

| | Number | Percent |
|--|---------|---------|
| Population for whom poverty status is determined | 174,769 | 100.0% |
| Below 50% of poverty level | 7,394 | 4.2% |
| 50% to 99% of poverty level | 9,758 | 5.6% |
| 100% to 124% of poverty level | 6,079 | 3.5% |
| 125% to 149% of poverty level | 6,395 | 3.7% |
| 150% to 184% of poverty level | 7,851 | 4.5% |
| 185% to 199% of poverty level | 3,262 | 1.9% |
| 200% of poverty level or more | 134,030 | 76.7% |

Geographical Mobility

| | Number | Percent |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Population aged 1 year and older | 176,502 | 100.0% |
| Same house as previous year | 155,862 | 88.3% |
| Different house, same county | 10,374 | 5.9% |
| Different county, same state | 7,732 | 4.4% |
| Different state | 2,215 | 1.3% |
| Abroad | 319 | 0.2% |

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Travel Time To Work

| | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Workers 16 years and over | 75,190 | 100.0% |
| Less than 15 minutes | 20,022 | 26.6% |
| 15 to 29 minutes | 24,336 | 32.4% |
| 30 to 44 minutes | 17,436 | 23.2% |
| 45 to 59 minutes | 8,822 | 11.7% |
| 60 minutes or more | 4,574 | 6.1% |

Mean travel time 26.7 minutes

Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total housing units | 72,722 | 100.0% |
| Occupied housing units | 67,239 | 92.5% |
| Owner occupied | 49,402 | 73.5% |
| Renter occupied | 17,837 | 26.5% |
| Vacant housing units | 5,483 | 7.5% |

Year Structure Built

| | Number | Percent |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| Total housing units | 72,722 | 100.0% |
| Built 2020 or later | 387 | 0.5% |
| Built 2010 to 2019 | 4,117 | 5.7% |
| Built 2000 to 2009 | 11,519 | 15.8% |
| Built 1990 to 1999 | 11,137 | 15.3% |
| Built 1980 to 1989 | 6,827 | 9.4% |
| Built 1970 to 1979 | 10,548 | 14.5% |
| Built 1960 to 1969 | 7,343 | 10.1% |
| Built 1950 to 1959 | 6,189 | 8.5% |
| Built 1940 to 1949 | 2,601 | 3.6% |
| Built 1939 or earlier | 12,054 | 16.6% |

Median year built 1978

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Specified owner-occupied housing units | 49,402 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$20,000 | 1,476 | 3.0% |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999 | 741 | 1.5% |
| \$40,000 to \$59,999 | 651 | 1.3% |
| \$60,000 to \$79,999 | 906 | 1.8% |
| \$80,000 to \$99,999 | 1,750 | 3.5% |
| \$100,000 to \$124,999 | 2,822 | 5.7% |
| \$125,000 to \$149,999 | 3,276 | 6.6% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 7,958 | 16.1% |
| \$200,000 to \$299,999 | 14,281 | 28.9% |
| \$300,000 to \$499,999 | 11,580 | 23.4% |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999 | 3,433 | 6.9% |
| \$1,000,000 or more | 528 | 1.1% |

Median value \$232,200

House Heating Fuel

| | Number | Percent |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Occupied housing units | 67,239 | 100.0% |
| Utility gas | 43,880 | 65.3% |
| Bottled, tank or LP gas | 5,831 | 8.7% |
| Electricity | 14,056 | 20.9% |
| Fuel oil, kerosene, etc | 1,131 | 1.7% |
| Coal, coke or wood | 1,567 | 2.3% |
| Solar energy or other fuel | 579 | 0.9% |
| No fuel used | 195 | 0.3% |

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

| | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Specified renter-occupied housing units | 17,837 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$100 | 74 | 0.4% |
| \$100 to \$199 | 225 | 1.3% |
| \$200 to \$299 | 600 | 3.4% |
| \$300 to \$399 | 280 | 1.6% |
| \$400 to \$499 | 397 | 2.2% |
| \$500 to \$599 | 896 | 5.0% |
| \$600 to \$699 | 1,518 | 8.5% |
| \$700 to \$799 | 1,667 | 9.3% |
| \$800 to \$899 | 1,716 | 9.6% |
| \$900 to \$999 | 1,848 | 10.4% |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499 | 5,772 | 32.4% |
| \$1,500 or more | 1,976 | 11.1% |
| No cash rent | 868 | 4.9% |

Median gross rent \$960

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 26.7

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

| | Number | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage | 33,071 | 100.0% |
| Less than \$400 | 71 | 0.2% |
| \$400 to \$599 | 407 | 1.2% |
| \$600 to \$799 | 1,283 | 3.9% |
| \$800 to \$999 | 3,041 | 9.2% |
| \$1,000 to \$1,249 | 4,494 | 13.6% |
| \$1,250 to \$1,499 | 4,853 | 14.7% |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999 | 9,259 | 28.0% |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 | 7,220 | 21.8% |
| \$3,000 or more | 2,443 | 7.4% |

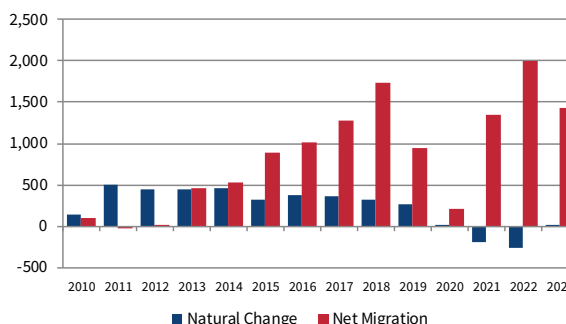
Median monthly owners cost \$1,608

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.3

Vital Statistics

| | Number | Rate |
|---|--------|---------|
| Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 | 1,869 | 55.3 |
| Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19 | 66 | 11.4 |
| Deaths / rate per 100,000 population | 1,987 | 1,095.6 |

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Land in farms (acres) | 207,389 |
| Number of farms | 1,532 |
| Average size (acres) | 135 |
| Total cash receipts | \$389,271,000 |
| Per farm | \$254,093 |
| Receipts for crops | \$109,102,000 |
| Receipts for livestock/products | \$280,168,000 |

Education

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|---|----------|
| Traditional public schools buildings | 56 |
| Students | 29,227 |
| Teachers (Full Time Equivalent) | 2,097.6 |
| Expenditures per student | \$10,214 |
| Graduation rate | 91.4 |
| Community/charter schools buildings | 1 |
| Students | 183 |
| Teachers (Full Time Equivalent) | 17.4 |
| Expenditures per student | \$9,578 |
| Graduation rate | |
| Private schools | 9 |
| Students | 1,177 |
| Public universities, 4-year | 2 |
| Public universities/colleges, 2-year | 0 |
| Public learning centers, less-than 2-year | 1 |
| Private universities and colleges | 1 |
| Public libraries (Districts / Facilities) | 5 / 10 |

Transportation

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|--|----------------|
| Registered motor vehicles | 219,267 |
| Passenger cars | 137,013 |
| Noncommercial trucks | 34,235 |
| Total license revenue | \$6,091,308.22 |
| Permissive tax revenue | \$3,169,780.00 |
| Interstate highway miles | 29.36 |
| Turnpike miles | 0.00 |
| U.S. highway miles | 50.74 |
| State highway miles | 185.37 |
| County, township, and municipal road miles | 1,690.23 |
| Commercial airports | 1 |

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

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Areas/Facilities | 8 |
| Acreage | 3,099 |

Finance

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|---|--------------|
| FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs) | 3 |
| Assets (000) | \$10,156,525 |
| Branch offices | 42 |
| Institutions represented | 16 |

Transfer Payments

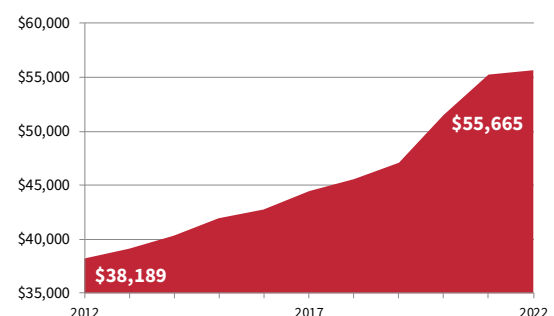
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|--|------------------|
| Total transfer payments | \$1,970,412,000 |
| Payments to individuals | \$1,882,203,000 |
| Retirement and disability | \$682,666,000 |
| Medical payments | \$855,684,000 |
| Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc) | \$179,112,000 |
| Unemployment benefits | \$7,592,000 |
| Veterans benefits | \$89,447,000 |
| Federal education and training assistance | \$39,211,000 |
| Other payments to individuals | \$28,491,000 |
| Total personal income | \$10,095,424,000 |
| Dependency ratio | 19.5% |
| (Percent of income from transfer payments) | |

Voting

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Number of registered voters | 125,377 |
| Voted in 2022 election | 67,345 |
| Percent turnout | 53.7% |

Health Care

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|--|-------|
| Physicians | 219 |
| Registered hospitals | 2 |
| Number of beds | 248 |
| Licensed nursing homes | 10 |
| Number of beds | 942 |
| Licensed residential care | 10 |
| Number of beds | 766 |
| Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64) | 93.3% |
| Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64) | 92.5% |
| Children with insurance (Aged Under 19) | 95.3% |

Per Capita Personal Income

Civilian Labor Force

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian labor force | 92,612 | 91,692 | 87,016 | 90,051 | 91,464 |
| Employed | 89,744 | 88,549 | 90,782 | 84,118 | 88,021 |
| Unemployed | 2,868 | 3,143 | 3,766 | 5,933 | 3,443 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 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 | 3,585 | 62,697 | \$3,161,849,915 | \$970 |
| Goods-Producing | 634 | 12,435 | \$768,496,481 | \$1,188 |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 73 | 863 | \$45,119,730 | \$1,005 |
| Construction | 398 | 3,584 | \$231,682,766 | \$1,243 |
| Manufacturing | 164 | 7,988 | \$491,693,985 | \$1,184 |
| Service-Providing | 2,951 | 50,262 | \$2,393,353,434 | \$916 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 757 | 23,211 | \$1,019,775,425 | \$845 |
| Information | 63 | 319 | \$26,558,354 | \$1,604 |
| Financial Services | 368 | 2,805 | \$198,281,895 | \$1,359 |
| Professional and Business Services | 669 | 7,526 | \$463,544,710 | \$1,184 |
| Education and Health Services | 395 | 7,719 | \$440,893,948 | \$1,098 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 406 | 6,327 | \$129,766,042 | \$394 |
| Other Services | 282 | 2,337 | \$113,902,669 | \$937 |
| Federal Government | | 527 | \$43,991,730 | \$1,606 |
| State Government | | 1,043 | \$75,875,245 | \$1,399 |
| Local Government | | 7,096 | \$370,995,622 | \$1,005 |

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Private Sector | 12.8% | 29.9% | 64.7% | 26.8% |
| Goods-Producing | 14.0% | 19.4% | 47.1% | 23.2% |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 7.4% | 13.0% | 59.6% | 41.4% |
| Construction | 19.5% | 43.3% | 95.9% | 36.7% |
| Manufacturing | 5.8% | 11.7% | 30.8% | 17.1% |
| Service-Producing | 12.5% | 32.7% | 71.3% | 29.0% |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 2.6% | 72.2% | 126.2% | 31.4% |
| Information | 61.5% | 29.1% | 108.5% | 61.4% |
| Financial Services | 4.0% | -3.5% | 16.7% | 21.0% |
| Professional and Business Services | 27.9% | 39.9% | 88.3% | 34.5% |
| Education and Health Services | 12.2% | -1.6% | 26.0% | 28.1% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 6.6% | 6.8% | 41.6% | 32.7% |
| Other Services | 20.0% | 12.5% | 49.6% | 32.9% |
| Federal Government | | 46.0% | 75.9% | 20.7% |
| State Government | | 23.9% | 36.5% | 10.2% |
| Local Government | | 5.2% | 27.0% | 20.6% |

Residential Construction

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total units | 174 | 251 | 363 | 292 | 262 |
| Total valuation (000) | \$67,316 | \$95,233 | \$119,249 | \$81,536 | \$79,169 |
| Total single-unit bldgs | 174 | 249 | 361 | 289 | 257 |
| Average cost per unit | \$386,871 | \$380,394 | \$329,413 | \$280,596 | \$305,241 |
| Total multi-unit bldg units | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Average cost per unit | | \$257,500 | \$165,600 | \$147,954 | \$144,408 |

Major & Notable Employers

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Amazon | Trade |
| Anomatic Corp | Mfg |
| Ascena Retail Group | Trade |
| Axiom Packaging | Mfg |
| Boeing Co | Mfg |
| Denison University | Serv |
| Harry & David | Trade |
| Licking Heights Local Schools | Govt |
| Licking Memorial Health Systems | Serv |
| Newark City Schools | Govt |
| Owens-Corning | Mfg |
| Park National Bank | Fin |