

Belmont County Profile

Statistical and Demographic Data for 2008 - 2011*

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Interstate 70 and the Ohio Valley Mall and Plaza. Photo: Charlotte McLaughlin

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County Overview

Through its partnerships with community organizations and state and federal government agencies, Belmont 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.

2009 Census Poverty Levels as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level*

	County	Ohio	U.S.
<18 Years of Age in Poverty:	25.2%	21.6%	20.0%
All Ages in Poverty:	16.8%	15.1%	14.3%

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

Population

2010 Census Population 67,723 2000 Census Population 70,226

Age Census (2010)	Population		% of Total Population	
	County	State	County	State
Age 0-17	13,855	2,730,751	19.7%	23.7%
Age 65 and Older	12,419	1,622,015	17.6%	14.1%
Median Age (2007-2009)*	43.2	38.2		
Average Household Size (2010)	2.32	2.44		

*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.

	2009-2010		2008-2009	
	County	State	County	State
High School Graduation Rate	90.5%	84.3%	92.9%	83.0%
High School Honors Graduation Rate	17.5%	18.5%	16.0%	18.7%

Vital Statistics

	County	County Rate per 1,000	2009	
			State	State Rate per 1,000
All Births	680	10.0	144,569	12.5
Teen Births: <15 Years of Age	2	1.1	182	0.5
15-17 Years of Age	16	12.6	4,391	18.7
18-19 Years of Age	45	71.5	11,031	68.2

	CY 2009				CY 2008			
	County	County Rate per 1,000	State	State Rate per 1,000	County	County Rate per 1,000	State	State Rate per 1,000
Marriages	365	5.4	66,426	5.8	384	5.6	68,872	6.0
Divorces	217	3.2	38,146	3.3	268	3.9	37,720	3.3

Dependency Rate

	County	2009		County	2008	
		State	State		State	State
Rate of Dependency on Income Supports*	29.6%	21.2%		26.2%	18.2%	
County Rank	20 of 88	N/A		20 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 fluctuations in Ohio have been highly correlated with employment growth or decline.

Per Capita Income Comparisons	County	Ohio	U.S.
Per Capita Income 2000	\$29,847	\$35,408	\$39,635
Per Capita Income 2009	\$21,597	\$28,206	\$29,845

Food Security*

Prevalence of Household-Level Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security 2005-2007 (Average) and 2008-2010 (Average)

Ohio Compared to 5 Surrounding States and U.S.

	Food Insecurity ¹			Very Low Food Security ²		
	Avg. 2008-2010	Avg. 2005-2007 (Percent)	Change 2005-2007 to 2008-2010 (Percentage Pts.)	Avg. 2008-2010	Avg. 2005-2007 (Percent)	Change 2005-2007 to 2008-2010 (Percentage Pts.)
U.S.	14.6	11.0	3.6	5.6	4.0	1.6
Ohio	16.4	12.2	4.2	6.6	4.5	2.1
Indiana	13.0	10.2	2.8	5.4	3.6	1.8
Kentucky	15.6	12.7	2.9	5.7	4.5	1.2
Michigan	14.7	11.8	2.9	5.7	4.5	1.2
Pennsylvania	12.5	10.0	2.5	5.0	3.4	1.6
West Virginia	14.1	10.7	3.4	5.3	4.0	1.3

Food Secure households have access at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members. ¹Food insecurity is a condition that arises from lack of money and other resources to acquire food. Food-insecure households are classified as having either low food security or very low food security, which differ in the extent and character of the adjustments the household makes to its eating patterns and food intake.

¹Households classified as having low food security have reported multiple indications of food access problems, but typically have reported few, if any, indications of reduced food intake. ²Very low food security is a severe range of food insecurity in which the food intake of some household members was reduced and normal eating patterns were disrupted due to limited resources.

In the United States in 2010, 40.2 percent of households with incomes below the official poverty line were food insecure, compared with 7.4 percent of those with incomes above 185 percent of the poverty line.

For the reporting period 2008-2010 approximately 1 in 6 Ohioans were considered Food Insecure. Ohio ranked 2nd among the Most Populated states with the highest Food Insecurity Rate.

*County-level data is not available.

Source: The USDA Report: 'Household Food Security in the United States in 2010.'

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/ERR125/ERR125.pdf>

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 2010			CY 2009		
	County	State	U.S.	County	State	U.S.
Labor Force	34,300	5,897,600	153,889,000	34,000	5,970,200	154,142,000
Employment	31,000	5,303,000	139,064,000	30,900	5,359,000	139,877,000
Unemployment	3,300	594,500	14,825,000	3,100	611,200	14,265,000
Unemployment Rate	9.7	10.1	9.6	9.1	10.2	9.3
1st UC Benefit Payments	1,500	290,983	N/A	1,926	503,921	N/A
Total UC Benefits Issued	\$11,035,389	\$2,032,955,748	N/A	\$12,745,406	\$3,164,939,681	N/A
Average Weekly Benefit	\$323	\$296	N/A	\$322	\$321	N/A
UC Duration	19.4	19.9	N/A	19.9	19.9	N/A

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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 2010		CY 2009	
	County	State	County	State
Employer WARN Notices	0	83	1	197
WARN Employees Affected	0	10,777	85	31,550

Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA)

66 Belmont County residents, during FFY 2010, 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 Belmont County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, **43.1%** 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 **24.6** minutes.

*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A"

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 2009:

Adult Programs	County	State	Dislocated Worker Programs	County	State
Total Participants	148	24,028	Total Participants	90	20,343
Total Exiters	52	8,951	Total Exiters	18	6,064
Entered Employment Rate	69.6%	64.0%	Entered Employment Rate	88.9%	68.5%
Retention Rate	86.7%	81.0%	Retention Rate	100.0%	85.9%
Average Earnings	\$14,833	\$14,616	Average Earnings	\$15,830	\$17,050

Youth Programs	County	State
Total Participants	75	14,299
Total Exiters	35	4,702
Placement in Employment or Education Rate	90.0%	53.2%
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Rate	81.0%	57.2%
Literacy/ Numeracy Gains Rate	0.0%	39.1%

*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A"

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Child Support

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

\$9,789,318 in IV-D child support was collected by the county during 2010.

Child Support Cases	FFY 2010		FFY 2009	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Cases	5,378	992,344	5,406	985,863
Paternity Establishment Rate*	103.5%	93.4%	102.6%	93.6%
Cases with Support Orders	4,335	771,082	4,437	754,903
Percentage of Cases with Support Orders	80.6%	77.7%	82.1%	76.6%
Collection Rate on Current Support Due	73.7%	66.6%	74.7%	67.4%
Rate of Cases Paying on Arrears	75.1%	64.0%	76.7%	66.5%

*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	SFY 2011*		SFY 2010*	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	8,674	1,377,173	7,878	1,263,791
Average Monthly Child Recipients	5,305	953,014	4,905	913,901
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	13,979	2,330,187	12,783	2,177,692
Percent of Population**	NA	NA	18.9%	18.9%
Net Expenditures	\$15,629,226	\$2,959,815,232	\$15,257,242	\$2,878,718,888
Average Annual FA Payment per Recipient	\$1,118	\$1,270	\$1,194	\$1,322

*Due to changes in data collection and reporting systems, Food Assistance data is now presented as SFY values.

**Value cannot be calculated as SFY 2011 data is not yet available.

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.

22 out of every 1,000 residents in Belmont County received cash benefits through OWF during SFY 2010.

Cash Assistance (CA)	SFY 2011*		SFY 2010*	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	564	138,085	493	136,820
Average Monthly Child Recipients	1,155	283,338	1,022	282,754
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	1,719	421,423	1,515	419,574
Percent of Population**	NA	NA	2.2%	3.6%
Net Expenditures	\$1,766,528	\$466,826,098	\$1,592,037	\$472,979,087
Average Annual CA Payment per Recipient	\$1,028	\$1,108	\$1,051	\$1,127

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Child Safety and Care/Placement

The Belmont 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.

	CY 2010		CY 2009	
	County	State	County	State
Reports and Investigations - Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases*	351	72,222	299	79,906
Number of Maltreatment Cases**	105	15,297	80	15,358
Percentage of Children With No Recurrence of Maltreatment	96.2%	93.0%	93.8%	92.7%

*Reports classified as 'Substantiated,' 'Unsubstantiated,' and 'Indicated or Reason to Suspect' are automatically screened as 'Traditional Pathway' reports. **'Number of Maltreatment Cases' - these cases have a suspected or indicated report of neglect or abuse. These cases are not included in AR reports.

Ohio's Differential Response System

-Differential Response offers child welfare agencies different options for responding to accepted reports of child abuse and neglect. Ohio's Differential Response system requires such reports to be assigned to either the "Traditional Response (TR)" pathway or the "Alternative Response (AR)" pathway. Right now –and for the foreseeable future – Ohio just has the two pathways in our DR system. Other states have additional pathways, for example, a prevention pathway, (but for now AR and TR are Ohio's two response options.

-In some instances, a traditional child protection response is needed in order to determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred and to ensure child safety and well-being. However, for many other families, an alternative approach may be more appropriate and strengthen family engagement. Ohio's Alternative Response pathway provides a second response option in which caseworkers partner with families and ensure that they are connected with the services and supports they need to keep their children safe. Alternative Response sets aside fault finding and substantiation decisions and applies only to reports that do not allege serious or imminent harm. It is true that DR developed out of work done by the Subcommittee exploring inconsistencies in Ohio's application of statutory definitions, but DR was more of an offshoot to enhance how we are working with families after the point of screening.

-During the 2010 reporting period, there were 25 out of 88 counties implementing Differential Response in Ohio, (ten counties throughout the calendar year; 15 counties for a portion of the calendar year). At this time, data for the first ten counties to implement the Differential Response Process is available.

Reports Served¹ Through Ohio's Alternative Response Pathway CY 2009 and CY 2010

County/Agency	Incidents ²			Children ³			¹ Reports Served ¹ - The number of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports filed that have been Accepted, Assigned, and referred to the Alternative Response Program.
	CY2009	CY2010	Total	CY2009	CY2010	Total	
Ashtabula		56	56		99	99	² 'Incidents' - Data could include more than one child.
Athens		50	50		79	79	
Champaign		26	26		30	30	³ 'Children' - Data is child-specific.
Clark*	233	178	411	355	269	624	
Coshocton		17	17		23	23	Blank fields indicate no data available. During the 2010 reporting period, there were 25 counties implementing the Differential Response Program in Ohio. At this time, data for the first ten counties to implement the Differential Response Process is available.
Erie		63	63		92	92	
Fairfield	260	369	629	388	523	911	
Franklin**	871	2,169	3,040	1,187	2,975	4,162	
Greene	200	286	486	273	44	687	
Guernsey	117	229	346	169	278	447	
Hamilton		128	128		180	180	
Hocking		39	39		46	46	
Huron		67	67		104	104	
Licking	126	247	373	191	415	606	
Lucas**	273	2,916	3,189	336	3,674	4,010	
Madison		26	26		39	39	*Decreased staff reduced the number of reports that could be processed. Staff levels are increasing at this time.
Mahoning		51	51		72	72	
Medina		37	37		57	57	
Montgomery		57	57		91	91	
Richland		24	24		34	34	
Ross	108	207	315	144	315	459	
Summit		63	63		90	90	
Trumbull	309	615	924	348	748	1,096	
Tuscarawas	103	123	226	166	219	385	
Washington		47	47		76	76	
TOTAL	2,600	8,090	10,690	3,557	10,942	14,499	Report Date: June 30, 2011 (Unduplicated Data)

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Child Custody/Reunifications

	FFY 2010		FFY 2009	
	County	State	County	State
Children Entering Custody	22	7,033	21	7,743
Children Reentering Custody	0	922	1	952
Number of Children Reunified	31	4,276	22	5,847
Number of Children Reunified <12 Months	23	3,135	17	4,008
Percent of Child Reunifications <12 Months*	74.2%	73.3%	77.3%	68.5%
	Snapshot Date 9/30/2011		Snapshot Date 9/30/2010	
Children in Licensed/Certified Foster Homes	27	7,958	27	8,075
Children in Permanent Custody	12	3,850	13	4,414

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

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.

	FFY 2010		FFY 2009	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Adopted	3	1,434	2	1,452
Adoptions Completed within 24 Months	1	475	1	497

*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)	SFY 2011**		SFY 2010**	
	County	State	County	State
Children Approved for Initial KPI Funding	4	2,430	4	2,106
Children Receiving KPI Payments Redeterminations	12	5,430	19	5,730
Total Number of Children Receiving KPI Payments	16	7,860	23	7,836

*Blank Field = N/A

**Due to changes in data collection and reporting systems, KPI data is now presented as SFY values.

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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)	578	192,697	640	198,244
Public Funds Used for Child Care Expenditures	\$1,167,422	\$569,657,458	\$1,184,811	\$558,762,587
Annual Average Expenditure per Child	\$2,020	\$2,956	\$1,851	\$2,819

Providers

Number of Licensed Child Care Centers*	20	4,114	23	4,297
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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, 2011: **3**

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.

	SFY 2010-SFY2011*		SFY2009-2010*	
	County	State	County	State
Adult Cases	136	15,359	135	15,992
Cases Deemed Emergencies	11	549	10	676
Cases in Need of Protective Services	126	6,545	118	7,037
Cases Where Protective Services Not Available	4	86	2	77

	SFY 2011		SFY 2010	
	County	State	County	State
Expenditures**	\$200,352	\$17,548,663	\$141,968	\$18,015,496

*Due to changes in data collection and reporting systems, APS data is now presented as SFY values.

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

No data is available for Brown and Hancock Counties. Blank field = NA.

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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.

Medicaid Enrollment

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.

	CY2010	
	County	State
Average Members per Year (Ages 0-18)*	6,636	1,159,095
Percentage of Members Enrolled (Ages 0-18)**	47.8%	55.1%
Average Members per Year (Ages 19-64)*	5,725	787,749
Percentage of Members Enrolled (Ages 19-64)**	41.3%	37.5%
Average Members per Year (Ages 65 Over)*	1,515	155,896
Percentage of Members Enrolled (Ages 65 and Over)**	10.9%	7.4%
Average Members per Year (All Age Groups)***	13,877	2,102,740
Percentage of Members Enrolled Total Population (All Age Groups)***	N/A	40.7%

*Average Members per Year=Member Months Total Enrollment/12

**Percentage of Members Enrolled=Member Months Total Enrollment/Member Months Total Enrollment All Age Groups

***Percentage of Members Enrolled Total Population (All Age Groups)=Total Enrollment/Population per U.S. Census Bureau

Nursing Facilities/Residential Care

	CY 2010		CY 2009	
	County	State	County	State
Nursing Homes*	10	944	11	959
Residential Care Facilities*	5	598	5	593
Medicaid Eligibles Living in Nursing Facilities	464	45,914	470	49,088
Total Expenditures	\$23,268,912	\$2,633,818,983	\$21,747,656	\$2,946,913,921

*Total includes state-licensed and Medicaid-certified facilities. Data is point in time, as of 5/13/2011.

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 SFY 2010 and SFY 2011, and the number of Belmont County residents participating in them.

Unduplicated Number of Residents Receiving Services Waiver Type	SFY 2011		SFY 2010	
	County	State	County	State
Choices - Age 60 or older	0	734	0	645
PASSPORT - Pre-admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today - Age 60 or older	303	39,483	281	36,373
Assisted living - Age 21 or older	35	3,893	19	2,887
Individual Options Waiver - Available to all ages	78	16,881	77	16,216
Level One Waiver - Available to all ages with an ICF/MR Level of Care	77	10,555	65	8,901
Ohio Home Care - Age 59 or younger	83	10,387	87	9,660
Transitions - Age 60 or older	33	2,943	40	2,995
Transitions Carve Out - All ages	24	2,181	20	2,020
Unduplicated Counts	616	85,346	586	78,195

*Due to changes in data collection and reporting systems, Waiver Program data is now presented as SFY Totals.

For more Medicaid Information on Belmont County, go to:

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