

Ohio County Profiles



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2021 Edition

Ross County

Established: Proclamation - August 20, 1796
 2020 Population: 77,093
 Land Area: 688.5 square miles
 County Seat: Chillicothe City
 Named for: Pennsylvania Senator James Ross, friend of Ohio Governor Arthur St. Clair



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,322,249,990
Residential	\$889,137,820
Agriculture	\$237,938,900
Industrial	\$23,222,790
Commercial	\$171,950,420
Mineral	\$60
Ohio income tax liability	\$35,528,346
Average per return	\$1,103.95

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	5.45%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.00%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.07%
Forest	46.95%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.86%
Pasture/Hay	17.74%
Cultivated Crops	25.82%
Wetlands	0.33%
Open Water	0.77%

Largest Places

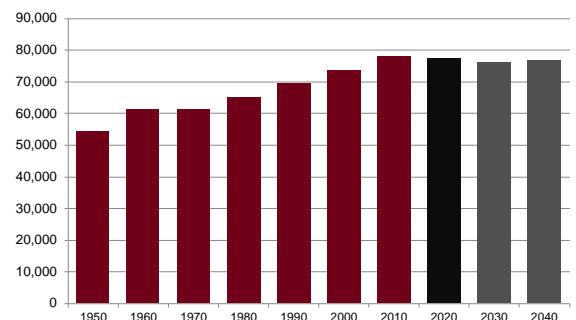
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Chillicothe city	22,059	21,901
Union twp	12,530	13,345
Huntington twp	6,069	6,220
Scioto twp UB	5,831	5,823
Green twp UB	3,924	3,886
Concord twp UB	3,659	3,396
Twin twp	3,492	3,384
Liberty twp	2,623	2,619
Springfield twp UB	2,559	2,654
Buckskin twp UB	1,828	1,835

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census

1800	8,540	1910	40,069	2020	77,093
1810	15,514	1920	41,556		
1820	20,619	1930	45,181	Projected	
1830	24,068	1940	52,147		
1840	27,460	1950	54,424		
1850	32,074	1960	61,215	2030	76,010
1860	35,071	1970	61,211	2040	76,570
1870	37,097	1980	65,004		
1880	40,307	1990	69,330		
1890	39,454	2000	73,345		
1900	40,940	2010	78,064		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	76,948	100.0%
White	69,541	90.4%
African-American	4,050	5.3%
Native American	10	0.0%
Asian	392	0.5%
Pacific Islander	19	0.0%
Other	379	0.5%
Two or More Races	2,557	3.3%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	978	1.3%
Total Minority	7,999	10.4%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	54,514	100.0%
No high school diploma	6,759	12.4%
High school graduate	23,422	43.0%
Some college, no degree	11,085	20.3%
Associate degree	4,650	8.5%
Bachelor's degree	5,515	10.1%
Master's degree or higher	3,083	5.7%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,685	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,621	33.6%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,726	13.8%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,387	7.0%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,632	18.5%
Male householder, in labor force	916	4.7%
Male householder, not in labor force	424	2.2%
Female householder, in labor force	2,396	12.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,583	8.0%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	28,802	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,256	7.8%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,019	10.5%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,530	12.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,846	9.9%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,477	8.6%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,370	8.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	3,238	11.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,710	12.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,757	13.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	815	2.8%
\$200,000 or more	784	2.7%
Median household income	\$51,092	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	76,948	100.0%
Under 5 years	4,186	5.4%
5 to 17 years	12,355	16.1%
18 to 24 years	5,893	7.7%
25 to 44 years	19,970	26.0%
45 to 64 years	22,155	28.8%
65 years and more	12,389	16.1%
Median Age	41.0	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,818	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	5,135	25.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	631	3.2%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,341	11.8%
Families with no own children	11,711	59.1%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	19,818	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	17,402	87.8%
Family income below poverty level	2,416	12.2%
Married couple, with related children	452	2.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	197	1.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,199	6.1%
Families with no related children	568	2.9%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	71,005	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,784	6.7%
50% to 99% of poverty level	7,523	10.6%
100% to 124% of poverty level	3,614	5.1%
125% to 149% of poverty level	3,333	4.7%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,205	5.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,918	2.7%
200% of poverty level or more	45,628	64.3%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	76,321	100.0%
Same house as previous year	65,121	85.3%
Different house, same county	6,832	9.0%
Different county, same state	3,654	4.8%
Different state	647	0.8%
Abroad	67	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	29,828	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	9,179	30.8%
15 to 29 minutes	11,220	37.6%
30 to 44 minutes	4,427	14.8%
45 to 59 minutes	2,118	7.1%
60 minutes or more	2,884	9.7%

Mean travel time 25.8 minutes

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,025	100.0%
Occupied housing units	28,802	89.9%
Owner occupied	20,428	70.9%
Renter occupied	8,374	29.1%
Vacant housing units	3,223	10.1%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,025	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	395	1.2%
Built 2010 to 2013	468	1.5%
Built 2000 to 2009	3,545	11.1%
Built 1990 to 1999	5,496	17.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,722	11.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,189	10.0%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,049	9.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	4,067	12.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,759	5.5%
Built 1939 or earlier	6,335	19.8%

Median year built 1973

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	20,428	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,176	5.8%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	838	4.1%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,097	5.4%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,710	8.4%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,530	12.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	3,002	14.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,011	9.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,202	20.6%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,726	13.3%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	857	4.2%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	216	1.1%
\$1,000,000 or more	63	0.3%

Median value \$123,800

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	28,802	100.0%
Utility gas	8,731	30.3%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,879	10.0%
Electricity	14,213	49.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,656	5.7%
Coal, coke or wood	1,059	3.7%
Solar energy or other fuel	162	0.6%
No fuel used	102	0.4%

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Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	8,374	100.0%
Less than \$100	12	0.1%
\$100 to \$199	72	0.9%
\$200 to \$299	397	4.7%
\$300 to \$399	448	5.3%
\$400 to \$499	404	4.8%
\$500 to \$599	877	10.5%
\$600 to \$699	1,158	13.8%
\$700 to \$799	1,280	15.3%
\$800 to \$899	1,153	13.8%
\$900 to \$999	763	9.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	902	10.8%
\$1,500 or more	128	1.5%
No cash rent	780	9.3%

Median gross rent \$741

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 29.3

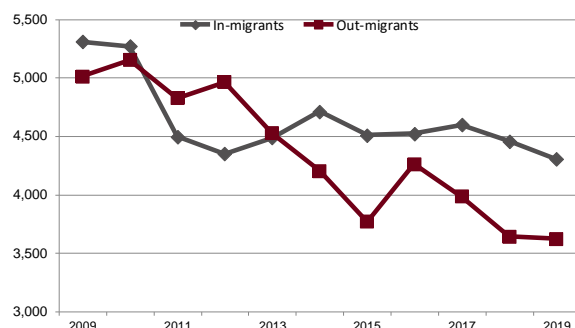
Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	11,162	100.0%
Less than \$400	111	1.0%
\$400 to \$599	458	4.1%
\$600 to \$799	1,319	11.8%
\$800 to \$999	2,195	19.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,435	21.8%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,834	16.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,740	15.6%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	834	7.5%
\$3,000 or more	236	2.1%

Median monthly owners cost \$1,154

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.9

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	745	59.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	54	72.5
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	929	1,211.7

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	247,903
Number of farms	1,121
Average size (acres)	221
Total cash receipts	\$77,745,000
Per farm	\$69,354
Receipts for crops	\$66,744,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$11,002,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	23
Students	10,117
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	664.3
Expenditures per student	\$9,049
Graduation rate	87.5
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	3
Students	481
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	1
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 8

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	92,460
Passenger cars	54,525
Noncommercial trucks	18,025
Total license revenue	\$2,426,509.47
Permissive tax revenue	\$605,785.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	93.95
State highway miles	124.06
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,022.88
Commercial airports	1

Health Care

Physicians	207
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	261
Licensed nursing homes	7
Number of beds	532
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	217
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.5%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.0%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	4
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	3,941
Average monthly unique visitors	239,985
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	3,005
Violent crime	197
Property crime	2,808

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$450,053
Branch offices	20
Institutions represented	9

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$845,380,000
Payments to individuals	\$829,286,000
Retirement and disability	\$259,821,000
Medical payments	\$416,937,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$80,417,000
Unemployment benefits	\$5,196,000
Veterans benefits	\$51,939,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$9,238,000
Other payments to individuals	\$5,738,000
Total personal income	\$2,956,482,000
Dependency ratio	28.6%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

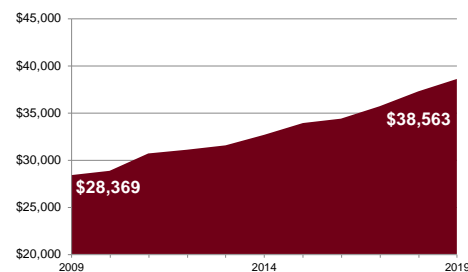
Voting

Number of registered voters	46,037
Voted in 2020 election	33,558
Percent turnout	72.9%

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

Areas/Facilities	17
Acreage	30,909

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	35,400	35,500	34,900	34,300	34,000
Employed	32,600	34,000	33,300	32,600	32,100
Unemployed	2,800	1,500	1,600	1,800	1,900
Unemployment rate	8.0	4.2	4.5	5.1	5.6

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2019

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,297	23,004	\$991,228,106	\$829
Goods-Producing	190	5,414	\$339,038,493	\$1,204
Natural Resources and Mining	27	116	\$3,323,954	\$551
Construction	120	834	\$40,256,058	\$928
Manufacturing	42	4,463	\$295,458,481	\$1,273
Service-Providing	1,107	17,591	\$652,189,613	\$713
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	362	5,383	\$189,071,977	\$675
Information	13	251	\$13,436,113	\$1,031
Financial Services	127	662	\$29,843,456	\$867
Professional and Business Services	140	1,549	\$52,971,940	\$658
Education and Health Services	204	5,801	\$301,619,499	\$1,000
Leisure and Hospitality	150	3,394	\$53,393,251	\$303
Other Services	112	551	\$11,853,377	\$413
Federal Government		1,690	\$119,526,536	\$1,360
State Government		1,620	\$94,902,991	\$1,126
Local Government		3,192	\$136,079,808	\$820

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	4.9%	10.1%	18.8%	7.9%
Goods-Producing	5.6%	4.9%	12.0%	6.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	0.0%	12.6%	22.5%	8.3%
Construction	7.1%	21.6%	50.8%	23.9%
Manufacturing	5.0%	2.0%	8.1%	6.0%
Service-Producing	4.7%	11.9%	22.7%	9.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	6.5%	3.0%	22.5%	18.8%
Information	62.5%	-18.2%	-14.7%	4.5%
Financial Services	1.6%	13.9%	28.4%	12.7%
Professional and Business Services	0.7%	11.7%	24.2%	11.3%
Education and Health Services	26.7%	18.6%	23.2%	3.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	4.2%	22.8%	36.9%	11.8%
Other Services	-19.4%	0.0%	2.7%	2.5%
Federal Government		5.5%	17.8%	11.7%
State Government		-0.7%	23.0%	23.7%
Local Government		3.7%	13.7%	9.8%

Residential

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	15	12	13	16	19
Total valuation (000)	\$3,124	\$2,431	\$2,236	\$1,445	\$1,585
Total single-unit bldgs	15	12	13	16	19
Average cost per unit	\$208,254	\$202,583	\$172,000	\$90,313	\$83,402
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	0	0
Average cost per unit				\$0	\$0