



# WEST UNION

*West Union Middle School*  
*West Union High School*

Lighthouse Community Data  
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## OVERVIEW

### ➤ Education

High school graduate or higher: 68.6%  
Bachelor's degree or higher: 7.2%

*Population 25 years and over:* 1,889

- Less than 9<sup>th</sup> grade: 231
- 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma: 394
- High school graduate: 861
- Some college, no degree: 262
- Associate degree: 71
- Bachelor's degree: 58
- Graduate or professional: 12

*3 years and over in school:* 495

- Nursery school, preschool: 30
- Kindergarten: 48
- Elementary school: 238
- High school: 139
- College or graduate school: 40

### ➤ Colleges and Universities

Central State Community College Central  
Central State Community College South

### ➤ Employment

Population (16 years and over): 2,213  
Civilian labor force: 1,073  
Employed: 988  
Unemployed: 85

### ➤ Income

Median household income in '99: \$20,556  
Families below poverty level: 15.8%  
Individuals below poverty level: 21.8%

## GEAR UP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### **Coordinator**

#### **\*Becky Cropper**

*Ohio State University Extension Educator, 4-H Youth and Community Development*

#### **Brenda Martin**

*Southern Ohio Center of Excellence, Program Director*

#### **Margaret Blevins**

*West Union High School, English Teacher & Teacher Representative*

#### **Danny Bubp**

*Ohio State Representative*

#### **Barbara Crothers**

*West Union Middle School, Counselor*

#### **Tim Davis**

*West Union High School, Assistant Principal*

#### **Sue Evans**

*Southern Ohio Center of Excellence, Administrative Assistant*

#### **Rhonda Fannin**

*Southern Ohio Center of Excellence, Regional Center Supervisor*

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*Adams County/Ohio Valley Local, Superintendent*

#### **Diane Lewis**

*Chamber of Commerce*

#### **Jonathan Linkous**

*National Bank of Adams County, Marketing and Collections Officer*

#### **Margery Paeltz**

*West Union High School, College Access Advisor*

#### **Dennis Sizemore**

*West Union High School, Principal*

# 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 West Union](#).

**West Union** is a village located in Adams County, Ohio. As of the 2000 census, the village had a total population of 2,903. It is the county seat of Adams County.

### Geography

West Union is located at 38°47'38" North, 83°32'37" West (38.793979, -83.543500)<sup>[GRI](#)</sup>.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the village has a total area of 6.7 km<sup>2</sup> (2.6 mi<sup>2</sup>). 6.7 km<sup>2</sup> (2.6 mi<sup>2</sup>) of it is land and none of the area is covered with water.

### Demographics

As of the census of 2000, there are 2,903 people, 1,242 households, and 757 families residing in the village. The population density is 436.1/km<sup>2</sup> (1,130.4/mi<sup>2</sup>). There are 1,373 housing units at an average density of 206.3/km<sup>2</sup> (534.6/mi<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the village is 98.11% White, 0.24% African American, 0.72% Native American, 0.10% Asian, 0.07% Pacific Islander, 0.10% from other races, and 0.65% from two or more races. 0.45% of the population are Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There are 1,242 households out of which 28.4% have children under the age of 18 living with them, 40.7% are married couples living together, 16.5% have a female householder with no husband present, and 39.0% are non-families. 35.5% of all households are made up of individuals and 18.2% have someone living alone who is 65 years of age or older. The average household size is 2.20 and the average family size is 2.81.

In the village the population is spread out with 22.0% under the age of 18, 9.8% from 18 to 24, 25.2% from 25 to 44, 20.9% from 45 to 64, and 22.1% who are 65 years of age or older. The median age is 40 years. For every 100 females there are 76.4 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there are 72.7 males.

The median income for a household in the village is \$20,566, and the median income for a family is \$25,531. Males have a median income of \$25,104 versus \$19,107 for females. The per capita income for the village is \$13,301. 21.8% of the population and 15.8% of families are below the poverty line. Out of the total population, 22.0% of those under the age of 18 and 12.1% of those 65 and older are living below the poverty line.

West Union started as an Amish settlement. There are still many Amish communities in the area. Nearby Seaman, Ohio is the birthplace of the sport of crockey. The first crockey championship was held in 1997 in West Union. West Union is a "dry town." No sales of alcoholic beverages are permitted, though they are available at nearby Manchester, Ohio, as well as other towns in and around Adams County.

## SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup>

POPULATION	ADAMS COUNTY	OHIO
Population, 2004 estimate	28,398	11,459,011
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004	3.9%	0.9%
Population, 2000	27,330	11,353,140
Population, percent change, 1990 to 2000	7.7%	4.7%

POPULATION BREAKDOWN	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Population	2,903	
Male	1,257	43.3
Female	1,646	56.7
Under 5 years	191	6.6
18 years and over	2,263	78.0
65 years and over	641	22.1
One race	2,884	99.3
White	2,848	98.1
Black	7	0.2

RELATIONSHIPS		
In households	2,727	93.9
Householder	1,242	42.8
Spouse	505	17.4
Child	754	26.0
Other relatives	108	3.7
Nonrelatives	118	4.1
In group quarters	176	6.1
Institutionalized population	153	5.3
Non-institutionalized population	23	0.8

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	1,242	
Family households (families)	757	61.0
With own children under 18 years	353	28.4
Married-couple family	505	40.7
With own children under 18 years	188	15.1
Female householder, no husband present	205	16.5
With own children under 18 years	485	39.0
Nonfamily households	485	39.0
Householder living alone	441	35.5

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

Householder 65 years and over	226	18.2
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>		
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>--</b>
Nursery school, preschool	30	6.1
Kindergarten	48	9.7
Elementary School	238	48.1
High school	139	28.1
College or graduate school	40	8.1
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>--</b>
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	231	12.2
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma	394	20.9
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	861	45.6
Some college, no degree	262	13.9
Associate degree	71	3.8
Bachelor's degree	58	3.1
Graduate or professional degree	12	0.6
Percent high school graduate or higher	66.9	--
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	3.7	--

## GOVERNMENT

### MANAGER

**Donald Kirker\***

Adams County Courthouse  
110 West Main Street  
West Union, OH 45693  
Phone (937) 544-3286

### COUNCIL

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Phone (937) 544-3286

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, REPRESENTATIVE



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### **Tom Niehaus (R)**

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**Occupation:** Full-time legislator **Education:** Ohio State University; B.A. in journalism; Xavier University, M.B.A.

## U.S. HOUSE



### **Jean Schmidt (R)**

238 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515-3502  
202-225-3164

**Occupation:** Full-time legislator **Education:** University of Cincinnati, degree in political science

## MEDIA

### Print

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#### **PEOPLES DEFENDER**

229 N. Cross Street

P.O. Box 308

West Union, OH 45693-0308

937-544-2391

FAX: 937/544-2298

E-Mail: [info@peoplesdefender.com](mailto:info@peoplesdefender.com)

Website: [www.peoplesdefender.com](http://www.peoplesdefender.com)

Circulation: 9,200

### Radio

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#### **WRAC (FM) 103.1**

114 Manchester Street

P.O. Box 103

West Union, OH 45693-0103

937-544-9722

FAX: 937-544-5523

[c103@lycos.com](mailto:c103@lycos.com)

# 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>2</sup>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Number	Percent
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>--</b>
In labor force	1,073	48.5
Civilian labor force	1,073	48.5
Employed	988	44.6
Unemployed	85	3.8
<i>Percent of civilian labor force</i>		7.9
Not in labor force	1,140	51.5
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>--</b>
In labor force	548	42.3
Civilian labor force	548	42.3
Employed	515	39.8

OCCUPATION	Number	%
Management, professional and related occupations	120	12.1
Service occupations	196	19.8
Sales and office occupations	244	24.7
Farming, fishing and forestry occupations	14	1.4
Construction, extraction and maintenance occupations	102	10.3
Production, transportation and material moving occupations	312	31.6

INDUSTRY	Number	Percent
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting and mining	21	2.1
Construction	77	7.8
Manufacturing	205	20.7
Wholesale trade	25	2.5
Retail trade	146	14.8
Transportation and warehousing, utilities	25	2.5
Information	15	1.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	51	2.2
Professional, scientific, management, administrative	22	2.2
Educational, health and social services	195	19.7
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	73	7.4
Other services (except public administration)	69	7.0

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

### TOP EMPLOYERS<sup>3</sup>

- 1) [Cedar Works, Inc](#) (200)
- 2) [GE Aircraft Engines](#) (192)
- 3) Killen Station (133)
- 4) [BESI Manufacturing](#)
- 5) [MACA Plastics](#)
- 6) [Weastec](#) – (120)
- 7) [Ryan Development](#) – (32)

# EDUCATION

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



## SECONDARY EDUCATION<sup>4</sup>

### West Union High School

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97 Dragon Lair Dr.

West Union, OH 45693

#### Principal

Dennis Sizemore

937-544-5553

#### Academic designation

*Continuous Improvement*

**8/16** State Indicators Met

**86.1/120** Performance Score Index

Adequate Yearly Progress: **Not met**

Average student enrollment: **657**

White: **97.7%**

Black: *N/A*

Economically Disadvantaged: **52.4%**

*Other student information(from 2004-05 Regents data):*

**72%** have valid course data

**69%** took at least a minimum core

**15%** took a complete core

**0%** took an AP test

**14%** took college courses

**72%** took ACT or SAT

**21** Average ACT score

**64%** First-generation collegians

*College outcomes(from 2004-05 Regents data):*

**3.0** Average first term GPA

**81%** attended full-time

**27%** took remedial courses

**6%** transferred in-state

*Teacher credentials*

Average years teaching: **13**

Fully certified: **96%**

Temporary teaching certificate: **0%**

At least a Bachelor's Degree: **100%**

At least a Master's Degree: **61.4%**

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<sup>4</sup> [West Union Local Report Card, Ohio Department of Education](#)

## West Union High School Standardized Test Scores

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### *Ohio Graduation Test Overall Results*

Subject	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
Reading	84.1	87.1	65.7
Writing	79.8	69.9	NA
Math	76.1	78.6	52.0
Science	55.2	61.2	NA
Social Studies	64.0	68.9	NA

### *2004-05 Ohio Graduation Test Breakdown*

Subject	Black	White	Economically disadvantaged	Female	Male
Reading	NA	86.9	78.3	89.5	84.1
Writing	NA	70.3	59.6	79.3	57.8
Math	NA	79.2	68.1	70.7	88.9
Science	NA	61.4	40.4	53.4	71.1
Social Studies	NA	69.3	53.2	62.1	77.8

## Higher Education Statistics<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> [Ohio High School-to-College Outcomes Report](#). Ohio Board of Regents.

**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
<b>Southern State</b>								
Central Campus	1,171	32%	NA	NA	1,171	66%	66%	43%
South Campus	591	19%	NA	NA	591	63%	65%	47%

**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
Southern State Community College, Central Campus	Under 20 Total	193	62%	11%	17%	22%	6%
	No Core	79		16%	23%	29%	10%
	No Exam or Core Unknown	44		11%	30%	34%	7%
	Minimum Core	50		6%	2%	6%	2%
	Complete Core	20		0%	5%	5%	0%
	20 and older	119	38%	24%	18%	30%	12%
	Campus Total	312	100%	16%	17%	25%	8%
Southern State Community College, South Campus	Under 20 Total	117	58%	6%	14%	15%	4%
	No Core	49		6%	16%	18%	4%
	No Exam or Core Unknown	29		14%	21%	24%	10%
	Minimum Core	29		0%	7%	7%	0%
	Complete Core	10		0%	0%	0%	0%
	20 and older	86	42%	17%	17%	29%	6%
	Campus Total	203	100%	11%	15%	21%	5%