

Ohio County Profiles

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Ross County

Established: Proclamation - August 20, 1796
2023 Population: 76,501
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	\$1,631,861,800
Residential	\$1,133,251,420
Agriculture	\$278,790,380
Industrial	\$23,991,930
Commercial	\$195,828,010
Mineral	\$60
Ohio income tax liability	\$34,674,484
Average per return	\$1,052.94

Land Use/Land Cover

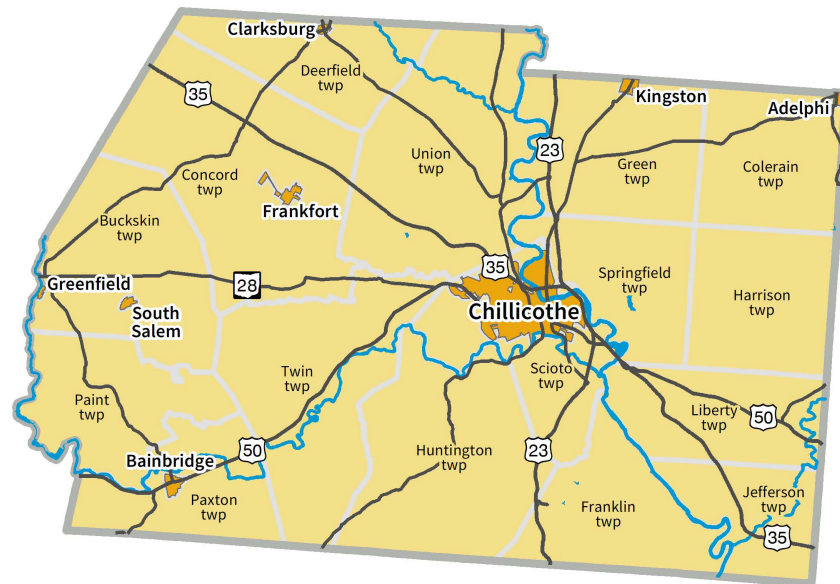
Percent

Developed, Lower Intensity	6.00%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.70%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.11%
Forest	46.07%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.37%
Pasture/Hay	17.26%
Cultivated Crops	26.16%
Wetlands	0.61%
Open Water	0.70%

Largest Places

	2023	2020
Chillicothe city	21,895	22,049
Union twp	12,612	12,595
Huntington twp	6,124	6,127
Scioto twp UB	5,539	5,837
Green twp UB	3,947	3,965
Concord twp UB	3,562	3,589
Twin twp	3,381	3,400
Liberty twp	2,579	2,594
Springfield twp UB	2,578	2,600
Buckskin twp UB	1,832	1,825

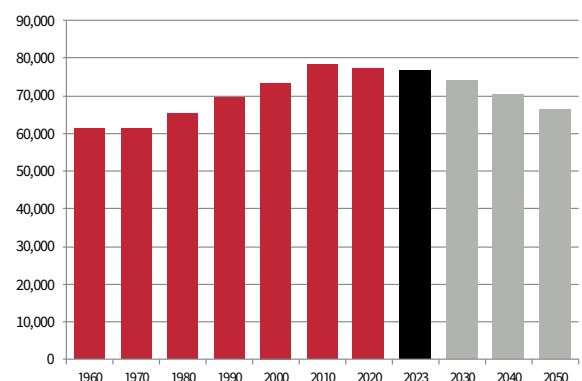
UB: Unincorporated balance



Total Population

Census

1800	8,540	1910	40,069	2020	77,093
1810	15,514	1920	41,556		
1820	20,619	1930	45,181		
1830	24,068	1940	52,147	Estimate	
1840	27,460	1950	54,424	2023	76,501
1850	32,074	1960	61,215		
1860	35,071	1970	61,211		
1870	37,097	1980	65,004	Projection	
1880	40,307	1990	69,330	2030	73,911
1890	39,454	2000	73,345	2040	70,003
1900	40,940	2010	78,064	2050	66,099



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	76,957	100.0%
White	68,763	89.4%
African-American	4,268	5.5%
Native American	96	0.1%
Asian	336	0.4%
Pacific Islander	25	0.0%
Other	487	0.6%
Two or More Races	2,982	3.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,063	1.4%
Total Minority	8,664	11.3%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	54,657	100.0%
No high school diploma	6,179	11.3%
High school graduate	24,800	45.4%
Some college, no degree	10,746	19.7%
Associate degree	3,897	7.1%
Bachelor's degree	5,498	10.1%
Master's degree or higher	3,537	6.5%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,738	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,450	34.4%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,182	11.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,364	7.3%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,422	18.3%
Male householder, in labor force	1,087	5.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	590	3.1%
Female householder, in labor force	2,370	12.6%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,273	6.8%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	29,565	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,750	5.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,582	8.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,608	12.2%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,909	9.8%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,177	7.4%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,293	7.8%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,461	8.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	4,009	13.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5,306	17.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,294	4.4%
\$200,000 or more	1,176	4.0%
Median household income	\$58,048	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	76,957	100.0%
Under 5 years	4,164	5.4%
5 to 17 years	12,085	15.7%
18 to 24 years	6,051	7.9%
25 to 44 years	19,889	25.8%
45 to 64 years	21,535	28.0%
65 years and more	13,233	17.2%
Median Age	41.3	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,826	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,705	25.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	761	4.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	2,060	10.9%
Families with no own children	11,300	60.0%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,826	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	16,762	89.0%
Family income below poverty level	2,064	11.0%
Married couple, with related children	472	2.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	121	0.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,078	5.7%
Families with no related children	393	2.1%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	71,678	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	4,907	6.8%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,641	9.3%
100% to 124% of poverty level	3,727	5.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,975	4.2%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,366	6.1%
185% to 199% of poverty level	2,600	3.6%
200% of poverty level or more	46,462	64.8%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	76,330	100.0%
Same house as previous year	66,605	87.3%
Different house, same county	5,777	7.6%
Different county, same state	3,238	4.2%
Different state	656	0.9%
Abroad	54	0.1%

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Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	29,775	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	8,689	29.2%
15 to 29 minutes	11,476	38.5%
30 to 44 minutes	3,988	13.4%
45 to 59 minutes	2,534	8.5%
60 minutes or more	3,088	10.4%

Mean travel time 27.4 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,051	100.0%
Occupied housing units	29,565	92.2%
Owner occupied	20,949	70.9%
Renter occupied	8,616	29.1%
Vacant housing units	2,486	7.8%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,051	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	238	0.7%
Built 2010 to 2019	993	3.1%
Built 2000 to 2009	3,224	10.1%
Built 1990 to 1999	5,454	17.0%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,375	10.5%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,951	12.3%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,377	10.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,812	11.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,103	6.6%
Built 1939 or earlier	5,524	17.2%

Median year built 1973

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	20,949	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	1,021	4.9%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	789	3.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	963	4.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	908	4.3%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,127	10.2%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,181	10.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2,121	10.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,697	22.4%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,935	18.8%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,745	8.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	407	1.9%
\$1,000,000 or more	55	0.3%

Median value \$153,500

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	29,565	100.0%
Utility gas	9,343	31.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,777	12.8%
Electricity	13,505	45.7%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,457	4.9%
Coal, coke or wood	1,003	3.4%
Solar energy or other fuel	371	1.3%
No fuel used	109	0.4%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	8,616	100.0%
Less than \$100	36	0.4%
\$100 to \$199	30	0.3%
\$200 to \$299	463	5.4%
\$300 to \$399	331	3.8%
\$400 to \$499	400	4.6%
\$500 to \$599	565	6.6%
\$600 to \$699	734	8.5%
\$700 to \$799	1,034	12.0%
\$800 to \$899	1,286	14.9%
\$900 to \$999	1,112	12.9%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,653	19.2%
\$1,500 or more	248	2.9%
No cash rent	724	8.4%

Median gross rent \$827

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 31.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	11,307	100.0%
Less than \$400	138	1.2%
\$400 to \$599	460	4.1%
\$600 to \$799	726	6.4%
\$800 to \$999	1,552	13.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,501	22.1%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	2,468	21.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,197	19.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	1,012	9.0%
\$3,000 or more	253	2.2%

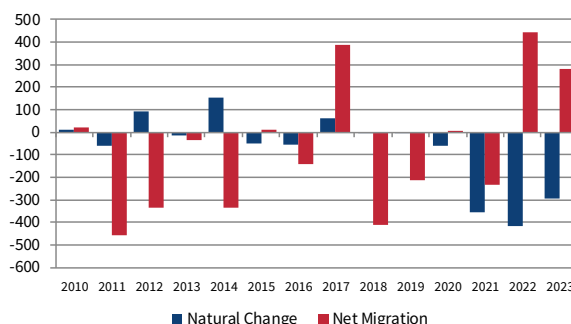
Median monthly owners cost \$1,278

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.6

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	701	55.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	40	18.9
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,138	1,485.5

Components of Population Change



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	270,703
Number of farms	1,107
Average size (acres)	245
Total cash receipts	\$145,442,000
Per farm	\$131,384
Receipts for crops	\$127,188,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$18,254,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	23
Students	9,786
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	672.5
Expenditures per student	\$10,824
Graduation rate	87.7
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	3
Students	494
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 9

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	93,495
Passenger cars	53,743
Noncommercial trucks	18,506
Total license revenue	\$2,502,301.86
Permissive tax revenue	\$657,542.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	94.14
State highway miles	125.02
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,010.39
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	17
Acreage	30,909

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$520,067
Branch offices	18
Institutions represented	10

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$1,060,057,000
Payments to individuals	\$1,024,493,000
Retirement and disability	\$296,024,000
Medical payments	\$510,916,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$124,307,000
Unemployment benefits	\$3,266,000
Veterans benefits	\$62,699,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$13,534,000
Other payments to individuals	\$13,747,000
Total personal income	\$3,425,160,000
Dependency ratio	30.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

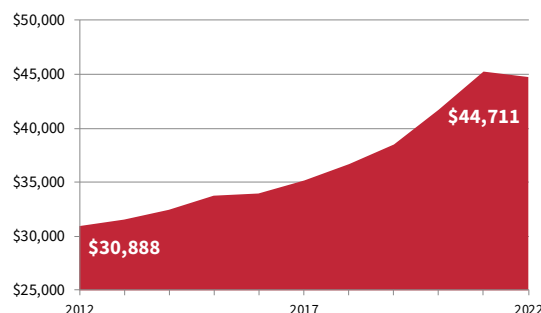
Voting

Number of registered voters	45,925
Voted in 2022 election	22,973
Percent turnout	50.0%

Health Care

Physicians	232
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	266
Licensed nursing homes	6
Number of beds	480
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	217
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)	95.6%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	35,444	35,088	33,207	35,189	35,619
Employed	34,246	33,744	34,917	32,374	34,110
Unemployed	1,198	1,344	1,710	2,815	1,509
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.8	4.9	8.0	4.2

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,359	23,369	\$1,207,259,256	\$993
Goods-Producing	201	5,695	\$386,721,735	\$1,306
Natural Resources and Mining	27	102	\$4,047,674	\$766
Construction	123	1,086	\$69,447,818	\$1,229
Manufacturing	50	4,507	\$313,226,243	\$1,336
Service-Providing	1,158	17,674	\$820,537,521	\$893
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	370	5,826	\$239,150,639	\$789
Information	14	228	\$13,491,528	\$1,137
Financial Services	125	696	\$38,307,203	\$1,058
Professional and Business Services	151	1,595	\$60,440,305	\$729
Education and Health Services	227	5,773	\$393,283,501	\$1,310
Leisure and Hospitality	158	3,048	\$62,163,081	\$392
Other Services	110	507	\$13,653,506	\$518
Federal Government		1,543	\$121,179,426	\$1,510
State Government		1,391	\$104,561,097	\$1,446
Local Government		3,137	\$152,984,560	\$938

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	8.5%	7.8%	35.5%	25.7%
Goods-Producing	5.2%	14.6%	25.2%	9.3%
Natural Resources and Mining	-20.6%	-24.4%	-5.0%	26.2%
Construction	6.0%	52.7%	137.9%	55.8%
Manufacturing	19.0%	9.3%	13.8%	4.0%
Service-Producing	9.1%	5.7%	40.9%	33.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	8.2%	6.8%	36.2%	27.5%
Information	7.7%	-18.6%	-11.0%	9.1%
Financial Services	2.5%	12.4%	41.8%	26.1%
Professional and Business Services	13.5%	7.2%	27.5%	18.9%
Education and Health Services	17.6%	11.3%	52.2%	36.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	9.0%	-4.5%	28.7%	34.7%
Other Services	-2.7%	2.4%	31.9%	28.9%
Federal Government		-5.6%	8.6%	15.0%
State Government		-16.1%	11.2%	32.7%
Local Government		-1.0%	19.0%	20.3%

Major & Notable Employers

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	21	20	15	15	12
Total valuation (000)	\$5,790	\$5,987	\$3,066	\$3,124	\$2,431
Total single-unit bldgs	17	18	15	15	12
Average cost per unit	\$321,531	\$323,638	\$204,377	\$208,254	\$202,583
Total multi-unit bldg units	4	2	0	0	0
Average cost per unit	\$81,000	\$81,000			

Adena Regional Health system	Serv
Chillicothe City Schools	Govt
Horizon Telcom Inc	Utility
InfoSight Corporation	Mfg
Kenworth Truck Co/PACCAR	Mfg
Pixelle Specialty Solutions	Mfg
Ross County Government	Govt
State of Ohio	Govt
Trim Systems/Commercial Vehicle Grp	Mfg
US Fed Government/Veterans Admin	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade
Yanagawa Seiki/YSK Corp	Mfg