

Ohio County Profiles

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2025 Edition



Ross County

Established:	Proclamation - August 20, 1796
2024 Population:	76,046
Land Area:	688.5 square miles
County Seat:	Chillicothe City
Named for:	Pennsylvania Senator James Ross, friend of Ohio Governor Arthur St. Clair



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$1,638,788,600
Residential	\$1,141,783,780
Agriculture	\$274,889,860
Industrial	\$24,447,690
Commercial	\$197,667,210
Mineral	\$60
Ohio income tax liability	\$37,020,958
Average per return	\$1,131.38

Land Use/Land Cover

Percent

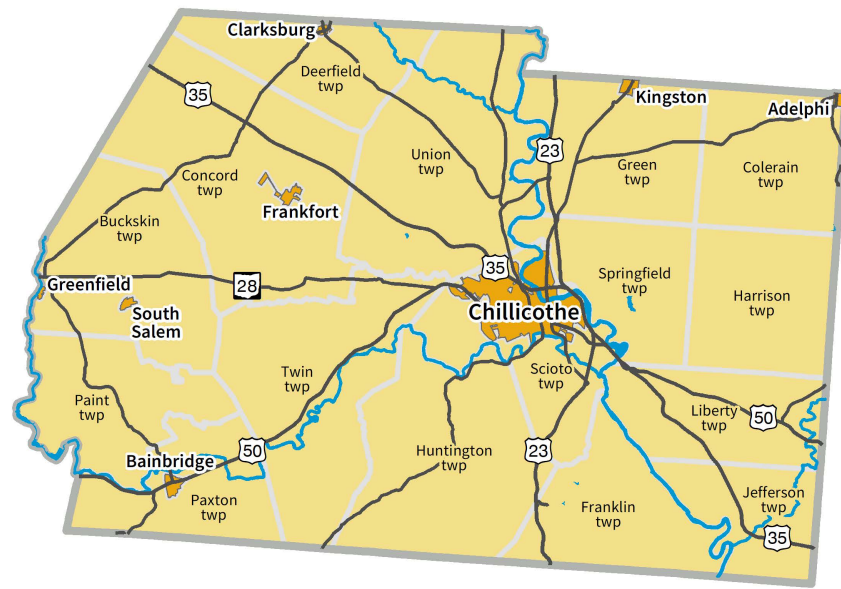
Developed, Lower Intensity	8.58%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.18%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.14%
Forest	44.27%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.35%
Pasture/Hay	17.28%
Cultivated Crops	27.27%
Wetlands	0.36%
Open Water	0.57%

Largest Places

2024 2020

Chillicothe city	21,769	22,041
Union twp	12,542	12,858
Huntington twp	6,086	6,127
Scioto twp UB	5,491	5,569
Green twp UB	3,912	3,963
Concord twp UB	3,548	3,586
Twin twp	3,367	3,402
Liberty twp	2,573	2,595
Springfield twp UB	2,558	2,602
Buckskin twp UB	1,828	1,829

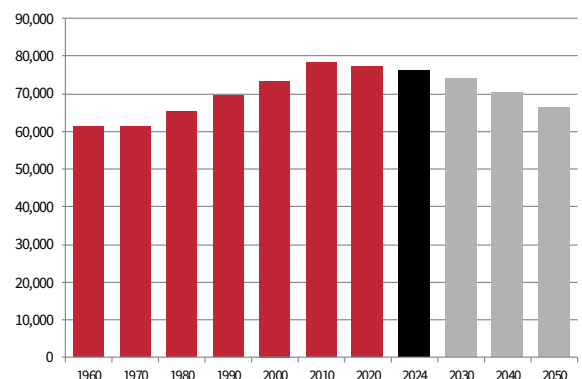
UB: Unincorporated balance



Total Population

Census

1800	8,540	1910	40,069	2020	77,093
1810	15,514	1920	41,556		
1820	20,619	1930	45,181		
1830	24,068	1940	52,147	Estimate	
1840	27,460	1950	54,424	2024	76,046
1850	32,074	1960	61,215		
1860	35,071	1970	61,211		
1870	37,097	1980	65,004	Projection	
1880	40,307	1990	69,330	2030	73,911
1890	39,454	2000	73,345	2040	70,003
1900	40,940	2010	78,064	2050	66,099



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Population by Race

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	76,748	100.0%
White	68,353	89.1%
African-American	4,131	5.4%
Native American	121	0.2%
Asian	414	0.5%
Pacific Islander	36	0.0%
Other	656	0.9%
Two or More Races	3,037	4.0%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,070	1.4%
Total Minority	8,685	11.3%

Educational Attainment

	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	54,654	100.0%
No high school diploma	6,063	11.1%
High school graduate	24,618	45.0%
Some college, no degree	10,588	19.4%
Associate degree	4,036	7.4%
Bachelor's degree	6,020	11.0%
Master's degree or higher	3,329	6.1%

Family Type by Employment Status

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,453	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	6,490	35.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	2,195	11.9%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	1,434	7.8%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	3,275	17.7%
Male householder, in labor force	1,064	5.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	485	2.6%
Female householder, in labor force	2,256	12.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	1,254	6.8%

Household Income

	Number	Percent
Total Households	29,429	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,531	5.2%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,695	9.2%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,140	10.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,024	10.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,322	7.9%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,029	6.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,837	9.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,681	12.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5,442	18.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,463	5.0%
\$200,000 or more	1,265	4.3%
Median household income	\$59,819	

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Population by Age

	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	76,748	100.0%
Under 5 years	4,272	5.6%
5 to 17 years	12,016	15.7%
18 to 24 years	5,806	7.6%
25 to 44 years	20,046	26.1%
45 to 64 years	21,176	27.6%
65 years and more	13,432	17.5%
Median Age	41.0	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,539	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	4,605	24.8%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	748	4.0%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,993	10.8%
Families with no own children	11,193	60.4%

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

	Number	Percent
Total Families	18,539	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	16,474	88.9%
Family income below poverty level	2,065	11.1%
Married couple, with related children	473	2.6%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	107	0.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,002	5.4%
Families with no related children	483	2.6%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level

	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	71,490	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	5,047	7.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,965	9.7%
100% to 124% of poverty level	3,512	4.9%
125% to 149% of poverty level	3,065	4.3%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,101	5.7%
185% to 199% of poverty level	2,970	4.2%
200% of poverty level or more	45,830	64.1%

Geographical Mobility

	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	76,091	100.0%
Same house as previous year	66,696	87.7%
Different house, same county	5,215	6.9%
Different county, same state	3,487	4.6%
Different state	624	0.8%
Abroad	69	0.1%

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	29,831	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	8,824	29.6%
15 to 29 minutes	11,566	38.8%
30 to 44 minutes	3,605	12.1%
45 to 59 minutes	2,455	8.2%
60 minutes or more	3,381	11.3%

Mean travel time 27.5 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,042	100.0%
Occupied housing units	29,429	91.8%
Owner occupied	20,779	70.6%
Renter occupied	8,650	29.4%
Vacant housing units	2,613	8.2%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	32,042	100.0%
Built 2020 or later	329	1.0%
Built 2010 to 2019	1,025	3.2%
Built 2000 to 2009	3,391	10.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	5,152	16.1%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,389	10.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	3,845	12.0%
Built 1960 to 1969	3,730	11.6%
Built 1950 to 1959	3,746	11.7%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,892	5.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	5,543	17.3%

Median year built 1973

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	20,779	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	967	4.7%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	615	3.0%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	985	4.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	796	3.8%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,043	9.8%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,431	11.7%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,869	9.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,116	19.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,612	22.2%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,773	8.5%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	469	2.3%
\$1,000,000 or more	103	0.5%

Median value \$158,500

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	29,429	100.0%
Utility gas	9,212	31.3%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,842	13.1%
Electricity	13,533	46.0%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,386	4.7%
Coal, coke or wood	857	2.9%
Solar energy or other fuel	463	1.6%
No fuel used	136	0.5%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	8,650	100.0%
Less than \$100	41	0.5%
\$100 to \$199	32	0.4%
\$200 to \$299	472	5.5%
\$300 to \$399	308	3.6%
\$400 to \$499	255	2.9%
\$500 to \$599	465	5.4%
\$600 to \$699	659	7.6%
\$700 to \$799	961	11.1%
\$800 to \$899	1,330	15.4%
\$900 to \$999	1,259	14.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,810	20.9%
\$1,500 or more	326	3.8%
No cash rent	732	8.5%

Median gross rent \$858

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 30.5

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	11,548	100.0%
Less than \$400	154	1.3%
\$400 to \$599	474	4.1%
\$600 to \$799	760	6.6%
\$800 to \$999	1,731	15.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	2,506	21.7%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	2,393	20.7%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	2,230	19.3%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	956	8.3%
\$3,000 or more	344	3.0%

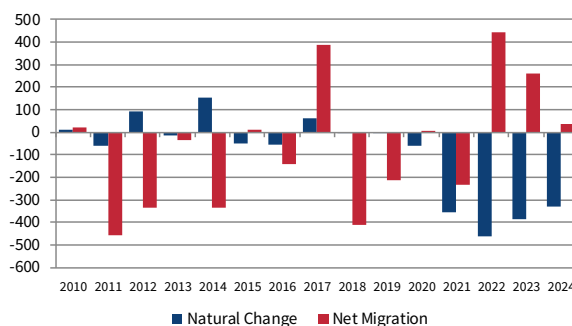
Median monthly owners cost \$1,266

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.3

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	705	55.5
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	48	22.0
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	944	1,234.0

Components of Population Change



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	270,703
Number of farms	1,107
Average size (acres)	245
Total cash receipts	\$145,442,000
Per farm	\$131,384
Receipts for crops	\$127,188,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$18,254,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	23
Students	9,575
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	682.7
Expenditures per student	\$11,365
Graduation rate	91.4
Community/charter schools buildings	
Students	
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	3
Students	550
Public universities, 4-year	1
Public universities/colleges, 2-year	0
Public learning centers, less-than 2-year	1
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 9

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	94,882
Passenger cars	54,339
Noncommercial trucks	18,639
Total license revenue	\$2,550,302.42
Permissive tax revenue	\$669,182.50
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	94.14
State highway miles	125.02
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,010.06
Commercial airports	1

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

Areas/Facilities	17
Acreage	30,909

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	1
Assets (000)	\$552,710
Branch offices	19
Institutions represented	10

Sources of Income

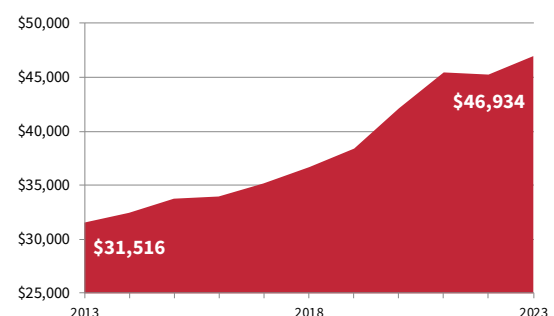
Total personal income	\$3,590,512,000
Net earnings	\$2,015,045,000
Personal current transfer receipts	\$1,123,238,000
Income maintenance benefits	\$101,892,000
Unemployment insurance compensation	\$4,563,000
Retirement and other	\$1,016,783,000
Dividends, interest, and rent	\$452,229,000
Dependency ratio	31.3%
(Percent of total personal income from transfer receipts)	

Voting

Number of registered voters	46,386
Voted in 2024 election	33,296
Percent turnout	71.8%

Health Care

Physicians	256
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	266
Licensed nursing homes	9
Number of beds	468
Licensed residential care	3
Number of beds	217
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	93.2%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	92.3%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.7%

Per Capita Personal Income

Civilian Labor Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Civilian labor force	33,100	33,100	32,600	32,500	32,800
Employed	31,600	31,800	31,300	30,800	30,000
Unemployed	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,800	2,800
Unemployment rate	4.6	3.8	4.1	5.4	8.6

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2024

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	1,423	23,052	\$1,265,840,219	\$1,056
Goods-Producing	206	5,579	\$404,679,933	\$1,395
Natural Resources and Mining	28	90	\$3,503,225	\$746
Construction	119	769	\$48,916,176	\$1,223
Manufacturing	60	4,720	\$352,260,532	\$1,435
Service-Providing	1,217	17,473	\$861,160,286	\$948
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	377	5,961	\$263,201,171	\$849
Information	15	207	\$14,231,436	\$1,323
Financial Services	132	656	\$42,674,407	\$1,251
Professional and Business Services	166	1,405	\$64,635,611	\$885
Education and Health Services	228	5,448	\$389,624,676	\$1,375
Leisure and Hospitality	173	3,260	\$70,766,100	\$417
Other Services	124	533	\$15,999,754	\$577
Federal Government		1,759	\$160,235,922	\$1,751
State Government		1,433	\$116,610,148	\$1,565
Local Government		3,266	\$169,795,639	\$1,000

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2017

Private Sector	9.7%	0.2%	27.7%	27.4%
Goods-Producing	8.4%	3.0%	19.4%	15.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	3.7%	-22.4%	5.4%	35.4%
Construction	-0.8%	-7.8%	21.5%	31.8%
Manufacturing	42.9%	5.8%	19.2%	12.7%
Service-Producing	9.9%	-0.7%	32.0%	33.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.1%	10.7%	39.2%	25.8%
Information	15.4%	-17.5%	5.9%	28.3%
Financial Services	3.9%	-0.9%	43.0%	44.3%
Professional and Business Services	18.6%	-9.3%	22.0%	34.5%
Education and Health Services	11.8%	-6.1%	29.2%	37.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	15.3%	-3.9%	32.5%	37.6%
Other Services	10.7%	-3.3%	35.0%	39.7%
Federal Government		4.1%	34.1%	28.8%
State Government		-11.5%	22.9%	39.0%
Local Government		2.3%	24.8%	22.0%

Major & Notable Employers

Residential Construction

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total units	24	21	20	15	15
Total valuation (000)	\$7,060	\$5,790	\$5,987	\$3,066	\$3,124
Total single-unit bldgs	22	17	18	15	15
Average cost per unit	\$313,535	\$321,531	\$323,638	\$204,377	\$208,254
Total multi-unit bldg units	2	4	2	0	0
Average cost per unit	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000		

Adena Regional Health system	Serv
Chillicothe City Schools	Govt
Glo Fiber	Utility
InfoSight Corporation	Mfg
Kenworth Truck Co/PACCAR	Mfg
Pixelle Specialty Solutions	Mfg
Ross County Government	Govt
State of Ohio	Govt
US Fed Government/Veterans Admin	Govt
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade
Yanagawa Seiki/YSK Corp	Mfg