

# Stark County

## BACKGROUND

Stark County was established on February 13, 1808 and named in honor of the oldest surviving general of the Revolutionary War, General John Stark. As of 2002, Stark County had a population of 369,007 and a land area of 576 square miles or 371,193.9 acres.



## CITIES, VILLAGES, AND TOWNSHIPS

Cities	2000 Pop.
Canton	80,806
Massillon	31,325
Alliance	23,195
North Canton	16,369
Louisville	8,904
Canal Fulton	5,061
Villages	2000
Greentown	3,154
Brewster	2,324
Hartville	2,174
Uniontown	2,082
Minerva	2,031
East Canton	1,629
Navarre	1,440
Beach City	1,137
Waynesburg	1,003

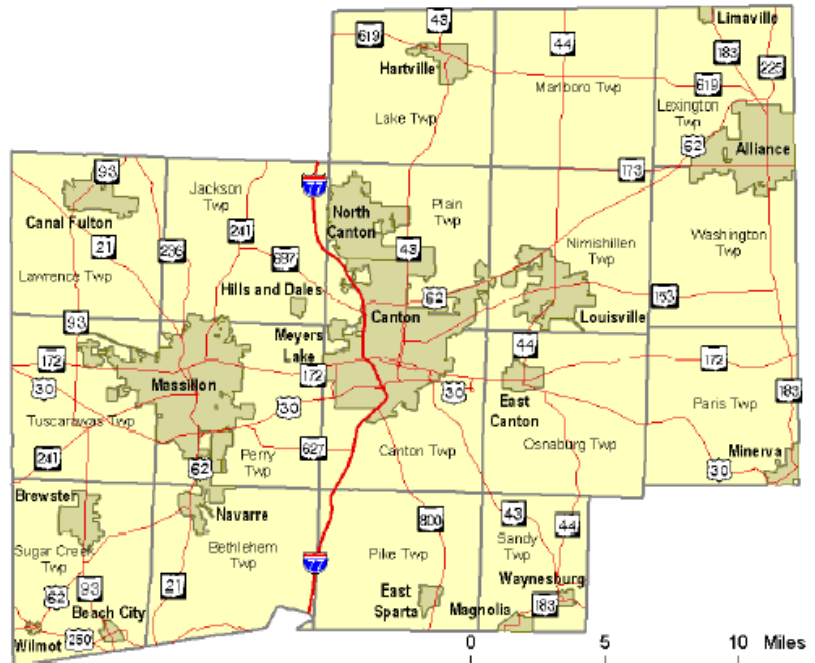


Townships	2000
Jackson	37,484
Plain	35,543
Perry	29,167
Lake	17,762
Canton	13,402
Nimishillen	9,098
Lawrence	8,321
Tuscarawas	6,093
Lexington	5,390
Washington	4,791
Osnaburg	4,257
Marlboro	4,227
Bethlehem	4,210
Paris	3,938
Pike	3,282
Sugar Creek	2,944
Sandy	2,059

### Largest Areas Census 1990 Census 2000

Canton city	84,161	80,806
Jackson township UIA	31,774	37,484
Plain township UIA	34,318	35,543
Massillon city	31,007	31,325
Perry township UIA	30,307	29,167
Lake township UIA	20,312	23,718
Alliance city	23,304	23,195
North Canton city	14,748	16,369
Canton township UIA	13,672	13,402
Nimishillen township	9,492	9,098

UIA: Unincorporated Area



## LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION

Stark County is located in the Northeastern quadrant of Ohio, 20 miles from Akron and 53 miles from Cleveland. The area's well-established transportation network, with travel by rail, air, water, or land, provides access to markets near and far. Stark County is also home to the [Akron-Canton Regional Airport](#), the state-of-the-art [NEOMODAL](#) Northeast Ohio Intermodal Terminal, and Foreign Trade Zone #181.



		Miles Located in Stark	
<b>Highways</b>			
State highways	21	Miles:	232
National highways	4	Miles:	72
Interstate highways	1	Miles:	19

<b>Commercial Airport: Akron-Canton Regional</b>	
Number of Runways	3
Longest Runway	7,598 ft.

### Health Care

Physicians (MDs DOs)	875
Registered hospitals	5
Number of beds	1,974
Licensed nursing homes	38
Number of beds	3,467
Licensed residential care	17
Number of beds	961
Licensed homes for the aging	3
Number of beds	479

### Vital Statistics

	Number	Rate
Births / rate per 1,000 population	4,637	12.3
Teen births / rate per 1,000 females 15-19	531	40.5
Deaths / rate per 1,000 population	3,887	10.3
Marriages / rate per 1,000 population	2,852	7.6
Divorces / rate per 1,000 population	1,618	4.3

## LABOR

### Civilian Labor Force

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Civilian labor force	188,100	187,900	189,600	192,500	191,400
Employed	180,400	179,400	181,800	184,800	180,800
Unemployed	7,700	8,400	7,700	7,600	10,600
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.0	5.5

Service companies make up an integral part of Stark County businesses. Manufacturing companies are an important employer. Major products produced in the area include steel pipe and tube, roller bearings, bars, containers, railroad cars, turbine equipment, aluminum, plastics, fiber containers, and food processing.

### Top 10 Major Employers

	Number of employees
<a href="#">The Timken Company</a>	4,816
<a href="#">Aultman Hospital</a>	3,774
<a href="#">Stark County Government</a>	2,781
<a href="#">Mercy Medical Center</a>	2,500
<a href="#">Stark County Board of MRDD &amp; Workshops, Inc.</a>	1,804
<a href="#">Diebold, Inc.</a>	1,650
<a href="#">Maytag Corp – Hoover Floor Care</a>	1,100
<a href="#">Alliance Community Hospital</a>	945
<a href="#">Fisher foods, Inc.</a>	940
<a href="#">Fresh Mark, Inc.</a>	878

## Employment and Wages by Sector

NAICS Industrial Sector	Average Annual Employment		Total Wages (in thousands of dollars)	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Total covered under Ohio UC Law	174,229	173,012	\$4,951,269
Private Sector	156,362	154,774	\$4,418,494	\$4,449,976
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	242	248	\$5,975	\$6,143
Mining	471	485	\$16,811	\$18,736
Utilities	654	568	\$35,050	\$31,913
Construction	8,359	8,085	\$278,475	\$275,953
Manufacturing	42,579	40,004	\$1,669,053	\$1,606,498
Wholesale trade	7,817	8,112	\$300,723	\$311,608
Retail trade	22,059	22,529	\$419,061	\$436,165
Transportation and warehousing	2,220	2,155	\$63,717	\$62,191
Information	2,270	2,252	\$73,873	\$74,335
Finance and insurance	5,340	5,427	\$184,099	\$199,458
Real estate and rental and leasing	1,658	1,482	\$36,882	\$33,800
Professional and technical services	4,617	4,759	\$161,909	\$174,954
Management of companies and enterprises	745	789	\$32,686	\$33,944
Administrative and waste services	9,513	9,425	\$140,739	\$150,313
Educational services	2,788	3,255	\$50,099	\$52,933
Health care and social assistance	22,908	23,381	\$677,864	\$701,959
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1,979	1,880	\$26,043	\$25,423
Accommodation and food services	13,346	12,858	\$132,146	\$129,744
Other services, except public administration	6,797	7,080	\$113,287	\$123,904
State and Local Government	17,866	18,238	\$532,775	\$569,020
State government	1,252	1,295	\$51,792	\$54,140
Local government	16,614	16,943	\$480,984	\$514,880
Federal Government	1,396	1,275	\$56,350	\$55,255

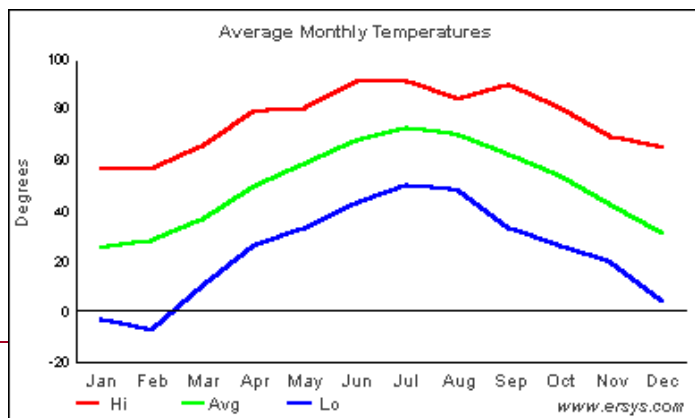
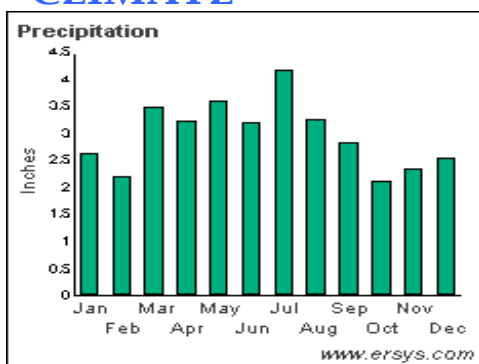
## EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

### Education

Public schools	125
Students	62,508
Teachers	3,955
Student-teacher ratio	15.6
Expenditures per student	\$7,119
Graduation rate	83.6
Non-public schools	31
Students	6,584
4-year public universities	0
Branches	1
2-year public colleges	1
Private universities and colleges	3
Public libraries	7
Branch libraries	14
Bookmobiles	5

Canton/Stark County has a rich tradition in education. More than 50% of Stark County high school graduates go on to two or four year colleges; many attend technical or community colleges.

## CLIMATE



## COMMUNICATIONS

The Canton/Stark County area offers many communications options. Home to 12 newspapers, 2 television stations, and 14 radio stations, Stark County gives businesses an excellent opportunity to advertise and provides area residents with quality programming and print.

### Radio Stations

<a href="#">WHBC</a>	1480 AM	<a href="#">WQXK</a>	105.1 FM
<a href="#">WINW</a>	1520 AM	<a href="#">WHBC</a>	94.1 FM
<a href="#">WDPN</a>	1310 AM	<a href="#">WNPQ</a>	95.9 FM
<a href="#">WRCW</a>	1060 AM	<a href="#">WKDD</a>	98.1 FM
<a href="#">WTIG</a>	990 AM	<a href="#">WRQK</a>	106.9 FM
<a href="#">WCER</a>	900 AM	<a href="#">WZKL</a>	92.5 FM
<a href="#">WHK</a>	1420 AM	<a href="#">WNIR</a>	100 FM
		<a href="#">WONE</a>	97.5 FM

### Daily and Sunday

#### Newspapers:

[The Repository](#)  
[Akron Beacon Journal](#)

#### Daily:

[Massillon Independent](#)  
[Alliance Review](#)

#### Weekly:

Hartville News  
 Louisville Herald  
 News Leader  
 Press News  
[Free Press Standard](#)

### Television Stations

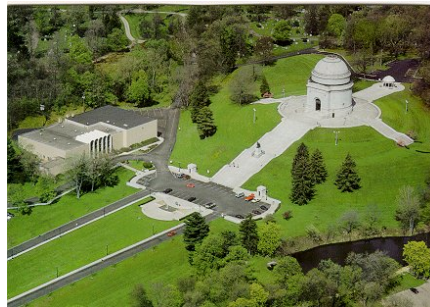
[WDLI-TV Channel 17 in Canton](#)  
[WVPX-TV Channel 23 in Akron/Canton](#)

## MAJOR ATTRACTIONS AND THE ARTS

The Stark County area is rich in cultural experiences ranging from spending a day at the Pro-Football Hall of Fame, or strolling through Canton's Art Institute. Stark County offers attractions that are sure please a wide variety of interests.

### Major Attractions

- [Discover World](#)
- [Steam Railroad Museum](#)
- [Glamorgan Castle](#)
- [McKinley National Memorial](#)
- [McKinley Museum of History](#)
- [Canton Classic Car Museum](#)
- [Hoover Historical Museum](#)
- Ohio Military Museum
- [Spring Hill Historic Home](#)
- [Canton Memorial Civic Center](#)
- [Pro Football Hall of Fame](#)
- 5 Oaks
- [Massillon Museum](#)
- [Mabel Hartzell Museum](#)



### State Parks

<u>Facilities</u>	2
Acreage	711

### Organization

<u>Organization</u>		<u>Attendees</u>
<a href="#">Canton Art Institute</a>	15 exhibits per year	50,000
<a href="#">Canton Ballet Company</a>	4 productions per year	12,043
<a href="#">Canton Civic Opera</a>	3 productions per year	10,000
<a href="#">Canton Symphony Orchestra</a>	652 productions per year	93,113
<a href="#">Players Guild of Canton</a>	9 productions per year	30,000
<a href="#">Alliance Symphony Orchestra</a>	3 productions per year	2,000
<a href="#">Carnation City Players - Alliance</a>	5 productions per year	2,000