

2020 Ohio County Profiles: Mercer

County Name: Mercer	Mercer	Ohio Min	Ohio Max	Ohio	Mercer Rank ¹
Total Population	42,348	12,565	1,321,820	11,756,058	57
Total Population 60+	11,226	3,459	330,017	2,954,368	59
Total Population 65+	8,238	2,423	242,560	2,162,198	58
Percent of Population Age 65+	19.5	13.2	29.8	18.4	46
Population Age 85+ as a % of 65+	12.1	8.1	12.5	11.1	9
Percent 65+ Female	53.3	38.7	57.1	55.5	71
Percent 65+ Married	58.8	43.4	66.2	55.3	19
Percent 65+ Living Alone	32.0	18.1	37.3	28.9	16
Median 65+ Household Income (\$)	47,108	32,529	77,810	47,842	47
Percent 65+ Population Below Poverty	4.8	3.9	18.0	9.2	85
Percent 65+ who are Veterans	16.0	11.3	21.5	16.0	58
Percent 65+ with High School Diploma or Higher	88.6	65.7	95.2	87.4	38
Percent 65+ having Internet Access	75.9	55.2	90.2	79.0	46
Population 65+ having High Need for LTSS*	1,051	278	31,875	266,226	53
Population 65+ having Moderate Need for LTSS**	726	216	21,979	191,522	59
Population 65+ having Moderate or High Need	1,777	494	53,854	457,748	54
Life Expectancy at Birth	78.8	71.5	81.6	76.6	8
Life Expectancy at Age 65	18.9	16.2	20.4	18.5	11

Notes:

¹ Ranking (High to Low) - Higher ranks are associated with larger numbers for each category. For example, the county with highest 65+ population would rank #1 as would the county with the highest level of poverty.

***High Need** is defined as having 2 impairments with Activities of Daily Living (ADL) tasks (mobility, eating, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting) that require hands on assistance or a doctor’s diagnosis of Alzheimer’s Disease or Related Dementia or 1 impairment with ADL tasks and medication management assistance.

****Moderate Need** is defined as having 1 impairment with an Activity of Daily Living (ADL) task (mobility, eating, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting) that requires hands on assistance or 2 or more impairments in Instrumental Activity of Daily Living (IADL) tasks (Shopping, meal preparation, light housework) that require hands on assistance.

Source:

- Annual County Resident Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023 . CC-EST2023-ALLDATA-[ST-FIPS].
- U.S. Census Bureau. (2022). American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2018-2022. Retrieved from IPUMS NHGIS, University of Minnesota, www.nhgis.org.
- National Health and Aging Trends Study. Produced and distributed by www.nhats.org with funding from the National Institute on Aging (grant number NIA U01AG32947). Calculated using data from the Ohio Department of Development (ODD), Office of Research, “County Population Projections: 2020-2050”
- Mortality data used in the life expectancy calculations were provided by the Ohio Department of Health. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations, or conclusions.