

Ohio County Profiles

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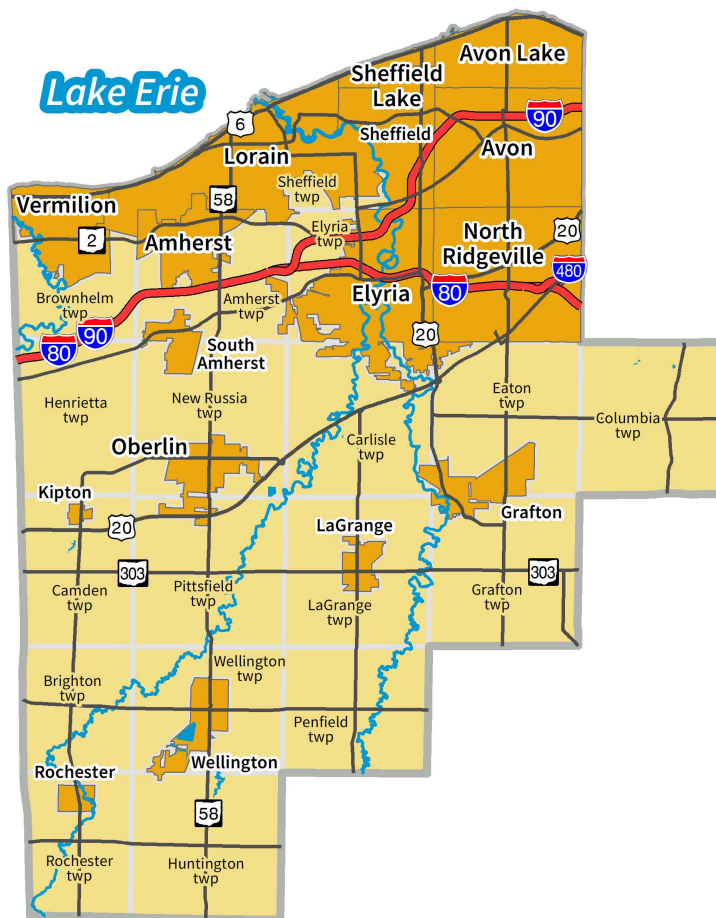
2024 Edition



Department of
Development

Lorain County

Established: Act - December 26, 1822
2023 Population: 317,910
Land Area: 492.6 square miles
County Seat: Elyria City
Named for: French Province of Lorraine



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$8,449,411,250
Residential	\$6,930,297,510
Agriculture	\$176,968,150
Industrial	\$262,962,880
Commercial	\$1,079,173,270
Mineral	\$9,440
Ohio income tax liability	\$230,840,931
Average per return	\$1,504.50

Land Use/Land Cover

Percent

Developed, Lower Intensity	20.40%
Developed, Higher Intensity	8.28%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.33%
Forest	20.86%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.58%
Pasture/Hay	12.98%
Cultivated Crops	29.26%
Wetlands	6.65%
Open Water	0.65%

Largest Places

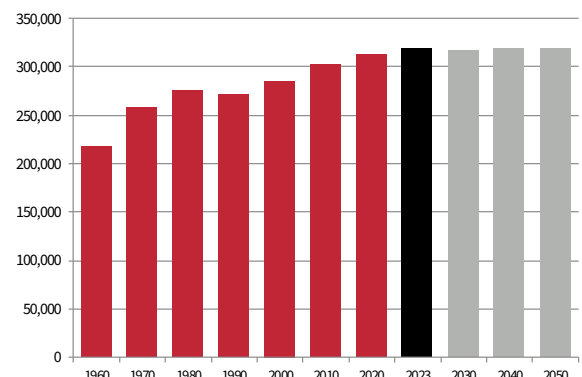
	2023	2020
Lorain city	65,337	65,212
Elyria city	53,117	52,667
North Ridgeville city	37,058	35,273
Avon Lake city	25,942	25,203
Avon city	25,403	24,843
Amherst city	12,928	12,691
Sheffield Lake city	8,965	8,957
Columbia twp	8,343	7,407
Oberlin city	7,697	8,556
Carlisle twp	7,110	7,113

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	76,037	2020	312,964
1810		1920	90,612		
1820		1930	109,206		
1830	5,696	1940	112,390	Estimate	
1840	18,467	1950	148,162	2023	317,910
1850	26,086	1960	217,500		
1860	29,744	1970	256,843		
1870	30,308	1980	274,909	Projection	
1880	35,526	1990	271,126	2030	316,704
1890	40,295	2000	284,664	2040	317,331
1900	54,857	2010	301,356	2050	317,491



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	313,101	100.0%
White	254,310	81.2%
African-American	23,561	7.5%
Native American	675	0.2%
Asian	3,932	1.3%
Pacific Islander	23	0.0%
Other	5,073	1.6%
Two or More Races	25,527	8.2%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	33,195	10.6%
Total Minority	73,228	23.4%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	218,104	100.0%
No high school diploma	19,181	8.8%
High school graduate	68,487	31.4%
Some college, no degree	48,633	22.3%
Associate degree	22,439	10.3%
Bachelor's degree	37,312	17.1%
Master's degree or higher	22,052	10.1%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	77,626	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	29,764	38.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	10,221	13.2%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	4,784	6.2%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	12,761	16.4%
Male householder, in labor force	3,955	5.1%
Male householder, not in labor force	1,861	2.4%
Female householder, in labor force	8,942	11.5%
Female householder, not in labor force	5,338	6.9%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	124,510	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	6,672	5.4%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	10,299	8.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	10,121	8.1%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	9,695	7.8%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9,868	7.9%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	9,023	7.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	12,561	10.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16,595	13.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	20,398	16.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,358	7.5%
\$200,000 or more	9,920	8.0%
Median household income	\$67,272	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	313,101	100.0%
Under 5 years	17,008	5.4%
5 to 17 years	50,920	16.3%
18 to 24 years	27,069	8.6%
25 to 44 years	73,471	23.5%
45 to 64 years	85,250	27.2%
65 years and more	59,383	19.0%
Median Age	41.9	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	78,174	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	20,263	25.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	3,051	3.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	8,072	10.3%
Families with no own children	46,788	59.9%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	78,174	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	70,390	90.0%
Family income below poverty level	7,784	10.0%
Married couple, with related children	739	0.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	761	1.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	4,486	5.7%
Families with no related children	1,798	2.3%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	304,388	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	18,571	6.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	22,521	7.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	9,525	3.1%
125% to 149% of poverty level	10,490	3.4%
150% to 184% of poverty level	16,903	5.6%
185% to 199% of poverty level	8,137	2.7%
200% of poverty level or more	218,241	71.7%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	309,445	100.0%
Same house as previous year	278,551	90.0%
Different house, same county	16,750	5.4%
Different county, same state	9,726	3.1%
Different state	3,805	1.2%
Abroad	613	0.2%

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Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	132,314	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	34,746	26.3%
15 to 29 minutes	51,036	38.6%
30 to 44 minutes	29,674	22.4%
45 to 59 minutes	9,703	7.3%
60 minutes or more	7,155	5.4%

Mean travel time 25.4 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	134,591	100.0%
Occupied housing units	124,510	92.5%
Owner occupied	90,707	72.9%
Renter occupied	33,803	27.1%
Vacant housing units	10,081	7.5%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	134,591	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	800	0.6%
Built 2010 to 2019	8,447	6.3%
Built 2000 to 2009	16,899	12.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	15,035	11.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	9,045	6.7%
Built 1970 to 1979	19,997	14.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	18,058	13.4%
Built 1950 to 1959	18,813	14.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	6,370	4.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	21,127	15.7%

Median year built 1971

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	90,707	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,671	1.8%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	1,513	1.7%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	2,546	2.8%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	3,481	3.8%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	6,306	7.0%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	7,642	8.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	8,133	9.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	16,320	18.0%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	20,364	22.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	18,277	20.1%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	3,823	4.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	631	0.7%

Median value \$191,900

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	124,510	100.0%
Utility gas	95,455	76.7%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,000	3.2%
Electricity	22,231	17.9%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	754	0.6%
Coal, coke or wood	625	0.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	878	0.7%
No fuel used	567	0.5%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	33,803	100.0%
Less than \$100	324	1.0%
\$100 to \$199	197	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	1,442	4.3%
\$300 to \$399	969	2.9%
\$400 to \$499	1,108	3.3%
\$500 to \$599	1,910	5.7%
\$600 to \$699	2,528	7.5%
\$700 to \$799	3,929	11.6%
\$800 to \$899	4,297	12.7%
\$900 to \$999	3,361	9.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8,988	26.6%
\$1,500 or more	3,165	9.4%
No cash rent	1,585	4.7%

Median gross rent \$886

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 27.9

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	56,567	100.0%
Less than \$400	239	0.4%
\$400 to \$599	1,150	2.0%
\$600 to \$799	3,089	5.5%
\$800 to \$999	5,960	10.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	9,705	17.2%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	9,079	16.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	13,402	23.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	10,193	18.0%
\$3,000 or more	3,750	6.6%

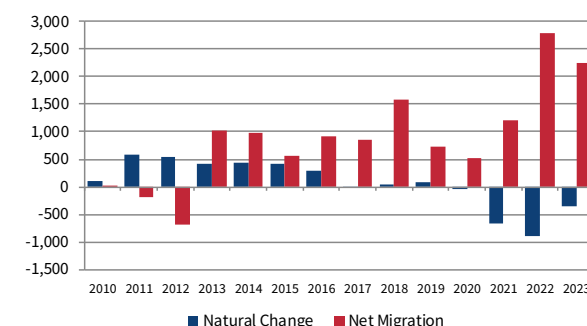
Median monthly owners cost \$1,474

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.1

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	3,139	56.4
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	134	14.4
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	3,734	1,180.6

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	108,838
Number of farms	894
Average size (acres)	122
Total cash receipts	\$170,982,000
Per farm	\$191,255
Receipts for crops	\$156,832,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$14,150,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	75
Students	38,832
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	2,778.0
Expenditures per student	\$11,453
Graduation rate	92.0
Community/charter schools buildings	10
Students	2,479
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	197.7
Expenditures per student	\$10,247
Graduation rate	93.5
Private schools	15
Students	4,257
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	7 / 15

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	343,239
Passenger cars	240,778
Noncommercial trucks	39,659
Total license revenue	\$9,020,185.50
Permissive tax revenue	\$3,832,080.00
Interstate highway miles	37.09
Turnpike miles	20.80
U.S. highway miles	46.88
State highway miles	223.14
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,645.25
Commercial airports	5

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

Areas/Facilities	3
Acreage	1,608

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$760,489
Branch offices	67
Institutions represented	18

Transfer Payments

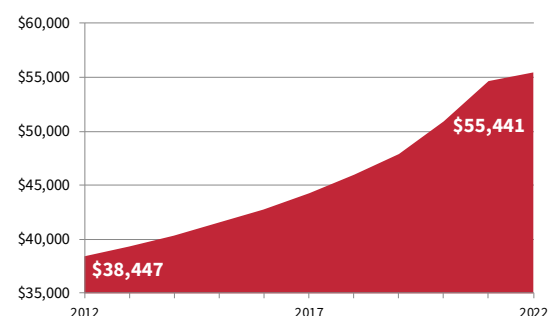
Total transfer payments	\$3,841,416,000
Payments to individuals	\$3,688,461,000
Retirement and disability	\$1,386,142,000
Medical payments	\$1,686,154,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$367,443,000
Unemployment benefits	\$18,898,000
Veterans benefits	\$113,426,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$72,284,000
Other payments to individuals	\$44,114,000
Total personal income	\$17,534,249,000
Dependency ratio	21.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

Voting

Number of registered voters	219,388
Voted in 2022 election	113,927
Percent turnout	51.9%

Health Care

Physicians	523
Registered hospitals	5
Number of beds	799
Licensed nursing homes	20
Number of beds	1,917
Licensed residential care	16
Number of beds	1,576
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.8%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.9%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.2%

Per Capita Personal Income

Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	155,146	154,121	143,041	152,382	158,821
Employed	149,247	146,477	151,447	137,501	151,938
Unemployed	5,899	7,644	8,406	14,881	6,883
Unemployment rate	3.8	5.0	5.6	9.8	4.3

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	6,360	80,619	\$3,999,915,141	\$954
Goods-Producing	1,063	21,224	\$1,374,984,344	\$1,246
Natural Resources and Mining	34	975	\$47,391,334	\$935
Construction	643	4,554	\$269,929,953	\$1,140
Manufacturing	387	15,696	\$1,057,663,057	\$1,296
Service-Providing	5,297	59,396	\$2,624,930,797	\$850
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,461	19,824	\$941,052,518	\$913
Information	119	553	\$35,595,895	\$1,237
Financial Services	588	2,515	\$150,949,687	\$1,154
Professional and Business Services	1,126	7,688	\$433,167,821	\$1,083
Education and Health Services	781	15,608	\$758,828,496	\$935
Leisure and Hospitality	653	10,388	\$205,063,718	\$380
Other Services	556	2,801	\$99,502,822	\$683
Federal Government		1,189	\$141,919,406	\$2,295
State Government		1,094	\$82,473,516	\$1,450
Local Government		12,827	\$681,344,865	\$1,022

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	8.1%	-2.5%	18.6%	21.5%
Goods-Producing	1.2%	-1.0%	13.0%	14.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	0.0%	3.1%	49.4%	45.0%
Construction	3.0%	9.1%	34.2%	23.0%
Manufacturing	-1.3%	-3.8%	7.5%	11.8%
Service-Producing	9.6%	-3.0%	21.7%	25.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.7%	8.2%	47.5%	36.3%
Information	75.0%	-8.3%	38.9%	51.4%
Financial Services	2.4%	-9.8%	7.4%	19.1%
Professional and Business Services	21.1%	-22.9%	-2.8%	25.9%
Education and Health Services	9.2%	-4.1%	14.0%	19.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.0%	-0.1%	29.9%	30.1%
Other Services	4.5%	-2.3%	19.1%	21.7%
Federal Government		10.3%	21.1%	9.8%
State Government		-5.7%	16.0%	23.1%
Local Government		-2.5%	21.7%	24.8%

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	950	1,071	1,127	1,252	1,127
Total valuation (000)	\$257,471	\$294,715	\$285,589	\$272,389	\$289,508
Total single-unit bldgs	820	932	1,030	1,049	964
Average cost per unit	\$294,271	\$297,975	\$263,350	\$243,830	\$282,447
Total multi-unit bldg units	130	139	97	203	163
Average cost per unit	\$124,380	\$122,317	\$147,822	\$81,829	\$105,699

Major & Notable Employers

Avient	Mfg
Camaco LLC	Mfg
Cleveland Clinic	Serv
Elyria City Schools	Govt
UH - Elyria Medical Center	Serv
Ford Motor Co	Mfg
Invacare Corp	Mfg
Lorain City Schools	Govt
Lorain County Government	Govt
Mercy Health	Serv
Oberlin College	Serv
Ridge Tool Manufacturing	Mfg
State of Ohio	Govt