

Ohio County Profiles



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2021 Edition

Lorain County

Established: Act - December 26, 1822
 2020 Population: 312,964
 Land Area: 492.6 square miles
 County Seat: Elyria City
 Named for: French Province of Lorraine



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$7,139,791,010
Residential	\$5,648,128,290
Agriculture	\$201,774,460
Industrial	\$273,308,500
Commercial	\$1,016,558,940
Mineral	\$20,820
Ohio income tax liability	\$206,678,605
Average per return	\$1,400.18

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	22.00%
Developed, Higher Intensity	4.76%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.20%
Forest	22.79%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.48%
Pasture/Hay	13.76%
Cultivated Crops	29.15%
Wetlands	6.15%
Open Water	0.70%

Largest Places

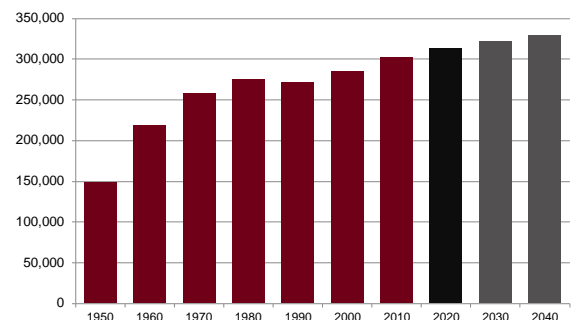
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Lorain city	65,211	64,097
Elyria city	52,656	54,533
North Ridgeville city	35,280	29,465
Avon Lake city	25,206	22,581
Avon city	24,847	21,193
Amherst city	12,681	12,021
Sheffield Lake city	8,957	9,137
Oberlin city	8,555	8,286
Columbia twp	7,411	7,040
Carlisle twp	7,124	7,500

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	76,037	2020	312,964
1810		1920	90,612		
1820		1930	109,206	Projected	
1830	5,696	1940	112,390		
1840	18,467	1950	148,162	2030	320,430
1850	26,086	1960	217,500	2040	328,190
1860	29,744	1970	256,843		
1870	30,308	1980	274,909		
1880	35,526	1990	271,126		
1890	40,295	2000	284,664		
1900	54,857	2010	301,356		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	307,670	100.0%
White	261,580	85.0%
African-American	26,255	8.5%
Native American	1,117	0.4%
Asian	3,578	1.2%
Pacific Islander	98	0.0%
Other	3,873	1.3%
Two or More Races	11,169	3.6%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	30,628	10.0%
Total Minority	67,030	21.8%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	212,513	100.0%
No high school diploma	21,937	10.3%
High school graduate	65,829	31.0%
Some college, no degree	49,022	23.1%
Associate degree	22,848	10.8%
Bachelor's degree	33,106	15.6%
Master's degree or higher	19,771	9.3%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	79,193	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	29,258	36.9%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	10,781	13.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	5,052	6.4%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	12,261	15.5%
Male householder, in labor force	4,287	5.4%
Male householder, not in labor force	2,047	2.6%
Female householder, in labor force	10,533	13.3%
Female householder, not in labor force	4,974	6.3%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	120,281	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	7,987	6.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	11,204	9.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	10,328	8.6%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	10,975	9.1%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10,621	8.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	10,528	8.8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	12,067	10.0%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16,541	13.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	17,618	14.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,601	5.5%
\$200,000 or more	5,811	4.8%
Median household income	\$58,427	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	307,670	100.0%
Under 5 years	17,412	5.7%
5 to 17 years	50,941	16.6%
18 to 24 years	26,804	8.7%
25 to 44 years	71,617	23.3%
45 to 64 years	86,227	28.0%
65 years and more	54,669	17.8%
Median Age	41.8	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	79,484	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	20,408	25.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	3,137	3.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	9,029	11.4%
Families with no own children	46,910	59.0%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	79,484	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	71,551	90.0%
Family income below poverty level	7,933	10.0%
Married couple, with related children	795	1.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	695	0.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	4,723	5.9%
Families with no related children	1,720	2.2%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	298,141	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	18,295	6.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	21,894	7.3%
100% to 124% of poverty level	10,729	3.6%
125% to 149% of poverty level	10,453	3.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	17,723	5.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	6,917	2.3%
200% of poverty level or more	212,130	71.2%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	304,566	100.0%
Same house as previous year	264,271	86.8%
Different house, same county	25,130	8.3%
Different county, same state	10,041	3.3%
Different state	4,128	1.4%
Abroad	996	0.3%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	135,946	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	36,208	26.6%
15 to 29 minutes	52,702	38.8%
30 to 44 minutes	29,294	21.5%
45 to 59 minutes	10,858	8.0%
60 minutes or more	6,884	5.1%

Mean travel time 24.6 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	131,211	100.0%
Occupied housing units	120,281	91.7%
Owner occupied	86,989	72.3%
Renter occupied	33,292	27.7%
Vacant housing units	10,930	8.3%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	131,211	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	2,679	2.0%
Built 2010 to 2013	2,924	2.2%
Built 2000 to 2009	17,315	13.2%
Built 1990 to 1999	14,895	11.4%
Built 1980 to 1989	8,485	6.5%
Built 1970 to 1979	20,505	15.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	16,536	12.6%
Built 1950 to 1959	19,364	14.8%
Built 1940 to 1949	6,643	5.1%
Built 1939 or earlier	21,865	16.7%

Median year built 1971

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	86,989	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,890	2.2%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	2,075	2.4%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	4,260	4.9%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	6,965	8.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	8,377	9.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	10,203	11.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	9,545	11.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	14,825	17.0%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	17,190	19.8%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	9,473	10.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	1,715	2.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	471	0.5%

Median value \$150,500

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	120,281	100.0%
Utility gas	91,235	75.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,949	3.3%
Electricity	21,535	17.9%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	897	0.7%
Coal, coke or wood	1,067	0.9%
Solar energy or other fuel	1,051	0.9%
No fuel used	547	0.5%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	33,292	100.0%
Less than \$100	441	1.3%
\$100 to \$199	374	1.1%
\$200 to \$299	1,543	4.6%
\$300 to \$399	919	2.8%
\$400 to \$499	1,565	4.7%
\$500 to \$599	3,217	9.7%
\$600 to \$699	4,432	13.3%
\$700 to \$799	4,303	12.9%
\$800 to \$899	3,415	10.3%
\$900 to \$999	3,013	9.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6,415	19.3%
\$1,500 or more	1,774	5.3%
No cash rent	1,881	5.7%

Median gross rent \$774

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 29.9

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	55,843	100.0%
Less than \$400	360	0.6%
\$400 to \$599	1,465	2.6%
\$600 to \$799	4,979	8.9%
\$800 to \$999	7,739	13.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	10,471	18.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	8,995	16.1%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	11,998	21.5%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	8,165	14.6%
\$3,000 or more	1,671	3.0%

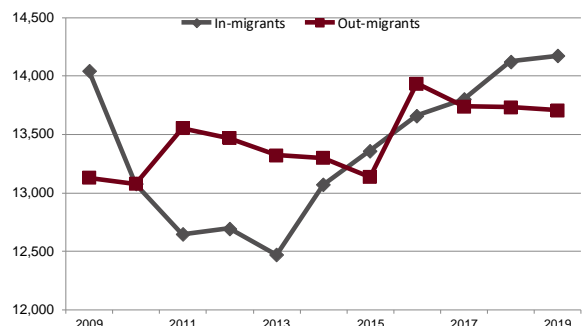
Median monthly owners cost \$1,331

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.7

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	3,192	58.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	168	52.6
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	3,280	1,058.6

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	125,721
Number of farms	1,001
Average size (acres)	126
Total cash receipts	\$133,901,000
Per farm	\$133,768
Receipts for crops	\$116,621,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$17,280,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	77
Students	40,054
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	2,953.4
Expenditures per student	\$9,325
Graduation rate	90.4
Community/charter schools buildings	8
Students	2,415
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	223.6
Expenditures per student	\$7,709
Graduation rate	84.1
Private schools	16
Students	3,956
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	0
2-year public colleges/satellites	1
Ohio Technical Centers	1
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	7 / 16

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	337,675
Passenger cars	242,780
Noncommercial trucks	36,721
Total license revenue	\$8,712,707.77
Permissive tax revenue	\$3,681,122.50
Interstate highway miles	36.81
Turnpike miles	20.79
U.S. highway miles	46.96
State highway miles	222.41
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,576.57
Commercial airports	5

Health Care

Physicians	512
Registered hospitals	5
Number of beds	906
Licensed nursing homes	21
Number of beds	2,015
Licensed residential care	15
Number of beds	1,508
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.4%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.1%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.6%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	6
Daily newspapers	2
Circulation	31,659
Average monthly unique visitors	488,702
Weekly newspapers	4
Circulation	7,875
Average monthly unique visitors	33,472
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	5,236
Violent crime	672
Property crime	4,564

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$664,029
Branch offices	81
Institutions represented	18

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$3,099,686,000
Payments to individuals	\$3,031,655,000
Retirement and disability	\$1,188,174,000
Medical payments	\$1,420,628,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$228,319,000
Unemployment benefits	\$23,123,000
Veterans benefits	\$90,591,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$56,119,000
Other payments to individuals	\$24,701,000
Total personal income	\$14,768,507,000
Dependency ratio	21.0%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

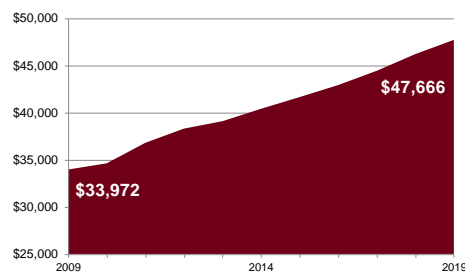
Voting

Number of registered voters	218,501
Voted in 2020 election	158,732
Percent turnout	72.6%

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

Areas/Facilities	3
Acreage	1,608

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	149,100	156,100	154,300	153,800	152,300
Employed	134,300	149,300	146,600	144,500	143,100
Unemployed	14,700	6,800	7,700	9,300	9,100
Unemployment rate	9.9	4.4	5.0	6.1	6.0

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2019

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	5,941	83,209	\$3,566,157,919	\$824
Goods-Producing	1,028	21,783	\$1,323,488,536	\$1,168
Natural Resources and Mining	33	932	\$35,591,775	\$734
Construction	615	4,289	\$220,134,723	\$987
Manufacturing	380	16,562	\$1,067,762,038	\$1,240
Service-Providing	4,914	61,427	\$2,242,669,383	\$702
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,396	18,565	\$677,521,651	\$702
Information	90	602	\$28,147,862	\$899
Financial Services	574	2,313	\$116,606,596	\$970
Professional and Business Services	935	9,777	\$463,618,663	\$912
Education and Health Services	750	16,543	\$696,838,872	\$810
Leisure and Hospitality	640	10,786	\$174,848,248	\$312
Other Services	526	2,837	\$84,802,065	\$575
Federal Government		1,091	\$123,456,183	\$2,176
State Government		1,168	\$75,437,909	\$1,242
Local Government		13,430	\$598,897,946	\$858

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	4.1%	3.3%	10.1%	6.6%
Goods-Producing	-2.7%	-2.5%	2.6%	5.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	-2.9%	1.2%	22.4%	20.7%
Construction	-0.2%	4.5%	15.7%	10.8%
Manufacturing	-6.4%	-4.4%	-0.3%	4.3%
Service-Producing	5.7%	5.5%	15.1%	9.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.1%	2.0%	12.5%	10.2%
Information	45.2%	-11.6%	4.8%	18.4%
Financial Services	4.7%	-25.3%	-13.9%	15.3%
Professional and Business Services	5.9%	14.7%	19.3%	4.0%
Education and Health Services	9.0%	8.9%	18.8%	9.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	6.7%	12.7%	33.7%	18.6%
Other Services	2.7%	-3.9%	9.0%	13.4%
Federal Government		0.3%	6.7%	6.4%
State Government		5.0%	31.6%	25.2%
Local Government		3.0%	12.8%	9.4%

Residential

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	1,252	1,127	1,114	964	990
Total valuation (000)	\$272,389	\$289,508	\$225,076	\$193,254	\$189,235
Total single-unit bldgs	1,049	964	946	766	681
Average cost per unit	\$243,830	\$282,447	\$217,819	\$231,526	\$247,642
Total multi-unit bldg units	203	163	168	198	309
Average cost per unit	\$81,829	\$105,699	\$113,212	\$80,326	\$66,635