

# Ohio County Profiles



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## Highland County

Established: Act - May 1, 1805  
 2020 Population: 43,317  
 Land Area: 553.3 square miles  
 County Seat: Hillsboro City  
 Named for: The "high lands" between the Scioto and Little Miami Rivers



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$782,203,340
Residential	\$484,345,550
Agriculture	\$214,320,380
Industrial	\$15,041,430
Commercial	\$68,495,980
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$15,017,162
Average per return	\$852.96

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	5.29%
Developed, Higher Intensity	0.43%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.15%
Forest	32.00%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	0.78%
Pasture/Hay	19.47%
Cultivated Crops	40.78%
Wetlands	0.14%
Open Water	0.97%

### Largest Places

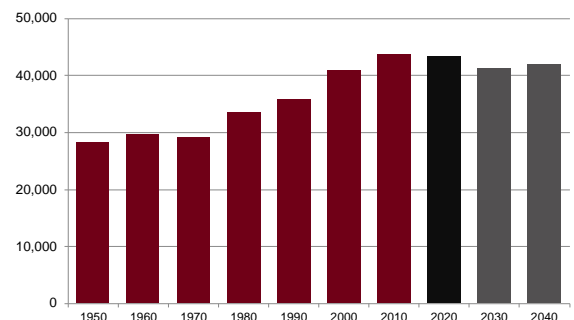
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Hillsboro city	6,481	6,605
Paint twp	4,850	4,585
Greenfield vil. (part)	4,339	4,639
Liberty twp UB	3,720	3,637
Fairfield twp UB	2,156	2,196
Madison twp UB	2,083	2,086
Union twp	1,969	2,065
New Market twp	1,874	1,888
Penn twp	1,542	1,409
Lynchburg vil. (part)	1,510	1,497

UB: Unincorporated balance.

### Total Population

#### Census

1800		1910	28,711	<b>2020</b>	<b>43,317</b>
1810	5,766	1920	27,610		
1820	12,308	1930	25,416	<b>Projected</b>	
1830	16,345	1940	27,099		
1840	22,269	1950	28,188		
1850	25,781	1960	29,716		
1860	27,773	1970	28,996		
1870	29,133	1980	33,477		
1880	30,281	1990	35,728		
1890	29,048	2000	40,875		
1900	30,982	2010	43,589		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	43,016	100.0%
White	41,178	95.7%
African-American	627	1.5%
Native American	108	0.3%
Asian	170	0.4%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	100	0.2%
Two or More Races	833	1.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	476	1.1%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>4.9%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	29,359	100.0%
No high school diploma	4,376	14.9%
High school graduate	13,322	45.4%
Some college, no degree	5,161	17.6%
Associate degree	2,553	8.7%
Bachelor's degree	2,246	7.7%
Master's degree or higher	1,701	5.8%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,185	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	3,491	31.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,825	16.3%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	906	8.1%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,971	17.6%
Male householder, in labor force	449	4.0%
Male householder, not in labor force	352	3.1%
Female householder, in labor force	1,300	11.6%
Female householder, not in labor force	891	8.0%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	16,772	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	1,325	7.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,112	12.6%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,185	13.0%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,067	12.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,526	9.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,352	8.1%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,703	10.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,852	11.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,865	11.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	493	2.9%
\$200,000 or more	292	1.7%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$44,169</b>	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	43,016	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,655	6.2%
5 to 17 years	7,653	17.8%
18 to 24 years	3,349	7.8%
25 to 44 years	9,893	23.0%
45 to 64 years	11,743	27.3%
65 years and more	7,723	18.0%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>40.8</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,221	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	2,892	25.8%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	429	3.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	1,103	9.8%
Families with no own children	6,797	60.6%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	11,221	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	9,637	85.9%
Family income below poverty level	1,584	14.1%
Married couple, with related children	410	3.7%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	118	1.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	642	5.7%
Families with no related children	414	3.7%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	42,353	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	3,821	9.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	4,392	10.4%
100% to 124% of poverty level	2,176	5.1%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,326	5.5%
150% to 184% of poverty level	3,366	7.9%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,182	2.8%
200% of poverty level or more	25,090	59.2%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	42,467	100.0%
Same house as previous year	36,894	86.9%
Different house, same county	3,042	7.2%
Different county, same state	2,218	5.2%
Different state	279	0.7%
Abroad	34	0.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	16,528	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	4,539	27.5%
15 to 29 minutes	4,908	29.7%
30 to 44 minutes	3,088	18.7%
45 to 59 minutes	1,748	10.6%
60 minutes or more	2,245	13.6%

**Mean travel time** 28.9 minutes

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	19,351	100.0%
Occupied housing units	16,772	86.7%
Owner occupied	11,478	68.4%
Renter occupied	5,294	31.6%
Vacant housing units	2,579	13.3%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	19,351	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	162	0.8%
Built 2010 to 2013	223	1.2%
Built 2000 to 2009	2,704	14.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	3,577	18.5%
Built 1980 to 1989	2,388	12.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,841	14.7%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,260	6.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,433	7.4%
Built 1940 to 1949	829	4.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	3,934	20.3%

**Median year built** 1978

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	11,478	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	499	4.3%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	522	4.5%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,094	9.5%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,260	11.0%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	1,563	13.6%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,150	10.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	1,181	10.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,093	18.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,302	11.3%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	569	5.0%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	158	1.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	87	0.8%

**Median value** \$117,400

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	16,772	100.0%
Utility gas	4,299	25.6%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	1,803	10.8%
Electricity	8,384	50.0%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	779	4.6%
Coal, coke or wood	1,035	6.2%
Solar energy or other fuel	396	2.4%
No fuel used	76	0.5%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	5,294	100.0%
Less than \$100	103	1.9%
\$100 to \$199	125	2.4%
\$200 to \$299	194	3.7%
\$300 to \$399	227	4.3%
\$400 to \$499	338	6.4%
\$500 to \$599	689	13.0%
\$600 to \$699	913	17.2%
\$700 to \$799	828	15.6%
\$800 to \$899	630	11.9%
\$900 to \$999	382	7.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	377	7.1%
\$1,500 or more	0	0.0%
No cash rent	488	9.2%

**Median gross rent** \$681

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 27.7

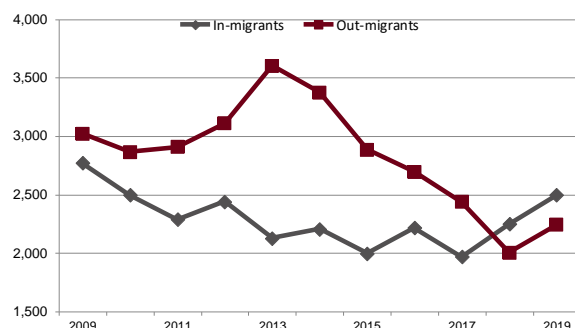
Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	7,011	100.0%
Less than \$400	73	1.0%
\$400 to \$599	458	6.5%
\$600 to \$799	995	14.2%
\$800 to \$999	1,454	20.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,614	23.0%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	880	12.6%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,246	17.8%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	183	2.6%
\$3,000 or more	108	1.5%

**Median monthly owners cost** \$1,081

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.8

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	479	63.7
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	33	68.9
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	495	1,146.9

## Domestic Migration



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	287,973
Number of farms	1,254
Average size (acres)	230
Total cash receipts	\$122,902,000
Per farm	\$98,008
Receipts for crops	\$94,697,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$28,205,000

## Education

Traditional public schools buildings	18
Students	6,730
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	566.0
Expenditures per student	\$9,547
Graduation rate	94.4
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	2
Students	219
4-year public universities	0
Regional campuses	0
2-year public colleges/satellites	1
Ohio Technical Centers	0
Private universities and colleges	0
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	1 / 5

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	55,149
Passenger cars	30,546
Noncommercial trucks	11,781
Total license revenue	\$1,541,611.36
Permissive tax revenue	\$670,600.00
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	56.26
State highway miles	203.78
County, township, and municipal road miles	910.86
Commercial airports	1

## Health Care

Physicians	24
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	70
Licensed nursing homes	5
Number of beds	361
Licensed residential care	1
Number of beds	50
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	90.2%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	88.8%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	93.8%

## Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	2
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	2,300
Average monthly unique visitors	70,277
Weekly newspapers	0
Circulation	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	757
Violent crime	52
Property crime	705

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	3
Assets (000)	\$4,074,332
Branch offices	17
Institutions represented	9

## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$469,788,000
Payments to individuals	\$460,157,000
Retirement and disability	\$150,315,000
Medical payments	\$234,065,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$39,925,000
Unemployment benefits	\$3,147,000
Veterans benefits	\$20,548,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$8,902,000
Other payments to individuals	\$3,255,000
Total personal income	\$1,610,634,000
Dependency ratio	29.2%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

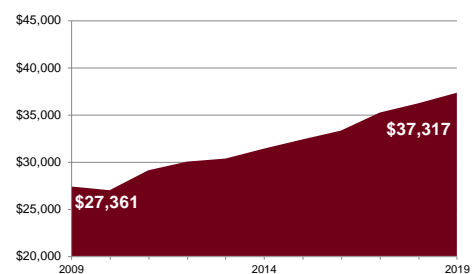
## Voting

Number of registered voters	27,351
Voted in 2020 election	19,792
Percent turnout	72.4%

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

Areas/Facilities	10
Acreage	15,049

## Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	17,500	17,200	17,200	17,200	17,000
Employed	16,000	16,300	16,200	16,200	15,900
Unemployed	1,500	900	900	1,000	1,100
Unemployment rate	8.7	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.4

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

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	673	8,078	\$283,474,842	\$675
Goods-Producing	109	2,208	\$100,968,315	\$880
Natural Resources and Mining	13	68	\$2,589,692	\$731
Construction	70	337	\$14,619,843	\$836
Manufacturing	26	1,803	\$83,758,780	\$893
Service-Providing	564	5,870	\$182,506,527	\$598
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	185	2,069	\$69,527,644	\$646
Information	7	62	\$1,906,831	\$595
Financial Services	74	462	\$27,012,537	\$1,124
Professional and Business Services	71	566	\$16,256,131	\$553
Education and Health Services	107	1,396	\$48,872,537	\$673
Leisure and Hospitality	61	1,002	\$12,642,339	\$243
Other Services	59	314	\$6,285,393	\$386
Federal Government		96	\$4,758,955	\$957
State Government		93	\$4,876,590	\$1,004
Local Government		2,120	\$87,288,367	\$792

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

**Change Since 2013**

Private Sector	2.0%	2.5%	16.9%	14.0%
Goods-Producing	5.8%	-9.2%	2.6%	13.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	8.3%	-6.8%	-6.0%	0.8%
Construction	9.4%	21.2%	29.2%	6.9%
Manufacturing	-3.7%	-13.4%	-0.7%	14.6%
Service-Producing	1.3%	7.7%	26.6%	17.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1.1%	4.9%	31.4%	25.2%
Information	0.0%	-18.4%	-36.0%	-21.4%
Financial Services	2.8%	4.8%	42.3%	35.7%
Professional and Business Services	-5.3%	26.3%	43.3%	13.6%
Education and Health Services	17.6%	12.3%	16.4%	3.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	-6.2%	-2.4%	5.4%	8.5%
Other Services	-7.8%	31.9%	61.1%	22.5%
Federal Government		2.1%	5.3%	3.2%
State Government		0.0%	26.7%	25.5%
Local Government		-10.8%	5.3%	18.0%

**Residential**

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	4	6	12	12	6
Total valuation (000)	\$655	\$870	\$1,116	\$1,165	\$583
Total single-unit bldgs	4	6	9	12	6
Average cost per unit	\$163,750	\$145,000	\$104,022	\$97,102	\$97,222
Total multi-unit bldg units	0	0	3	0	0
Average cost per unit			\$60,000	\$0	\$0