

# Fulton County



## Annual Report 2014: A Year In Review



## 2014 Highlights From Around the County

- ▲ The Senior Center served a record breaking 560 meals to Seniors in July 2015.
- ▲ Fulton County Prosecutor Scott Haselman, in conjunction with the Fulton County Sheriff, Healthy Choices Caring Communities and the Four County ADAHMs Board, hosted a drug summit for over 200 community leaders at Founders Hall in December.
- ▲ Various Elected Officials presented to 7&8 graders at Archbold Middle School in an initiative to bring county government to schools. Elected Officials presented their roles, career paths and discussed the importance of civic and social responsibility.
- ▲ Fulton Soil & Water Conservation District hosted their 10th Annual Third Grade Ag Fest to all Fulton County Schools in August of 2014. Over 900 third graders learned about various aspects of agriculture.
- ▲ A Building Department was formed in Fulton County by adopting the Ohio State Building Codes and contracting with Wood County to perform the duties for this department. This department enforces all venues of building code.
- ▲ The Commissioners Corner radio show on 96.1 WMTR was launched as an initiative for National County Government month in April. The show interviews various Elected Officials and County Departments to explore their functions and deliver important messages.



### 2014 Fulton County Commissioners

Paul Barnaby



William Rufenacht



Perry Rupp

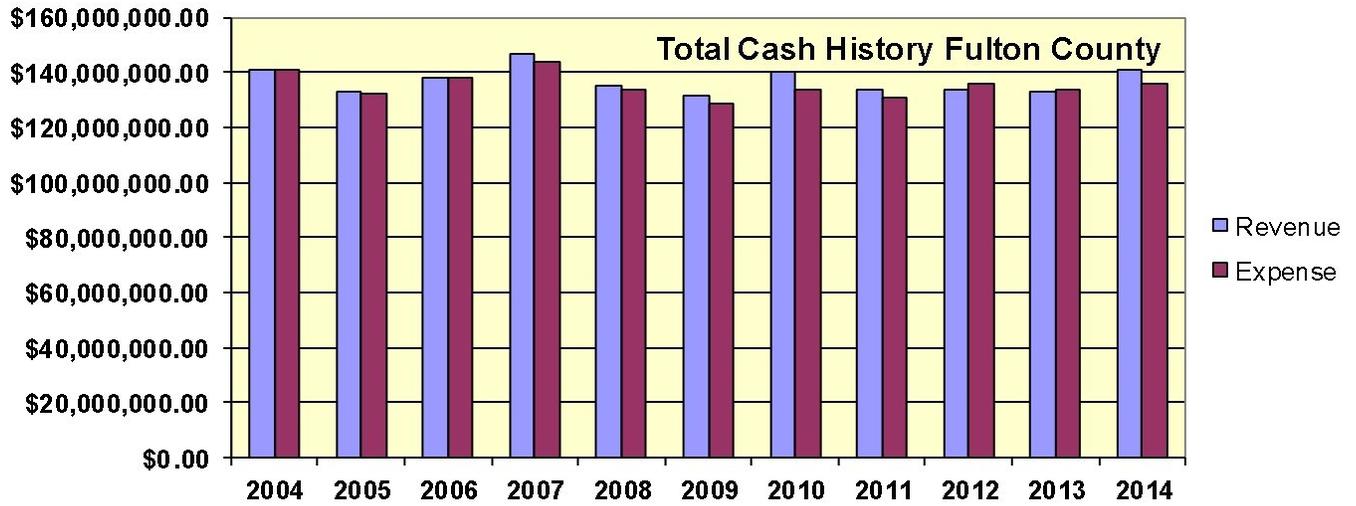


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Fulton County Courthouse, Lancaster, Ohio  
(picture courtesy of Fulton County Historical Society)

# Financial Activity Statement



## What's in a County?



LAW ENFORCEMENT



JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES



JOB & FAMILY SERVICES



WATER & SEWER SERVICES



EMERGENCY SERVICES



SENIOR CENTER



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



MAINTAINING ROADS



## Fulton County Receives Auditor of State Award

Fulton County has received the “Auditor of State Award” for its clean audit report in 2014.

The *Auditor of State Award* is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a “clean” audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State’s office in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity’s management letter contains no comments related to:
  - o Ethics referrals
  - o Questioned costs less than \$10,000
  - o Lack of timely report submission
  - o Reconciliation
  - o Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
  - o Findings for recovery less than \$100
  - o Public meetings or public records
- No other financial or other concerns exist that involve eligible entity.

“We’re so pleased to accept this award. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time in Fulton County history that we’ve had a clean audit,” states Brett J. Kolb, Fulton County Auditor. “The collaborative effort and hard work of all Elected Officials and county departments allows us to ensure we are responsibly conducting business in the best interest of Fulton County.”

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet several criteria. A full copy of the audit can be found online at [www.ohioauditor.gov](http://www.ohioauditor.gov).

## Engineer's Report

Before



After



Fulton County Road 3 Bridge,  
North of County Road B



Deputy Gladiux receiving the Deputy of the  
Year award from Sheriff Roy Miller.

2014 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	COST
2 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	\$423,779.28
3 MILES ROAD WIDENING/RECONSTRUCTION/ RECLAMATION	\$1,083,232.85
ASPHALT RESURFACING (9.5 MILES)	\$928,449.31
FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION/ASPHALT OVER- LAY (2.5 MILES)	\$393,399.80
CHIP/FOG SEAL (29 MILES)	\$404,136.43
PAVEMENT MARKING (226 CENTERLINE MILES)	\$111,882.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,451,019.46</b>

## Sheriff's Report

TYPE OF CALLS	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
ILL / INJURED	3317	3639	3810	3265	3391
SUSPICIOUS NATURE	1178	1234	1289	1408	1530
THREATS / HARASSMENT	419	391	366	286	250
VEHICLE / TRAFFIC OFFENSE	826	1278	1195	630	912
PROPERTY DAMAGE	1010	1292	1029	1180	1050
BURG / ASSAULT / VANDALISM	502	367	435	258	235
ANIMAL CALLS	456	553	518	442	456
DOMESTIC	438	460	429	431	380
JUVENILE / UNRULY	399	351	319	303	287
9-1-1 CALL VOLUME	11,107	13,806	13,512	13,155	12,417
WIRELESS 9-1-1 CALLS	79%	82%	76%	77%	69%



## **Fulton County Senior Center**

**240 Clinton Street  
Wauseon, OH 43567**

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1-800-686-9217  
Fax: 419-337-9289

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The Fulton County Senior Center exists to make a positive impact on the seniors in Fulton County. By offering nutrition programs, transportation and social opportunities, we believe the lives and health of the seniors are enhanced by the services we provide. The staff and volunteers work hard to meet the needs of the senior community. Sites are available in the following five areas: Archbold, Fayette, Delta, Swanton and Wauseon. All services offered through the Fulton County Senior Center are available to any Fulton County Resident who is age 60 and over.

The Fulton County Senior Center is a program of the Fulton County Commissioners, funded through levy money, donations and under the Title 111 Grants administered by the Ohio Department of Aging and the Area Office on Aging.

### **SENIOR SERVICES**

- Home Delivered Meals
- Congregate Meals
- Housekeeping
- Education
- Socialization
- Newsletter *The Senior B-zz*
- Medical Appointment
- Legal Services
- Computer Lab (Wauseon site)
- Exercise Classes
- Lending Libraries
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Day Trips
- Open Gym

### **MEAL PROGRAM**

YEAR	HOME DELIVERED MEALS	CONGREGATE MEALS	TOTAL MEALS
2012	62,218	16,949	79,167
2013	75,698	18,499	94,197
2014	86,753	20,848	107,601

**36% INCREASE IN TOTAL MEALS FROM 2012!**

**13,404 ADDITIONAL MEALS SERVED IN 2014!**

## HOUSEKEEPING

YEAR	SENIORS SERVED	HOURS OF SERVICE	MILES DRIVEN
2012	161	5,962	36,254
2013	192	7,421	43,368
2014	203	8,564	50,560

**44% INCREASE IN HOURS OF SERVICE  
FROM 2012!**

**Information and Referral** appointments have **increased 103%** since 2012. Call the Senior Center for an appointment today if you need assistance understanding insurance bills, Medicare, completing applications and more. Don't forget Medicare Open Enrollment October 15-December 7, 2015. In 2014, Fulton County Seniors saved **\$145,242.82**, an increase of **51%** over 2013, by coming in to have their Medicare Part D plans reviewed during Open Enrollment time.

## MEDICAL TRANSPORTATIONS

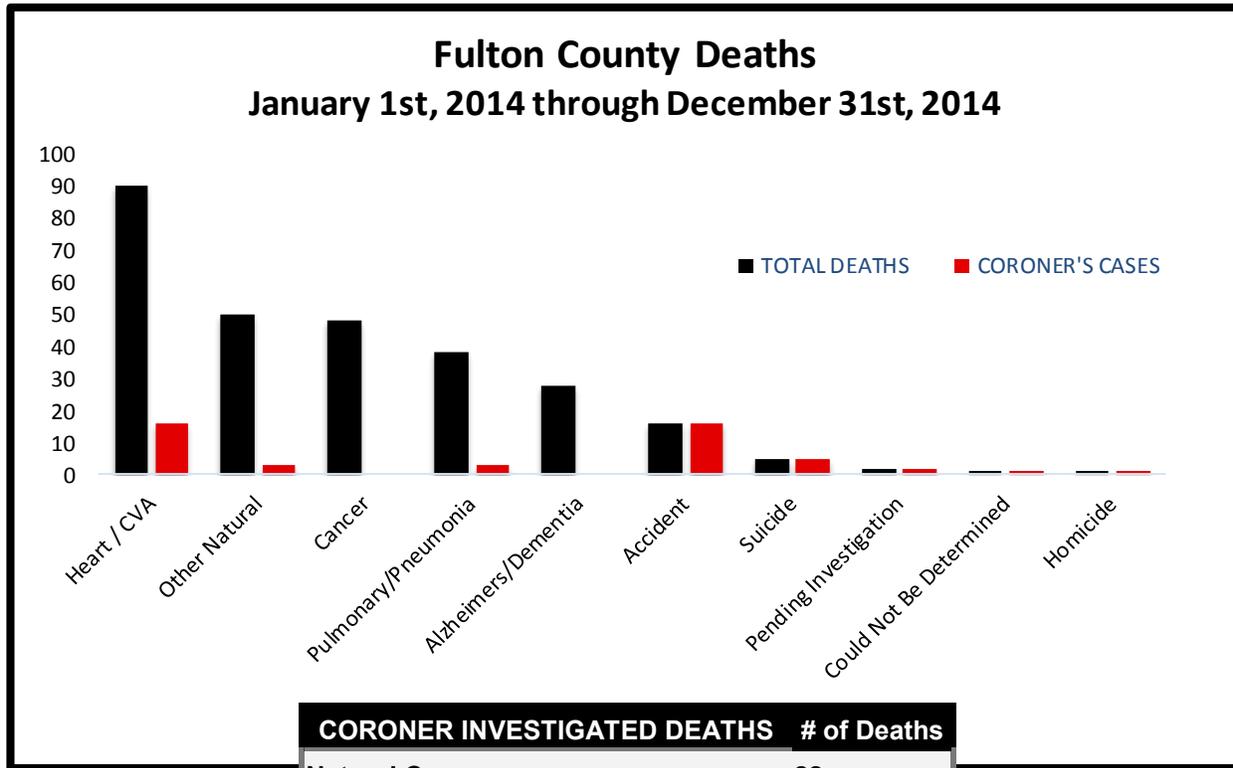
YEAR	SENIORS SERVED	VOLUNTEER HOURS	MILES DRIVEN	TRIPS
2012	107	1,094	35,519	904
2013	124	1,506	35,796	945
2014	149	2,196	43,878	1,162

**39% INCREASE IN SENIORS SERVED FROM 2012!  
29% INCREASE IN TRIPS FROM 2012!  
101% INCREASE IN VOLUNTEER HOURS FROM 2012!**



**THE PLACE TO BE FOR FULTON COUNTY SENIORS!  
CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION 419-337-9299.**

# Coroner's Report



**47 of the 279 (17%)  
deaths were referred to  
the Coroner in 2014**

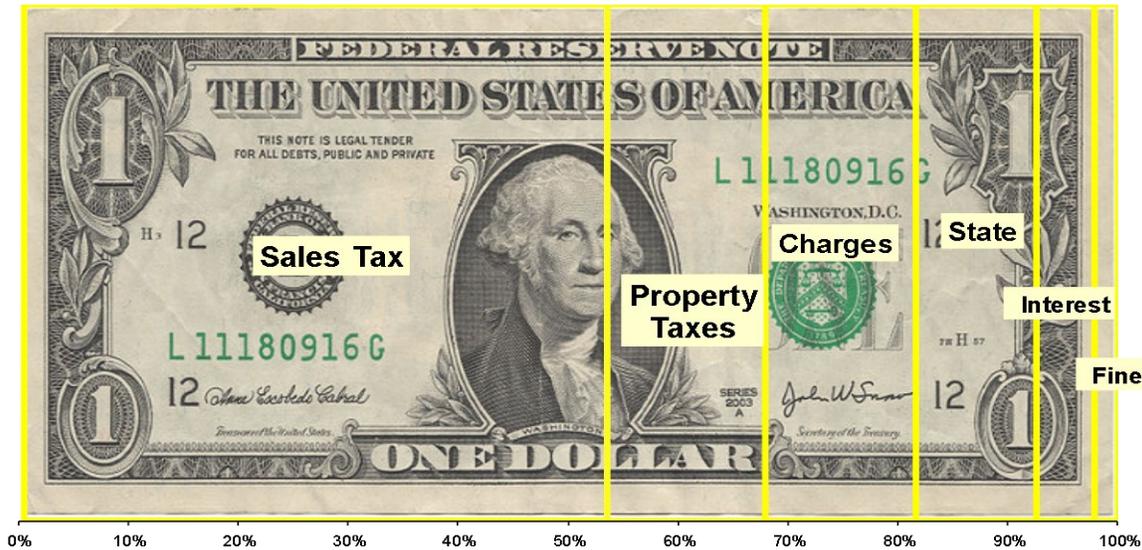
**279 total number of  
deaths for 2014 (297  
total deaths in 2013)**

<b>CORONER INVESTIGATED DEATHS</b>	<b># of Deaths</b>
Natural Causes	22
Accident- Auto vs Auto	6
Accident- Drug Related	3
Suicide-Hanging	3
Accident- Single Auto	2
Accident-Fall at Home	2
Pending Investigation	2
Accident-Drowning	1
Accident- Exsanguination	1
Accident-Hypothermia	1
Could Not be Determined	1
Homicide	1
Suicide-Gunshot	1
Suicide-Exsanguination Self Inflicted	1
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>47</b>

**8 of the 21 (38%)  
accidental and suicide  
deaths involved drug  
toxicity and/or alcohol**

# Revenues and Expenses

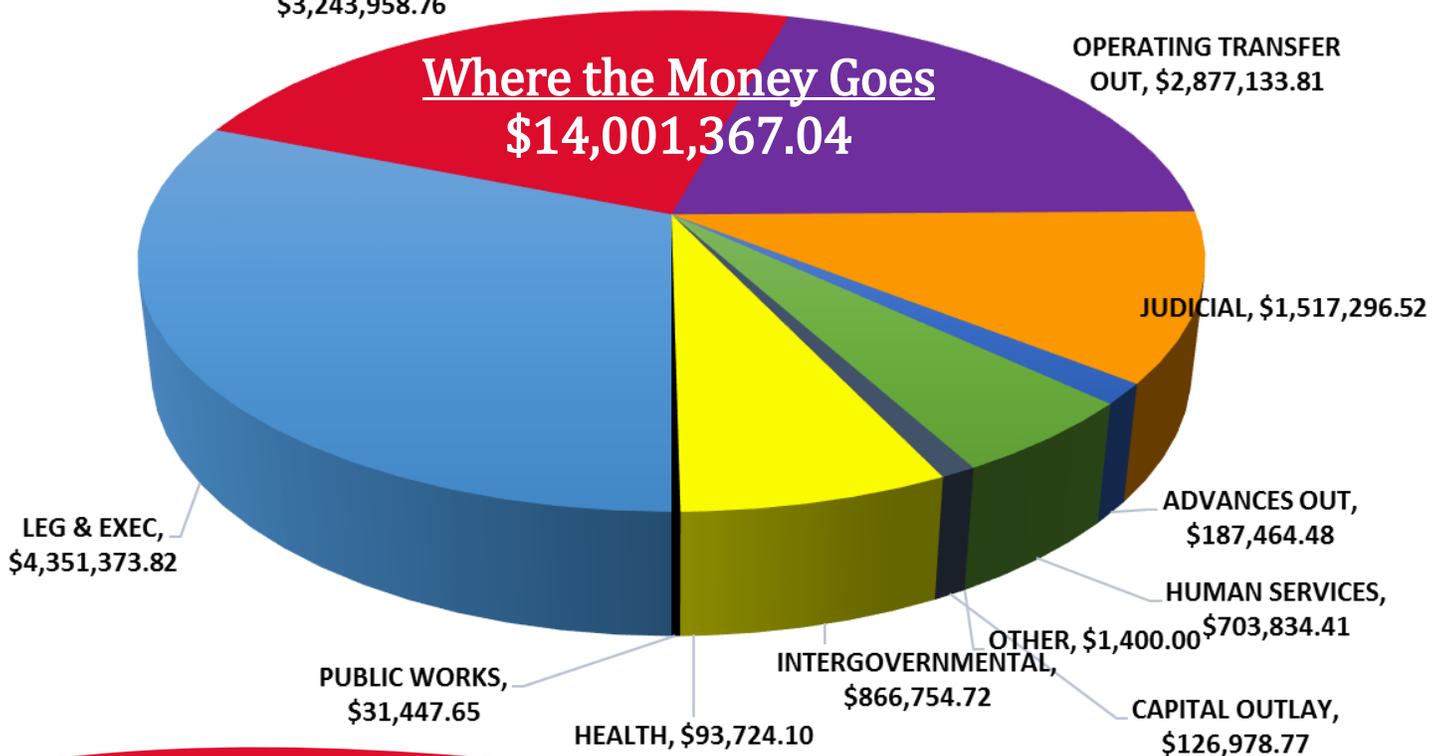
Revenue \$13,199,862.28



**PUBLIC SAFETY,  
\$3,243,958.76**

**OPERATING TRANSFER  
OUT, \$2,877,133.81**

## Where the Money Goes \$14,001,367.04





## Annual Report for 2014

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Phone: (419) 337-9217

All Fulton SWCD/NRCS programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital or family status, or handicap.

### Supervisors

**Bill Shininger**, Chairman  
**Jake Holland**, Vice-Chairman  
**Todd Studenka**, Secretary  
**Curt Jones**, Treasurer  
**Jim Rufenacht**, Fiscal Agent

### Staff

**Kim Bowles**, District Administrator  
**Pete Carr**, District Technician III  
**Amanda Podach**, Education/Public Information Specialist  
**Eric Riefers**, Ag/Natural Resources Technician  
**Jackie Savage**, District Technician I  
**Mike Weaver**, District Conservationist

*Mission Statement: Assist local residents, businesses and agencies in understanding and implementing their role in resource conservation.*

### Our Partners

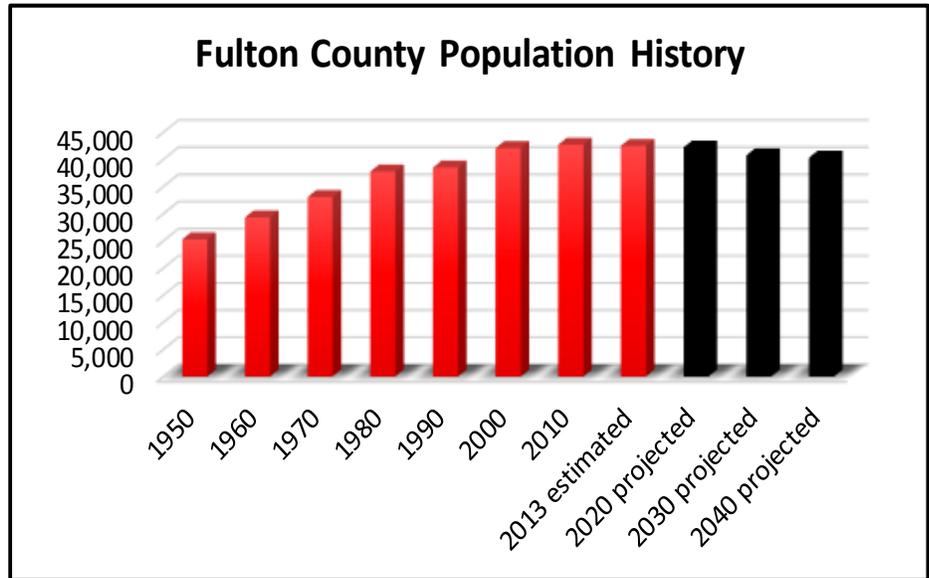
Fulton County Commissioners  
Fulton County Engineer  
Fulton County FSA Committee  
ODNR-Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Division of Forestry, Division of Wildlife  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA)  
Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission and Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
Ohio and US EPA  
Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Pheasants Forever, Fulton Co. Chapter  
Fulton County Farm Bureau  
Bad Creek Longbeards Chapter, Wild Turkey Federation  
Fulton County Sportsmen Club  
Conservation-minded land users/owners  
Fulton County educators  
Contractors and suppliers  
Program volunteers

### Accomplishments for 2014

- ◆ 31 Erosion Control Structures
- ◆ 4.62 acres of Grassed Waterways
- ◆ 7.9 miles of District Windbreaks
- ◆ Ohio's First 2-Stage Ditch Project with The Nature Conservancy
- ◆ 24.4 acres Oak Savanna
- ◆ 398 trees replaced for the Emerald Ash Borer devastation
- ◆ Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Nutrient Reduction Program—Best Management Practice incentives for Swan Creek, Bad Creek, Ai Creek, Fewless Creek, and Blue Creek
- ◆ Special EQIP Project for Sauder Village
- ◆ Chesterfield #2 Dead Ash Removal Project with County Commissioners and County Engineer—370 trees removed
- ◆ 5,365 seedlings sold-Tree Sale
- ◆ 12,166 fish sold-Annual Fish Sale
- ◆ 156 Passengers at Air Tour
- ◆ Public Officials Tour—20 attendees
- ◆ 519 School & Adult Presentations
- ◆ Woodland & Wildlife Workshop—200 attendees
- ◆ Cover Crop Workshop
- ◆ 3rd Grade Ag Fest-780 students
- ◆ Area 1 Envirothon—6 teams from Fulton County
- ◆ Kids' Outdoor Science Camp—23 Fulton County students
- ◆ Black Swamp Extravaganza 6 Fulton County Educators
- ◆ Monarch and More Family Fun Day—300 attendees
- ◆ Arbor Day Presentations—tree seedlings to all Fulton County 1st graders and presented with Wauseon Tree Commission
- ◆ Annual Meeting with Farm Bureau—235 attendees
- ◆ County soil judging—6 schools participated
- ◆ Wauseon Women's Garden Club-15 attendees (Rain Gardens)

## Fulton County Economic Indicators

Month	Unemployment Percentage
January	8.6%
February	8.1%
March	7.3%
April	5.7%
May	5.1%
June	6.0%
July	6.2%
August	4.9%
September	4.7%
October	4.2%
November	4.4%
December	5.1%

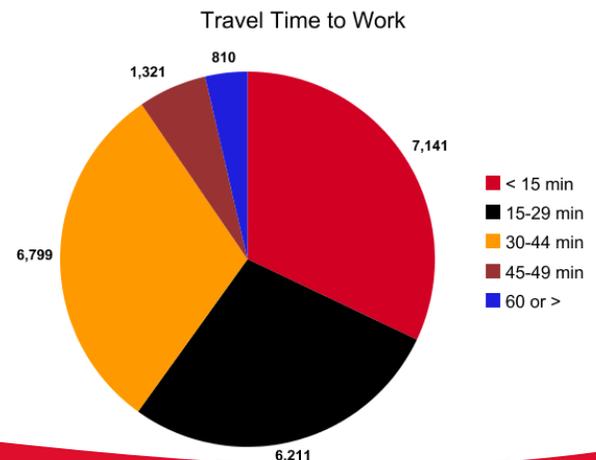


### AGRICULTURE

Land in Farms (acres)	195,356
Number of Farms	825
Average Size (acres)	237
Total Cash Receipts	\$175,744,000
Per Farm	\$213,023
Receipts for Crops	\$121,977,000
Receipts for Livestock/Products	\$53,767,000

Major Employers	Industry
ConAgra	Manufacturing
Fulton County Government	Government
Fulton County Health Center	Service
International Automotive Components	Manufacturing
North Star BlueScope Steel LLC	Manufacturing
Sanoh America, Inc.	Manufacturing
Sauder Woodworking Co	Manufacturing
TRW Automotive	Manufacturing
Worthington Industries	Manufacturing

Business Numbers	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Business Starts	73	59	72	76	70
Active Businesses	1,129	1,094	1,089	1,063	1,068



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## Your County Government

Adult Probation	337-9236	Health Department, WIC	337-6979
Airport	335-3993	Highway Department	335-7052
Auditor	337-9200	Juvenile Probation	337-9244
Board of Disabilities	337-4575	Educational Serv Ctr	567-444-4800
Elections	335-6841	OSU Extension	337-9210
BMV	335-8808	Probate Court	337-9242
Clerk of Courts - Legal	337-9230	Prosecuting Attorney	337-9240
-Auto Title	337-9204	Recorder	337-9232
Common Pleas Court	337-9260	Regional Planning	337-9214
County Commissioners	337-9255	Sanitary Engineer	337-9263
County Court - Eastern	826-5636	Senior Center	337-9299
County Court - Western	337-9212	Sheriff's Department	335-4010
Job & Family Services	337-0010	Soil & Water	337-9217
Dog Pound	337-9219	Transfer Station	337-9250
Drivers Examination	385-6479 (Toledo)	Treasurer	337-9252
Economic Development	337-9255	United Way	337-9606
EMA/EMS	337-9207	Veterans Service Office	337-9266
Engineer	335-3816	Workforce Development	337-9215
Fairgrounds	335-6006		
GED	337-9604		
GIS	337-9605		

For E-mail addresses, refer to  
[www.fultoncountyoh.com](http://www.fultoncountyoh.com)  
to look up by department if available