

PROFILE OF SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Source: 2006 and 2005 American Community Survey; 2000 Decennial Census

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	2006 ACS				2005 ACS				2000 Decennial Census		2000-2005			2000-2006			2005-2006			
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PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO																				
Total population	545,931	*****			536,957	*****			542,899											
<i>that are in group quarters</i>									9,144											
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT																				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	139,487	+/-2,735			142,773	+/-3,671			142,049	100.0%	0.5	no		-1.8	no		-2.3	yes		
Nursery school, preschool	8,944	+/-1,337	6.4%	1.0%	8,522	+/-1,410	6.0%	1.0%	10,586	7.5%	-19.5	yes	yes	-15.5	yes	yes	5.0	no	no	
Kindergarten	6,704	+/-1,313	4.8%	0.9%	7,446	+/-1,243	5.2%	0.9%	8,530	6.0%	-12.7	no	no	-21.4	yes	yes	-10.0	no	no	
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	59,304	+/-1,690	42.5%	0.9%	58,833	+/-1,666	41.2%	0.5%	63,218	44.5%	-6.9	yes	yes	-6.2	yes	yes	0.8	no	yes	
High school (grades 9-12)	30,663	+/-1,530	22.0%	1.0%	31,055	+/-1,670	21.8%	1.0%	29,738	20.9%	4.4	no	no	3.1	no	yes	-1.3	no	no	
College or graduate school	33,872	+/-2,345	24.3%	1.6%	36,917	+/-3,028	25.9%	2.0%	29,977	21.1%	23.2	yes	yes	13.0	yes	yes	-8.2	yes	no	
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT																				
Population 25 years and over	367,311	+/-791			361,926	+/-622			362,645	100.0%	-0.2	yes		1.3	yes		1.5	yes		
Less than 9th grade	8,673	+/-1,193	2.4%	0.3%	9,478	+/-1,744	2.6%	0.5%	11,214	3.1%	-15.5	no	no	-22.7	yes	yes	-8.5	no	no	
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	33,161	+/-2,610	9.0%	0.7%	31,360	+/-2,621	8.7%	0.7%	40,662	11.2%	-22.9	yes	yes	-18.4	yes	yes	-5.7	no	no	
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	120,464	+/-4,296	32.8%	1.2%	116,413	+/-4,561	32.2%	1.3%	121,705	33.6%	-4.3	yes	yes	-1.0	no	no	3.5	no	no	
Some college, no degree	74,176	+/-3,487	20.2%	0.9%	73,716	+/-4,593	20.4%	1.3%	78,808	21.7%	-6.5	yes	yes	-5.9	yes	yes	0.6	no	no	
Associate's degree	26,492	+/-2,771	7.2%	0.8%	25,135	+/-2,618	6.9%	0.7%	19,160	5.3%	31.2	yes	yes	38.3	yes	yes	5.4	no	no	
Bachelor's degree	69,549	+/-3,557	18.9%	1.0%	69,022	+/-3,875	19.1%	1.1%	60,675	16.7%	13.8	yes	yes	14.6	yes	yes	0.8	no	no	
Graduate or professional degree	34,796	+/-2,227	9.5%	0.6%	36,802	+/-2,672	10.2%	0.7%	30,421	8.4%	21.0	yes	yes	14.4	yes	yes	-5.5	no	yes	
Percent high school graduate or higher	88.6	+/-0.7			88.7	+/-0.8			85.7		3.5	yes		3.4	yes		-0.1	no		
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	28.4	+/-1.0			29.2	+/-1.3			25.1		16.2	yes		13.1	yes		-2.7	no		
MARITAL STATUS																				
Males 15 years and over	209,179	+/-454			204,454	+/-367			203,468	100.0%	0.5	yes		2.8	yes		2.3	yes		
Never married	65,591	+/-2,911	31.4%	1.4%	65,211	+/-2,968	31.9%	1.5%	59,181	29.1%	10.2	yes	yes	10.8	yes	yes	0.6	no	no	
Now married, except separated	112,854	+/-3,970	54.0%	1.9%	110,561	+/-3,405	54.1%	1.7%	114,436	56.2%	-3.4	yes	yes	-1.4	no	yes	2.1	no	no	
Separated	2,907	+/-1,007	1.4%	0.5%	2,070	+/-670	1.0%	0.3%	2,358	1.2%	-12.2	no	no	23.3	no	no	40.4	no	no	
Widowed	6,815	+/-1,311	3.3%	0.6%	6,525	+/-1,092	3.2%	0.5%	5,777	2.8%	12.9	no	no	18.0	no	no	4.4	no	no	
Divorced	21,012	+/-2,051	10.0%	1.0%	20,087	+/-2,430	9.8%	1.2%	20,453	10.1%	-1.8	no	no	2.7	no	no	4.6	no	no	
Females 15 years and over	229,803	+/-642			225,217	+/-340			225,450	100.0%	-0.1	no		1.9	yes		2.0	yes		
Never married	60,810	+/-2,570	26.5%	1.1%	61,171	+/-2,259	27.2%	1.0%	52,461	23.3%	16.6	yes	yes	15.9	yes	yes	-0.6	no	no	
Now married, except separated	111,029	+/-4,404	48.3%	1.9%	109,435	+/-3,379	48.6%	1.5%	116,053	51.5%	-5.7	yes	yes	-4.3	yes	yes	1.5	no	no	
Separated	4,278	+/-1,003	1.9%	0.4%	3,099	+/-882	1.4%	0.4%	3,435	1.5%	-9.8	no	no	24.5	no	no	38.0	yes	yes	
Widowed	24,946	+/-2,135	10.9%	0.9%	24,594	+/-1,951	10.9%	0.9%	25,923	11.5%	-5.1	no	no	-3.8	no	no	1.4	no	no	
Divorced	28,740	+/-2,515	12.5%	1.1%	26,918	+/-2,313	12.0%	1.0%	27,578	12.2%	-2.4	no	no	4.2	no	no	6.8	no	no	
FERTILITY																				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	6,987	+/-1,219			7,271	+/-1,255												-3.9	no	
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	1,706	+/-611	24.4%	7.6%	1,815	+/-763	25.0%	9.6%										-6.0	no	
Per 1,000 unmarried women	25	+/-9			26	+/-11												-3.8	no	
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	52	+/-9			53	+/-9												-1.9	no	
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	5	+/-10			32	+/-27												-84.4	yes	
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	107	+/-24			95	+/-21												12.6	no	
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	22	+/-8			28	+/-9												-21.4	no	
GRANDPARENTS																				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years in households	7,943	+/-1,396			7,355	+/-1,665			7,866	100.0%	-6.5	no		1.0	no		8.0	no		
Responsible for grandchildren	2,843	+/-981	35.8%	12.1%	2,839	+/-875	38.6%	8.1%	3,709	47.2%	-23.5	no	yes	-23.3	no	no	0.1	no	no	
Years responsible for grandchildren																				
Less than 1 year	455	+/-349	5.7%	4.9%	705	+/-398	9.6%	5.0%	896	11.4%	-21.3	no	no	-49.2	yes	yes	-35.5	no	no	
1 or 2 years	756	+/-392	9.5%	5.3%	860	+/-434	11.7%	5.3%	895	11.4%	-3.9	no	no	-15.5	no	no	-12.1	no	no	
3 or 4 years	365	+/-306	4.6%	4.3%	292	+/-221	4.0%	2.9%	546	6.9%	-46.5	yes	yes	-33.2	no	no	25.0	no	no	
5 or more years	1,267	+/-719	16.0%	9.8%	982	+/-512	13.4%	6.3%	1,372	17.4%	-28.4	no	no	-7.7	no	no	29.0	no	no	
Characteristics of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years																				
Who are female	65.3	+/-8.6			73.4	+/-9.1												-11.0	no	
Who are married	73.3	+/-10.3			67.8	+/-14.4												8.1	no	
VETERAN STATUS																				
Civilian population 18 years and over	414,918	+/-302			407,045	+/-177			406,898	100.0%	0.0	no		2.0	yes		1.9	yes		
Civilian veterans	45,935	+/-2,848	11.1%	0.7%	47,080	+/-3,002	11.6%	0.7%	55,352	13.6%	-14.9	yes	yes	-17.0	yes	yes	-2.4	no	no	
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION																				
Population 5 years and over	507,607	+/-448			503,549	+/-208			500,944	100.0%	0.5	yes		1.3	yes		0.8	yes		
With a disability	78,370	+/-4,232	15.4%	0.8%	75,042	+/-3,422	14.9%	0.7%	89,120	17.8%	-15.8	yes	yes	-12.1	yes	yes	4.4	no	no	
Population 5 to 15 years	82,362	+/-1,053			81,996	+/-1,157			85,454	100.0%	-4.0	yes		-3.6	yes		0.4	no		
With a disability	6,020	+/-1,234	7.3%	1.5%	6,818	+/-1,251	8.3%	1.5%	5,391	6.3%	26.5	yes	yes	11.7	no	no	-11.7	no	no	
Population 16 to 64 years	352,415	+/-1,217			349,685	+/-1,317			342,619	100.0%	2.1	yes		2.9	yes		0.8	yes		
With a disability	45,526	+/-3,288	12.9%	0.9%	40,778	+/-2,805	11.7%	0.8%	54,688	16.0%	-25.4	yes	yes	-16.8	yes	yes	11.6	yes	yes	
Population 65 years and over	72,830	+/-499			71,868	+/-603			72,871	100.0%	-1.4	yes		-0.1	no		1.3	yes		
With a disability	26,824	+/-1,922	36.8%	2.6%	27,446	+/-1,824	38.2%	2.5%	29,041	39.9%	-5.5	no	no	-7.6	yes	yes	-2.3	no	no	
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO																				
Population 1 year and over	539,386	+/-1,042			530,227	+/-1,047												1.7	yes	
Same house	4																			

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Different state	5,630	+/-2,126	1.0%	0.4%	5,120	+/-1,425	1.0%	0.3%											
Abroad	1,290	+/-714	0.2%	0.1%	1,104	+/-547	0.2%	0.1%											
PLACE OF BIRTH																			
Total population	545,931	*****			536,957	*****			542,899	100.0%	-1.1	yes		0.6	yes		1.7	yes	
Native	524,638	+/-2,548	96.1%	0.5%	518,482	+/-2,673	96.6%	0.5%	525,170	96.7%	-1.3	yes	no	-0.1	no	yes	1.2	yes	no
Born in United States	520,718	+/-2,869	95.4%	0.5%	516,708	+/-2,637	96.2%	0.5%	522,549	96.3%	-1.1	yes	no	-0.4	no	yes	0.8	yes	yes
State of residence	413,220	+/-5,963	75.7%	1.1%	410,372	+/-5,468	76.4%	1.0%	408,071	75.2%	0.6	no	yes	1.3	no	no	0.7	no	yes
Different state	107,498	+/-5,112	19.7%	0.9%	106,336	+/-4,815	19.8%	0.9%	114,478	21.1%	-7.1	yes	yes	-6.1	yes	yes	1.1	no	no
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	3,920	+/-1,131	0.7%	0.2%	1,774	+/-614	0.3%	0.1%	2,621	0.5%	-32.3	yes	yes	49.6	yes	yes	121.0	yes	yes
Foreign born	21,293	+/-2,548	3.9%	0.5%	18,475	+/-2,673	3.4%	0.5%	17,729	3.3%	4.2	no	no	20.1	yes	yes	15.3	yes	no
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS																			
Foreign-born population	21,293	+/-2,548			18,475	+/-2,673			17,729	100.0%	4.2	no		20.1	yes		15.3	yes	
Naturalized U.S. citizen	11,854	+/-2,029	55.7%	6.8%	11,145	+/-2,504	60.3%	10.4%	9,519	53.7%	17.1	no	no	24.6	yes	no	6.4	no	no
Not a U.S. citizen	9,439	+/-2,050	44.3%	8.0%	7,330	+/-1,697	39.7%	7.2%	8,215	46.3%	-10.8	no	no	14.9	no	no	28.8	yes	no
YEAR OF ENTRY																			
Population born outside the United States	25,213	+/-2,869			20,249	+/-2,637			20,350	100.0%	-0.5	no		23.9	yes		24.5	yes	
Native	3,920	+/-1,131	15.5%	4.1%	1,774	+/-614	8.8%	2.8%	525,170	2580.7%	-99.7	yes	yes	-99.3	yes	yes	121.0	yes	yes
Entered in last 5 years	419	+/-373	1.7%	1.5%	61	+/-102	0.3%	0.5%		0.0%							586.9	no	no
Entered more than 5 years ago	3,501	+/-1,121	13.9%	4.2%	1,713	+/-603	8.5%	2.8%		0.0%							104.4	yes	yes
Foreign born	21,293	+/-2,548	84.5%	3.1%	18,475	+/-2,673	91.2%	5.8%	17,729	87.1%	4.2	no	no	20.1	yes	no	15.3	yes	yes
Entered in last 5 years	5,933	+/-1,989	23.5%	7.4%	3,475	+/-1,200	17.2%	5.5%	4,479	22.0%	-22.4	no	no	32.5	no	no	70.7	yes	no
Entered more than 5 years ago	15,360	+/-2,429	60.9%	6.7%	15,000	+/-2,460	74.1%	7.4%	13,250	65.1%	13.2	no	yes	15.9	no	no	2.4	no	yes
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN																			
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	17,729	100.0%									
Europe	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	7,859	44.3%									
Asia	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	7,161	40.4%									
Africa	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	390	2.2%									
Oceania	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	72	0.4%									
Latin America	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	1,259	7.1%									
Northern America	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	988	5.6%									
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME																			
Population 5 years and over	512,567	+/-164			503,700	+/-118			506,987	100.0%	-0.6	yes		1.1	yes		1.8	yes	
English only	483,308	+/-3,004	94.3%	0.6%	476,708	+/-3,793	94.6%	0.8%	478,613	94.4%	-0.4	no	no	1.0	yes	no	1.4	yes	no
Language other than English	29,259	+/-2,989	5.7%	0.6%	26,992	+/-3,795	5.4%	0.8%	28,374	5.6%	-4.9	no	no	3.1	no	no	8.4	no	no
Speak English less than "very well"	9,091	+/-1,570	1.8%	0.3%	7,786	+/-1,415	1.5%	0.3%	9,222	1.8%	-15.6	yes	no	-1.4	no	no	16.8	no	no
Spanish	7,221	+/-1,418	1.4%	0.3%	4,721	+/-1,028	0.9%	0.2%	6,290	1.2%	-24.9	yes	yes	14.8	no	no	53.0	yes	yes
Speak English less than "very well"	2,137	+/-922	0.4%	0.2%	1,266	+/-442	0.2%	0.1%	1,862	0.4%	-32.0	yes	yes	14.8	no	no	68.8	no	no
Other Indo-European languages	13,790	+/-2,629	2.7%	0.5%	11,502	+/-2,211	2.3%	0.4%	14,113	2.8%	-18.5	yes	yes	-2.3	no	no	19.9	no	no
Speak English less than "very well"	3,977	+/-1,255	0.8%	0.2%	3,582	+/-1,336	0.7%	0.3%	4,176	0.8%	-14.2	no	no	-4.8	no	no	11.0	no	no
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	6,203	+/-1,628	1.2%	0.3%	6,351	+/-2,138	1.3%	0.4%	4,947	1.0%	28.4	no	no	25.4	no	no	-2.3	no	no
Speak English less than "very well"	2,484	+/-952	0.5%	0.2%	2,203	+/-892	0.4%	0.2%	2,357	0.5%	-6.5	no	no	5.4	no	no	12.8	no	no
Other languages	2,045	+/-1,232	0.4%	0.2%	4,418	+/-2,890	0.9%	0.6%	3,024	0.6%	46.1	no	no	-32.4	no	no	-53.7	yes	yes
Speak English less than "very well"	493	+/-366	0.1%	0.1%	735	+/-515	0.1%	0.1%	827	0.2%	-11.1	no	no	-40.4	no	no	-32.9	no	no
ANCESTRY																			
Total population	545,931	*****			536,957	*****			542,899	100.0%	-1.1	yes		0.6	yes		1.7	yes	
American	27,176	+/-3,400	5.0%	0.6%	27,296	+/-3,615	5.1%	0.7%	34,547	6.4%	-21.0	yes	yes	-21.3	yes	yes	-0.4	no	no
Arab	4,147	+/-1,385	0.8%	0.3%	6,629	+/-2,968	1.2%	0.7%	3,570	0.7%	85.7	yes	yes	16.2	no	no	-37.4	yes	yes
Czech	6,646	+/-1,515	1.2%	0.3%	7,739	+/-1,708	1.4%	0.3%	2,530	0.5%	205.9	yes	yes	162.7	yes	yes	-14.1	no	no
Danish	1,385	+/-602	0.3%	0.1%	768	+/-553	0.1%	0.1%	675	0.1%	13.8	no	no	105.2	yes	yes	80.3	yes	yes
Dutch	9,060	+/-2,015	1.7%	0.4%	8,116	+/-1,970	1.5%	0.4%	4,365	0.8%	85.9	yes	yes	107.6	yes	yes	11.6	no	no
English	61,377	+/-3,820	11.2%	0.7%	63,489	+/-4,202	11.8%	0.7%	36,064	6.6%	76.0	yes	yes	70.2	yes	yes	-3.3	no	no
French (except Basque)	11,878	+/-2,137	2.2%	0.4%	15,784	+/-2,539	2.9%	0.5%	6,442	1.2%	145.0	yes	yes	84.4	yes	yes	-24.7	yes	yes
French Canadian	1,759	+/-719	0.3%	0.1%	1,555	+/-698	0.3%	0.1%	1,032	0.2%	50.7	no	no	70.4	yes	yes	13.1	no	no
German	140,423	+/-5,953	25.7%	1.1%	145,686	+/-7,613	27.1%	1.4%	89,026	16.4%	63.6	yes	yes	57.7	yes	yes	-3.6	no	yes
Greek	3,855	+/-1,302	0.7%	0.2%	3,607	+/-1,266	0.7%	0.2%	2,974	0.5%	21.3	no	no	29.6	no	no	6.9	no	no
Hungarian	21,835	+/-2,922	4.0%	0.5%	20,573	+/-4,259	3.8%	0.8%	10,706	2.0%	92.2	yes	yes	104.0	yes	yes	6.1	no	no
Irish	91,249	+/-5,436	16.7%	1.0%	91,215	+/-6,192	17.0%	1.2%	44,566	8.2%	104.7	yes	yes	104.8	yes	yes	0.0	no	no
Italian	55,357	+/-5,019	10.1%	0.9%	56,189	+/-5,307	10.5%	1.0%	40,340	7.4%	39.3	yes	yes	37.2	yes	yes	-1.5	no	no
Lithuanian	1,561	+/-856	0.3%	0.2%	1,980	+/-829	0.4%	0.2%	964	0.2%	105.4	yes	yes	61.9	no	no	-21.2	no	no
Norwegian	1,976	+/-778	0.4%	0.1%	2,537	+/-955	0.5%	0.2%	1,963	0.4%	29.2	no	no	0.7	no	no	-22.1	no	no
Polish	30,533	+/-3,399	5.6%	0.6%	26,835	+/-3,835	5.0%	0.7%	17,572	3.2%	52.7	yes	yes	73.8	yes	yes	13.8	yes	no
Portuguese	425	+/-334	0.1%	0.1%	802	+/-573	0.1%	0.1%	286	0.1%	180.4	no	no	48.6	no	no	-47.0	yes	yes
Russian	4,407	+/-1,176	0.8%	0.2%	5,180	+/-1,724	1.0%	0.3%	3,080	0.6%	68.2	yes	yes	43.1	yes	yes	-14.9	no	no
Scotch-Irish	11,615	+/-1,918	2.1%	0.4%	12,980	+/-2,050	2.4%	0.4%	6,515	1.2%	99.2	yes	yes	78.3	yes	yes	-10.5	no	no
Scottish	13,188	+/-2,030	2.4%	0.4%	11,832	+/-2,826	2.2%	0.5%	6,801	1.3%	74.0	yes	yes	93.9	yes	yes	11.5	no	no
Slovak	10,877	+/-1,701	2.0%	0.3%	11,202	+/-2,318	2.1%	0.4%	7,118	1.3%	57.4	yes	yes	52.8	yes	yes	-2.9	no	no
Subsaharan African	1,508	+/-738	0.3%	0.1%	1,848	+/-771	0.3%	0.1%	4,093	0.8%	-54.8	yes	yes	-63.2	yes	yes	-18.4	no	no
Swedish																			