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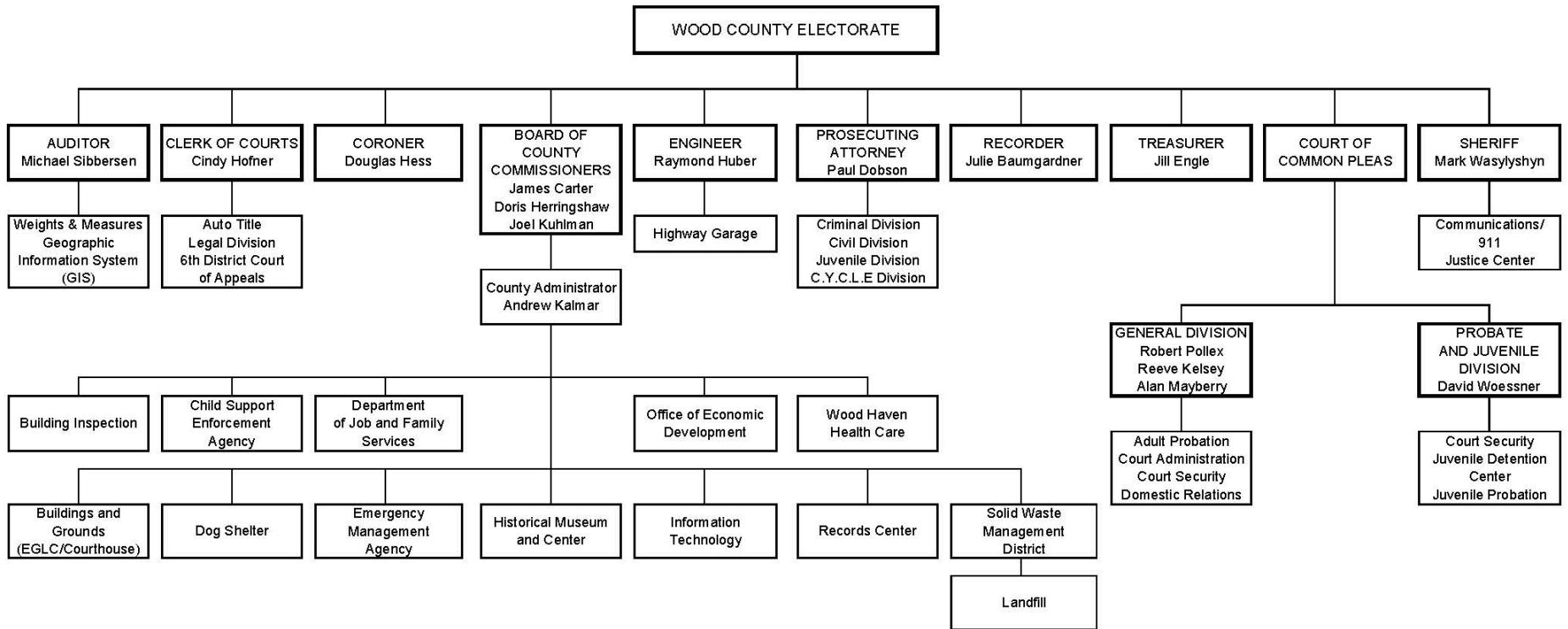
## Wood County, Ohio



Presented by the  
Wood County Commissioners  
March 19, 2015

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS	JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS	RELATED ORGANIZATIONS	INDEPENDENT COUNTY AGENCIES
Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Services	Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio (Serves 10 County Area)	District Public Library	Agricultural Society
Board of Elections	Northwest Community Corrections Center (Serves 5 County Area)	Park District	Economic Development Commission
Developmental Disabilities (Wood Lane)	Wood County Port Authority	Regional Airport Authority	Educational Service Center
Law Library			Health District
Planning Commission			Historical Society
Public Defender Commission			Northwestern Water and Sewer District
Senior Citizens Center/Committee on Aging			Ohio State University Extension
Veterans Service Commission			Soil and Water Conservation District

# Wood County Government



# 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



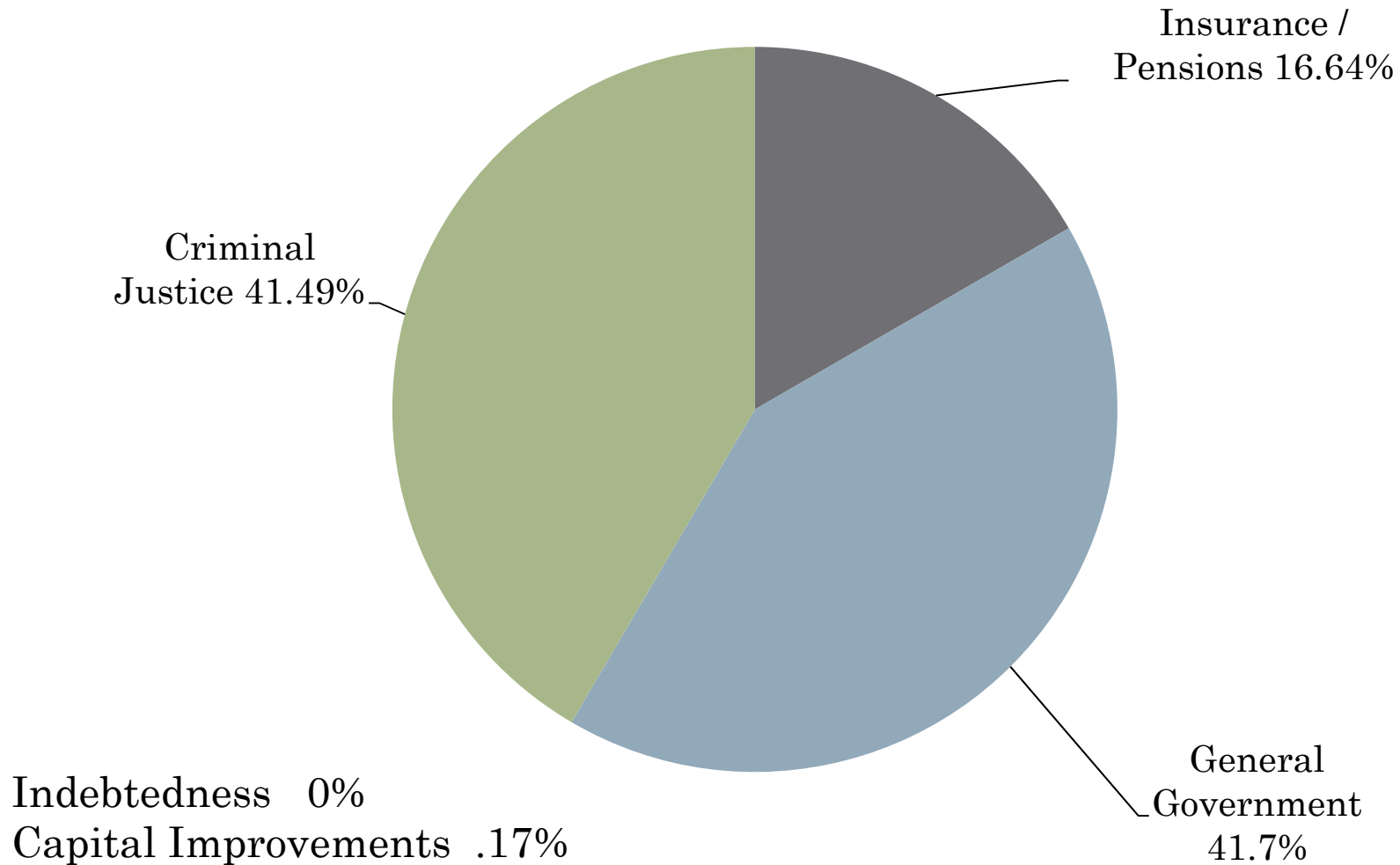
## Wood County Rankings for 2014 Production

#1 Soybeans – 150,400 acres, total production = 8,040,000 bu.

#3 Corn – 101,000 acres, total production = 18,400,000 bu.

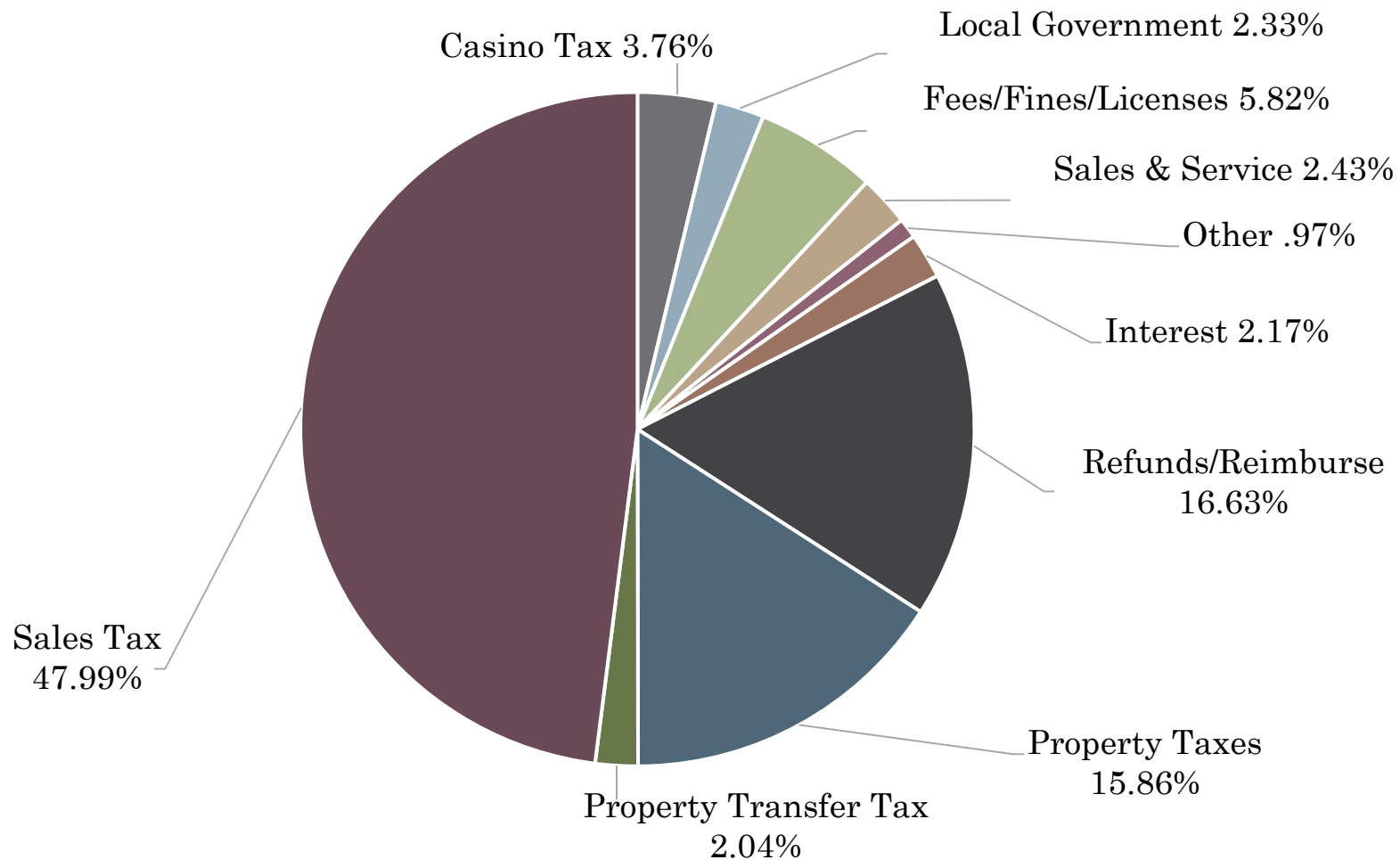
#4 Wheat – 26,100 acres, total production = 1,996,000 bu.

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2014 National Ag Statistic Service



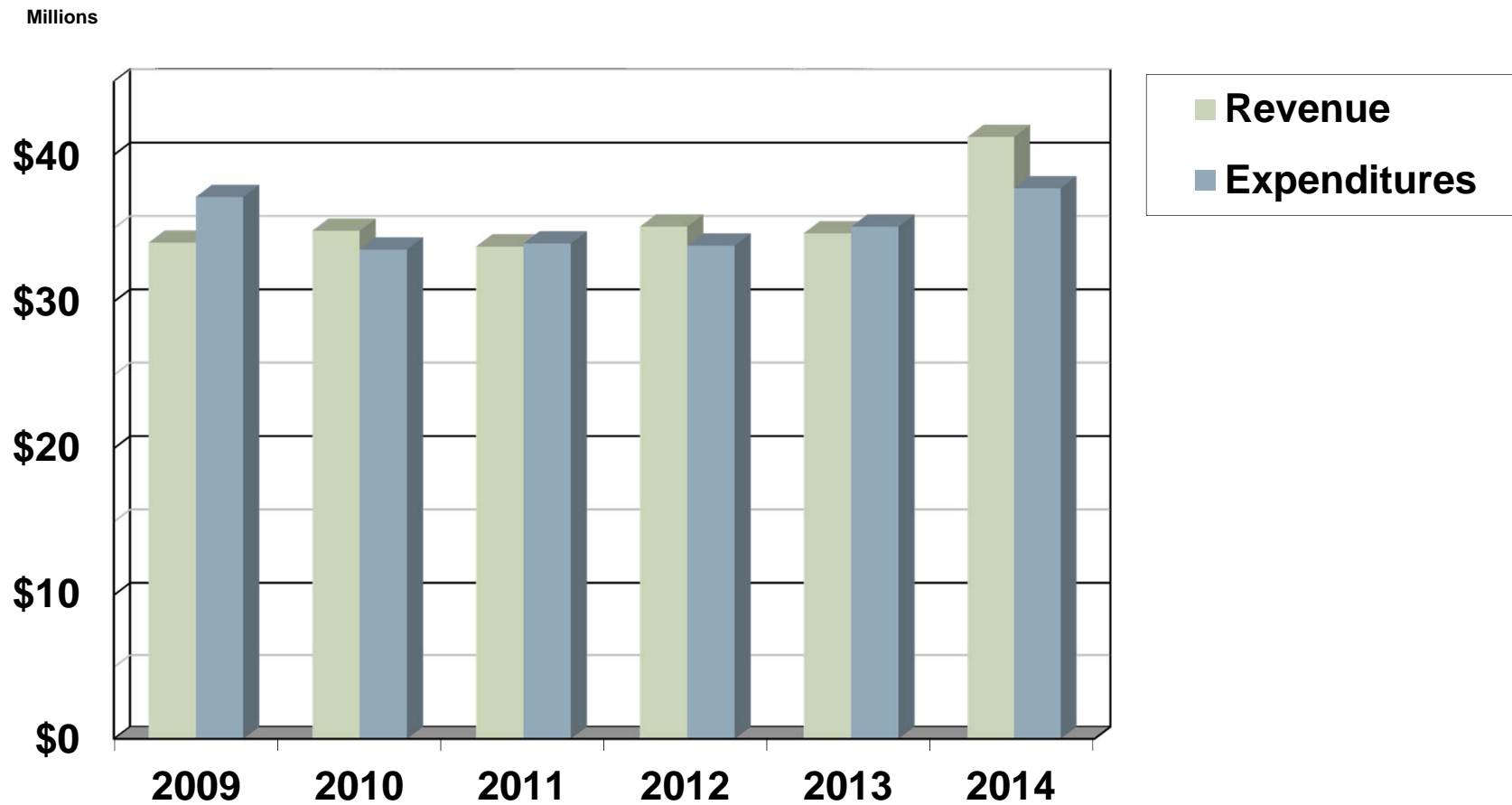
## 2014 General Fund Expenditures

**\$37,727,926.95**



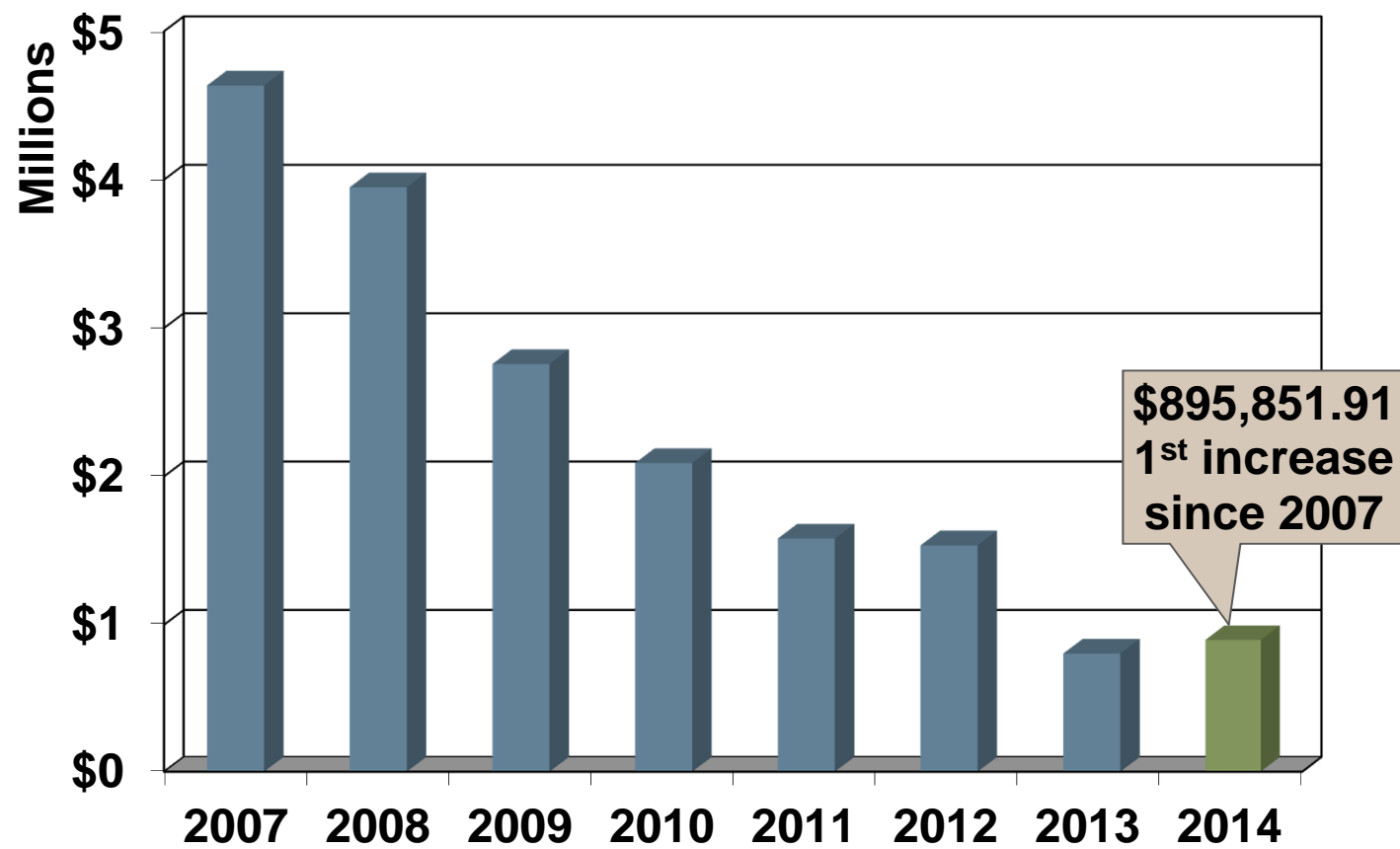
**2014 General Fund Revenue**

**\$41,226,449.60**

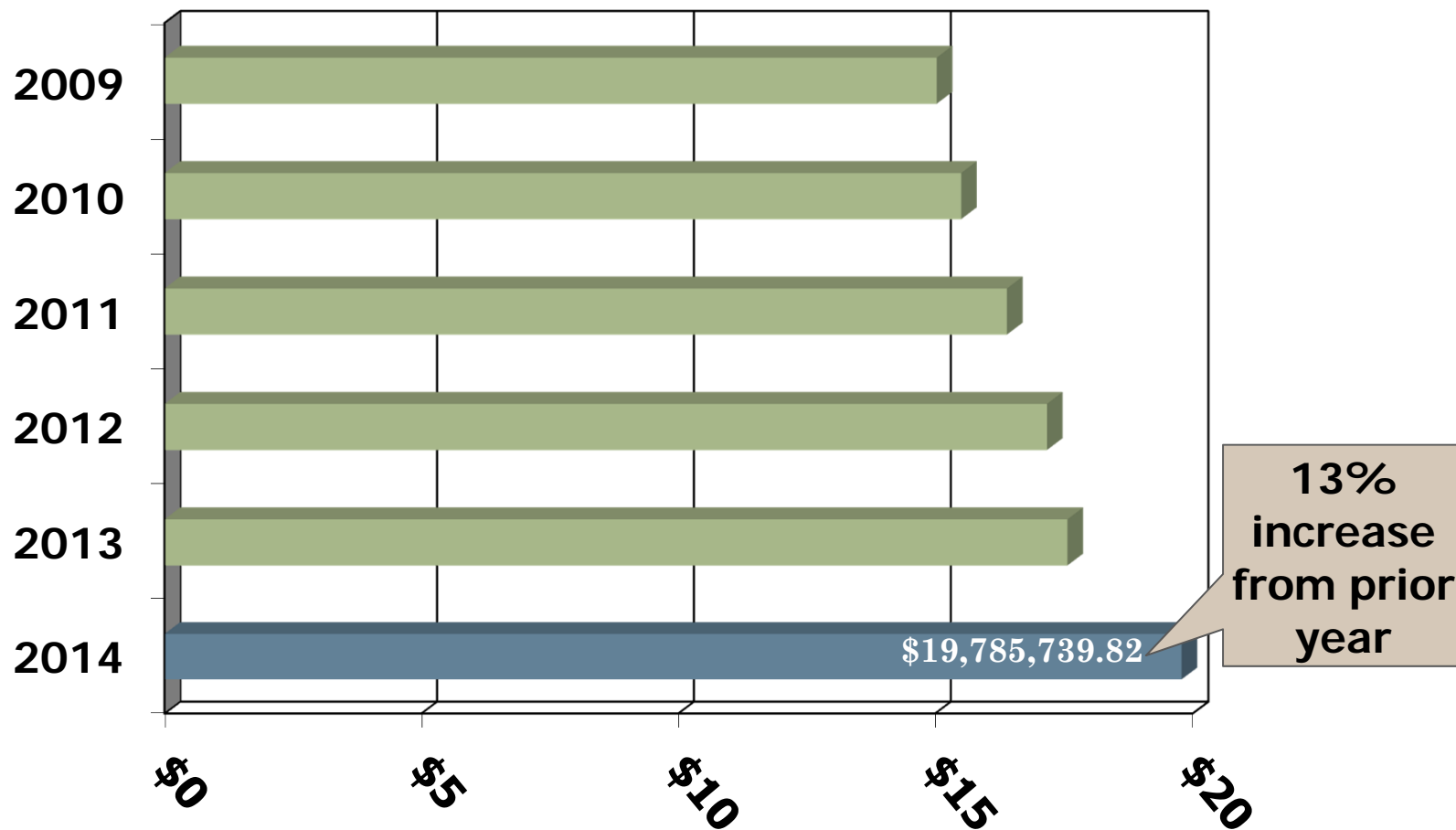


# Wood County General Fund





# Investment Income



## Sales Tax Revenue

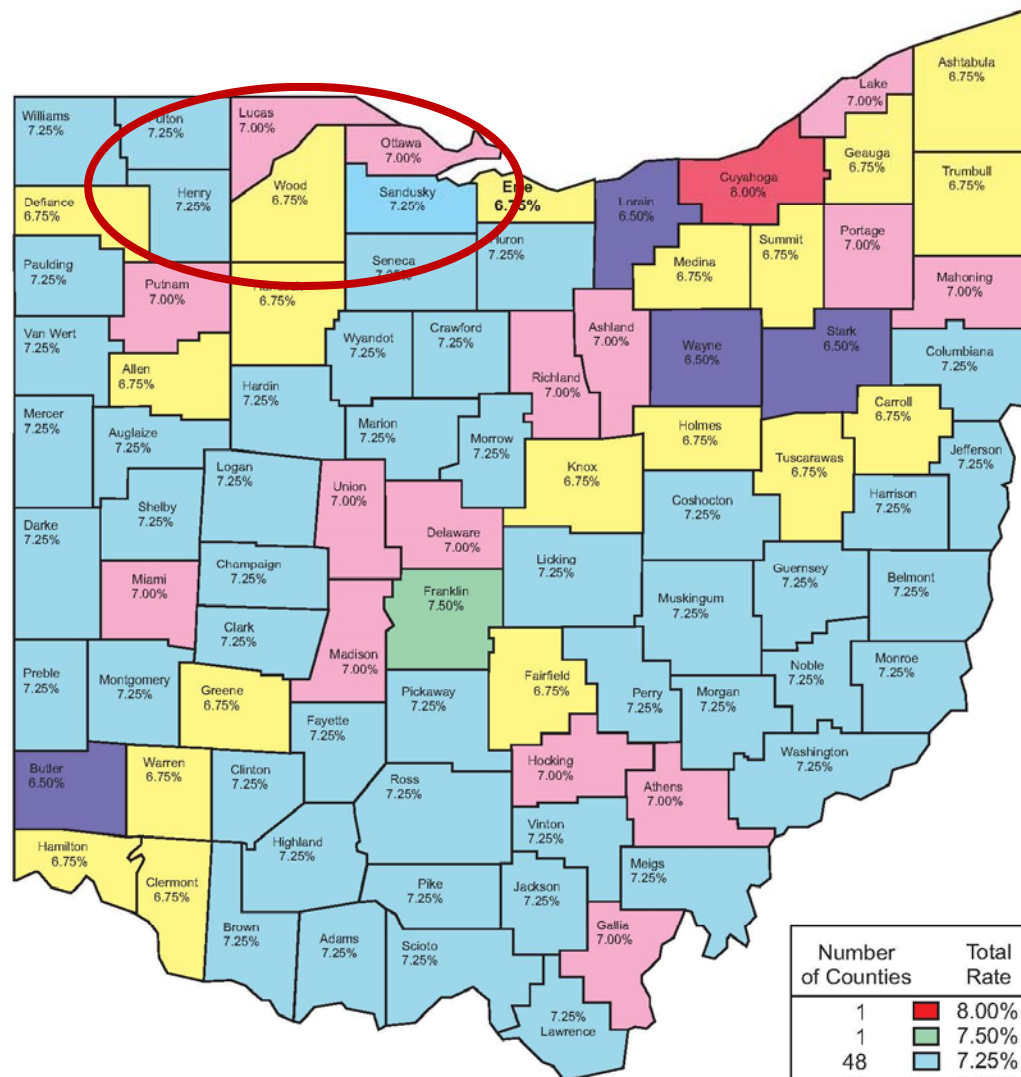
The primary source of funding to pay for the services of county government comes from our one penny sales tax.

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

# The Power of a Penny!



Total State and Local Sales Tax Rates, By County  
Effective October 2014



New Rates:  
Erie county tax rate 6.75% (previously 7.25%)

Number of Counties	Total Rate
1	8.00%
1	7.50%
48	7.25%
15	7.00%
19	6.75%
4	6.50%

Note: Small portions of Delaware, Fairfield, Licking & Union Counties assess a transit authority sales tax levy of 0.50% (not reflected on this map).  
Ohio Department of Taxation  
September 11, 2014



**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



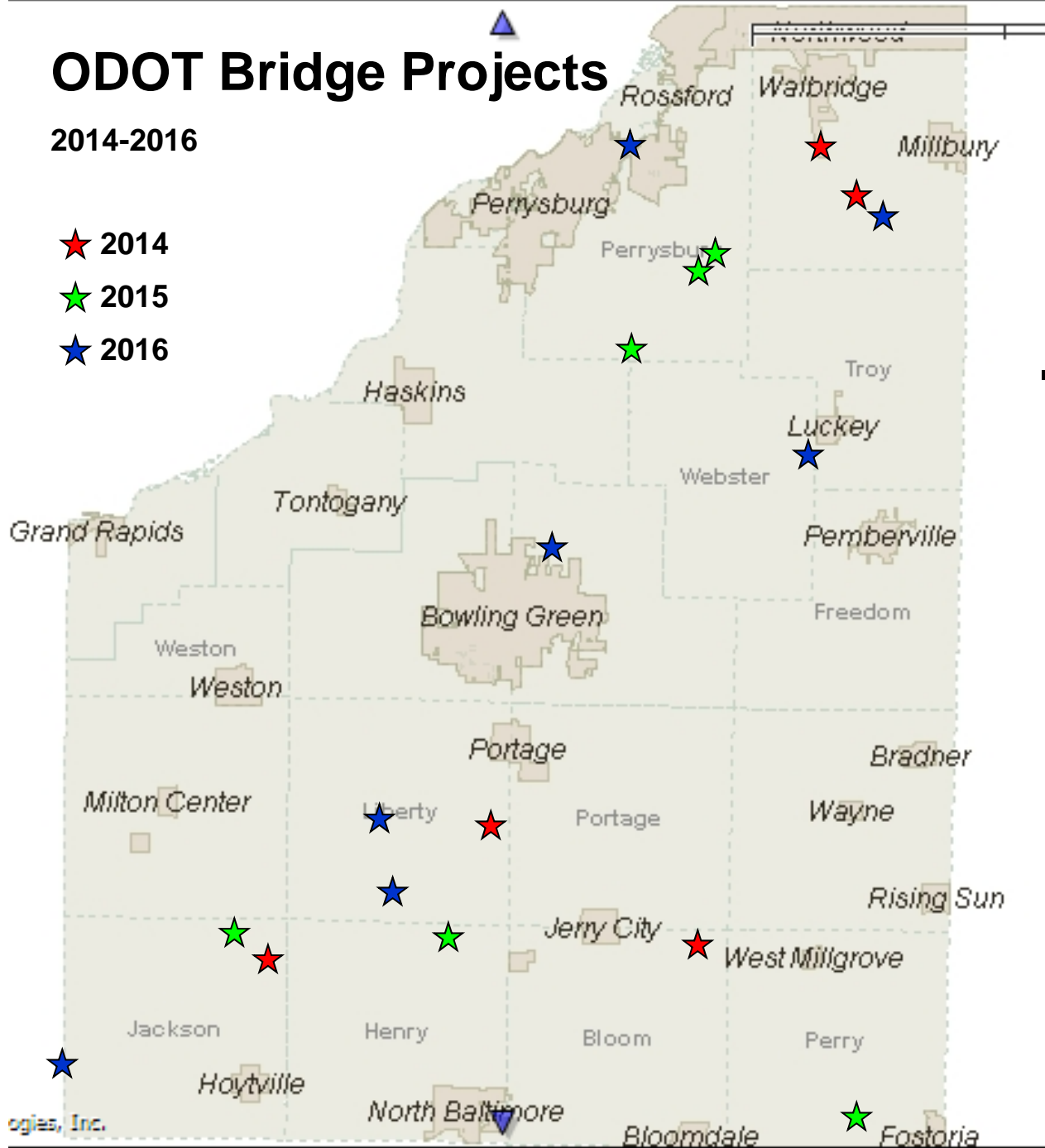
# ODOT Bridge Projects

2014-2016

★ 2014

★ 2015

★ 2016



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

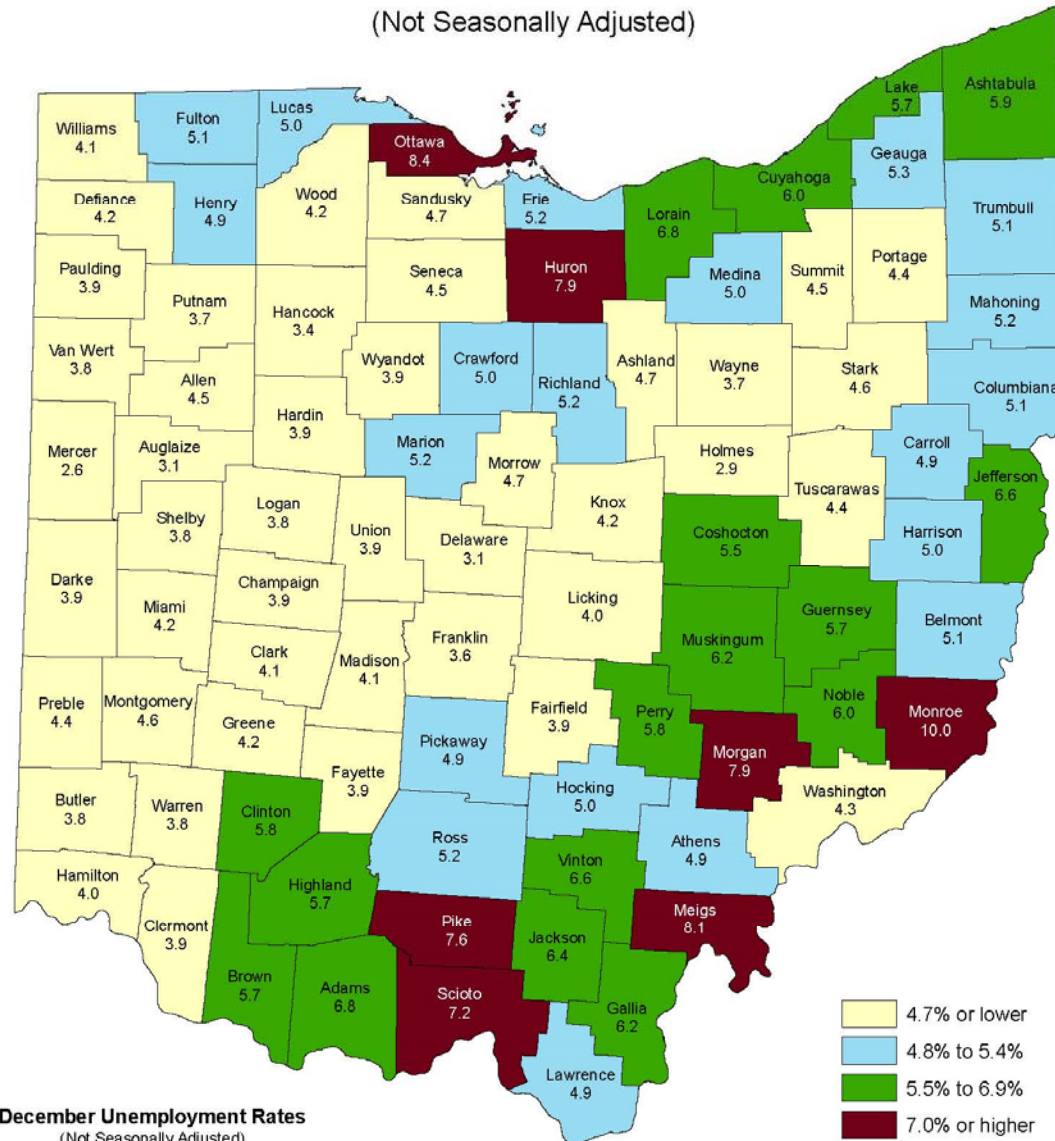
- Sugar Ridge Rd.  
(Freedom Twp.)
- Kellogg Rd.  
(Washington Twp.)
- Weston Rd.  
(Jackson Twp.)
- Portage Rd.  
(Montgomery Twp.)



# Ohio Unemployment Rates

December 2014

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



## December Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

United States 5.4%

Ohio 4.7%

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Office of Workforce Development - Bureau of Labor Market Information

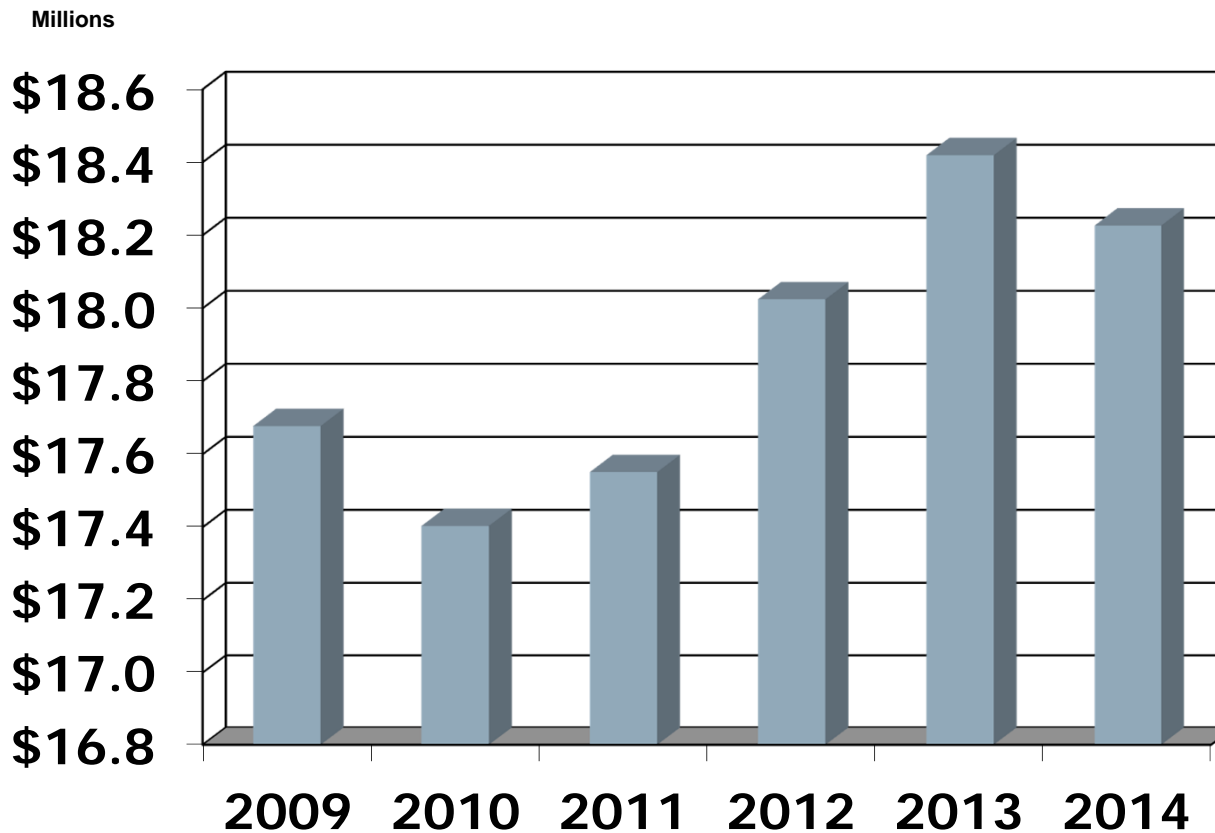
Wood County's unemployment rate is under both the U.S. and Ohio averages

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







Wood County Justice Center



# 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.

# Moving Ohio Forward



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.

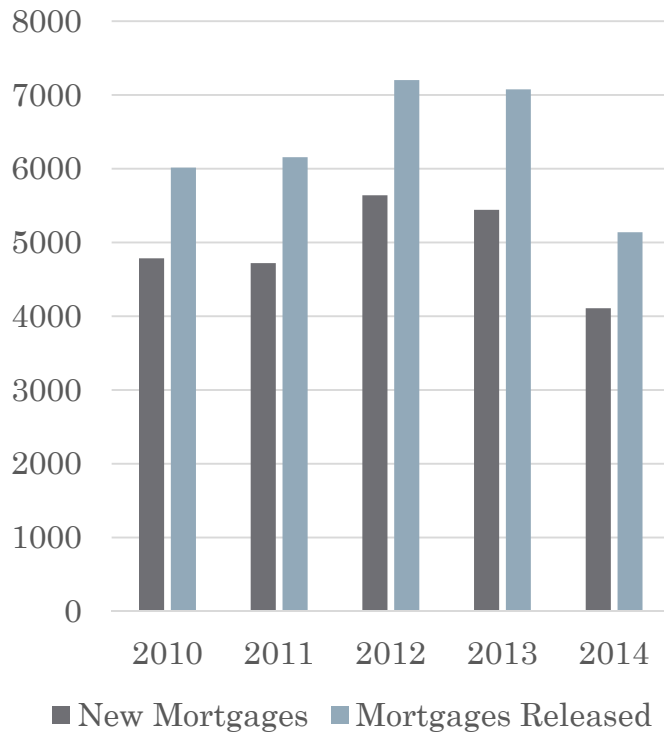
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No Lost Time Claims were filed with the BWC in 2014.

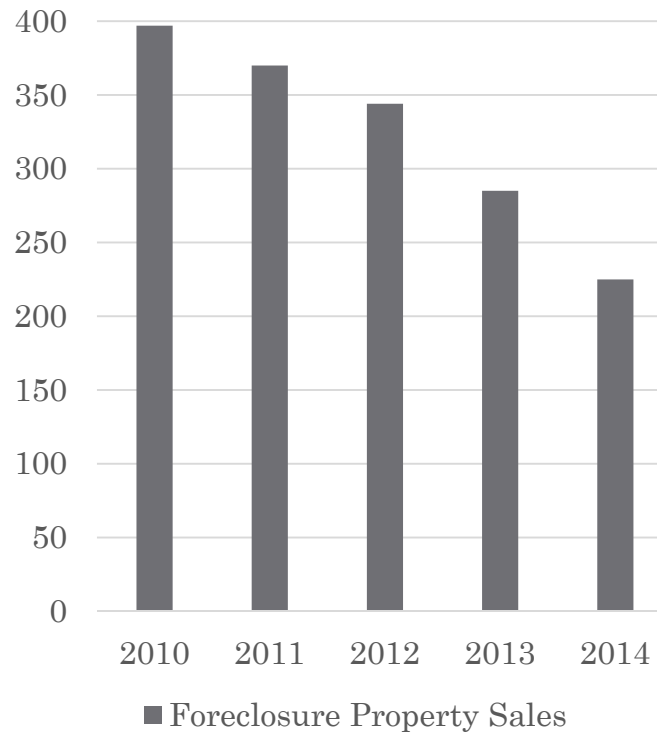
## Worker's Compensation

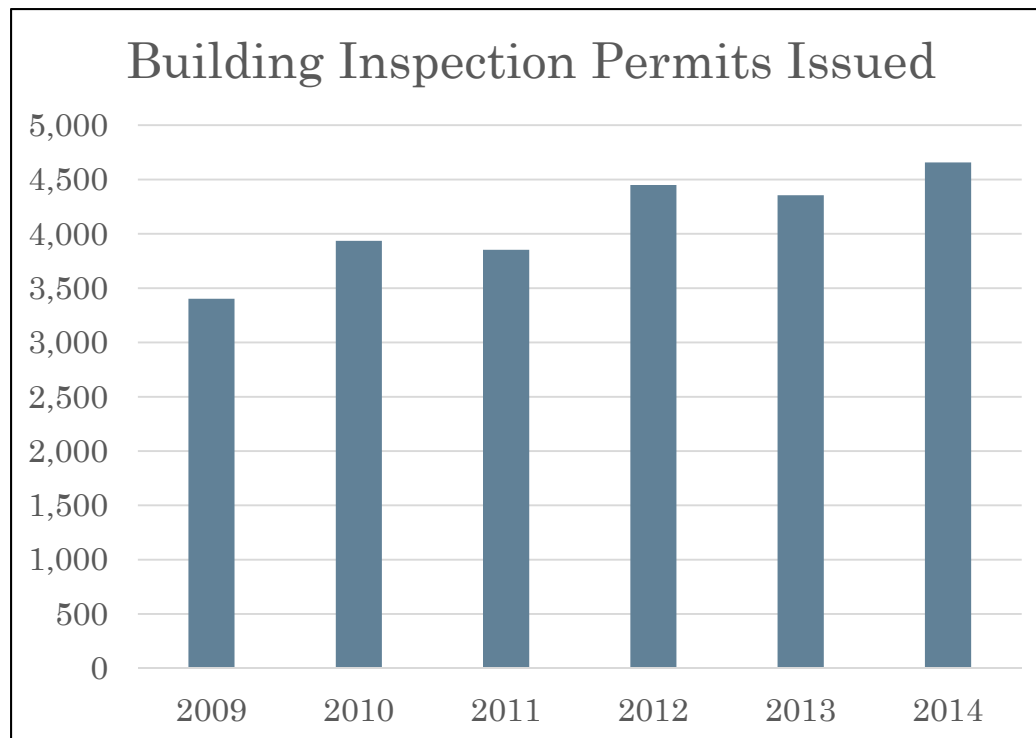
# Signs of Improving Economy

## Recorder's Mortgage Activity



## Sheriff's Sales





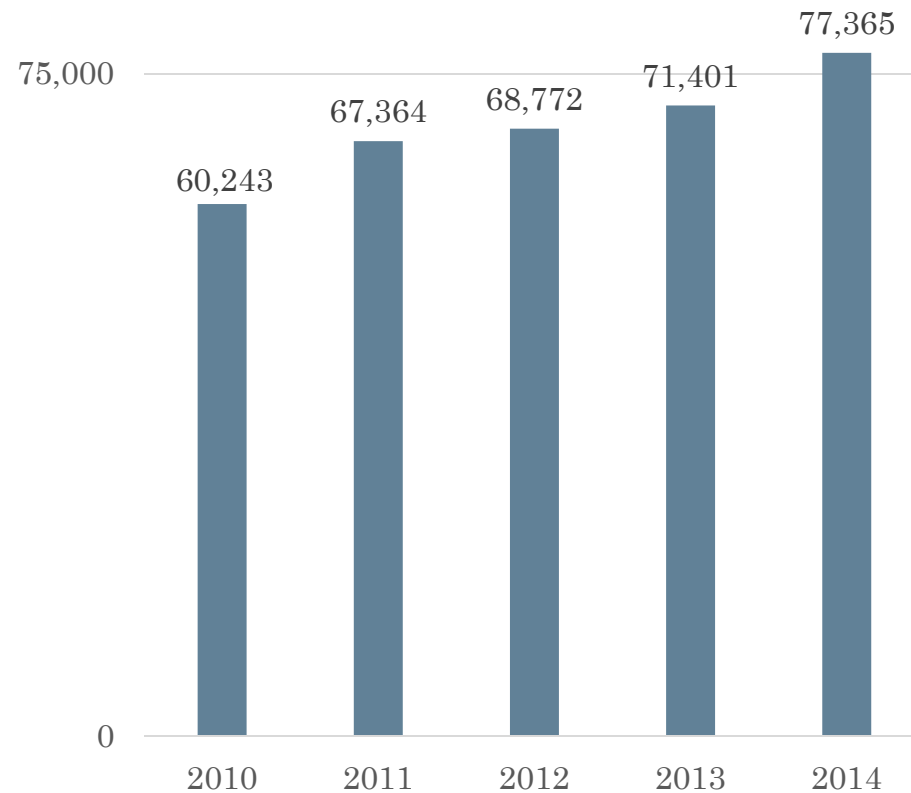
In 2014, Wood County contracted with Fulton County to provide non-residential Code enforcement.

First time since 2007 that more than 4,500 permits were issued.

## Building Inspection Sees Increase in Commercial and Residential Construction

# 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!

# OhioMeansJobs - Wood County



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.



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[Wood County Good Jobs](#)



# 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.



## 138% of Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2015

Persons in Family/ Household	Amount
1	\$16,243
2	\$21,983
3	\$27,724
4	\$33,465

# 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
  - 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

An aerial photograph of a school campus. In the center is a large, rectangular, light-colored building with a flat roof. To its left is a building with a prominent red-tiled roof. To the right of the central building is a large parking lot filled with many cars. The campus is surrounded by roads and some greenery.

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

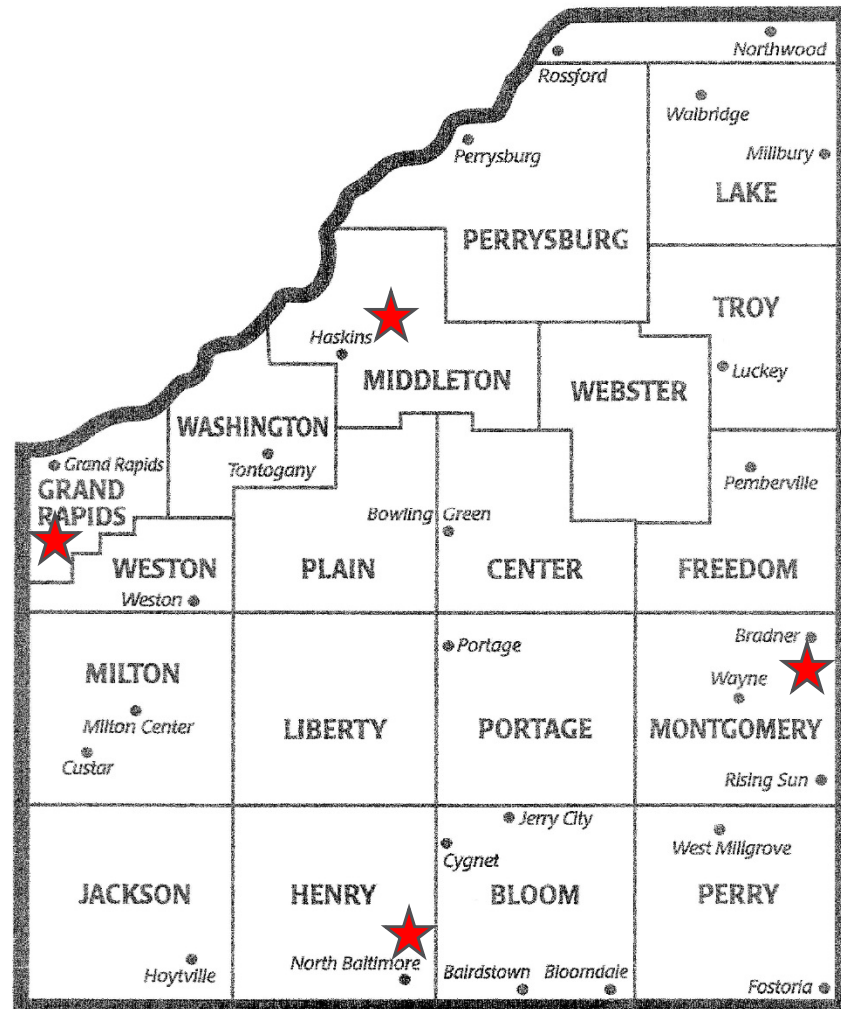
Grand Rapids Township

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](http://www.woodcountytourism.com)



**Wood  
County  
Tourism**

Relax Discover Play  
**Wood County, Ohio**

Includes a list of local fairs and festivals, along with places to visit and things to do around the County.





# See All Wood County Has to Offer

Promotional video highlights Wood County.

View it on the County's website, [www.co.wood.oh.us](http://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





# **Wood County, Ohio**

# **2014**

## ANNUAL REPORT

Watch for the 2014 Annual Report in the mail