

Ohio County Profiles

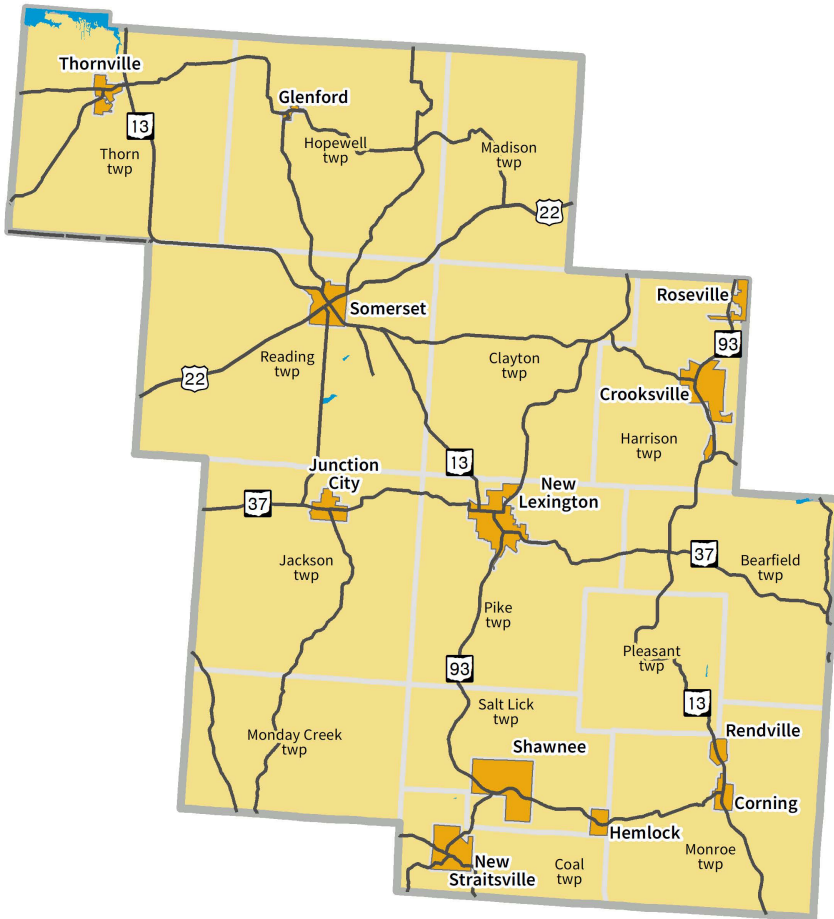
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2025 Edition



Perry County

Established: Act - March 1, 1818
2024 Population: 35,682
Land Area: 410.0 square miles
County Seat: New Lexington City
Named for: Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, Battle of Lake Erie



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$861,662,790
Residential	\$609,047,090
Agriculture	\$195,050,730
Industrial	\$8,737,670
Commercial	\$46,274,460
Mineral	\$2,552,840
Ohio income tax liability	\$17,149,530
Average per return	\$1,131.61

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	8.59%
Developed, Higher Intensity	0.46%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.76%
Forest	57.18%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.88%
Pasture/Hay	18.49%
Cultivated Crops	12.51%
Wetlands	0.56%
Open Water	0.55%

Largest Places

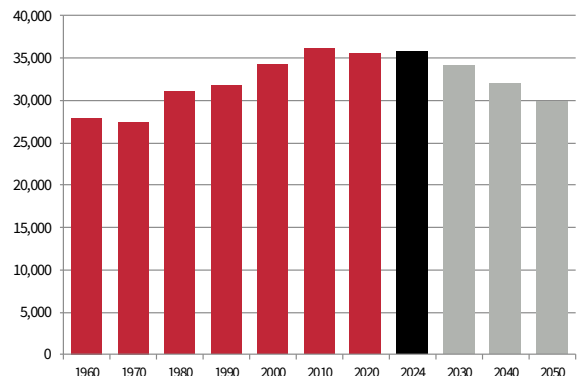
	2024	2020
New Lexington village	4,463	4,434
Thorn twp UB	3,626	3,472
Reading twp UB	2,947	2,875
Hopewell twp UB	2,426	2,433
Crooksville village	2,401	2,422
Pike twp UB	2,233	2,247
Jackson twp UB	2,044	2,053
Harrison twp UB	1,669	1,663
Clayton twp	1,573	1,566
Somerset village	1,483	1,481

UB: Unincorporated balance

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	35,396	2020	35,408
1810		1920	36,098		
1820	8,429	1930	31,445		
1830	13,970	1940	31,087		
1840	19,344	1950	28,999		
1850	20,775	1960	27,864		
1860	19,678	1970	27,434		
1870	18,453	1980	31,032		
1880	28,218	1990	31,557		
1890	31,151	2000	34,078		
1900	31,841	2010	36,058		
				Estimate	
				2024	35,682
				Projection	
				2030	33,933
				2040	31,934
				2050	29,737



Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	35,474	100.0%
White	34,080	96.1%
African-American	80	0.2%
Native American	24	0.1%
Asian	41	0.1%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	123	0.3%
Two or More Races	1,126	3.2%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	288	0.8%
Total Minority	1,497	4.2%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	24,557	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,885	11.7%
High school graduate	11,516	46.9%
Some college, no degree	4,031	16.4%
Associate degree	2,432	9.9%
Bachelor's degree	2,631	10.7%
Master's degree or higher	1,062	4.3%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,470	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	3,179	33.6%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,052	11.1%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	890	9.4%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,805	19.1%
Male householder, in labor force	565	6.0%
Male householder, not in labor force	205	2.2%
Female householder, in labor force	1,131	11.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	643	6.8%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	13,349	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	855	6.4%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,208	9.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,211	9.1%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,007	7.5%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,204	9.0%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	809	6.1%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,391	10.4%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,963	14.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,106	15.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	905	6.8%
\$200,000 or more	690	5.2%
Median household income	\$64,737	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	35,474	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,101	5.9%
5 to 17 years	6,272	17.7%
18 to 24 years	2,544	7.2%
25 to 44 years	8,539	24.1%
45 to 64 years	9,663	27.2%
65 years and more	6,355	17.9%
Median Age	41.1	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,537	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,198	23.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	430	4.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	800	8.4%
Families with no own children	6,109	64.1%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	9,537	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	8,596	90.1%
Family income below poverty level	941	9.9%
Married couple, with related children	112	1.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	86	0.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	464	4.9%
Families with no related children	279	2.9%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	34,977	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	2,644	7.6%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,497	7.1%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,014	2.9%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,184	6.2%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,790	8.0%
185% to 199% of poverty level	847	2.4%
200% of poverty level or more	23,001	65.8%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	35,195	100.0%
Same house as previous year	32,360	91.9%
Different house, same county	1,690	4.8%
Different county, same state	992	2.8%
Different state	108	0.3%
Abroad	45	0.1%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	14,299	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	3,273	22.9%
15 to 29 minutes	3,740	26.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,965	20.7%
45 to 59 minutes	2,017	14.1%
60 minutes or more	2,304	16.1%

Mean travel time **32.3 minutes**

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	15,021	100.0%
Occupied housing units	13,349	88.9%
Owner occupied	10,215	76.5%
Renter occupied	3,134	23.5%
Vacant housing units	1,672	11.1%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	15,021	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	136	0.9%
Built 2010 to 2019	743	4.9%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,230	14.8%
Built 1990 to 1999	2,443	16.3%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,569	10.4%
Built 1970 to 1979	1,763	11.7%
Built 1960 to 1969	879	5.9%
Built 1950 to 1959	864	5.8%
Built 1940 to 1949	672	4.5%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,722	24.8%

Median year built **1978**

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	10,215	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	334	3.3%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	486	4.8%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	520	5.1%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	528	5.2%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	571	5.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,197	11.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	575	5.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,673	16.4%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,175	21.3%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,214	11.9%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	841	8.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	101	1.0%

Median value **\$178,300**

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	13,349	100.0%
Utility gas	6,258	46.9%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,706	12.8%
Electricity	3,999	30.0%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	558	4.2%
Coal, coke or wood	652	4.9%
Solar energy or other fuel	156	1.2%
No fuel used	20	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,134	100.0%
Less than \$100	6	0.2%
\$100 to \$199	191	6.1%
\$200 to \$299	258	8.2%
\$300 to \$399	241	7.7%
\$400 to \$499	86	2.7%
\$500 to \$599	108	3.4%
\$600 to \$699	497	15.9%
\$700 to \$799	296	9.4%
\$800 to \$899	466	14.9%
\$900 to \$999	147	4.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	463	14.8%
\$1,500 or more	116	3.7%
No cash rent	259	8.3%

Median gross rent **\$727**

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income **25.9**

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	5,678	100.0%
Less than \$400	2	0.0%
\$400 to \$599	151	2.7%
\$600 to \$799	394	6.9%
\$800 to \$999	888	15.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	992	17.5%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	1,076	19.0%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,248	22.0%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	717	12.6%
\$3,000 or more	210	3.7%

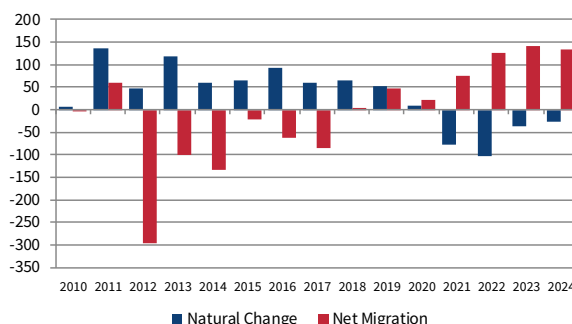
Median monthly owners cost **\$1,346**

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income **19.7**

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	409	65.2
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	18	16.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	443	1,246.1

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	76,325
Number of farms	696
Average size (acres)	110
Total cash receipts	\$32,948,000
Per farm	\$47,339
Receipts for crops	\$23,311,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$9,637,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	14
Students	5,549
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	376.7
Expenditures per student	\$11,732
Graduation rate	95.8
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	1
Students	151
Public universities, 4-year	0
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	2 / 7

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	47,453
Passenger cars	25,485
Noncommercial trucks	10,746
Total license revenue	\$1,253,283.86
Permissive tax revenue	\$328,225.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	14.25
State highway miles	170.84
County, township, and municipal road miles	754.50
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	4
Acreage	5,430

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$317,370
Branch offices	11
Institutions represented	9

Sources of Income

Total personal income	\$1,734,072,000
Net earnings	\$1,026,041,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$525,946,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$43,442,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$2,460,000
Retirement and other	\$480,044,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$182,085,000
Dependency ratio	30.3%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

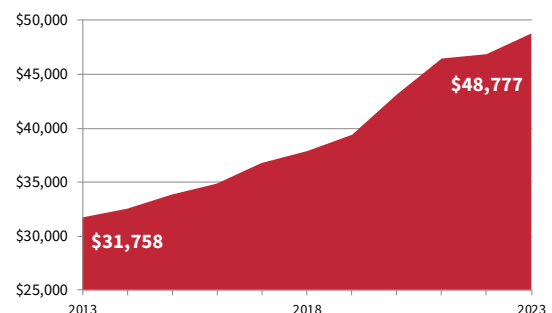
Voting

Number of registered voters	22,901
Voted in 2024 election	17,215
Percent turnout	75.2%

Health Care

Physicians	13
Registered hospitals	0
Number of beds	0
Licensed nursing homes	5
Number of beds	310
Licensed residential care	0
Number of beds	0
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.3%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.0%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.7%

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	16,000	15,700	15,600	15,600	15,500
Employed	15,200	15,000	14,900	14,700	14,200
Unemployed	800	700	700	900	1,300
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.3	4.4	5.8	8.5

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	515	4,753	\$245,671,506	\$994
Goods-Producing	94	1,389	\$112,986,210	\$1,564
Natural Resources and Mining	19	137	\$9,744,425	\$1,372
Construction	55	417	\$51,044,536	\$2,356
Manufacturing	20	836	\$52,197,249	\$1,201
Service-Providing	421	3,363	\$132,685,296	\$759
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	123	1,061	\$37,690,648	\$683
Information	8	13	\$946,477	\$1,382
Financial Services	40	156	\$8,791,645	\$1,083
Professional and Business Services	59	312	\$24,981,674	\$1,538
Education and Health Services	80	1,036	\$45,202,686	\$839
Leisure and Hospitality	63	603	\$10,378,415	\$331
Other Services	49	182	\$4,693,751	\$496
Federal Government		62	\$3,715,629	\$1,162
State Government		39	\$2,851,941	\$1,409
Local Government		1,545	\$72,300,387	\$900

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	8.9%	-6.0%	22.4%	30.1%
Goods-Producing	8.0%	-15.0%	8.7%	27.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	-13.6%	-49.6%	-45.7%	8.2%
Construction	17.0%	11.2%	36.8%	23.1%
Manufacturing	11.1%	-15.3%	7.3%	26.7%
Service-Producing	9.1%	-1.7%	37.0%	39.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.2%	-1.5%	29.7%	31.6%
Information	60.0%	18.2%	29.4%	10.6%
Financial Services	8.1%	-1.3%	47.5%	49.6%
Professional and Business Services	22.9%	-44.4%	12.6%	102.4%
Education and Health Services	-2.4%	11.0%	54.1%	38.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	16.7%	16.9%	64.9%	41.5%
Other Services	14.0%	11.0%	43.2%	29.2%
Federal Government		-3.1%	26.4%	30.6%
State Government		-4.9%	17.3%	22.7%
Local Government		4.7%	30.9%	25.0%

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	34	31	28	47	44
Total valuation (000)	\$6,382	\$5,736	\$5,411	\$10,486	\$7,650
Total single-unit bldgs	31	27	28	47	40
Average cost per unit	\$201,033	\$201,346	\$193,246	\$223,114	\$177,499
Total multi-unit bldg units	3	4	0	0	4
Average cost per unit	\$50,000	\$75,000			\$137,500

Major & Notable Employers

CerCo LLC	Mfg
Cooper-Standard Automotive	Mfg
Crooksville Exempted Village Schools	Govt
Ludowici Roof Tile	Mfg
New Lexington City Schools	Govt
Northern Local Schools	Govt
PCC Airfoils LLC	Mfg
Perry County Government	Govt
Shelly Materials Inc	Mining
Southern Local Schools	Govt