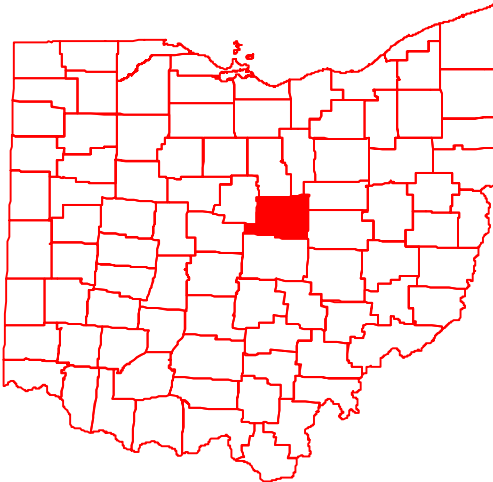


OHIO COUNTY PROFILES

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Ohio Department
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KNOX COUNTY

NAMED FOR: General Henry Knox,
first Secretary of War

ESTABLISHED: Act - March 1, 1808

1998 POPULATION: 53,309

LAND AREA: 527.2 Square Miles

COUNTY SEAT: Mount Vernon City

POPULATION: CENSUS 1800 -1990; ESTIMATES 1991-1998; PROJECTIONS 2000 & 2010

| 1800 | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 | 1860 | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2,149 | 8,326 | 17,085 | 29,579 | 28,872 | 27,735 | 26,333 | 27,431 | 27,600 |
| 1900 | 1910 | 1920 | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 |
| 27,768 | 30,181 | 29,580 | 29,338 | 31,024 | 35,287 | 38,808 | 41,795 | 46,304 | 47,473 |
| 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 2000 | 2010 |
| 47,866 | 48,618 | 49,223 | 49,993 | 50,904 | 51,728 | 52,552 | 53,309 | 51,890 | 55,590 |

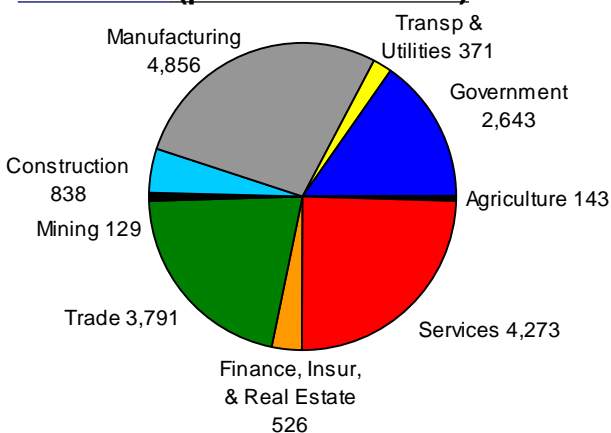
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, 1998

OBES/LMI (place of residence data)

The 1998 annual average civilian labor force estimates for Knox County were: total labor force - 26,200, employment - 24,900, unemployment - 1,200, and unemployment rate - 4.7. Knox County ranked 47th in unemployment among Ohio's 88 counties, and was 9.3 percent above the state unemployment rate.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 1998

OBES/LMI (place of work data)



In 1998 the Manufacturing industry employed the most workers, 4,856, and Agriculture was the fastest growing, increasing 8.3 percent over 1997. Average weekly earnings for all industrial groups in Knox County were \$504.40.

Knox County is located in the central portion of the state. U.S. Route 36 and State Routes 229 and 541 cross the county east and west, and U.S. Route 62 and State Routes 3, 13, 95, 205, 514, 586, and 661 run north and south. The Kokosing and Mohican Rivers flow through Knox County.

Primarily an agricultural area, Knox County ranks second in the state in sheep farming. Annual cash receipts from marketings of farm commodities average \$67 million.

Major attractions in Knox County include Kenyon College; Knox Lake; Kokosing Reservoir; Kokosing Gap Trail; Fredericktown Historical Museum; Knox County Historical Society Museum; Old Tool Crib Museum; Pearl Spring Center for American Folksong; Semple-Upham Culture and Arts Center; and the House of Daniel Emmett, composer of "Dixie."

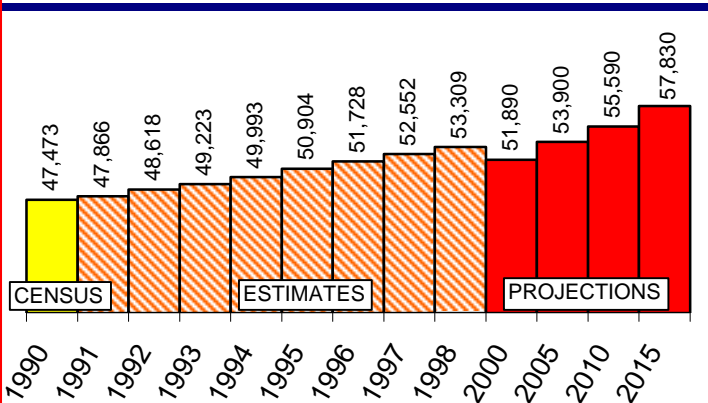
| Largest Cities | 1990 Census | 1998 Estimate |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Mount Vernon city | 14,550 | 14,973 |
| Fredericktown village | 2,443 | 2,580 |
| Gambier village | 2,073 | 2,065 |
| Centerburg village | 1,323 | 1,364 |
| Danville village | 1,001 | 1,007 |
| Martinsburg village | 213 | 253 |
| Gann village | 179 | 208 |
| Utica village (pt.) | 17 | 20 |
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| | | |

Bob Taft, Governor
State of Ohio



C. Lee Johnson, Director
Ohio Department of Development

POPULATION TRENDS



CENSUS, 1990

| POPULATION | Number | Percent |
|------------|--------|---------|
| Total | 47,473 | 100.0% |
| Urban | 14,550 | 30.6% |
| Rural | 32,923 | 69.4% |
| Male | 22,883 | 48.2% |
| Female | 24,590 | 51.8% |

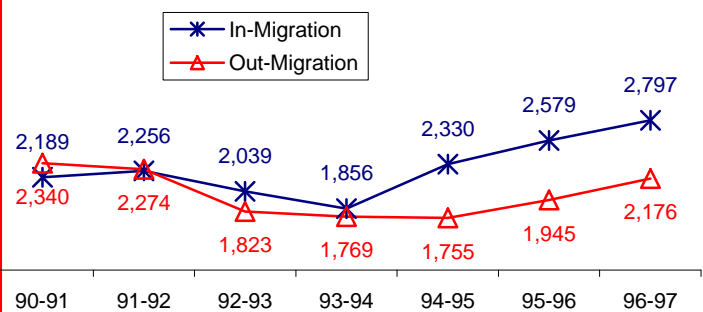
| FAMILIES | Number | Percent |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total | 12,781 | 100.0% |
| Married Couple | 10,869 | 85.0% |
| With Children | 4,940 | 38.7% |
| Male Householder/No Spouse | 412 | 3.2% |
| With Children | 228 | 1.8% |
| Female Householder/No Spouse | 1,500 | 11.7% |
| With Children | 1,006 | 7.9% |
| Persons Per Family | 3.03 | |

| HOUSEHOLDS | Number |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Total | 17,230 |
| Persons in Households | 44,347 |
| Persons Per Household | 2.57 |

| HOUSING UNITS | Number | Percent |
|----------------------|----------|---------|
| Total | 18,508 | 100.0% |
| Occupied | 17,230 | 93.1% |
| Owner-Occupied | 12,440 | 67.2% |
| Median Value | \$49,100 | |
| Renter-Occupied | 4,790 | 25.9% |
| Median Contract Rent | \$235 | |

| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Persons 25 Years & Over | 29,992 | 100.0% |
| Less Than 9th Grade | 2,595 | 8.7% |
| 9th to 12th Grade | 4,843 | 16.1% |
| High School Graduate | 22,554 | 75.2% |
| High School Graduate Only | 17,524 | 58.4% |
| Associate Degree Only | 1,186 | 4.0% |
| Bachelor's Degree Only | 2,584 | 8.6% |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | 1,260 | 4.2% |

POPULATION MIGRATION



ESTIMATES, 1998

| PERSONS BY AGE | Total | Female |
|-----------------|-------|--------|
| Under 5 Years | 3,099 | 1,538 |
| 5 to 9 Years | 3,640 | 1,730 |
| 10 to 14 Years | 3,966 | 1,861 |
| 15 to 19 Years | 4,555 | 2,281 |
| 20 to 24 Years | 3,707 | 1,910 |
| 25 to 29 Years | 3,027 | 1,554 |
| 30 to 34 Years | 3,528 | 1,825 |
| 35 to 39 Years | 4,207 | 2,140 |
| 40 to 44 Years | 4,184 | 2,159 |
| 45 to 49 Years | 3,852 | 1,925 |
| 50 to 54 Years | 3,266 | 1,640 |
| 55 to 59 Years | 2,684 | 1,404 |
| 60 to 64 Years | 2,215 | 1,159 |
| 65 Years & Over | 7,379 | 4,323 |

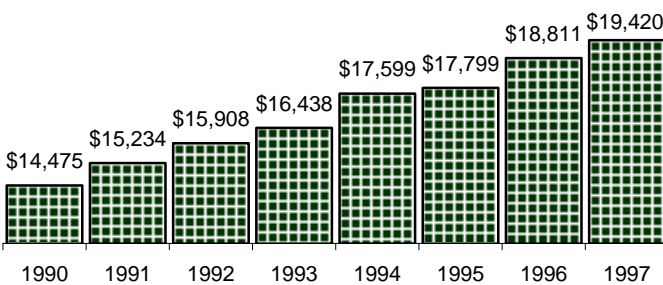
| PERSONS BY RACE | Total | Percent |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total All Races | 53,309 | 100.0% |
| White | 52,413 | 98.3% |
| African-American | 487 | 0.9% |
| Amer Indian, Eskimo, Aleut | 113 | 0.2% |
| Asian & Pacific Islander | 296 | 0.6% |
| Hispanic (may be of any race) | 240 | 0.5% |
| Total Minority | 1,114 | 2.1% |

INCOME

| INCOME, 1989 | Household | Family |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Under \$5,000 | 1,007 | 483 |
| \$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999 | 1,919 | 726 |
| \$ 10,000 - \$ 14,999 | 1,838 | 1,067 |
| \$ 15,000 - \$ 24,999 | 3,965 | 2,981 |
| \$ 25,000 - \$ 34,999 | 3,198 | 2,734 |
| \$ 35,000 - \$ 49,999 | 3,044 | 2,777 |
| \$ 50,000 - \$ 74,999 | 1,728 | 1,579 |
| \$ 75,000 - \$ 99,999 | 323 | 311 |
| \$100,000 - \$149,999 | 151 | 123 |
| \$150,000 and Over | 50 | 50 |
| Mean Income, 1989 | \$28,845 | \$32,743 |
| Median Income, 1989 | \$24,701 | \$29,105 |
| Median Income, 1993 | \$29,156 | |
| Median Income, 1995 | \$31,973 | |

| BELOW POVERTY | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Families, 1989 | 1,180 | 9.2% |
| Children 5-17 in Families, 1989 | 1,295 | 15.0% |
| Children 5-17 in Families, 1993 | 1,436 | 15.7% |
| Children 5-17 in Families, 1995 | 1,138 | 11.9% |
| Persons, 1989 | 5,512 | 12.5% |
| Persons, 1993 | 5,623 | 11.8% |
| Persons, 1995 | 4,889 | 9.9% |
| Persons Under 18, 1989 | 2,123 | 18.2% |
| Persons Under 18, 1993 | 2,277 | 18.1% |
| Persons Under 18, 1995 | 1,932 | 15.0% |

PER CAPITA INCOME (BEA)



VITAL STATISTICS, 1997

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Total Births | 606 |
| Rate Per 1,000 Population | 12.8 |
| Teen Births | 68 |
| Rate Per 1,000 Females 10-19 | 18.7 |
| Deaths | 503 |
| Rate Per 1,000 Population | 10.6 |
| Marriages | 363 |
| Rate Per 1,000 Population | 7.6 |
| Divorces | 161 |
| Rate Per 1,000 Population | 3.4 |

HEALTH CARE, 1997

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Physicians | 61 |
| Hospitals | 1 |
| Number of Beds | 127 |
| Extended Care Homes | 12 |
| Number of Beds | 706 |
| Estimate of Uninsured | 6,183 |
| Percent of Population | 12.5% |

CLIMATE, 1997

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Average Annual Temperature | 53.3° F |
| Average Annual Precipitation | 40.00 in |
| Regional Data: | |
| Average Annual Snowfall | 29.0 in |
| Average Relative Humidity (AM) | 80% |
| Average Relative Humidity (PM) | 63% |

STATE PARKS, 1998

| | |
|------------|------|
| Facilities | 1 |
| Acreage | 2.17 |

VOTING, 1998

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Number of Precincts | 46 |
| Number of Registered Voters | 31,407 |
| Percent of Population | 58.9% |
| Voted-November 1998 Election | 15,000 |
| Percent of Registered Voters | 47.8% |

CRIME, 1997

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Crimes Committed | 0 |
| Per 1,000 Persons | 0.0 |

EDUCATION, 1998

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Public Schools | 20 |
| Enrollment | 8,422 |
| Classroom Teachers | 500.1 |
| Average Salary | \$35,924 |
| Teacher-Pupil Ratio | 20.83 |
| Expenditures Per Pupil | \$5,286.67 |
| Dropout Rate | 3.66% |
| Graduation Rate | 87.81% |
| Joint Vocational School | Knox County |
| Non-Public Schools | 4 |
| Enrollment | 402 |
| 4-Year Public Universities | 0 |
| Branches | 0 |
| 2-Year Public Colleges | 0 |
| Private Colleges & Universities | 2 |
| Public Libraries | 2 |

AGRICULTURE, 1998

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Land in Farms (acres) | 227,000 |
| Number of Farms | 1,120 |
| Average Size (acres) | 203 |
| Total Cash Receipts | \$68,740,000 |
| Per Farm | \$61,375 |

TRANSPORTATION, 1997

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Registered Motor Vehicles | 53,954 |
| Interstate Highway Miles | 0.00 |
| Turnpike Miles | 0.00 |
| U.S. Highway Miles | 58.63 |
| State Highway Miles | 139.66 |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Airline Service | Port Columbus Intl |
| Number of Runways | 3 |
| Longest Runway | 10,250 ft. |
| Commercial Airports | 2 |
| Commercial Heliports | |

COMMUNICATIONS

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Television Stations | 0 |
| Radio Stations | 4 |
| Daily Newspapers | 1 |
| Circulation | 10,500 |

FINANCE

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Ohio Chartered Banks | 1 |
| Assets | \$21,455,000 |
| Ohio Chartered S&L/Savings | 2 |
| Assets | \$59,505,000 |

TAXES, 1997

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Taxable Value of Real Property | \$533,817,980 |
| Residential | \$363,096,170 |
| Agriculture | \$94,761,360 |
| Industrial | \$17,416,620 |
| Commercial | \$57,595,110 |
| Mineral | \$948,720 |
| Ohio Personal Income Tax Liability | \$17,604,200 |
| Average Per Return | \$786.43 |

TRANSFER PAYMENTS, 1997

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Total | \$225,892,000 |
| Payments to Individuals | \$216,263,000 |
| Retirement & Disability | \$105,065,000 |
| Medical Payments | \$91,210,000 |
| Income Maintenance | \$11,067,000 |
| Supplemental SSI | \$3,755,000 |
| AFDC | \$1,353,000 |
| Food Stamps | \$1,715,000 |
| Other Income Maintenance | \$4,244,000 |
| Unemployment Benefits | \$3,466,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | \$3,266,000 |
| Other Payments to Individuals | \$2,189,000 |

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES OR OBLIGATIONS, 1998

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Total | \$190,439,755 |
| Defense Total | \$3,238,000 |
| Grant Awards | \$41,420,565 |
| Defense | \$0 |
| Salaries & Wages | \$5,184,856 |
| Defense | \$277,000 |
| Direct Payments for Individuals | \$142,398,195 |
| Retirement & Disability | \$93,698,696 |
| Defense | \$2,756,022 |
| All Other | \$48,699,499 |
| Procurement Contract Awards | \$1,436,139 |
| Defense | \$0 |
| Other Federal Assistance | \$34,475,685 |
| Direct Loans | \$11,045,121 |
| Guaranteed/Insured Loans | \$4,750,374 |
| Insurance | \$18,680,190 |

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

| OBES (Household Survey) | 1995, County | 1996, County | 1997, County | 1998, County | 1998, State | 1998, U.S. |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 27,000 | 27,800 | 26,700 | 26,200 | 5,678,000 | 137,673,000 |
| Employment | 25,700 | 26,300 | 25,500 | 24,900 | 5,437,000 | 131,463,000 |
| Unemployment | 1,300 | 1,500 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 242,000 | 6,210,000 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.5 |

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

| OBES (Covered Employment) | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| All Industries | 15,984 | 17,089 | 17,638 | 18,212 | 17,645 | 17,571 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing | 134 | 136 | 129 | 127 | 132 | 143 |
| Mining | 153 | 150 | 149 | 143 | 143 | 129 |
| Construction | 1,104 | 1,814 | 1,761 | 1,948 | 1,013 | 838 |
| Manufacturing | 4,193 | 4,380 | 4,671 | 4,808 | 4,841 | 4,856 |
| Transportation & Utilities | 414 | 408 | 371 | 365 | 356 | 371 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 3,220 | 3,484 | 3,649 | 3,645 | 3,884 | 3,791 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate | 466 | 498 | 494 | 506 | 511 | 526 |
| Services | 3,757 | 3,641 | 3,988 | 4,056 | 4,128 | 4,273 |
| Government | 2,544 | 2,579 | 2,596 | 2,613 | 2,638 | 2,643 |

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

| OBES (Covered Employment) | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| All Industries | \$417.86 | \$438.94 | \$444.41 | \$463.89 | \$487.30 | \$504.40 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing | \$298.65 | \$310.83 | \$304.10 | \$320.87 | \$316.27 | \$333.47 |
| Mining | \$400.43 | \$400.44 | \$461.47 | \$465.36 | \$465.17 | \$490.85 |
| Construction | \$487.61 | \$529.22 | \$537.29 | \$567.55 | \$612.69 | \$840.28 |
| Manufacturing | \$594.19 | \$614.23 | \$609.51 | \$645.98 | \$691.20 | \$667.10 |
| Transportation & Utilities | \$559.19 | \$574.29 | \$596.16 | \$586.72 | \$675.75 | \$642.32 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | \$232.15 | \$237.59 | \$244.32 | \$250.77 | \$261.13 | \$279.37 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate | \$344.76 | \$370.23 | \$378.54 | \$388.30 | \$558.78 | \$420.08 |
| Services | \$345.55 | \$366.41 | \$371.71 | \$385.35 | \$410.94 | \$451.14 |
| Government | \$436.37 | \$452.80 | \$471.64 | \$475.26 | \$487.96 | \$515.19 |

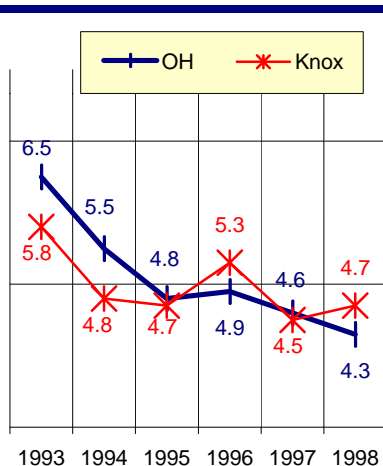
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Total Buildings | 248 | 300 | 313 | 301 | 292 | 390 |
| Total Units | 259 | 320 | 343 | 323 | 319 | 401 |
| Total Valuation (000) | \$18,539 | \$24,647 | \$27,638 | \$28,446 | \$31,433 | \$38,791 |
| Single-Unit Buildings | 246 | 297 | 307 | 294 | 283 | 385 |
| Average Cost Per Unit | \$72,944 | \$79,916 | \$85,494 | \$93,019 | \$98,078 | \$98,817 |
| Multi-Unit Buildings | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 5 |
| Average Cost Per Unit | \$45,776 | \$39,635 | \$38,658 | \$37,896 | \$102,122 | \$46,669 |

COMPONENTS OF BUSINESS CHANGE

| | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Business Starts | 116 | 162 | 113 | 148 | 141 | 149 |
| Business Terminations | 136 | 139 | 102 | 107 | 145 | 121 |
| Net Change | -20 | 23 | 11 | 41 | -4 | 28 |
| Total Active Businesses | 1,017 | 1,039 | 1,047 | 1,108 | 1,087 | 1,061 |

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Region 6:
Walnut Building
24 West Third Street
Suite 301
Mansfield, OH 44902-1235
419-522-2029
FAX: 419-522-2203

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Ariel Corp | Manufacturing |
| Kenyon College | Service |
| Knox Community Hospital | Service |
| Kokosing Construction Co | Construction |
| Mt Vernon City Bd of Ed | Government |
| Mount Vernon Nazarene College | Service |
| Rolls-Royce Plc | Manufacturing |
| State of Ohio | Government |
| TRW/Lucas-Varity | Manufacturing |
| WENCO Window Co | Manufacturing |