

# Ohio County Profiles

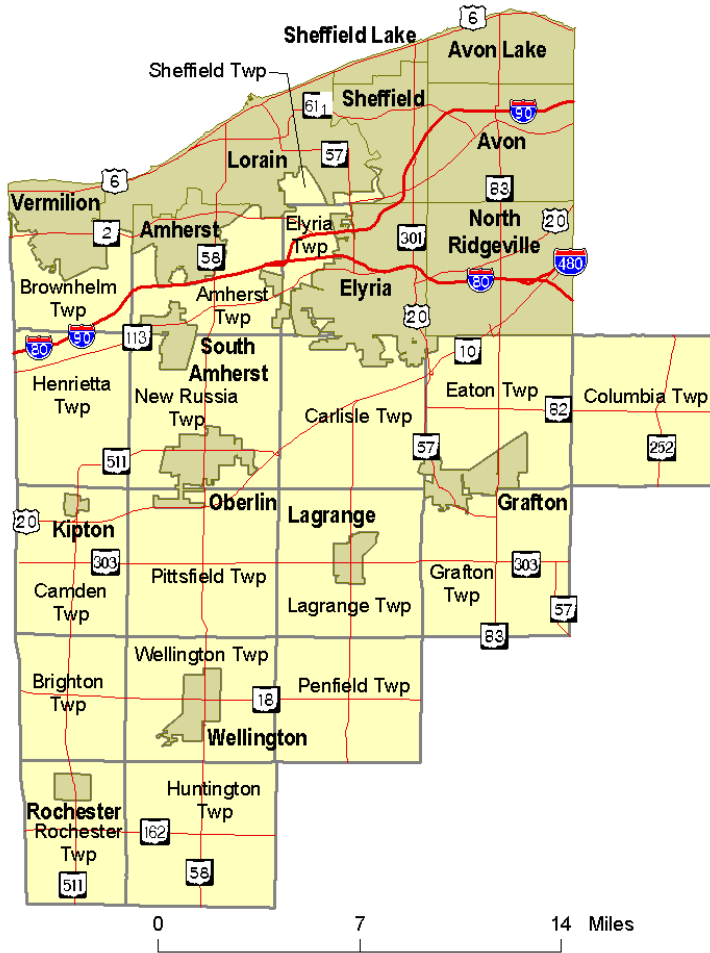
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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

## Lorain County

**Established:** Act - December 26, 1822  
**2000 Population:** 284,664  
**Land Area:** 492.6 square miles  
**County Seat:** Elyria City  
**Named for:** French Province of Lorraine



### Taxes

Taxable value of real property	\$4,444,112,970
Residential	\$3,541,036,490
Agriculture	\$92,574,340
Industrial	\$192,628,690
Commercial	\$617,798,230
Mineral	\$75,220
Ohio income tax liability	\$171,530,505
Average per return	\$1,274.16

### Land Cover

	Acres
Total	315,862.3
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	23,577.1
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	195,026.7
Shrub/Scrub	975.9
Wooded	87,945.6
Open Water	2,208.2
Non-forested Wetlands	5,925.0
Barren	203.9

### Largest Areas

	Census 1990	Census 2000
Lorain city	71,245	68,652
Elyria city	56,746	55,953
North Ridgeville city	21,564	22,338
Avon Lake city	15,066	18,145
Amherst city	10,332	11,797
Avon city	7,337	11,446
Eaton township UIA	6,516	9,675
Sheffield Lake city	9,825	9,371
Oberlin city	8,191	8,195
Carlsle township	7,554	7,339

UIA: Unincorporated Area

### Total Population

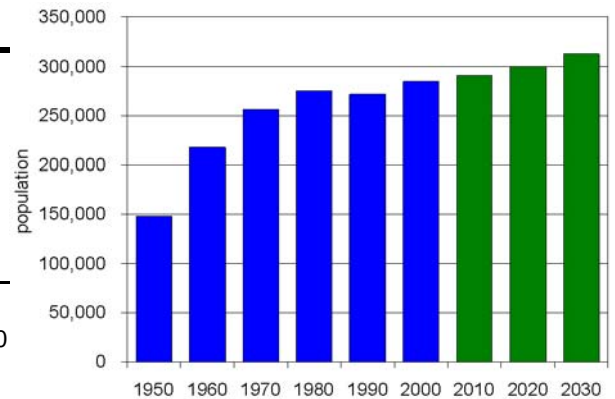
Census	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
		54,857	76,037	90,612	109,206	112,390	148,162	217,500	274,909	271,126	284,664
1800											
1810											
1820											
1830	5,696										
1840	18,467										
1850	26,086										
1860	29,744										
1870	30,308										
1880	35,526										
1890	40,295										

### Projected

2010	290,839
2020	299,631
2030	312,543

### Largest Changes in Population Since 1900

<b>Net Change</b>	69,338	1950 to 1960
<b>Percent Change</b>	46.8%	1950 to 1960



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<b>Population by Race</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Population	284,664	100.0%
White	243,296	85.5%
African-American	23,543	8.3%
Native American	829	0.3%
Asian	1,715	0.6%
Pacific Islander	33	0.0%
Other	8,153	2.9%
Two or More Races	7,095	2.5%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	19,358	6.8%
<b>Total Minority</b>	<b>49,987</b>	<b>17.6%</b>

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Persons 25 years and over	185,491	100.0%
No high school diploma	31,880	17.2%
High school graduate	68,348	36.8%
Some college, no degree	41,694	22.5%
Associate degree	12,828	6.9%
Bachelor's degree	20,203	10.9%
Master's degree or higher	10,538	5.7%

<b>Family Type by Employment Status</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	76,589	100.0%
Married couple, husband and wife in labor force	32,142	42.0%
Married couple, husband in labor force, wife not	12,610	16.5%
Married couple, wife in labor force, husband not	3,796	5.0%
Married couple, husband and wife not in labor force	11,016	14.4%
Male householder, in labor force	3,324	4.3%
Male householder, not in labor force	1,030	1.3%
Female householder, in labor force	8,384	10.9%
Female householder, not in labor force	4,287	5.6%

<b>Household Income in 1999</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Households	105,875	100.0%
Less than \$10,000	7,591	7.2%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12,361	11.7%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	13,301	12.6%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	12,997	12.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12,198	11.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	11,194	10.6%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	12,641	11.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12,217	11.5%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,868	7.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,896	1.8%
\$200,000 or more	1,611	1.5%
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$45,042</b>	

<b>Population by Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Population	284,664	100.0%
Under 6 years	24,179	8.5%
6 to 17 years	50,438	17.7%
18 to 24 years	24,556	8.6%
25 to 44 years	83,636	29.4%
45 to 64 years	66,140	23.2%
65 years and more	35,715	12.5%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>36.5</b>	

<b>Family Type by Presence of Own Children Under 18</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	76,589	100.0%
Married-couple families with own children	26,072	34.0%
Male householder, no wife present, with own children	2,359	3.1%
Female householder, no husband present, with own children	7,556	9.9%
Families with no own children	40,602	53.0%

<b>Poverty Status in 1999 of Families By Family Type by Presence Of Related Children</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Families	76,589	100.0%
Family income above poverty level	71,462	93.3%
Family income below poverty level	5,127	6.7%
Married couple, with related children	816	15.9%
Male householder, no wife present, with related children	336	6.6%
Female householder, no husband present, with related children	3,060	59.7%
Families with no related children	915	17.8%

<b>Ratio of Income in 1999 To Poverty Level</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Population for whom poverty status is determined	275,784	100.0%
Below 50% of poverty level	11,208	4.1%
50% to 99% of poverty level	13,601	4.9%
100% to 149% of poverty level	17,866	6.5%
150% to 199% of poverty level	21,348	7.7%
200% of poverty level or more	211,761	76.8%

<b>Residence in 1995</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Population 5 years and over	264,988	100.0%
Same house in 1995	157,396	59.4%
Different house, same county	68,805	26.0%
Different county, same state	23,728	9.0%
Different state	12,705	4.8%
Puerto Rico or U.S. islands	642	0.2%
Foreign country	1,712	0.6%

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Travel Time To Work	Number	Percent
Workers 16 years and over	132,895	100.0%
Less than 15 minutes	40,349	30.4%
15 to 29 minutes	50,944	38.3%
30 to 44 minutes	25,140	18.9%
45 to 59 minutes	8,269	6.2%
60 minutes or more	5,234	3.9%
Worked at home	2,959	2.2%
<b>Mean travel time</b>	<b>22.8 minutes</b>	

Housing Units	Number	Percent
Total housing units	111,368	100.0%
Occupied housing units	105,836	95.0%
Owner occupied	78,472	70.5%
Renter occupied	27,364	24.6%
Vacant housing units	5,532	5.0%

Year Structure Built	Number	Percent
Total housing units	111,368	100.0%
Built 1995 to March 2000	8,319	7.5%
Built 1990 to 1994	6,344	5.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	8,137	7.3%
Built 1970 to 1979	20,796	18.7%
Built 1960 to 1969	18,414	16.5%
Built 1950 to 1959	19,892	17.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	9,453	8.5%
Built 1939 or earlier	20,013	18.0%
<b>Median year built</b>	<b>1963</b>	

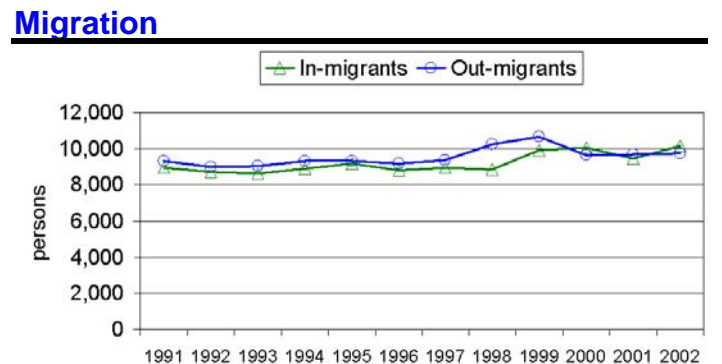
Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units	70,466	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	185	0.3%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	934	1.3%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	3,226	4.6%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	8,665	12.3%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	14,348	20.4%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	13,081	18.6%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	10,900	15.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10,319	14.6%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	4,389	6.2%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4,043	5.7%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	281	0.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	95	0.1%
<b>Median value</b>	<b>\$115,100</b>	

House Heating Fuel	Number	Percent
Occupied housing units	105,836	100.0%
Utility gas	81,252	76.8%
Bottled, tank or LP gas	4,396	4.2%
Electricity	16,310	15.4%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	1,854	1.8%
Coal, coke or wood	744	0.7%
Solar energy or other fuel	982	0.9%
No fuel used	298	0.3%

Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Specified renter-occupied housing units	27,074	100.0%
Less than \$100	518	1.9%
\$100 to \$199	1,500	5.5%
\$200 to \$299	1,321	4.9%
\$300 to \$399	2,885	10.7%
\$400 to \$499	5,438	20.1%
\$500 to \$599	5,524	20.4%
\$600 to \$699	3,418	12.6%
\$700 to \$799	2,104	7.8%
\$800 to \$899	1,088	4.0%
\$900 to \$999	567	2.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	811	3.0%
\$1,500 or more	317	1.2%
No cash rent	1,583	5.8%
<b>Median gross rent</b>	<b>\$518</b>	
Median gross rent as a percentage of household income in 1999	24.3	

Selected Monthly Owner Costs for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	Number	Percent
Specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	50,926	100.0%
Less than \$400	1,003	2.0%
\$400 to \$599	4,265	8.4%
\$600 to \$799	9,208	18.1%
\$800 to \$999	10,581	20.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,249	10,466	20.6%
\$1,250 to \$1,499	6,701	13.2%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	5,954	11.7%
\$2,000 to \$2,999	2,253	4.4%
\$3,000 or more	495	1.0%
<b>Median monthly owners cost</b>	<b>\$1,010</b>	
Median monthly owners cost as a percentage of household income	21.1	

Vital Statistics	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 population	3,682	12.9
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	428	42.5
Deaths / rate per 1,000 population	2,434	8.6
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	2,011	7.1
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	1,109	3.9



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## Agriculture

Land in farms (acres)	139,000
Number of farms	920
Average size (acres)	151
Total cash receipts	\$94,475,000
Per farm	\$102,691

## Education

Public schools	93
Students	46,212
Teachers	3,012
Student-teacher ratio	15.0
Expenditures per student	\$7,506
Graduation rate	89.5
Non-public schools	20
Students	5,906
4-year public universities	0
Branches	0
2-year public colleges	1
Private universities and colleges	1
Public libraries	7
Branch libraries	6
Bookmobiles	3

## Transportation

Registered motor vehicles	288,612
Passenger cars	204,155
Noncommercial trucks	39,699
Total license revenue	\$7,244,922.54
Interstate highway miles	36.82
Turnpike miles	20.80
U.S. highway miles	46.96
State highway miles	222.79
Commercial airports	5
Commercial heliports	0

## Voting

Number of precincts	246
Number of registered voters	166,092
Voted in 2002 election	81,245
Percent turnout	48.9%

## Health Care

Physicians (MDs DOs)	432
Registered hospitals	5
Number of beds	828
Licensed nursing homes	21
Number of beds	2,089
Licensed residential care	8
Number of beds	539
Licensed homes for the aging	0
Number of beds	0

## Crime

Total crimes reported in Uniform Crime Report	4,021
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## Communications

Television stations	0
Radio stations	5
Daily newspapers	2
Circulation	73,607

## State Parks

Facilities	1
Acreage	931.23

## Finance

FDIC insured financial institutions	5
Assets	\$1,472,809,000

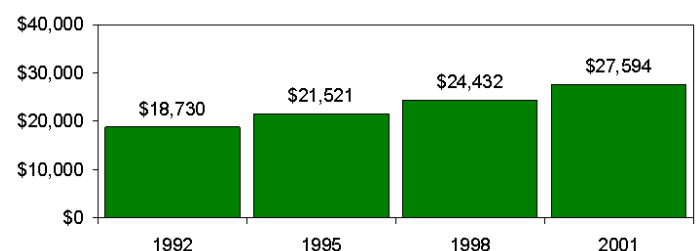
## Transfer Payments

Total transfer payments	\$1,185,838,000
Payments to individuals	\$1,115,618,000
Retirement and disability	\$527,032,000
Medical payments	\$427,394,000
Income maintenance	\$88,562,000
Supplemental SSI	\$23,170,000
Family assistance	\$16,311,000
Food stamps	\$15,229,000
Other income maintenance	\$33,852,000
Unemployment benefits	\$45,181,000
Veterans benefits	\$17,865,000
Other payments to individuals	\$1,555,000
Total personal income	\$7,902,433,000
Dependency ratio	15.0%

## Federal Expenditures

Direct expenditures or obligations	\$1,149,899,656
Defense	\$16,239,000
Retirement and disability	\$561,563,317
Other direct payments	\$299,857,765
Grant awards	\$168,232,507
Highways	\$9,193,557
AFDC/TANF	\$18,985,412
Medicaid	\$92,853,091
Procurement contract awards	\$18,288,243
Defense	\$7,961,000
Salary and wages	\$101,957,824
Defense	\$697,000
Other federal assistance	\$231,124,277
Direct loans	\$4,428,174
Guaranteed loans	\$148,595,802
Insurance	\$78,100,301

## Per Capita Personal Income



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<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Civilian labor force	139,900	141,200	141,100	143,200	141,400
Employed	132,900	134,300	133,900	135,300	131,400
Unemployed	7,100	6,800	7,100	7,900	10,000
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.8	5.1	5.5	7.1

## Employment and Wages by Sector

<b>NAICS Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Average Annual Employment</b>		<b>Total Wages (in thousands of dollars)</b>	
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Total covered under Ohio UC Law	104,684	101,858	\$3,304,671	\$3,220,744
Private Sector	91,061	87,899	\$2,866,843	\$2,756,080
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	685	684	\$14,861	\$15,901
Mining	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Utilities	513	593	\$24,392	\$30,308
Construction	6,339	5,718	\$225,310	\$197,135
Manufacturing	28,823	26,061	\$1,332,978	\$1,204,955
Wholesale trade	2,423	2,631	\$86,671	\$97,056
Retail trade	13,040	13,315	\$251,153	\$258,704
Transportation and warehousing	1,947	1,969	\$62,265	\$58,062
Information	1,682	1,482	\$48,885	\$44,724
Finance and insurance	1,881	1,919	\$57,294	\$61,076
Real estate and rental and leasing	974	974	\$18,722	\$19,683
Professional and technical services	1,986	1,970	\$75,724	\$76,545
Management of companies and enterprises	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Administrative and waste services	4,808	4,083	\$96,454	\$86,072
Educational services	1,848	1,907	\$59,997	\$63,930
Health care and social assistance	11,215	11,681	\$318,073	\$348,291
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1,223	1,246	\$15,570	\$16,277
Accommodation and food services	7,252	7,360	\$68,273	\$69,562
Other services, except public administration	3,987	3,922	\$81,994	\$83,216
State and Local Government	13,623	13,959	\$437,828	\$464,664
State government	1,290	1,281	\$50,500	\$48,999
Local government	12,333	12,678	\$387,329	\$415,665
Federal Government	1,326	1,208	\$91,080	\$97,954

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## Components of Business Change

	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Business starts	472	525	517	636	558
Active businesses	4,565	4,711	4,916	5,058	5,283

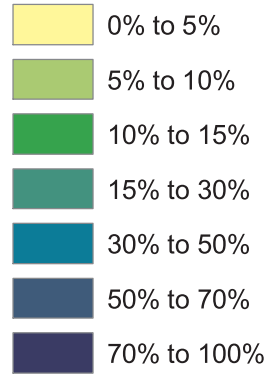
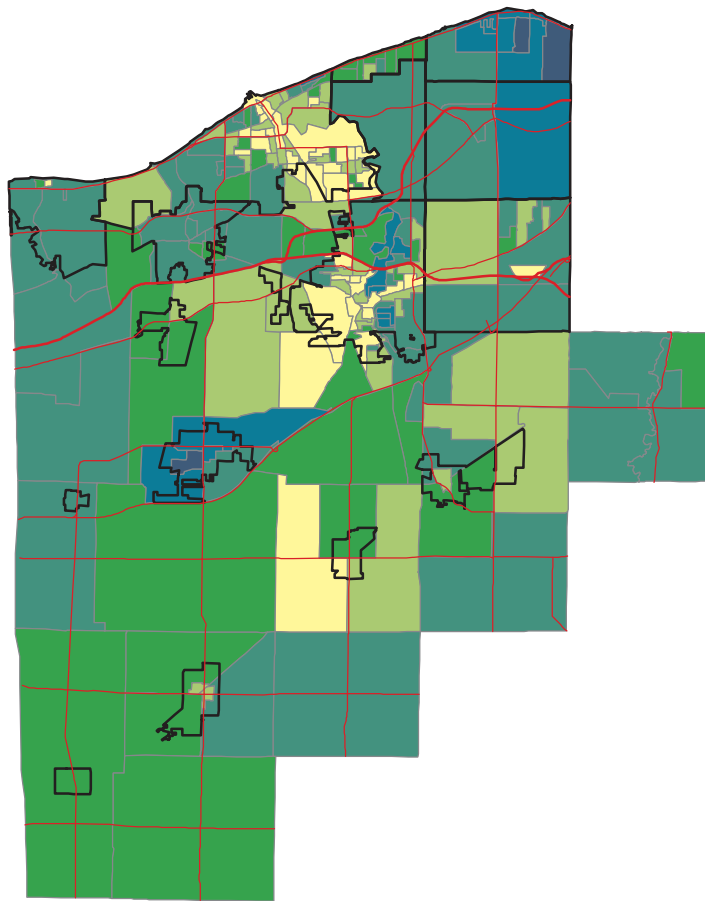
## Residential Construction

	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Total buildings	1,227	1,418	1,401	1,563	1,904
Total units	1,302	1,574	1,784	1,631	2,123
Total valuation (000)	\$209,821	\$243,208	\$268,252	\$275,708	\$37,974,813
Total single-unit bldgs	1,184	1,365	1,326	1,528	1,844
Average cost per unit	\$165,060	\$165,528	\$181,415	\$174,636	\$172,939
Total multi-unit bldg units	118	209	458	103	279
Average cost per unit	\$121,942	\$82,593	\$60,473	\$86,059	\$68,373

## Major Employers

Community Health Partners	Service
Elyria City Bd of Ed	Gov't
Emerson Electric/Ridge Tool	Mfg
EMH Regional Medical Center	Service
Ford Motor Co	Mfg
Invacare Corp	Mfg
Lorain City Bd of Ed	Gov't
Lorain County Government	Gov't
Marconi plc	Mfg
Nordson Corp	Mfg
Oberlin College	Service
PolyOne Corp	Mfg
Republic Engineered Products	Mfg
State of Ohio	Gov't

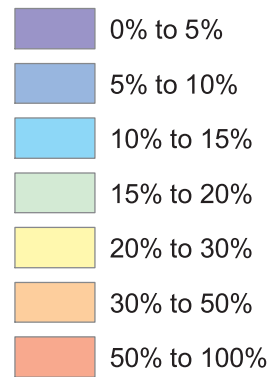
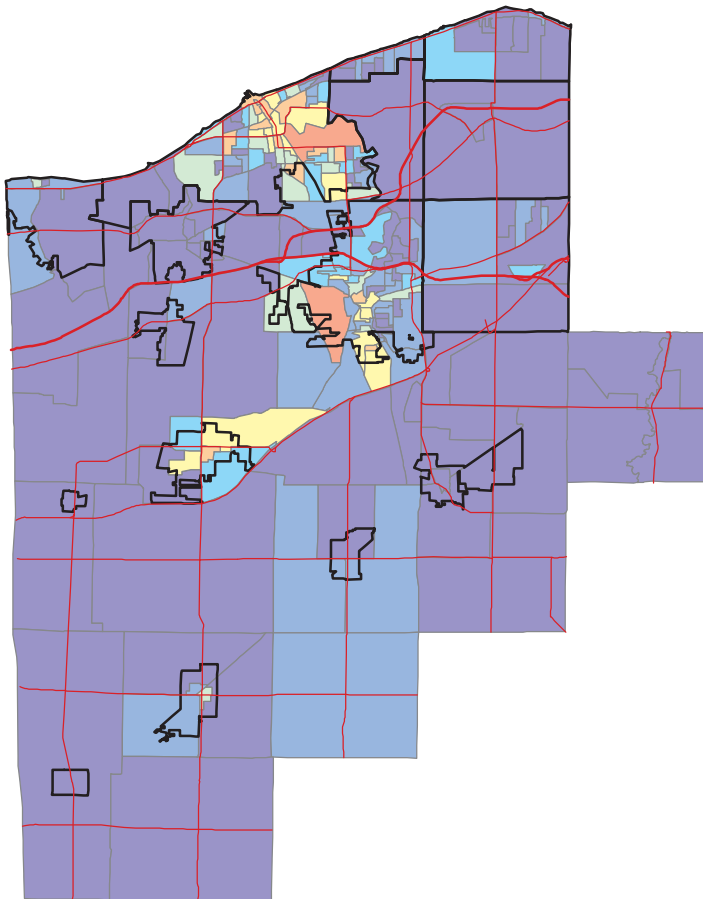
### Percent of Persons 25 and Older With a Bachelor's Degree or Greater 2000



Ohio -- 21.1%  
Lorain -- 16.6%

Source: Summary File 3, Census of Population and Housing,  
U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000.

### Percent of Persons Living In Poverty 2000



Ohio -- 10.6%  
Lorain -- 9.0%

Calculation based on population for  
whom poverty status is determined.

Source: Summary File 3, Census of Population and Housing,  
U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000.