



Van Wert County, OH

Regional Growth Partnership



Ohio

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Report Parameters

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39161 Van Wert County, OH

Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.

Economy Overview

28,836

Population (2024)

Population **grew by 605** over the last 5 years and is projected to **grow by 288** over the next 5 years.

12,617

Total Regional Employment

Jobs **decreased by 334** over the last 5 years but are projected to **grow by 453** over the next 5 years.

\$65.3K

Median Household Income (2023)

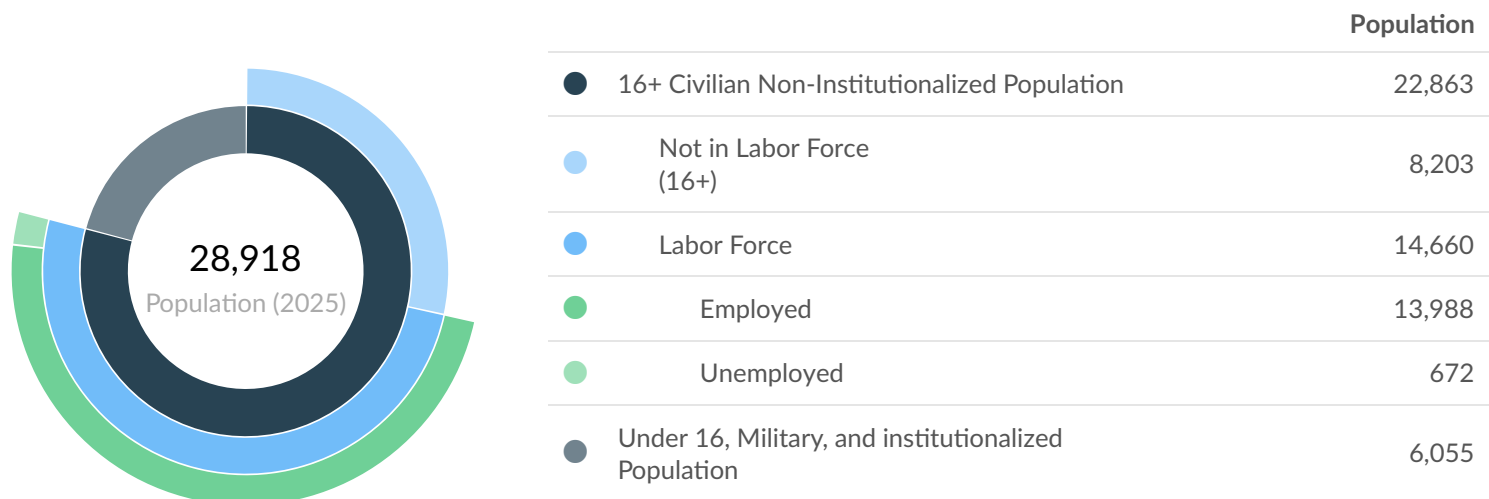
Median household income is **\$13.2K below** the national median household income of \$78.5K.

Takeaways

- As of 2024 the region's population **increased by 2.1%** since 2019, growing by 605. Population is expected to **increase by 1.0%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 288.
- From 2019 to 2024, jobs **declined by 2.6%** in Van Wert County, OH from 12,952 to **12,617**. This change **fell short of the national growth rate of 4.3% by 6.9%**. As the number of jobs declined, the **labor force participation rate decreased from 67.4% to 64.2% between 2019 and 2024**.
- Concerning educational attainment, **10.7% of Van Wert County, OH residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (10.8% below the national average), and **12.6% hold an Associate's Degree** (3.8% above the national average).
- The top three industries in 2024 are Education and Hospitals (Local Government), Restaurants and Other Eating Places, and Other Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing.

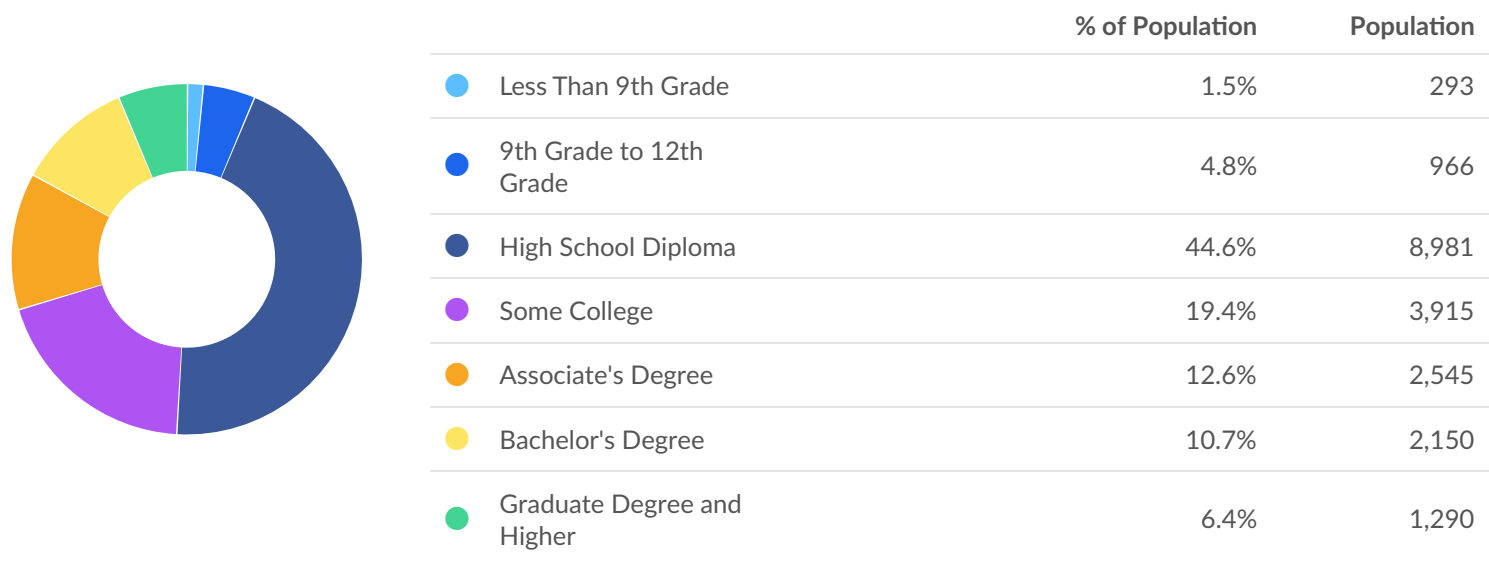
	Population (2025)	Labor Force (Jun 2025)	Jobs (2024)	Cost of Living	GRP	Imports	Exports
Region	28,918	14,660	12,617	94.0	\$1.71B	\$2.65B	\$2.43B
State	11,825,536	5,997,825	6,086,968	92.8	\$904.24B	\$700.85B	\$866.58B

Jun 2025 Labor Force Breakdown



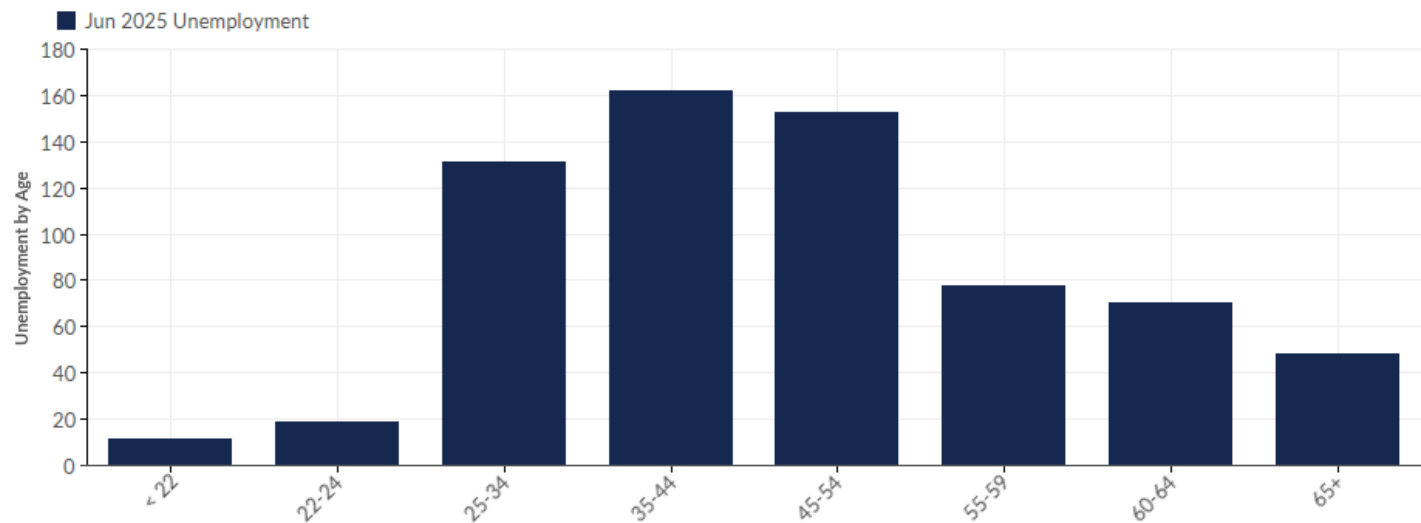
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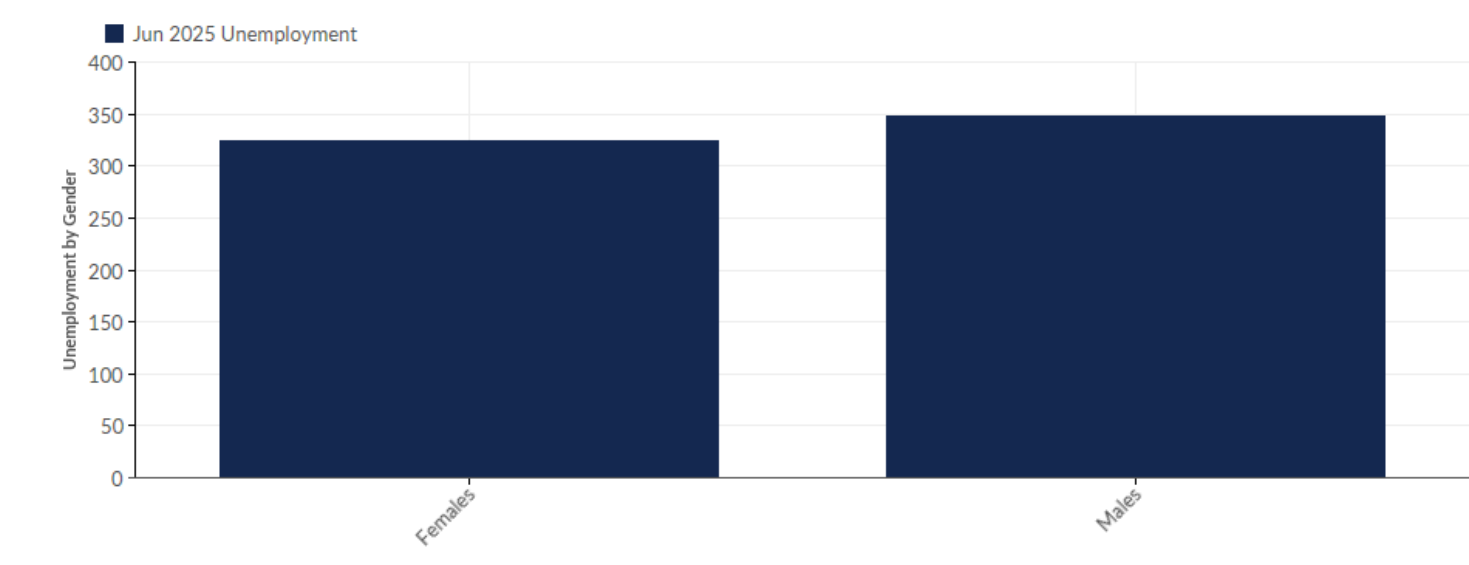
Unemployment by Demographics

Unemployment by Age



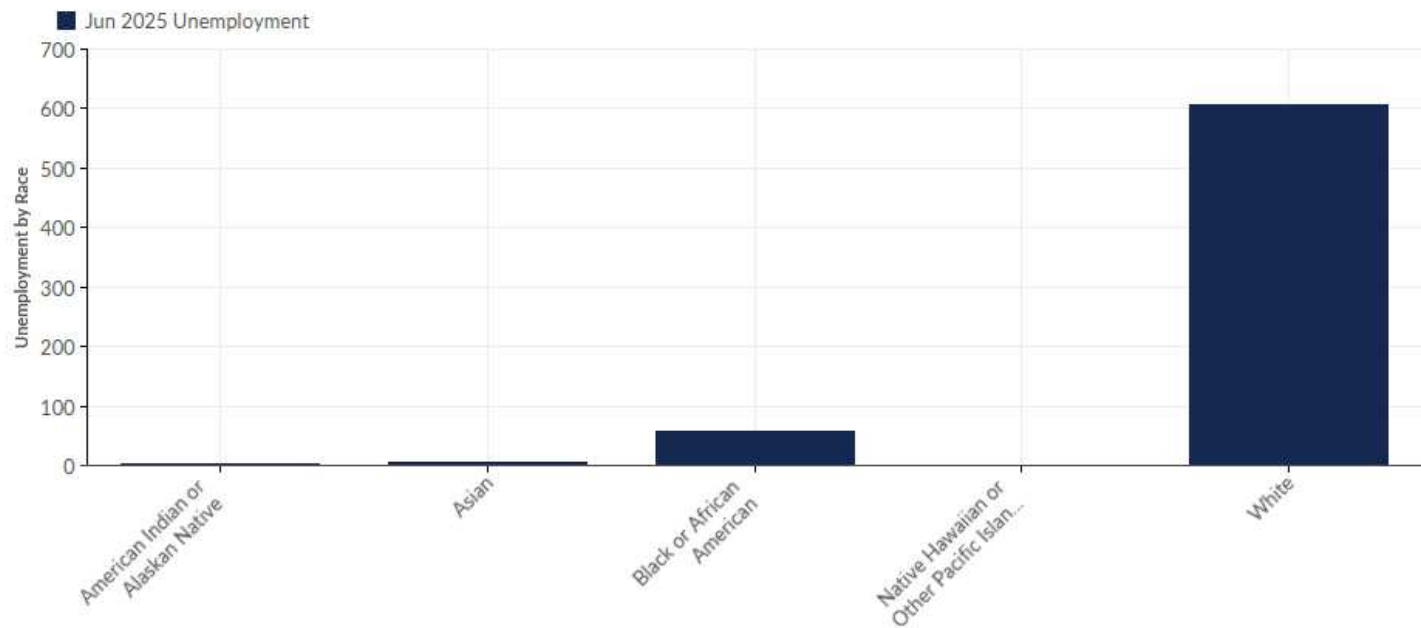
Age	Unemployment (Jun 2025)	% of Unemployed
< 22	11	1.64%
22-24	19	2.83%
25-34	131	19.49%
35-44	162	24.11%
45-54	153	22.77%
55-59	78	11.61%
60-64	70	10.42%
65+	48	7.14%
Total	672	100.00%

Unemployment by Gender



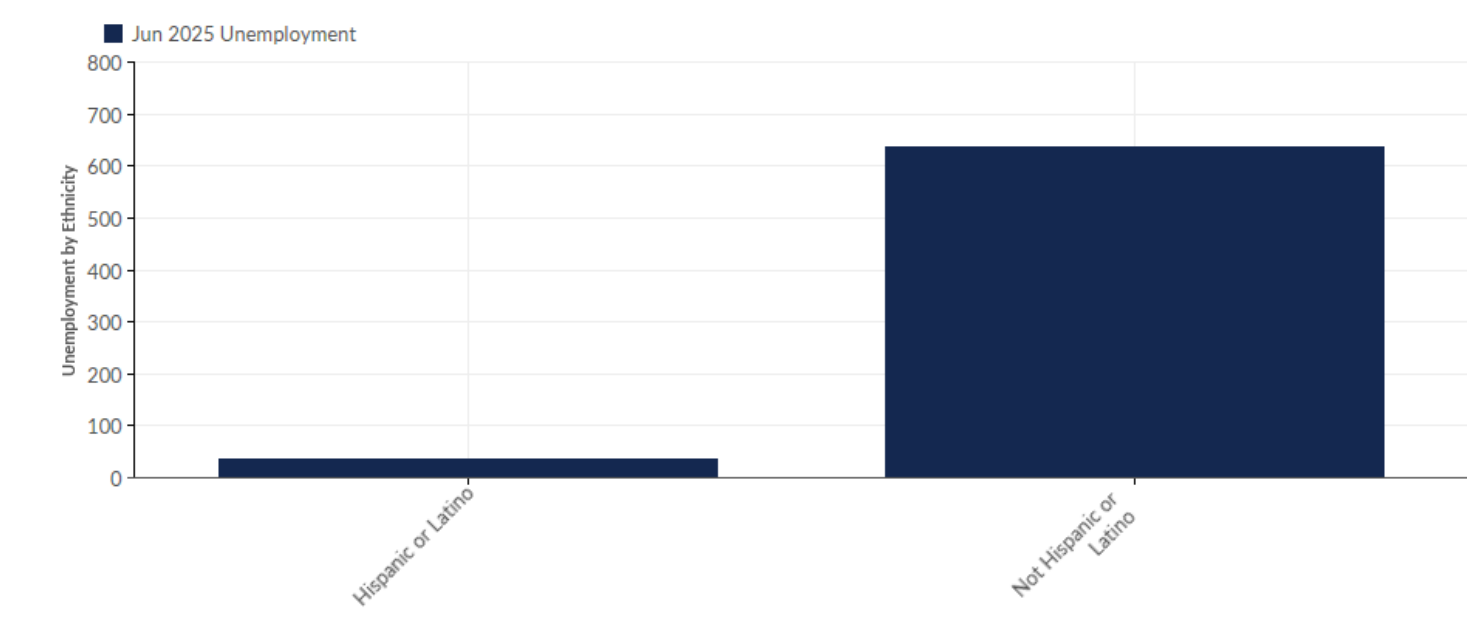
Gender	Unemployment (Jun 2025)	% of Unemployed
Females	324	48.21%
Males	348	51.79%
Total	672	100.00%

Unemployment by Race



Race	Unemployment (Jun 2025)	% of Unemployed
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0.30%
Asian	4	0.60%
Black or African American	58	8.63%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.15%
White	607	90.33%
Total	672	100.00%

Unemployment by Ethnicity

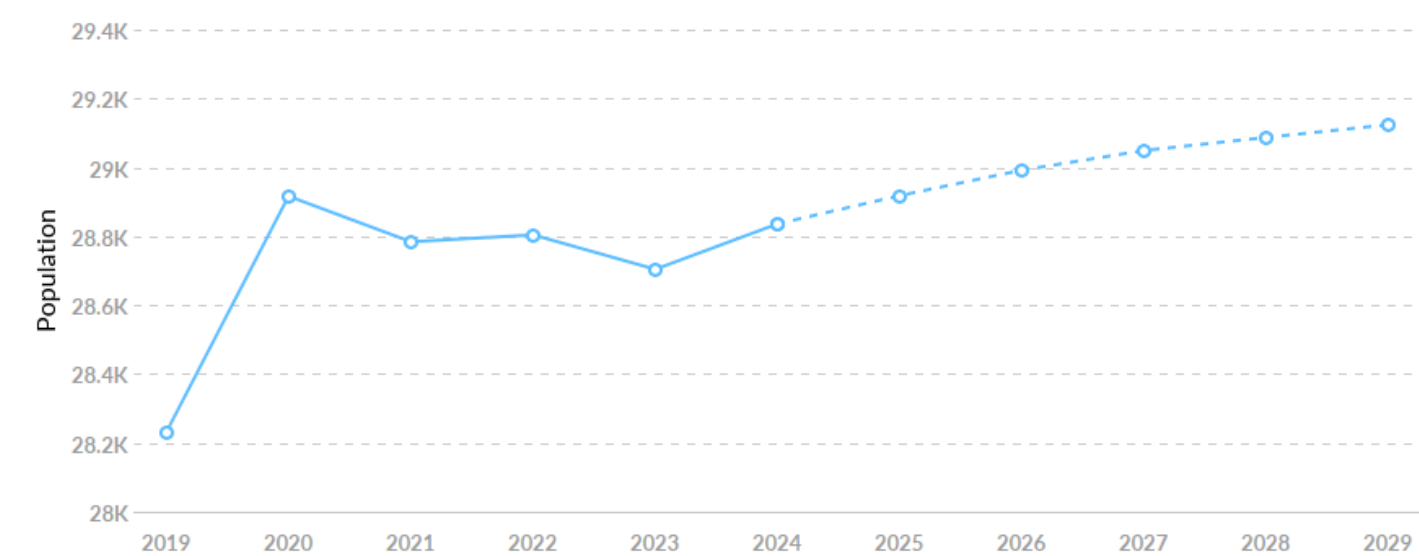


Ethnicity	Unemployment (Jun 2025)	% of Unemployed
Hispanic or Latino	35	5.21%
Not Hispanic or Latino	637	94.79%
Total	672	100.00%

Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

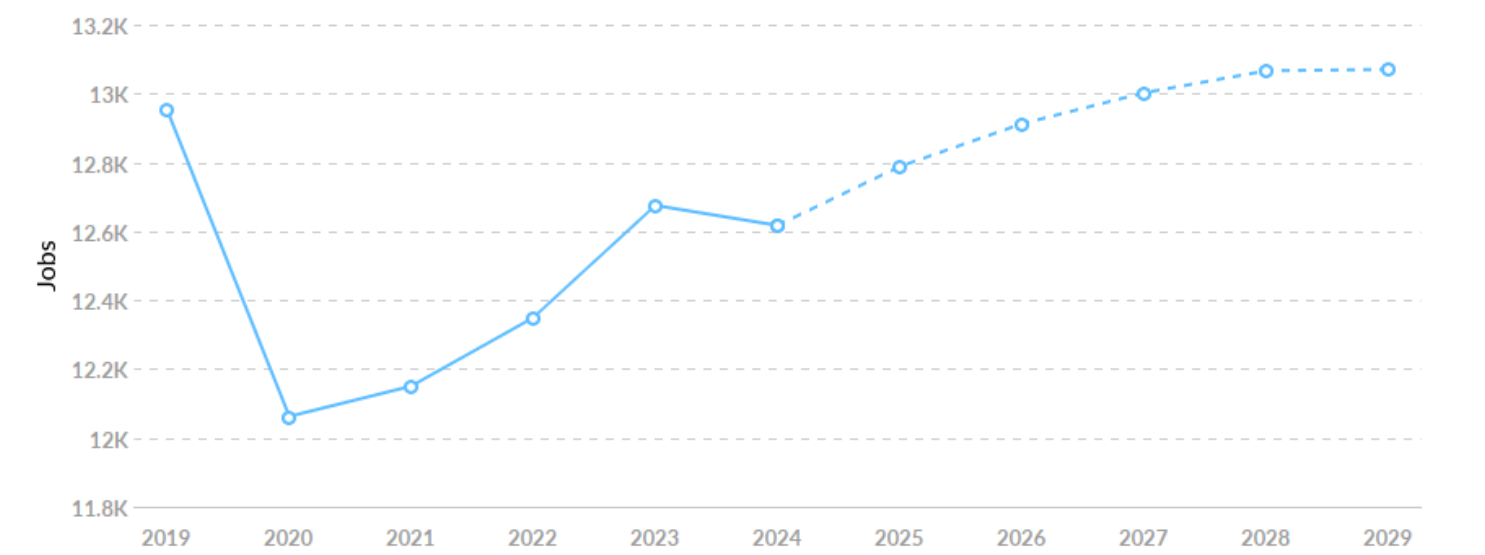
As of 2024 the region's population **increased by 2.1%** since 2019, growing by 605. Population is expected to **increase by 1.0%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 288.



Timeframe	Population
2019	28,231
2020	28,916
2021	28,784
2022	28,804
2023	28,704
2024	28,836
2025	28,918
2026	28,992
2027	29,049
2028	29,087
2029	29,124

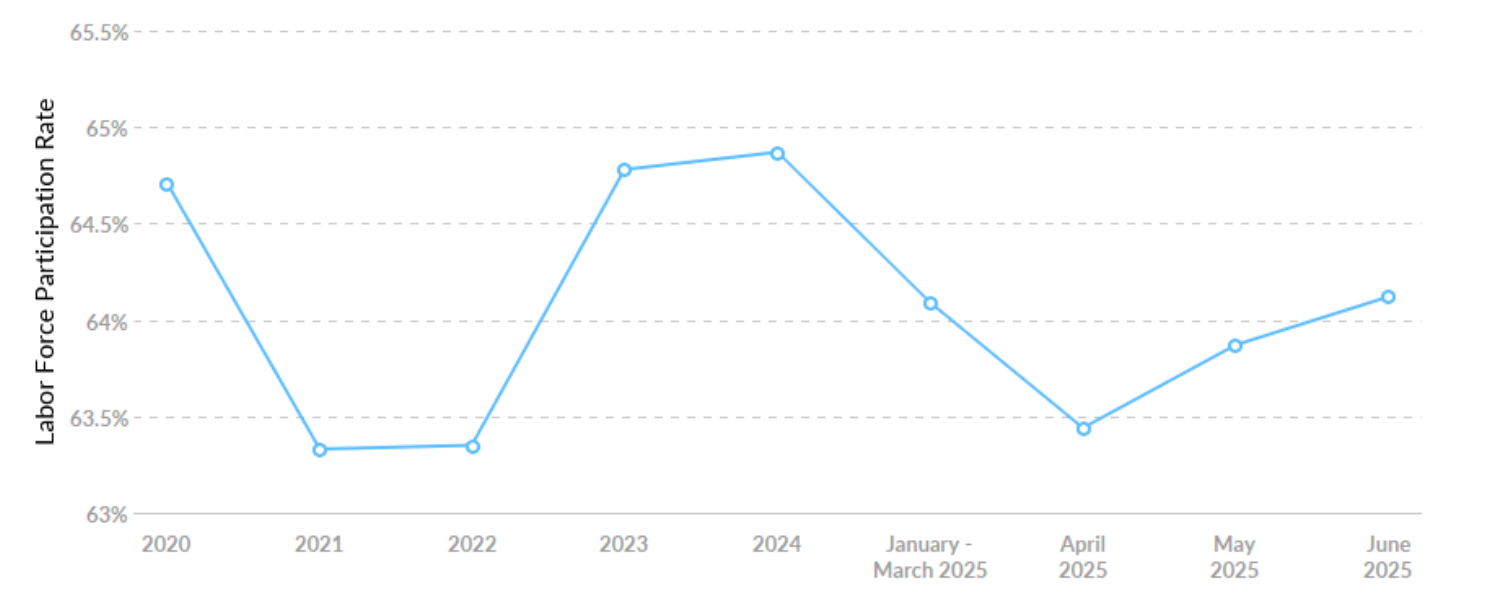
Job Trends

From 2019 to 2024, jobs declined by 2.6% in Van Wert County, OH from 12,952 to 12,617. This change fell short of the national growth rate of 4.3% by 6.9%.



Timeframe	Jobs
2019	12,952
2020	12,062
2021	12,150
2022	12,349
2023	12,675
2024	12,617
2025	12,788
2026	12,912
2027	13,002
2028	13,066
2029	13,070

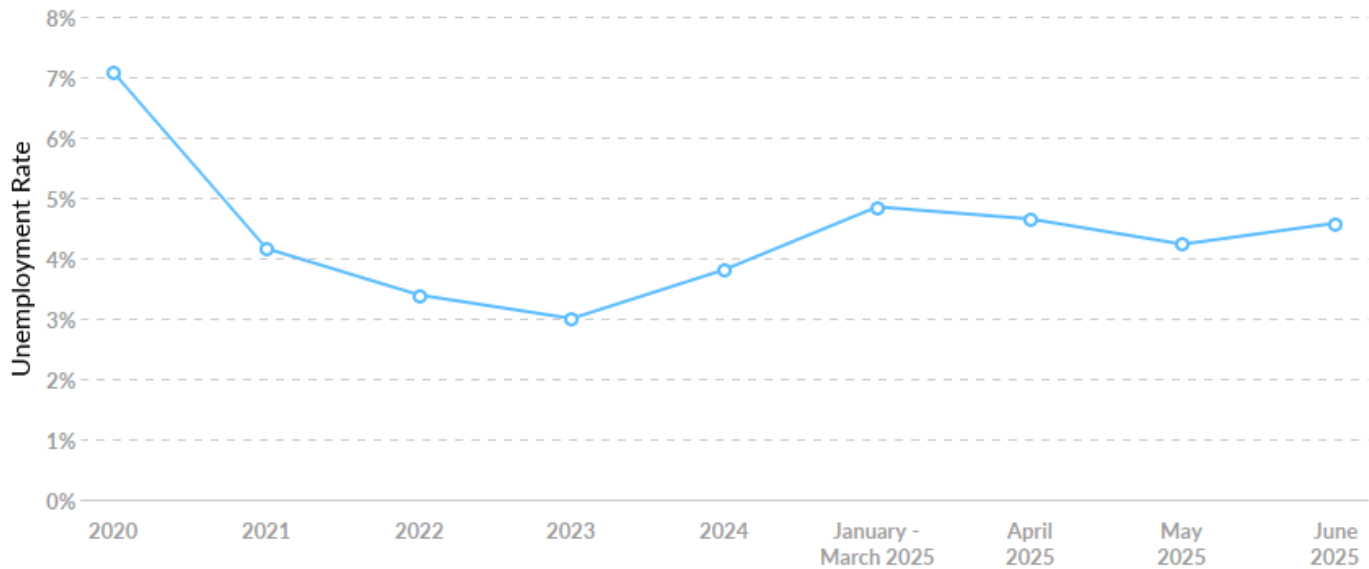
Labor Force Participation Rate Trends



Timeframe	Labor Force Participation Rate
2020	64.71%
2021	63.33%
2022	63.35%
2023	64.78%
2024	64.87%
January - March 2025	64.09%
April 2025	63.44%
May 2025	63.87%
June 2025	64.12%

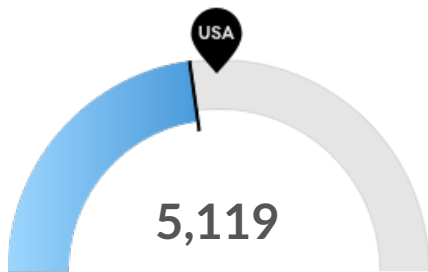
Unemployment Rate Trends

Van Wert County, OH had a June 2025 unemployment rate of 4.58%, **decreasing from 7.07%** 5 years before.



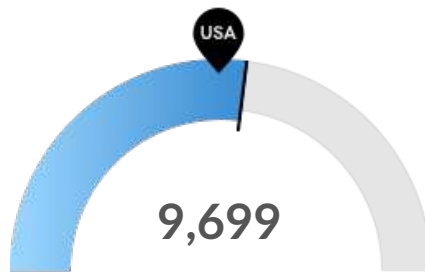
Timeframe	Unemployment Rate
2020	7.07%
2021	4.16%
2022	3.39%
2023	3.00%
2024	3.81%
January - March 2025	4.85%
April 2025	4.65%
May 2025	4.23%
June 2025	4.58%

Population Characteristics



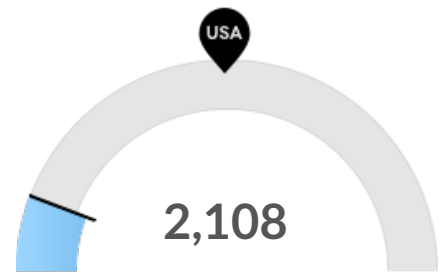
Millennials

Van Wert County, OH has 5,119 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 5,832.



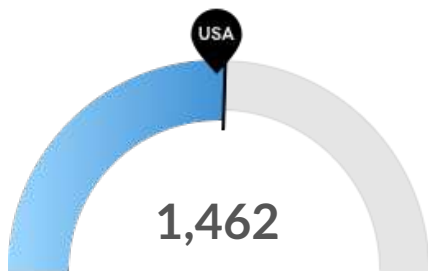
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is high in Van Wert County, OH. The national average for an area this size is 8,665 people 55 or older, while there are 9,699 here.



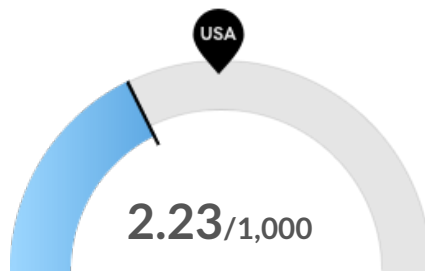
Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is low in Van Wert County, OH. The national average for an area this size is 11,954 racially diverse people, while there are 2,108 here.



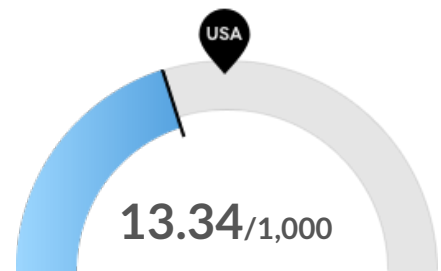
Veterans

Van Wert County, OH has 1,462 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 1,420.



Violent Crime

Van Wert County, OH has 2.23 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.54 per 1,000 people.

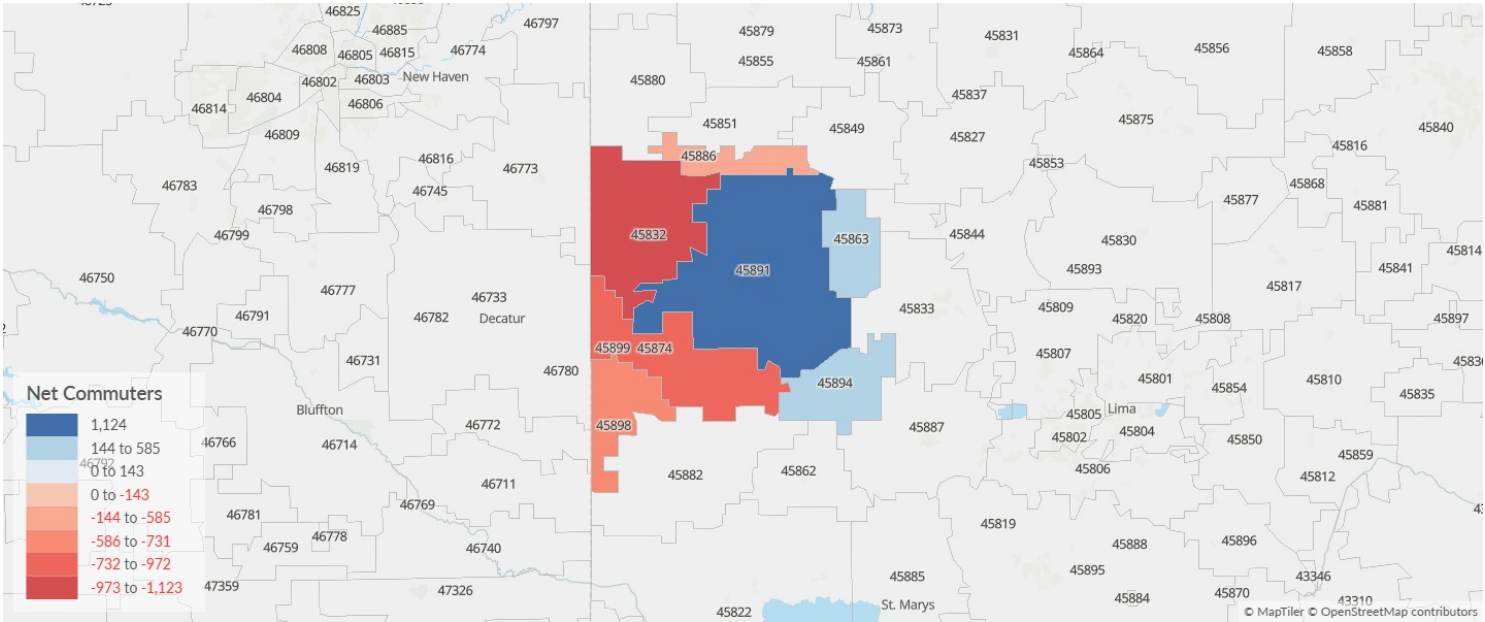


Property Crime

Van Wert County, OH has 13.34 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 18.02 per 1,000 people.

Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Van Wert County, OH currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



Where Talent Works

ZIP	Name	2024 Employment
45891	Van Wert, OH (in Van W...	9,727
45863	Middle Point, OH (in Va...	926
45874	Ohio City, OH (in Van W...	588
45832	Convoy, OH (in Van We...	580
45894	Venedocia, OH (in Van ...	514

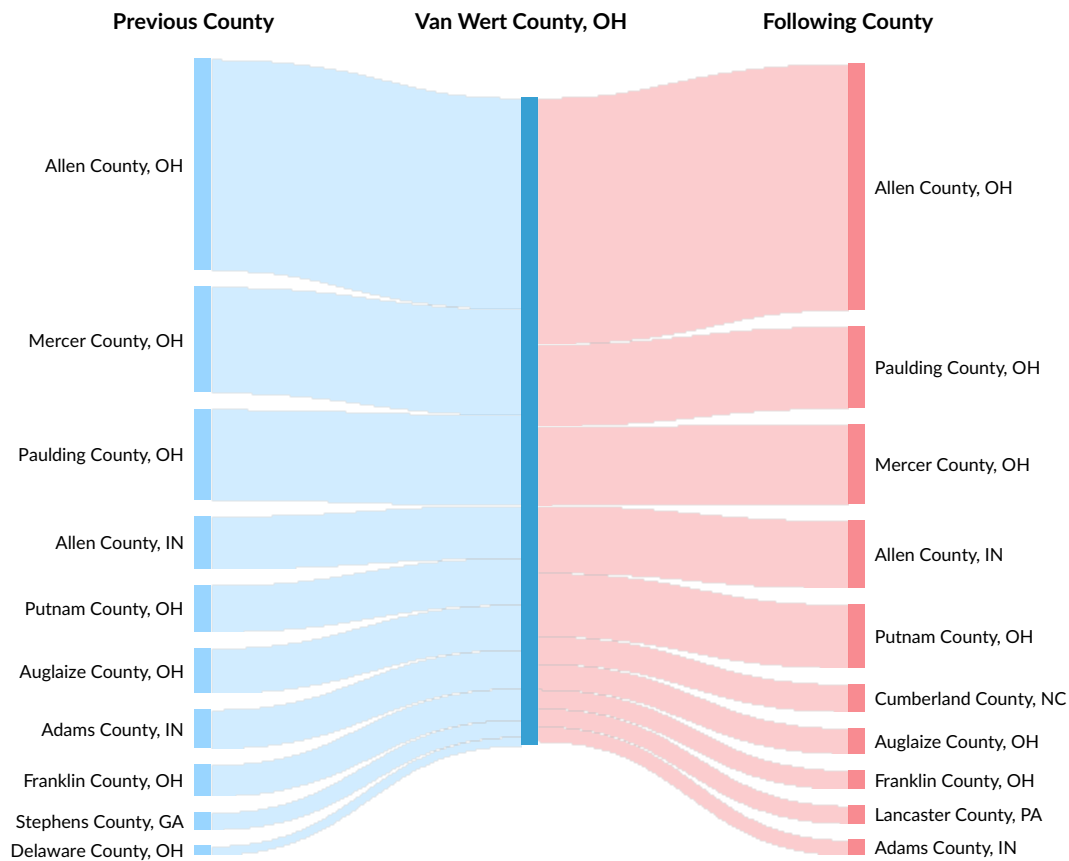
Where Talent Lives

ZIP	Name	2024 Workers
45891	Van Wert, OH (in Van W...	8,603
45832	Convoy, OH (in Van We...	1,553
45874	Ohio City, OH (in Van W...	1,320
45863	Middle Point, OH (in Va...	770
45898	Willshire, OH (in Van W...	716

Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Van Wert County, OH. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Van Wert County, OH. The right column shows residents migrating from Van Wert County, OH to other counties.

As of 2022, 173 people have migrated from Allen County, OH to Van Wert County, OH. In the same year, 202 people left Van Wert County, OH migrating to Allen County, OH. The total Net Migration for Van Wert County, OH in 2022 was -21.

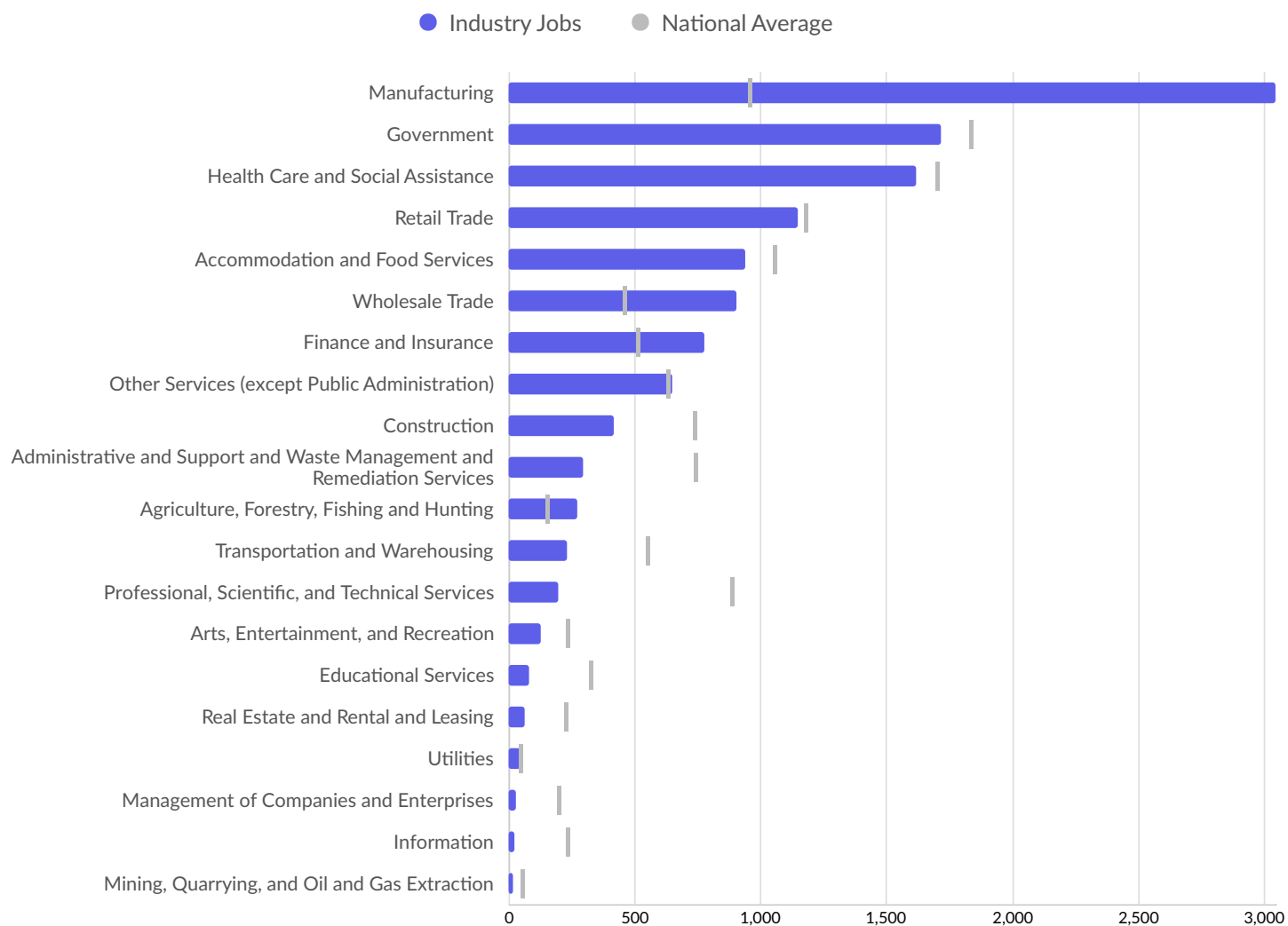


Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Allen County, OH	173
Mercer County, OH	87
Paulding County, OH	74
Allen County, IN	43
Putnam County, OH	38
Auglaize County, OH	37

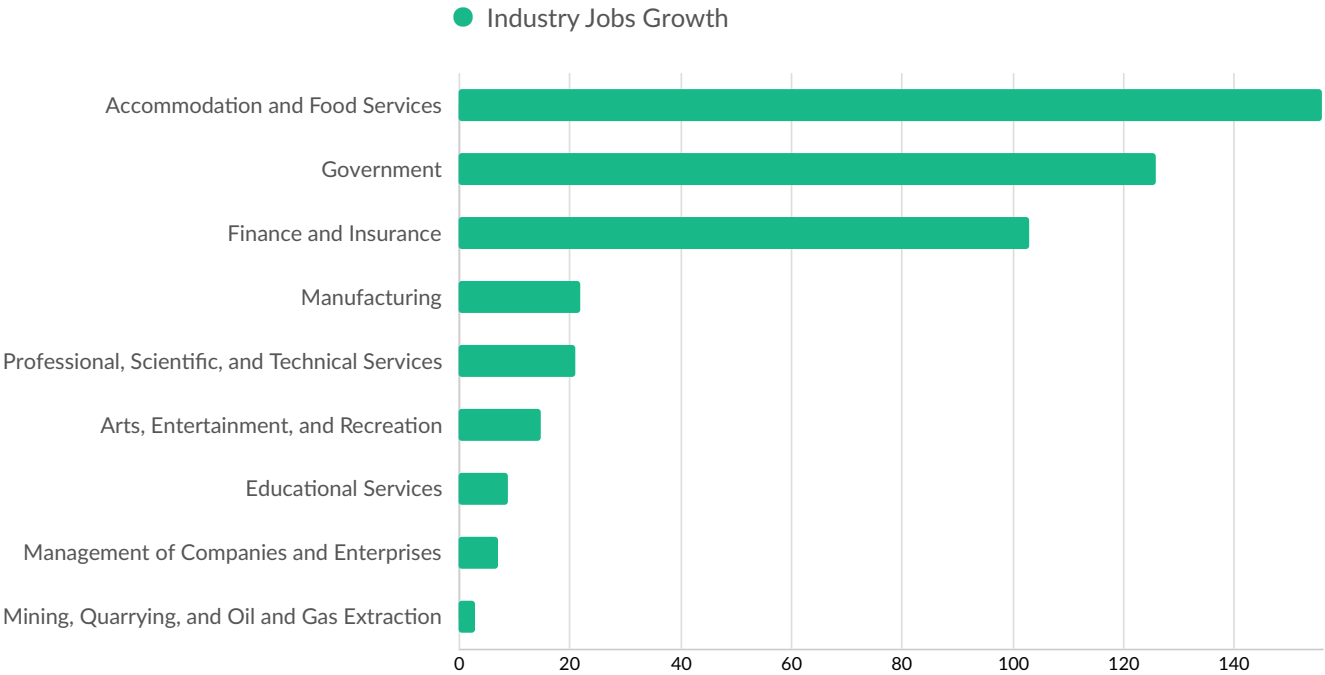
Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Adams County, IN	32
Franklin County, OH	26
Stephens County, GA	14
Delaware County, OH	7
Haywood County, NC	6
Cuyahoga County, OH	5
Miami-Dade County, FL	5
Maricopa County, AZ	5
Orange County, FL	5
Top Following Counties	Migrations
Allen County, OH	202
Paulding County, OH	67
Mercer County, OH	65
Allen County, IN	55
Putnam County, OH	52
Cumberland County, NC	23
Auglaize County, OH	21
Franklin County, OH	16
Lancaster County, PA	15
Adams County, IN	12
Onslow County, NC	12
Butler County, OH	10
Montgomery County, OH	9
Washtenaw County, MI	8
Sumner County, TN	8

Industry Characteristics

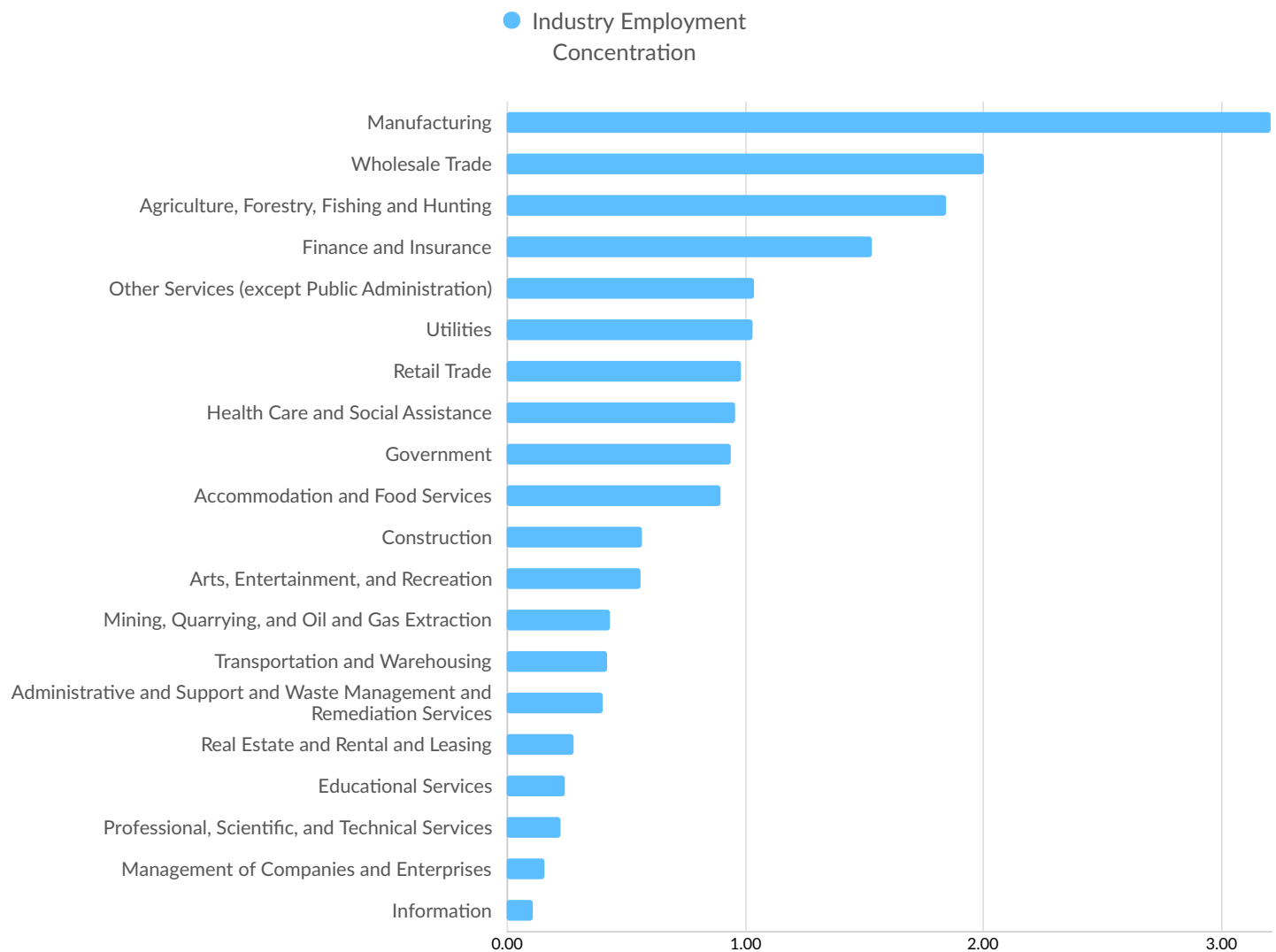
Largest Industries



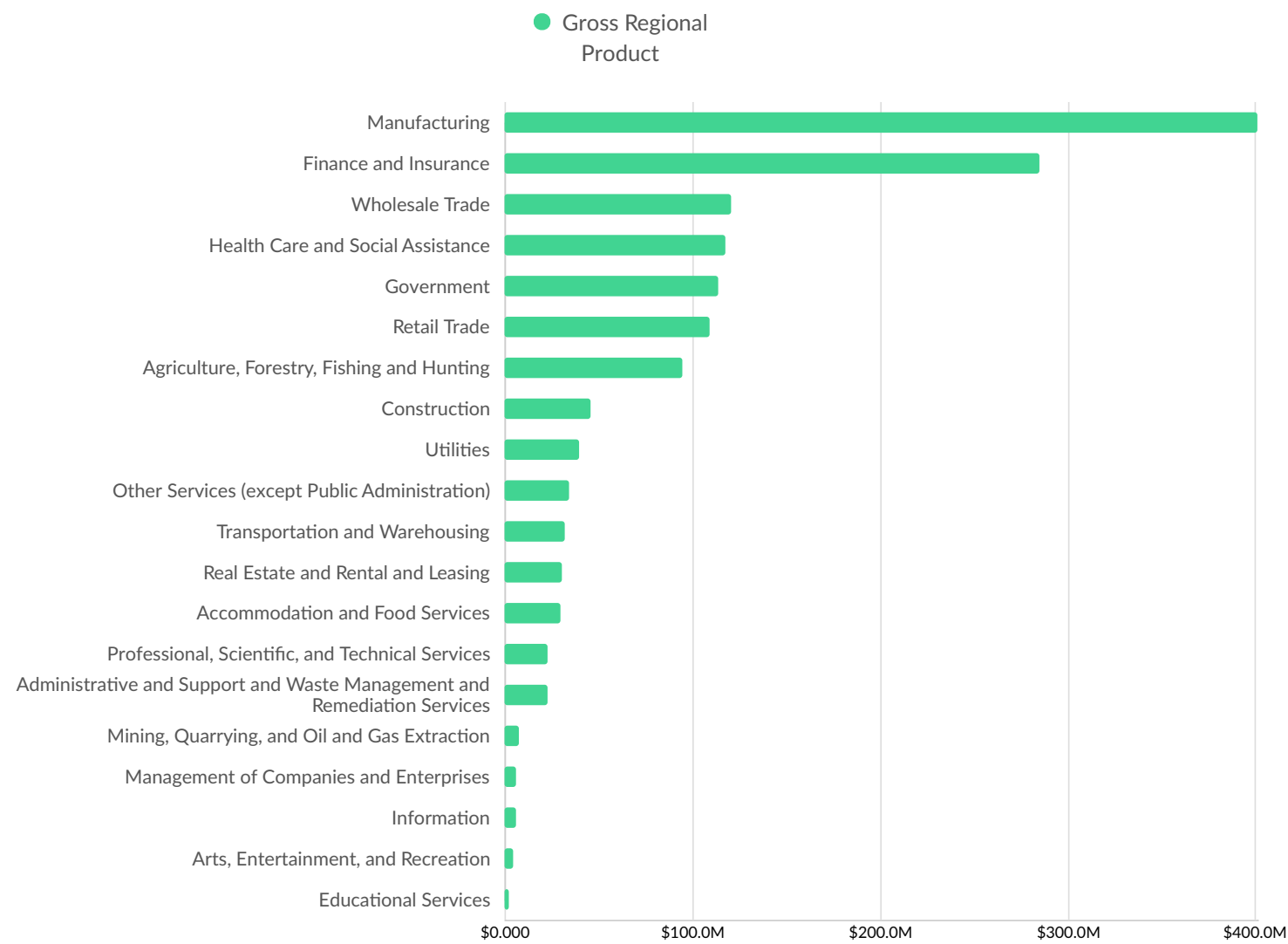
Top Growing Industries



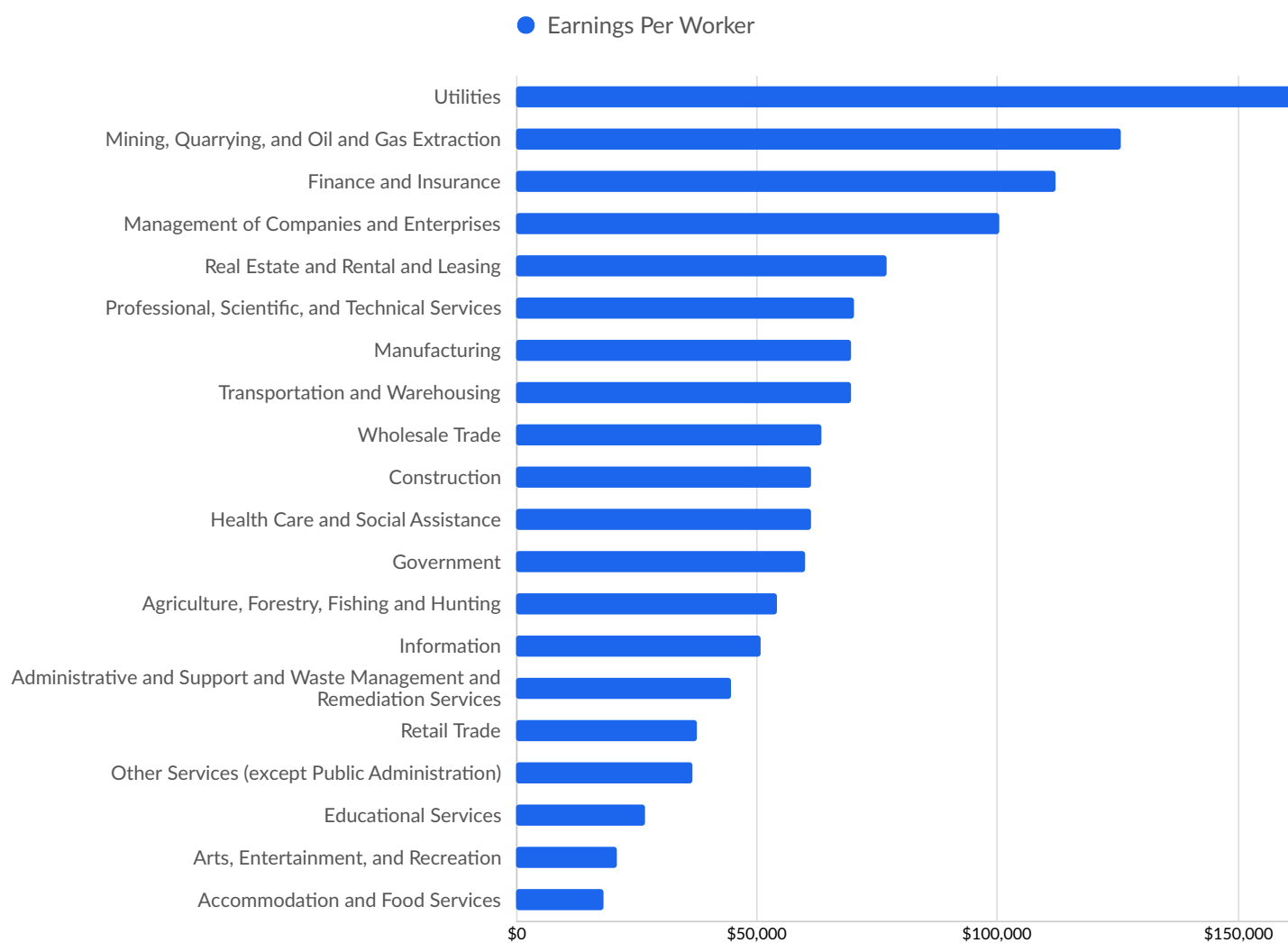
Top Industry Employment Concentration



Top Industry GRP



Top Industry Earnings



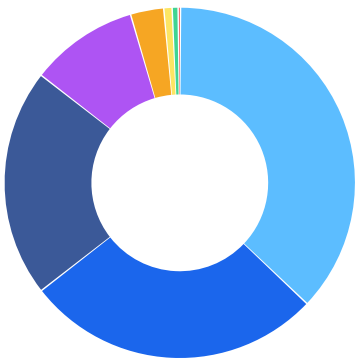
Business Characteristics

1,502 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 1,502 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 530 companies in Van Wert County, OH posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

Top Companies	Profiles	Top Companies Posting	Unique Postings
Eaton Corporation	103 <div></div>	S & L Beverages	135 <div></div>
Central Agency Insurance	90 <div></div>	Danfoss	106 <div></div>
Cooper Farms	77 <div></div>	Vancrest Health Care Centers	105 <div></div>
Van Wert City Schools Elementa...	48 <div></div>	OhioHealth	98 <div></div>
Vantage Career Center	48 <div></div>	Danfoss Power Solutions	84 <div></div>
Central Mutual Insurance Co	42 <div></div>	Frickers	70 <div></div>
Walmart	41 <div></div>	Walmart	67 <div></div>
Braun Ambulances	39 <div></div>	Staffmark	56 <div></div>
Danfoss Power Solutions	38 <div></div>	Central Agency Insurance	55 <div></div>
Alliance Automation	37 <div></div>	Headway	49 <div></div>

Business Size

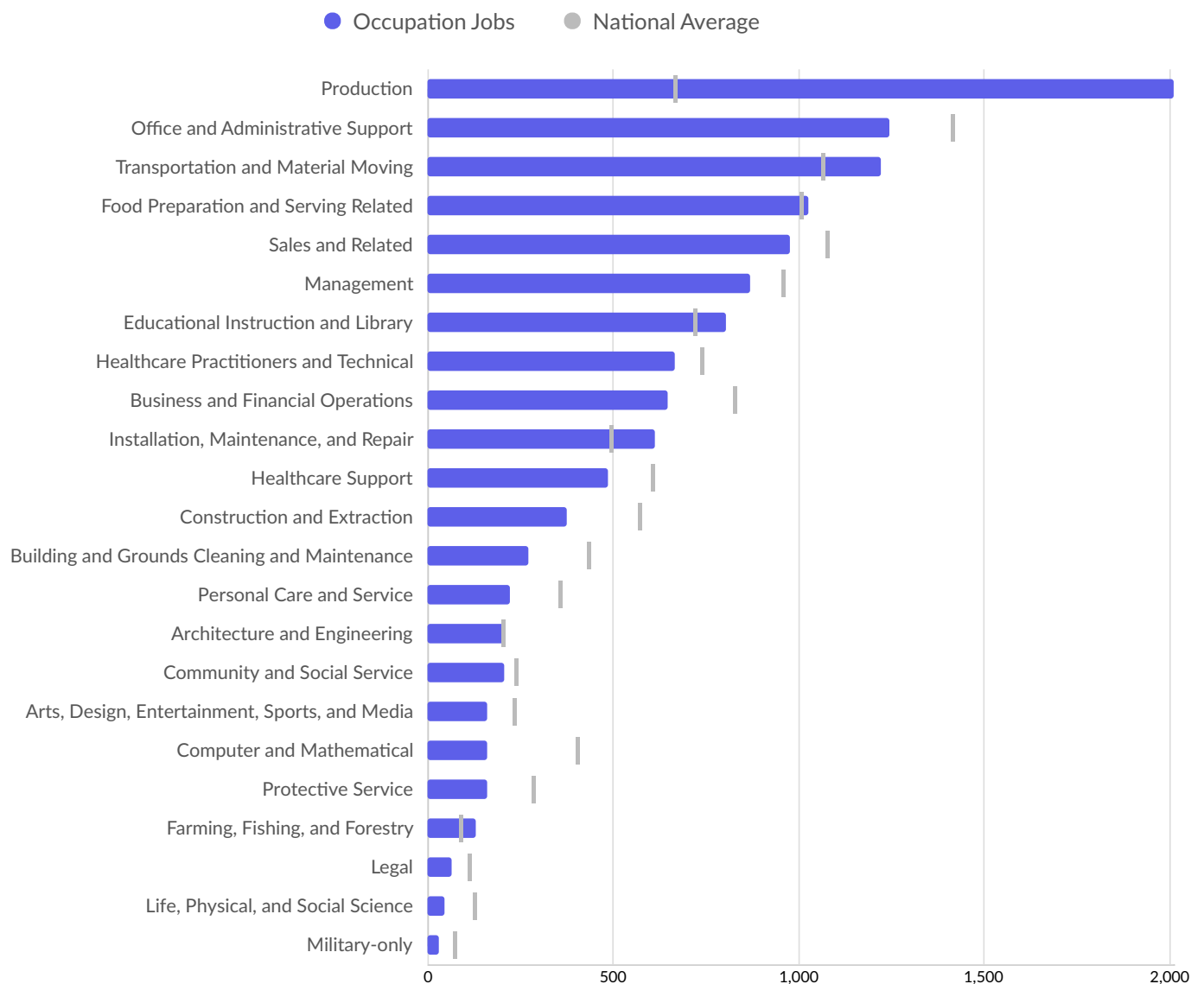


	Percentage	Business Count
1 to 4 employees	37.0%	338
5 to 9 employees	27.4%	250
10 to 19 employees	21.0%	192
20 to 49 employees	10.0%	91
50 to 99 employees	3.1%	28
100 to 249 employees	0.8%	7
250 to 499 employees	0.5%	5
500+ employees	0.2%	2

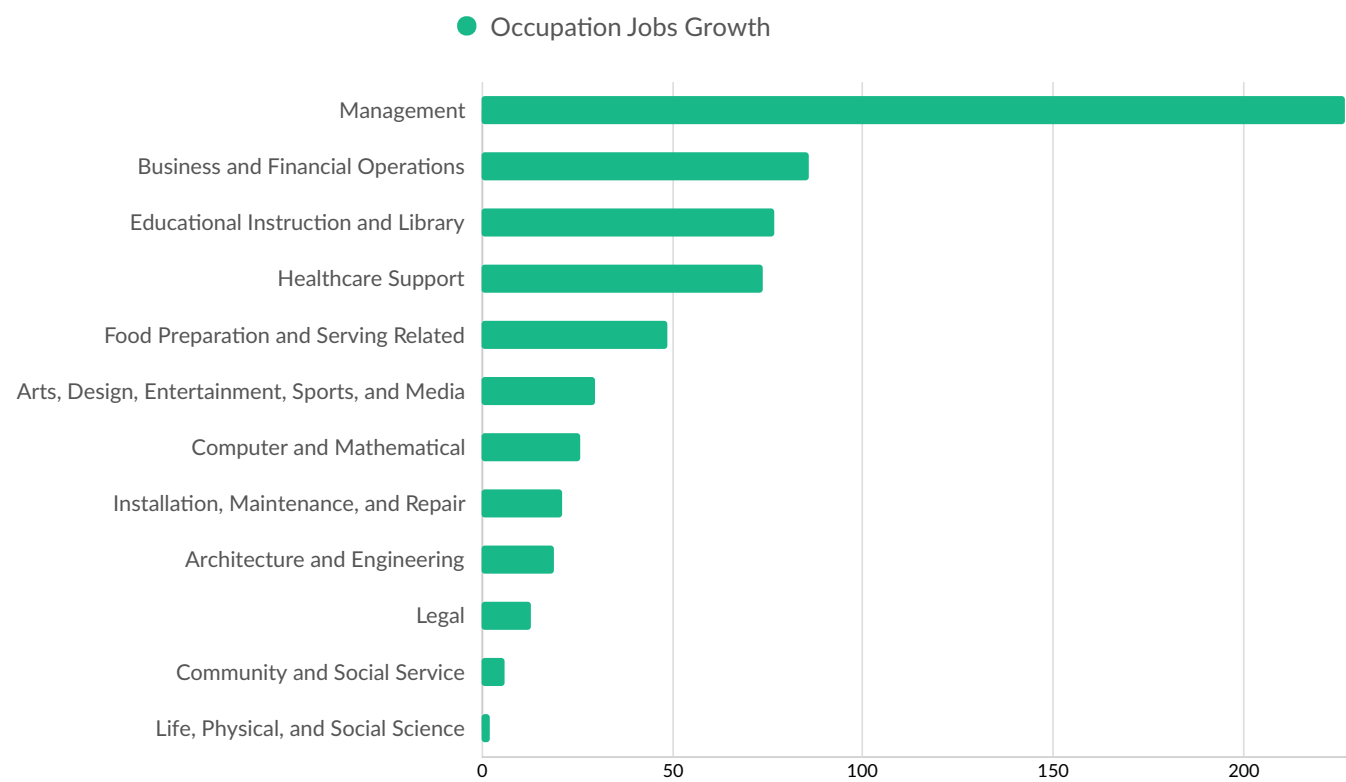
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Workforce Characteristics

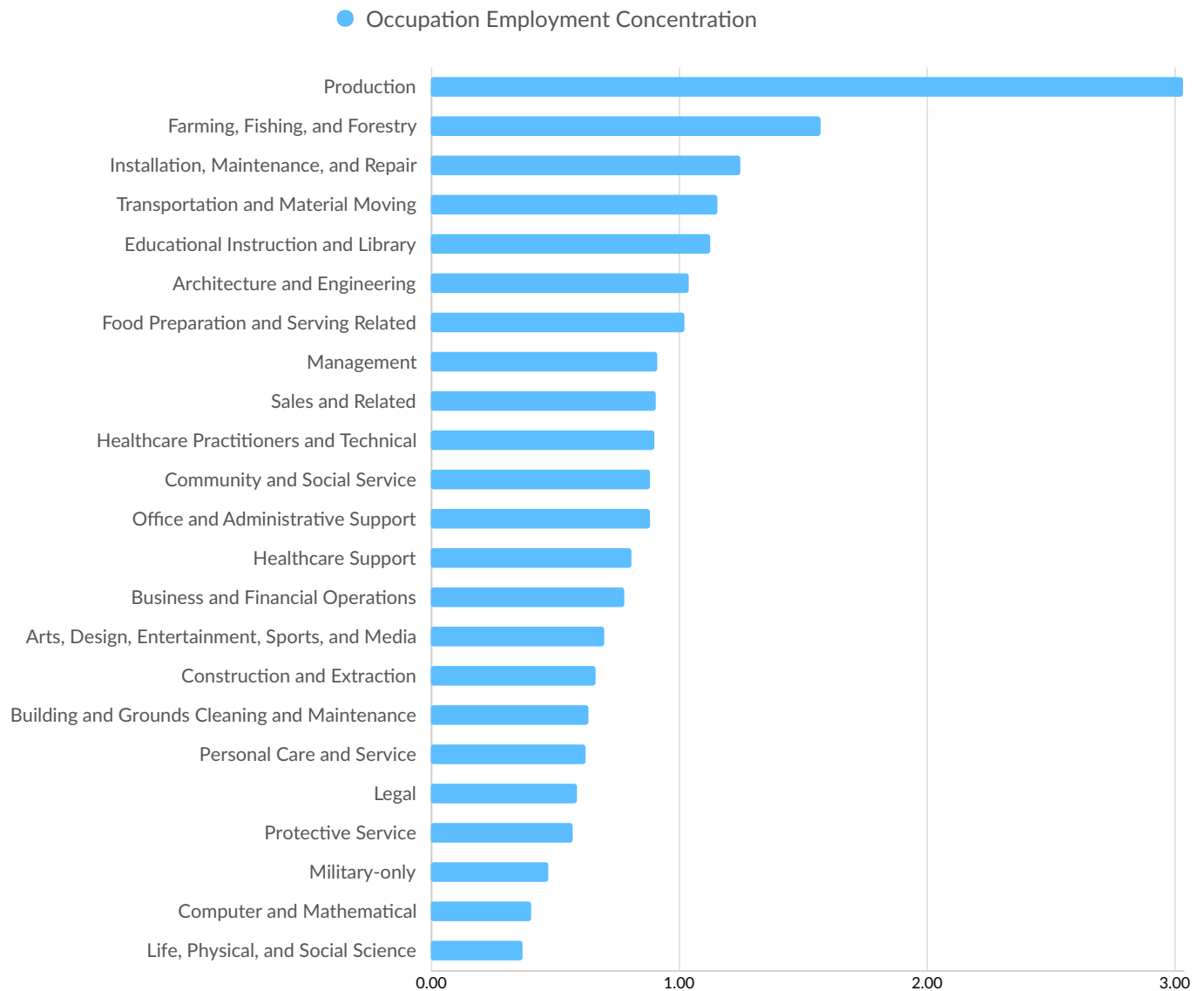
Largest Occupations



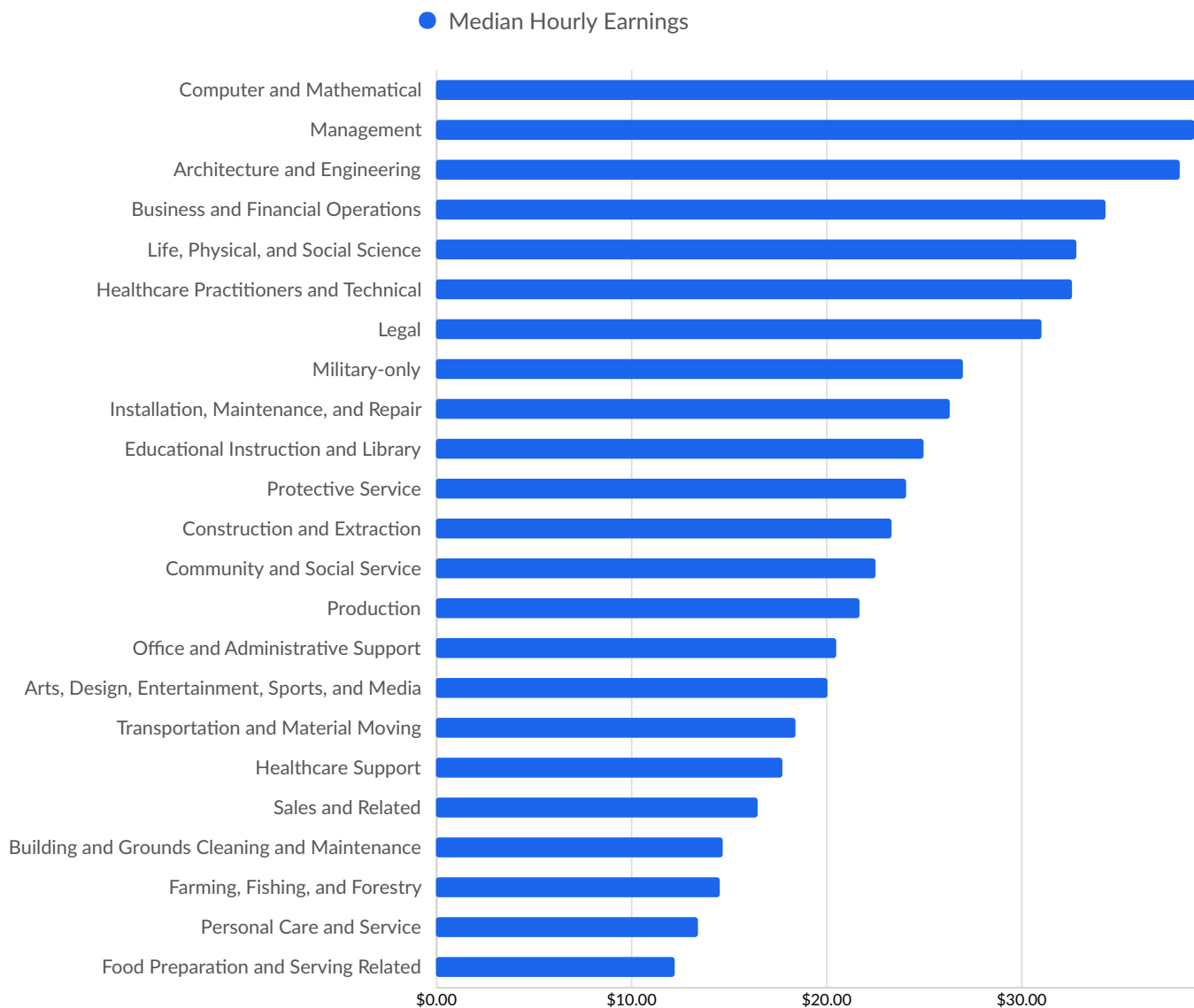
Top Growing Occupations



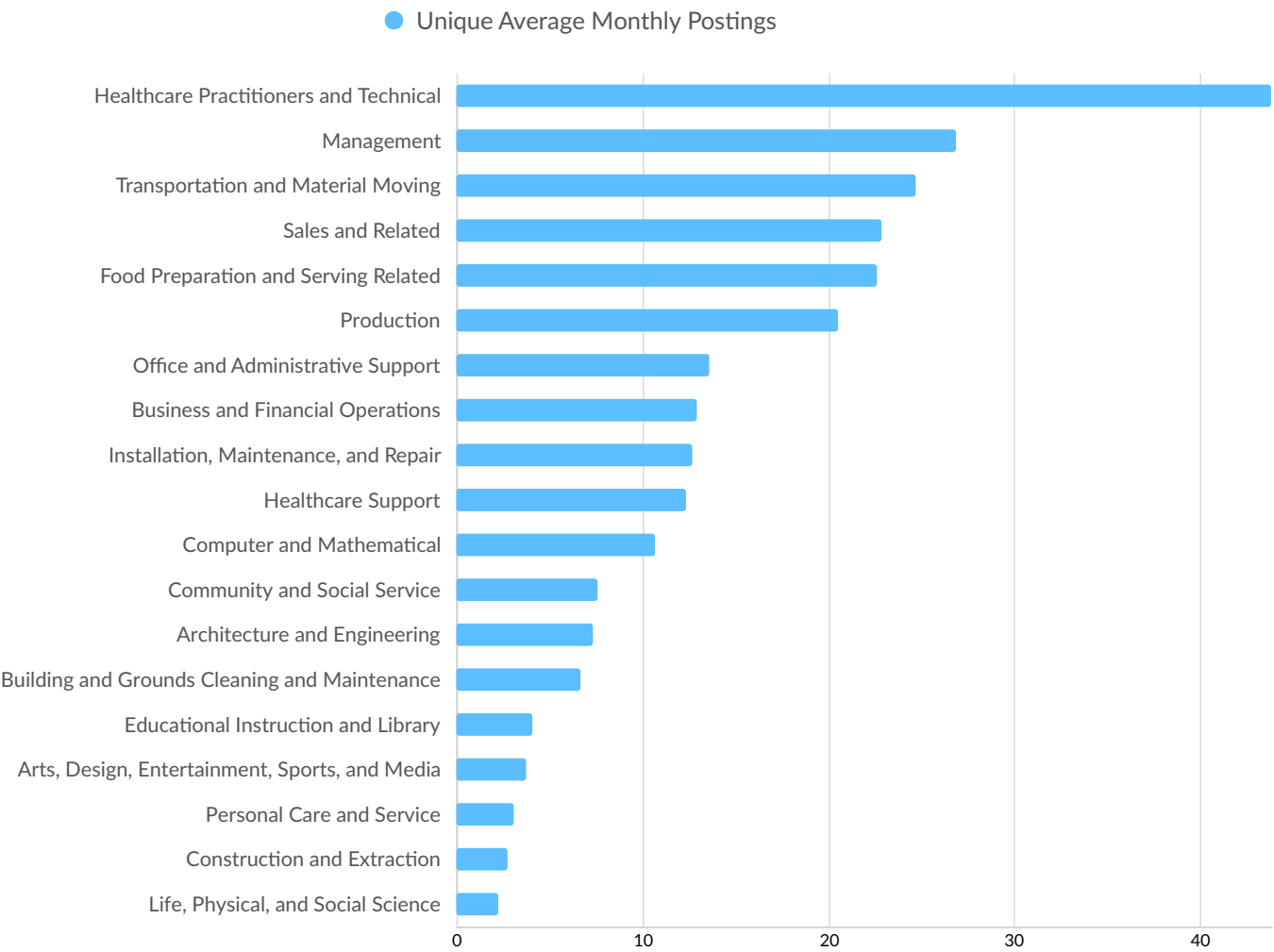
Top Occupation Employment Concentration



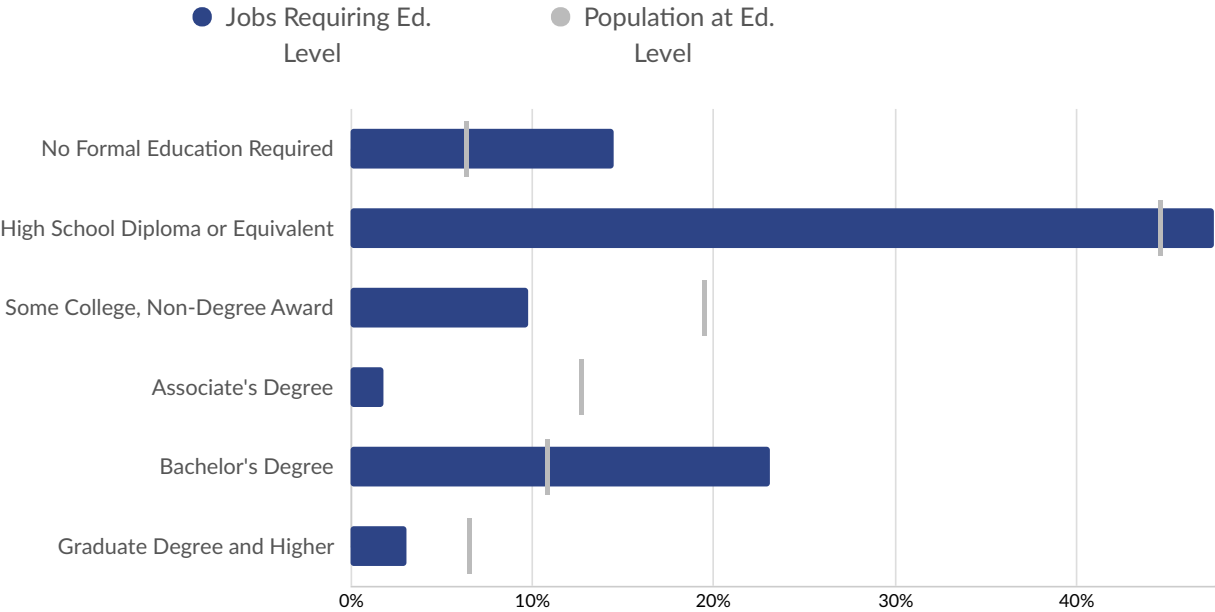
Top Occupation Earnings



Top Posted Occupations

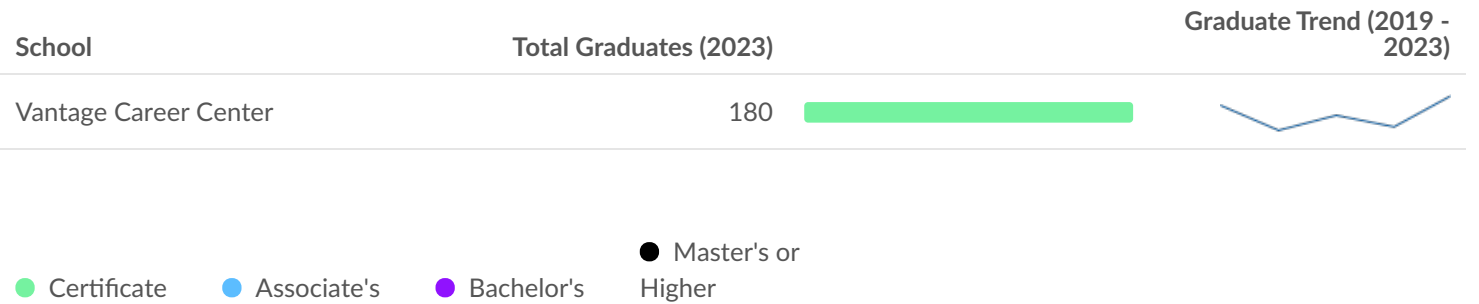


Underemployment



Educational Pipeline

In 2023, there were 180 graduates in Van Wert County, OH. This pipeline has grown by 22% over the last 5 years. The highest share of these graduates come from "Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide" (Certificate), "Welding Engineering Technology/Technician" (Certificate), and "Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor" (Certificate).



In-Demand Skills

