



Ohio

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2009 Portage County Profile

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County Overview

Through its partnerships with community organizations and state and federal government agencies, Portage 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	13.3%	18.5%	18.2%
All Ages in Poverty	11.8%	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 157,530 2000 Census Population 152,061

Age Census (2009)	Population		% of Total Population	
	County	State	County	State
Age 0-17	33,175	2,714,341	21.1%	23.5%
Age 65 and Older	22,220	1,832,736	14.1%	15.9%
Median Age (2006-2008)*	35.9	37.9		
Average Household Size (2006-2008)*	2.45	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	93.5%	83.0%	92.0%	84.6%
High School Honors Graduation Rate	18.3%	18.7%	17.4%	18.0%

Vital Statistics

	CY 2008			
	County	County Rate per 1,000	State	State Rate per 1,000
All Births	1,566	9.9	148,592	12.9
Teen Births:				
<15 Years of Age	2	0.4	201	0.5
15-17 Years of Age	28	9.2	4,717	19.7
18-19 Years of Age	103	26.3	11,467	73.7

2007

Marriages	794	5.1	70,704	6.2
Divorces	564	3.6	39,305	3.4

Dependency Rate

	2008		2007	
	County	State	County	State
Rate of Dependency on Income Supports*	16.9%	18.2%	16.2%	17.6%
County Rank	69 of 88	N/A	70 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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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	\$26,242	\$28,206	\$29,845
Per Capita Income 2008	\$34,259	\$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	92,400	5,970,200	154,142,000	92,700	5,984,900	154,287,000
Employment	83,200	5,359,000	139,877,000	86,900	5,592,200	145,362,000
Unemployment	9,200	611,200	14,265,000	5,800	392,700	8,924,000
Unemployment Rate	9.9	10.2	9.3	6.3	6.6	5.8
1st UC Benefit Payments	7,283	503,921	N/A	5,466	357,192	N/A
Total UC Benefits Issued	\$47,546,623	\$3,164,939,681	N/A	\$24,388,690	\$1,586,561,241	N/A
Average Weekly Benefit	\$311	\$321	N/A	\$302	\$303	N/A
UC Duration	20.2	19.9	N/A	14.5	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	1	197	1	165
WARN Employees Affected	12	31,550	52	27,417

Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA)

548 Portage 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 Portage County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, **51.3%** 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 **24.4** 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:

Adult Programs	County	State
Total Participants	84	18,918
Total Exiters	67	7,711
Entered Employment Rate	88.4%	75.3%
Retention Rate	88.2%	84.4%
Average Earnings	\$16,487	\$15,324

Dislocated Worker Programs	County	State
Total Participants	52	14,765
Total Exiters	28	3,796
Entered Employment Rate	96.9%	84.9%
Retention Rate	95.2%	90.2%
Average Earnings	\$13,836	\$17,697

Youth Programs	County	State
Total Participants	112	12,220
Total Exiters	47	3,759
Placement in Employment or Education Rate	75.0%	64.3%
Attainment of Certificate or Diploma Rate	73.1%	57.9%
Literacy/ Numeracy Gains Rate	50.0%	42.7%

*NOTE: Blank field = "N/A"

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Child Support

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

\$20,061,116 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	8,701	985,863	8,658	978,385
Paternity Establishment Rate*	96.4%	93.6%	96.4%	91.6%
Cases with Support Orders	7,107	754,903	6,839	739,995
Percentage of Cases with Support Orders	81.7%	76.6%	79.0%	75.6%
Collection Rate on Current Support Due	71.7%	67.4%	72.5%	68.8%
Rate of Cases Paying on Arrears	72.2%	66.5%	73.6%	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	7,780	843,420	5,886	672,065
Average Monthly Child Recipients	6,154	691,148	5,160	587,273
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	20,493	2,142,502	16,591	1,825,865
Percent of Population	13.0%	18.6%	10.6%	15.8%
Net Expenditures	\$21,842,401	\$2,367,566,809	\$14,067,336	\$1,603,760,076
Average Annual FA Payment per Recipient	\$1,066	\$1,105	\$848	\$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.

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

Cash Assistance (CA)	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Average Monthly Adult Recipients	350	59,600	155	44,998
Average Monthly Child Recipients	860	154,499	626	132,601
Total # of Recipients (Annual Unduplicated)	2,607	429,404	1,762	368,211
Percent of Population	1.7%	3.7%	1.1%	3.0%
Net Expenditures	\$2,410,848	\$410,769,562	\$1,560,395	\$328,588,993
Average Annual CA Payment per Recipient	\$925	\$957	\$886	\$892

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Child Safety and Care/Placement*

The Portage 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.

	FFY 2009	
	County	State
Reports and Investigations - Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases	847	79,906
Number of Maltreatment Cases	290	15,358
Percentage of Children with No Recurrence of Maltreatment	96.2%	92.7%

	FFY 2009		FFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Children Entering Custody	78	7,743	67	8,279
Children Reentering Custody	8	952	6	1,261
Number of Children Reunified	86	5,847	41	4,678
Number of Children Reunified within 12 Months	70	4,008	31	3,206
Percent of Child Reunifications <12 Months*	81.4%	68.5%	75.6%	68.5%

	2009 (Snapshot Date 9/30/2009)		2008 (Snapshot Date 9/30/2008)	
	County	State	County	State
Children in Licensed/Certified Foster Homes	73	8,161	74	9,057
Children in Permanent Custody	30	4,907	22	5,200

	FFY 2009		FFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Child Deaths	2	91	0	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.

	FFY 2009		FFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Number of Children Adopted	1	1,452	16	1,390
Adoptions Completed within 24 Months	0	497	5	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)	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Children Approved for Initial KPI Funding	21	2,586	13	3,074
Children Receiving KPI Payments Redeterminations	26	5,366	22	3,705
Total Number of Children Receiving KPI Payments	47	7,952	35	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)	1,676	192,697	1,785	198,244
Public Funds Used for Child Care Expenditures	\$4,152,318	\$569,657,458	\$3,945,019	\$558,762,587
Annual Average Expenditure per Child	\$2,478	\$2,956	\$2,210	\$2,819

Providers

Number of Licensed Child Care Centers*	53	4,483	48	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: 15

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	164	16,208	139	17,351
Cases Deemed Emergencies	10	802	21	1,215
Cases in Need of Protective Services	63	6,967	39	7,469
Cases Where Protective Services Not Available	0	84	0	68

	SFY 2009		SFY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Expenditures*	\$386,683	\$21,435,882	\$388,559	\$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 Portage County:

- 52.5%** of hospital visits occurred outside the county (2009)
- 38.1%** of all births were paid by Medicaid (2007)
- 60.7%** 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
Residents Enrolled in Medicaid (Unduplicated Count)	23,276	2,407,572
Average Members per Year*	17,503	1,883,288
Percent of Members Enrolled**	14.9%	21.0%
Residents Enrolled in Medicaid (Ages 0-17 Yrs Unduplicated Count)	11,958	1,218,390
Average Members per Year (Ages 0-17 Yrs.)***	9,254	982,283
Percent of Members Enrolled (Ages 0-17 Yrs.) ****	36.2%	44.6%
Annual Medicaid Expenditures ⁺	\$129,413,618	\$13,162,469,167
Total Cost of Coverage per Member per Year	\$7,394	\$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.)

⁺ 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
Nursing Homes*	8	959	8	961
Residential Care Facilities**	5	593	5	583
Medicaid Eligibles Living in Nursing Facilities	495	49,088	563	51,917
Total Expenditures	\$34,092,009	\$2,946,913,921	\$39,119,367	\$3,090,753,003

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

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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 Portage County residents participating in them.

Unduplicated Number of Residents Receiving Services Waiver Type	CY 2009		CY 2008	
	County	State	County	State
Choices - Age 60 or older	0	601	0	462
PASSPORT - Pre-admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today - Age 60 or older	402	35,372	365	34,419
Assisted living - Age 21 or older	13	2,322	0	1,209
Individual Options Waiver - Available to all ages	170	15,939	145	14,675
Level One Waiver - Available to all ages with an ICF/MR Level of Care	93	8,004	57	6,210
Ohio Home Care - Age 59 or younger	117	9,751	113	8,907
Transitions - Age 60 or older	56	3,066	51	3,213
Transitions Carve Out - All ages	16	1,910	13	1,766

For more Medicaid Information on Portage County, go to:

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