

Portage County Fast Facts

Population 2000 Census

Atwater Township	2,762
Aurora City	13,556
Brady Lake Village	513
Brimfield Township	7,963
Charlestown Township	2,003
Deerfield Township	3,211
Edinburg Township	2,344
Franklin Township	5,276
Garrettsville Village	2,262
Hiram Village	1,242
Hiram Township	2,296
Kent City	27,906
Mantua Village	1,046
Mantua Township	4,661
Nelson Township	2,985
Palmyra Township	2,785
Paris Township	1,827
Randolph Township	5,504
Ravenna City	11,771
Ravenna Township	9,270
Rootstown Township	7,212
Shalersville Township	5,976
Streetsboro City	12,311
Suffield Township	6,383
Sugar Bush Knolls Village	227
Tallmadge City (part)	210
Windham Village	2,806
Windham Township	2,060
Total Portage County	152,061

Land Area

Land area	504 square miles
Persons per square mile, 2000	309.1
Topography	Glaciated, rolling Plateaus
Vegetation	Beech Forests
Minerals	Sand, gravel, petroleum

Rivers and lakes: Cuyahoga River, Mogadore Reservoir, Lake Hodgson, Michael Kirwan Reservoir, Berlin Lake, Lake Pippen, Lake Rockwell, Aurora Pond.

Government

Portage County's government is administered by a three member board of commissioners. The county contains *5 cities, 7 villages and 18 townships. *Includes a small portion of the City of Tallmadge

Education

Portage County values its rich educational resources. Within its borders are 12 public school districts and 4 private schools, as well as Maplewood career Center, Kent State University, Hiram College and Bohecker's Business College. Portage County is in close proximity to nearly 30 institutions of higher education.

Business

More than 2,500 businesses are located in Portage County, of which over 400 are involved in manufacturing or distribution. Metalworking, plastic and rubber products, and printing/publishing lead the county's manufacturing sector.

Approximately 719 farms average more than \$33,000 each in annual sales.

Major business employers in Portage County include G.E. Lighting, The Step 2 Co., Deluxe Business Systems, St. Gobain Performance Plastics, Parker-Hannifin, Gougler Industries, The Press of Ohio, McMaster-Carr Supply Corp., Automated Packaging, Davey Tree Expert Co., L'Oreal USA, Commercial Turf Products, Technical Consumer Products and DaimlerChrysler Mopar Distribution Center.

Workforce

Average Workforce (2/2008)	90,700
Average unemployment (2/2008)	6.1%

Covered employment by industry:

Manufacturing	23.2%
Wholesale/retail	15.4%
Service	29%
Government/Education *	23%
Transportation/utilities	2%
Construction	4.5%
Miscellaneous	2%
Finance/insurance/real estate	2.3%

Includes Kent State, Hiram College & NEOUCOM

Household Facts (2000)

Home ownership rate	71.3%
Number of households	56,449
Persons per household	2.56

Utilities

Electric power – Ohio Edison, a First Energy Co.

Natural Gas – Dominion East Ohio

Recycling – Portage County Solid Waste Management District

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Telecommunications – Ameritech, Alltel, GTE and United Telephone of Ohio.

Water & Sanitary Sewer – provided by various political subdivisions and the Portage county Water Resource Department.

Voting

No. of precincts	165
No. of registered voters	93,071
Percent of population	61.5%

Weather

Average annual temperature	52.1 degrees
Average annual precipitation	36.47 inches
Average annual snowfall	49.2 inches

Other Business Facts

Private non-farm employment, 1998	41,767
Manufacturers shipments, 1997, (\$1,000)	2,154,174
Retail Sales, 1997, (\$1,000)	1,117,940
Retail Sales per capita, 1997	\$7,435
Federal funds and grants, 1999 (\$1,000)	420,798

Information is from a variety of sources including the Ohio Department of Development and the U.S. Census Bureau