

## 3 | Demographics

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### 3.1 Purpose of Demographic Analysis

Demographic data commonly consists of statistics for population characteristics, employment, educational attainment, age, race, and other components from which a community is comprised. Demographic analysis provides the foundation for an effective comprehensive plan. It allows for a deeper understanding of the overall population and subpopulations of the Township. Demographic information is utilized for various methods of analysis, including:

- **To quantify:** Quantifying the various characteristics of Township residents is required to understand the impacts of a population, or subpopulation, on matters such as the level of services required, size of markets that can be supported, and impacts on transportation and infrastructure.
- **To identify trends:** Analyzing demographic data over time allows for the identification of trends that currently affect the community, or are predicted to in the future.
- **To identify issues and needs:** Demographic data or trends may illustrate conditions or issues that the Township may need to address through policy or programs.
- **To develop projections:** Demographic analysis provides the starting point for developing projections for various components of a community. Trends can be used to identify the size and characteristics of the future population. Understanding the size and characteristics of the future population to be served can help a community plan policy and programs in a timely and effective fashion.

### 3.2 Summary

This chapter provides a demographic profile of Leroy Township. For comparison purposes, data is also presented for several adjacent communities, including: Concord Township, Madison Township and Perry Township in Lake County and Hambden Township and Thompson Township in Geauga County. Data for Lake County and the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain metropolitan area is also provided in this chapter. All data for Perry Township includes Perry Village and North Perry Village.

Demographic analysis provides basic information that is necessary for the development of a cohesive and effective comprehensive plan. It assists in understanding the overall trends exhibited by residents of Leroy Township, as well as specific groups within the community. Housing data can be found in the Housing element of this Comprehensive Plan.

The data analyzed in this element is provided by the United States Census Bureau, and is from the year 2013. Data from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is also presented in this element, and was collected from 2007 to 2011. Census Tract 2052 is the only tract in Leroy Township and its boundaries are coterminous with boundaries of the Township.

With urbanization spreading eastward from Cleveland, increased traffic along the I-90 corridor, and continued demand for large lot exurban residential property, the rate of development in the Township has the potential for an increase in the future. With the possibility of new housing development in the Township, it is likely that most future residents will be relocating from nearby communities. It is crucial to understand what is occurring in the communities surrounding the Township. Demographic characteristics and trends may be taken into account for a better understanding of the forces driving change within Leroy Township.

General Information									
Leroy Township									
Census Tract	Population	Dwelling units	Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Area (acres)	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Area (hectares)	Population density (per mi <sup>2</sup> )	Density (per km <sup>2</sup> )	Dwelling units/acre
2052	3,053	1,212	25.4 mi <sup>2</sup>	16,418 ac	65.8 km <sup>2</sup>	6,644 ha	128.1/mi <sup>2</sup>	49.4/km <sup>2</sup>	0.07 du/ac

The following points summarize the demographic analysis of Leroy Township:

- Growth in Leroy Township is occurring at a significantly slower rate than surrounding communities. Most new residents are from Lake County and the Cleveland area, seeking move-up housing. Growth may continue if the population of the region disperses into exurban areas.
- Leroy Township has a larger percentage of family households than surrounding communities and Lake County as a whole.
- The average age of Leroy Township residents has increased significantly over the last decade.
- The two most prominent employment sectors in Leroy Township include educational, health, and social services and manufacturing.
- The poverty rate in Leroy Township is relatively low, and the majority is experienced by individuals from ages 18 to 64.
- Leroy Township has very few minority residents.

### 3.2 Population

Until recent years, the population of Leroy Township had increased nearly every decade since 1910. The Township grew at a rate of 2.66% between 2000 and 2010, from 3,122 to 3,205 residents. At the same time, the population of Lake County increased slightly by 0.84%. According to data from the United States Census Bureau, the population of Leroy Township decreased from 3,205 to 3,053 residents from 2010 to 2013, equating to a 4.74% decrease. During this time period, data indicates that the population of Lake County remained relatively stable, with a slight increase of 0.19%.

**Table 3.2**  
**Population Trends: 1910 to 2013**  
**Leroy Township & Lake County**

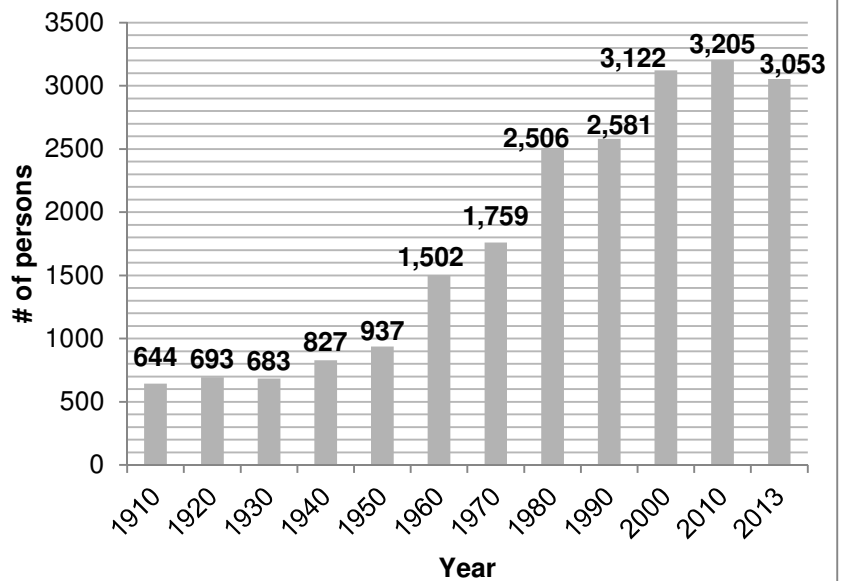
Year	Leroy Township population	Δ from previous decade	Lake County population	Δ from previous decade
1910	644	(x)	22,927	(x)
1920	693	7.61%	28,667	25.04%
1930	683	-1.44%	41,674	45.37%
1940	827	21.08%	50,020	20.03%
1950	937	13.30%	75,979	51.90%
1960	1,502	60.30%	148,700	95.71%
1970	1,759	17.11%	197,200	32.62%
1980	2,506	42.47%	212,801	7.91%
1990	2,581	2.99%	215,499	1.27%
2000	3,122	20.96%	227,511	5.57%
2010	3,205	2.66%	229,418	0.84%
2013	3,053	-4.74%	229,850	0.19%

(United States Census Bureau, 1910-2013)

The overall rate of growth in Leroy Township is slightly lower than surrounding communities. From 1950 to 2013, the population of Leroy Township rose by 226.00%, compared to 1,162.00% in Concord Township, 384.00% in Madison Township, and 393.00% in Perry Township. The slower rate of growth may be attributed to distance from employment centers in Cuyahoga County and western Lake County, lack of sanitary sewer service, and large minimum residential lot size requirements.

According to the 2015 resident survey, most residents have lived in the Township for 10 to 19 years. The majority of residents who relocated to Leroy Township formerly lived in

**Chart 3.1**  
**Population Trends: 1910 to 2013**  
**Leroy Township**



other communities within Lake County. The most commonly cited community within Lake County from which residents relocated from is Painesville.

**Table 3.3**  
**Population 1910-2013**  
**Leroy Township & Other Communities**

Year	Leroy Township	Concord Township	Madison Township	Perry Township	Hambden Township	Thompson Township	Lake County	Geauga County	Cleveland PMSA
1910	644	608	2,013	1,784	n/a	n/a	22,927	14,670	603,807
1920	693	623	1,992	1,220	n/a	n/a	28,667	15,036	1,169,422
1930	683	710	2,340	1,154	604	869	41,674	15,414	1,465,787
1940	827	795	2,725	1,380	726	920	50,020	19,430	1,500,798
1950	937	1,440	3,891	1,819	980	1,060	75,979	26,646	1,759,431
1960	1,502	3,860	8,494	3,291	1,764	1,369	148,700	47,573	2,220,050
1970	1,759	5,948	12,455	4,634	2,494	1,834	197,200	62,977	2,419,274
1980	2,506	10,335	15,378	5,126	2,934	2,083	212,801	74,474	2,277,949
1990	2,581	12,432	17,954	6,780	3,311	2,219	215,499	81,129	2,202,069
2000	3,122	15,282	18,428	8,240	4,024	2,383	227,511	90,895	2,250,871
2010	3,253	18,201	18,889	8,999	4,661	2,269	230,041	93,389	2,077,240
2013	3,053	18,178	18,840	8,967	4,637	2,209	229,850	93,610	2,070,965

(United States Census Bureau, 1910-2013)

### 3.3 Households and Families

The average household size for many communities has decreased significantly from 1960 to 2013. During this time period, the average household size has decreased from 3.33 persons to 2.63 persons in the United States. In Lake County, the average household size has decreased from 3.63 persons to 2.41 persons.

The decrease in family size may be attributed to many trends, including families having fewer or no children, increased lifespan, increased divorce rates, and singles marrying at a later age.

**Table 3.4**  
**Family and Non-Family Households**  
**Leroy Township & Other Communities**

Community	Family households	Non-family households
Leroy Township	79.90%	20.10%
Concord Township	76.98%	23.02%
Madison Township	66.28%	33.72%
Perry Township	76.71%	23.29%
Hambden Township	76.93%	23.07%
Thompson Township	72.52%	27.48%
Lake County	65.32%	34.68%
Geauga County	74.37%	25.63%
Cleveland PMSA	77.21%	22.79%
United States	66.38%	33.62%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

Leroy Township has a larger proportion of family households (79.90%) than Lake County (65.32%) and the Cleveland PMSA (77.21%). The percentage of family households is higher than that of surrounding townships. The relatively high percentage of families in Leroy Township may be attributed to the exurban nature of the Township, with a housing stock consisting primarily of single-family houses on large lots, and a lack of amenities appealing to singles.

The average household size in Leroy Township is 2.56 persons, which is higher than that of Lake County, at 2.41 persons. The average family size in Leroy Township is 2.84 persons and is lower than that of Lake County, at 3.00 persons, and Geauga County, at 3.15 persons.

Only 17.00% of Leroy Township households consist of those living alone, compared to 29.40% of Lake County households. 83.00% of all Township households include two or more people, compared to 70.60% for Lake County as a whole. 28.80% of all Leroy Township households consist of families with children living in the same house, compared to 28.20% of households countywide.

7.79% of all households in Leroy Township are single-parent families. 3.43% of all families are single-parent fathers, while 4.36% of all families are single-parent mothers.

A large percentage of households in Leroy Township include families with children and the impact on schools may be greater than in other communities. With a limited commercial and industrial tax base, Leroy Township homeowners may face a larger tax burden for education than other communities. Attracting residents that will not place a demand on schools, such as singles and senior citizens may be challenging, as the

**Table 3.5**  
**Average Household and Family Size: 2013**  
**Leroy Township & Other Communities**

Community	Household size (# of persons)	Family size (# of persons)
<b>Leroy Township</b>	<b>2.56</b>	<b>2.84</b>
Concord Township	2.58	3.00
Madison Township	2.54	3.08
Perry Township	2.71	3.13
Hambden Township	2.79	3.15
Thompson Township	2.55	3.06
Lake County	2.41	3.00
Gauga County	2.68	3.15
United States	2.63	3.22

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

**Table 3.6**  
**Household Type: 2013**  
**Leroy Township**

Family type	# of households	% of households
<b>Total households</b>	1,194	(x)
<b>Family households:</b>	954	79.90%
<i>Married-couple family:</i>	825	86.48%
With own children under 18 years	229	19.18%
No own children under 18 years	596	49.92%
<i>Male householder, no wife present</i>	67	5.61%
With own children under 18 years	41	3.43%
No own children under 18 years	26	2.18%
<i>Female householder, no husband present</i>	62	5.19%
With own children under 18 years	52	4.36%
No own children under 18 years	10	0.84%
<b>Nonfamily households:</b>	240	20.10%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

Township lacks amenities appealing to those groups, and large minimum lot sizes make home maintenance and affordability difficult.

<b>Table 3.7 Household Size: 2013 Leroy Township</b>			
<b>Household type and size</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>% of households</b>	<b>% of household type</b>
<b>Total households</b>	1,194	(x)	(x)
<b>Family households</b>	954	79.90%	(x)
2 persons	502	42.04%	52.62%
3 persons	202	16.92%	21.17%
4 persons	145	12.14%	15.20%
5 persons	105	8.79%	11.01%
6 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%
≥7 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Nonfamily households</b>	240	20.10%	(x)
1 person	203	17.00%	84.58%
2 person	37	3.10%	15.42%
3 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%
4 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%
5 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%
6 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%
≥ 7 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

Large families are relatively uncommon in Leroy Township, but households tend to be larger than those in Lake County as a whole. 20.90% of all households in the Township have more than four people, in comparison to the 19.80% in Lake County.

### 3.4 Age

The median age of residents of Leroy Township is 45.70 years, comparable to Lake County at 42.70 years, Geauga County at 43.50 years, and the Cleveland PMSA at 37.30 years. The median age of Township residents is also similar to that of surrounding communities in Lake and Geauga counties.

Compared to Lake County and the Cleveland PMSA, Leroy Township has a lower percentage of individuals age 19 and younger, a higher percentage of older adults and senior citizens age 55 and older, and a slightly higher percentage of adults aged 20-54. The age group in Leroy Township with

<b>Table 3.8 Median Age: 2013 Leroy Township &amp; Nearby Communities</b>	
<b>Community</b>	<b>Median age</b>
<b>Leroy Township</b>	<b>45.7</b>
<b>Concord Township</b>	46
<b>Madison Township</b>	41
<b>Perry Township</b>	43.1
<b>Hambden Township</b>	39.5
<b>Thompson Township</b>	43.2
<b>Lake County</b>	42.7
<b>Gauga County</b>	43.5
<b>Cleveland PMSA</b>	40.8
<b>United States</b>	37.3

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)



the largest number of individuals includes those ages 50 to 54, equating to 11.60% of the Township's population. In comparison, this age group consists of 8.30% of Lake County's population, and 7.98% of the Cleveland PMSA.

Table 3.9 Age Distribution: 2013 Leroy Township & Nearby Communities						
Age	Leroy Township		Lake County		Cleveland PMSA	
	# of persons	%	# of persons	%	# of persons	%
<b>Total population</b>	3,053	(x)	229,850	(x)	2,070,965	(x)
≤5	116	3.80%	12,182	5.30%	118,794	5.74%
5-9	198	6.49%	13,791	6.00%	126,896	6.13%
10-14	195	6.39%	14,710	6.40%	138,278	6.68%
15-19	165	5.40%	14,710	6.40%	141,740	6.84%
20-24	198	6.49%	11,952	5.20%	122,050	5.89%
25-29	156	5.11%	12,872	5.60%	123,468	5.96%
30-34	89	2.92%	13,101	5.70%	121,204	5.85%
35-39	156	5.11%	12,872	5.60%	120,467	5.82%
40-44	223	7.30%	16,319	7.10%	138,850	6.70%
45-49	229	7.50%	17,469	7.60%	152,532	7.37%
50-54	354	11.60%	19,078	8.30%	165,177	7.98%
55-59	299	9.79%	17,698	7.70%	150,080	7.25%
60-64	278	9.11%	14,710	6.40%	129,461	6.25%
65-69	147	4.81%	11,493	5.00%	93,649	4.52%
70-74	137	4.49%	8,734	3.80%	71,983	3.48%
75-79	40	1.31%	7,125	3.10%	57,994	2.80%
80-84	34	1.11%	5,516	2.40%	48,638	2.35%
≥85	46	1.51%	5,057	2.20%	49,704	2.40%
Distribution of Ages 19 and Under, 20 to 54, and 55 and over						
Age	# of persons	%	# of persons	%	# of persons	%
≤19	674	22.08%	55,394	24.10%	525,708	25.38%
20-54	1405	46.02%	103,662	45.10%	943,748	45.57%
≥55	981	32.13%	70,334	30.60%	601,509	29.04%
(United States Census Bureau, 2013)						

The overall age distribution in Leroy Township has changed significantly in the last few decades. From 1990 to 2013, the proportion of Township residents age 19 or younger has decreased from 24.90% to 22.08%, the percentage of residents ages 20 to 54 has decreased from 55.90% to 46.02%, and the percentage of residents ages 55 and older has increased from 19.20% to 32.13%. The median age has risen sharply, from 30.70 in 1980 to 45.70 in 2013. These figures are indicative of the aging population within Leroy Township.

Table 3.10 Age distribution 1990-2010 Leroy Township								
Age	1990		2000		2010		2013	
	# of persons	%	# of persons	%	# of persons	%	# of persons	%
≤19 years	588	24.90%	914	29.20%	848	26.20%	674	22.08%
20-54 years	1320	55.90%	1601	51.30%	1472	45.30%	1405	46.02%
≥55 years	454	19.20%	607	19.50%	933	28.70%	981	32.13%

(United States Census Bureau, 1990-2013)

### 3.5 Education

Table 3.11 Educational Attainment: 2013 Leroy Township & Nearby Communities									
Education	Leroy Township	Concord Township	Madison Township	Perry Township	Hambden Township	Thompson Township	Lake County	Geauga County	Cleveland PMSA
Less than 9th grade	0.00%	0.90%	3.30%	1.40%	3.10%	2.20%	2.30%	5.30%	3.00%
Some high school	6.80%	4.10%	10.00%	5.80%	5.80%	7.50%	6.50%	3.80%	8.20%
High school grad or GED	33.50%	25.20%	38.90%	42.20%	33.90%	42.20%	34.40%	27.50%	30.40%
Some college	27.10%	19.10%	24.60%	22.20%	24.00%	28.30%	23.50%	19.70%	22.40%
Associate degree	8.00%	9.00%	6.90%	7.70%	10.70%	4.80%	8.40%	7.80%	7.60%
Bachelor's degree	18.70%	25.50%	11.40%	14.00%	10.80%	11.80%	16.60%	22.70%	17.50%
Graduate degree or PhD	5.90%	16.20%	4.90%	6.80%	11.70%	3.30%	8.30%	13.30%	8.70%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)  
\*Data for persons 25 years and older

24.60% of Leroy Township residents age 25 or over have undergraduate, graduate or PhD degrees, compared to 24.90% of Lake County residents, 36.00% of Geauga County residents, and 26.20% of Cleveland PMSA residents. The percentage of those with undergraduate, graduate, and PhD degrees is comparable to that of neighboring Townships except for Concord Township, where 41.70% of residents over 25 have completed their undergraduate or advanced education.

8.80% of Lake County residents, 9.10% of Geauga County residents and 11.20% of Cleveland PMSA residents over 25 didn't graduate from high school or pass a GED examination, compared to 6.80% of Leroy Township residents.

Educational attainment for Leroy Township is comparable to that of Lake County and Cleveland PMSA. 93.20% of Township residents older than 25 have at least a high school education and 18.70% of Township residents have a bachelor's degree.



Approximately 6.80% of Township residents older than the age of 25 do not have a high school education.

### 3.6 Occupation and Industry

**Table 3.12**  
**Employment by Industry: 2013**  
**Employed civilians age 16 and over, Leroy Township; comparison to other communities**

Industry	Leroy Township	Concord Township	Madison Township	Perry Township	Hambden Township	Thompson Township	Lake County	Geauga County	Cleveland PMSA
Agriculture	1.60%	0.70%	2.50%	1.90%	1.20%	1.00%	0.60%	1.40%	0.40%
Construction	5.00%	4.50%	7.10%	5.30%	7.60%	11.00%	5.20%	8.90%	4.60%
Manufacturing	20.00%	15.90%	25.00%	19.70%	20.80%	16.80%	19.80%	16.40%	14.50%
Wholesale trade	0.50%	2.30%	2.30%	2.60%	2.40%	0.00%	3.00%	3.10%	3.00%
Retail trade	8.30%	8.90%	9.80%	9.60%	8.30%	11.40%	10.70%	11.00%	10.80%
Transportation, warehousing, utilities	6.70%	2.10%	4.50%	5.50%	2.80%	10.30%	3.00%	3.20%	4.30%
Information	0.00%	1.90%	1.30%	1.60%	0.70%	1.10%	1.40%	1.00%	1.80%
Finance, insurance, real estate	4.40%	11.60%	4.50%	5.50%	2.30%	5.30%	8.00%	6.60%	7.50%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative	13.30%	11.10%	6.00%	6.70%	8.50%	3.90%	9.00%	10.10%	10.20%
Educational, health, social services	23.90%	25.60%	22.70%	24.30%	29.40%	23.90%	22.00%	22.60%	25.50%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, hospitality	4.10%	6.30%	7.80%	6.40%	7.40%	4.10%	8.30%	6.70%	8.70%
Other services	7.70%	6.00%	3.90%	6.00%	6.40%	6.00%	4.80%	6.20%	4.50%
Public administration	4.40%	3.10%	2.70%	4.80%	2.20%	5.20%	3.30%	2.70%	4.00%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)  
 \*Data includes employed civilians age 16 and over

The distribution of employment by industry, the general sector of the economy where township residents work, is generally comparable to Lake County as a whole. The sector that employs the most individuals in Leroy Township is the education, health, and social services sector, at 23.90%. In Lake County, 22.00% of employed civilians are employed by this sector. The second largest sector in Leroy Township is manufacturing, which employs 20.00% of employed civilians. In Lake County, 19.80% are employed by this sector.

0.00% of Township residents work in information-related businesses, compared to 1.40% in Lake County, 1.00% in Geauga County, and 1.80% in the Cleveland PMSA. There are also a low percentage of workers in the finance sector, at 4.40%, compared to 8.00% in Lake County, 7.50% in the Cleveland PMSA, 11.60% in neighboring Concord Township, and 2.30% in Hambden Township.

73.00% of all workers in the Township are considered white-collar, rising from 26.20% in 1960 and 49.10% in 1980. 27.00% of all workers are considered blue-collar, falling from 73.20% in 1960 and 50.90% in 1980. In nearby townships, the highest percentage of white-collar workers is found in Concord, at 87.90%, and the highest percentage of blue-collar workers is found in Thompson Township, at 37.00%.

**Table 3.13**  
**Employment by Occupation: 2013**  
**Employed civilians age 16 and over, Leroy Township; comparison to other communities**

Occupation	Leroy Township	Concord Township	Madison Township	Perry Township	Hambden Township	Thompson Township	Lake County	Geauga County	Cleveland PMSA
<b>White collar</b>	<b>73.00%</b>	<b>87.90%</b>	<b>66.00%</b>	<b>77.00%</b>	<b>76.10%</b>	<b>63.00%</b>	<b>77.20%</b>	<b>78.20%</b>	<b>80.40%</b>
Management, business, science, and arts	36.80%	47.60%	26.70%	34.70%	42.40%	21.80%	34.60%	38.80%	36.97%
Service	14.80%	12.30%	15.40%	18.40%	19.30%	15.70%	16.30%	14.50%	17.88%
Sales and office	21.40%	28.00%	23.90%	23.90%	14.40%	25.50%	26.30%	24.90%	25.55%
<b>Blue collar</b>	<b>27.00%</b>	<b>12.10%</b>	<b>34.00%</b>	<b>23.00%</b>	<b>23.90%</b>	<b>37.00%</b>	<b>22.90%</b>	<b>21.80%</b>	<b>19.81%</b>
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	12.00%	4.00%	13.30%	7.10%	12.80%	16.40%	7.50%	11.20%	6.72%
Production, transportation, and material moving	15.00%	8.10%	20.70%	15.90%	11.10%	20.60%	15.40%	10.60%	13.09%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)  
 \*Data includes employed civilians age 16 years and over

### 3.7 Income

**Table 3.13**  
**Median Household and Family Income: 2013**  
**Leroy Township & Nearby Communities**

	Leroy Township	Concord Township	Madison Township	Perry Township	Hambden Township	Thompson Township	Lake County	Geauga County
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$76,591</b>	<b>\$80,953</b>	<b>\$50,190</b>	<b>\$64,073</b>	<b>\$70,417</b>	<b>\$51,442</b>	<b>\$56,018</b>	<b>\$67,663</b>
<b>Median family income</b>	<b>\$83,224</b>	<b>\$95,156</b>	<b>\$62,193</b>	<b>\$73,351</b>	<b>\$77,250</b>	<b>\$62,843</b>	<b>\$69,939</b>	<b>\$81,952</b>

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

**Table 3.14**  
**Median Household Income 1990 to 2013**  
**Leroy Township: Comparison to the United States**

	1990	2000	2010	2013	%Δ 1990 to 2013	%Δ 2000 to 2013	%Δ 2010 to 2013
<b>Leroy Township</b>	<b>\$42,031</b>	<b>\$61,100</b>	<b>\$75,449</b>	<b>\$76,591</b>	<b>82.23%</b>	<b>25.35%</b>	<b>1.51%</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>\$28,906</b>	<b>\$41,994</b>	<b>\$51,914</b>	<b>\$53,046</b>	<b>83.51%</b>	<b>26.32%</b>	<b>2.18%</b>

(United States Census Bureau, 1990-2013)

Leroy Township can be considered a well-off, middle to upper-middle class community. The median household and family income in Leroy Township is higher than that of both Lake County and Geauga County. The median household income in Leroy Township, \$76,591, is 44.39% higher than the national median of \$53,046. Similarly, Leroy's median family income of \$83,224 is 28.59% higher than the national median of \$64,719. Median household and family incomes in Leroy Township are higher than all surrounding Townships, except Concord, which has a median household income of \$80,953 and a median family income of \$95,156. The median household income for Leroy Township is 52.60% higher than Madison Township, 19.54% higher than Perry Township, 8.77% higher than Hambden Township, and 48.89% higher than Thompson Township.

The median household income in Leroy Township has increased significantly since 1990. From 1990 to 2013, median household income increased by 82.23%, from \$42,031 to \$76,591. From 2000 to 2013, median household income increased by 25.35%, from \$61,100 to \$76,591. From 2010 to 2013, median household income increased slightly by 1.51%, from \$75,449 to \$76,591. The percentage increases in median household income are consistent with the increases experienced by the United States as a whole.

Income	Leroy Township		% of households in Lake County	% of households in Cleveland PMSA
	# of households	%		
< \$10,000	39	3.30%	4.80%	8.76%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	8	0.70%	4.20%	5.81%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	155	13.00%	10.40%	11.53%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	73	6.10%	10.70%	10.74%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	118	9.90%	14.50%	14.04%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	190	15.90%	20.20%	17.82%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	254	21.30%	14.10%	11.83%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	206	17.30%	14.20%	11.95%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	94	7.90%	4.00%	3.91%
≥ \$200,000 or more	57	4.80%	2.80%	3.62%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

Compared to Lake County and the Cleveland PMSA, Leroy Township has a significantly lower percentage of households with an annual income under \$50,000, and a higher percentage of households with an income of \$100,000 or more.

Leroy Township exhibits a low level of poverty amongst its residents. As of 2013, 3.18% of all persons and 0.63% of all families in the Township live below the poverty level. In comparison, 9.20% of all Lake County residents and 6.50% of families living within Lake County are living below the poverty level.

<b>Table 3.16</b>				
<b>Poverty Status: 2013</b>				
<b>Leroy Township &amp; Lake County</b>				
	<b>Leroy Township</b>		<b>Lake County</b>	
	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Total population</b>	3,053	(x)	226,871	(x)
<b>All persons below poverty level</b>	97	3.18%	20,874	9.20%
≤18 years	6	6.19%	6,327	30.31%
18-64 years	81	83.51%	12,277	58.81%
≥65 years	10	10.31%	2,270	10.87%
<b>Total families</b>	954	(x)	61,436	(x)
<b>All families below poverty level</b>	6	0.63%	3,993	6.50%
Married with children ≤18 years	6	100.00%	1330	33.31%
Married without children	0	0.00%	548	13.72%
Female householder with children ≤18 years	0	0.00%	1,851	46.36%
Female householder without children	0	0.00%	294	7.36%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

The face of poverty is different in Leroy Township than in Lake County as a whole. Six residents, or 6.19%, of those living under the poverty level in Leroy Township are age 18 and younger, compared to 30.31% for Lake County. Of the individuals living below the poverty level, 83.51% are ages 18 to 64, in comparison to Lake County, where 58.81% of individuals in this age category are living below the poverty level. The proportion of individuals living below the poverty level who are age 65 or older is 10.31%, which is comparable to Lake County's figure of 10.87%.

Statistics for low-to-moderate income households are useful when creating a demographic profile for any community. Moderate-income households include households with an income equal to or less than 80% of the median family income adjusted for family size, as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Cleveland PMSA. Low-income households include households with an income of 50% or less of the median family income adjusted for family size. Very low-income households include households with an income of 30% or less of the median family income adjusted for family size.

<b>Table 3.17</b>		
<b>Moderate, Low and Very Low Income Households: 2007 to 2011</b>		
<b>Leroy Township</b>		
	<b>Households</b>	<b>% of households</b>
<b>Total households</b>	1,235	(x)
<i>Total households ≤80%</i>	255	20.65%
Moderate income (51-80%)	155	12.55%
Low income (31-50%)	60	4.86%
Very low income (≤30%)	40	3.24%

(United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, 2007-2011)

20.65% of households in Painesville Township meet the HUD’s definition for moderate, low or very low income households, with the greatest percentage of households included in the moderate income category.

### 3.8 Race and Ethnicity

The population of Leroy Township is predominantly white, typical of exurban communities in eastern Lake and Geauga counties. As of 2013, data from the United States Census Bureau indicates that there are only 9 African American residents living in Leroy Township, equating to 0.30% of the population. This data also indicates that there are no American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asians, or Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders living in the Township. 1.00% of the population identifies their race as “other” and 0.30% identify their race as being “two or more races”.

**Table 3.19**  
**Race and Ethnicity: 2013**  
**Leroy Township: Comparison to other Communities**

	Leroy Township	Concord Township	Madison Township	Perry Township	Hambden Township	Thompson Township	Lake County	Geauga County	Cleveland PMSA
White	98.40%	95.40%	96.90%	96.30%	99.70%	100.00%	92.29%	97.00%	74.56%
Black/African-American	0.30%	1.40%	0.70%	2.10%	0.00%	0.00%	3.50%	1.10%	19.99%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%	0.00%	0.19%
Asian	0.00%	2.20%	0.70%	0.30%	0.30%	0.00%	1.20%	0.60%	2.01%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
Other	1.00%	0.30%	0.00%	0.80%	0.00%	0.00%	0.70%	0.10%	1.07%
Two or more races	0.30%	0.70%	1.70%	0.50%	0.00%	0.00%	1.60%	1.20%	2.16%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

**Table 3.20**  
**Hispanic/Latino Population: 2013**  
**Leroy Township: Comparison to other Communities**

	Leroy Township	Concord Township	Madison Township	Perry Township	Hambden Township	Thompson Township	Lake County	Geauga County	Cleveland PMSA
Hispanic or Latino	0.80%	1.00%	2.60%	4.30%	1.50%	0.00%	3.50%	1.20%	4.87%
Not Hispanic or Latino	99.20%	99.00%	97.40%	95.70%	98.50%	100.00%	96.50%	98.80%	95.13%

(United States Census Bureau, 2013)

There were only about 3,879 Hispanic residents in Lake County in 2000. In 2013, the number grew to 8,045. Hispanics now make up about 3.50% of Lake County’s population. While still a relatively small percentage in comparison to the Greater Cleveland area, Hispanic residents play a large role in the economy of eastern Lake County. Only 24 Leroy Township residents claimed Hispanic origin in 2013, equating to 0.80% of Leroy Township’s population.

### **3.9 Goals and Policies**

Demographic information is a tool that is usually used in planning for community services and programs. A community cannot plan its demographics in the same way it can plan land use, community facilities, roads or parks. However, policies can be implemented to address the problems and needs of certain groups identified in a demographics analysis. Most such policies will appear in other elements of the Comprehensive Plan.