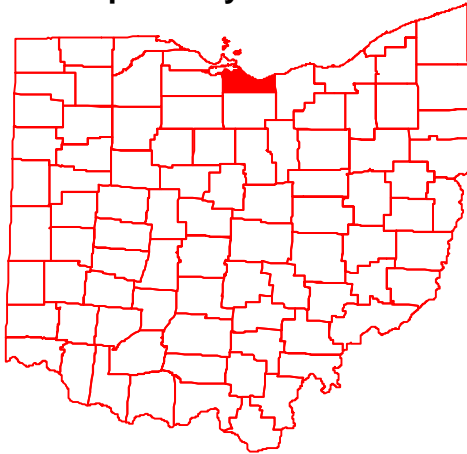


OHIO COUNTY PROFILES

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ERIE COUNTY

NAMED FOR: Erie Native American Tribe
ESTABLISHED: Act - March 16, 1838
2000 POPULATION: 79,551
LAND AREA: 254.5 Square Miles
COUNTY SEAT: Sandusky City

DECENNIAL CENSUS OF POPULATION 1800 - 2000

<u>1800</u>	<u>1810</u>	<u>1820</u>	<u>1830</u>	<u>1840</u>	<u>1850</u>	<u>1860</u>
				12,599	18,568	24,474
<u>1870</u>	<u>1880</u>	<u>1890</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>1930</u>
28,188	32,640	35,462	37,650	38,327	39,789	42,133
<u>1940</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
43,201	52,565	68,000	75,909	79,655	76,779	79,551

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, 2000

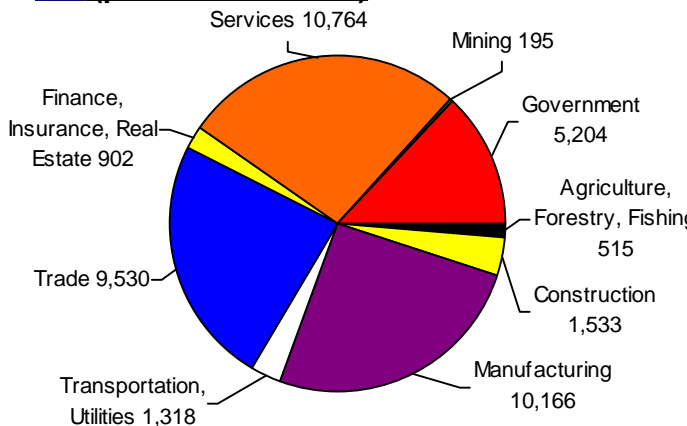
LMI (place of residence data)

The 2000 annual average civilian labor force estimates for Erie County were: total labor force - 42,500, employment - 40,600, unemployment - 1,900, and unemployment rate - 4.4. Erie County ranked forty-fifth in unemployment among Ohio's 88 counties.

Erie County is located in the north-central portion of the state. Interstate Highways 80 and 90, U.S. Route 6, and State Routes 2 and 113 cross the county east and west, and U.S. Route 250, and State Routes 4, 13, 60, 61, 101, and 269 run north and south. The Huron and Vermilion Rivers flow through Erie County. The Lake Erie Ports of Huron and Sandusky provide access to Great Lakes shipping and to world ports through the St. Lawrence Seaway.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2000

LMI (place of work data)



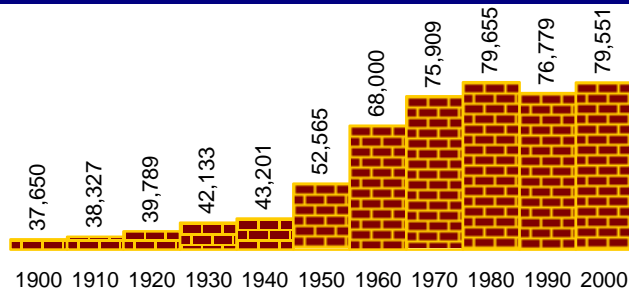
In 2000 the total employment for all industries in Erie County was 40,122 with the Services industry claiming the largest portion--26.8 percent. Average weekly earnings for all industrial groups in Erie County were \$579.13.

Erie County's location on Lake Erie makes it a prime tourist area. One of the nation's largest amusement parks, "Cedar Point," provides the focus for a unique recreational area with beaches, boating, fishing, and cruises to Lake Erie Islands. Other attractions include Thomas A. Edison Birthplace; Great Lakes Historical Museum; Glacial Grooves and Inscription Rock at Kelleys Island State Park; Merry-Go-Round Museum; and Follett House Museum.

Largest Places	1990 Census	2000 Census
Sandusky city	29,764	27,844
Perkins township	10,793	12,578
Huron city	7,030	7,958
Vermilion city	5,483	4,937
Margaretta township UIA	4,601	4,662
Vermilion township UIA	4,051	4,638
Berlin township UIA	2,628	3,017
Milan township UIA	2,093	2,661
Huron township UIA	2,267	2,572
Florence township	2,101	2,500

UIA: Unincorporated Area

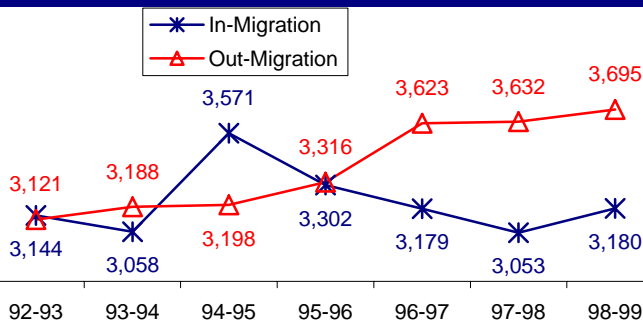
DECENNIAL POPULATION GROWTH 1900 - 2000



CENSUS, 2000

POPULATION	Number	Percent
Total	79,551	100.0%
Male	38,766	48.7%
Female	40,785	51.3%
PERSONS BY RACE	Total	Percent
Total Population	79,551	100.0%
One Race Only	78,276	98.4%
White	70,514	88.6%
African-American	6,876	8.6%
Native American	164	0.2%
Asian	298	0.4%
Pacific Islander	4	0.0%
Other	420	0.5%
Two or More Races	1,275	1.6%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,664	2.1%
Total Minority	10,041	12.6%
PERSONS BY AGE	Total	Female
Under 5 Years	4,809	2,379
5 to 9 Years	5,482	2,710
10 to 14 Years	5,782	2,808
15 to 19 Years	5,522	2,714
20 to 24 Years	3,812	1,978
25 to 29 Years	4,310	2,201
30 to 34 Years	4,741	2,456
35 to 39 Years	5,952	3,048
40 to 44 Years	6,467	3,339
45 to 49 Years	6,230	3,114
50 to 54 Years	5,830	2,952
55 to 59 Years	4,571	2,343
60 to 64 Years	3,660	1,846
65 to 69 Years	3,330	1,744
70 to 74 Years	3,106	1,643
75 to 79 Years	2,752	1,469
80 to 84 Years	1,795	1,088
85 Years and Over	1,400	953
Median Age	39.5	
Male	38.8	
Female	40.1	

POPULATION MIGRATION



CENSUS, 2000

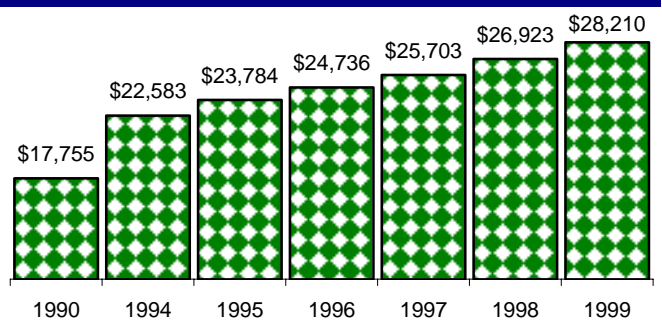
PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLDS	Number	Percent
Total	77,683	100.0%
Householder	31,727	37.0%
Spouse	17,027	25.1%
Child	23,001	32.3%
Other Relatives	2,891	2.4%
Nonrelatives	3,037	3.2%
Unmarried Partner	1,685	1.6%
PERSONS IN GROUP QUARTERS	Number	Percent
Total	1,868	100.0%
Institutionalized Persons	1,584	41.7%
Noninstitutionalized Persons	284	58.3%
HOUSEHOLDS	Number	Percent
Total	31,727	100.0%
Persons Per Household	2.45	
FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS	Number	Percent
Total	21,750	100.0%
Married Couple	17,027	87.7%
With Children	6,814	44.3%
Male Householder/No Spouse	1,162	3.6%
With Children	642	2.2%
Female Householder/No Spouse	3,561	8.7%
With Children	2,203	5.5%
Persons Per Family	2.97	
NONFAMILY HOUSEHOLDS	Number	Percent
Total	9,977	100.0%
Householder Living Alone	8,581	79.6%
HOUSING UNITS	Number	Percent
Total	35,909	100.0%
Occupied	31,727	93.6%
Owner-Occupied	22,847	75.3%
Renter-Occupied	8,880	18.3%
Vacant	4,182	6.4%
For Rent	910	2.1%
For Sale Only	365	1.8%

2000 data were not yet released at publication time.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Number
Total Births, 1999	943
Rate Per 1,000 Population	12.3
Teen Births, 1999	123
Rate Per 1,000 Females 10-19	22.6
Deaths, 1999	780
Rate Per 1,000 Population	10.0
Marriages, 1998	592
Rate Per 1,000 Population	7.7
Divorces, 1998	310
Rate Per 1,000 Population	4.0

PER CAPITA INCOME (BEA)



HEALTH CARE, 2000

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	198
Registered Hospitals	3
Number of Beds	581
Licensed Nursing Homes	9
Number of Beds	1,033
Licensed Residential Care	5
Number of Beds	303
Licensed Homes For Aged	0
Number of Beds	0
Estimate of Uninsured, Total	7,483
Percent of Population	9.6%
Estimate of Uninsured, Children	1,776
Percent of Population	9.0%

CRIME, 1999

Crimes Reported	3,161
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VOTING, 2000

Number of Precincts	101
Number of Registered Voters	55,777
Voted-November 2000 Election	35,836
Percent of Registered Voters	64.2%

CLIMATE, 1998

Average Annual Temperature	53.9° F
Average Annual Precipitation	34.88 in

STATE PARKS, 2000

Facilities	1
Acreage	676.71

LAND COVER, 1994 (acres)

Total	162,490.34
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	9,762.98
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	114,049.65
Shrub/Scrub	436.45
Wooded	29,350.25
Open Water	2,076.61
Non Forested Wetlands	5,678.95
Barren	1,135.45

AGRICULTURE, 2000

Land in Farms (acres)	90,000
Number of Farms	400
Average Size (acres)	225
Total Cash Receipts	\$31,320,000
Per Farm	\$78,299

EDUCATION, 2000

Public Schools	31
Students	13,894
Teachers	909
Teacher-Pupil Ratio	17.9
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,123
Graduation Rate	88.7
Joint Vocational School:	EHOVE
Non-Public Schools	8
Students	1,796
4-Year Public Universities	0
Branches	1
2-Year Public Colleges	0
Private Colleges & Universities	0
Public Libraries	4
Branches	3
Bookmobiles	0

TRANSPORTATION, 2000

Registered Motor Vehicles	94,264
Passenger Cars	63,156
Noncommercial Trucks	15,688
Total License Revenue	\$2,440,412.63
Interstate Highway Miles	26.30
Turnpike Miles	26.30
U.S. Highway Miles	41.92
State Highway Miles	114.03
Nearest Airport with	
Scheduled Airline Service:	Cleveland Hopkins Intl
Commercial Airports	3
Commercial Heliports	0

COMMUNICATIONS, 2000

Television Stations	1
Radio Stations	5
Daily Newspapers	1
Circulation	28,200

FINANCE, 2000

FDIC Insured Financial Institutions	2
Assets	\$344,324,000

TAXES, 2000

Taxable Value of Real Property	\$1,356,273,490
Residential	\$1,024,205,700
Agriculture	\$56,816,190
Industrial	\$45,530,500
Commercial	\$229,701,720
Mineral	\$19,380
Ohio Income Tax Liability, 1999	\$51,077,168
Average Per Return	\$1,311.82

TRANSFER PAYMENTS, 1999

Total	\$306,832,000
Dependency Ratio	14.0%
Payments to Individuals	\$290,045,000
Retirement & Disability	\$153,224,000
Medical Payments	\$105,911,000
Income Maintenance	\$16,767,000
Supplemental SSI	\$5,309,000
AFDC	\$1,330,000
Food Stamps	\$2,108,000
Other Income Maintenance	\$8,020,000
Unemployment Benefits	\$5,143,000
Veterans Benefits	\$7,770,000
Other Payments to Individuals	\$163,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES, 2000

Direct Expenditures or Obligations	\$351,341,649
Defense	\$11,388,000
Retirement & Disability	\$175,134,674
Other Direct Payments	\$89,560,169
Grant Awards	\$54,965,192
Highways	\$13,526,952
AFDC/TANF	\$3,203,223
Medicaid	\$18,579,243
Procurement Contract Awards	\$19,152,641
Defense	\$7,460,000
Salaries & Wages	\$12,528,973
Defense	\$823,000
Other Federal Assistance	\$140,399,817
Direct Loans	\$1,383,822
Guaranteed Loans	\$13,091,602
Insurance	\$125,924,393

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

LMI (Household Survey)	1997County	1998County	1999County	2000County	2000State	2000 U.S.
Civilian Labor Force	43,300	41,700	42,100	42,500	5,783,000	140,863,000
Employment	41,100	39,700	40,200	40,600	5,546,000	135,208,000
Unemployment	2,200	2,100	1,800	1,900	237,000	5,655,000
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.0

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

LMI (Covered Employment)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Industries	38,841	38,760	39,299	38,619	39,642	40,122
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	432	437	406	425	424	515
Mining	198	194	210	205	201	195
Construction	1,549	1,631	1,710	1,339	1,420	1,533
Manufacturing	10,272	10,138	10,073	9,923	10,119	10,166
Transportation & Utilities	1,133	1,137	1,067	1,032	1,160	1,318
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9,791	9,623	9,664	9,550	9,590	9,530
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	885	932	887	902	926	902
Services	9,955	9,969	10,518	10,428	10,791	10,764
Government	4,626	4,700	4,764	4,815	5,013	5,204

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

LMI (Covered Employment)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Industries	\$487.21	\$500.09	\$514.58	\$537.78	\$555.71	\$579.13
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$365.62	\$369.66	\$417.46	\$433.88	\$451.96	\$347.75
Mining	\$638.16	\$731.52	\$769.81	\$861.01	\$870.23	\$851.41
Construction	\$573.77	\$597.17	\$603.41	\$580.61	\$607.37	\$652.45
Manufacturing	\$811.77	\$829.75	\$858.18	\$886.94	\$922.08	\$942.29
Transportation & Utilities	\$523.69	\$532.24	\$534.59	\$571.79	\$573.62	\$578.51
Wholesale & Retail Trade	\$264.63	\$275.40	\$284.70	\$301.13	\$311.11	\$326.20
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	\$433.67	\$468.38	\$506.04	\$566.29	\$591.83	\$638.82
Services	\$356.00	\$360.90	\$370.91	\$398.89	\$411.95	\$451.47
Government	\$497.18	\$511.53	\$533.86	\$559.21	\$564.32	\$573.63

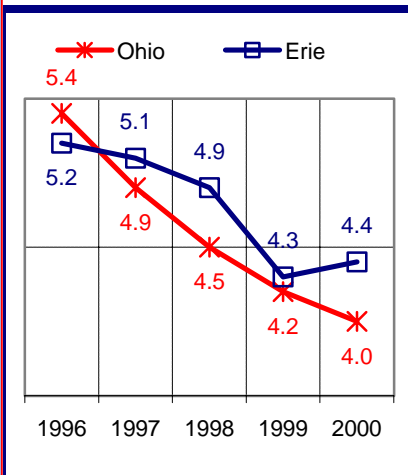
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total Buildings	310	318	254	250	280	290
Total Units	359	371	295	281	479	309
Total Valuation (000)	\$35,830	\$37,189	\$32,690	33,995	\$43,677	\$40,028
Total Single-Units	292	294	239	237	243	277
Average Cost Per Unit	\$109,873	\$115,995	\$122,650	\$134,258	\$131,826	\$133,564
Total Multi-Units	67	77	56	44	236	32
Average Cost Per Unit	\$55,929	\$40,085	\$60,292	\$49,455	\$49,338	\$94,701

COMPONENTS OF BUSINESS CHANGE

Businesses with Employees	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Business Starts	196	152	147	180	148	150
Business Terminations	143	129	156	127	see notes	167
Active Businesses	1,720	1,762	1,690	1,672	1,739	1,790

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



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MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Cedar Fair/CedarPoint	Service
Delphi Automotive Systems	Manufacturing
Firelands Community Hospital	Service
FMC Corp/Stein Inc	Manufacturing
Lear Corp	Manufacturing
Meijer Inc	Trade
Providence Hospital	Service
Sandusky City Bd of Ed	Government
State of Ohio	Government
Tenneco Automotive	Manufacturing
Visteon Automotive Systems	Manufacturing