

# Ohio County Profiles



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## Mercer County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820  
 2020 Population: 42,528  
 Land Area: 463.3 square miles  
 County Seat: Celina City  
 Named for: General Hugh Mercer, Revolutionary War



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,093,310,630
Residential	\$679,713,580
Agriculture	\$309,603,890
Industrial	\$32,835,540
Commercial	\$71,153,450
Mineral	\$4,170
Ohio income tax liability	\$24,798,725
Average per return	\$1,184.67

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	6.55%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.08%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.07%
Forest	4.62%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.34%
Pasture/Hay	0.79%
Cultivated Crops	81.96%
Wetlands	0.99%
Open Water	3.59%

### Largest Places

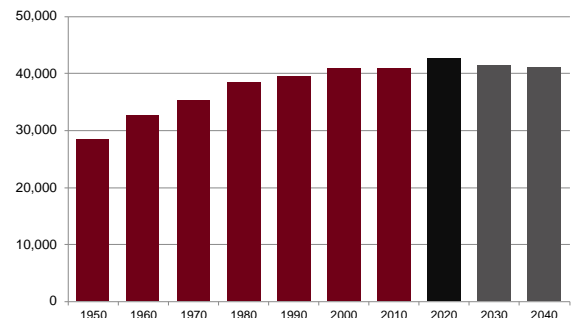
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Celina city	10,935	10,400
Coldwater vil.	4,774	4,427
Marion twp UB	2,964	2,680
Jefferson twp UB	2,930	2,766
St. Henry vil.	2,596	2,427
Franklin twp UB	2,359	2,120
Butler twp UB	1,879	1,918
Fort Recovery vil.	1,501	1,430
Granville twp UB	1,428	1,433
Washington twp	1,201	1,190

UB: Unincorporated balance.

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1910	27,536	<b>2020</b>	<b>42,528</b>
1810		1920	26,872		
1820	95	1930	25,096	<b>Projected</b>	
1830	1,110	1940	26,256		
1840	8,277	<b>1950</b>	<b>28,311</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>41,230</b>
1850	7,712	<b>1960</b>	<b>32,559</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>40,960</b>
1860	14,104	<b>1970</b>	<b>35,265</b>		
1870	17,254	<b>1980</b>	<b>38,334</b>		
1880	21,808	<b>1990</b>	<b>39,443</b>		
1890	27,220	<b>2000</b>	<b>40,924</b>		
1900	28,021	<b>2010</b>	<b>40,814</b>		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	40,884	100.0%
White	39,658	97.0%
African-American	335	0.8%
Native American	0	0.0%
Asian	228	0.6%
Pacific Islander	236	0.6%
Other	135	0.3%
Two or More Races	292	0.7%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	788	1.9%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	27,005	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,123	7.9%
High school graduate	12,233	45.3%
Some college, no degree	4,641	17.2%
Associate degree	3,065	11.3%
Bachelor's degree	3,067	11.4%
Master's degree or higher	1,876	6.9%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,432	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,638	49.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,162	10.2%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	666	5.8%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,823	15.9%
Male householder, in labor force	841	7.4%
Male householder, not in labor force	148	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	943	8.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	211	1.8%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	16,234	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	518	3.2%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	934	5.8%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,648	10.2%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,448	8.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,672	10.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,450	8.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,211	13.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,578	15.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,708	16.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	669	4.1%
\$200,000 or more	398	2.5%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$62,952</b>	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	40,884	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,905	7.1%
5 to 17 years	7,618	18.6%
18 to 24 years	3,356	8.2%
25 to 44 years	8,956	21.9%
45 to 64 years	10,975	26.8%
65 years and more	7,074	17.3%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>39.6</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,461	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,521	30.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	402	3.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	742	6.5%
Families with no own children	6,796	59.3%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,461	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,982	95.8%
Family income below poverty level	479	4.2%
Married couple, with related children	56	0.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	32	0.3%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	265	2.3%
Families with no related children	126	1.1%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	40,301	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	964	2.4%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,627	4.0%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,353	3.4%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,223	5.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,186	5.4%
185% to 199% of poverty level	839	2.1%
200% of poverty level or more	31,109	77.2%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	40,191	100.0%
Same house as previous year	36,223	90.1%
Different house, same county	2,307	5.7%
Different county, same state	1,094	2.7%
Different state	453	1.1%
Abroad	114	0.3%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	20,324	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	9,218	45.4%
15 to 29 minutes	6,977	34.3%
30 to 44 minutes	2,611	12.8%
45 to 59 minutes	868	4.3%
60 minutes or more	650	3.2%

**Mean travel time** 18.7 minutes

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	18,032	100.0%
Occupied housing units	16,234	90.0%
Owner occupied	12,503	77.0%
Renter occupied	3,731	23.0%
Vacant housing units	1,798	10.0%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	18,032	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	363	2.0%
Built 2010 to 2013	367	2.0%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,808	10.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,378	13.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,657	9.2%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,874	15.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,628	9.0%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,469	13.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,128	6.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,360	18.6%

**Median year built** 1971

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	12,503	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	419	3.4%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	290	2.3%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	415	3.3%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	856	6.8%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,486	11.9%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,267	10.1%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,324	10.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,253	18.0%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,566	20.5%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,289	10.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	231	1.8%
\$1,000,000 or more	107	0.9%

**Median value** \$153,800

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	16,234	100.0%
Utility gas	7,620	46.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,036	18.7%
Electricity	4,334	26.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	456	2.8%
Coal, coke or wood	400	2.5%
Solar energy or other fuel	201	1.2%
No fuel used	187	1.2%

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## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,731	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	20	0.5%
\$200 to \$299	52	1.4%
\$300 to \$399	170	4.6%
\$400 to \$499	354	9.5%
\$500 to \$599	526	14.1%
\$600 to \$699	753	20.2%
\$700 to \$799	419	11.2%
\$800 to \$899	497	13.3%
\$900 to \$999	208	5.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	327	8.8%
\$1,500 or more	48	1.3%
No cash rent	357	9.6%

**Median gross rent** \$679

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 21.5

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

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,546	100.0%
Less than \$400	55	0.8%
\$400 to \$599	310	4.7%
\$600 to \$799	834	12.7%
\$800 to \$999	1,190	18.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,346	20.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,206	18.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	960	14.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	573	8.8%
\$3,000 or more	72	1.1%

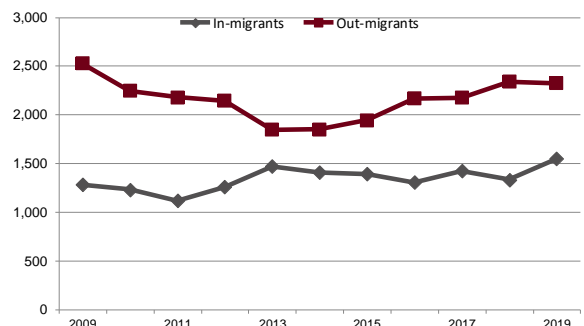
**Median monthly owners cost** \$1,164

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.1

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	622	90.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	11	17.7
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	397	964.2

## Domestic Migration



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	268,958
Number of farms	1,231
Average size (acres)	218
Total cash receipts	\$631,612,000
Per farm	\$513,088
Receipts for crops	\$123,310,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$508,302,000

## Education

Traditional public schools buildings	19
Students	7,625
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	538.4
Expenditures per student	\$9,928
Graduation rate	95.5
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	109
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	4 / 7

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	61,207
Passenger cars	31,693
Noncommercial trucks	10,411
Total license revenue	\$2,229,481.98
Permissive tax revenue	\$796,355.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	44.70
State highway miles	165.78
County, township, and municipal road miles	950.48
Commercial airports	1

## Health Care

Physicians	44
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	88
Licensed nursing homes	6
Number of beds	394
Licensed residential care	6
Number of beds	308
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.8%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.8%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	94.8%

## Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	8,200
Average monthly unique visitors	125,000
Weekly newspapers	0
Circulation	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	193
Violent crime	10
Property crime	183

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$1,080,002
Branch offices	21
Institutions represented	9

## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$341,546,000
Payments to individuals	\$332,354,000
Retirement and disability	\$145,927,000
Medical payments	\$146,334,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$17,493,000
Unemployment benefits	\$2,128,000
Veterans benefits	\$11,979,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$4,994,000
Other payments to individuals	\$3,499,000
Total personal income	\$2,145,298,000
Dependency ratio	15.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

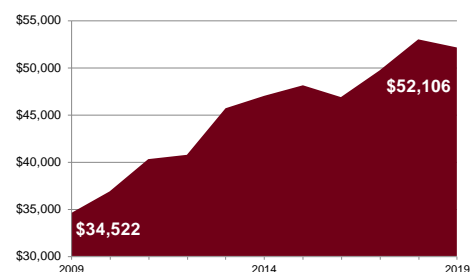
## Voting

Number of registered voters	29,398
Voted in 2020 election	23,907
Percent turnout	81.3%

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

Areas/Facilities	6
Acreage	11,493

## Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	23,500	23,600	23,700	23,600	23,500
Employed	22,300	22,900	23,000	22,900	22,700
Unemployed	1,300	600	700	700	800
Unemployment rate	5.4	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.3

**Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2019**

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,011	17,592	\$722,267,154	\$790
Goods-Producing	257	8,339	\$400,534,560	\$924
Natural Resources and Mining	46	604	\$24,703,663	\$787
Construction	113	1,100	\$59,294,564	\$1,037
Manufacturing	98	6,635	\$316,536,333	\$918
Service-Providing	754	9,254	\$321,732,594	\$669
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	276	4,069	\$162,325,368	\$767
Information	9	133	\$5,225,872	\$758
Financial Services	81	658	\$35,695,960	\$1,044
Professional and Business Services	93	624	\$26,668,113	\$822
Education and Health Services	92	1,643	\$57,599,130	\$674
Leisure and Hospitality	102	1,389	\$17,971,420	\$249
Other Services	102	739	\$16,246,731	\$423
Federal Government		95	\$5,212,342	\$1,055
State Government		174	\$7,893,072	\$874
Local Government		2,421	\$97,241,026	\$772

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

**Change Since 2013**

Private Sector	4.3%	8.8%	22.2%	12.4%
Goods-Producing	8.9%	9.8%	18.2%	7.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	4.5%	23.8%	41.9%	14.7%
Construction	10.8%	15.7%	32.7%	14.7%
Manufacturing	8.9%	7.7%	14.4%	6.3%
Service-Producing	2.7%	7.9%	27.5%	18.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.2%	11.4%	27.9%	14.8%
Information	-18.2%	-21.3%	-6.4%	19.6%
Financial Services	-6.9%	-3.8%	20.4%	25.2%
Professional and Business Services	13.4%	7.4%	38.4%	28.8%
Education and Health Services	8.2%	2.6%	30.8%	27.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	3.0%	11.4%	30.0%	16.9%
Other Services	-1.9%	15.5%	24.7%	7.9%
Federal Government		0.0%	8.2%	8.7%
State Government		19.2%	18.6%	0.0%
Local Government		-0.9%	12.7%	13.7%

**Residential**

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	113	60	138	94	67
Total valuation (000)	\$27,762	\$18,575	\$19,979	\$21,807	\$15,484
Total single-unit bldgs	76	60	71	70	54
Average cost per unit	\$308,381	\$309,584	\$260,613	\$289,419	\$265,059
Total multi-unit bldg units	37	0	67	24	13
Average cost per unit	\$116,892		\$22,015	\$64,500	\$90,031