



State of the County Address Wood County, Ohio

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Quick Facts about Wood County

- Population (2010 Census) = 125,488
- Land Area in Square Miles = 617.4
- Total Households = 48,636
- Median Household Income = \$53,298
- Top Five Private Sector Employers:
Magna International; First Solar, Inc.;
Chrysler Group LLC; Owens-Illinois, Inc;
Walgreen Company

Source: 2012 Ohio County Profile from Ohio Office of Policy, Research, and Strategic Planning

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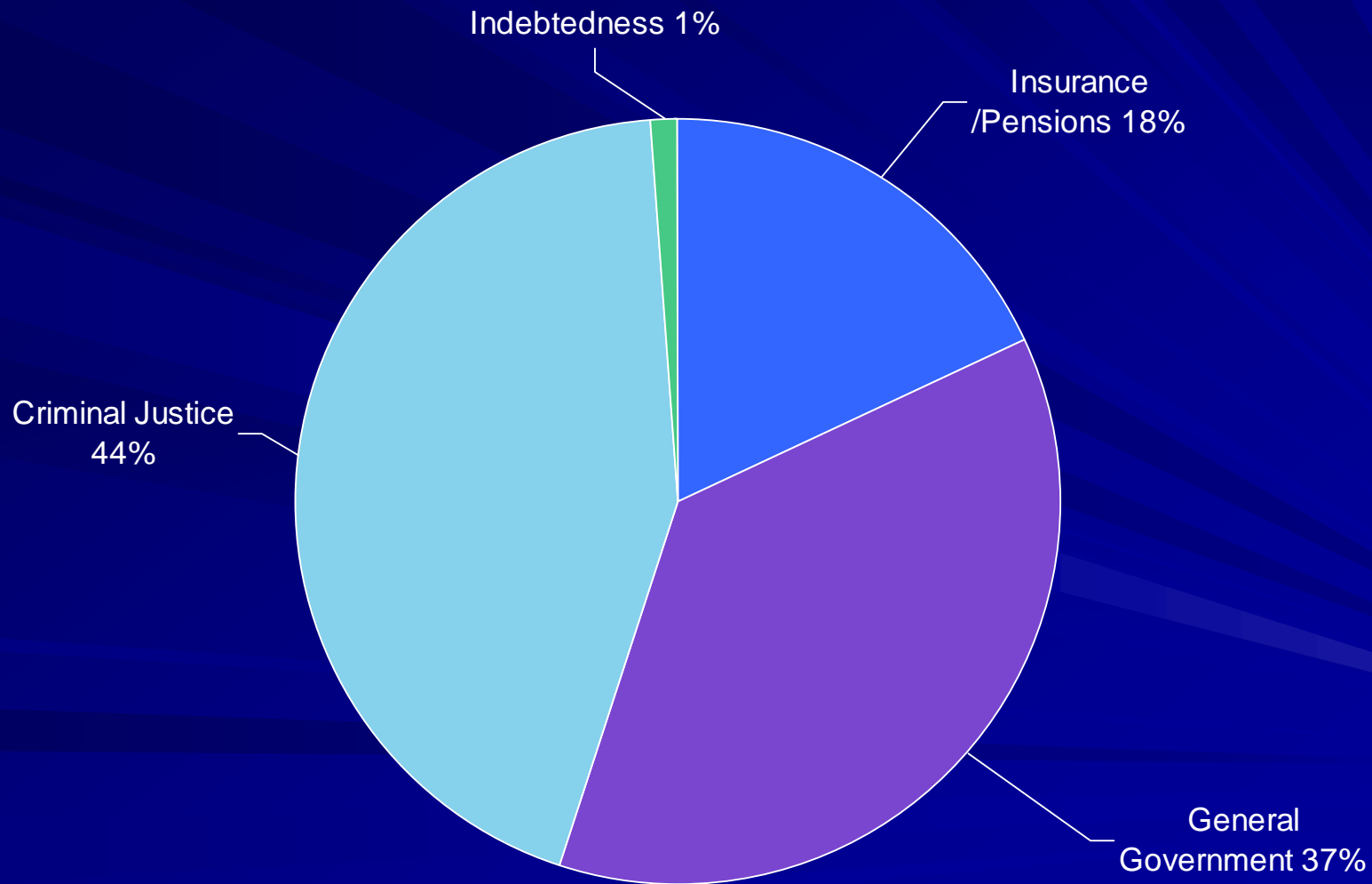
- Approximately 81% of land use is Cropland
- Total cash receipts from farms = \$162,728,000
- State's top producer of soybeans and corn for grain, ranked sixth for wheat



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National Agricultural Statistics Service

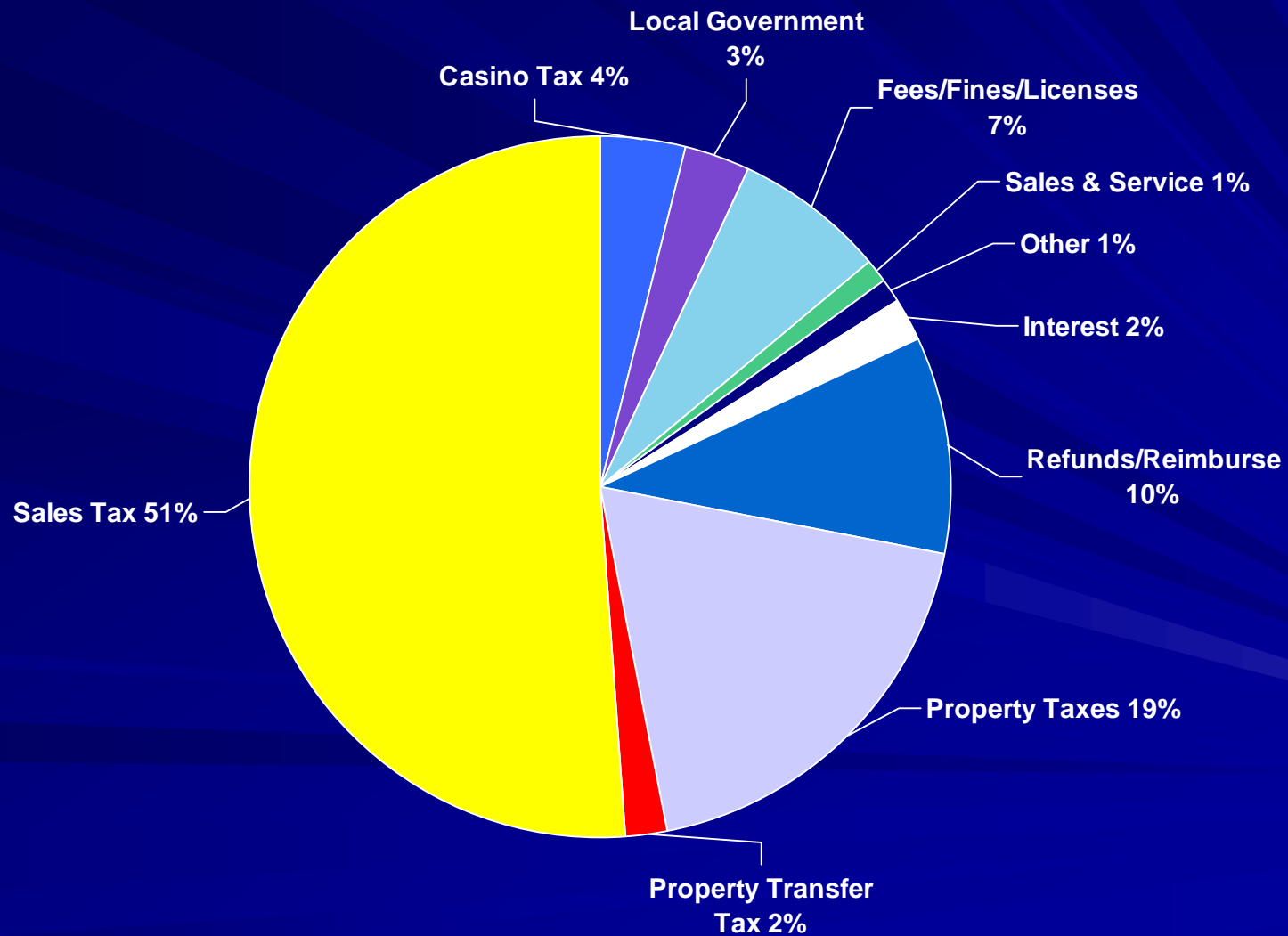
2013 General Fund Expenditures

\$35,105,467.84



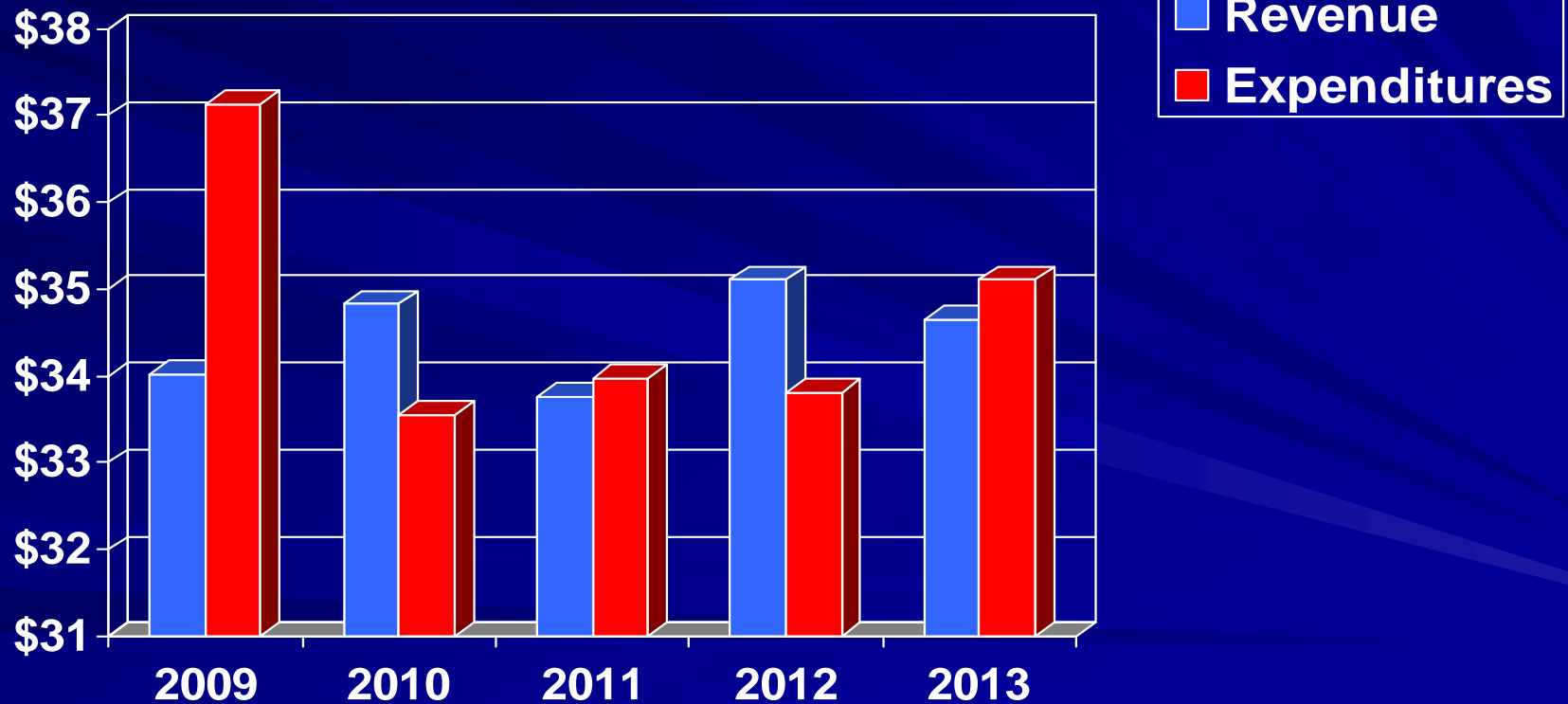
2013 General Fund Revenue

\$34,657,205.03

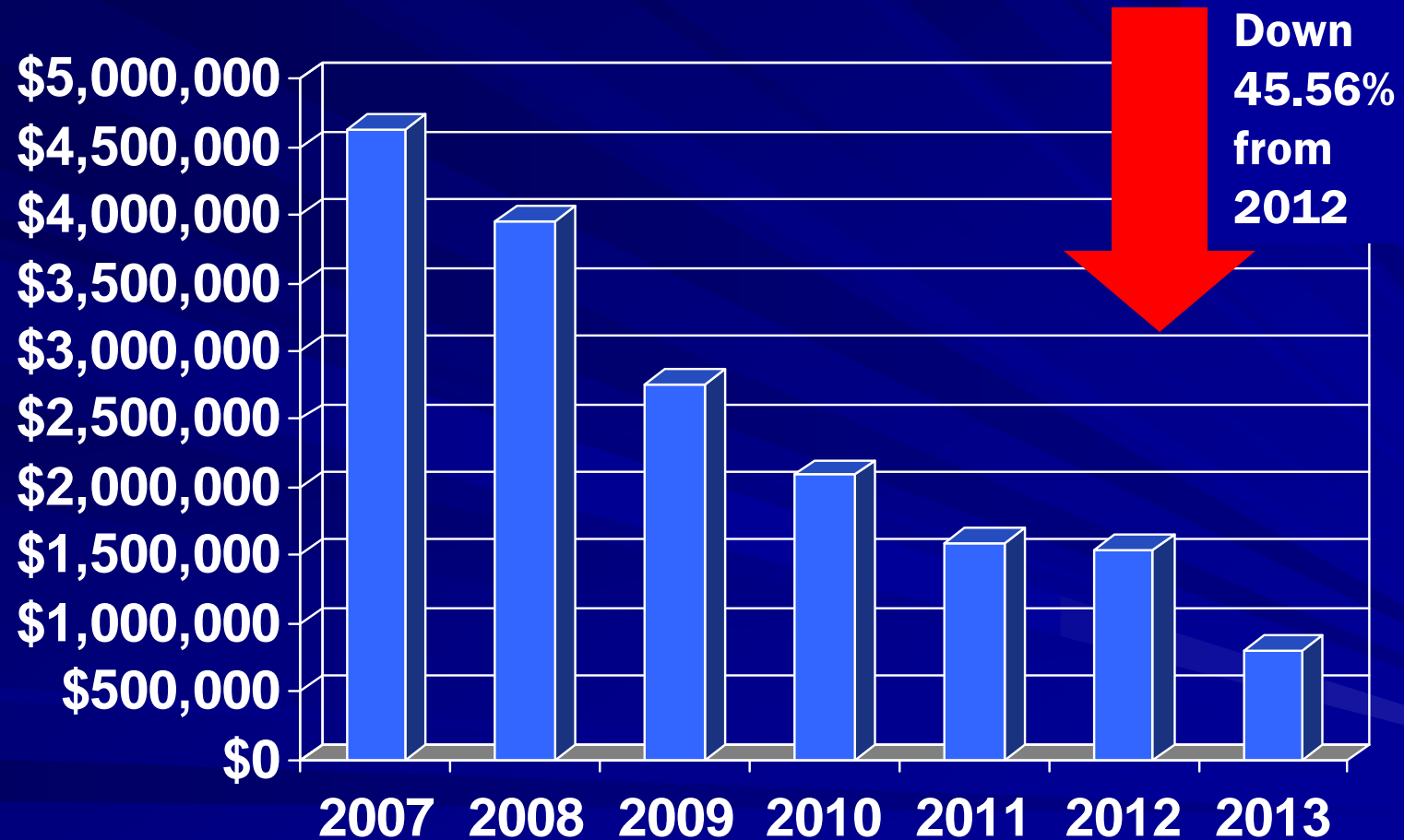


General Fund Revenue & Expenditures

Millions

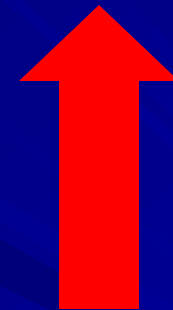
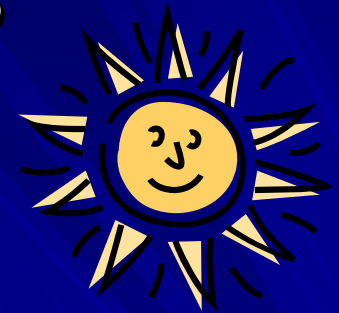
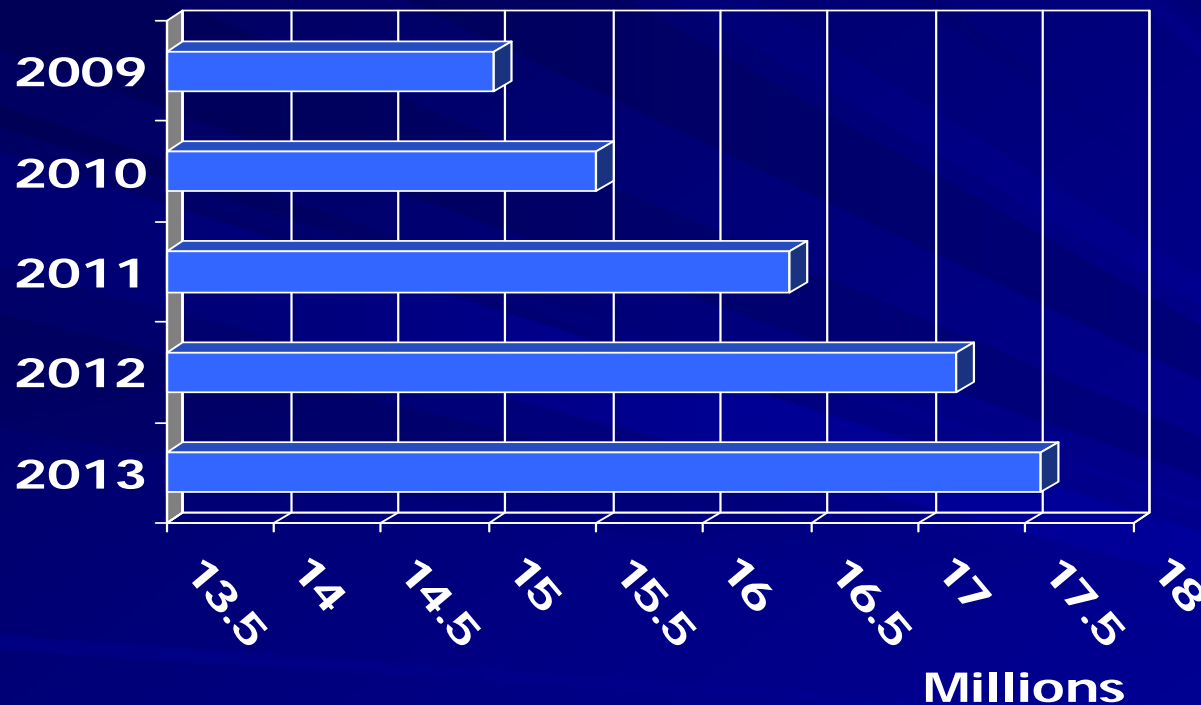


Investment Income



Sales Tax Receipts

2013 = \$17,575,330.23



**2.32%
increase
from
2012**

Shop Local!

Doing so helps local businesses, the local economy, and keeps your sales tax dollars working right here at home.

Aa2 Bond Rating Helps Others in Wood County



**St. Clare Commons
in Perrysburg
\$40 Million**



**Falcon Health Center
\$5 Million**



Home Depot Distribution Center in Troy Township



When complete, the distribution center will be the largest building under one roof in the County.

This facility represents a \$130 million investment and also involves the construction of a new road that will open up additional land for development.



Troy DFC
Troy Township, Ohio
January 13, 2014



SEEFRIED PROPERTIES

Casino Tax Revenue



Funds allocated to benefit a majority of Wood County Residents.

- **Pay for design and engineering of County bridge projects.**
- **Fund a new scale house at the Wood County Landfill**

Wood County received \$1,446,968.94 in 2013.

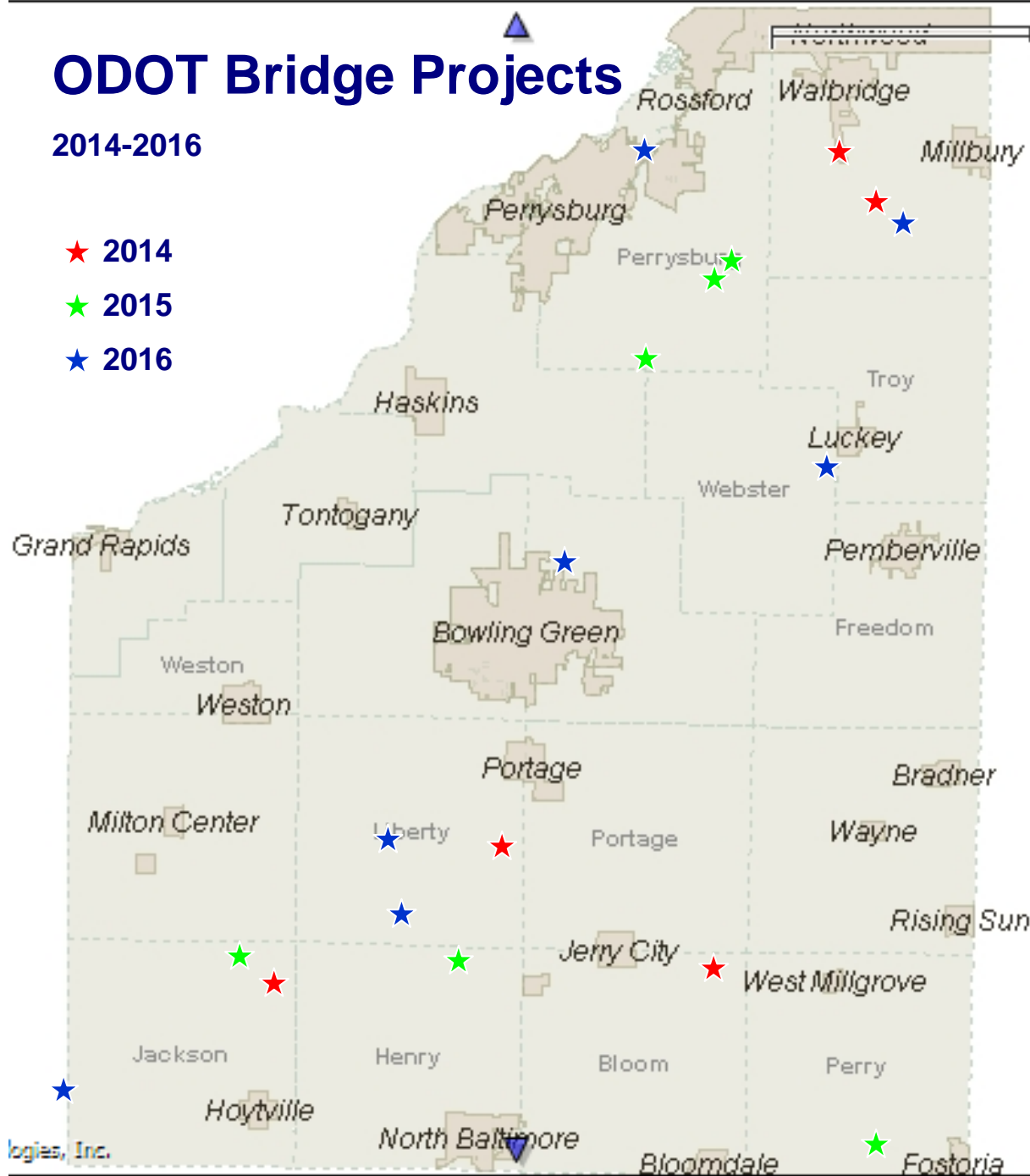
ODOT Bridge Projects

2014-2016

★ 2014

★ 2015

★ 2016



The State of Ohio is providing assistance with **18 Bridge Projects** over the next three years as noted.

During 2013, the Engineer completed work on 8 bridge projects at a total cost of \$1.6 million (\$867,750 in grant funding; \$756,450 in local funding).

Wood County Landfill

Construction is set to begin this Spring on a new Scale House and offices.





Bishop Road
Resurfacing Project
\$349,495.05
.75 miles



Mermill Road
Resurfacing Project
\$960,308.71
7.4 miles

Total Cost for resurfacing,
surface treatments,
chip/seal projects, and
pavement markings in
2013 = \$1,753,036.71

Design Firm Hired for Jail Expansion

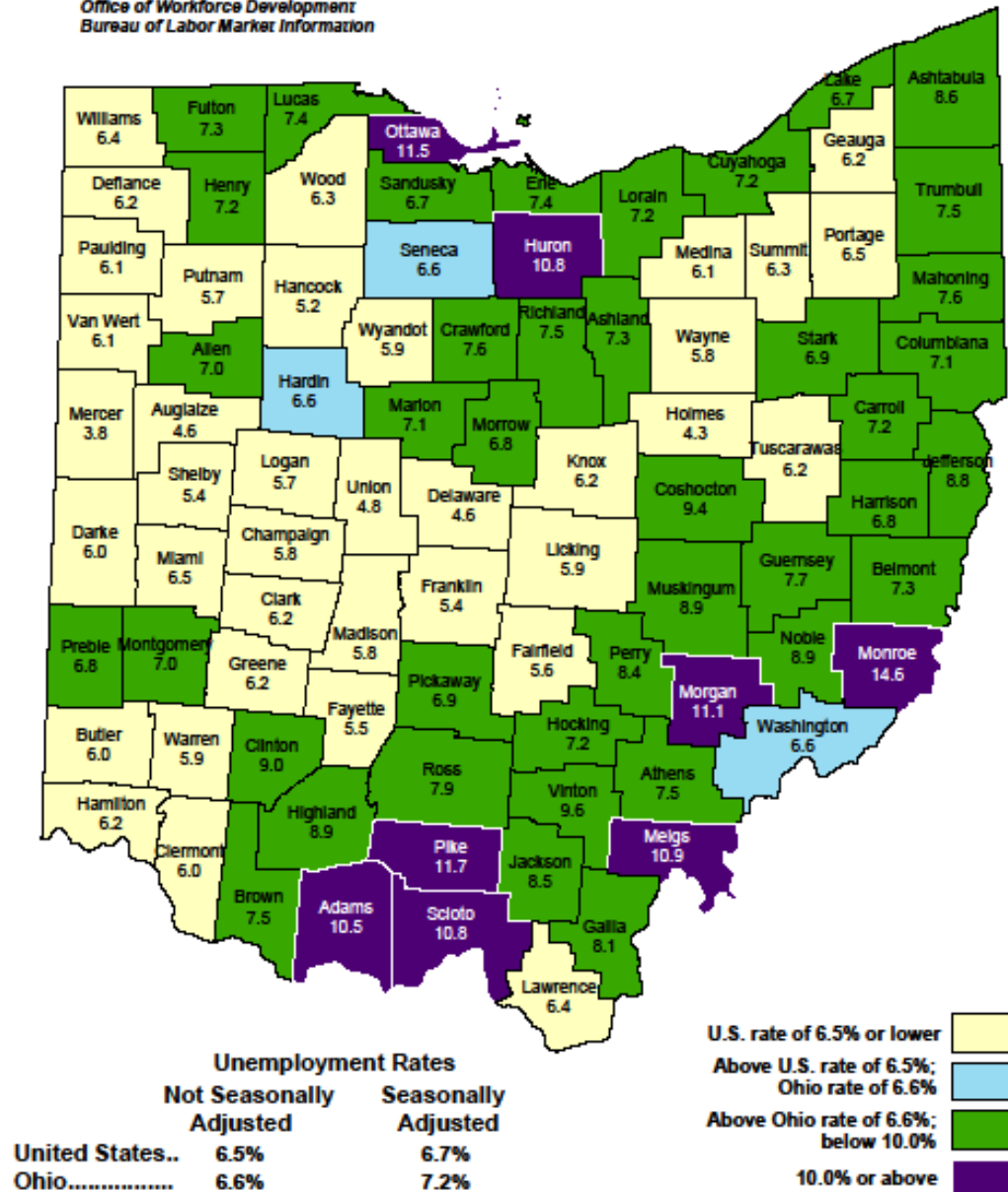
Wood County Justice Center



Project includes renovations to the space previously occupied by the WORK Industry program for additional housing at the Justice Center.

Ohio Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates December 2013

Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information



Wood County's unemployment rate is under both the U.S. and Ohio averages

Moving Ohio Forward

Grant Dollars funded the demolition of 22 abandoned and blighted homes during 2013



Additional funds awarded for 2014 to assist with demolition of additional homes

Good Jobs Initiative



Efforts are underway to develop more interest in a skilled trades education to provide the future workforce required by many area employers.

Area educators tour local worksites to learn about jobs available in the area.

County Auditor receives Auditor of State Award with Distinction



April 9 is Blue Day.
Wear Blue to show your
support!



*Wood County Department of Job and Family Services
Children's Services Unit*

It takes a Community to Protect a Child.

**Contact Job and Family Services to Report
Child Abuse and Neglect.**

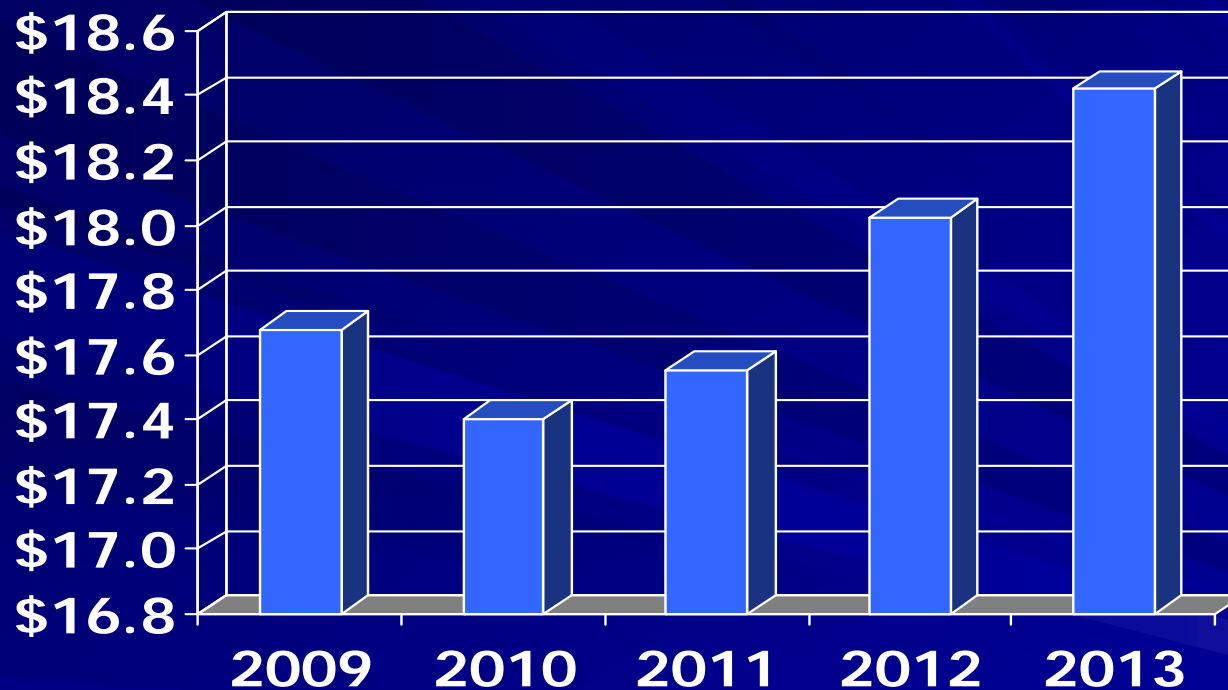


In November, two tornadoes touched down on the same day causing damage from North Baltimore to Jerry City with extensive damage in Perrysburg and Lake Township as well.



Child Support Collections/ Disbursements Increase

Millions



Enforcement tools such as credit reporting, license suspensions, passport denials, tax refund interception, and seizure of Ohio lottery prizes and bank accounts were utilized.

County Completes Upgrade to Countywide Fire Channels

- Emergency Management Agency worked with the Sheriff's Office to upgrade the current radio canopy system for Wood County
- Enhancements provide better coverage and more options for fire and EMS services
- Homeland Security Grants provided some funding with a small portion from County General Fund



Emergency Management Agency Full Scale Exercise



A simulated turnpike pileup conducted at Owens Community College allowed emergency responders to test their skills.

Homestead Program Legislative Changes for 2014

Legislative Changes have altered eligibility for the Homestead Program.

Applications must be received by June 2, 2014, to apply as a 2013 Late Applicant.

New Applicants income limitation of \$30,500 for 2014 must be met to qualify



**Contact the Auditor's
Office for more information.**

County Treasurer Offers Options for Paying Property Taxes

- **Credit Card payment, with a convenience fee**
- **Automatic withdrawal from bank account**
- **Monthly automatic withdrawal from bank account**
- **Payments are also accepted at some banking institutions throughout the County**
- **Drop box at Courthouse Complex**



New Options Available for Dog Licenses

Residents may now purchase a one-year, three-year, or permanent registration for dogs within the County.

**Contact the Auditor's Office
or Dog Shelter
for more information**



Historical Museum and Center hosted the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street traveling exhibition "Journey Stories".



Companion piece ties the exhibit to local history.





Looking for a Way to Give Back to Your Community?

Volunteer to serve on a Board or Commission

Vacancies exist on the following:

- JFS Planning
- JFS Workforce Policy Board
- Residential Board of Appeals
- Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board (June)



Take an application home today!

Guardian Program Seeking Volunteers



Probate Court is in need of volunteers to act as guardians for community members who are no longer able to care for themselves.

Examples of decisions a volunteer might make include those relating to medical care or housing.

For more information, contact Probate Court.

Become a CASA/GAL Volunteer

**Court Appointed Special Advocate/
Guardian ad Litem volunteers gather
information about the life, make
recommendations and advocate for
the best interest of the child, and
monitor the situation until a safe,
permanent home is made for the child.**



For more information, contact Juvenile Court.

Spirit of Wood County Awards

Nominate Someone You Know by June 30

- Agricultural Leadership
- Religion and Liberty
- Self-Government
- Industrial/Economic Development
- Education for Civic Responsibility
- Liberty Through Law/Human Freedom
- Lyle R. Fletcher Good Citizenship



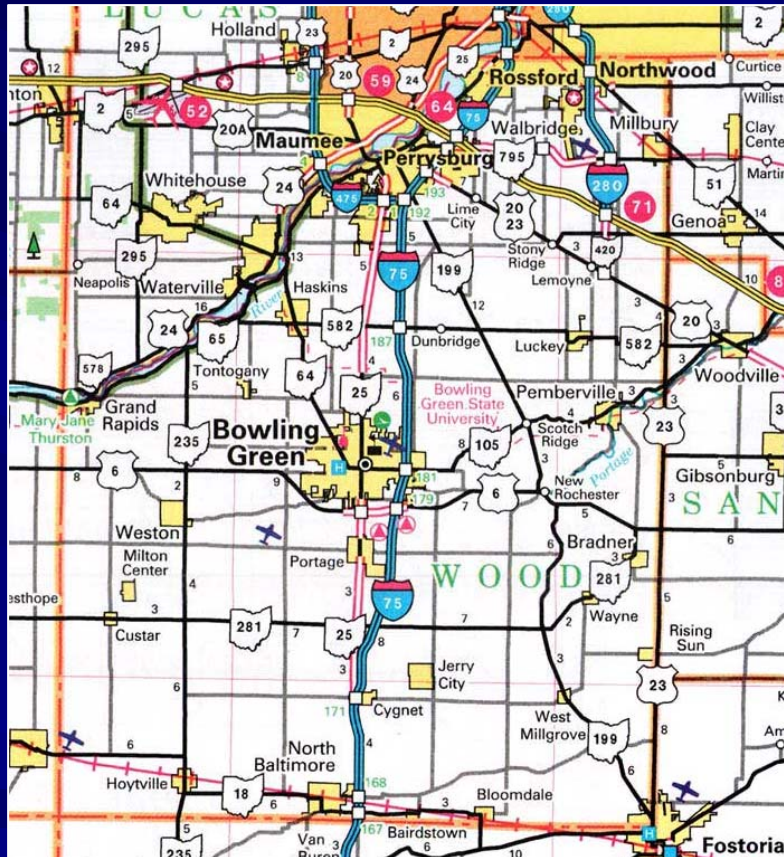
Awards will be presented on September 20 at the Wood County Harvest Festival at the Historical Center.

2014 Commissioners' Town Hall Meeting Locations

Perrysburg
October 21

**Washington
Township**
September 16

**Bowling
Green**
June 2



Walbridge
April 16

West Millgrove
May 13

Henry Township
March 25

Watch for Announced Dates and Times

See All Wood County Has to Offer

www.woodcountytourism.com



**Wood
County
Tourism**



Includes a list of local fairs and festivals, along with places to visit and things to do around the County.

www.co.wood.oh.us

- ☐ **Links to Elected Official and Departmental Websites**
- ☐ **Real Estate Information, Tax Payments, Index searches**
- ☐ **Voter Location Search**
- ☐ **Court Records Search**
- ☐ **Dog Adoptions/Dog License Purchase**
- ☐ **Marriage License and Probate Records**
- ☐ **Sheriff's Sales**
- ☐ **Sex Offender Database**
- ☐ **Interactive Maps**
- ☐ **Road Closings**
- ☐ **Building Permit Inquiry**
- ☐ **Bids/Requests for Proposals**
- ☐ **Internet Auction of Surplus Items**



2013 Annual Report Now Available

Watch for it in the Mail