

Ohio County Profiles



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2021 Edition

Portage County

Established: Act - June 7, 1807
 2020 Population: 161,791
 Land Area: 492.4 square miles
 County Seat: Ravenna City
 Named for: "Portage", a carrying path



Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$3,711,440,200
Residential	\$2,786,353,940
Agriculture	\$172,556,970
Industrial	\$215,116,650
Commercial	\$534,986,910
Mineral	\$2,425,730
Ohio income tax liability	\$101,416,917
Average per return	\$1,361.47

Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Developed, Lower Intensity	14.32%
Developed, Higher Intensity	2.31%
Barren (strip mines, gravel pits, etc.)	0.29%
Forest	38.30%
Shrub/Scrub and Grasslands	1.87%
Pasture/Hay	22.78%
Cultivated Crops	10.76%
Wetlands	6.35%
Open Water	3.01%

Largest Places

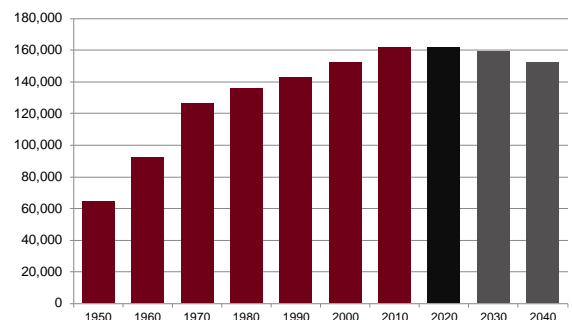
	Census 2020	Census 2010
Kent city	28,215	28,904
Streetsboro city	17,260	16,028
Aurora city	17,239	15,548
Brimfield twp	11,352	10,376
Ravenna city	11,323	11,724
Ravenna twp	8,980	9,209
Rootstown twp	8,602	8,225
Franklin twp	6,283	5,527
Suffield twp	5,973	6,311
Randolph twp	5,276	5,298

UB: Unincorporated balance.

Total Population

Census

1800		1910	30,307	2020	161,791
1810	2,995	1920	36,269		
1820	10,095	1930	42,682	Projected	
1830	18,826	1940	46,660		
1840	22,965	1950	63,954	2030	158,930
1850	24,419	1960	91,798	2040	151,720
1860	24,208	1970	125,868		
1870	24,584	1980	135,856		
1880	27,500	1990	142,585		
1890	27,868	2000	152,061		
1900	29,246	2010	161,419		



Population by Race	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	162,511	100.0%
White	147,306	90.6%
African-American	6,724	4.1%
Native American	236	0.1%
Asian	2,907	1.8%
Pacific Islander	49	0.0%
Other	890	0.5%
Two or More Races	4,399	2.7%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	2,999	1.8%
Total Minority	16,927	10.4%

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	105,311	100.0%
No high school diploma	8,024	7.6%
High school graduate	38,519	36.6%
Some college, no degree	20,311	19.3%
Associate degree	7,917	7.5%
Bachelor's degree	18,527	17.6%
Master's degree or higher	12,013	11.4%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,361	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	15,558	39.5%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	5,697	14.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	2,563	6.5%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	5,839	14.8%
Male householder, in labor force	2,146	5.5%
Male householder, not in labor force	773	2.0%
Female householder, in labor force	4,620	11.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	2,165	5.5%

Household Income	Number	Percent
Total Households	61,817	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	4,026	6.5%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5,750	9.3%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	6,020	9.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	5,611	9.1%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5,703	9.2%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	4,934	8.0%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	6,391	10.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	8,067	13.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,255	15.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,608	5.8%
\$200,000 or more	2,452	4.0%
Median household income	\$57,618	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
ACS Total Population	162,511	100.0%
Under 5 years	7,497	4.6%
5 to 17 years	23,197	14.3%
18 to 24 years	26,506	16.3%
25 to 44 years	35,576	21.9%
45 to 64 years	43,904	27.0%
65 years and more	25,831	15.9%
Median Age	38.0	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,516	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	10,102	25.6%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	1,348	3.4%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	3,573	9.0%
Families with no own children	24,493	62.0%

Poverty Status of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	39,516	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	36,185	91.6%
Family income below poverty level	3,331	8.4%
Married couple, with related children	523	1.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	314	0.8%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	1,717	4.3%
Families with no related children	777	2.0%

Ratio of Income To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	154,901	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	9,075	5.9%
50% to 99% of poverty level	10,733	6.9%
100% to 124% of poverty level	5,649	3.6%
125% to 149% of poverty level	5,504	3.6%
150% to 184% of poverty level	9,556	6.2%
185% to 199% of poverty level	4,363	2.8%
200% of poverty level or more	110,021	71.0%

Geographical Mobility	Number	Percent
Population aged 1 year and older	161,200	100.0%
Same house as previous year	136,480	84.7%
Different house, same county	11,847	7.3%
Different county, same state	9,535	5.9%
Different state	2,426	1.5%
Abroad	912	0.6%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	75,842	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	19,613	25.9%
15 to 29 minutes	26,596	35.1%
30 to 44 minutes	18,313	24.1%
45 to 59 minutes	7,577	10.0%
60 minutes or more	3,743	4.9%

Mean travel time 25.7 minutes

Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	69,138	100.0%
Occupied housing units	61,817	89.4%
Owner occupied	42,987	69.5%
Renter occupied	18,830	30.5%
Vacant housing units	7,321	10.6%

Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	69,138	100.0%
Built 2014 or later	1,320	1.9%
Built 2010 to 2013	1,189	1.7%
Built 2000 to 2009	9,373	13.6%
Built 1990 to 1999	10,702	15.5%
Built 1980 to 1989	5,999	8.7%
Built 1970 to 1979	12,146	17.6%
Built 1960 to 1969	8,589	12.4%
Built 1950 to 1959	7,511	10.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	2,717	3.9%
Built 1939 or earlier	9,592	13.9%

Median year built 1975

Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	42,987	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	2,650	6.2%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	972	2.3%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	882	2.1%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,535	3.6%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	3,525	8.2%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	4,906	11.4%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	5,124	11.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8,576	20.0%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	9,498	22.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,188	9.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	983	2.3%
\$1,000,000 or more	148	0.3%

Median value \$159,200

House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	61,817	100.0%
Utility gas	39,663	64.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,319	5.4%
Electricity	12,623	20.4%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	3,674	5.9%
Coal, coke or wood	1,581	2.6%
Solar energy or other fuel	818	1.3%
No fuel used	139	0.2%

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Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	18,830	100.0%
Less than \$100	18	0.1%
\$100 to \$199	119	0.6%
\$200 to \$299	164	0.9%
\$300 to \$399	390	2.1%
\$400 to \$499	515	2.7%
\$500 to \$599	1,500	8.0%
\$600 to \$699	2,745	14.6%
\$700 to \$799	2,198	11.7%
\$800 to \$899	2,217	11.8%
\$900 to \$999	2,336	12.4%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	4,610	24.5%
\$1,500 or more	1,163	6.2%
No cash rent	855	4.5%

Median gross rent \$860

Median gross rent as a percentage of household income 32.0

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	27,344	100.0%
Less than \$400	143	0.5%
\$400 to \$599	679	2.5%
\$600 to \$799	2,283	8.3%
\$800 to \$999	3,743	13.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	5,280	19.3%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	5,044	18.4%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	5,839	21.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	3,430	12.5%
\$3,000 or more	903	3.3%

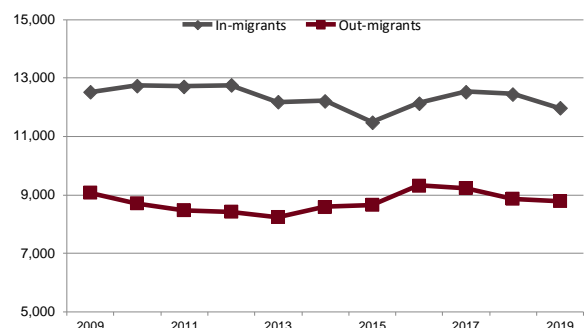
Median monthly owners cost \$1,327

Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income 19.6

Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	1,293	37.6
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	55	42.5
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	1,528	940.5

Domestic Migration



Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	85,877
Number of farms	1,118
Average size (acres)	77
Total cash receipts	\$34,489,000
Per farm	\$30,849
Receipts for crops	\$24,473,000
Receipts for livestock/products	\$10,016,000

Education

Traditional public schools buildings	45
Students	19,156
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	1,438.2
Expenditures per student	\$10,011
Graduation rate	92.0
Community/charter schools buildings	0
Students	0
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	0.0
Expenditures per student	
Graduation rate	
Private schools	3
Students	470
4-year public universities	1
Regional campuses	0
2-year public colleges/satellites	0
Ohio Technical Centers	1
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Districts / Facilities)	3 / 8

Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	174,686
Passenger cars	110,418
Noncommercial trucks	23,096
Total license revenue	\$4,874,911.05
Permissive tax revenue	\$2,853,027.50
Interstate highway miles	43.75
Turnpike miles	20.35
U.S. highway miles	23.23
State highway miles	204.23
County, township, and municipal road miles	1,120.02
Commercial airports	3

Health Care

Physicians	183
Registered hospitals	1
Number of beds	302
Licensed nursing homes	9
Number of beds	872
Licensed residential care	7
Number of beds	599
Persons with health insurance (Aged 0 to 64)	92.4%
Adults with insurance (Aged 18 to 64)	91.5%
Children with insurance (Aged Under 19)	95.1%

Communications

Television stations	4
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	12,725
Average monthly unique visitors	134,456
Weekly newspapers	7
Circulation	81,100
Average monthly unique visitors	0
Online only	0
Average monthly unique visitors	0

Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	2,688
Violent crime	137
Property crime	2,551

Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	2
Assets (000)	\$651,667
Branch offices	39
Institutions represented	14

Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$1,458,013,000
Payments to individuals	\$1,423,028,000
Retirement and disability	\$546,897,000
Medical payments	\$640,196,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$82,019,000
Unemployment benefits	\$13,013,000
Veterans benefits	\$53,603,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$74,059,000
Other payments to individuals	\$13,241,000
Total personal income	\$7,314,712,000
Dependency ratio	19.9%
(Percent of income from transfer payments)	

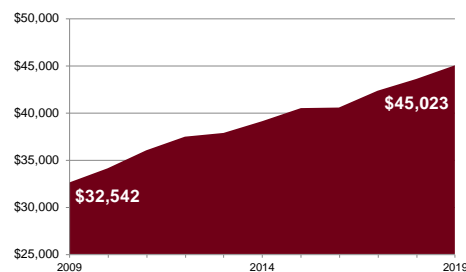
Voting

Number of registered voters	108,884
Voted in 2020 election	83,475
Percent turnout	76.7%

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

Areas/Facilities	23
Acreage	19,954

Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian labor force	85,800	87,800	87,200	87,800	87,500
Employed	79,600	84,000	83,200	83,400	83,000
Unemployed	6,200	3,700	4,000	4,400	4,400
Unemployment rate	7.3	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.1

Establishments, Employment, and Wages by Sector: 2019

Industrial Sector	Number of Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Private Sector	3,184	44,095	\$1,940,418,112	\$846
Goods-Producing	652	13,191	\$769,360,903	\$1,122
Natural Resources and Mining	49	471	\$24,004,739	\$980
Construction	335	2,101	\$122,449,976	\$1,121
Manufacturing	268	10,619	\$622,906,188	\$1,128
Service-Providing	2,532	30,904	\$1,171,057,209	\$729
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	765	11,149	\$506,323,138	\$873
Information	47	437	\$24,726,383	\$1,087
Financial Services	262	1,129	\$56,031,441	\$955
Professional and Business Services	512	3,843	\$222,100,757	\$1,111
Education and Health Services	302	6,065	\$215,970,739	\$685
Leisure and Hospitality	371	6,753	\$103,467,053	\$295
Other Services	270	1,525	\$42,354,776	\$534
Federal Government		343	\$20,884,792	\$1,173
State Government		* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Local Government		* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *

Private Sector total includes Unclassified establishments not shown.

Change Since 2013

Private Sector	6.7%	4.4%	18.9%	13.9%
Goods-Producing	1.4%	8.6%	18.9%	9.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	14.0%	42.3%	65.1%	16.1%
Construction	3.7%	17.8%	35.1%	14.6%
Manufacturing	-3.2%	5.9%	14.9%	8.6%
Service-Producing	8.1%	2.7%	18.8%	15.7%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4.2%	2.5%	24.1%	21.1%
Information	23.7%	29.3%	52.4%	17.5%
Financial Services	5.2%	-10.6%	1.9%	14.0%
Professional and Business Services	14.3%	-7.1%	20.6%	29.8%
Education and Health Services	19.8%	2.5%	9.0%	6.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	5.7%	11.1%	21.9%	10.1%
Other Services	2.3%	3.3%	11.3%	7.7%
Federal Government		14.0%	20.8%	6.3%
State Government		* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *
Local Government		* * * * *	Data Not Available	* * * * *

Residential

Construction	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total units	344	363	504	297	273
Total valuation (000)	\$89,879	\$82,880	\$100,159	\$66,226	\$62,356
Total single-unit bldgs	342	361	364	278	269
Average cost per unit	\$262,365	\$228,754	\$203,871	\$231,750	\$229,948
Total multi-unit bldg units	2	2	140	19	4
Average cost per unit	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$185,357	\$94,737	\$125,000