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2.1 History

Clinton County’s creation was authorized by the Ohio government on February 19, 1810. The County is named after George Clinton, the Vice President of United States in 1810. Early residents of the County were members of the Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers. They contributed towards the Underground Railroad between the 1830s and 1860s by helping enslaved African Americans escape into the Northern states. They also helped establish the Wilmington College in the 1870s.

There are several locations in Clinton County, Ohio that contribute to its rich history and culture. Historical Markers, as identified by The Clinton County History Center, can be found in the following locations:

- Deserted Camp, Wilmington
- Garrison Corner Community, Blanchester
- Gilbert Van Zandt, Port William
- Beam Farm Woodland Archaeological District, Sabina
- Wilmington College, Wilmington (Figure 2.1.1)
- Indian Trails of Clinton County, Wilmington
- Marble Hall, Wilmington
- The Thunderstorm Project, Wilmington
- Wilmington Library, Wilmington
- Military Air Disaster, Wilmington
- 1968 Clinton County AFB C-119G Plane Crash, Wilmington
- Jonah’s Run Baptist Church/Underwood Farms Historic District, Wilmington
- Clinton County Courthouse, Wilmington

Figure 2.1.1: College Hall, Wilmington College



Clinton County is primarily rural. Between 1990 and 2000, the County experienced a rapid 14 percent growth in population, raising the total to 40,543 residents. As per 2018 American Community Survey (ACS), the residents of the County mostly work in the educational, healthcare, and social assistance sectors, followed by manufacturing, retail trade, and transportation sectors. Although the County consists of some of the most fertile and productive soil in the United States, fewer people work in the agriculture sector.

Figure 2.1.2: The Thunderstorm Project Historical Marker



The Thunderstorm Project

Clinton County has a unique history as being one of two test sites for the Thunderstorm Project, which was launched in 1945 to study the causes and characteristics of thunderstorms, as well as their adverse effects on the aviation industry. The Thunderstorm Project was the nation’s first large-scale scientific study of thunderstorms and the first multi-agency meteorological project mandated and funded by the U.S. Congress. In 1947, the second phase of the Thunderstorm Project was conducted in Wilmington given its large military base, the Clinton County Army Force Base, which eventually became Wilmington Air Park.

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A historical marker for the Thunderstorm Project is located at the Wilmington College Lytle Creek Greenway on Davids Drive in Wilmington (**Figure 2.1.2**). The Project demonstrated that radar could be used to detect the most dangerous parts of thunderstorms and guide airplanes around them. Ultimately, findings from the Thunderstorm Project formed the foundation for today’s understanding of thunderstorms, including the life-cycle of a thunderstorm, and related weather phenomena.

2.2 Communication Outlets

Additional County communication outlets including websites, mass media, and social media are listed in **Table 2.2.1**, below:

Table 2.2.1: Communication Outlets and Social Media

Communication Type	Source
Website	Clinton County https://co.clinton.oh.us/
Facebook	Clinton County Convention & Visitors Bureau https://www.facebook.com/clintoncountyohio/ Clinton County Emergency Management Agency https://www.facebook.com/ClintonEMA/
Instagram	Clinton County History Center https://www.instagram.com/clintoncountyhistory/ Clinton County Convention & Visitors Bureau https://www.instagram.com/clintoncountycvb/ Clinton County Health Department https://www.instagram.com/clintoncountyhealth/
Twitter	Visit Clinton County https://twitter.com/visitclintoncty
Newspaper	Wilmington News Journal https://www.wnewsj.com/
Radio	WALH Radio https://walhradio.com/

2.3 Demographics Overview

The American Community Survey (ACS), provided by the U.S. Census, offers population estimates for Clinton County and all townships within the County. **Table 2.3.1**, below, provides a summary of the total population changes that have occurred in Clinton County between the 2010 U.S. Census and the 2018 ACS. The estimates show that Clinton County’s population declined by 144 people (0.34 percent) between 2010 and 2018. Additionally, all but four townships experienced population decline. These four townships are Adams, Chester, Union, and Vernon townships, of which, Chester township experienced the greatest gain in population by an increase of 438 people (22.27 percent). Of the townships experiencing population decrease, Wilson Township experienced the greatest population decline of 77 people (15.25 percent).

A more detailed description of population, housing, and income demographics for Clinton County and each jurisdiction is discussed on the following pages.

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Table 2.3.1: County/Township population growth estimates between 2010 Census and 2018 ACS

County/Township	Total Population 2010 Census	Total Population 2018 ACS	2010-2018	
			Population Change	Percent Change
Clinton County	42,040	41,896	-144	-0.34%
Adams Township	2,091	2,101	10	0.48%
Chester Township	1,967	2,405	438	22.27%
Clark Township	2,123	2,076	-47	-2.21%
Green Township	2,473	2,382	-91	-3.68%
Jefferson Township	1,399	1,284	-115	-8.22%
Liberty Township	1,067	1,012	-55	-5.15%
Marion Township	5,394	5,379	-15	-0.28%
Richland Township	3,573	3,557	-16	-0.45%
Union Township	3,085	3,087	2	0.06%
Vernon Township	2,997	3,004	7	0.23%
Washington Township	2,130	2,078	-52	-0.02%
Wayne Township	716	700	-16	-2.23%
Wilson Township	505	428	-77	-15.25%

2.4 Clinton County

Tables 2.4.1 to 2.4.3 summarize Clinton County’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the County’s population declined by 144 people (0.34 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the County had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 9.95 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (19.32 percent) had an income between \$50,000 and \$74,999; approximately 12.11 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.4.1: Clinton County Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	42,040
2011 ACS Estimate	42,296
2012 ACS Estimate	42,161
2013 ACS Estimate	42,013
2014 ACS Estimate	41,871
2015 ACS Estimate	41,892
2016 ACS Estimate	41,854
2017 ACS Estimate	41,869
2018 ACS Estimate	41,896

Table 2.4.2: Clinton County Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	18,178
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	16,370
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	1,808
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	9.95%

Table 2.4.3: Clinton County Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	1,022
\$10,000 to \$14,999	961
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,856
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,881
\$35,000 to \$49,999	2,289
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,163
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,930
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,292
\$150,000 to \$199,999	575
\$200,000 or more	401
Median Household Income	\$51,354
Mean Household Income	\$67,669

2.5 City of Wilmington

Tables 2.5.1 to 2.5.3 summarize City of Wilmington’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the City’s population declined by 117 people (0.93 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the City had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 13.70 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (17.11 percent) had an income between \$15,000 and \$24,999; approximately 19.02 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.5.1: City of Wilmington Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	12,520
2011 ACS Estimate	12,595
2012 ACS Estimate	12,545
2013 ACS Estimate	12,500
2014 ACS Estimate	12,424
2015 ACS Estimate	12,428
2016 ACS Estimate	12,441
2017 ACS Estimate	12,396
2018 ACS Estimate	12,403

Table 2.5.2: City of Wilmington Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	5,904
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	5,095
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	809
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	13.70%

Table 2.5.3: City of Wilmington Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	429
\$10,000 to \$14,999	540
\$15,000 to \$24,999	872
\$25,000 to \$34,999	733
\$35,000 to \$49,999	757
\$50,000 to \$74,999	695
\$75,000 to \$99,999	438
\$100,000 to \$149,999	456
\$150,000 to \$199,999	76
\$200,000 or more	99
Median Household Income	\$34,608
Mean Household Income	\$58,430

2.6 Village of Blanchester

Tables 2.6.1 to 2.6.3 summarize Village of Blanchester’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the Village’s population declined by 157 people (3.70 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the Village had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 7.79 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (16.27 percent) had an income between \$50,000 and \$74,999; approximately 13.81 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.6.1: Village of Blanchester Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	4,243
2011 ACS Estimate	4,172
2012 ACS Estimate	4,162
2013 ACS Estimate	4,287
2014 ACS Estimate	4,182
2015 ACS Estimate	4,244
2016 ACS Estimate	4,163
2017 ACS Estimate	4,074
2018 ACS Estimate	4,086

Table 2.6.2: Village of Blanchester Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	1,720
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	1,586
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	134
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	7.79%

Table 2.6.3: Village of Blanchester Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	150
\$10,000 to \$14,999	69
\$15,000 to \$24,999	271
\$25,000 to \$34,999	172
\$35,000 to \$49,999	213
\$50,000 to \$74,999	258
\$75,000 to \$99,999	184
\$100,000 to \$149,999	189
\$150,000 to \$199,999	73
\$200,000 or more	7
Median Household Income	\$41,410
Mean Household Income	\$60,358

2.7 Village of Clarksville

Tables 2.7.1 to 2.7.3 summarize Village of Clarksville’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the Village’s population increased by 133 people (24.27 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the Village had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 18.86 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (21.16 percent) had an income between \$35,000 and \$49,999; approximately 18.67 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.7.1: Village of Clarksville Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	548
2011 ACS Estimate	595
2012 ACS Estimate	641
2013 ACS Estimate	494
2014 ACS Estimate	457
2015 ACS Estimate	592
2016 ACS Estimate	634
2017 ACS Estimate	596
2018 ACS Estimate	681

Table 2.7.2: Village of Clarksville Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	297
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	241
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	56
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	18.86%

Table 2.7.3: Village of Clarksville Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	27
\$10,000 to \$14,999	18
\$15,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$34,999	17
\$35,000 to \$49,999	51
\$50,000 to \$74,999	41
\$75,000 to \$99,999	38
\$100,000 to \$149,999	27
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0
\$200,000 or more	3
Median Household Income	\$44,821
Mean Household Income	\$54,391

2.8 Village of Lynchburg

Tables 2.8.1 to 2.8.3 summarize Village of Lynchburg’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the Village’s population declined by 168 people (11.21 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the County had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 8.53 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (15.86 percent) had an income between \$50,000 and \$74,999; approximately 18.10 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.8.1: Village of Lynchburg Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	1,499
2011 ACS Estimate	1,471
2012 ACS Estimate	1,355
2013 ACS Estimate	1,429
2014 ACS Estimate	1,290
2015 ACS Estimate	1,350
2016 ACS Estimate	1,310
2017 ACS Estimate	1,361
2018 ACS Estimate	1,331

Table 2.8.2: Village of Lynchburg Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	586
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	536
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	50
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	8.53%

Table 2.8.3: Village of Lynchburg Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	28
\$10,000 to \$14,999	69
\$15,000 to \$24,999	83
\$25,000 to \$34,999	75
\$35,000 to \$49,999	73
\$50,000 to \$74,999	85
\$75,000 to \$99,999	75
\$100,000 to \$149,999	42
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3
\$200,000 or more	3
Median Household Income	\$37,800
Mean Household Income	\$47,374

2.9 Village of Martinsville

Tables 2.9.1 to 2.9.3 summarize Village of Martinsville’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the Village’s population increased by 29 people (6.26 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the Village had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 9.88 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (27.74 percent) had an income between \$50,000 and \$74,999; approximately 13.55 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.9.1: Village of Martinsville Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	463
2011 ACS Estimate	478
2012 ACS Estimate	454
2013 ACS Estimate	480
2014 ACS Estimate	398
2015 ACS Estimate	406
2016 ACS Estimate	425
2017 ACS Estimate	502
2018 ACS Estimate	492

Table 2.9.2: Village of Martinsville Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	172
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	155
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	17
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	9.88%

Table 2.9.3: Village of Martinsville Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	11
\$10,000 to \$14,999	10
\$15,000 to \$24,999	15
\$25,000 to \$34,999	20
\$35,000 to \$49,999	22
\$50,000 to \$74,999	43
\$75,000 to \$99,999	24
\$100,000 to \$149,999	8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2
\$200,000 or more	0
Median Household Income	\$49,821
Mean Household Income	\$51,792

2.10 Village of Midland

Tables 2.10.1 to 2.10.3 summarize Village of Midland’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the Village’s population declined by 37 people (11.75 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the Village had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 27.13 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (24.47 percent) had an income between \$50,000 and \$74,999; approximately 27.66 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.10.1: Village of Midland Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	315
2011 ACS Estimate	325
2012 ACS Estimate	429
2013 ACS Estimate	456
2014 ACS Estimate	441
2015 ACS Estimate	422
2016 ACS Estimate	352
2017 ACS Estimate	302
2018 ACS Estimate	278

Table 2.10.2: Village of Midland Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	129
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	94
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	35
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	27.13%

Table 2.10.3: Village of Midland Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	13
\$10,000 to \$14,999	13
\$15,000 to \$24,999	3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	16
\$35,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$74,999	23
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0
\$200,000 or more	0
Median Household Income	\$38,333
Mean Household Income	\$41,898

2.11 Village of New Vienna

Tables 2.11.1 to 2.11.3 summarize Village of New Vienna’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the Village’s population declined by 10 people (0.82 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the Village had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 6.95 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (21.81 percent) had an income between \$50,000 and \$74,999; approximately 15.13 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.11.1: Village of New Vienna Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	1,224
2011 ACS Estimate	1,246
2012 ACS Estimate	1,432
2013 ACS Estimate	1,501
2014 ACS Estimate	1,475
2015 ACS Estimate	1,424
2016 ACS Estimate	1,377
2017 ACS Estimate	1,291
2018 ACS Estimate	1,214

Table 2.11.2: Village of New Vienna Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	547
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	509
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	38
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	6.95%

Table 2.11.3: Village of New Vienna Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	45
\$10,000 to \$14,999	32
\$15,000 to \$24,999	51
\$25,000 to \$34,999	72
\$35,000 to \$49,999	101
\$50,000 to \$74,999	111
\$75,000 to \$99,999	42
\$100,000 to \$149,999	48
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0
\$200,000 or more	7
Median Household Income	\$43,429
Mean Household Income	\$55,673

2.12 Village of Port William

Tables 2.12.1 to 2.12.3 summarize Village of Port William’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the Village’s population declined by 28 people (11.02 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the Village had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 17.76 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (21.59 percent) had an income below \$10,000 and approximately 23.86 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.12.1: Village of Port William Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	254
2011 ACS Estimate	275
2012 ACS Estimate	324
2013 ACS Estimate	331
2014 ACS Estimate	290
2015 ACS Estimate	249
2016 ACS Estimate	283
2017 ACS Estimate	246
2018 ACS Estimate	226

Table 2.12.2: Village of Port William Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	107
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	88
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	19
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	17.76%

Table 2.12.3: Village of Port William Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	19
\$10,000 to \$14,999	2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	16
\$50,000 to \$74,999	16
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13
\$100,000 to \$149,999	5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0
\$200,000 or more	0
Median Household Income	\$38,750
Mean Household Income	\$44,582

2.13 Village of Sabina

Tables 2.13.1 to 2.13.2 summarize Village of Sabina’s population, housing statistics, and income statistics. The tables show that the Village’s population declined by 110 people (4.29 percent) from 2010 to 2018. For housing units, the Village had a combined owned and rental housing vacancy rate of 13.29 percent. Related to income, the largest percentage of households (21.55 percent) had an income between \$50,000 and \$74,999; approximately 19.35 percent of households had an annual income of less than \$15,000.

Table 2.13.1: Village of Sabina Population Totals 2010-2018

Year & Source	Population Total
2010 Census	2,564
2011 ACS Estimate	2,791
2012 ACS Estimate	2,687
2013 ACS Estimate	2,498
2014 ACS Estimate	2,327
2015 ACS Estimate	2,352
2016 ACS Estimate	2,399
2017 ACS Estimate	2,372
2018 ACS Estimate	2,454

Table 2.13.2: Village of Sabina Housing Statistics 2018 Estimate

Housing Statistics	Number
Total Housing Units	1,204
Occupied Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	1,044
Vacant Housing Units (Owned & Rented)	160
Vacancy Rate of Owned & Rented Housing (percent)	13.29%

Table 2.13.3: Village of Sabina Income Statistics 2018 Estimate

Household Income Statistics	Number of Households
Less than \$10,000	114
\$10,000 to \$14,999	88
\$15,000 to \$24,999	190
\$25,000 to \$34,999	171
\$35,000 to \$49,999	128
\$50,000 to \$74,999	225
\$75,000 to \$99,999	78
\$100,000 to \$149,999	38
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0
\$200,000 or more	12
Median Household Income	\$32,670
Mean Household Income	\$48,743