Monroe County, Ohio

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Monroe County is a county located in the state of Ohio. According to the 2010 census, it has a population of 14,642, which is a decrease of 3.5% from 15,180 in 2000.[2] Its county seat is Woodsfield[3] and is named for James Monroe, Secretary of State when the county was formed and later President of the United States.[4]

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Geography

According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 457.46 square miles (1,184.8 km^2), of which 455.72 square miles (1,180.3 km^2) (or 99.62%) is land and 1.74 square miles (4.5 km^2) (or 0.38%) is water.[5]

Adjacent counties

- Belmont County (north)
- Marshall County, West Virginia (northeast)
- Wetzel County, West Virginia (east)
- Tyler County, West Virginia (southeast)
- Washington County (south)
- Noble County (west)

National protected area

Monroe County, Ohio

Location in the state of Ohio

Ohio's location in the U.S.

Founded	January 29, 1813[1]
Named for	James Monroe
Seat	Woodsfield
Largest village	Woodsfield
Area	
- Total	457.46 sq mi (1,185 km²)
- Land	455.72 sq mi (1,180 km²)
- Water	1.74 sq mi (5 km²), 0.38%
Population	
- (2010)	14,642
- Density	32.1/sq mi (12/km²)
Time zone	Eastern: UTC-5/-4

Historical populations

Census	Pop.	%±
1820	4,645	—
1830	8,768	88.8%
1840	18,521	111.2%
1850	28,351	53.1%
1860	25,741	−9.2%
1870	25,779	0.1%

- Wayne National Forest (part)

1880	26,496	2.8%
1890	25,175	−5.0%
1900	27,031	7.4%
1910	24,244	−10.3%
1920	20,660	−14.8%
1930	18,426	−10.8%
1940	18,641	1.2%
1950	15,362	−17.6%
1960	15,268	−0.6%
1970	15,739	3.1%
1980	17,382	10.4%
1990	15,497	−10.8%
2000	15,180	−2.0%

History

Monroe County was formed on January 28, 1813 from portions of Belmont, Guernsey and Washington counties. It was named after James Monroe, a US Secretary of State and later fifth President of the United States.

On or about December 20, 2011, Exxon Mobil Corp., a New Jersey petroleum company, via its subsidiary XTO Energy, acquired 20,056 acres of Monroe County Utica Shale gas leases from Beck Energy.[6]

Demographics

As of the census[7] of 2000, there were 15,180 people, 6,021 households, and 4,413 families residing in the county. The population density was 33 people per square mile (13/km²). There were 7,212 housing units at an average density of 16 per square mile (6/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 98.72% White, 0.26% Black or African American, 0.15% Native American, 0.07% Asian, 0.01% Pacific Islander, 0.11% from other races, and 0.67% from two or more races. 0.41% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 6,021 households out of which 29.50% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 61.70% were married couples living together, 8.10% had a female householder with no husband present, and 26.70% were non-families. 24.00% of all households were made up of individuals and 11.50% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.50 and the average family size was 2.96.

Monroe County Courthouse

In the county, the population was spread out with 23.60% under the age of 18, 7.10% from 18 to 24, 25.90% from 25 to 44, 27.20% from 45 to 64, and 16.30% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 41 years. For every 100 females there were 97.50 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 96.10 males.

The median income for a household in the county was $30,467, and the median income for a family was $36,297. Males had a median income of $33,308 versus $19,628 for females. The per capita income for the county was $15,096. About 11.00% of families and 13.90% of the population were below the poverty line, including 18.30% of those under age 18 and 11.40% of those age 65 or over.
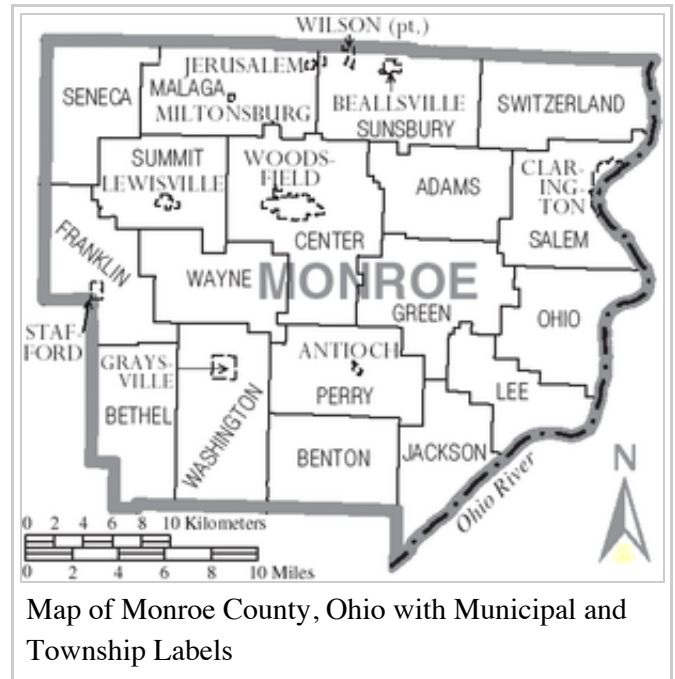
Government

Main article: Ohio county government

Monroe County is served by the Monroe County District Library from its administrative offices in Woodsfield, Ohio; it also offers a bookmobile service.

In 2005, the library loaned more than 141,000 items to its 6,000 cardholders. Total holding are over 64,000 volumes with over 140 periodical subscriptions.[8] This library is a member of the SOLO Regional Library System.

Communities

Villages

Map of Monroe County, Ohio with Municipal and Township Labels

- Antioch
- Beallsville
- Clarington
- Graysville
- Jerusalem
- Lewisville
- Miltonsburg
- Stafford
- Wilson
- Woodsfield

Townships

- Adams
- Benton
- Bethel
- Center
- Franklin
- Green
- Jackson
- Lee
- Malaga
- Ohio
- Perry
- Salem
- Seneca
- Summit
- Sunsbury
- Switzerland
- Washington
- Wayne

Unincorporated communities

- Cameron
- Hannibal
- Laings
- Malaga
- Rinard Mills
- Sardis
- Sycamore Valley

Education

Monroe County contains the following schools through the Switzerland of Ohio Local School District:

- Elementary Schools
    - Beallsville Elementary School in Beallsville, Ohio
    - Hannibal Elementary School in Hannibal, Ohio
    - Sardis Elementary School (Ohio) in Sardis, Ohio
    - Skyvue Elementary School in Graysville, Ohio
    - Woodsfield Elementary School in Woodsfield, Ohio
    - St.Sylvester Central in Woodsfield, Ohio
- High Schools
    - Beallsville High School in Beallsville, Ohio
    - Monroe Central High School in Woodsfield, Ohio
    - River High School in Hannibal, Ohio
- Career Center
    - Swiss Hills Career Center in Woodsfield, Ohio

See also

- National Register of Historic Places listings in Monroe County, Ohio

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External links

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- Monroe County Public Library website (http://www.monroecounty.lib.oh.us/)

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