

Ohio County Profiles

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Perry County

Established: Act - March 1, 1818
2023 Population: 35,551
Land Area: 410.0 square miles
County Seat: New Lexington City
Named for: Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, Battle of Lake Erie



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$636,534,310
Residential	\$454,933,390
Agriculture	\$126,888,480
Industrial	\$8,102,850
Commercial	\$44,091,630
Mineral	\$2,517,960
Ohio income tax liability	\$16,792,836
Average per return	\$1,097.36

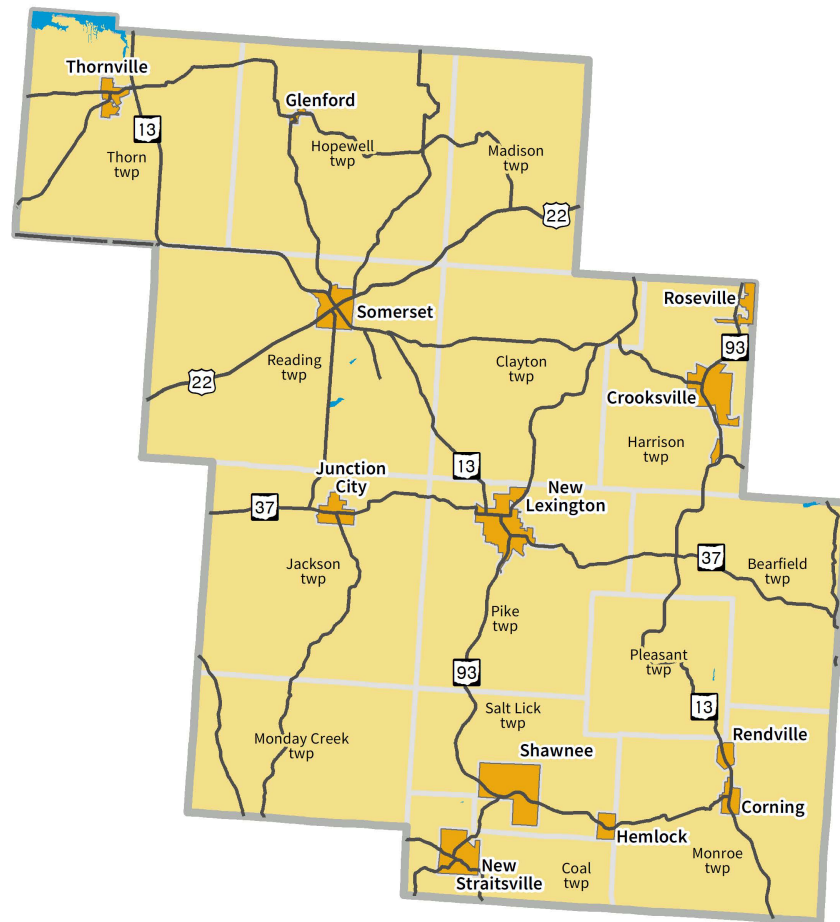
Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	6.70%
Developed, Higher Intensity	0.78%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.33%
Forest	59.55%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.61%
Pasture/Hay	17.23%
Cultivated Crops	12.58%
Wetlands	0.57%
Open Water	0.64%

Largest Places

	2023	2020
New Lexington vil.	4,447	4,430
Thorn twp UB	3,578	3,456
Reading twp UB	2,932	2,870
Hopewell twp UB	2,410	2,429
Crooksville vil.	2,402	2,421
Pike twp UB	2,231	2,243
Jackson twp UB	2,043	2,052
Harrison twp UB	1,669	1,662
Clayton twp	1,575	1,563
Bearfield twp	1,478	1,476

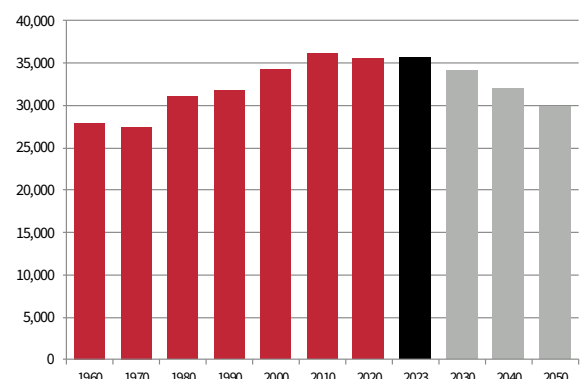
UB: Unincorporated balance



Total Population

Census

1800		1910	35,396	2020	35,408
1810		1920	36,098		
1820	8,429	1930	31,445		
1830	13,970	1940	31,087	Estimate	
1840	19,344	1950	28,999	2023	35,551
1850	20,775	1960	27,864		
1860	19,678	1970	27,434		
1870	18,453	1980	31,032	Projection	
1880	28,218	1990	31,557	2030	33,933
1890	31,151	2000	34,078	2040	31,934
1900	31,841	2010	36,058	2050	29,737



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	35,451	100.0%
White	34,098	96.2%
African-American	91	0.3%
Native American	34	0.1%
Asian	28	0.1%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	125	0.4%
Two or More Races	1,075	3.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	346	1.0%
Total Minority	1,485	4.2%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	24,430	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,934	12.0%
High school graduate	11,140	45.6%
Some college, no degree	4,305	17.6%
Associate degree	2,435	10.0%
Bachelor's degree	2,499	10.2%
Master's degree or higher	1,117	4.6%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,538	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	3,167	33.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,227	12.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	885	9.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,640	17.2%
Male householder, in labor force	695	7.3%
Male householder, not in labor force	232	2.4%
Female householder, in labor force	1,018	10.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	674	7.1%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	13,371	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	830	6.2%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,424	10.6%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,055	7.9%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,108	8.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,103	8.2%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	955	7.1%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,426	10.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,168	16.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,792	13.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	885	6.6%
\$200,000 or more	625	4.7%
Median household income	\$62,899	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	35,451	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,099	5.9%
5 to 17 years	6,244	17.6%
18 to 24 years	2,678	7.6%
25 to 44 years	8,514	24.0%
45 to 64 years	9,794	27.6%
65 years and more	6,122	17.3%
Median Age	41.1	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,617	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,319	24.1%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	499	5.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	733	7.6%
Families with no own children	6,066	63.1%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,617	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	8,605	89.5%
Family income below poverty level	1,012	10.5%
Married couple, with related children	140	1.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	96	1.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	472	4.9%
Families with no related children	304	3.2%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	35,003	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,461	7.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,908	8.3%
100% to 124% of poverty level	851	2.4%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,997	5.7%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,677	7.6%
185% to 199% of poverty level	835	2.4%
200% of poverty level or more	23,274	66.5%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	35,148	100.0%
Same house as previous year	32,290	91.9%
Different house, same county	1,540	4.4%
Different county, same state	1,174	3.3%
Different state	123	0.3%
Abroad	21	0.1%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	14,154	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	3,132	22.1%
15 to 29 minutes	3,598	25.4%
30 to 44 minutes	3,278	23.2%
45 to 59 minutes	1,652	11.7%
60 minutes or more	2,494	17.6%

Mean travel time 33.1 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	15,003	100.0%
Occupied housing units	13,371	89.1%
Owner occupied	10,127	75.7%
Renter occupied	3,244	24.3%
Vacant housing units	1,632	10.9%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	15,003	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	36	0.2%
Built 2010 to 2019	708	4.7%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,447	16.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,679	17.9%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,391	9.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,409	9.4%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,110	7.4%
Built 1950 to 1959	953	6.4%
Built 1940 to 1949	652	4.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,618	24.1%

Median year built 1978

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	10,127	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	393	3.9%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	589	5.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	499	4.9%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	562	5.5%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	938	9.3%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	883	8.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	791	7.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,707	16.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,004	19.8%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,165	11.5%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	556	5.5%
\$1,000,000 or more	40	0.4%

Median value \$161,300

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	13,371	100.0%
Utility gas	6,018	45.0%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,616	12.1%
Electricity	4,444	33.2%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	586	4.4%
Coal, coke or wood	550	4.1%
Solar energy or other fuel	146	1.1%
No fuel used	11	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,244	100.0%
Less than \$100	8	0.2%
\$100 to \$199	189	5.8%
\$200 to \$299	285	8.8%
\$300 to \$399	215	6.6%
\$400 to \$499	176	5.4%
\$500 to \$599	223	6.9%
\$600 to \$699	422	13.0%
\$700 to \$799	466	14.4%
\$800 to \$899	310	9.6%
\$900 to \$999	255	7.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	371	11.4%
\$1,500 or more	72	2.2%
No cash rent	252	7.8%

Median gross rent \$695

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 25.3

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	5,534	100.0%
Less than \$400	2	0.0%
\$400 to \$599	185	3.3%
\$600 to \$799	610	11.0%
\$800 to \$999	965	17.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,136	20.5%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	781	14.1%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,100	19.9%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	540	9.8%
\$3,000 or more	215	3.9%

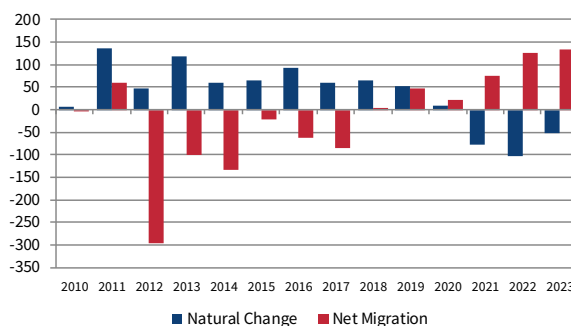
Median monthly owners cost \$1,221

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	379	60.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	14	12.8
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	436	1,228.9

Components of Population Change



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	76,325
Number of farms	696
Average size (acres)	110
Total cash receipts	\$32,948,000
Per farm	\$47,339
Receipts for crops	\$23,311,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$9,637,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	14
Students	5,556
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	365.5
Expenditures per student	\$11,281
Graduation rate	93.9
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	162
Public universities, 4-year	0
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	2 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	46,880
Passenger cars	25,201
Noncommercial trucks	10,744
Total license revenue	\$1,236,474.90
Permissive tax revenue	\$324,337.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	14.27
State highway miles	170.99
County, township, and municipal road miles	768.58
Commercial airports	2

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

Areas/Facilities	4
Acreage	5,430

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$303,745
Branch offices	12
Institutions represented	9

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$498,485,000
Payments to individuals	\$481,002,000
Retirement and disability	\$140,867,000
Medical payments	\$250,819,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$54,543,000
Unemployment benefits	\$1,701,000
Veterans benefits	\$20,055,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$6,484,000
Other payments to individuals	\$6,533,000
Total personal income	\$1,630,068,000
Dependency ratio	30.6%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

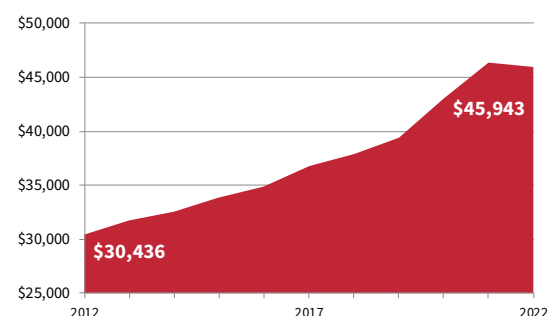
Voting

Number of registered voters	22,645
Voted in 2022 election	12,205
Percent turnout	53.9%

Health Care

Physicians	13
Registered hospitals	0
Number of beds	0
Licensed nursing homes	4
Number of beds	311
Licensed residential care	0
Number of beds	0
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	91.0%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	89.7%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	94.5%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	16,076	15,911	14,928	15,781	16,025
Employed	15,429	15,209	15,817	14,442	15,184
Unemployed	647	702	889	1,339	841
Unemployment rate	4.0	4.4	5.6	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	505	4,625	\$217,029,765	\$902
Goods-Producing	95	1,436	\$104,431,027	\$1,398
Natural Resources and Mining	19	113	\$7,071,908	\$1,204
Construction	55	424	\$48,281,975	\$2,188
Manufacturing	21	899	\$49,077,144	\$1,050
Service-Providing	410	3,189	\$112,598,738	\$679
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	130	1,053	\$34,036,329	\$622
Information	6	10	\$483,983	\$939
Financial Services	38	172	\$8,823,686	\$985
Professional and Business Services	51	316	\$22,292,983	\$1,356
Education and Health Services	80	857	\$32,431,428	\$728
Leisure and Hospitality	60	599	\$8,848,038	\$284
Other Services	45	182	\$5,642,296	\$597
Federal Government		59	\$3,112,721	\$1,020
State Government		39	\$2,512,723	\$1,255
Local Government		1,433	\$62,003,172	\$832

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	10.3%	4.6%	25.3%	19.8%
Goods-Producing	13.1%	6.1%	21.2%	14.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	-9.5%	-27.6%	-3.4%	33.2%
Construction	25.0%	14.0%	25.4%	9.9%
Manufacturing	10.5%	8.8%	21.6%	11.8%
Service-Producing	9.6%	4.0%	29.4%	24.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	7.4%	-2.0%	20.8%	23.2%
Information	-14.3%	-52.4%	-51.1%	2.7%
Financial Services	8.6%	2.4%	48.9%	45.5%
Professional and Business Services	-1.9%	-13.9%	18.2%	37.0%
Education and Health Services	6.7%	-0.5%	28.7%	29.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	27.7%	39.0%	71.5%	23.5%
Other Services	36.4%	37.9%	127.5%	64.9%
Federal Government		-6.3%	9.1%	17.4%
State Government		-2.5%	12.1%	16.2%
Local Government		-3.9%	19.1%	24.0%

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	31	28	47	44	32
Total valuation (000)	\$5,736	\$5,411	\$10,486	\$7,650	\$5,054
Total single-unit bldgs	27	28	47	40	32
Average cost per unit	\$201,346	\$193,246	\$223,114	\$177,499	\$157,923
Total multi-unit bldg units	4	0	0	4	0
Average cost per unit	\$75,000			\$137,500	

Major & Notable Employers

CerCo LLC	Mfg
Cooper-Standard Automotive	Mfg
Crooksville Exempted Village Schools	Govt
Ludowici Roof Tile	Mfg
New Lexington City Schools	Govt
Northern Local Schools	Govt
PCC Airfoils LLC	Mfg
Perry County Government	Govt
Shelly Materials Inc	Mining
Southern Local Schools	Govt
Westmoreland Coal	Mining