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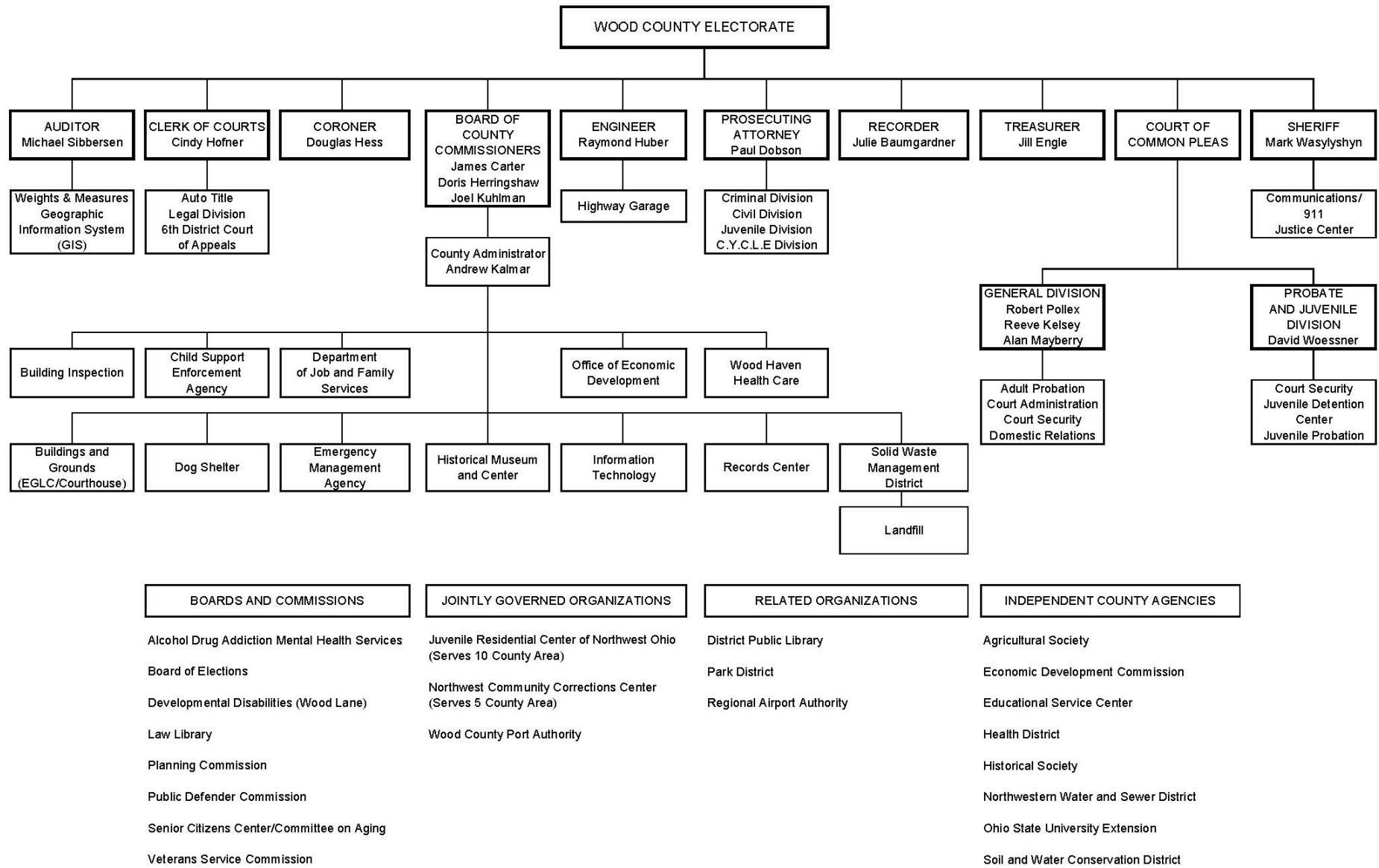
Wood County, Ohio



Presented by the
Wood County Commissioners
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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



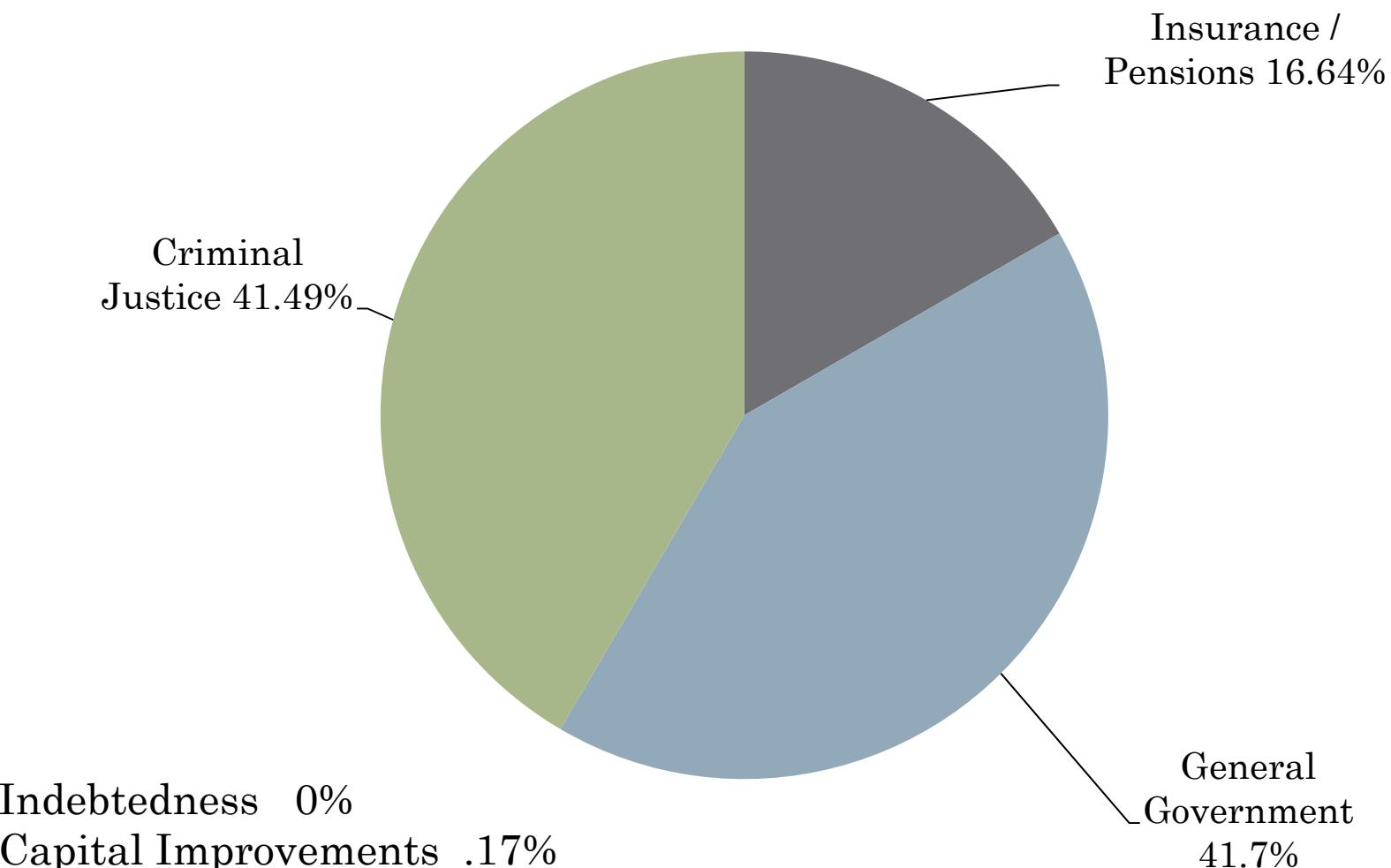
Wood County Rankings for 2014 Production

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

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

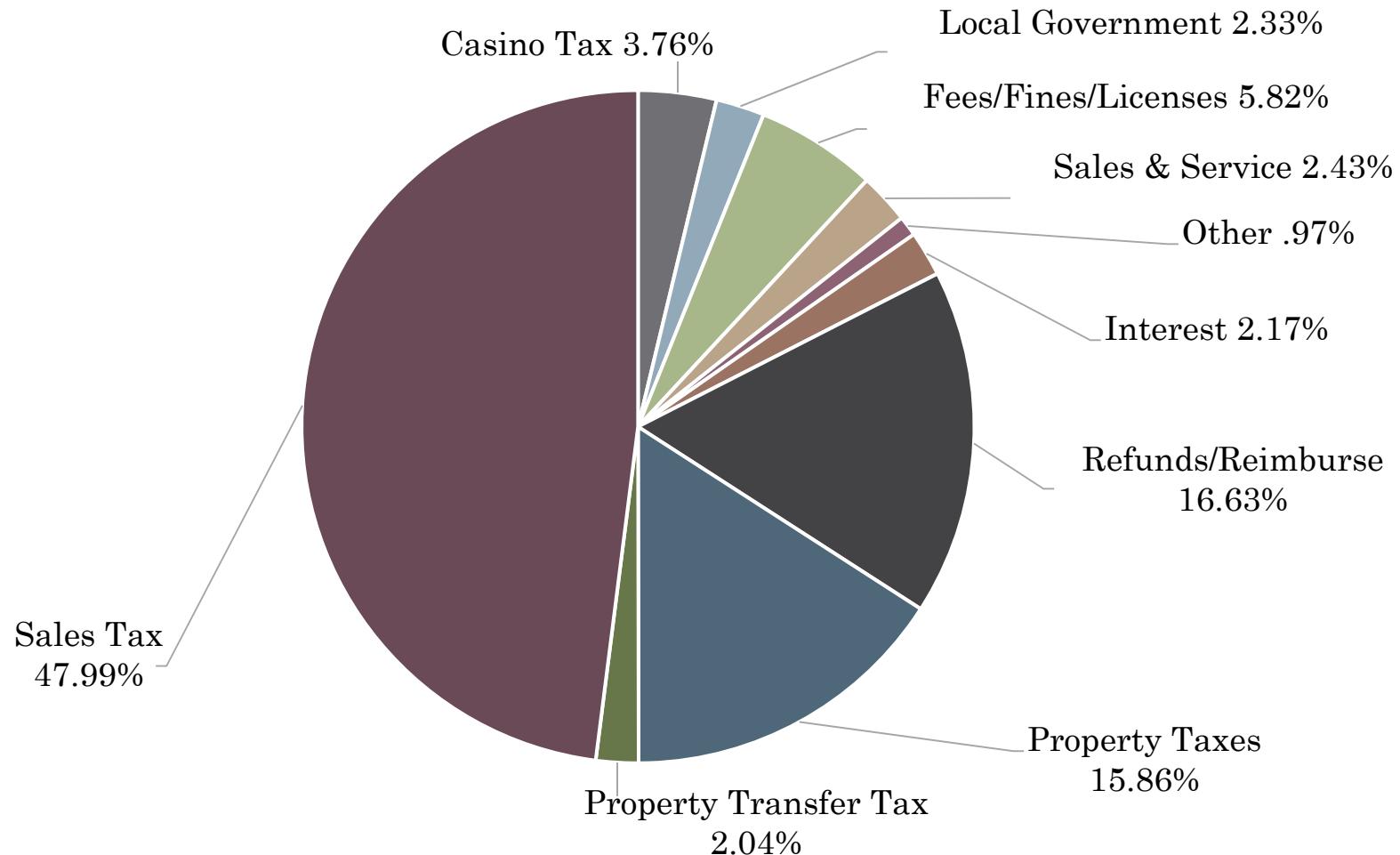
#4 Wheat – 26,100 acres, total production = 1,996,000 bu.

Sources: 2013 Ohio County Profile from Ohio Office of Policy, Research, and Strategic Planning
2014 National Ag Statistic Service



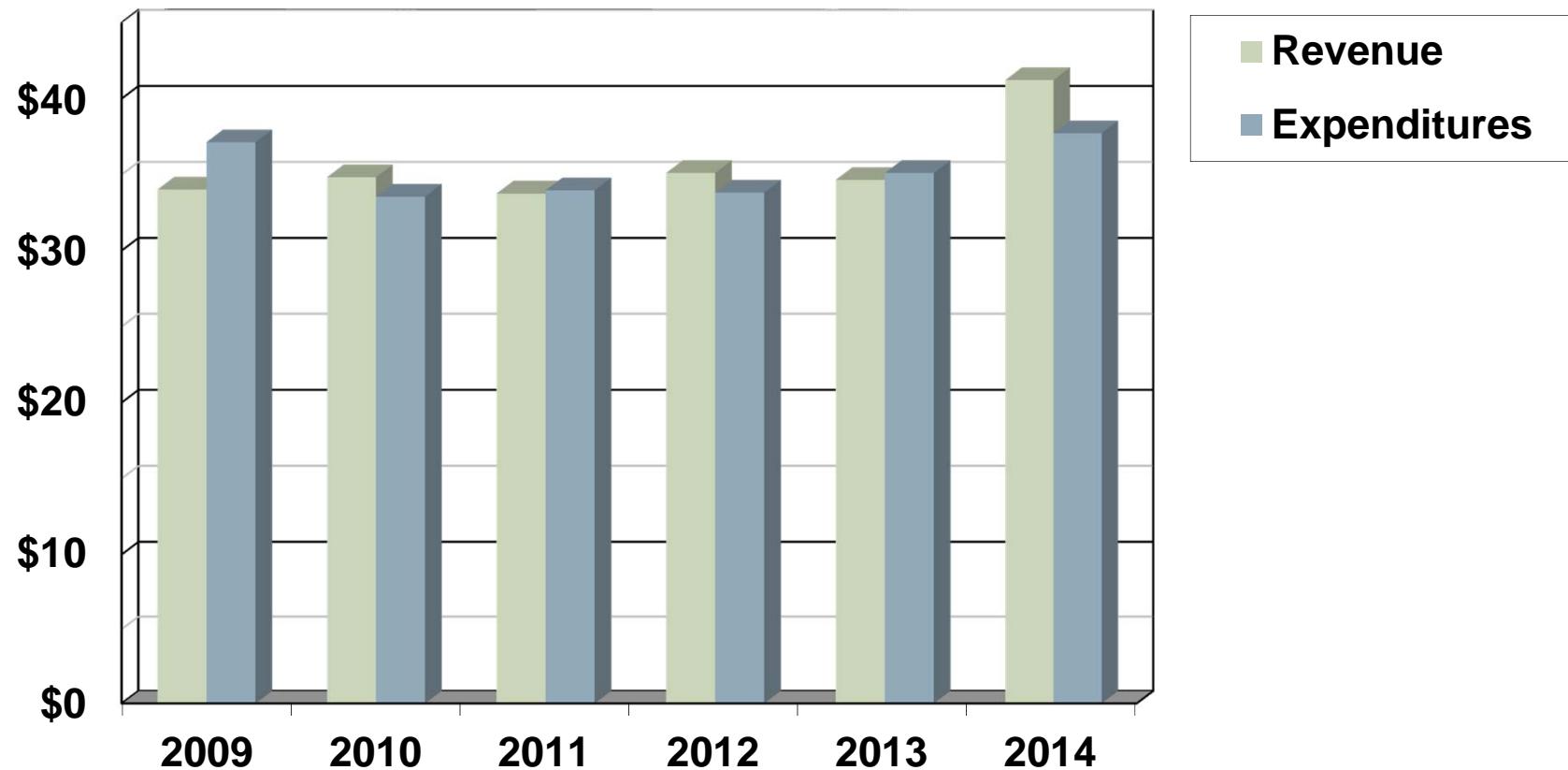
2014 General Fund Expenditures

\$37,727,926.95

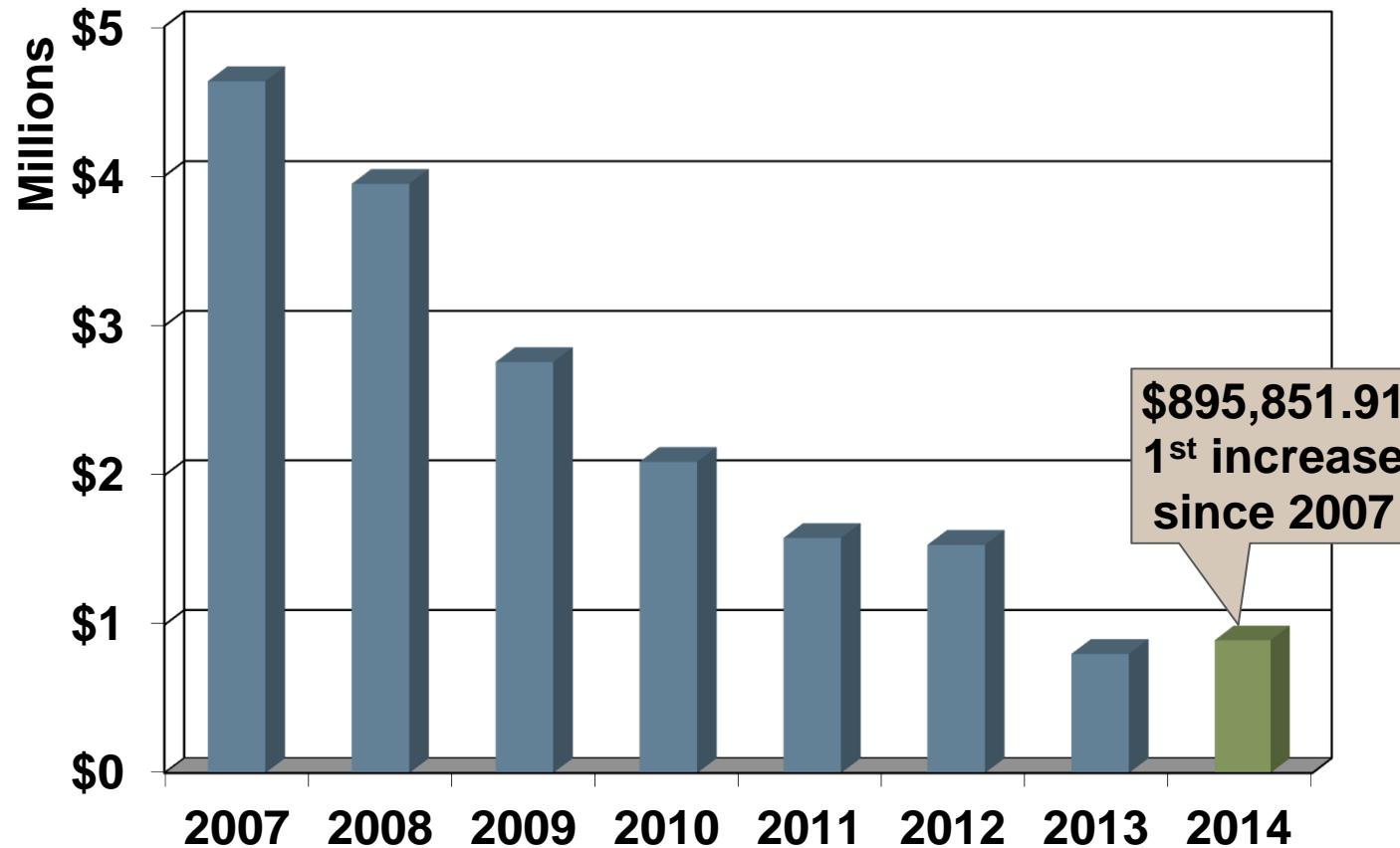


2014 General Fund Revenue
\$41,226,449.60

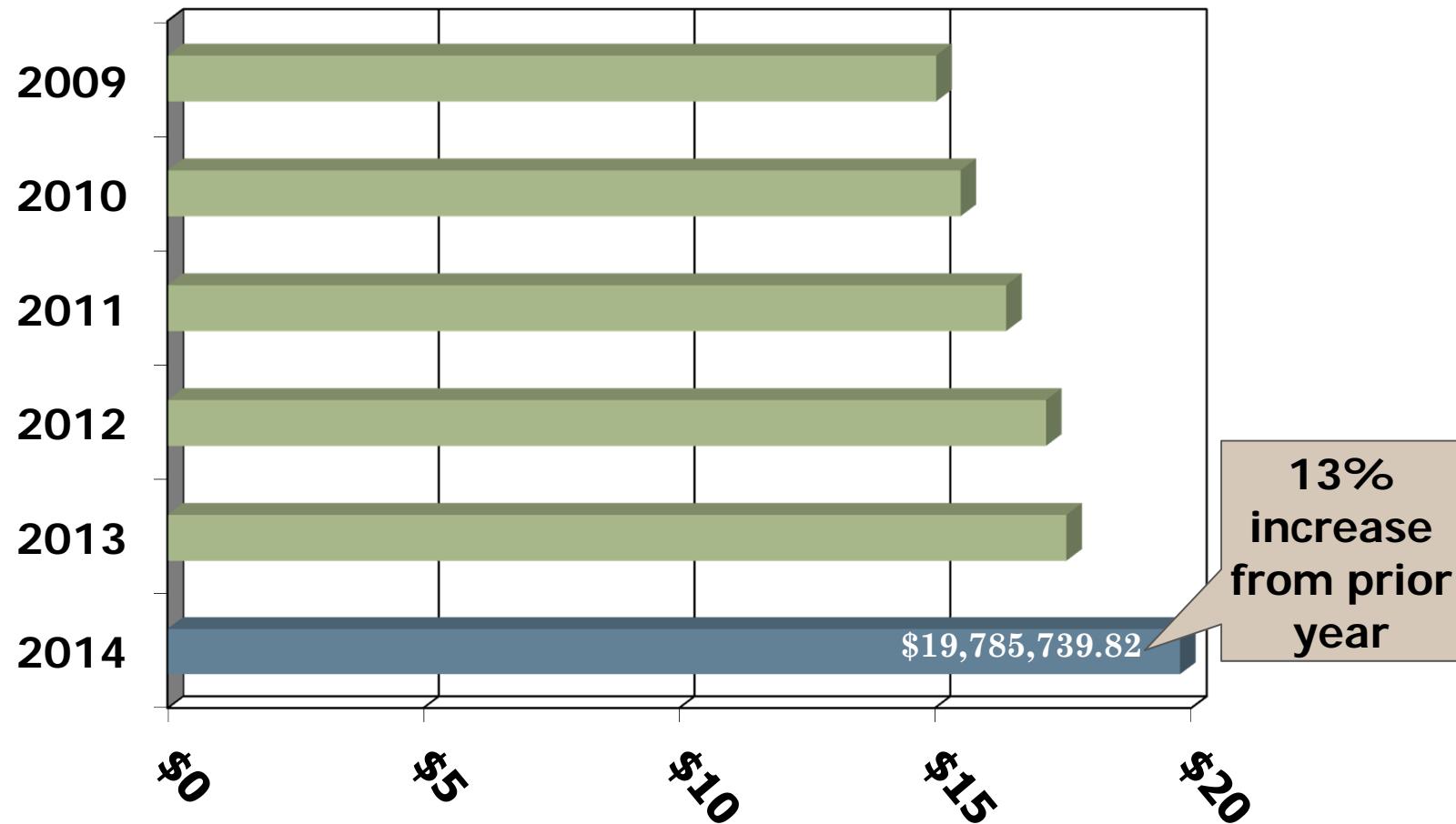
Millions



Wood County General Fund



Investment Income



Sales Tax Revenue

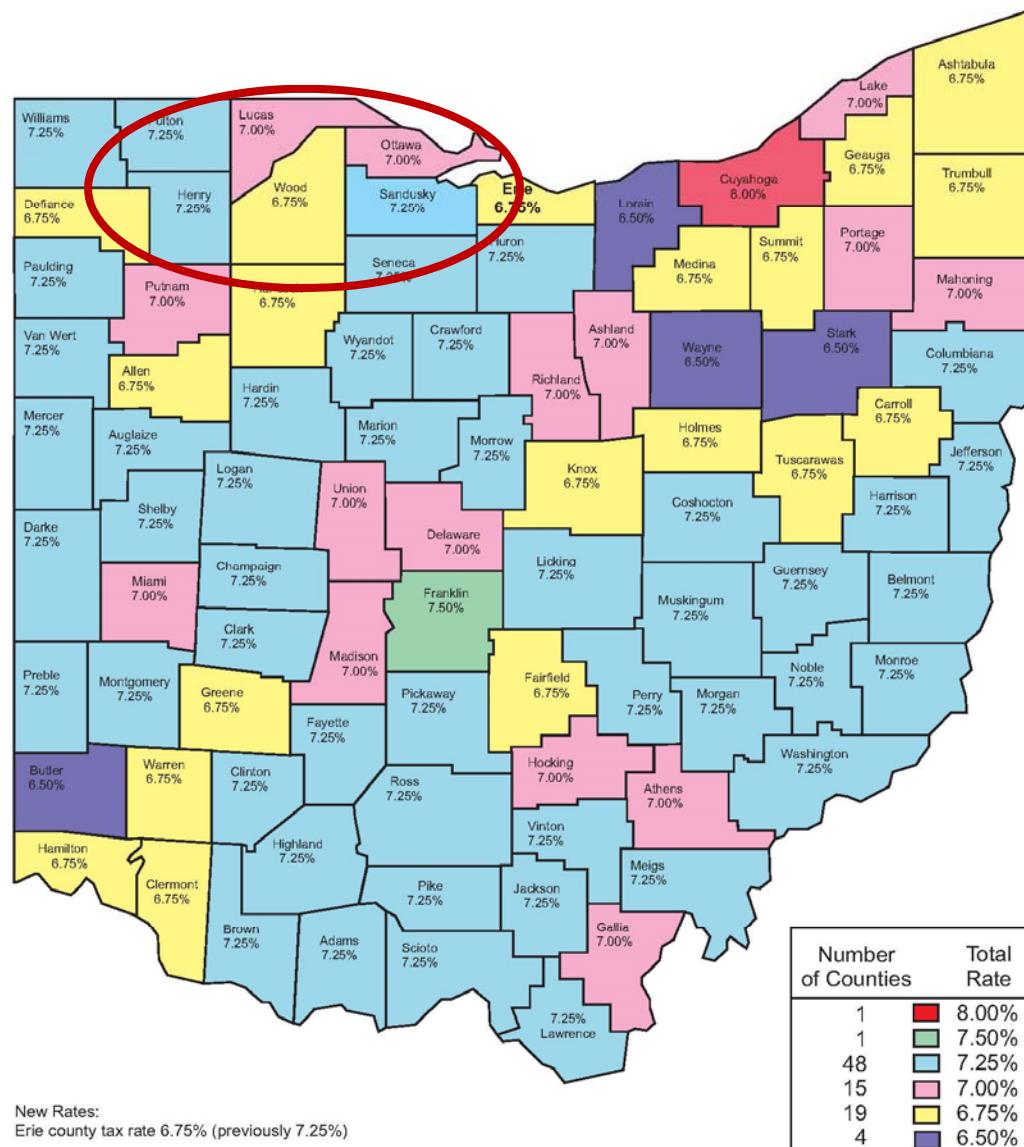
The primary source of funding to pay for the services of county government comes from our one penny sales tax.

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



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

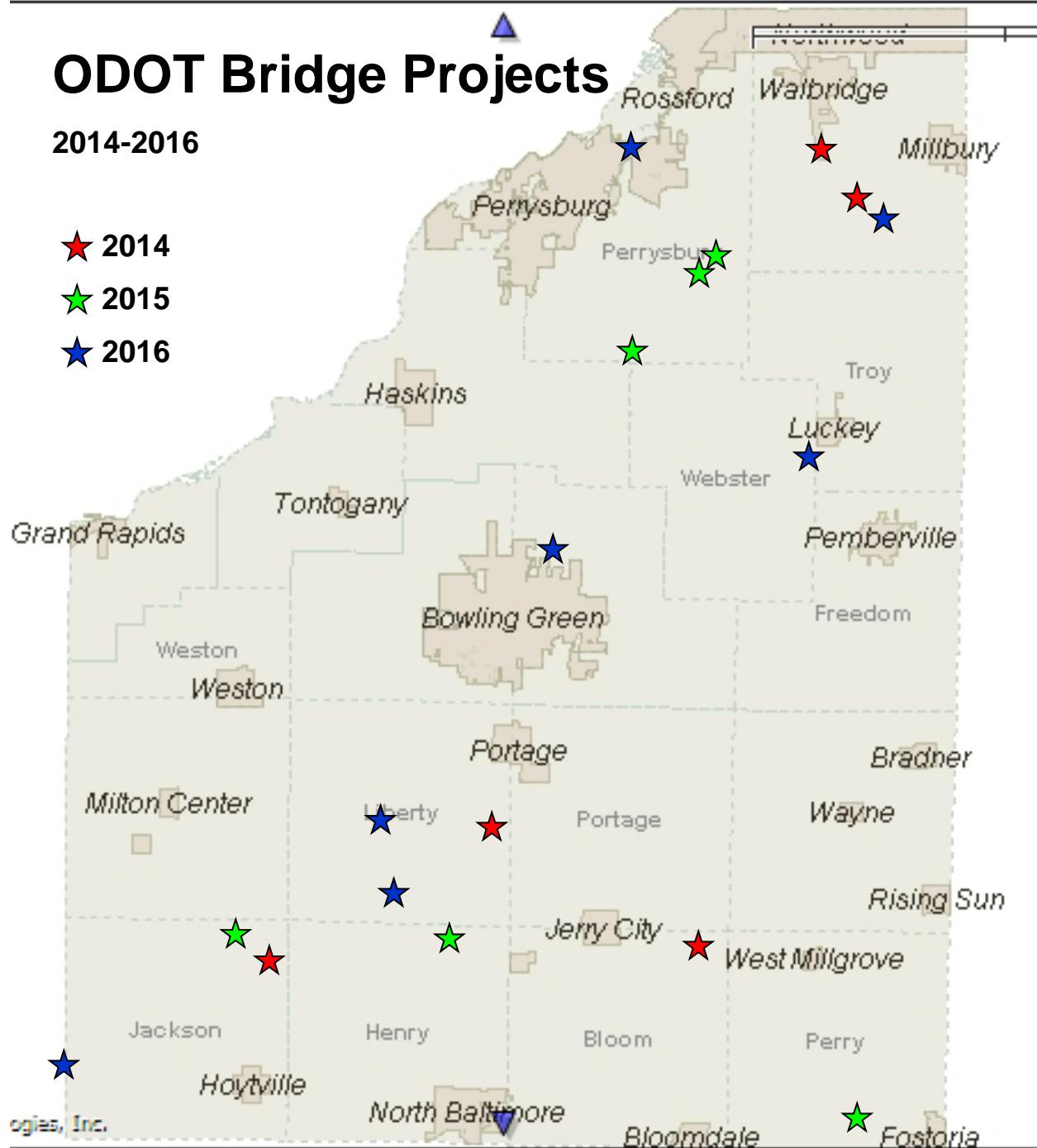
ODOT Bridge Projects

2014-2016

★ 2014

★ 2015

★ 2016



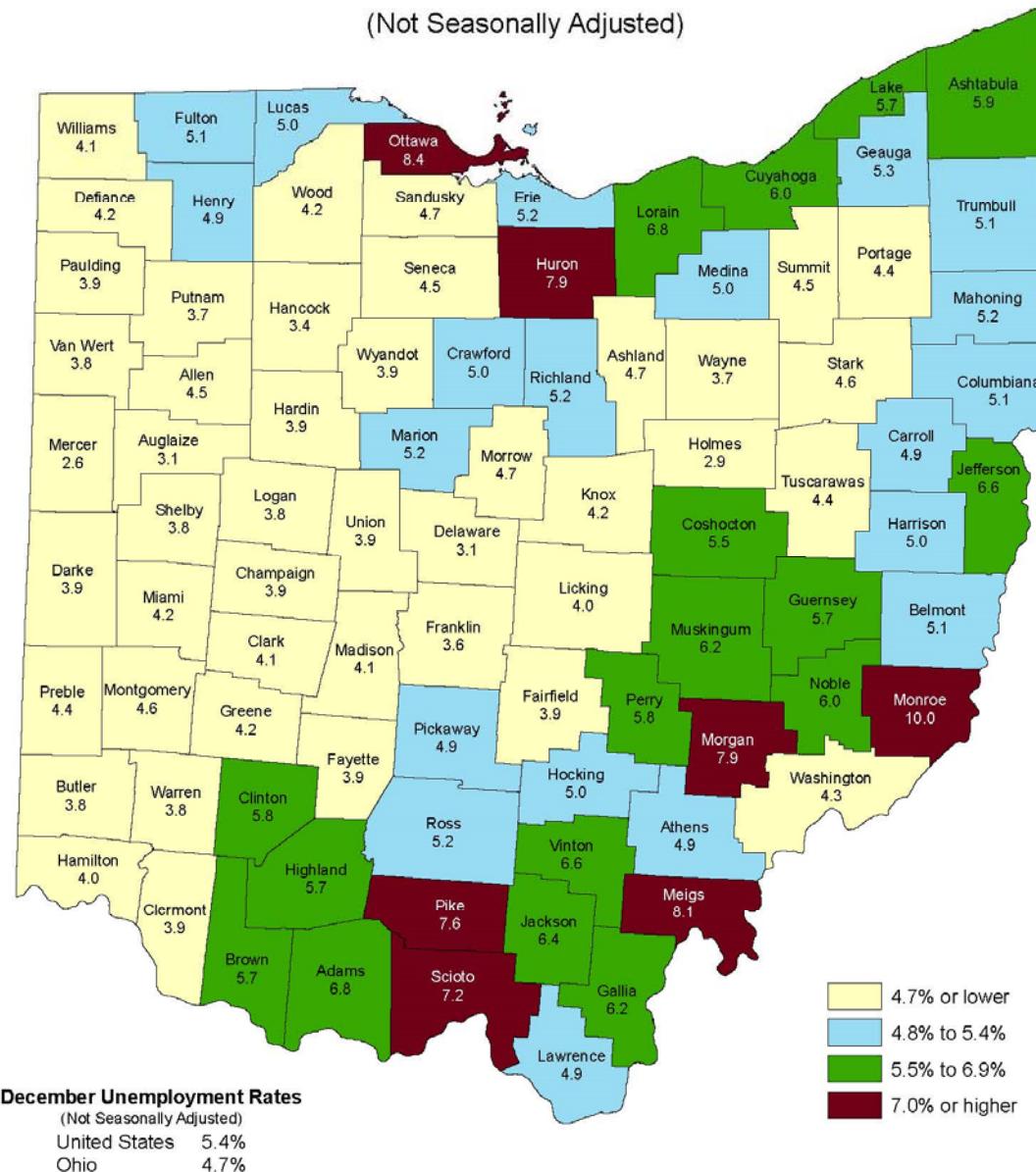
The State of Ohio is providing assistance with 18 Bridge Projects between 2014 and 2016.

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)



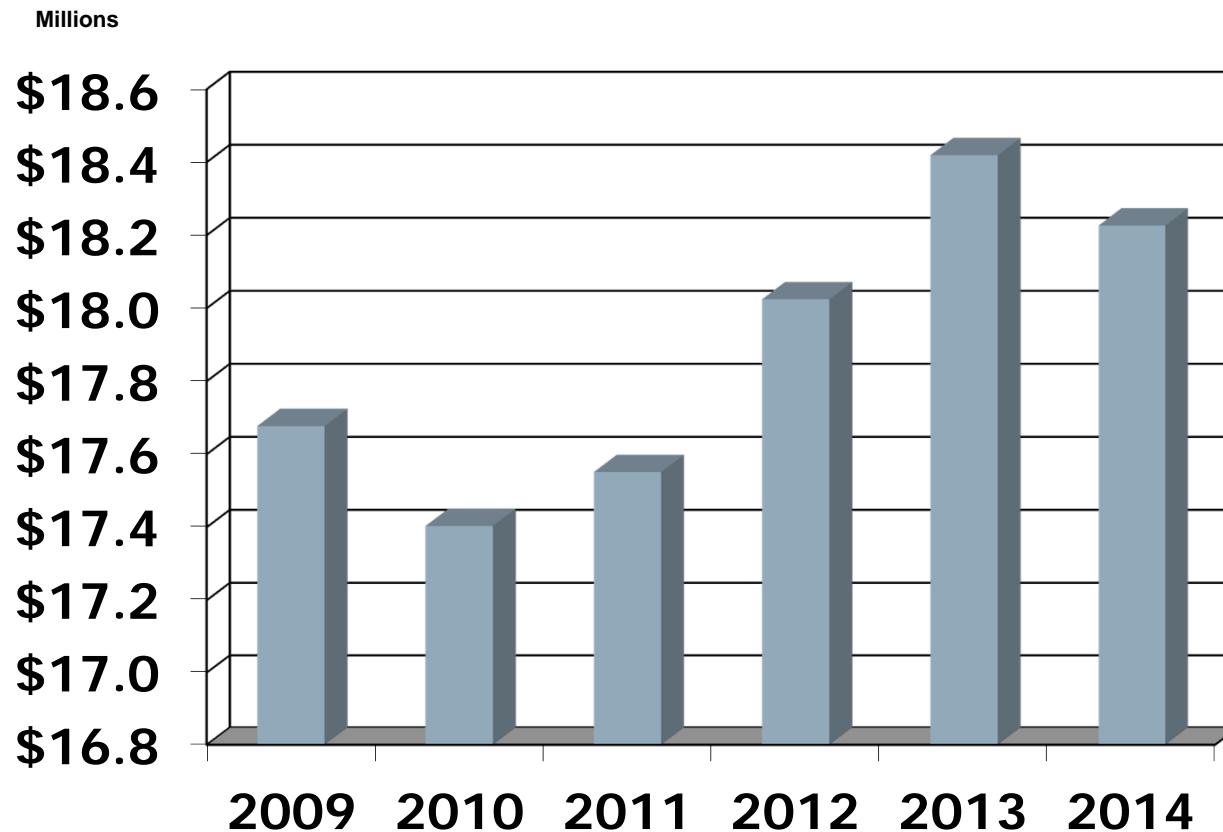
Wood County's
unemployment
rate is under
both the U.S.
and Ohio
averages

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



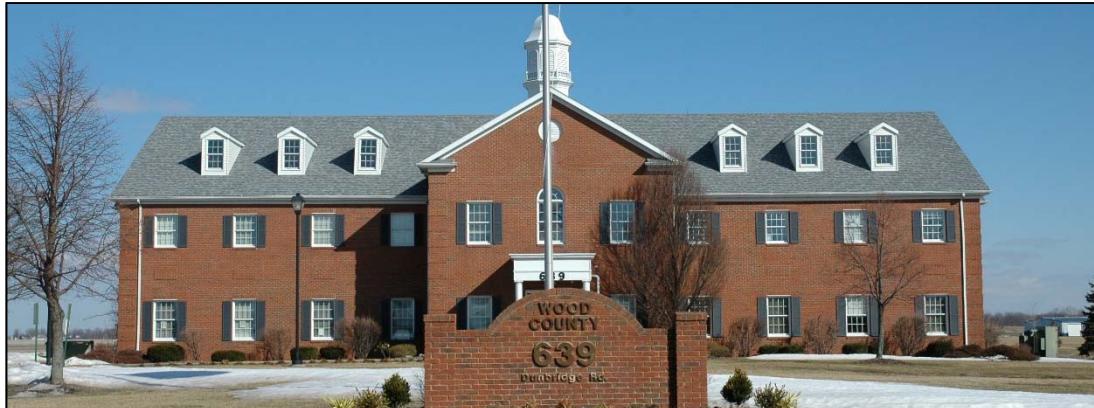


Wood County Justice Center



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

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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



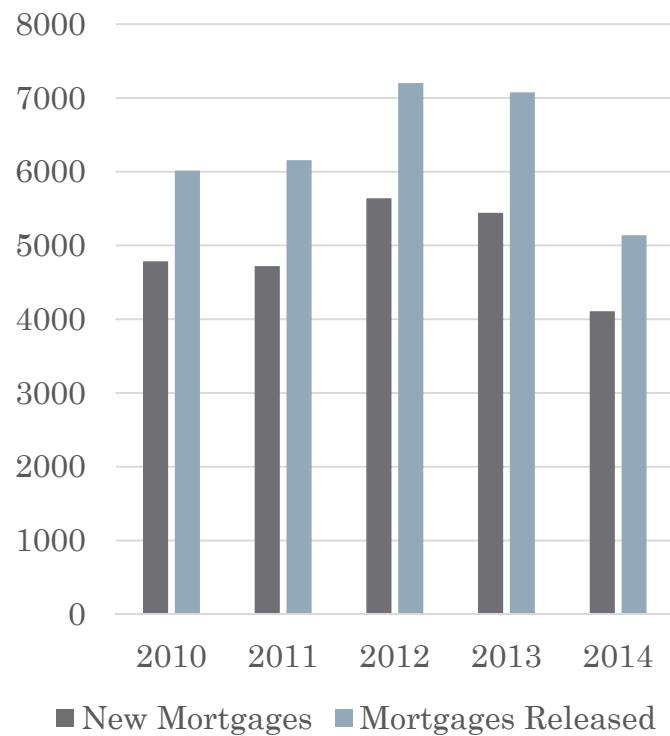
Grant funds from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation purchased an order picker for the Records Center to more safely store and remove heavy boxes on shelves located up to 7.5 feet above the floor.

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

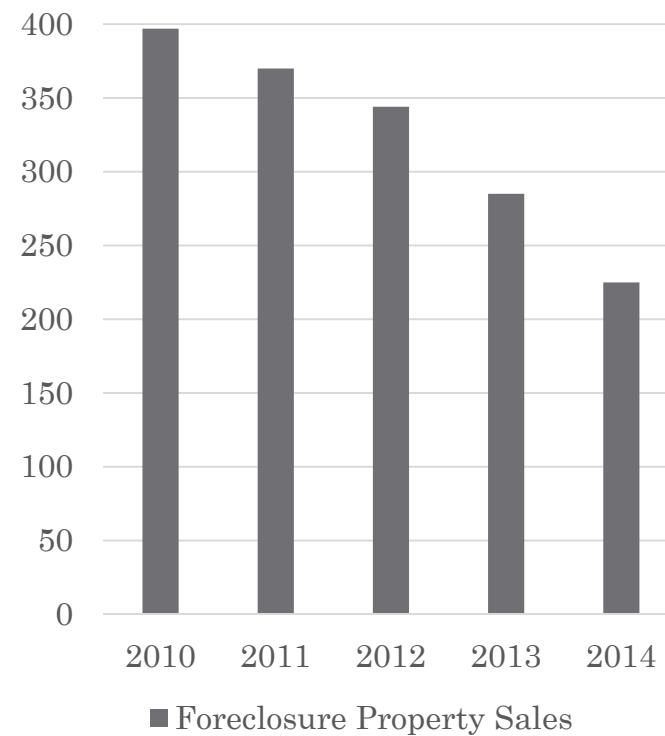
Worker's Compensation

Signs of Improving Economy

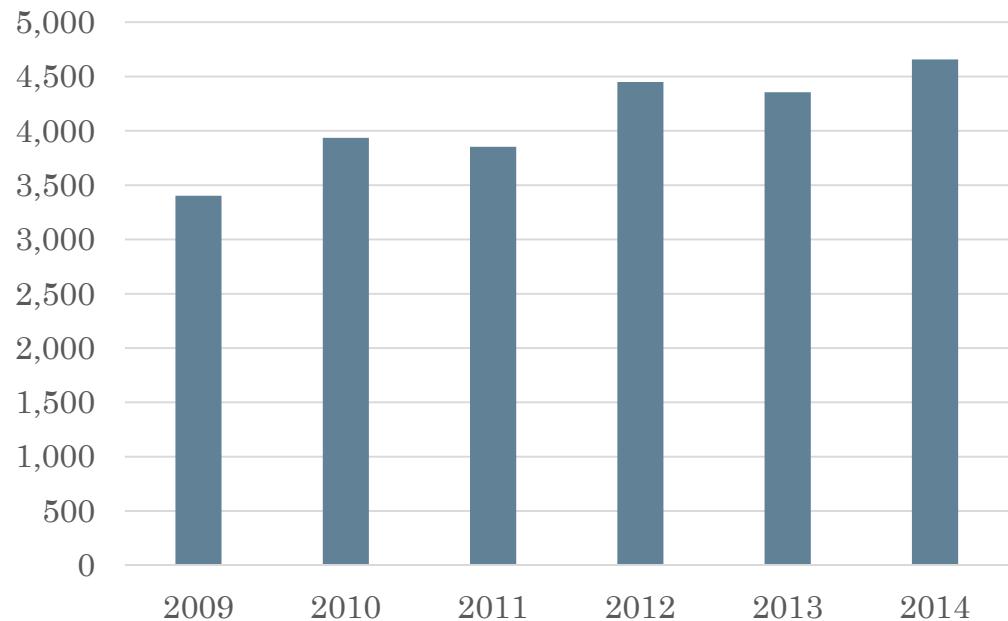
Recorder's Mortgage Activity



Sheriff's Sales



Building Inspection Permits Issued



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

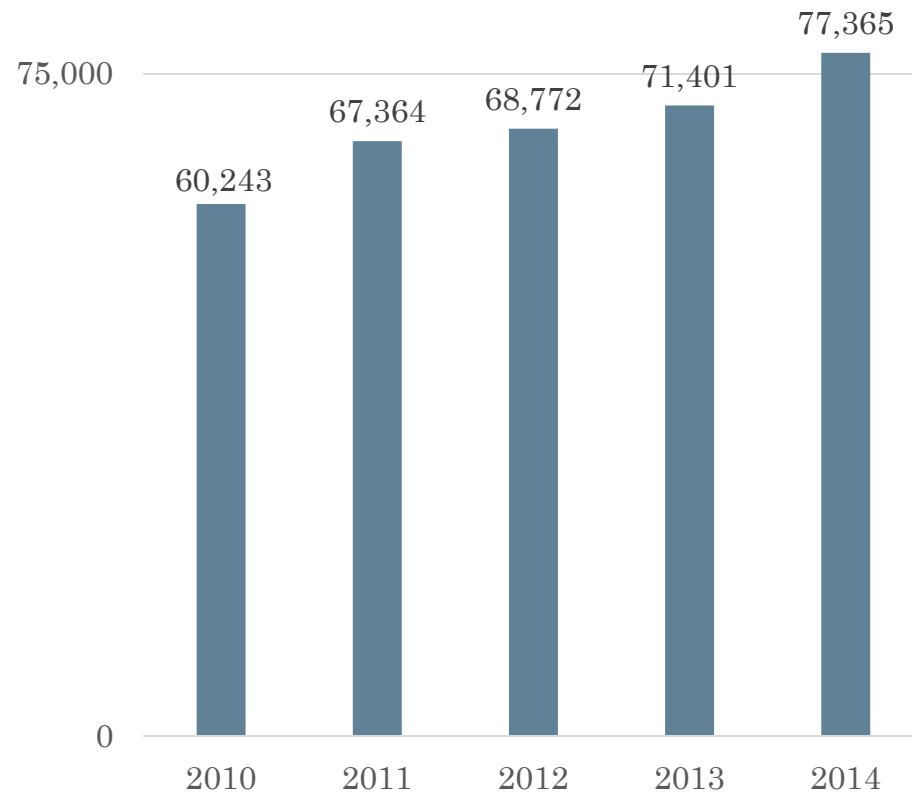


In 2014, Wood County contracted with Fulton County to provide non-residential Code enforcement.

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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GRAND OPENING

of the Ohio Attorney General's
Bureau of Criminal Investigation

BGSU®

CITY OF BOWLING GREEN



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.



The screenshot shows the Ohio Benefits website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to 'Ohio.gov State Agencies | Online Services | Contact Us', 'English | Español | Somer', and a search bar. Below the navigation is the 'Ohio Benefits' logo. A large, bold question 'Are you eligible for Medicaid?' is displayed. To the right of the question is a photograph of a smiling family of four (two adults and two children) lying on a white surface. Below the question are three red buttons with white text: 'CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY', 'VIEW YOUR ACCOUNT', and 'RENEW MY BENEFITS'. At the bottom of the page, the text 'Benefits.Ohio.Gov' and 'Helping Ohio residents find and apply for benefits. [Learn more.](#)' are visible.

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



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

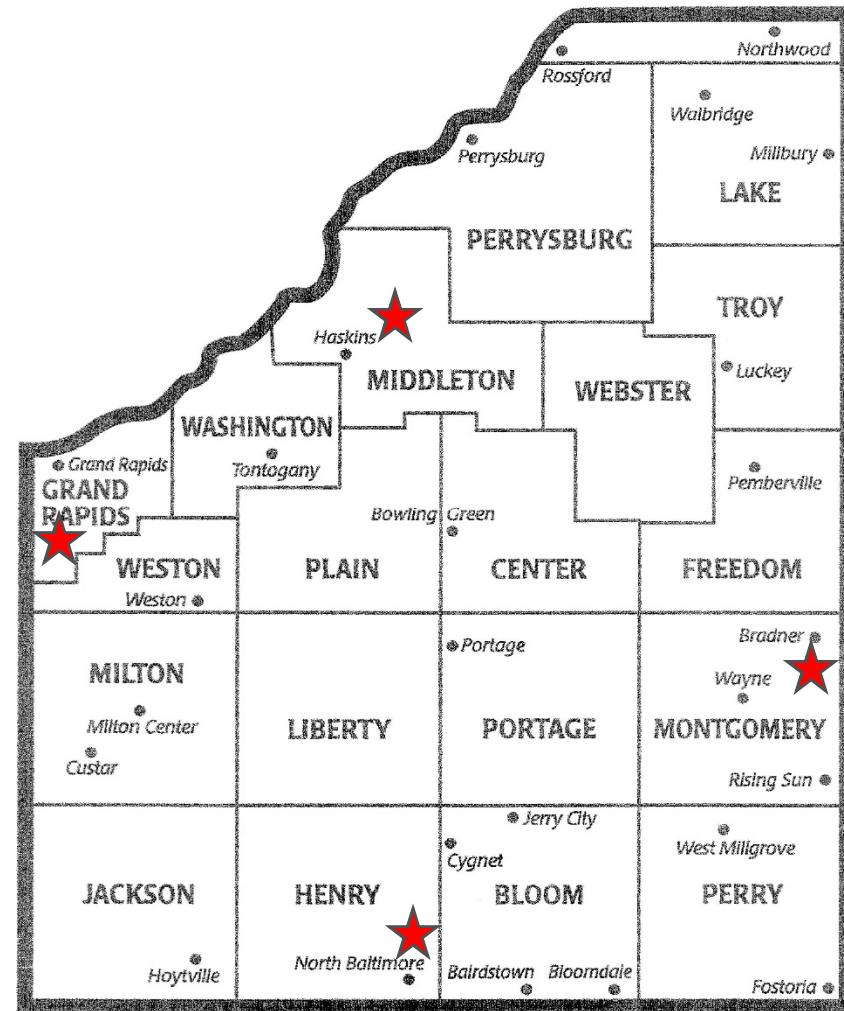
Grand Rapids Township

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



**Wood
County
Tourism**



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

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- 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





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ANNUAL REPORT

Watch for the 2014 Annual Report in the mail