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# 2009 Ashland County Profile

Statistical and Demographic Data

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### County Overview

Through its partnerships with community organizations and state and federal government agencies, Ashland County provides a number of services to families and individuals in need of assistance. These services range from food stamps, cash assistance, and child care subsidies to child support enforcement, job training, and access to medical care.

#### 2008 Census Poverty Levels as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level\*

	County	Ohio	U.S.
<18 Years of Age in Poverty	16.9%	18.5%	18.2%
All Ages in Poverty	12.0%	13.3%	13.2%

\*Federal Poverty Level as issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and published in the Federal Register.

#### Population

2009 Census Population 55,044      2000 Census Population 52,523

Age Census (2009)	Population		% of Total Population	
	County	State	County	State
Age 0-17	13,265	2,714,341	24.1%	23.5%
Age 65 and Older	9,394	1,832,736	17.1%	15.9%
Median Age (2006-2008)*	37.1	37.9		
Average Household Size (2006-2008)*	2.63	2.48		

\*Data was not available for the following 6 Ohio counties: Harrison, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Paulding, and Vinton. The data provided on these 6 counties is from the 2000 Census.

	2008-2009		2007-2008	
High School Graduation Rate	91.2%	83.0%	89.4%	84.6%
High School Honors Graduation Rate	19.7%	18.7%	20.7%	18.0%

#### Vital Statistics

	CY 2008			
	County	County Rate per 1,000	State	State Rate per 1,000
All Births	644	11.7	148,592	12.9
Teen Births: <15 Years of Age	0	0.0	201	0.5
15-17 Years of Age	11	10.3	4,717	19.7
18-19 Years of Age	34	36.8	11,467	73.7

#### 2007

Marriages	329	6.0	70,704	6.2
Divorces	167	3.1	39,305	3.4

#### Dependency Rate

	2008		2007	
	County	State	County	State
Rate of Dependency on Income Supports*	20.2%	18.2%	19.7%	17.6%
County Rank	48 of 88	N/A	49 of 88	N/A

\*The 'Rate of Dependency on Income Supports' is the total amount of income support provided by taxpayer dollars (e.g. Retirement and Disability payments, Unemployment Compensation, Worker's Compensation, TANF, SSI, etc.) divided by total personal income. Note: Ranking based on highest (1) Rate of Dependency to lowest (88) Rate of Dependency.

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### Jobs

#### Income

The per capita income of a region provides a good barometer of its economic health. Over the last decade, per capita income growth in Ohio has been highly correlated with employment growth.

Per Capita Income Comparisons	County	Ohio	U.S.
Per Capita Income 2000	\$22,352	\$28,206	\$29,845
Per Capita Income 2008	\$27,696	\$35,889	\$40,166

#### Labor Force and Employment

The size of a county's labor force is an indication of economic health. It is influenced by both the economy and the size and composition of the population.

	CY 2009			CY 2008		
	County	State	U.S.	County	State	U.S.
Labor Force	27,500	5,970,200	154,142,000	27,500	5,984,900	154,287,000
Employment	24,100	5,359,000	139,877,000	25,500	5,592,200	145,362,000
Unemployment	3,400	611,200	14,265,000	2,000	392,700	8,924,000
Unemployment Rate	12.3	10.2	9.3	7.4	6.6	5.8
1st UC Benefit Payments	2,849	503,921	N/A	2,102	357,192	N/A
Total UC Benefits Issued	\$17,634,969	\$3,164,939,681	N/A	\$8,809,464	\$1,586,561,241	N/A
Average Weekly Benefit	\$299	\$321	N/A	\$294	\$303	N/A
UC Duration	20.0	19.9	N/A	14.0	14.9	N/A

#### Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN)

WARN provides protection to workers, their families and communities by requiring employers to provide notification 60 calendar days in advance of plant closings and mass layoffs.

	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Employer WARN Notices	0	197	1	165
WARN Employees Affected	0	31,550	278	27,417

#### Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA)

196 Ashland County residents, during FFY 2009, participated in the Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) program, which provides unemployed job seekers with services that promote quicker re-entry into the workforce.

\*To learn more about Labor Market and Employment information, go to:

<http://lmi.state.oh.us/asp/laus/vbLAUS.htm>

#### Commuting to Work\*

Metropolitan areas tend to draw the most commuters from their own and neighboring counties.

In Ashland County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, **34.5%** of workers who are at least 16 years of age commute to jobs that are outside their county of residence. An average commute time is **21.6** minutes.

\*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A"

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#### Workforce Investment Act\*

The federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is a federally funded program that assists employers in obtaining skilled and productive employees; expands the available pool of skilled workers whose skills match current job opportunities; and measures program achievements in terms of customer outcomes and increased local accountability. Ohio has 31 comprehensive, full-service One-Stop sites, and 59 satellite sites throughout 20 local workforce development areas, with at least one site in every Ohio county. The following data is from Ohio's Annual Report for Program Year 2008:

<b>Adult Programs</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
Total Participants	10	18,918
Total Exiters	7	7,711
Entered Employment Rate	100.0%	75.3%
Retention Rate	100.0%	84.4%
Average Earnings	\$14,853	\$15,324

<b>Dislocated Worker Programs</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
Total Participants	39	14,765
Total Exiters	30	3,796
Entered Employment Rate	84.6%	84.9%
Retention Rate	94.7%	90.2%
Average Earnings	\$18,022	\$17,697

<b>Youth Programs</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
Total Participants	85	12,220
Total Exiters	25	3,759
Placement in Employment or Education Rate	38.9%	64.3%
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Rate	54.2%	57.9%
Literacy/ Numeracy Gains Rate	0.0%	42.7%

\*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A"

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#### Child Support

The Ashland County Child Support Enforcement Agency establishes paternities and obtains, enforces, and collects child support funds for children.

\$7,771,757 in IV-D child support was collected by the county during 2009.

Child Support Cases	FFY 2009		FFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Cases	3,424	985,863	3,360	978,385
Paternity Establishment Rate*	102.3%	93.6%	105.5%	91.6%
Cases with Support Orders	3,005	754,903	2,937	739,995
Percentage of Cases with Support Orders	87.8%	76.6%	87.4%	75.6%
Collection Rate on Current Support Due	73.5%	67.4%	75.3%	68.8%
Rate of Cases Paying on Arrears	75.7%	66.5%	78.3%	68.2%

\*The Paternity Establishment Rate is the total number of children born out-of-wedlock, who had active child support cases, for whom paternity was established or acknowledged as of the end of the reporting period, divided by the total number of children born out-of-wedlock, who had active child support cases, as reported 12 months prior to the reporting period. In some cases, the rate can exceed 100%.

#### Food Assistance (FA)

The Food Assistance program is designed to raise nutritional levels, to expand buying power and to safeguard the health and well-being of individuals and families whose gross monthly income is within 130 percent of the federal poverty guideline. Half of all recipients are children.

Food Assistance	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	2,814	843,420	2,086	672,065
Average Monthly Child Recipients	2,324	691,148	1,867	587,273
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	7,813	2,142,502	6,375	1,825,865
Percent of Population	14.2%	18.6%	11.6%	15.8%
Net Expenditures	\$7,442,391	\$2,367,566,809	\$4,637,392	\$1,603,760,076
Average Annual FA Payment per Recipient	\$953	\$1,105	\$727	\$878

#### Ohio Works First (OWF)

Ohio Works First (OWF) is the financial-assistance portion of the state's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which provides cash benefits to needy families for up to 36 months.

12 out of every 1,000 residents in Ashland County received cash benefits through OWF during CY 2009.

Cash Assistance (CA)	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	82	59,600	61	44,998
Average Monthly Child Recipients	213	154,499	173	132,601
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	671	429,404	568	368,211
Percent of Population	1.2%	3.7%	1.0%	3.0%
Net Expenditures	\$572,629	\$410,769,562	\$452,230	\$328,588,993
Average Annual CA Payment per Recipient	\$853	\$957	\$796	\$892

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#### Child Safety and Care/Placement\*

The Ashland County Public Children Services Agency administers local adoption assistance, foster care services, and child welfare intervention programs. The agency strives to reunify children with their families when possible, or find other permanent living arrangements for them when they cannot safely return home.

	<u>FFY 2009</u>	
	County	State
Reports and Investigations - Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases	293	79,906
Number of Maltreatment Cases	42	15,358
Percentage of Children with No Recurrence of Maltreatment	92.9%	92.7%

	<u>FFY 2009</u>		<u>FFY 2008</u>	
	County	State	County	State
Children Entering Custody	15	7,743	19	8,279
Children Reentering Custody	1	952	0	1,261
Number of Children Reunified	15	5,847	7	4,678
Number of Children Reunified within 12 Months	7	4,008	3	3,206
Percent of Child Reunifications <12 Months*	46.7%	68.5%	42.9%	68.5%

	<u>2009 (Snapshot Date 9/30/2009)</u>		<u>2008 (Snapshot Date 9/30/2008)</u>	
	County	State	County	State
Children in Licensed/Certified Foster Homes	49	8,161	49	9,057
Children in Permanent Custody	36	4,907	28	5,200

	<u>FFY 2009</u>		<u>FFY 2008</u>	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Child Deaths	0	91	1	74
Number of Child Deaths in Substitute Care	0	14	0	22

#### Adoption\*

Ohio counties provide a comprehensive scope of services to birth parents, adoptive parents, and adoptive children, particularly those children who have been in foster care.

	<u>FFY 2009</u>		<u>FFY 2008</u>	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Adopted	4	1,452	0	1,390
Adoptions Completed within 24 Months	0	497	0	426

\*The above data, used for Federal reporting purposes, represents member counts, not unduplicated counts.

#### Kinship Permanency Incentive\*

KPI provides time-limited incentive payments to relatives caring for minor children who would be at risk of harm if they remained in their own homes.

(Unduplicated Counts)	<u>CY 2009</u>		<u>CY 2008</u>	
	County	State	County	State
Children Approved for Initial KPI Funding	10	2,586	3	3,074
Children Receiving KPI Payments Redeterminations	15	5,366	15	3,705
Total Number of Children Receiving KPI Payments	25	7,952	18	6,779

\*Blank Field = N/A

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#### Child Care

Ohio counties provide child care services and early learning opportunities that families need to succeed at work and school. Through state and federal funding, families whose income is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guideline can receive payment for all or part of their monthly child care expenses while parents work or attend job training/educational activities. A family may remain eligible until income increases to 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

Children Served	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Using Publicly Funded Child Care (Unduplicated Count)	377	192,697	353	198,244
Public Funds Used for Child Care Expenditures	\$650,565	\$569,657,458	\$565,663	\$558,762,587
Annual Average Expenditure per Child	\$1,726	\$2,956	\$1,602	\$2,819

#### Providers

Number of Licensed Child Care Centers*	15	4,483	12	3,683
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\*Includes licensed full-time, part-time, Head Start, school-based and combination centers with 7 or more children.

#### "Step Up To Quality" Program

Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is Ohio's voluntary quality rating system for child care programs. SUTQ is designed to increase the number of high-quality programs, recognize and support programs that achieve higher quality standards, and provide parents with an easy-to-use tool to assist them in making more informed choices on behalf of their children. Programs with the highest ratings qualify for monetary awards.

The number of Licensed Child Care Centers Earning Quality Ratings as of June 30, 2010: 6

For additional information about child care services, Step Up to Quality (SUTQ), or to search for child care in your area, go to: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/childcare.stm>

#### Adult Protective Services (APS)

County Departments of Job and Family Services provide Adult Protective Services to the elderly who are in danger of harm, unable to protect themselves, and/or have no one to assist them.

	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Adult Cases	19	16,208	27	17,351
Cases Deemed Emergencies	0	802	0	1,215
Cases in Need of Protective Services	4	6,967	11	7,469
Cases Where Protective Services Not Available	0	84	0	68

	SFY 2009		SFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Expenditures*	\$7,798	\$21,435,882	\$6,625	\$21,095,720

\*APS funds are allocated at the beginning of the SFY (State Fiscal Year), July 1st to June 30th.

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### Medical Assistance

Ohio offers a variety of assistance programs to give those with limited resources access to basic medical care. The most comprehensive of these is Medicaid, the federally funded, state-administered program that reimburses doctors and health-care facilities for providing services to eligible individuals with low income.

#### Health Care Statistics

##### In Ashland County:

- 56.4%** of hospital visits occurred outside the county (2009)
- 32.7%** of all births were paid by Medicaid (2007)
- 51.7%** of mothers receiving Medicaid had two or more risk factors for poor birth outcomes (2007)

#### Medicaid Enrollment and Expenditures

Medicaid is the state and federally funded program that pays for health care services for eligible low-income people of all ages, including children, pregnant women, families, older adults and Ohioans with disabilities. Medicaid services are delivered via contracted health care providers, ensuring that Medicaid consumers get access to needed services, such as physician visits, hospital inpatient care, prescription drugs and home health services.

	<u>SFY 2009</u>	
	County	State
<b>Residents Enrolled in Medicaid (Unduplicated Count)</b>	9,752	2,407,572
<b>Average Members per Year*</b>	7,279	1,883,288
<b>Percent of Members Enrolled**</b>	17.7%	21.0%
<b>Residents Enrolled in Medicaid (Ages 0-17 Yrs Unduplicated Count)</b>	5,125	1,218,390
<b>Average Members per Year (Ages 0-17 Yrs.)***</b>	3,969	982,283
<b>Percent of Members Enrolled (Ages 0-17 Yrs.) ****</b>	39.8%	44.6%
<b>Annual Medicaid Expenditures <sup>+</sup></b>	\$47,882,942	\$13,162,469,167
<b>Total Cost of Coverage per Member per Year</b>	\$6,578	\$6,989

\*Average Members per Year = Member Months/12

\*\*Percent of Members Enrolled = Members/Population Enrolled

\*\*\*Average Members per Year (Ages 0-17 Yrs.) = Member Months/12

\*\*\*\*Percent of Members Enrolled (Ages 0-17 Yrs.) = Members (Ages 0-17 Yrs.)/Population Enrolled (Ages 0-17 Yrs.)

<sup>+</sup> Expenditures reflect payments made directly to providers as well as capitation payments to HMOs.

#### Nursing Facilities/Residential Care

	<u>CY 2009</u>		<u>CY 2008</u>	
	County	State	County	State
<b>Nursing Homes*</b>	5	959	5	961
<b>Residential Care Facilities**</b>	6	593	6	583
<b>Medicaid Eligibles Living in Nursing Facilities</b>	241	49,088	269	51,917
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$12,632,689	\$2,946,913,921	\$13,994,406	\$3,090,753,003

\*Total includes state-licensed and Medicaid-certified facilities. Data is point in time, as of 3/31/2010.

\*\*Data is point in time, as of 4/14/2010.

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#### Alternatives to Nursing Facilities (Waiver Programs)

Waiver programs allow people on Medicaid with disabilities to receive care in their homes and communities instead of in nursing homes. The following chart lists the waiver programs available in Ohio for CY 2008 and CY 2009, and the number of Ashland County residents participating in them.

Unduplicated Number of Residents Receiving Services Waiver Type	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
<b>Choices</b> - Age 60 or older	0	601	0	462
<b>PASSPORT</b> - Pre-admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today - Age 60 or older	173	35,372	156	34,419
<b>Assisted living</b> - Age 21 or older	26	2,322	6	1,209
<b>Individual Options Waiver</b> - Available to all ages	52	15,939	41	14,675
<b>Level One Waiver</b> - Available to all ages with an ICF/MR Level of Care	24	8,004	23	6,210
<b>Ohio Home Care</b> - Age 59 or younger	61	9,751	54	8,907
<b>Transitions</b> - Age 60 or older	9	3,066	9	3,213
<b>Transitions Carve Out</b> - All ages	3	1,910	3	1,766

For more Medicaid Information on Ashland County, go to:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/reports/>