

# Ohio County Profiles



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2021 Edition

## Defiance County

Established: Act - April 7, 1845  
 2020 Population: 38,286  
 Land Area: 411.2 square miles  
 County Seat: Defiance City  
 Named for: Fort Defiance



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$829,203,950
Residential	\$477,192,960
Agriculture	\$222,824,870
Industrial	\$29,488,130
Commercial	\$99,697,990
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$19,890,381
Average per return	\$1,063.26

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	6.88%
Developed, Higher Intensity	1.08%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.26%
Forest	8.44%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.20%
Pasture/Hay	4.26%
Cultivated Crops	73.55%
Wetlands	4.31%
Open Water	1.01%

### Largest Places

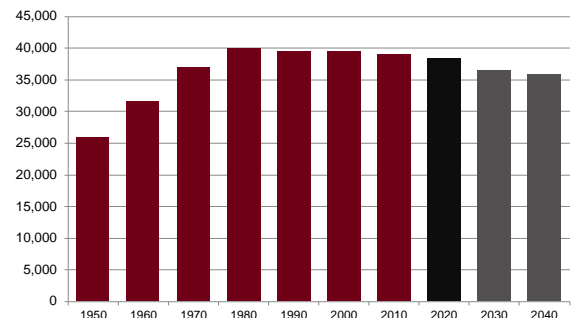
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Defiance city	17,066	16,494
Hicksville vil.	3,431	3,581
Highland twp	2,284	2,372
Noble twp UB	2,140	2,419
Defiance twp UB	1,727	1,792
Tiffin twp	1,586	1,612
Hicksville twp UB	1,441	1,398
Richland twp UB	1,255	1,719
Delaware twp UB	1,228	1,307
Washington twp UB	1,225	1,263

UB: Unincorporated balance.

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1910	24,498	<b>2020</b>	<b>38,286</b>
1810		1920	24,549		
1820		1930	22,714	<b>Projected</b>	
1830		1940	24,367		
1840		1950	25,925		
1850	6,966	1960	31,508	2030	36,490
1860	11,886	1970	36,949	2040	35,890
1870	15,719	1980	39,987		
1880	22,515	1990	39,350		
1890	25,769	2000	39,500		
1900	26,387	2010	39,037		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	38,160	100.0%
White	34,608	90.7%
African-American	670	1.8%
Native American	190	0.5%
Asian	168	0.4%
Pacific Islander	13	0.0%
Other	1,247	3.3%
Two or More Races	1,264	3.3%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	3,804	10.0%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>5,191</b>	<b>13.6%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	25,904	100.0%
No high school diploma	2,291	8.8%
High school graduate	10,918	42.1%
Some college, no degree	5,581	21.5%
Associate degree	2,464	9.5%
Bachelor's degree	3,047	11.8%
Master's degree or higher	1,603	6.2%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,651	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	4,405	41.4%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,173	11.0%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	656	6.2%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,846	17.3%
Male householder, in labor force	673	6.3%
Male householder, not in labor force	134	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	1,088	10.2%
Female householder, not in labor force	676	6.3%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	15,297	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	515	3.4%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,234	8.1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,523	10.0%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,322	8.6%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,703	11.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,362	8.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,924	12.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,483	16.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,072	13.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	669	4.4%
\$200,000 or more	490	3.2%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$59,931</b>	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	38,160	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,221	5.8%
5 to 17 years	6,573	17.2%
18 to 24 years	3,462	9.1%
25 to 44 years	9,039	23.7%
45 to 64 years	9,920	26.0%
65 years and more	6,945	18.2%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>40.4</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,682	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,748	25.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	494	4.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	952	8.9%
Families with no own children	6,488	60.7%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,682	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	9,815	91.9%
Family income below poverty level	867	8.1%
Married couple, with related children	126	1.2%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	65	0.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	581	5.4%
Families with no related children	95	0.9%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	37,420	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	1,430	3.8%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,379	6.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,135	3.0%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,570	4.2%
150% to 184% of poverty level	2,271	6.1%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,265	3.4%
200% of poverty level or more	27,370	73.1%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	37,726	100.0%
Same house as previous year	32,686	86.6%
Different house, same county	3,174	8.4%
Different county, same state	1,320	3.5%
Different state	517	1.4%
Abroad	29	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	17,947	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	7,242	40.4%
15 to 29 minutes	6,367	35.5%
30 to 44 minutes	2,725	15.2%
45 to 59 minutes	824	4.6%
60 minutes or more	789	4.4%

**Mean travel time** 20.4 minutes

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,817	100.0%
Occupied housing units	15,297	91.0%
Owner occupied	11,669	76.3%
Renter occupied	3,628	23.7%
Vacant housing units	1,520	9.0%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,817	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	75	0.4%
Built 2010 to 2013	231	1.4%
Built 2000 to 2009	1,587	9.4%
Built 1990 to 1999	1,888	11.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,301	7.7%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,779	16.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,802	10.7%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,741	10.4%
Built 1940 to 1949	745	4.4%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,668	27.8%

**Median year built** 1967

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	11,669	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	584	5.0%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	190	1.6%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	584	5.0%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,383	11.9%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,681	14.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,778	15.2%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,273	10.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,039	17.5%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,519	13.0%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	484	4.1%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	146	1.3%
\$1,000,000 or more	8	0.1%

**Median value** \$119,900

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	15,297	100.0%
Utility gas	7,304	47.7%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	2,867	18.7%
Electricity	4,188	27.4%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	295	1.9%
Coal, coke or wood	521	3.4%
Solar energy or other fuel	64	0.4%
No fuel used	58	0.4%

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Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	3,628	100.0%
Less than \$100	42	1.2%
\$100 to \$199	0	0.0%
\$200 to \$299	100	2.8%
\$300 to \$399	191	5.3%
\$400 to \$499	205	5.7%
\$500 to \$599	355	9.8%
\$600 to \$699	562	15.5%
\$700 to \$799	494	13.6%
\$800 to \$899	573	15.8%
\$900 to \$999	308	8.5%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	403	11.1%
\$1,500 or more	67	1.8%
No cash rent	328	9.0%

**Median gross rent** \$747

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 25.0

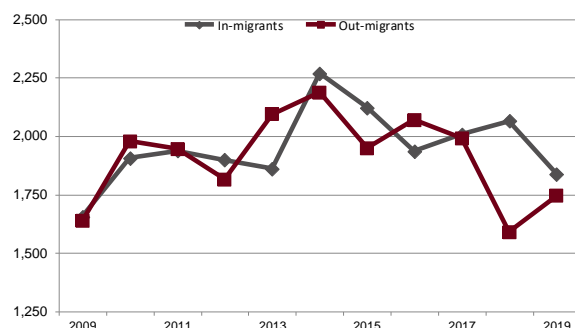
Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,931	100.0%
Less than \$400	43	0.6%
\$400 to \$599	340	4.9%
\$600 to \$799	1,096	15.8%
\$800 to \$999	1,507	21.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,361	19.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	874	12.6%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	997	14.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	555	8.0%
\$3,000 or more	158	2.3%

**Median monthly owners cost** \$1,088

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 18.2

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	420	61.6
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	22	52.4
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	440	1,155.2

## Domestic Migration



**Agriculture**

Land in farms (acres)	228,465
Number of farms	907
Average size (acres)	252
Total cash receipts	\$107,279,000
Per farm	\$118,279
Receipts for crops	\$80,238,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$27,041,000

**Education**

Traditional public schools buildings	15
Students	6,009
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	457.8
Expenditures per student	\$10,014
Graduation rate	95.2
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	2
Students	159
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	0
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	0
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 4

**Transportation**

Registered motor vehicles	48,184
Passenger cars	28,131
Noncommercial trucks	9,118
Total license revenue	\$1,356,933.08
Permissive tax revenue	\$829,360.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	26.95
State highway miles	121.09
County, township, and municipal road miles	880.67
Commercial airports	1

**Health Care**

Physicians	46
Registered hospitals	3
Number of beds	104
Licensed nursing homes	4
Number of beds	360
Licensed residential care	2
Number of beds	161
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)	95.2%

**Communications**

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	12,750
Average monthly unique visitors	78,000
Weekly newspapers	1
Circulation	1,600
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

**Crime**

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	640
Violent crime	39
Property crime	601

**Finance**

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$1,404,230
Branch offices	17
Institutions represented	10

**Transfer Payments**

Total transfer payments	\$394,049,000
Payments to individuals	\$385,620,000
Retirement and disability	\$158,843,000
Medical payments	\$177,246,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$23,217,000
Unemployment benefits	\$2,686,000
Veterans benefits	\$14,745,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$5,856,000
Other payments to individuals	\$3,027,000
Total personal income	\$1,599,785,000
Dependency ratio	24.6%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

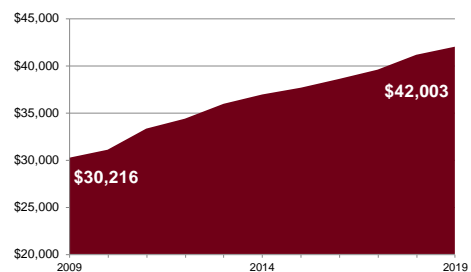
**Voting**

Number of registered voters	26,411
Voted in 2020 election	19,613
Percent turnout	74.3%

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

Areas/Facilities	5
Acreage	434

**Per Capita Personal Income**



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	17,900	18,100	18,200	18,500	18,500
Employed	16,400	17,400	17,400	17,600	17,500
Unemployed	1,500	800	800	900	900
Unemployment rate	8.2	4.3	4.4	4.9	5.0

**Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2019**

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	766	13,304	\$575,294,099	\$832
Goods-Producing	116	3,636	\$235,569,801	\$1,246
Natural Resources and Mining	10	215	\$9,045,574	\$808
Construction	61	351	\$16,345,637	\$897
Manufacturing	45	3,071	\$210,178,590	\$1,316
Service-Providing	651	9,668	\$339,724,298	\$676
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	217	3,324	\$116,951,052	\$677
Information	16	189	\$6,924,648	\$704
Financial Services	82	728	\$40,100,909	\$1,059
Professional and Business Services	88	911	\$39,925,145	\$843
Education and Health Services	78	2,191	\$100,198,903	\$880
Leisure and Hospitality	91	1,750	\$24,010,797	\$264
Other Services	79	576	\$11,612,844	\$388
Federal Government		89	\$4,643,051	\$1,003
State Government		80	\$5,179,676	\$1,248
Local Government		1,912	\$83,197,925	\$837

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

**Change Since 2013**

Private Sector	0.1%	-5.0%	-3.1%	2.1%
Goods-Producing	-9.4%	-20.6%	-24.5%	-4.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	11.1%	112.9%	187.2%	34.9%
Construction	-15.3%	-8.6%	7.7%	17.9%
Manufacturing	-4.3%	-25.0%	-28.5%	-4.6%
Service-Producing	2.2%	2.6%	20.7%	17.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1.4%	0.1%	17.5%	17.5%
Information	6.7%	-8.3%	-7.2%	1.1%
Financial Services	9.3%	9.0%	28.0%	17.4%
Professional and Business Services	4.8%	6.1%	23.7%	16.6%
Education and Health Services	6.8%	-2.6%	23.1%	26.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	-6.2%	13.9%	32.7%	16.3%
Other Services	-2.5%	-1.7%	2.8%	4.6%
Federal Government		4.7%	9.4%	4.0%
State Government		0.0%	26.7%	27.3%
Local Government		3.2%	19.5%	15.8%

**Residential**

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	52	43	39	38	42
Total valuation (000)	\$12,354	\$8,095	\$7,240	\$7,119	\$7,474
Total single-unit bldgs	41	43	35	31	34
Average cost per unit	\$264,128	\$188,257	\$191,727	\$210,017	\$188,931
Total multi-unit bldg units	11	0	4	7	8
Average cost per unit	\$138,636		\$132,500	\$86,857	\$131,250