

Ohio County Profiles

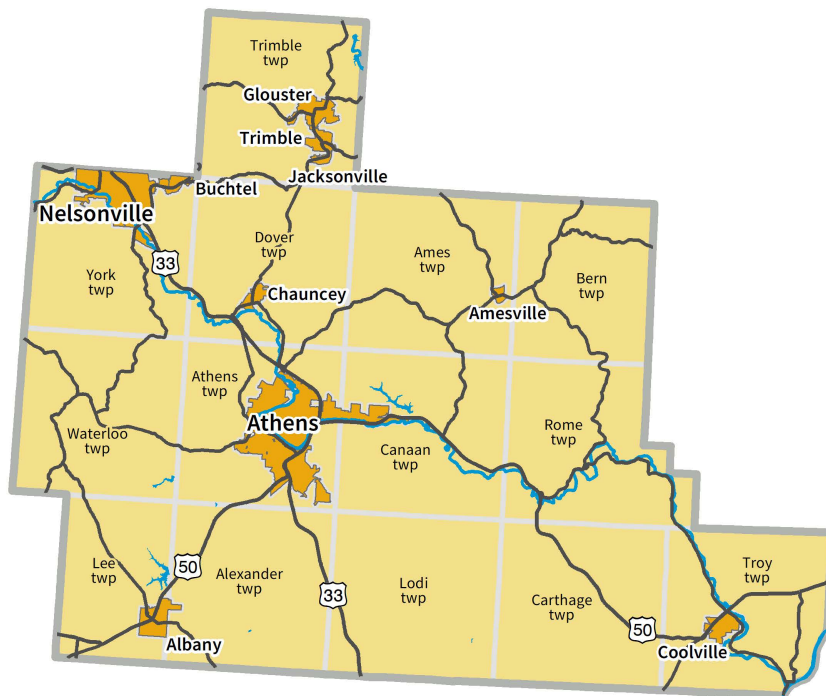
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2025 Edition



Athens County

Established: Act - March 1, 1805
2024 Population: 63,218
Land Area: 506.8 square miles
County Seat: Athens City
Named for: Athens, Greece



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,273,269,350
Residential	\$819,295,800
Agriculture	\$192,745,130
Industrial	\$6,149,980
Commercial	\$254,499,350
Mineral	\$579,090
Ohio income tax liability	\$23,869,475
Average per return	\$1,059.50

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	9.16%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.06%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.10%
Forest	72.34%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.47%
Pasture/Hay	14.86%
Cultivated Crops	1.34%
Wetlands	0.21%
Open Water	0.46%

Largest Places

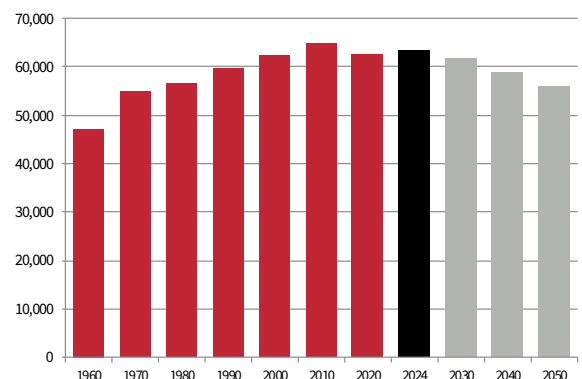
	2024	2020
Athens city	24,824	23,821
Athens twp UB	6,561	6,588
Nelsonville city	4,555	4,600
Alexander twp UB	2,751	2,765
Dover twp UB	2,362	2,370
Waterloo twp	2,339	2,353
Troy twp UB	2,023	2,029
Lee twp UB	1,860	1,870
York twp UB	1,766	1,750
Trimble twp UB	1,666	1,671

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	47,798	2020	62,431
1810	2,791	1920	50,430		
1820	6,338	1930	44,175		
1830	9,787	1940	46,166	Estimate	
1840	19,109	1950	45,839	2024	63,218
1850	18,215	1960	46,998		
1860	21,364	1970	54,889		
1870	23,768	1980	56,399	Projection	
1880	28,411	1990	59,549	2030	61,585
1890	35,194	2000	62,223	2040	58,717
1900	38,730	2010	64,757	2050	55,953



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	61,573	100.0%
White	55,819	90.7%
African-American	1,538	2.5%
Native American	38	0.1%
Asian	1,298	2.1%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	218	0.4%
Two or More Races	2,662	4.3%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,380	2.2%
Total Minority	6,678	10.8%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	36,357	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,974	8.2%
High school graduate	10,825	29.8%
Some college, no degree	6,463	17.8%
Associate degree	3,215	8.8%
Bachelor's degree	6,041	16.6%
Master's degree or higher	6,839	18.8%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,757	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,551	38.7%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,510	12.8%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,038	8.8%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	2,069	17.6%
Male householder, in labor force	723	6.1%
Male householder, not in labor force	194	1.7%
Female householder, in labor force	1,029	8.8%
Female householder, not in labor force	643	5.5%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	22,722	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	2,148	9.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,477	10.9%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,205	9.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,046	9.0%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,937	8.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,571	6.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,862	8.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,804	12.3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,198	14.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,207	5.3%
\$200,000 or more	1,267	5.6%
Median household income	\$53,837	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	61,573	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,300	3.7%
5 to 17 years	6,860	11.1%
18 to 24 years	16,056	26.1%
25 to 44 years	13,972	22.7%
45 to 64 years	13,332	21.7%
65 years and more	9,053	14.7%
Median Age	32.8	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,860	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,229	27.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	568	4.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	703	5.9%
Families with no own children	7,360	62.1%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,860	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,948	92.3%
Family income below poverty level	912	7.7%
Married couple, with related children	265	2.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	83	0.7%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	279	2.4%
Families with no related children	285	2.4%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	53,885	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	6,722	12.5%
50% to 99% of poverty level	5,192	9.6%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,565	4.8%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,993	5.6%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,014	7.4%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,281	2.4%
200% of poverty level or more	31,118	57.7%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	61,109	100.0%
Same house as previous year	45,446	74.4%
Different house, same county	5,613	9.2%
Different county, same state	7,719	12.6%
Different state	1,725	2.8%
Abroad	606	1.0%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	24,614	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	10,442	42.4%
15 to 29 minutes	8,601	34.9%
30 to 44 minutes	2,363	9.6%
45 to 59 minutes	1,152	4.7%
60 minutes or more	2,056	8.4%

Mean travel time 22.5 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	26,466	100.0%
Occupied housing units	22,722	85.9%
Owner occupied	14,071	61.9%
Renter occupied	8,651	38.1%
Vacant housing units	3,744	14.1%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	26,466	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	164	0.6%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,916	7.2%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,840	10.7%
Built 1990 to 1999	5,003	18.9%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,538	9.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,100	11.7%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,315	8.7%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,987	7.5%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,043	3.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	5,560	21.0%

Median year built 1978

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	14,071	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	838	6.0%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	596	4.2%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	574	4.1%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,153	8.2%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	816	5.8%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,019	7.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	902	6.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,076	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,034	21.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,155	15.3%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	762	5.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	146	1.0%

Median value \$173,800

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	22,722	100.0%
Utility gas	8,762	38.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,964	8.6%
Electricity	10,518	46.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	242	1.1%
Coal, coke or wood	943	4.2%
Solar energy or other fuel	165	0.7%
No fuel used	128	0.6%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	8,651	100.0%
Less than \$100	35	0.4%
\$100 to \$199	23	0.3%
\$200 to \$299	438	5.1%
\$300 to \$399	256	3.0%
\$400 to \$499	247	2.9%
\$500 to \$599	248	2.9%
\$600 to \$699	639	7.4%
\$700 to \$799	973	11.2%
\$800 to \$899	1,180	13.6%
\$900 to \$999	545	6.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	2,400	27.7%
\$1,500 or more	1,123	13.0%
No cash rent	544	6.3%

Median gross rent \$903

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 33.9

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,553	100.0%
Less than \$400	33	0.5%
\$400 to \$599	93	1.4%
\$600 to \$799	598	9.1%
\$800 to \$999	593	9.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,533	23.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,115	17.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,356	20.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	943	14.4%
\$3,000 or more	289	4.4%

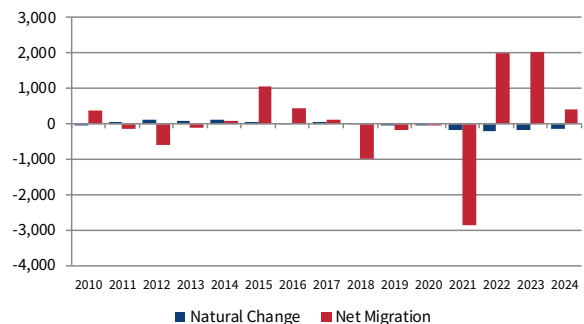
Median monthly owners cost \$1,346

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.1

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	451	27.8
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	35	8.5
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	575	917.0

Components of Population Change



■ Natural Change ■ Net Migration

Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	106,866
Number of farms	663
Average size (acres)	161
Total cash receipts	\$14,818,000
Per farm	\$22,350
Receipts for crops	\$8,252,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$6,565,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	17
Students	6,267
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	604.8
Expenditures per student	\$13,017
Graduation rate	91.0
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	81
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	1
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	56,710
Passenger cars	35,062
Noncommercial trucks	10,572
Total license revenue	\$1,438,988.29
Permissive tax revenue	\$852,205.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	63.02
State highway miles	148.95
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,015.30
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	13
Acreage	18,502

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$335,140
Branch offices	17
Institutions represented	7

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$2,634,780,000
Net earnings	\$1,400,085,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$766,976,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$78,747,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$4,378,000
Retirement and other	\$683,851,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$467,719,000
Dependency ratio	29.1%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

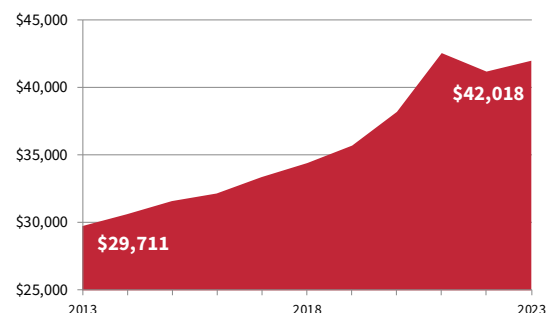
Voting

Number of registered voters	38,592
Voted in 2024 election	26,242
Percent turnout	68.0%

Health Care

Physicians	177
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	135
Licensed nursing homes	5
Number of beds	321
Licensed residential care	2
Number of beds	108
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	91.6%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	90.6%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.4%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	27,500	26,800	26,700	26,200	27,100
Employed	26,100	25,700	25,500	24,900	25,200
Unemployed	1,400	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,900
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.3	4.3	5.1	7.1

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,212	13,110	\$579,610,357	\$850
Goods-Producing	148	1,243	\$76,225,299	\$1,179
Natural Resources and Mining	13	48	\$1,890,667	\$760
Construction	95	530	\$31,092,133	\$1,128
Manufacturing	41	665	\$43,242,499	\$1,250
Service-Providing	1,064	11,867	\$503,385,058	\$816
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	244	3,265	\$125,282,311	\$738
Information	39	197	\$11,281,860	\$1,100
Financial Services	134	684	\$39,710,826	\$1,116
Professional and Business Services	193	1,104	\$59,674,033	\$1,039
Education and Health Services	192	3,397	\$196,147,539	\$1,110
Leisure and Hospitality	159	2,787	\$55,041,168	\$380
Other Services	105	432	\$16,247,321	\$724
Federal Government		263	\$20,056,590	\$1,469
State Government		4,871	\$312,343,458	\$1,233
Local Government		2,952	\$150,618,994	\$981

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	9.6%	-1.2%	28.4%	30.0%
Goods-Producing	2.8%	-9.7%	5.0%	16.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	85.7%	60.0%	71.6%	6.4%
Construction	-5.0%	-26.9%	-21.3%	7.6%
Manufacturing	10.8%	7.1%	35.0%	26.1%
Service-Producing	10.6%	-0.2%	32.9%	33.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5.6%	4.2%	23.3%	18.5%
Information	69.6%	-41.2%	-32.9%	14.0%
Financial Services	5.5%	4.9%	48.3%	41.3%
Professional and Business Services	41.9%	6.4%	55.1%	45.9%
Education and Health Services	3.2%	2.3%	39.1%	35.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	-1.2%	-6.7%	26.8%	36.2%
Other Services	6.1%	0.9%	53.1%	51.8%
Federal Government		14.8%	50.6%	31.2%
State Government			***** Data Not Available *****	
Local Government			***** Data Not Available *****	

Major & Notable Employers

Alexander Local Schools	Govt
Athens City Schools	Govt
Athens County Government	Govt
Diagnostic Hybrids Inc	Mfg
Global Cooling Inc	Mfg
Hocking Technical College	Govt
Jackie O's	Mfg
Nelsonville-York City Schools	Govt
OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital	Serv
Ohio University	Govt
Rocky Boot Company	Trade
Sunpower Inc	Mfg
University Medical Associates	Serv
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	6	4	90	110	13
Total valuation (000)	\$2,530	\$1,340	\$14,761	\$16,174	\$3,343
Total single-unit bldgs	4	4	4	3	13
Average cost per unit	\$595,000	\$335,000	\$250,000	\$486,667	\$257,166
Total multi-unit bldg units	2	0	86	107	0
Average cost per unit	\$75,000		\$160,006	\$137,511	