

Ohio County Profiles



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2021 Edition

Van Wert County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820
 2020 Population: 28,931
 Land Area: 410.1 square miles
 County Seat: Van Wert City
 Named for: Isaac Van Wert, Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$653,232,010
Residential	\$336,161,800
Agriculture	\$250,720,020
Industrial	\$23,476,990
Commercial	\$42,873,200
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$14,779,268
Average per return	\$1,075.64

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	6.65%
Developed, Higher Intensity	0.70%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.06%
Forest	3.12%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.27%
Pasture/Hay	0.17%
Cultivated Crops	88.45%
Wetlands	0.37%
Open Water	0.22%

Largest Places

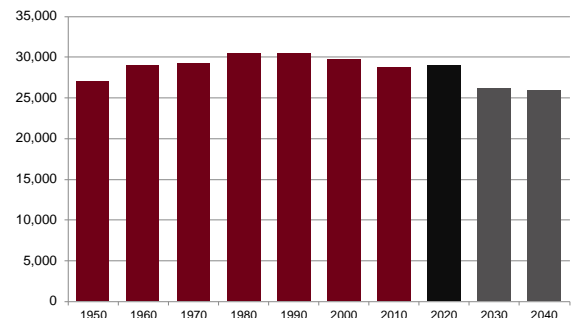
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Van Wert city	11,092	10,846
Delphos city (part)	3,182	3,163
Pleasant twp UB	1,821	1,777
Washington twp UB	1,378	1,392
Ridge twp UB	1,324	1,285
Willshire twp UB	1,082	993
Harrison twp	1,020	1,039
Convooy vil.	1,012	1,085
Tully twp UB	1,001	969
Union twp UB	806	775

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	29,119	2020	28,931
1810		1920	28,210		
1820		1930	26,273	Projected	
1830	49	1940	26,759		
1840	1,577	1950	26,971	2030	26,190
1850	4,793	1960	28,840	2040	25,900
1860	10,238	1970	29,194		
1870	15,823	1980	30,458		
1880	23,028	1990	30,464		
1890	29,671	2000	29,659		
1900	30,394	2010	28,744		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	28,261	100.0%
White	27,219	96.3%
African-American	371	1.3%
Native American	64	0.2%
Asian	81	0.3%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	158	0.6%
Two or More Races	368	1.3%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	960	3.4%
Total Minority	1,720	6.1%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	19,405	100.0%
No high school diploma	1,691	8.7%
High school graduate	8,592	44.3%
Some college, no degree	3,705	19.1%
Associate degree	2,196	11.3%
Bachelor's degree	1,962	10.1%
Master's degree or higher	1,259	6.5%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,140	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	3,326	40.9%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,098	13.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	472	5.8%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,270	15.6%
Male householder, in labor force	672	8.3%
Male householder, not in labor force	134	1.6%
Female householder, in labor force	779	9.6%
Female householder, not in labor force	389	4.8%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	11,544	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	686	5.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,065	9.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,059	9.2%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,135	9.8%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,301	11.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,182	10.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,488	12.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,541	13.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,474	12.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	385	3.3%
\$200,000 or more	228	2.0%
Median household income	\$54,254	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	28,261	100.0%
Under 5 years	1,736	6.1%
5 to 17 years	4,884	17.3%
18 to 24 years	2,236	7.9%
25 to 44 years	6,457	22.8%
45 to 64 years	7,718	27.3%
65 years and more	5,230	18.5%
Median Age	41.2	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,159	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,180	26.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	533	6.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	710	8.7%
Families with no own children	4,736	58.0%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,159	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	7,587	93.0%
Family income below poverty level	572	7.0%
Married couple, with related children	38	0.5%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	78	1.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	307	3.8%
Families with no related children	149	1.8%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	27,821	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,529	5.5%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,561	5.6%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,402	5.0%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,202	4.3%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,134	7.7%
185% to 199% of poverty level	879	3.2%
200% of poverty level or more	19,114	68.7%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	27,995	100.0%
Same house as previous year	24,996	89.3%
Different house, same county	1,680	6.0%
Different county, same state	885	3.2%
Different state	396	1.4%
Abroad	38	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	13,221	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	6,183	46.8%
15 to 29 minutes	3,624	27.4%
30 to 44 minutes	1,950	14.7%
45 to 59 minutes	850	6.4%
60 minutes or more	614	4.6%

Mean travel time 20.2 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,707	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,544	90.8%
Owner occupied	8,899	77.1%
Renter occupied	2,645	22.9%
Vacant housing units	1,163	9.2%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,707	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	104	0.8%
Built 2010 to 2013	160	1.3%
Built 2000 to 2009	877	6.9%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,173	9.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	940	7.4%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,620	12.7%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,304	10.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,659	13.1%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,118	8.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,752	29.5%

Median year built 1959

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	8,899	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	285	3.2%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	383	4.3%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	772	8.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,520	17.1%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,266	14.2%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,135	12.8%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	957	10.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,273	14.3%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	947	10.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	245	2.8%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	98	1.1%
\$1,000,000 or more	18	0.2%

Median value \$104,900

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	11,544	100.0%
Utility gas	5,637	48.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,773	15.4%
Electricity	3,419	29.6%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	100	0.9%
Coal, coke or wood	390	3.4%
Solar energy or other fuel	192	1.7%
No fuel used	33	0.3%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	2,645	100.0%
Less than \$100	0	0.0%
\$100 to \$199	9	0.3%
\$200 to \$299	37	1.4%
\$300 to \$399	71	2.7%
\$400 to \$499	154	5.8%
\$500 to \$599	370	14.0%
\$600 to \$699	472	17.8%
\$700 to \$799	478	18.1%
\$800 to \$899	337	12.7%
\$900 to \$999	219	8.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	191	7.2%
\$1,500 or more	15	0.6%
No cash rent	292	11.0%

Median gross rent \$712

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 27.5

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	5,153	100.0%
Less than \$400	118	2.3%
\$400 to \$599	334	6.5%
\$600 to \$799	1,094	21.2%
\$800 to \$999	1,308	25.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	980	19.0%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	501	9.7%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	623	12.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	176	3.4%
\$3,000 or more	19	0.4%

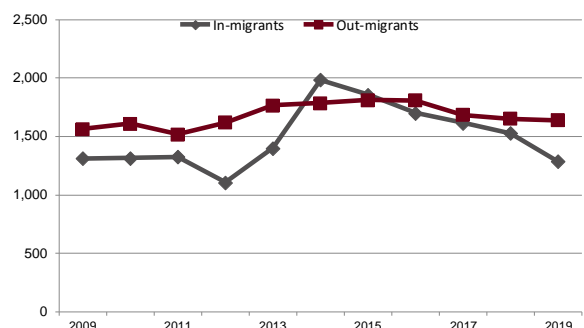
Median monthly owners cost \$939

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 17.6

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	314	63.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	18	57.3
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	310	1,096.4

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	248,341
Number of farms	772
Average size (acres)	322
Total cash receipts	\$191,295,000
Per farm	\$247,792
Receipts for crops	\$123,500,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$67,795,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	11
Students	4,235
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	318.4
Expenditures per student	\$9,370
Graduation rate	94.4
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	83
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	0
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 6

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	39,259
Passenger cars	22,252
Noncommercial trucks	6,781
Total license revenue	\$1,097,111.99
Permissive tax revenue	\$197,842.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	70.62
State highway miles	96.40
County, township, and municipal road miles	891.92
Commercial airports	1

Health Care

Physicians	27
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	109
Licensed nursing homes	2
Number of beds	166
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	200
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.8%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.0%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	94.9%

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	2
Daily newspapers	2
Circulation	6,800
Average monthly unique visitors	58,000
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	550
Violent crime	42
Property crime	508

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$242,491
Branch offices	10
Institutions represented	8

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$272,472,000
Payments to individuals	\$266,181,000
Retirement and disability	\$110,118,000
Medical payments	\$124,170,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$16,364,000
Unemployment benefits	\$1,714,000
Veterans benefits	\$7,954,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$3,549,000
Other payments to individuals	\$2,312,000
Total personal income	\$1,220,526,000
Dependency ratio	22.3%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

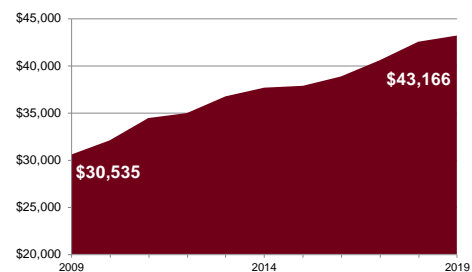
Voting

Number of registered voters	20,291
Voted in 2020 election	15,077
Percent turnout	74.3%

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

Areas/Facilities	1
Acreage	9

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	14,800	15,100	14,400	14,600	14,400
Employed	13,800	14,600	13,900	14,000	13,800
Unemployed	1,000	500	500	600	600
Unemployment rate	7.0	3.3	3.5	3.9	4.1

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2019

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	549	10,269	\$410,392,750	\$769
Goods-Producing	106	3,557	\$170,339,650	\$921
Natural Resources and Mining	18	181	\$7,529,210	\$800
Construction	50	374	\$22,073,997	\$1,135
Manufacturing	39	3,002	\$140,736,443	\$902
Service-Providing	443	6,711	\$240,053,100	\$688
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	151	2,448	\$82,732,545	\$650
Information	8	30	\$1,098,444	\$704
Financial Services	47	656	\$46,285,469	\$1,357
Professional and Business Services	60	591	\$18,905,630	\$616
Education and Health Services	66	1,716	\$70,315,226	\$788
Leisure and Hospitality	57	875	\$10,400,351	\$229
Other Services	53	397	\$10,312,666	\$500
Federal Government		49	\$2,502,752	\$986
State Government		67	\$4,237,687	\$1,219
Local Government		1,405	\$53,114,864	\$727

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	5.2%	10.5%	25.7%	13.8%
Goods-Producing	3.9%	1.0%	10.6%	9.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	0.0%	11.7%	32.9%	18.7%
Construction	13.6%	5.6%	44.4%	36.6%
Manufacturing	-2.5%	-0.2%	5.8%	6.0%
Service-Producing	5.5%	16.3%	39.2%	19.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3.4%	35.2%	54.3%	14.2%
Information	33.3%	-37.5%	-6.9%	49.8%
Financial Services	-7.8%	12.3%	28.3%	14.1%
Professional and Business Services	20.0%	6.5%	63.5%	54.0%
Education and Health Services	-1.5%	7.0%	35.2%	26.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	14.0%	12.9%	34.1%	19.3%
Other Services	3.9%	1.8%	1.6%	0.0%
Federal Government		4.3%	17.7%	12.7%
State Government		1.5%	26.6%	24.1%
Local Government		9.0%	18.4%	8.7%

Residential

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	39	20	18	20	20
Total valuation (000)	\$9,357	\$4,082	\$4,199	\$3,808	\$3,756
Total single-unit bldgs	34	20	18	18	20
Average cost per unit	\$267,126	\$204,120	\$233,273	\$207,134	\$187,815
Total multi-unit bldg units	5	0	0	2	0
Average cost per unit	\$55,000			\$40,000	\$0