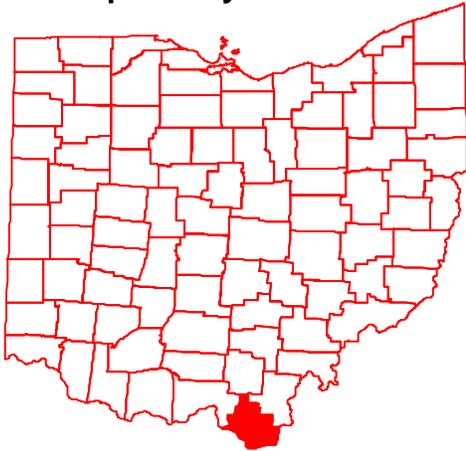


OHIO COUNTY PROFILES

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LAWRENCE COUNTY

NAMED FOR: Captain James Lawrence,
War of 1812

ESTABLISHED: Act - December 21, 1815

2000 POPULATION: 62,319

LAND AREA: 455.4 Square Miles

COUNTY SEAT: Ironton 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>
		3,499	5,367	9,738	15,246	23,249
<u>1870</u>	<u>1880</u>	<u>1890</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>1930</u>
31,380	39,068	39,556	39,534	39,488	39,540	44,541
<u>1940</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
46,705	49,115	55,438	56,868	63,849	61,834	62,319

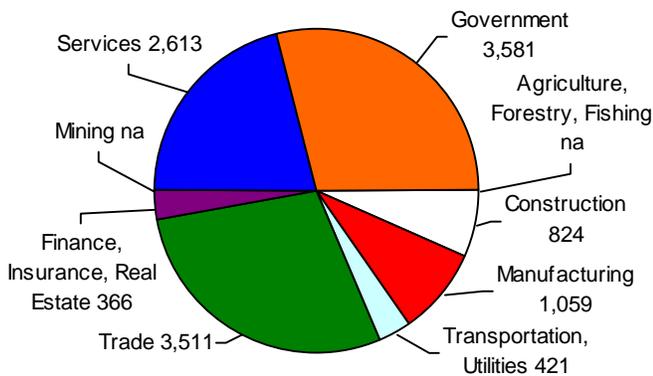
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, 2000

LMI (place of residence data)

The 2000 annual average civilian labor force estimates for Lawrence County were: total labor force - 27,000, employment - 25,000, unemployment - 2,000, and unemployment rate - 7.4. Lawrence County ranked eleventh highest in unemployment among Ohio's 88 counties.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2000

LMI (place of work data)



In 2000 the total employment for all industries in Lawrence County was 12,448, with Government claiming the largest portion--28.8 percent. Average weekly earnings for all industrial groups in Lawrence County were \$421.02.

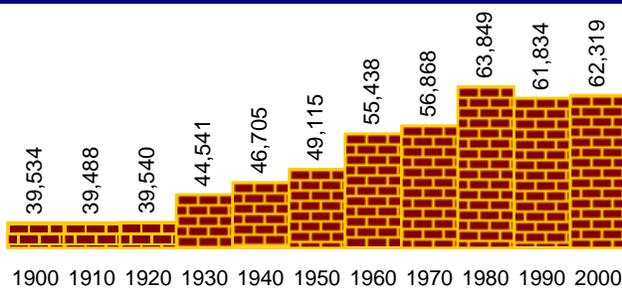
Lawrence County, the southernmost county in Ohio, is strategically located on the Ohio River in the heart of the tri-state area of Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. U.S. Route 52, and State Routes 217 and 243 cross the county east and west, and State Routes 7, 93, 141, 378, 650, and 775 run north and south.

Wayne National Forest covers much of Lawrence County with Lake Vesuvius providing a recreation area. Other attractions include Dean State Park; Hanging Rock; John Campbell House (a waystation on the "Underground Railroad;") Lawrence County Museum; Tour of Historic Ironton; Scottown Covered Bridge; Floodwall Murals; Riverfront Amphitheater and Shelter at South Point; Historic Old 75 Tunnel; canoeing on Symmes Creek; and boating, fishing, and sightseeing on the Ohio River.

Largest Places	1990 Census	2000 Census
Ironton city	12,751	11,211
Rome township UIA	7,233	8,366
Union township UIA	7,301	7,540
Fayette township UIA	6,661	6,750
Perry township UIA	5,272	5,476
South Point village	3,823	3,742
Upper township UIA	3,035	3,170
Elizabeth township	2,515	2,914
Lawrence township	2,484	2,574
Windsor township	1,886	2,127

UIA: Unincorporated Area

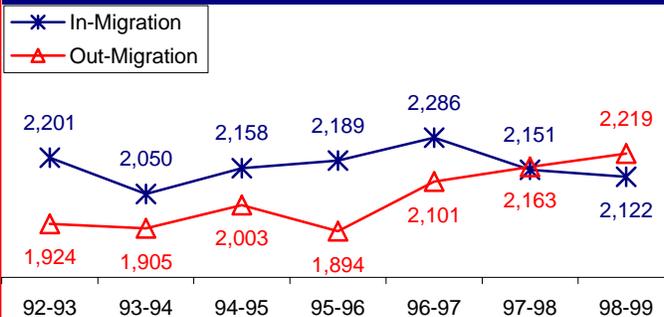
DECENNIAL POPULATION GROWTH 1900 - 2000



CENSUS, 2000

POPULATION	Number	Percent
Total	62,319	100.0%
Male	29,899	48.0%
Female	32,420	52.0%
PERSONS BY RACE	Total	Percent
Total Population	62,319	100.0%
One Race Only	61,770	99.1%
White	60,169	96.6%
African-American	1,302	2.1%
Native American	112	0.2%
Asian	117	0.2%
Pacific Islander	4	0.0%
Other	66	0.1%
Two or More Races	549	0.9%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	355	0.6%
Total Minority	2,404	3.9%
PERSONS BY AGE	Total	Female
Under 5 Years	3,839	1,841
5 to 9 Years	4,243	2,099
10 to 14 Years	4,412	2,143
15 to 19 Years	4,476	2,251
20 to 24 Years	3,654	1,879
25 to 29 Years	3,844	2,018
30 to 34 Years	4,337	2,190
35 to 39 Years	4,561	2,406
40 to 44 Years	4,699	2,408
45 to 49 Years	4,451	2,287
50 to 54 Years	4,202	2,131
55 to 59 Years	3,583	1,872
60 to 64 Years	3,052	1,608
65 to 69 Years	2,620	1,412
70 to 74 Years	2,428	1,392
75 to 79 Years	1,871	1,101
80 to 84 Years	1,156	749
85 Years and Over	891	633
Median Age	37.6	
Male	36.3	
Female	38.7	

POPULATION MIGRATION



CENSUS, 2000

PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLDS	Number	Percent
Total	61,701	100.0%
Householder	24,732	40.1%
Spouse	13,843	22.4%
Child	18,396	29.8%
Other Relatives	2,678	4.3%
Nonrelatives	2,052	3.3%
Unmarried Partner	1,119	1.8%

PERSONS IN GROUP QUARTERS	Number	Percent
Total	618	100.0%
Institutionalized Persons	534	86.4%
Noninstitutionalized Persons	84	13.6%

HOUSEHOLDS	Number	Percent
Total	24,732	100.0%
Persons Per Household	2.49	

FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS	Number	Percent
Total	17,809	100.0%
Married Couple	13,843	77.7%
With Children	5,673	31.9%
Male Householder/No Spouse	1,018	5.7%
With Children	551	3.1%
Female Householder/No Spouse	2,948	16.6%
With Children	1,688	9.5%
Persons Per Family	2.96	

NONFAMILY HOUSEHOLDS	Number	Percent
Total	6,923	100.0%
Householder Living Alone	6,150	88.8%

HOUSING UNITS	Number	Percent
Total	27,189	100.0%
Occupied	24,732	91.0%
Owner-Occupied	18,494	68.0%
Renter-Occupied	6,238	22.9%
Vacant	2,457	9.0%
For Rent	711	2.6%
For Sale Only	317	1.2%

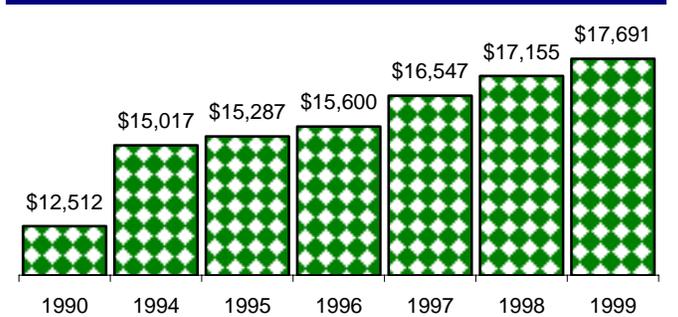
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, INCOME & POVERTY

2000 data were not yet released at publication time.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Number
Total Births, 1999	712
Rate Per 1,000 Population	11.5
Teen Births, 1999	135
Rate Per 1,000 Females 10-19	28.1
Deaths, 1999	710
Rate Per 1,000 Population	11.0
Marriages, 1998	245
Rate Per 1,000 Population	4.0
Divorces, 1998	330
Rate Per 1,000 Population	5.3

PER CAPITA INCOME (BEA)



HEALTH CARE, 2000

Physicians (MDs & DOs)	56
Registered Hospitals	0
Number of Beds	0
Licensed Nursing Homes	6
Number of Beds	547
Licensed Residential Care	0
Number of Beds	0
Licensed Homes For Aged	0
Number of Beds	0
Estimate of Uninsured, Total	9,632
Percent of Population	15.0%
Estimate of Uninsured, Children	2,052
Percent of Population	12.1%

CRIME, 1999

Crimes Reported	na
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VOTING, 2000

Number of Precincts	84
Number of Registered Voters	44,032
Voted-November 2000 Election	25,180
Percent of Registered Voters	57.2%

CLIMATE, 1998

Average Annual Temperature	56.8° F
Average Annual Precipitation	38.91 in

STATE PARKS, 2000

Facilities	0
Acreage	0.00

LAND COVER, 1994 (acres)

Total	292,340.06
Urban (open impervious surfaces)	7,459.34
Agriculture/Open Urban Areas	60,187.00
Shrub/Scrub	8,596.18
Wooded	213,093.05
Open Water	2,038.31
Non Forested Wetlands	529.27
Barren	436.91

AGRICULTURE, 2000

Land in Farms (acres)	64,000
Number of Farms	600
Average Size (acres)	107
Total Cash Receipts	\$4,464,000
Per Farm	\$7,441

EDUCATION, 2000

Public Schools	27
Students	11,382
Teachers	696
Teacher-Pupil Ratio	18.4
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$6,077
Graduation Rate	83.5
Joint Vocational School:	
Lawrence County	
Non-Public Schools	4
Students	252
4-Year Public Universities	0
Branches	1
2-Year Public Colleges	0
Private Colleges & Universities	0
Public Libraries	1
Branches	4
Bookmobiles	1

TRANSPORTATION, 2000

Registered Motor Vehicles	71,478
Passenger Cars	45,459
Noncommercial Trucks	15,599
Total License Revenue	\$1,653,972.70
Interstate Highway Miles	0.00
Turnpike Miles	0.00
U.S. Highway Miles	22.62
State Highway Miles	166.50
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Airline Service:	Huntington WV
Commercial Airports	1
Commercial Heliports	0

COMMUNICATIONS, 2000

Television Stations	0
Radio Stations	10
Daily Newspapers	1
Circulation	9,000

FINANCE, 2000

FDIC Insured Financial Institutions	5
Assets	\$310,916,000

TAXES, 2000

Taxable Value of Real Property	\$476,880,800
Residential	\$359,678,360
Agriculture	\$41,552,400
Industrial	\$9,201,800
Commercial	\$65,776,990
Mineral	\$671,250
Ohio Income Tax Liability, 1999	\$18,311,374
Average Per Return	\$762.28

TRANSFER PAYMENTS, 1999

Total	\$307,873,000
Dependency Ratio	27.0%
Payments to Individuals	\$294,011,000
Retirement & Disability	\$120,705,000
Medical Payments	\$115,602,000
Income Maintenance	\$43,973,000
Supplemental SSI	\$17,981,000
AFDC	\$5,929,000
Food Stamps	\$7,500,000
Other Income Maintenance	\$12,563,000
Unemployment Benefits	\$4,034,000
Veterans Benefits	\$8,736,000
Other Payments to Individuals	\$135,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES, 2000

Direct Expenditures or Obligations	\$324,744,098
Defense	\$3,152,000
Retirement & Disability	\$165,471,628
Other Direct Payments	\$64,120,685
Grant Awards	\$85,722,009
Highways	\$201,425
AFDC/TANF	\$8,379,340
Medicaid	\$57,135,499
Procurement Contract Awards	\$1,919,835
Defense	\$99,000
Salaries & Wages	\$7,509,941
Defense	\$240,000
Other Federal Assistance	\$57,398,306
Direct Loans	\$638,771
Guaranteed Loans	\$4,995,602
Insurance	\$51,763,933

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

LMI (Household Survey)	1997County	1998County	1999County	2000County	2000State	2000 U.S.
Civilian Labor Force	26,700	26,700	27,000	27,000	5,783,000	140,863,000
Employment	24,900	24,900	25,000	25,000	5,546,000	135,208,000
Unemployment	1,700	1,700	1,900	2,000	237,000	5,655,000
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.5	7.2	7.4	4.1	4.0

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

LMI (Covered Employment)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Industries	13,113	12,843	12,894	12,819	12,949	12,448
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	na	34	35	na	na	na
Mining	na	28	36	na	na	na
Construction	536	678	719	703	724	824
Manufacturing	2,451	2,024	1,865	1,744	1,709	1,059
Transportation & Utilities	539	489	434	444	454	421
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3,622	3,671	3,641	3,581	3,560	3,511
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	321	317	321	316	346	366
Services	2,448	2,450	2,524	2,601	2,613	2,613
Government	3,037	3,153	3,320	3,375	3,467	3,581

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

LMI (Covered Employment)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Industries	\$384.19	\$382.95	\$399.49	\$411.59	\$415.57	\$421.02
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	na	\$204.87	\$249.22	na	na	na
Mining	na	\$555.24	\$680.60	na	na	na
Construction	\$401.48	\$457.10	\$467.75	\$463.05	\$467.65	\$514.03
Manufacturing	\$584.73	\$557.83	\$605.42	\$661.39	\$667.25	\$667.22
Transportation & Utilities	\$530.33	\$563.82	\$608.29	\$612.94	\$615.47	\$650.22
Wholesale & Retail Trade	\$237.25	\$242.59	\$256.21	\$266.78	\$270.48	\$284.99
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	\$377.26	\$392.79	\$440.72	\$409.03	\$426.30	\$408.73
Services	\$306.04	\$318.45	\$325.32	\$324.25	\$319.50	\$355.07
Government	\$425.16	\$439.54	\$449.66	\$466.17	\$473.59	\$483.18

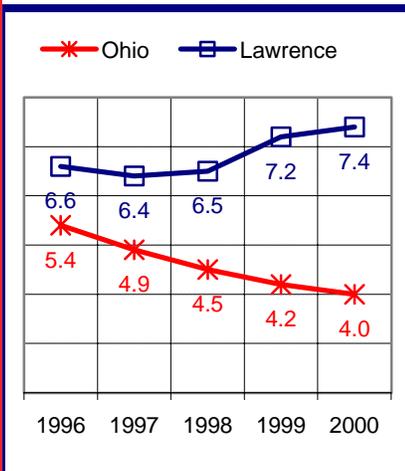
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total Buildings	25	26	20	48	27	80
Total Units	29	33	23	52	30	103
Total Valuation (000)	\$1,452	\$1,759	\$1,290	2,581	\$2,526	\$5,832
Total Single-Units	21	22	17	44	25	71
Average Cost Per Unit	\$60,632	\$68,587	\$69,403	\$54,114	\$94,240	\$59,158
Total Multi-Units	8	11	6	8	5	32
Average Cost Per Unit	\$22,295	\$22,727	\$18,333	\$25,000	\$34,000	\$51,008

COMPONENTS OF BUSINESS CHANGE

Businesses with Employees	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Business Starts	132	107	106	86	97	120
Business Terminations	109	92	114	91	see notes	94
Active Businesses	822	829	802	794	772	791

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



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MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Ironton City Bd of Ed	Government
Lawrence County JVS	Government
Liebert Corp	Manufacturing
McGinnis Inc	Manufacturing
Ohio University	Government
Rock Hill Local Bd of Ed	Government
South Point Local Bd of Ed	Government
Wal-Mart Stores Inc	Trade