

# Ohio County Profiles

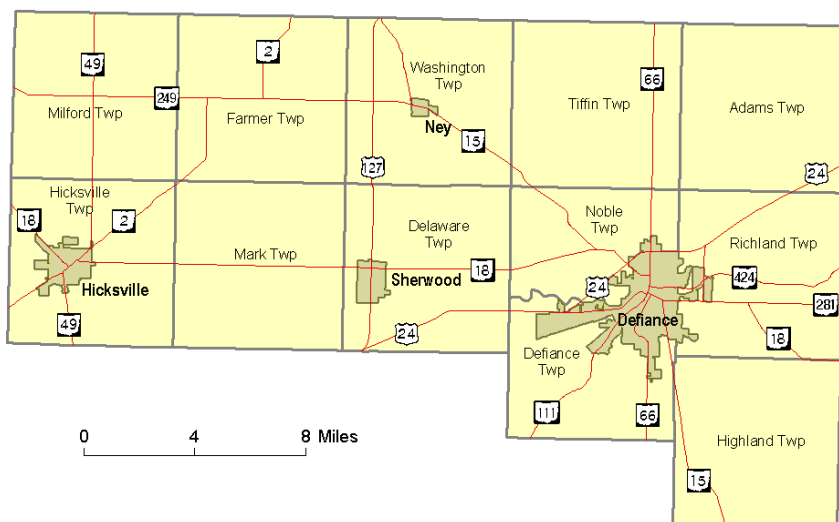


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## Defiance County

**Established:** Act - April 7, 1845  
**2006 Population:** 39,091  
**Land Area:** 411.2 square mile  
**County Seat:** Defiance City  
**Named for:** Fort Defiance



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$594,418,020
Residential	\$407,769,860
Agriculture	\$79,386,330
Industrial	\$24,548,740
Commercial	\$82,713,090
Mineral	\$0
Ohio income tax liability	\$24,896,577
Average per return	\$1,309.17

### Land Use/Land Cover

	Percent
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/ Transportation and Urban Grasses)	3.01%
Cropland	75.95%
Pasture	4.69%
Forest	11.72%
Open Water	0.92%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	3.70%
Bare/Mines	0.00%

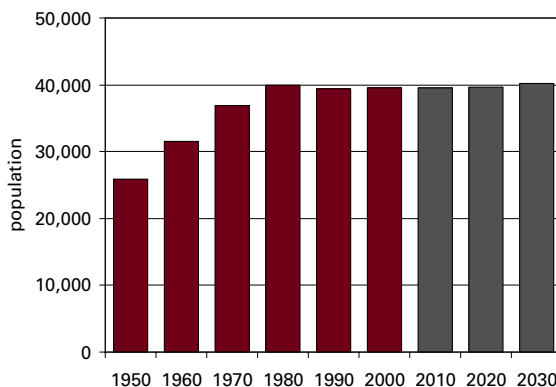
### Largest Areas

	Census 2000	Est. 2006
Defiance city	16,465	16,212
Hicksville village	3,649	3,501
Highland twp	2,658	2,593
Noble twp UB	2,274	2,333
Defiance twp UB	1,860	1,844
Richland twp UB	1,974	1,788
Tiffin twp	1,705	1,692
Delaware twp UB	1,327	1,499
Hicksville twp UB	1,354	1,364
Washington twp UB	1,157	1,220

UB: Unincorporated Balance

### Total Population

Census	Estimated
1800	2001 39,398
1810	2002 39,233
1820	2003 39,056
1830	2004 39,015
1840	2005 38,934
1850 6,966	2006 39,091
1860 11,886	
1870 15,719	Projected
1880 22,515	2010 39,540
1890 25,769	2020 39,700
1900 26,387	2030 40,180
1910 24,498	
1920 24,549	
1930 22,714	
1940 24,367	
1950 25,925	
1960 31,508	
1970 36,949	
1980 39,987	
1990 39,350	
2000 39,500	



Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total Population	39,500	100.0%
White	36,471	92.3%
African-American	651	1.6%
Native American	147	0.4%
Asian	120	0.3%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	1,503	3.8%
Two or More Races	608	1.5%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	2,856	7.2%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>10.2%</b>

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and over	25,426	100.0%
No high school diploma	3,896	15.3%
High school graduate	11,641	45.8%
Some college, no degree	4,651	18.3%
Associate degree	1,614	6.3%
Bachelor's degree	2,467	9.7%
Master's degree or higher	1,157	4.6%

Family Type by Employment Status	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,998	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	5,192	47.2%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	1,712	15.6%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	443	4.0%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	1,590	14.5%
Male householder, in labor force	642	5.8%
Male householder, not in labor force	61	0.6%
Female householder, in labor force	959	8.7%
Female householder, not in labor force	399	3.6%

Household Income in 1999	Number	Percent
Total Households	15,113	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	886	5.9%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,658	11.0%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,987	13.1%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,913	12.7%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,159	14.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,572	10.4%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,130	14.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,770	11.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	811	5.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	107	0.7%
\$200,000 or more	120	0.8%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$44,938</b>	

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Total Population	39,500	100.0%
Under 6 years	3,167	8.0%
6 to 17 years	7,281	18.4%
18 to 24 years	3,626	9.2%
25 to 44 years	10,809	27.4%
45 to 64 years	9,551	24.2%
65 years and more	5,066	12.8%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>36.5</b>	

Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,998	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	3,880	35.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	431	3.9%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	912	8.3%
Families with no own children	5,775	52.5%

Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children	Number	Percent
Total Families	10,998	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	10,503	95.5%
Family income below poverty level	495	4.5%
Married couple, with related children	66	13.3%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	52	10.5%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	257	51.9%
Families with no related children	120	24.2%

Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Population for whom poverty status is determined	38,723	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	790	2.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	1,390	3.6%
100% to 149% of poverty level	2,671	6.9%
150% to 199% of poverty level	2,722	7.0%
200% of poverty level or more	31,150	80.4%

Residence in 1995	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	36,791	100.0%
Same house in 1995	23,276	63.3%
Different house, same county	8,384	22.8%
Different county, same state	3,103	8.4%
Different state	1,870	5.1%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	10	0.0%
Foreign country	148	0.4%

## Travel Time To Work

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	19,540	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	8,869	45.4%
15 to 29 minutes	6,317	32.3%
30 to 44 minutes	2,542	13.0%
45 to 59 minutes	656	3.4%
60 minutes or more	702	3.6%
Worked at home	454	2.3%
<b>Mean travel time</b>	<b>19.2 minutes</b>	

## Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,040	100.0%
Occupied housing units	15,138	94.4%
Owner occupied	12,054	75.1%
Renter occupied	3,084	19.2%
Vacant housing units	902	5.6%

## Year Structure Built

	Number	Percent
Total housing units	16,040	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	1,277	8.0%
Built 1990 to 1994	838	5.2%
Built 1980 to 1989	1,463	9.1%
Built 1970 to 1979	2,942	18.3%
Built 1960 to 1969	2,049	12.8%
Built 1950 to 1959	2,145	13.4%
Built 1940 to 1949	1,025	6.4%
Built 1939 or earlier	4,301	26.8%
<b>Median year built</b>	<b>1963</b>	

## Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	9,501	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	65	0.7%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	414	4.4%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	1,203	12.7%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	2,203	23.2%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2,329	24.5%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,334	14.0%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	851	9.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	779	8.2%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	227	2.4%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	59	0.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	18	0.2%
\$1,000,000 or more	19	0.2%
<b>Median value</b>	<b>\$86,800</b>	

## House Heating Fuel

	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	15,138	100.0%
Utility gas	7,605	50.2%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	3,298	21.8%
Electricity	3,046	20.1%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	881	5.8%
Coal, coke or wood	207	1.4%
Solar energy or other fuel	68	0.4%
No fuel used	33	0.2%

## Gross Rent

	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	2,996	100.0%
Less than \$100	28	0.9%
\$100 to \$199	93	3.1%
\$200 to \$299	196	6.5%
\$300 to \$399	483	16.1%
\$400 to \$499	825	27.5%
\$500 to \$599	626	20.9%
\$600 to \$699	313	10.4%
\$700 to \$799	147	4.9%
\$800 to \$899	77	2.6%
\$900 to \$999	7	0.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	0	0.0%
\$1,500 or more	6	0.2%
No cash rent	195	6.5%
<b>Median gross rent</b>	<b>\$472</b>	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	19.6	

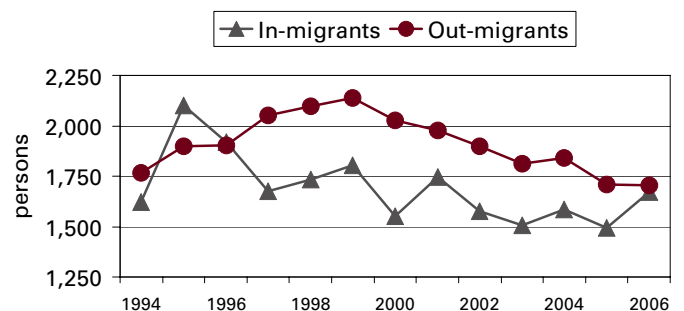
## Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units

	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	6,205	100.0%
Less than \$400	186	3.0%
\$400 to \$599	826	13.3%
\$600 to \$799	1,641	26.4%
\$800 to \$999	1,560	25.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	1,082	17.4%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	542	8.7%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	273	4.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	89	1.4%
\$3,000 or more	6	0.1%
<b>Median monthly owners cost</b>	<b>\$852</b>	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	19.1	

## Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 women aged 15-44	504	67.3
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-17	9	10.9
Deaths / rate per 100,000 population	364	930.7
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	285	7.3
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	173	4.4

## Migration



## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	203,000
Number of farms	960
Average size (acres)	211
Total cash receipts	\$56,409,000
Per farm	\$58,760

## Education

Public schools	19
Students (Average Daily Membership)	6,589
Expenditures per student	\$8,251
Student-teacher ratio	16.5
Graduation rate	91.5
Teachers (Full Time Equivalent)	436.0
Non-public schools	2
Students	289
4-year public universities	0
Branches	0
2-year public colleges	0
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries (Main / Branches)	1 / 2

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	46,836
Passenger cars	28,137
Noncommercial trucks	8,791
Total license revenue	\$1,202,870.15
Interstate highway miles	0.00
Turnpike miles	0.00
U.S. highway miles	31.54
State highway miles	132.06
Commercial airports	1

## Voting

Number of precincts	42
Number of registered voters	25,769
Voted in 2006 election	14,075
Percent turnout	54.6%

## Health Care

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	56
Registered hospitals	2
Number of beds	94
Licensed nursing homes	4
Number of beds	370
Licensed residential care	1
Number of beds	41
Adults with employer-based insurance	76.4%
Children with employer-based insurance	79.9%

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

Facilities	3
Acreage	505.56

## Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	3
Daily newspapers	1
Circulation	17,900

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	773
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## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions (HQs)	5
Assets	\$2,306,194,000
Branch offices	19
Institutions represented	9

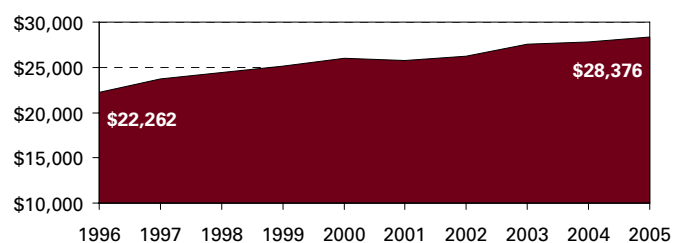
## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$193,996,000
Payments to individuals	\$183,450,000
Retirement and disability	\$91,428,000
Medical payments	\$69,229,000
Income maintenance (Supplemental SSI, family assistance, food stamps, etc)	\$14,405,000
Unemployment benefits	\$4,030,000
Veterans benefits	\$3,135,000
Federal education and training assistance	\$1,104,000
Other payments to individuals	\$119,000
Total personal income	\$1,104,809,000
Dependency ratio	17.6%

## Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$176,002,890
Retirement and disability	\$88,229,209
Other direct payments	\$45,875,681
Grant awards	\$29,568,058
Highway planning and construction	(\$91,289)
Temporary assistance to needy families	\$2,630,573
Medical assistance program	\$15,886,462
Procurement contract awards	\$6,020,702
Dept. of Defense	\$1,765,542
Salary and wages	\$6,309,240
Dept. of Defense	\$52,000
Other federal assistance	\$41,684,690
Direct loans	\$614,641
Guaranteed loans	\$6,909,823
Insurance	\$34,160,226

## Per Capita Personal Income



Civilian Labor Force	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Civilian labor force	20,700	20,600	20,600	20,500	20,700
Employed	19,500	19,300	19,400	19,300	19,500
Unemployed	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.6

Employment and Wages by Sector

NAICS Industrial Sector	Average Annual Employment		Total Wages (in thousands of dollars)	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Total covered under Ohio UC Law	17,090	16,925	\$611,013	\$606,265
Private Sector	15,100	14,918	\$548,461	\$542,830
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	-1	27	\$0	\$750
Mining	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Utilities	-1	21	\$0	\$1,397
Construction	545	489	\$18,248	\$16,046
Manufacturing	5,493	5,380	\$312,263	\$300,601
Wholesale trade	494	536	\$16,780	\$19,203
Retail trade	2,551	2,433	\$51,057	\$48,437
Transportation and warehousing	-1	323	\$0	\$11,567
Information	290	281	\$8,587	\$9,024
Finance and insurance	626	663	\$23,263	\$25,789
Real estate and rental and leasing	79	89	\$1,729	\$1,762
Professional and technical services	239	222	\$8,694	\$8,517
Management of companies and enterprises	104	96	\$4,755	\$4,621
Administrative and waste services	342	370	\$7,039	\$8,156
Educational services	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Health care and social assistance	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	136	126	\$1,508	\$1,457
Accommodation and food services	1,262	1,202	\$11,238	\$11,269
Other services, except public administration	559	612	\$9,198	\$10,325
State and Local Government	1,990	2,007	\$62,552	\$63,435
State government	117	110	\$4,842	\$4,951
Local government	1,873	1,897	\$57,710	\$58,484
Federal Government	112	112	\$4,864	\$4,874

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Business Numbers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Business starts	60	51	58	42	58
Active businesses	660	675	678	673	672

Major Employers	
Defiance City Bd of Ed	Govt
Defiance Clinic	Serv
Defiance Metal Products Co	Mfg
Defiance Precision Products	Mfg
Defiance Regional Medical Center	Serv
General Motors Corp	Mfg
Johns Manville Corp	Mfg
Meijer Inc	Trade
Parker Hannifin Corp	Mfg
Sears Holdings/Kmart Corp	Trade

Residential Construction	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total units	142	146	140	201	180
Total valuation (000)	\$16,062	\$17,520	\$17,912	\$22,257	\$20,663
Total single-unit bldgs	128	126	127	116	114
Average cost per unit	\$119,661	\$123,306	\$135,328	\$142,576	\$135,875
Total multi-unit bldg units	14	20	13	85	66
Average cost per unit	\$53,214	\$99,175	\$55,769	\$67,271	\$78,382