



State of Union County

Success Through Partnerships

Board of County Commissioners 2021



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Union County Facts

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Population

**Union County
Population**
64,971

In the past 30 yrs.
(1990 to 2020)
Union County has
seen a 96% increase
in population.

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County Seat

**Marysville:
Population**
25,571

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Cities

**Dublin;
Population**
49,328
(Union County
4,195)

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Villages

Magnetic
Springs,
Milford Center,
Plain City,
Richwood,
Unionville Center

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Townships

Allen,
Claibourne,
Darby, Dover,
Jackson, Jerome,
Leesburg,
Liberty,
Millcreek, Paris,
Taylor, Union,
Washington,
Washington
(Dublin), York

Union County Demographics

	Union County	United States
High School Diplomas	94.3%	90%
Bachelor's or Higher	35.5%	32.1%
Labor Force Participation	63%	63.1%
Caucasian	90.5%	76.3%
Asian	4.9%	5.9%
Black/African American	2.7%	13.4%
	Union County	Franklin County
Median Household Income	\$88,561	\$61,305
Poverty	5.0%	15.4%
Owner-occupied Housing	80.1%	53.4%

Local Government Partnerships: A Key To Our Success

- Working with our local government partners to find ways to more efficiently provide essential services and improvements.
 - In cooperation with the City of Dublin and Franklin County the St. Rt.161 / Cosgray Road roundabout was completed in 2021.
 - A cooperative agreement was reached with ODOT and the City of Dublin for the construction of the Post Road interchange improvement project.
 - An agreement between the County, the Union County Port Authority, and the City of Marysville to establish an Automotive and Mobility Innovation Center (AMIC) was signed.





Local Government Partnerships: A Key To Our Success Continued

- Union County is a member of two Councils of Governments, one with the City of Marysville and the Marysville Exempted Village Schools and a second one with the Cities of Dublin and Marysville and the Union County Port Authority.
- We have rebranded the US 33 Council of Governments as The Beta District to allow for more flexibility in addressing new programs and opportunities
- We successfully executed a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement between the County and Amazon Data Services.
- Worked with other County agencies to support the 9-1-1 levy renewal and the Health District's levy renewal.

Regional and State Partnerships

- Work closely with One Columbus, JobsOhio, and DSA to promote job creation and retention, investment, and community development.
- Partner with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission on various mobility, environmental, economic, and infrastructure plans and projects.



Resource Pooling provides premium savings and enriched safety and benefit programs to Union County and our employees



- CORSA: The County Risk Sharing Authority provides comprehensive property and liability coverage and high quality risk management services at a stable and competitive cost.
 - 100% compliance on 2021 Loss Control Incentive Program



- CEBCO: The County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio currently serves 42 counties in the group purchasing of superior programs in health insurance and wellness advocacy.
- Out of 42 counties, Union County completed the 2020-21 Wellness Program with the 2nd highest levels of employee engagement.



- CCAO Group Retrospective Workers' Compensation: An alternative rating program offered by the Ohio BWC that allows employers to join together to earn refunds based upon the collective performance of the group.
 - Multiple premium discounts achieved (Safety Council, Go Green, etc.)

Commitment to Employee Health

- Elected Officials support employee health and well-being, and embrace wellness initiatives in the workplace, this is accomplished in recognition of the positive fiscal impact of a healthy workforce.
- In 2021, Union County was recognized for outstanding wellness achievements and the health education and activities that are available to employees and their families
- Healthiest Employer of Ohio (5th place winner for small business)
- Healthy Workplace Silver Award Winner





Records Center & Archives

- Stores 7,066 Boxes of Materials for 21 County Departments, Offices, Agencies & Partners
- Responded to 167 Public Record Requests in 2021 along with 275 Departmental and Office Requests
- Received 348 Boxes for Storage and Disposition from 12 County Offices and Departments
- Responsible for the Disposal of 418 Boxes of Materials from 22 County Offices
- Imaged 37,731 Documents in 2021 along with another 70,020 Images through a partnership with the Latter-day Saints
- Indexed 43,293 Records in 2021

<https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/archivist-home>

Emergency Management Agency

- Emergency Management manages the County Emergency Operations Center, as needed and provides the appropriate response for all partner agencies during natural disasters and other emergencies.
- Continued Covid-19 Response to include:
 - Operation of the County Emergency Operations Center
 - Distribution of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to partners and health care facilities such as masks, gloves and face shields
 - Supported the Union County Health Department's Vaccination Clinics
- Created or revised 12 county emergency plans
- Facilitated 6 training exercises for partners
- County Preparedness Activities
- Volunteer group assisted partners at 19 emergencies





Facilities Management

- The County Facilities Department works with all our County agencies to support all day-to-day activities and assists with emergencies and special needs.
 - Lighting project to light the historic courthouse clocktower for special events.
 - Upgrading interior lighting to LED fixtures for better efficiencies.

Grant Programs Completed 2021

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- The total award amount for the CDBG plan year 2020 Community Development grant program was \$150,000. The Village of Magnetic Springs received assistance with repairs to their neighborhood facility and the Village of Richwood received assistance with sewer facility improvements.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Critical Infrastructure Program

- The total award amount for the CDBG plan year 2020 Critical Infrastructure grants program was \$500,000. The Village of Richwood completed reconstruction work on Franklin Street which included drainage and curbs.

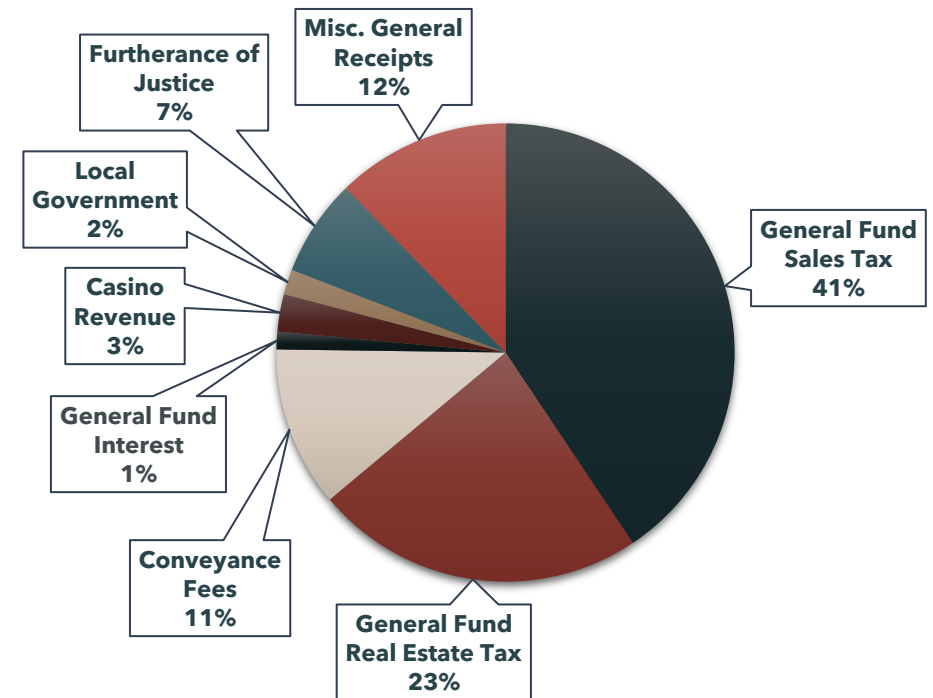
County Financial Objectives

- The County's financial objectives shall serve as criteria for evaluating the fiscal appropriateness of both current and future programs and activities.
- These objectives support the County's Strategic Planning process by directing the County's financial resources toward those programs and activities that meet the County's fiscal and strategic objectives. The fiscal integrity of the County will be of the highest priority. The objectives are driven by the Board's desire to:
 - Maintain the fiscal integrity of its operating, debt service and capital improvement budgets
 - Maximize the level of public goods and services while minimizing the level of taxes
 - Maintain adequate fund balances
 - Apply best practices
 - Restrict the use of one-time revenues

County General Fund

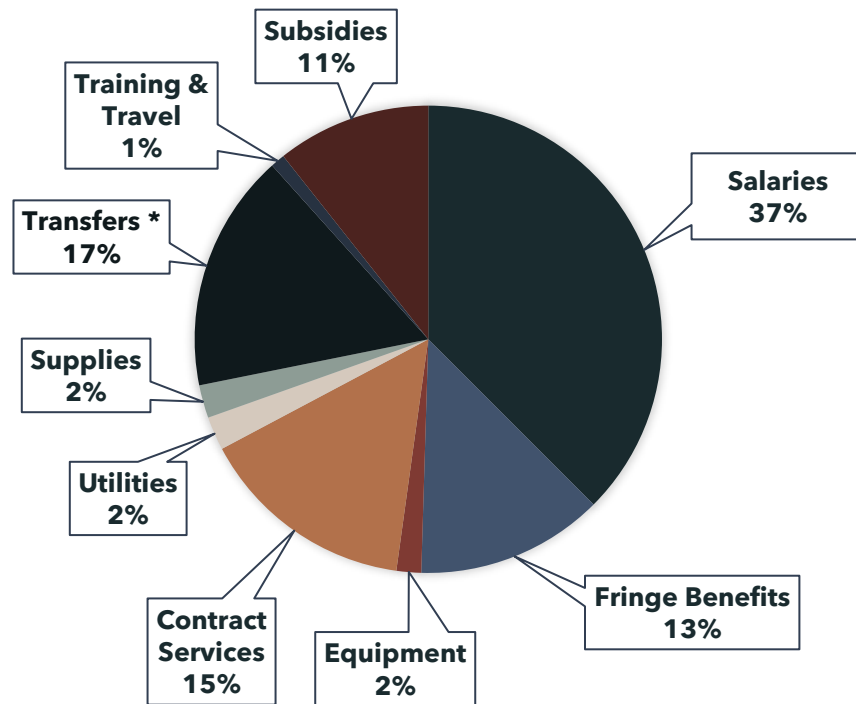
- **Furtherance of Justice**
 - This includes revenue received by the Common Pleas Court, Probate and Juvenile Court, Clerk of Courts, Prosecutor's Office and Sheriff's Office. It includes but is not limited to grant awards, fines, fees, contracts etc.
- **Local Government**
 - Revenue received from the State of Ohio based on a statutory formula (Section 5747.50, ORC). In 2008 the Local Government Fund LGF and the Local Government Revenue assistance Fund LGRAF were merged. The County receives a percentage share of all State general revenue tax collections.
- **Casino Revenue**
 - State local government casino revenue received by the County which is based on population (Section 5753.03, ORC).
- **General Fund Interest**
 - Interest revenue generated by the County Treasurer's investments.
- **Conveyance Fees**
 - State mandated revenue generated from a fee on the transfer or conveyance of real property (Section 322, ORC & Resolution 18-344).
- **General Fund Real Estate Tax**
 - Percentage of inside millage. This is the #2 revenue source for the County general fund.
- **General Fund Sales Tax**
 - Sales tax collected on retail sales in Union County. This is the #1 revenue source for the County general fund.
- **Misc. General Receipts**
 - Misc. revenue received, including but not limited to rent, reimbursements, refunds etc.

2021 Actual General Fund Revenue



County General Fund

2021 Actual General Fund Expenditures



- Subsidies
 - General fund areas of support: Planning - not mandatory; Human Services - mandatory; Medically Handicapped Children - mandatory; Economic Development - not mandated; Airport Operating - not mandatory; OSU Extension - partially mandatory; Apiary - not mandatory; Soil and Water Conservation - not mandatory; Richwood Independent Fair & Union County Fair - partially mandatory; Joint Recreation District, Historical Society - not mandatory; Humane Society - mandatory; Municipal Court - mandatory.
- Training & Travel
- *Transfers - These dollars fund General Fund Salary and Liability Fund, Budget Stabilization Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and the Capital Infrastructure Fund expenses for the coming budget cycle.
 - \$2.3 M collected over the estimated revenue.
 - \$2.2 M in CARES dollars contributed in part to \$4.6M in under expended appropriations.
- Supplies
- Utilities
- Contract Services
- Equipment
- Fringe Benefits
- Salaries

Key Initiatives

- Addressing the dynamic projected growth of the County.
- Began succession planning for the County Administrator's position with the authorization of a Deputy County Administrator.
- Continue to develop and implement a thoughtful and deliberative process for the use of the dollars received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- Successfully complete the Millcreek Log Jam Project.
- Continue to analyze the impact of large solar developments in Union County.
- Promoting smart sustainable business and residential growth in a manner which recognizes the County's agricultural heritage and encourages the preservation of farmland and open spaces.
- Update the County Comprehensive Plan which was last updated in 2013. An updated comprehensive plan is a way to inventory current conditions, provide a basic road map to current and prospective citizens, businesses, public officials, and developers. It will assist in establishing the goals that will lead to the County's vision for the future.

