State of the County Address
Wood County, Ohio

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Quick Facts about Wood County

Population (2010 Census) = 125,488
Land Area in Square Miles = 617.4
Total Households = 48,789
Median Household Income = $53,441

Top Five Private Sector Employers:
Magna International; First Solar, Inc.;
Chrysler Group LLC; Owens-Illinois, Inc.;
Walgreen Company

Source: 2013 Ohio County Profile from Ohio Office of Policy, Research, and Strategic Planning
Quick Facts about Wood County

Approximately 81% of land use is Cropland
Total cash receipts from farms = $227,705,000

Wood County Rankings for 2014 Production

#1 Soybeans – 150,400 acres, total production = 8,040,000 bu.
#3 Corn – 101,000 acres, total production = 18,400,000 bu.
#4 Wheat – 26,100 acres, total production = 1,996,000 bu.

Sources: 2013 Ohio County Profile from Ohio Office of Policy, Research, and Strategic Planning
2014 National Ag Statistic Service
2014 General Fund Revenue
$41,226,449.60
Wood County General Fund
Investment Income

- $895,851.91
- 1st increase since 2007
2014
2013
2012
2011
2010
2009

13% increase from prior year

Sales Tax Revenue

$19,785,739.82
The primary source of funding to pay for the services of county government comes from our one penny sales tax.

The most significant benefit of shopping locally is your support of local retailers and our local economy.

The Power of a Penny!
Wood County received $1,549,237.82 from the Casino Tax in 2014.

Funds assisted with six bridge design projects for the Engineer’s Office and the new Landfill Scale House.
Construction of a New Scale House at the Wood County Landfill
The State of Ohio is providing assistance with 18 Bridge Projects between 2014 and 2016.

During 2014, the Engineer completed work on four bridge projects at a total cost of $831,000

- Sugar Ridge Rd. (Freedom Twp.)
- Kellogg Rd. (Washington Twp.)
- Weston Rd. (Jackson Twp.)
- Portage Rd. (Montgomery Twp.)
Wood County’s unemployment rate is under both the U.S. and Ohio averages.

Wood County = 4.2%
U.S. = 5.4%
Ohio = 4.7%
Child Support Collections/Disbursements Increase

2014 Award for “Best Performance Collections, Current Support”, Medium Caseload Division
Job and Family Services Expansion and Renovation Project
Bid Awarded for Jail Expansion Project
Capital Improvement Projects

- Dunbridge Road Building HVAC Replacement
- Wood Haven Roof and Boiler Replacement
- Justice Center Chiller Replacement
Wood County Landfill

Capping of a 6.1 acre section of the Landfill was completed during 2014.
More than $500,000 in grants funded the demolition of 86 abandoned and blighted homes in 2013 and 2014.

The Wood County Treasurer added an additional $40,615.50 from the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Fund to the program.
Grant funds from the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation purchased an order picker for the Records Center to more safely store and remove heavy boxes on shelves located up to 7.5 feet above the floor.

No Lost Time Claims were filed with the BWC in 2014.

Worker’s Compensation
Signs of Improving Economy

Recorder’s Mortgage Activity

Sheriff’s Sales

New Mortgages  Mortgages Released

Foreclosure Property Sales
Building Inspection Sees Increase in Commercial and Residential Construction

In 2014, Wood County contracted with Fulton County to provide non-residential Code enforcement.

First time since 2007 that more than 4,500 permits were issued.
Clerk of Courts – Title Office

A record number of vehicle titles were processed during 2014.

Totals include Auto Titles, Duplicates & Memo Titles
Historical Center Elevator/Accessibility Project Receives State Funding – Construction Planned for 2015
County Auditor receives Auditor of State Award with Distinction

Less than five percent of Ohio’s governmental entities qualified for this award.
It takes a Community to Protect a Child.

Contact Job and Family Services to Report Child Abuse and Neglect.

April 8 is Blue Day. Wear Blue to show your support!
In partnership with Penta Career Center, OhioMeansJobs – Wood County opened a satellite office at the Penta Career Center’s Adult and Continuing Education Office in Northern Wood County.
Good Jobs

Working to develop more interest in a skilled trades education in Wood County to provide the future workforce required by many employers in the County.
Transportation Services Expanded

County residents in need of transportation to non-emergency medical, mental health, or substance abuse treatment appointments can now call to schedule transportation.

Wood County NET-Plus
1.844.353.6779

At present time, transportation to physical health appointments will only be available to those consumers who are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level with limited assets.

200% of Federal Poverty Level per family/household for 2015

- 1 person   $23,540
- 2 people   $31,860
- 3 people   $40,180
Impact of Medicaid Expansion in Wood County

A total of 13,897 Wood County residents were recipients of some type of Medicaid assistance in 2013.

As of December 31, 2014, 18,867 residents were recipients of Medicaid benefits.

Those who do not qualify for Medicaid are automatically referred to the Federal Marketplace for assistance and possible subsidies to obtain private health insurance.

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Emergency Notification Options in Wood County

- Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- NIXLE
  - Sheriff’s Office
- CodeRED Emergency Notification System
  - City of Perrysburg
  - City of Rossford
  - Perrysburg Township
  - Lake Township
  - Lake Township
  - Northwestern Water and Sewer District
- Social Media
  - Emergency Management Agency - Facebook
  - Sheriff – Facebook & Twitter
  - Local TV & Radio Stations – Facebook, Twitter and free text alerts

Outdoor Warning Sirens

Activated to alert the outdoor public of an emergency

Not designed, or intended, to be used as a primary means of emergency notification for people inside of structures

All-hazard (weather) radios should always be used as primary means of emergency notification inside structures, especially for severe weather
Commissioners Recognize Dog Shelter Volunteer Program
Peregrine Falcons Continue to Nest in Clock Tower
County Treasurer Offers Options for Paying Property Taxes

- Credit Card payment, with a convenience fee
- Automatic withdrawal from bank account
- Monthly automatic withdrawal from bank account
- Payments are also accepted at some banking institutions throughout the County
- Drop box at Courthouse Complex
Geographic Information System

Aerial imagery available to view via the Auditor’s website
Have you purchased your dog license?

1-year, 3-year, or permanent license options available

Door-to-Door Dog License Compliance Checks Coming in 2015

Contact the Auditor’s Office or Dog Shelter for more information
Wood County Opiate Task Force Hosts Town Hall Meeting in November
Wood County employees pledged more than $24,500 to the annual United Way campaign.
Are you a Veteran Living in Wood County?

Thank you for your service!

The Veterans Assistance Center wants to ensure you are registered with their office to make sure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to receive. Contact their office to learn more.
Looking for a Way to Give Back to Your Community?

Volunteer to serve on a Board or Commission

Vacancies exist on the following:

- Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board (3 vacancies)
- JFS Planning Committee (3 vacancies)
- Tax Incentive Review Council

Take an application home today!
Community Corrections Board Members
Local Court Security Board Members
Guardian Program
Seeking Volunteers

Probate Court is in need of volunteers to act as guardians for community members who are no longer able to care for themselves.

Examples of decisions a volunteer might make include those relating to medical care or housing.

For more information, contact Probate Court.
Become a CASA/GAL Volunteer

Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem volunteers gather information about the life, make recommendations and advocate for the best interest of the child, and monitor the situation until a safe, permanent home is made for the child.

For more information, contact Juvenile Court.
Spirit of Wood County Awards

Nominate Someone You Know

- Agricultural Leadership
- Religion and Liberty
- Self-Government
- Industrial/Economic Development
- Education for Civic Responsibility
- Liberty Through Law/Human Freedom
- Lyle R. Fletcher Good Citizenship
2015 Commissioners’ Town Hall Meeting Locations

Bradner
North Baltimore
Grand Rapids Township
Middleton Township

Watch for Announced Dates and Times

Wood County Commissioners
Tractor Pull has Big Impact on County

Conservative estimate of the total economic impact for 2013 was $33.8 million, according to a study done by Hedges and Company.

For every $1 spent, an additional 50¢ was generated in economic impact.
Wood County Historical Center
See All Wood County Has to Offer

www.woodcountytourism.com

Includes a list of local fairs and festivals, along with places to visit and things to do around the County.
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Promotional video highlights Wood County.
View it on the County’s website, www.co.wood.oh.us
www.co.wood.oh.us

- Links to Elected Official and Departmental Websites
- Real Estate Information, Tax Payments, Index searches
- Voter Location Search
- Court Records Search
- Dog Adoptions/Dog License Purchase
- Marriage License and Probate Records
- Sheriff’s Sales
- Sex Offender Database
- Interactive Maps
- Road Closings
- Building Permit Inquiry
- Bids/Requests for Proposals
- Internet Auction of Surplus Items
Watch for the 2014 Annual Report in the mail