

Ohio County Profiles

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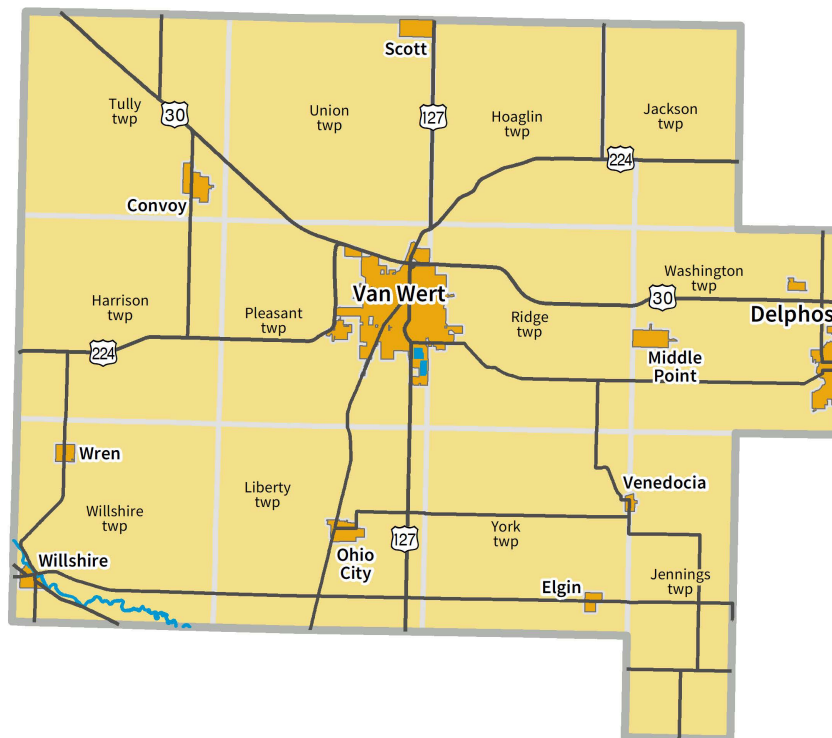
2024 Edition



Department of
Development

Van Wert County

Established: Act - April 1, 1820
2023 Population: 28,704
Land Area: 410.1 square miles
County Seat: Van Wert City
Named for: Isaac Van Wert, Revolutionary War



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$631,883,630
Residential	\$390,632,110
Agriculture	\$171,937,160
Industrial	\$25,088,820
Commercial	\$44,225,540
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$15,066,526
Average per return	\$1,074.11

Land Use/Land Cover

Percent

Developed, Lower Intensity	6.50%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.59%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.10%
Forest	3.12%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.25%
Pasture/Hay	0.16%
Cultivated Crops	87.64%
Wetlands	0.43%
Open Water	0.21%

Largest Places

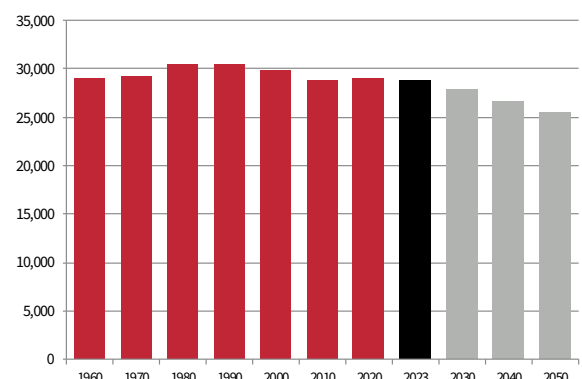
	2023	2020
Van Wert city	11,040	11,113
Delphos city (part)	3,132	3,183
Pleasant twp UB	1,789	1,809
Washington twp UB	1,373	1,372
Ridge twp UB	1,339	1,338
Willshire twp UB	1,077	1,093
Harrison twp	1,020	1,016
Convo vil.	1,000	1,015
Tully twp UB	991	1,001
Union twp UB	793	793

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	29,119	2020	28,931
1810		1920	28,210		
1820		1930	26,273		
1830	49	1940	26,759	Estimate	
1840	1,577	1950	26,971	2023	28,704
1850	4,793	1960	28,840		
1860	10,238	1970	29,194		
1870	15,823	1980	30,458	Projection	
1880	23,028	1990	30,464	2030	27,773
1890	29,671	2000	29,659	2040	26,562
1900	30,394	2010	28,744	2050	25,440



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	28,833	100.0%
White	27,167	94.2%
African-American	206	0.7%
Native American	23	0.1%
Asian	32	0.1%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	347	1.2%
Two or More Races	1,058	3.7%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,122	3.9%
Total Minority	2,139	7.4%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	19,896	100.0%
No high school diploma	1,456	7.3%
High school graduate	8,794	44.2%
Some college, no degree	3,900	19.6%
Associate degree	2,323	11.7%
Bachelor's degree	2,095	10.5%
Master's degree or higher	1,328	6.7%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,010	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	3,378	42.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	965	12.0%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	405	5.1%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,325	16.5%
Male householder, in labor force	567	7.1%
Male householder, not in labor force	110	1.4%
Female householder, in labor force	935	11.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	325	4.1%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	11,666	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	460	3.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	733	6.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	925	7.9%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	976	8.4%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,145	9.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,071	9.2%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,378	11.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,890	16.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,009	17.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	773	6.6%
\$200,000 or more	306	2.6%
Median household income	\$64,841	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	28,833	100.0%
Under 5 years	1,808	6.3%
5 to 17 years	4,885	16.9%
18 to 24 years	2,244	7.8%
25 to 44 years	6,779	23.5%
45 to 64 years	7,589	26.3%
65 years and more	5,528	19.2%
Median Age	41.3	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,021	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,109	26.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	488	6.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	735	9.2%
Families with no own children	4,689	58.5%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	8,021	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	7,535	93.9%
Family income below poverty level	486	6.1%
Married couple, with related children	35	0.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	111	1.4%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	175	2.2%
Families with no related children	165	2.1%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	28,414	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,137	4.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,241	4.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,183	4.2%
125% to 149% of poverty level	962	3.4%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,024	7.1%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,038	3.7%
200% of poverty level or more	20,829	73.3%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	28,538	100.0%
Same house as previous year	26,190	91.8%
Different house, same county	1,433	5.0%
Different county, same state	638	2.2%
Different state	263	0.9%
Abroad	14	0.0%

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Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	13,472	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	6,525	48.4%
15 to 29 minutes	3,379	25.1%
30 to 44 minutes	2,043	15.2%
45 to 59 minutes	870	6.5%
60 minutes or more	655	4.9%

Mean travel time 20.2 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,560	100.0%
Occupied housing units	11,666	92.9%
Owner occupied	9,258	79.4%
Renter occupied	2,408	20.6%
Vacant housing units	894	7.1%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	12,560	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	41	0.3%
Built 2010 to 2019	331	2.6%
Built 2000 to 2009	985	7.8%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,045	8.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,146	9.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,457	11.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,323	10.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,623	12.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	869	6.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,740	29.8%

Median year built 1960

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	9,258	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	262	2.8%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	183	2.0%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	637	6.9%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,060	11.4%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,451	15.7%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	888	9.6%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	862	9.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,623	17.5%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,402	15.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	701	7.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	140	1.5%
\$1,000,000 or more	49	0.5%

Median value \$129,300

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	11,666	100.0%
Utility gas	5,691	48.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,796	15.4%
Electricity	3,448	29.6%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	105	0.9%
Coal, coke or wood	335	2.9%
Solar energy or other fuel	244	2.1%
No fuel used	47	0.4%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	2,408	100.0%
Less than \$100	2	0.1%
\$100 to \$199	0	0.0%
\$200 to \$299	52	2.2%
\$300 to \$399	4	0.2%
\$400 to \$499	112	4.7%
\$500 to \$599	227	9.4%
\$600 to \$699	412	17.1%
\$700 to \$799	442	18.4%
\$800 to \$899	308	12.8%
\$900 to \$999	357	14.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	251	10.4%
\$1,500 or more	20	0.8%
No cash rent	221	9.2%

Median gross rent \$769

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 22.4

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	4,964	100.0%
Less than \$400	43	0.9%
\$400 to \$599	314	6.3%
\$600 to \$799	964	19.4%
\$800 to \$999	950	19.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,056	21.3%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	612	12.3%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	676	13.6%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	313	6.3%
\$3,000 or more	36	0.7%

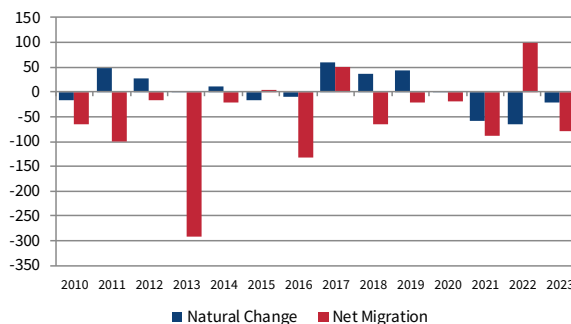
Median monthly owners cost \$1,050

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 17.3

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	320	63.1
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	11	12.2
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	360	1,251.3

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	226,530
Number of farms	737
Average size (acres)	307
Total cash receipts	\$372,695,000
Per farm	\$505,693
Receipts for crops	\$199,700,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$172,995,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	12
Students	4,219
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	385.2
Expenditures per student	\$10,820
Graduation rate	97.1
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	72
Public universities, 4-year	0
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 6

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	40,140
Passenger cars	22,310
Noncommercial trucks	6,925
Total license revenue	\$1,135,472.98
Permissive tax revenue	\$202,237.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	70.63
State highway miles	96.40
County, township, and municipal road miles	891.46
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	1
Acreage	9

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$312,465
Branch offices	8
Institutions represented	8

Transfer Payments

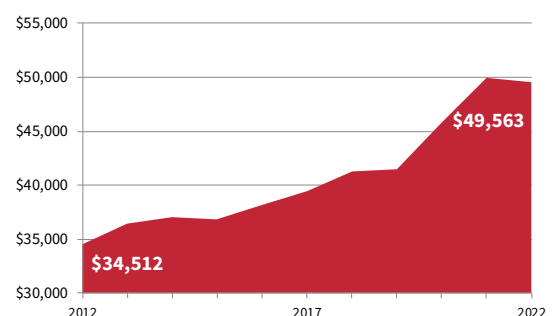
Total transfer payments	\$338,024,000
Payments to individuals	\$323,896,000
Retirement and disability	\$126,120,000
Medical payments	\$148,405,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$27,741,000
Unemployment benefits	\$1,158,000
Veterans benefits	\$10,611,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$5,402,000
Other payments to individuals	\$4,459,000
Total personal income	\$1,425,864,000
Dependency ratio	23.7%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

Voting

Number of registered voters	20,266
Voted in 2022 election	10,266
Percent turnout	50.7%

Health Care

Physicians	26
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	92
Licensed nursing homes	2
Number of beds	158
Licensed residential care	4
Number of beds	287
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)	95.2%

Per Capita Personal Income

Civilian Labor Force

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Civilian labor force	14,634	14,357	13,828	14,737	15,155
Employed	14,220	13,878	14,404	13,702	14,658
Unemployed	414	479	576	1,035	497
Unemployment rate	2.8	3.3	4.0	7.0	3.3

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2022

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	547	9,610	\$447,929,345	\$896
Goods-Producing	107	3,393	\$169,962,642	\$963
Natural Resources and Mining	21	180	\$9,112,118	\$976
Construction	43	230	\$11,257,053	\$940
Manufacturing	42	2,983	\$149,593,471	\$964
Service-Providing	441	6,217	\$277,966,703	\$860
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	143	2,264	\$97,183,356	\$826
Information	8	21	\$1,163,955	\$1,066
Financial Services	43	668	\$56,458,546	\$1,625
Professional and Business Services	61	455	\$20,743,061	\$877
Education and Health Services	68	1,516	\$77,820,148	\$987
Leisure and Hospitality	63	886	\$12,095,054	\$262
Other Services	54	396	\$11,741,896	\$570
Federal Government		42	\$2,526,202	\$1,152
State Government		61	\$4,438,903	\$1,392
Local Government		1,499	\$60,496,277	\$776

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	1.5%	0.3%	24.3%	23.9%
Goods-Producing	-0.9%	1.0%	8.7%	7.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	10.5%	-1.1%	30.3%	31.9%
Construction	-10.4%	-39.0%	-35.7%	5.1%
Manufacturing	2.4%	6.5%	13.4%	6.5%
Service-Producing	2.3%	-0.1%	36.3%	36.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	-1.4%	32.4%	74.2%	31.7%
Information	14.3%	-52.3%	6.6%	125.4%
Financial Services	-12.2%	4.5%	35.9%	30.0%
Professional and Business Services	1.7%	-40.4%	4.8%	75.8%
Education and Health Services	7.9%	-14.9%	16.9%	37.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	16.7%	-1.2%	26.2%	27.2%
Other Services	0.0%	1.5%	22.8%	21.0%
Federal Government		-12.5%	12.5%	27.9%
State Government		-7.6%	13.0%	21.7%
Local Government		8.9%	22.7%	12.8%

Residential Construction

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total units	36	42	37	39	20
Total valuation (000)	\$10,158	\$11,636	\$10,631	\$9,357	\$4,082
Total single-unit bldgs	36	42	37	34	20
Average cost per unit	\$282,153	\$277,038	\$287,315	\$267,126	\$204,120
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	0	5	0
Average cost per unit				\$55,000	

Major & Notable Employers

Braun Industries Inc	Mfg
Central Mutual Insurance Co	Ins
Cooper Farms Inc	Mfg
Danfoss Power Solutions	Mfg
OhioHealth - Van Wert Hospital	Serv
Tenneco/Federal-Mogul Corp	Mfg
Greif Inc	Mfg
Toledo Molding & Die/GRAMMER	Mfg
Van Wert City Schools	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade