

Ohio County Profiles

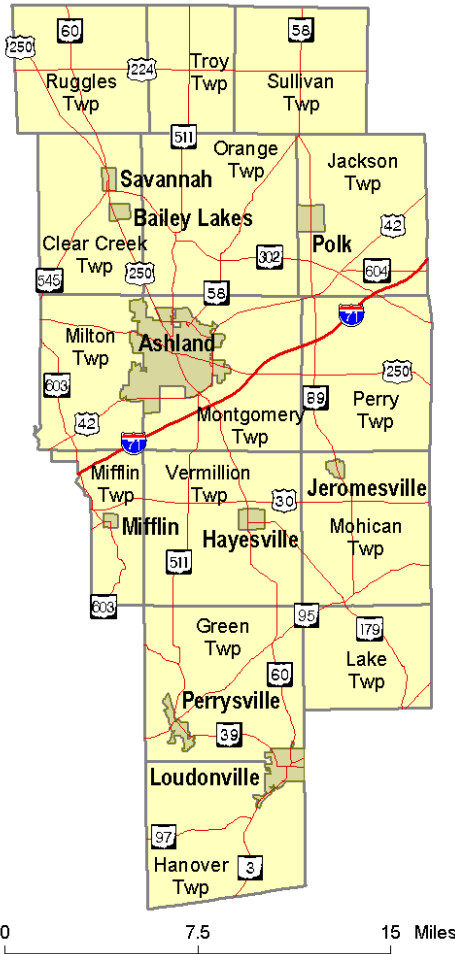
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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Ashland County

Established: Act - February 24, 1846
2004 Population: 54,058
Land Area: 424.4 square miles
County Seat: Ashland City
Named for: U.S. Statesman Henry Clay's Kentucky Estate



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$741,884,760
Residential	\$546,021,840
Agriculture	\$87,303,680
Industrial	\$26,532,310
Commercial	\$81,841,280
Mineral	\$185,650
Ohio income tax liability	\$26,562,034
Average per return	\$1,126.13

Land Cover

	Acres
Total	273,418.3
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	3,351.7
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	163,276.1
Shrub/Scrub	1,919.2
Wooded	100,692.5
Open Water	1,536.8
Non-forested Wetlands	2,610.4
Barren	31.5

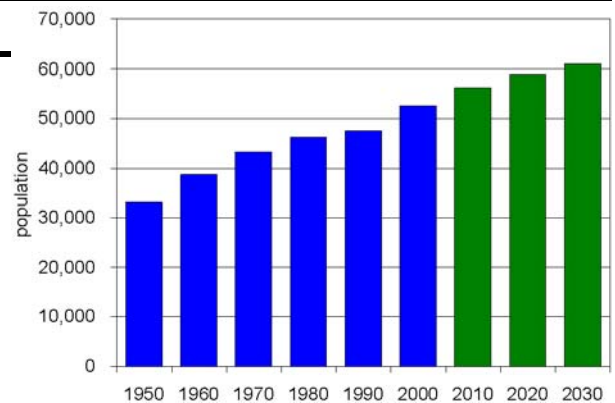
Largest Areas Census 2000 Estimate 2004

Ashland city	21,249	21,627
Jackson twp UB	3,197	3,473
Loudonville village	2,848	2,924
Montgomery twp	2,412	2,554
Milton twp	2,431	2,481
Orange twp	2,276	2,369
Vermillion twp UB	2,191	2,286
Sullivan twp	2,076	2,108
Perry twp	1,927	1,900
Green twp UB	1,662	1,718

UB: Unincorporated Balance

Total Population

Census	1900	21,184	Estimated	
1800	1910	22,975	2001	52,847
1810	1920	24,627	2002	53,183
1820	1930	26,867	2003	53,721
1830	1940	29,785	2004	54,058
1840	1950	33,040		
1850	23,813	1960	38,771	
1860	22,951	1970	43,303	Projected
1870	21,933	1980	46,178	2010
1880	23,883	1990	47,507	56,160
1890	22,223	2000	52,523	2020
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Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total Population	52,523	100.0%
White	51,310	97.7%
African-American	467	0.9%
Native American	96	0.2%
Asian	240	0.5%
Pacific Islander	6	0.0%
Other	117	0.2%
Two or More Races	287	0.5%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	314	0.6%
Total Minority	1,418	2.7%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	33,339	100.0%
No high school diploma	5,553	16.7%
High school graduate	15,673	47.0%
Some college, no degree	5,079	15.2%
Associate degree	1,732	5.2%
Bachelor's degree	3,526	10.6%
Master's degree or higher	1,776	5.3%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,097	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,384	45.3%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,832	20.1%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	584	4.1%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	2,078	14.7%
Male householder, in labor force	602	4.3%
Male householder, not in labor force	124	0.9%
Female householder, in labor force	1,021	7.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	472	3.3%

Household Income in 1999	Number	Percent
Total Households	19,489	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,532	7.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,668	13.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,983	15.3%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,753	14.1%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,597	13.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,019	10.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,000	10.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,730	8.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	906	4.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	210	1.1%
\$200,000 or more	91	0.5%
Median household income	\$39,179	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Total Population	52,523	100.0%
Under 6 years	4,174	7.9%
6 to 17 years	9,386	17.9%
18 to 24 years	5,624	10.7%
25 to 44 years	13,865	26.4%
45 to 64 years	12,144	23.1%
65 years and more	7,330	14.0%
Median Age	36.3	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,097	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,997	35.4%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	460	3.3%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	971	6.9%
Families with no own children	7,669	54.4%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	14,097	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	13,101	92.9%
Family income below poverty level	996	7.1%
Married couple, with related children	286	28.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	66	6.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	377	37.9%
Families with no related children	267	26.8%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	50,238	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,092	4.2%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,663	5.3%
100% to 149% of poverty level	3,509	7.0%
150% to 199% of poverty level	5,051	10.1%
200% of poverty level or more	36,923	73.5%

Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	49,026	100.0%
Same house in 1995	29,762	60.7%
Different house, same county	10,111	20.6%
Different county, same state	6,931	14.1%
Different state	1,917	3.9%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	0	0.0%
Foreign country	305	0.6%

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Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	24,737	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	11,199	45.3%
15 to 29 minutes	6,989	28.3%
30 to 44 minutes	3,135	12.7%
45 to 59 minutes	1,061	4.3%
60 minutes or more	1,394	5.6%
Worked at home	959	3.9%
Mean travel time	20.3 minutes	

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	20,832	100.0%
Occupied housing units	19,524	93.7%
Owner occupied	14,764	70.9%
Renter occupied	4,760	22.8%
Vacant housing units	1,308	6.3%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	20,832	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	2,114	10.1%
Built 1990 to 1994	1,319	6.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,957	9.4%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,835	13.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,042	9.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,531	12.1%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,782	8.6%
Built 1939 or earlier	6,252	30.0%
Median year built	1959	

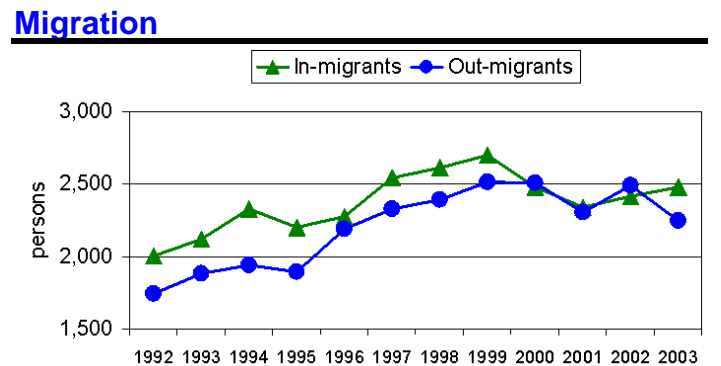
Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	11,086	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	66	0.6%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	310	2.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,119	10.1%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,868	16.9%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,732	24.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,002	18.1%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,349	12.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,059	9.6%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	316	2.9%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	246	2.2%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	17	0.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	2	0.0%
Median value	\$95,900	

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	19,524	100.0%
Utility gas	10,928	56.0%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,641	13.5%
Electricity	3,035	15.5%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,943	10.0%
Coal, coke or wood	824	4.2%
Solar energy or other fuel	145	0.7%
No fuel used	8	0.0%

Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	4,485	100.0%
Less than \$100	68	1.5%
\$100 to \$199	208	4.6%
\$200 to \$299	307	6.8%
\$300 to \$399	824	18.4%
\$400 to \$499	927	20.7%
\$500 to \$599	867	19.3%
\$600 to \$699	450	10.0%
\$700 to \$799	282	6.3%
\$800 to \$899	74	1.6%
\$900 to \$999	96	2.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	76	1.7%
\$1,500 or more	0	0.0%
No cash rent	306	6.8%
Median gross rent	\$471	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	22.4	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,324	100.0%
Less than \$400	345	4.7%
\$400 to \$599	1,167	15.9%
\$600 to \$799	1,824	24.9%
\$800 to \$999	1,689	23.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,127	15.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	573	7.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	449	6.1%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	150	2.0%
\$3,000 or more	0	0.0%
Median monthly owners cost	\$836	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	20.1	

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 population	686	13.0
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	53	24.8
Deaths / rate per 1,000 population	485	9.2
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	374	7.1
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	216	4.1



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Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	167,000
Number of farms	1,080
Average size (acres)	155
Total cash receipts	\$57,261,000
Per farm	\$52,533

Education

Public schools	18
Students (Average Daily Membership)	7,054
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	456.8
Student-teacher ratio	15.4
Expenditures per student	\$8,099
Graduation rate	95.3
Non-public schools	3
Students	339
4-year public universities	0
Branches	0
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries	2
Branch libraries	0

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	64,541
Passenger cars	37,131
Noncommercial trucks	13,179
Total license revenue	\$1,872,998.90
Interstate highway miles	16.14
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	70.52
State highway miles	172.01
Commercial airports	1

Voting

Number of precincts	65
Number of registered voters	34,850
Voted in 2004 election	25,739
Percent turnout	73.9%

Health Care

Physicians (MDs DOs)	64
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	123
Licensed nursing homes	5
Number of beds	476
Licensed residential care	5
Number of beds	312

State Parks, Forests, Nature Preserves, And Wildlife Areas

Facilities	5
Acreage	6,094.80

Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	12,400

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	713
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Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	0
Assets	\$0
Branch offices	20
Institutions represented	9

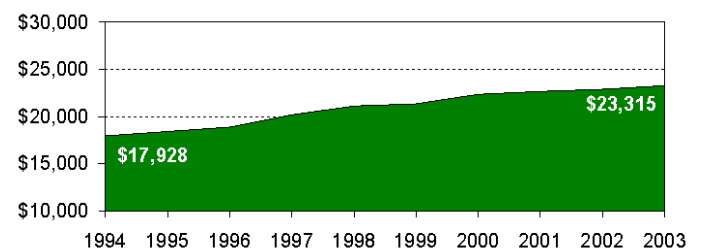
Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$220,089,000
Payments to individuals	\$206,967,000
Retirement and disability	\$104,299,000
Medical payments	\$74,133,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$12,961,000
Unemployment benefits	\$9,094,000
Veterans benefits	\$3,638,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$2,367,000
Other payments to individuals	\$475,000
Total personal income	\$1,252,485,000
Dependency ratio	17.6%

Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$193,123,604
Retirement and disability	\$106,681,495
Other direct payments	\$46,617,085
Grant awards	\$29,846,911
Highway planning and construction	\$5,426,508
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$1,693,540
Medical assistance program	\$13,119,502
Procurement contract awards	\$3,346,247
Dept. of Defense	\$1,719,423
Salary and wages	\$6,631,866
Dept. of Defense	\$666,000
Other federal assistance	\$87,948,762
Direct loans	\$57,458,930
Guaranteed loans	\$16,937,762
Insurance	\$13,552,070

Per Capita Personal Income



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Civilian Labor Force	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Civilian labor force	27,000	27,100	27,000	27,000	27,200
Employed	25,900	25,900	25,400	25,100	25,300
Unemployed	1,100	1,200	1,700	1,800	1,900
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.5	6.2	6.8	6.8

Employment and Wages by Sector

NAICS Industrial Sector	Average Annual Employment		Total Wages (in thousands of dollars)	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Total covered under Ohio UC Law	18,616	18,299	\$517,883	\$527,849
Private Sector	15,707	15,398	\$430,600	\$438,029
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	105	106	\$2,065	\$2,106
Mining	25	23	\$807	\$690
Utilities	-1	9	\$0	\$199
Construction	638	572	\$23,461	\$22,052
Manufacturing	5,216	4,853	\$184,378	\$175,193
Wholesale trade	390	545	\$14,649	\$27,382
Retail trade	2,025	1,958	\$37,325	\$36,987
Transportation and warehousing	-1	330	\$0	\$9,676
Information	172	116	\$5,270	\$3,710
Finance and insurance	310	309	\$8,687	\$9,156
Real estate and rental and leasing	156	177	\$2,873	\$2,966
Professional and technical services	589	605	\$19,049	\$20,431
Management of companies and enterprises	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Administrative and waste services	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Educational services	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Health care and social assistance	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	250	226	\$3,123	\$3,000
Accommodation and food services	1,586	1,572	\$14,579	\$14,646
Other services, except public administration	704	724	\$11,898	\$12,694
State and Local Government	2,909	2,901	\$87,283	\$89,820
State government	505	503	\$23,080	\$23,452
Local government	2,404	2,398	\$64,203	\$66,368
Federal Government	114	111	\$4,425	\$4,324

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Major Employers

Abbott Laboratories Inc/Hospira	Mfg
Ashland City Bd of Ed	Gov't
Ashland University	Service
Mansfield Plumbing Products LLC	Mfg
McGraw-Hill Companies	Trade
Samaritan Regional Health System	Service
State of Ohio	Gov't
Step2 Co	Mfg
Wil Research Laboratories LLC	R&D

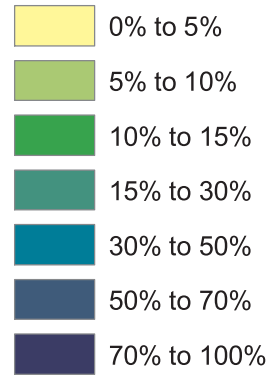
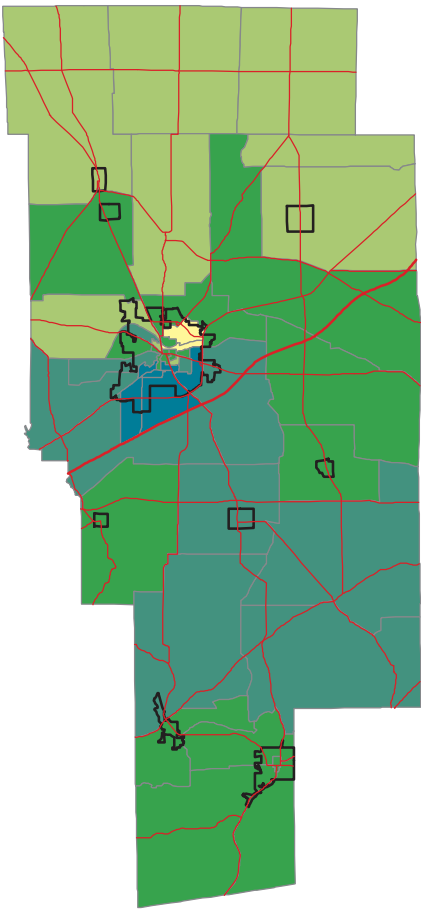
Starting and

Active Businesses	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Business starts	108	95	81	106	100
Active businesses	978	981	1,003	1,012	1,103

Residential Construction

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total units	185	162	215	151	214
Total valuation (000)	\$19,579	\$17,444	\$25,272	\$17,514	\$28,927
Total single-unit bldgs	171	162	181	143	191
Average cost per unit	\$106,346	\$107,678	\$118,223	\$118,446	\$137,801
Total multi-unit bldg units	14	0	34	8	23
Average cost per unit	\$99,550	\$0	\$113,923	\$72,000	\$113,344

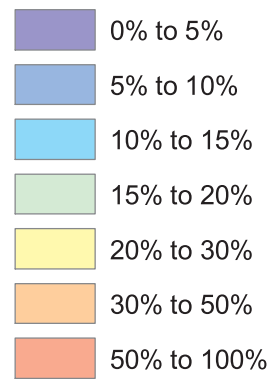
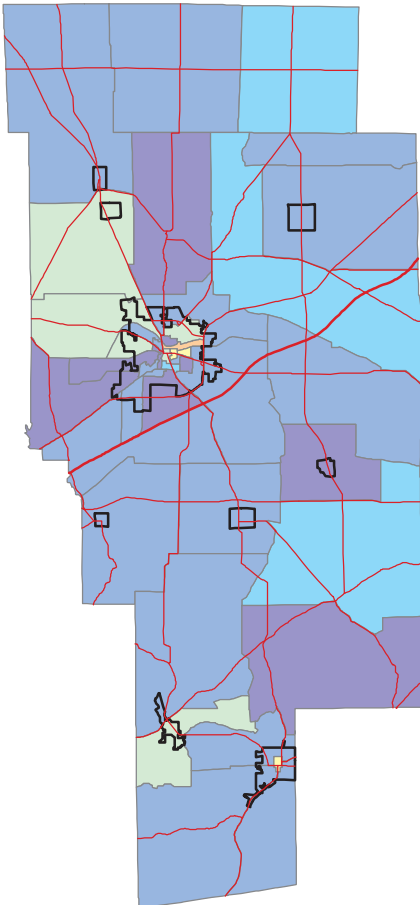
Percent of Persons 25 and Older With a Bachelor's Degree or Greater 2000



Ohio -- 21.1%
Ashland -- 15.9%

Source: Summary File 3, Census of Population and Housing, U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000.

Percent of Persons Living In Poverty 2000



Ohio -- 10.6%
Ashland -- 9.5%

Calculation based on population for whom poverty status is determined.

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