Fairfield County, Ohio

Citizens’ Report

Popular Annual Financial Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Issued by Barbara Curtiss
Fairfield County Auditor
The Turkey Run Primitive Baptist Church, located in Amanda township, was built and dedicated in 1835. In that year, more than 500 people from the surrounding area turned out for the church’s dedication. Because the church could seat only 80 people, the service was held on the adjacent hillside. The creek behind the church (Turkey Run) was used over the years for immersion baptisms.

The church provided faithful service to its members over many generations. The three remaining members of the congregation made a gift of this church to the Fairfield County Historical Parks District in 2000. The last service was held in September 2001.

The Fairfield County Historical Parks District now owns and maintains this structure.

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AWARDS

Fairfield County participates in various awards programs sponsored by the Government Finance Officer’s Association (GFOA). Each individual program has certain requirements that must be met in order to qualify. During fiscal year 2002, the County received the following financial awards:

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
  Given for outstanding preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
The County received this award in 2002 for the 13th consecutive year.

Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting
  Given for outstanding preparation of the Popular Annual Financial Report
The County received this award in 2002 for the first time. Its 2001 popular report was the County’s first submission to this program.

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Citizens of Fairfield County

I am pleased to present the Fairfield County Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2002. This report provides a brief analysis of the sources of County revenues and where those dollars are spent, the County’s financial position, and an overview of local economic trends. Above all, it is designed to present a more readable and understandable financial report.

The information in this report was drawn from the financial information appearing in the 2002 Fairfield County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR was prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and was audited by the Ohio Auditor of State, receiving an unqualified opinion. An unqualified opinion means that the general purpose financial statements of the County are fairly presented and without material misrepresentation. The CAFR consists of more than 250 pages of detailed financial statements, notes, schedules, and reports.

The PAFR is a condensed, more user-friendly financial report intended to provide highlights of the primary government from the County’s CAFR. The CAFR contains information from all Fairfield County funds and account groups and is designed to bring greater awareness of the financial condition of our county to its citizens and other interested parties.

The PAFR, however, is unaudited and is presented on a non-GAAP basis. The major differences between GAAP and non-GAAP reporting deals with not including component units and in the presentation of segregated funds, as well as full disclosure of all material financial and non-financial events in notes to the financial statements. Individuals who desire to review GAAP basis, full disclosure financial statements should refer to the County’s CAFR, which is available from the County Auditor’s office and online at www.co.fairfield.oh.us/AUDITOR/index.htm.

The Popular Annual Financial Report of Fairfield County is presented as a means of enhancing the public’s confidence in County government and the stewardship of its elected officials through easier, more friendly financial reporting. As you review the following pages, I invite you to share any questions, concerns, or recommendations you may have. Please call the Fairfield County Auditor’s Office with questions, comments, or suggestions regarding this report at (740) 687-7160.

Sincerely,

Barbara Curtiss
Fairfield County Auditor
HOW TO CONTACT US

Fairfield County Website
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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Commissioners
Jon D. Myers ................................... (740) 687-7198
Judith K. Shupe ............................... (740) 687-7195
Mike Kiger ........................................ (740) 687-7199

Auditor
Barbara Curtiss ................................ (740) 687-7027

Clerk of Courts
Ron Balser ........................................... (740) 687-7113

Coroner
Dr. Thomas R. Vajen .......................... (740) 687-6774

Engineer
Frank Anderson ..................................... (740) 687-7050

Prosecutor
David L. Landefeld ................................. (740) 653-4259

Recorder
Gene Wood ............................................ (740) 687-7100

Sheriff
Dave Phalen .......................................... (740) 653-5223

Treasurer
Jon Slater, Jr. ...................................... (740) 687-7140

Court of Common Pleas:
  General
Judge Joseph T. Clark ........................... (740) 687-7059
Judge Chris A. Martin ............................. (740) 687-7040

Court of Common Pleas:
  Probate and Juvenile
Judge Steven O. Williams ........................ (740) 687-7135

Court of Common Pleas:
  Domestic Relations
Judge S. Farrell Jackson .......................... (740) 687-7087

PRINCIPAL APPOINTED OFFICIALS
AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Administrator
Patrick Harris ....................................... (740) 687-7106

Clerk of County Commissioners
Jacqueline Long ...................................(740) 687-7191

Human Resources Director
Anita Hager .......................................... (740) 687-6775

Board of Elections Director
Alice Nicolia ........................................... (740) 687-7000

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent
Joe Spybey .......................................... (740) 687-6772

Dog Warden
Mike Miller ............................................ (740) 653-4582

Sanitary Engineer
Kerry Hogan ........................................... (740) 687-7014

Department of Jobs and Family Services
  Director
Michael Orlando .................................. (740) 687-6725

Alcohol, Drug Addiction and
Mental Health Board Director
Orman Hall .......................................... (740) 654-0829

Mental Retardation and Developmental
Disabilities Board Superintendent
John Pekar .......................................... (740) 687-7244

Emergency Services Administrator (Acting)
Michelle Dille ...................................... (740) 654-2217

Health Commissioner (Acting)
Dr. Mark Aebi ....................................... (740) 653-5317

Veterans Services Director
Eddie Mohler ........................................... (740) 687-7121

Fairfield County Airport Authority President
Steve Goodyear ..................................... (740) 654-7001
The County’s financial activities are accounted for primarily in the governmental funds where the focus is not profit or loss, but rather on services required and the cost to provide those services. Those services are described in the “Services Rendered” section below, and the means to pay for those services are described in the “Financial Resources” section. The County’s other major activities are accounted for in the proprietary funds, composed of the Water and Sewer enterprise fund operations and a self-funded health insurance fund (internal service) for County employees.

Financial Resources are monies the County receives from a variety of sources to pay for services it provides.

Taxes are revenues from sales taxes, real estate taxes, personal property taxes, trailer taxes, motor vehicle license taxes, and property transfer taxes.

Licenses and Permits are revenues from the selling of vendor, cigarette, junkyard, and dog licenses and other items.

Charges for Services are fees paid by the public to various County departments and agencies.

Fines and Forfeitures are revenues derived from fines levied in the courts and money received from a variety of forfeitures, including drug arrests and seized property.

Intergovernmental Revenues are primarily grants and funding from the State of Ohio and the Federal Government.

Special Assessments are levied on real estate tax bills by the County and other governments for providing improvements to citizens’ properties, such as sewer service or drainage management.

Water and Sewer Revenues are the combined charges for services to customers by the Water and Sewer Department.

Health Insurance revenues are charges made to all County offices and agencies to provide health benefits to County employees.

Services Rendered are the amounts spent to provide services to citizens.

Legislative and Executive expenditures are the costs incurred for administrative offices, including the Auditor, Commissioners, Treasurer, Prosecutor, and Recorder.

Judicial expenditures are the costs of administrating justice through the Fairfield County Courts system.

Public Safety expenditures are the costs of the Coroner, Probation, and Sheriff’s departments.

Public Works expenditures are the costs incurred by the Engineer to maintain county roads and bridges.

Health expenditures include services provided by the Board of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities, Dog and Kennel, and the Mental Health and Recovery Services.

Human Services expenditures are the costs of operating the Job and Family Services department.

Transportation expenditures are costs related to the Airport.

Intergovernmental expenditures are the costs associated with the County contributing annually to local governments and organizations.

Capital Outlay expenditures are specifically related to the purchase, acquisition, and construction of improvements to County buildings, land, equipment, and vehicles.

Debt Service expenditures are the interest and principal payments made on County debt.

Water and Sewer Expenses are the combined costs to operate the County’s water and sewer districts.

Health Insurance expenses are the costs to provide insurance for medical-related expenses to County employees.
The Financial Activity Statement, known by many as the Income Statement, is designed to provide a record of the money received and spent by the County during the past year.

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<tr>
<th>Financial Resources</th>
<th>2002</th>
<th>2001</th>
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<tr>
<td>Taxes</td>
<td>$ 22,932,388</td>
<td>$ 21,207,200</td>
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<td>Licenses and Permits</td>
<td>238,861</td>
<td>241,904</td>
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<td>Charges for Services</td>
<td>7,212,334</td>
<td>6,365,459</td>
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<td>Fines and Forfeitures</td>
<td>638,224</td>
<td>437,874</td>
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<td>Intergovernmental</td>
<td>33,572,302</td>
<td>33,556,563</td>
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<td>Special Assessments</td>
<td>299,684</td>
<td>255,356</td>
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<td>Water and Sewer Revenues</td>
<td>5,795,314</td>
<td>6,365,045</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>2,177,621</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>764,661</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>1,281,036</td>
<td>2,272,389</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
<td>4,528,345</td>
<td>3,929,282</td>
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<td>Total ResourcesReceived</td>
<td>79,440,770</td>
<td>78,096,970</td>
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<th>Services Rendered</th>
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<td>Legislative and Executive</td>
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<td>Judicial</td>
<td>4,162,547</td>
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<td>Public Safety</td>
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<td>Public Works</td>
<td>4,073,333</td>
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<td>Health</td>
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<td>Human Services</td>
<td>17,096,811</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>129,908</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>1,092,605</td>
<td>865,928</td>
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<td>Intergovernmental</td>
<td>1,742,673</td>
<td>511,524</td>
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<td>Capital Outlay</td>
<td>8,678,238</td>
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<td>Debt Service</td>
<td>3,515,217</td>
<td>3,522,543</td>
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<td>Water and Sewer Expenses</td>
<td>3,557,617</td>
<td>3,449,683</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
<td>4,767,993</td>
<td>4,061,990</td>
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<td>Total Services Rendered</td>
<td>81,516,482</td>
<td>81,052,601</td>
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Financial Resources Received       | (2,075,712) | (2,955,631) |

This table includes the governmental and proprietary funds.
WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

Fairfield County Revenues for 2002
$79,440,770

WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT

Fairfield County Expenditures for 2002
$81,516,482
The **Financial Position Statement**, known by many as the Balance Sheet, is designed to provide a picture of the County’s financial position at the end of the year.

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<th>Assets</th>
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<td>Cash</td>
<td>$40,073,785</td>
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<td>Receivables</td>
<td>$28,862,221</td>
<td>$29,756,640</td>
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<td>Property and equipment</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Other assets</td>
<td>$1,520,577</td>
<td>$894,274</td>
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<td>Total Assets</td>
<td>$70,456,583</td>
<td>$70,010,257</td>
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<th>Liabilities</th>
<th>2002</th>
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<td>Accrued wages and benefits</td>
<td>$1,240,598</td>
<td>$1,086,854</td>
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<td>Payables</td>
<td>$2,936,697</td>
<td>$1,937,467</td>
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<td>Due to other funds and governments</td>
<td>$1,549,358</td>
<td>$734,140</td>
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<td>Notes, bonds, loans, and leases payable</td>
<td>$1,100,000</td>
<td>$11,075,000</td>
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<td>Other liabilities</td>
<td>$24,445,435</td>
<td>$23,009,704</td>
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<td>Total Liabilities</td>
<td>$31,272,088</td>
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<th>Net Equity - Excess of Assets Over Liabilities</th>
<th>2002</th>
<th>2001</th>
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<td>$39,184,495</td>
<td>$32,167,092</td>
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**Assets** are those items owned by the County that will provide a benefit in the future.

**Cash** is the amount of physical cash held by the County in checking accounts and on hand for purposes of paying expenses.

**Receivables** represent the amounts that are owed to the County and are expected to be paid over the course of the next twelve months.

**Property and equipment** represents the furniture, equipment, vehicles, land, buildings, and water and sewer equipment that provide for an economic benefit to the County of more than one year.

**Liabilities** are those items that the County owes to individuals, companies, other governments, and lenders.

**Accrued wages and benefits** are those payments that the County owes to employees for salaries, the associated benefits, and accrued leave.

**Payables** are those payments that the County owes to companies or individuals who supply services or goods to the County.

**Due to other funds and governments** are primarily the amounts owed to other funds or entities of the County from property taxes. The remainder is amounts owed to other governments outside the County for goods or services provided by them to the County.

**Notes, bonds, loans, and leases payable** are the amounts owed for the issuance of debt on which the County still owes.
THE COUNTY’S DEBT INSTRUMENTS
Fairfield County, Ohio
As of December 31, 2002

The County employs the use of several different types debt instruments for short and long-term financing.

Bond Anticipation Notes are generally short-term debt instruments due in one year or less and are issued to raise money for projects of the County. These notes are usually converted into bonds after a short period of time.

### General Obligation Bonds
are long-term debt instruments that are repaid from the County’s general revenue sources. They are backed by the full faith and credit of the County.

### Special Assessment Bonds
are issued to pay for improvements benefiting property owners. The property owners repay the County over a period of years for the debt.

### EPA Loan
are debt instruments issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and are repaid from the County’s Sewer Fund.

### Capital Leases
are contracts made by the County’s departments for the acquisition of assets such as copiers, mail machines, and so forth. The departments pay for these contracts from their annual budgets.

#### SUMMARY OF DEBT OBLIGATIONS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

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<td>Bond Anticipation Notes</td>
<td>$21,175,000</td>
<td>$26,901,632</td>
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<td>General Obligation Bonds</td>
<td>$19,950,000</td>
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<td>$680,000</td>
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<td>Special Assessment Bonds</td>
<td>$1,158,000</td>
<td>$983,367</td>
<td>$110,000</td>
<td>$2,031,367</td>
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<td>EPA Loan</td>
<td>$2,293,417</td>
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<td>$156,419</td>
<td>$2,136,998</td>
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<td>Capital Leases</td>
<td>$856,659</td>
<td>$293,242</td>
<td>433,004</td>
<td>$716,897</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$45,433,076</strong></td>
<td><strong>$28,178,241</strong></td>
<td><strong>$23,754,423</strong></td>
<td><strong>$49,856,894</strong></td>
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Allocation of County’s Debt

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<th>Fund</th>
<th>Percent</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Governmental Funds</td>
<td>47.5%</td>
<td>$23,691,690</td>
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<td>Water and Sewer Funds (self-funded)</td>
<td>52.5%</td>
<td>$26,165,204</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>$49,856,894</strong></td>
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#### DEBT OUTSTANDING TREND ANALYSIS
Past Five Years

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<th>1998</th>
<th>1999</th>
<th>2000</th>
<th>2001</th>
<th>2002</th>
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<td>Bond Anticipation Notes</td>
<td>$6,075,000</td>
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<td>$21,175,000</td>
<td>$25,701,632</td>
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<td>General Obligation Bonds</td>
<td>$5,900,000</td>
<td>$13,660,000</td>
<td>$13,410,000</td>
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<td>$19,270,000</td>
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<td>Special Assessment Bonds</td>
<td>$725,000</td>
<td>$674,000</td>
<td>$1,262,760</td>
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<td>EPA Loan</td>
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<td>$2,136,998</td>
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<td>$183,568</td>
<td>$607,140</td>
<td>$856,659</td>
<td>$716,897</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$15,752,786</td>
<td>$25,926,828</td>
<td>$37,205,342</td>
<td>$45,433,076</td>
<td>$49,856,894</td>
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TAX REVENUES
Fairfield County, Ohio

Breakdown of Tax Collections in 2002
$22,932,388

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<tr>
<th>Fund</th>
<th>Real Estate $</th>
<th>Personal Property $</th>
<th>Total $</th>
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<td>General</td>
<td>5,079,294</td>
<td>339,280</td>
<td>5,418,574</td>
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<td>Road and Bridge</td>
<td>966,403</td>
<td>65,239</td>
<td>1,031,642</td>
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<td>Mental Health</td>
<td>392,470</td>
<td>97,859</td>
<td>490,329</td>
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<td>Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities</td>
<td>4,230,734</td>
<td>417,530</td>
<td>4,648,264</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>10,668,901</td>
<td>919,908</td>
<td>11,588,809</td>
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Permissive Sales $9,988,804
Property Transfer $578,552
Personal Property $1,063,686
Real Estate $10,169,814
Hotel $123,996
Mobile Home $23,052

Tax Levies for 2002

Ten Largest Taxpayers in 2002

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<tr>
<th>Enterprise</th>
<th>Nature of Business</th>
<th>Value To Be Taxed</th>
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<tr>
<td>Anchor Hocking Glass Corporation</td>
<td>Glass manufacturer</td>
<td>$24,595,720</td>
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<td>Ohio Power</td>
<td>Electric utility</td>
<td>$22,733,210</td>
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<td>Columbia Gas Transmission</td>
<td>Natural gas utility</td>
<td>$22,023,120</td>
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<td>Glimcher Holdings (includes Glimcher Centers LTD)</td>
<td>Real estate partnership</td>
<td>$18,902,590</td>
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<td>South Central Power</td>
<td>Electric utility</td>
<td>$15,993,050</td>
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<td>Ralston Food Inc.</td>
<td>Food processor</td>
<td>$9,406,700</td>
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<td>Brentwood Lake Inc.</td>
<td>Real estate rentals</td>
<td>$8,577,360</td>
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<td>McDermott Inc. (dba Diamond Power International)</td>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>$7,382,900</td>
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<td>Ohio Bell Telephone</td>
<td>Telephone utility</td>
<td>$6,012,380</td>
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<td>Cyril Scott</td>
<td>Printing</td>
<td>$5,854,510</td>
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PROPERTY VALUES AND TAX COLLECTIONS
Fairfield County, Ohio

Property Values for the Last Ten Years

Property Tax Collections for the Last Ten Years
AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
Fairfield County, Ohio

EMPLOYED vs. UNEMPLOYED COUNTY CITIZENS
COUNTY POPULATION

The 2000 population figure is an actual count – from the U. S. Census Bureau. The years 1993–1999 and 2001 are estimates, annually provided by the U. S. Census Bureau. The Ohio Department of Development provided the estimate for 2002.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE WORKFORCE

By Function of Government

These employees are paid from revenues in the general governmental funds and in the enterprise funds.
MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS
Fairfield County, Ohio

Date created......................................................... December 1800
County seat......................................................... Lancaster, Ohio
2002 Census population estimate................. 128,780
2000 Census population................................. 122,759
Number of municipalities.............................. 14
Number of townships.......................................... 13
Area........................................................................ 505 square miles; ranked 23rd of the 88 Ohio counties
Water lines.......................................................... 511,239 feet - 4,947 customer accounts
Sewer lines.......................................................... 649,940 feet - 5,576 customer accounts
County roads....................................................... 352.19 miles
Township roads................................................... 567.73 miles
State routes......................................................... 195.63 miles
Number of licensed drivers.............................. 88,907
Number of County employees......................... 798

Health Care
Hospitals, outpatient medical centers............. Fairfield Medical Center, River View Surgery Center
Hospital beds...................................................... 235
Nursing homes.................................................... 10
Nursing home beds.............................................. 879

Public Education
Public schools..................................................... 42
Students............................................................... 16,057
Average Number of Students Per Teacher........ 19.2
School districts................................................... 13
Institutions of higher education...................... Ohio University - Lancaster (4,000 students)
................................................................. Southeastern Business College (150 students)

Recreation and Travel
Municipal parks.................................................. 24 parks - 650 acres
Public tennis courts........................................... 17
Health clubs/fitness centers............................ 8
Day and night baseball diamonds................... 25
Golf courses....................................................... 6
Museums............................................................. 15
Libraries.............................................................. 8
County fairgrounds.......................................... 1, with 68 acres
Hotels/motels..................................................... 11, with 685 rooms
Bed & Breakfast Inns.......................................... 8
Campgrounds..................................................... 4
Radio stations..................................................... 3
Newspapers - daily............................................. Lancaster Eagle Gazette - daily circulation of 17,000
Newspapers - weekly........................................ 2

Voting Statistics (2002 General Election)
Registered voters............................................. 76,212
Actual voters..................................................... 40,307
Percentage of actual voters to registered voters... 52.89%

Sources: Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, US Census Bureau/County and City Data Book,
Ohio Department of Public Safety, and various offices of the Fairfield County government.