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*Lima South Middle School*  
*Lima Senior High School*

Lighthouse Community Data  
*Compiled by the Ohio Board of Regents*  
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## OVERVIEW

### Education<sup>1</sup>

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High school graduate or higher:	75.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher:	9.5%

<i>Population 25 years and over:</i>	<u>24,551</u>	<i>Population 3 years and older in school:</i>	<u>10,591</u>
• Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade:	1,541	• Nursery school, preschool:	719
• 9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma:	4,430	• Kindergarten:	715
• High school graduate:	10,158	• Elementary school:	4,783
• Some college, no degree:	4,500	• High school:	2,405
• Associate degree:	1,585	• College or graduate school:	1,969
• Bachelor's degree:	1,595		
• Graduate or professional:	742		

### Colleges and universities

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James A. Rhodes State College  
Ohio State University-Lima

### Economic<sup>2</sup>

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<i>In labor force (16 years and over):</i>	<u>17,550</u>	<i>Primary occupations</i>	
Civilian labor force:	17,538	Production, transportation, moving:	4,745
Employed:	15,893	Manufacturing:	4,004
Unemployed:	1,645	Sales and office occupations:	3,496
<i>Income</i>		<i>Top three employers</i>	
Median household income in 1999:	\$27,067	St. Rita's Medical Center:	2,700
Per capita income in 1999:	\$32,405	Ford Motor Co., Engine Plant:	1,975
Families below poverty level:	1,862	Lima Memorial Health System:	1,388
Individuals below poverty level:	8,509		

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<sup>1</sup> [U.S. Census Bureau, Social Characteristics.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Characteristics.](#)

## GEAR UP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Coordinator*

**\*Angie Meyer**

*Director Access Program*

Lima Chamber of Commerce

**Sam Bassitt**

*Commissioner*

Allen County

**Bobbi Beggin**

Transcontinental

**Jack Beggin**

Transcontinental

**Mitch Black**

Principal

*Lima Middle School*

**Alberta Lee**

*Commissioner, retired*

Allen County

**Virgil Mann**

*Director of Curriculum*

Lima City Schools

**Jed Metzger**

*President and CEO*

Lima Chamber of Commerce

**Wendell Schick**

*Financial Aid Director*

University of Northwestern Ohio

# COMMUNITY

*Education would be much more effective if its purpose was to ensure that by the time they leave school every boy and girl should know how much they do not know, and be imbued with a lifelong desire to know it.*

**Sir William Haley**

## WIKIPEDIA PROFILE

Please note: All information contained herein is printed exactly as it appears at the [Wikipedia profile of Lima](#). **Lima** [LIE-muh] is a city in Allen County, Ohio. As of the 2000 census, the city had a total population of 40,081. It is the county seat of Allen County<sup>GR6</sup>. Lima is located in northwestern Ohio, north of Dayton along Interstate 75; it was founded in 1831.

At various times, Lima has manufactured railroad equipment, tanks, automotive engines, buses, various machinery, and electrical goods. A limestone quarry is nearby. The city once was an oil pipeline center and today has an oil refinery and a petrochemical plant. The city serves as a regional health care center. Its largest employers include St. Rita's Medical Center, which has experienced rapid growth in recent years.

Lima, Ohio, was the nation's most affordable housing market, according to the revised National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI) for the third quarter of 2004.

### Geography

Lima is located at 40°44'27" North, 84°6'54" West (40.740700, -84.114997)<sup>GR1</sup>.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 33.4 km<sup>2</sup> (12.9 mi<sup>2</sup>). 33.1 km<sup>2</sup> (12.8 mi<sup>2</sup>) of it is land and 0.3 km<sup>2</sup> (0.1 mi<sup>2</sup>) of it is water. The total area is 0.78% water.

The Ottawa River flows through the city. Locals sometimes refer to the river as "Hawg Creek." This resembles a traditional local name used dating back to the Hog Creek Shawnee community that existed between Lima and present Ada, prior to the Shawnee removal of 1831. This removal made possible the official founding of "Lima" as a formal town in that year.

### Demographics

As of the census<sup>GR2</sup> of 2000, there are 40,081 people, 15,410 households, and 9,569 families residing in the city. The population density is 1,210.9/km<sup>2</sup> (3,135.0/mi<sup>2</sup>). There are 17,631 housing units at an average density of 532.7/km<sup>2</sup> (1,379.0/mi<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the city is 69.30% White, 26.48% African American, 0.31% Native American, 0.51% Asian, 0.01% Pacific Islander, 0.97% from other races, and 2.42% from two or more races. 1.97% of the population are Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There are 15,410 households out of which 31.9% have children under the age of 18 living with them, 37.3% are married couples living together, 19.7% have a female householder with no husband present, and 37.9% are non-families. 32.1% of all households are made up of individuals and 12.6% have someone living alone who is 65 years of age or older. The average household size is 2.42 and the average family size is 3.06.

In the city the population is spread out with 27.2% under the age of 18, 11.5% from 18 to 24, 28.7% from 25 to 44, 19.4% from 45 to 64, and 13.3% who are 65 years of age or older. The median age is 33 years. For every 100 females there are 100.6 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there are 98.3 males.

The median income for a household in the city is \$27,067, and the median income for a family is \$32,405. Males have a median income of \$29,149 versus \$22,100 for females. The per capita income for the city is \$13,882. 22.7% of the population and 19.2% of families are below the poverty line. Out of the total population, 33.3% of those under the age of 18 and 14.3% of those 65 and older are living below the poverty line.

### SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS<sup>3</sup>

POPULATION	LIMA	OHIO
Population, 2003 estimate	40,549	11,435,798
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003	-2.5%	0.7%
Population, 2000	40,081	11,353,140
Population, percent change, 1990 to 2000	-11.2%	4.7%

POPULATION BREAKDOWN	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Population	40,081	
Male	20,101	50.2
Female	19,980	49.8
Under 5 years	3,257	8.1
18 years and over	29,192	72.8
65 years and over	5,312	13.3
One race	39,111	97.6
White	27,776	69.3
Black	10,614	26.5

RELATIONSHIPS		
In households	37,340	93.2
Householder	15,410	38.4
Spouse	5,748	14.3
Child	11,968	29.9
Other relatives	2,031	5.1
Nonrelatives	2,183	5.4
In group quarters	2,741	6.8
Institutionalized population	2,177	5.4
Non-institutionalized population	564	1.4

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	15,410	
Family households (families)	9,567	62.1
With own children under 18 years	4,910	31.9
Married-couple family	5,748	37.3
With own children under 18 years	2,396	15.5
Female householder, no husband present	3,039	19.7
With own children under 18 years	2,084	13.5
Nonfamily households	5,843	37.9
Householder living alone	4,952	32.1

<sup>3</sup> [U.S. Census Bureau, Social Characteristics.](#)

Householder 65 years and over	1,941	12.6
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>		
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>10,591</b>	<b>--</b>
Nursery school, preschool	719	6.8
Kindergarten	715	6.8
Elementary School	4,783	45.2
High school	2,405	22.7
College or graduate school	1,969	18.6
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>24,551</b>	<b>--</b>
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	1,541	6.3
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma	4,430	18.0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	10,158	41.4
Some college, no degree	4,500	18.3
Associate degree	1,585	6.5
Bachelor's degree	1,595	6.5
Graduate or professional degree	742	3.0
Percent high school graduate or higher	75.7	--
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	9.5	--

## GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS

### MAYOR



#### **David Berger**

50 Town Square  
Lima, OH 45801  
(419) 228-5462  
[mayor@cityhall.lima.oh.us](mailto:mayor@cityhall.lima.oh.us)

**Occupation:** Five-term mayor **Education:** Catholic University, BA in Philosophy; Catholic University, MA in Philosophy; Development Training Institute, certified in Community Economic Development

### CITY COUNCIL



#### **Matt Huffman, President**

50 Town Square  
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#### **Sally Clemans**

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#### **William Moore**

419-221-5310, ext. 6121  
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**Occupation:** Retired from Lima City Schools **Education:** Ohio Northern University, BA; Ohio University, MA.



**John Nixon**  
419-221-5130, ext. 6122  
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**Occupation:** Attorney **Education:** Miami University, BA; The Ohio State University, J.D.

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### Print

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#### **Lima News (The)**

*3515 Elida Road*

*P.O. Box 690*

*Lima, OH 45802-0690*

419/223-1010

419/229-2926 – Fax

[limanews@limanews.com](mailto:limanews@limanews.com)

[www.limanews.com](http://www.limanews.com)

Circulation Audience: 36,000-Daily  
46,000-Sunday

### Radio

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#### **ABN Radio**

*667 W. Market Street*

*P.O. Box 1605*

*Lima, OH 45802-1605*

419/223-2060

419/229-3888-Fax

[daleminy@clearchannel.com](mailto:daleminy@clearchannel.com)

[www.abn.com](http://www.abn.com)

#### **Business Journal (The)**

*P.O. Box 388*

*Lima, OH 45802-0388*

419/999-4762

419/991-6839-Fax

[bixjrn@wcoil.com](mailto:bixjrn@wcoil.com)

Circulation: 10,000

Special Note: Regional business newspaper; stories are all local, all business.

### Television

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#### **WLIO-TV Channel 35**

*1424 Rice Avenue*

*P.O. Box 1689*

*Lima, OH 45802-1689*

419/228-8835

419/229-7091-Fax

419/225-6109-Fax news

[bao@wlio.com](mailto:bao@wlio.com)

[www.wlio.com](http://www.wlio.com)

Network Affiliation: NBC

**WLMO-TV Channel 38**

**WOHL-TV Channel 25**

*463 S. Central Ave.*

*Lima, OH 45804-1303*

419/991-1098

419/991-1099-Fax

[bvills@foxlima.com](mailto:bvills@foxlima.com)

[www.foxlima.com](http://www.foxlima.com)

Network Affiliation: Fox, UPN

**WTLW-TV Channel 44**

*1844 Baty Road*

*Lima, OH 45807-1938*

419/339-4444

419/339-1736-Fax

[www.wtlw.com](http://www.wtlw.com)

Network Affiliation: Independent

**WIMA (AM) 1150**

**WIMT (FM) 102.1**

**WMLX (FM) 103.3**

**WZRZ (FM) 107.5**

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*Lima, OH 45802-1128*

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419/229-3888-Fax

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[www.1150wima.com](http://www.1150wima.com)

Network Affiliation: ABC-Information

**ESPN (AM) 940**

**WFGF (FM) 93.1**

**WUZZ (FM) 104.9**

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*Lima, OH 45805-1407*

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[www.froggy93.com](http://www.froggy93.com)

[www.wuzz104.com](http://www.wuzz104.com)

[www.92zoo.com](http://www.92zoo.com)

Network Affiliation: ABC

**WTGN (FM) 97.7**

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*Lima, OH 45805-1510*

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# ECONOMY

*Education, then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer  
of the conditions of man--the balance-wheel of the social machinery.*

**Horace Mann**

## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS<sup>4</sup>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Number	Percent
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>30,391</b>	<b>--</b>
In labor force	17,550	57.7
Civilian labor force	17,538	57.7
Employed	15,893	52.3
Unemployed	1,645	5.4
<i>Percent of civilian labor force</i>	--	9.4
Not in labor force	12,841	42.3
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>15,483</b>	<b>--</b>
In labor force	8,453	54.6
Civilian labor force	8,453	54.6
Employed	7,756	50.1

OCCUPATION	Number	Percent
Management, professional and related occupations	2,925	18.4
Service occupations	3,298	20.8
Sales and office occupations	3,496	22.0
Farming, fishing and forestry occupations	82	0.5
Construction, extraction and maintenance occupations	1,347	8.5
Production, transportation and material moving occupations	4,745	29.9

INDUSTRY	Number	Percent
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting and mining	123	0.8
Construction	839	5.3
Wholesale trade	609	3.8
Retail trade	2,010	12.6
Transportation and warehousing, utilities	719	4.5
Information	226	1.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	480	3.0
Professional, scientific, management, administrative	858	5.4
Educational, health and social services	2,799	17.6
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	1,733	10.9
Other services (except public administration)	675	4.2

<sup>4</sup> [U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Characteristics.](#)

## TOP EMPLOYERS<sup>5</sup>

1. [St. Rita's Medical Center](#) (2,400)  
730 West Market Street  
Lima, OH
2. [Ford Motor Company](#) (1,975)  
1155 Bible Road  
Lima, OH
3. [Lima Memorial Hospital](#) (1,388)  
1001 Bellefontaine Avenue  
Lima, OH
4. [Roundy's](#) (550)  
1100 Prosperity Road  
Lima, OH
5. Premcor Lima Refinery (500)  
1150 S. Metcalf Street  
Lima, OH
6. [Meijer, Inc.](#) (500)  
3298 Elida Road  
Lima, OH
7. [City of Lima](#) (500)  
50 Town Square  
Lima, OH
8. [MetoKote Corporation](#) (460)  
1340 Neubrecht Road  
Lima, OH
9. [Proctor & Gamble Mfg., Inc.](#) (450)  
3875 Reservoir Road  
Lima, OH
10. [Chef Solutions](#) (450)  
1600 Gressel Dr.  
Delphos, OH
11. [Dana Corporation](#) (400)  
777 Bible Road  
Lima, OH

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<sup>5</sup> Lima Chamber of Commerce.

12. [BP Chemicals-Lima](#) (400)  
1900 Ft. Amanda Road  
Lima, OH
13. [General Dynamics](#) (400)  
1161 Buckeye Road  
Lima, OH
14. [Nickles Bakery](#) (400)  
1950 N. Sugar Street  
Lima, OH
15. [Ohio Department of Transportation](#) (365)  
1885 N. McCullough Street  
Lima, OH
16. Harvard Ind., Inc. Trim Trends (350)  
517 N. Broadway Street  
Lima, OH
17. [Tower Automotive of Bluffton](#) (350)  
18717 Cty. Rd. 15  
Bluffton, OH
18. [Milcor](#) (350)  
1150 N. Cable Road  
Lima, OH
19. [U.S. Post Office-Lima](#) (335)  
350 West High Street  
Lima, OH
20. [American Trim LLC](#) (300)  
1005 W. Grand Avenue  
Lima, OH

# EDUCATION

*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.*  
**W.B. Yeats**

## SECONDARY EDUCATION

### **Lima Senior High School** (*Academic Watch*)

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*1 Spartan Way*  
*Lima, OH 45804*

#### **Principal**

Douglas Kent  
419-996-3000

#### **Academic Designation<sup>6</sup>**

Academic Watch  
*1/10* State Indicators Met  
*71.9/120* Performance Score Index  
Adequate Yearly Progress *Not Met*

Average student enrollment: **1,292**

*White*: **48.3%**

*Black*: **45.5%**

*Multiracial*: **4.8%**

Economically disadvantaged: **39%**

**85%** have valid course data

**43%** took at least a minimum core

**28%** took a complete core

**27%** took an AP test

**06%** took college courses

*Other student information<sup>7</sup>*

**89%** took ACT or SAT

**19**: Average ACT score

**55%** first-generation collegians

*College outcomes<sup>4</sup>*

**2.1**: average first-term GPA

**94%** attended full-time

**51%** took remedial courses

**17%** transferred in-state

*Teacher credentials<sup>3</sup>*:

Average years teaching: **13**

Fully certified: **100%**

Temporary teaching certificate: **3%**

At least a Bachelor's Degree: **92.2%**

At least a Master's Degree: **40.0%**

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<sup>6</sup> [Lima High School 2004-05 District Report Card](#). Ohio Department of Education.

<sup>7</sup> [Ohio High School-to-College Outcomes Report](#). Ohio Board of Regents.

## Lima Senior High School Standardized Test Scores<sup>8</sup>

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### Ohio Graduation Test Overall Results

Subject	2-year trend	2004-05	2003-04
Reading	+6.1	75.4	69.3
Writing	NA	49.0	NA
Math	-2.4	47.4	49.8
Science	NA	36.3	NA
Social Studies	NA	50.3	NA

### 2004-05 Ohio Graduation Test Breakdown

Subject	Black	White	Economically disadvantaged	Female	Male
Reading	70.1	79.3	67.5	81.2	70.3
Writing	36.8	60.7	35.1	58.8	40.3
Math	32.1	61.3	36.8	44.0	50.3
Science	17.4	54.4	28.7	31.6	40.4
Social Studies	34.6	65.9	37.5	47.8	52.6

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Proficiency Test Results (10<sup>th</sup> graders' results through end of grade 10)

Subject	3-year trend	2002-03	2001-02	2000-01	4-year trend	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98	1996-97
Reading	+2.5	89.6	88.6	87.1	-3.6	85.1	92.5	89.8	88.7
Writing	+0.1	93.8	89.8	93.7	+3.9	94.4	93.4	93.9	90.5
Math	-0.8	63.9	64.8	64.7	-5.3	54.0	60.8	57.2	59.3
Science	+2.5	73.9	74.6	71.4	NA	64.5	68.6	NA	NA
Citizenship	+4.0	83.5	79.8	79.5	-3.5	77.5	75.2	78.0	81.0

## Lima South Middle School<sup>6</sup> (*Academic Emergency*)

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755 Saint Johns Avenue

Lima, OH 45804

### Principal

Mitchell J. Black

419-996-3190

### Academic Designation<sup>9</sup>

Academic Emergency

1/10 State Indicators Met

62.5/120 Performance Score Index

Adequate Yearly Progress *Not Met*

Average student enrollment: **583**

*White*: **30.3%**

*Black*: **59.9%**

*Multiracial*: **7.4%**

Economically disadvantaged: **82.2**

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<sup>8</sup> [Lima High School 2004-05 Report Card](#). Ohio Department of Education.

<sup>9</sup> [Lima South Middle School 2004-05 Report Card](#). Ohio Department of Education.

## HIGHER EDUCATION<sup>10</sup>

### Headcount enrollments

TWO, FOUR-YEAR CAMPUSES	Total Enrollments Fall 2003	% Change Fall 1998 to Fall 2003	Doctoral Students	Masters & Professional Students	Under- Graduate Students	Percent of Undergraduate Enrollments		
						First Generation College	Family Income Below \$50,000	Entering without High School Core
James A. Rhodes	2,899	18%	NA	NA	2,899	66%	57%	55%
OSU-Lima	1,373	4%	0	94	1,279	54%	51%	42%

### Preparation for college-level work

College	Age and High School Core-taking Status	First Year Students	Percent of Total	Percent of Students taking Remediation in the Following Subject Areas:			
				Math Only	English Only	Math or English	Math and English
James A. Rhodes State College	Under 20 Total	271	50%	45%	14%	49%	10%
	No Core	110		52%	21%	59%	14%
	No Exam or Core Unknown	85		48%	12%	52%	8%
	Minimum Core	65		35%	8%	37%	6%
	Complete Core	11		9%	0	9%	0
	20 and older	274	50%	61%	19%	65%	14%
	Campus Total	545	100%	53%	16%	57%	12%
Ohio State University, Lima Campus	Under 20 Total	341	85%	27%	6%	30%	4%
	No Core	132		40%	7%	42%	5%
	No Exam or Core Unknown	39		26%	23%	33%	15%
	Minimum Core	119		22%	3%	23%	2%
	Complete Core	51		8%	2%	10%	0
	20 and older	61	15%	48%	25%	54%	18%
	Campus Total	402	100%	30%	9%	33%	6%

<sup>10</sup> Performance Report for Ohio's Colleges and Universities, 2004. Ohio Board of Regents. (hyperlink)

## Internet Resources

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