

3 | Demographics

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 through the American Community Survey and is from the year 2021. 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.

Table 3 Genera Leroy To	l Informati	on							
Census		Dwelling	Area	Area	Area	Area	Population density	Density	Dwelling
Tract	Population	•	(m i²)	(acres)	(km²)	(hectares)	-	,	units/acre
2052	3,159	1,235	25.5 mi ²	16,320 ac	66.04 km²	6,604.47 ha	123.88/mi ²	47.83/km²	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 and is the highest for the surrounding area and the county as a whole.
- The 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.



3.3 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 3,128

Table 3.2 Population Trends: 1910 to 2021 Leroy Township & Lake County								
	Leroy	Δ from	Lake	Δ from				
	Township	previous	County	previous				
Year	population	decade	population	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%	230,041	0.19%				
2021	3,128	2.47%	232,202	1.02%				
(United S	tates Census	Bureau, 19	10-2021)					

residents from 2010 to 2021, equating to a 2.4% decrease. During this time period, data indicates that the population of Lake County remained relatively stable, with a slight increase of 1.21%.

The overall rate of growth in Leroy Township is slightly lower than surrounding communities. From 1950 to 2021, the population of Leroy Township rose by 237.14%, compared to 1,227.85% in Concord Township, 376.61% in Madison Township, and 387.03% 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 2023 resident survey, most residents have lived in the Township for over 21 years. The majority of residents who relocated to Leroy Township formerly lived in other communities within Lake County.

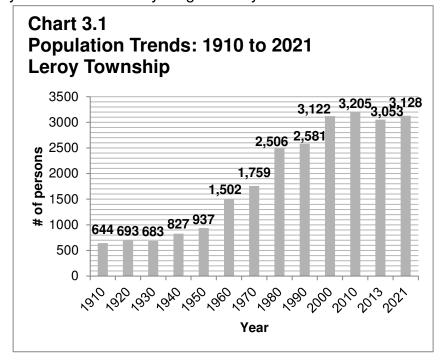


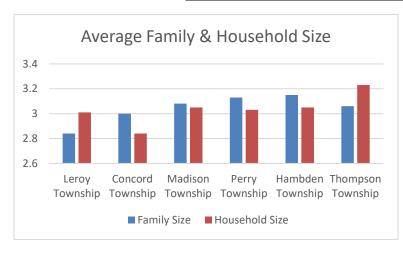


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Popu	Population 1910-2020									
Lero	y Townsh	ip and Ad	ljacent Co	mmunitie	s					
Year	Leroy	Concord	Madison	Perry	Hambden	Thompson	Lake	Geauga	Cleveland	
	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	County	County	PMSA	
1910	644	608	2,013	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	26,648	1,759,431	
1960	1,502	3,680	8,494	3,291	1,764	1,369	148,700	47,573	2,220,050	
1970	1,759	5,948	12,455	4,674	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	15,477	4,944	3,311	2,219	215,499	81,129	2,202,069	
2000	3,122	15,282	15,494	6,220	4,024	2,383	227,511	90,895	2,250,871	
2010	3,253	18,201	15,693	6,449	4,661	2,269	230,041	93,389	2,077,240	
2020	3,128	19,254	15,057	6,345	4,713	2,362	232,202	95,408	2,075,662	
United	d States Cei	nsus Burea	u 1910-2020							

3.4 Households and Families

The average household size for many communities has decreased significantly from 1960 to 2021. Since 2013, the average household size has decreased from 2.63 persons to 2.50 persons in the United

Table 3.3									
Average Household and Family Size: 2013 - 2021									
Leroy Township & Oth									
	Household	Family	Household	Family size					
	size (# of	size (# of	size (# of	(# of					
	persons)	persons)	persons)	persons)					
Community	2013	2013	2021	2021					
Leroy Township	2.56	2.84	2.67	3.01					
Concord Township	2.58	3.00	2.50	2.84					
Madison Township	2.54	3.08	2.50	3.05					
Perry Township	2.71	3.13	2.67	3.03					
Hambden Township	2.79	3.15	2.65	3.05					
Thompson Township	2.55	3.06	2.57	3.23					
Lake County	2.41	3.00	2.34	2.94					
Geauga County	2.68	3.15	2.68	3.13					
United States	2.63	3.22	2.50	3.11					
(United States Census I	3ureau, 2013	-2021)							



States. In Lake County, the average household size has decreased from 2.41 persons to 2.34 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.



Leroy Township has a larger proportion of family households (81.47%) than Lake County (65.32%) and Geauga County (72.72%). 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 2.67 persons, which is higher than that of Lake County, at 2.34 persons. The average family size in Leroy Township is 3.01 persons and is lower than that of Lake County, at 2.94 persons, and Geauga County, at 3.13 persons.

Table 3.5 Family and Non-Family Households Leroy Township & Other Communities								
Community	Family households	Non-family households						
Leroy Township	81.47%	18.53%						
Concord Township	75.70%	24.30%						
Madison Township	66.26%	33.74%						
Perry Township	75.57%	24.43%						
Hambden Township	76.53%	23.47%						
Thompson Township	63.75%	36.25%						
Lake County	65.32%	34.68%						
Geauga County	72.72%	27.28%						
United States	64.14%	35.86%						
(United States Census I	Bureau, 2021)							

Only 17.09% of Leroy Township households consist of those living alone, compared to 30.80% of Lake County households. 81.47% of all Township households include two or more people, compared to 62.30% for Lake County as a whole. 22.42% of all Leroy Township households consist of families with children living in the same house, compared to 23.43% of households countywide.

1.86% of all households in Leroy Township are single-parent families. 0.76% of all families are single-parent fathers, while 1.10% of all families are single-parent mothers.

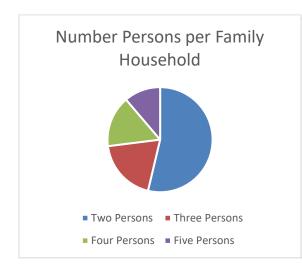
A large percentage of households in Lerov Township include families with children and the impact on schools may be greater than in other communities. With a limited commercial and industrial tax base. Leroy Township homeowners may face a larger tax burden for education than other communities. Attracting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

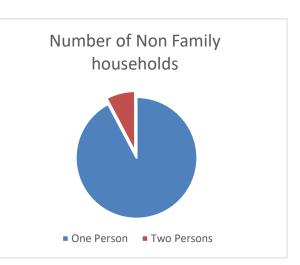
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Household Type: 2021		
Leroy Township		
	# of	% of
Family type	households	households
Total households	1,182	(x)
Family households:	963	81.47%
Married-couple family:	875	90.86%
With own children under 18 years	243	20.56%
No own children under 18 years	17	1.44%
Male householder, no wife present	47	3.98%
With own children under 18 years	9	0.76%
No own children under 18 years	38	3.21%
Female householder, no husband present	41	3.47%
With own children under 18 years	13	1.10%
No own children under 18 years	28	2.37%
Nonfamily households:	219	18.53%
(United States Census Bureau, 2021)		



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

Table 3.7			
Household Size: 2021			
Leroy Township			
Household type and		% of	% of
size	Households	households	household type
Total households	1,182	(x)	(x)
Family households	963	81.47%	(x)
2 persons	517	43.74%	53.69%
3 persons	186	15.74%	19.31%
4 persons	152	12.86%	15.78%
5 persons	108	9.14%	11.21%
6 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%
≥7 persons	0	0.00%	0.00%
Nonfamily households	219	18.53%	(x)
1 person	202	17.09%	92.24%
2 person	17	1.44%	7.76%
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 Bu	ureau, 2021)		





Large families are relatively uncommon in Leroy Township, but households tend to be larger than those in Lake County as a whole. 22% of all households in the Township have more than four people, in comparison to the 18% in Lake County.



3.5 Age

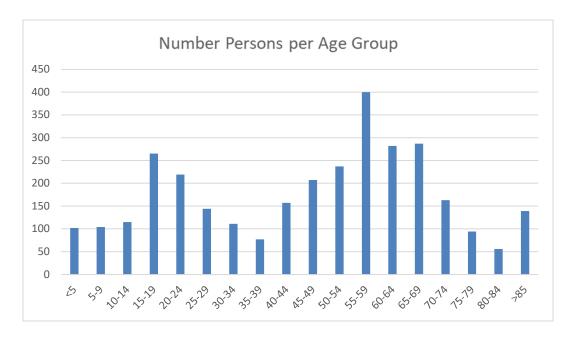
The median age of residents of Leroy Township is 51.4 years, higher in comparison to Lake County at 44.4 years and Geauga County at 44.6 years. The median age of Township residents is also higher than those of surrounding communities in Lake and Geauga counties.

Compared to Lake County, Leroy Township has a slightly lower percentage of individuals age 19 and younger, a higher percentage of older adults and senior citizens age 55 and older, and a slightly lower percentage of adults aged 20-54. The age group in Leroy Township with the largest number of individuals includes those ages 55 to 59, equating to 12.66% of the Township's population. In comparison, this age group consists of 7.34% of Lake County's population.

Table 3.8	
Median Age: 2021	
Leroy Township & Ne	arby Communities
Community	Median age
Leroy Township	51.4
Concord Township	46
Madison Township	44.4
Perry Township	43.2
Hambden Township	47.7
Thompson Township	38.8
Lake County	44.4
Geauga County	44.6
United States	39
(United States Census	Bureau, 2021)

Table 3.9									
Age Distrib	ution: 2021								
Leroy Township & Nearby Communities									
	Leroy To	ownship	Lake C	County					
Age	# of persons	%	# of persons	%					
Total									
population	3,159	(x)	232,202	(x)					
≤5	102	3.23%	11,278	4.86%					
5-9	104	3.29%	12,755	5.49%					
10-14	115	3.64%	13,486	5.81%					
15-19	265	8.39%	14,031	6.04%					
20-24	219	6.93%	12,736	5.48%					
25-29	144	4.56%	14,009	6.03%					
30-34	111	3.51%	13,725	5.91%					
35-39	77	2.44%	13,557	5.84%					
40-44	157	4.97%	13,477	5.80%					
45-49	207	6.55%	14,584	6.28%					
50-54	237	7.50%	16,083	6.93%					
55-59	400	12.66%	17,041	7.34%					
60-64	282	8.93%	19,017	8.19%					
65-69	287	9.09%	15,212	6.55%					
70-74	163	5.16%	12,052	5.19%					
75-79	94	2.98%	7,815	3.37%					
80-84	56	1.77%	5,530	2.38%					
≥85	139	4.40%	5,814	2.50%					
Distribution	of Ages 19 ar	nd Under, 20 to	54, and 55 an	d over					
Age	# of persons	%	# of persons	%					
≤19	586	18.55%	51,550	22.20%					
20-54	1152	36.47%	98,171	42.28%					
≥55	1421	44.98%	82,481	35.52%					
(United Stat	es Census Bu	reau, 2021)							





The overall age distribution in Leroy Township has changed significantly in the last few decades. From 1990 to 2021, the proportion of Township residents age 19 or younger has decreased from 24.90% to 18.55%, the percentage of residents ages 20 to 54 has decreased from 55.90% to 36.47%, and the percentage of residents ages 55 and older has increased from 19.20% to 44.98%. The median age has risen sharply, from 30.70 in 1980, 45.70 in 2013 to 51.4 in 2021. These figures are indicative of the aging population within Leroy Township.

Table 3.10 Age distribution 1990-2021 Leroy Township										
	199	90	200	00	20	10	20	13	2021	
	# of		# of		# of		# of		# of	
Age	persons	%								
≤19 years	588	24.90%	914	29.20%	848	26.20%	674	22.08%	586	18.55%
20-54 years	1320	55.90%	1601	51.30%	1472	45.30%	1405	46.02%	1152	36.47%
SEE WARE	151	19.20%	607	19.50%	933	28 70%	981	32 13%	1421	44.98%
≥55 years 454 19.20% 607 19.50% 933 28.70% 981 32.13% 1421 44.98% (United States Census Bureau, 1990-2021)										



3.6 Education

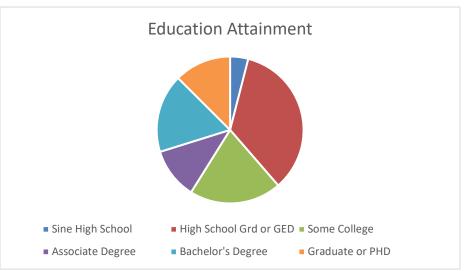
Educational Attainment: 2021										
Leroy Township & Nearby Communities										
Education	Leroy Township	Concord Township	Madison Township	Perry Township	Hambden Township	Thompson Township	Lake County	Geauga County		
Less than 9th grade	0.00%	1.00%	2.90%	3.70%	0.80%	0.50%	1.90%	6.50%		
Some high school	4.00%	1.10%	8.50%	5.00%	3.80%	3.50%	5.00%	2.00%		
High school grad or GED	34.60%	20.70%	37.90%	32.60%	32.00%	41.10%	31.30%	23.70%		
Some college	20.30%	21.90%	22.60%	25.10%	24.80%	26.50%	22.80%	17.20%		
Associate degree	11.30%	11.80%	10.90%	10.20%	10.70%	10.00%	10.10%	7.40%		
Bachelor's degree	17.30%	23.90%	11.10%	16.00%	15.20%	11.40%	18.60%	25.80%		
Graduate degree or PhD	12.50%	19.50%	6.10%	7.50%	12.70%	7.10%	10.20%	17.50%		
(United States Ce	ensus Burea	u, 2021)								

29.8% of Leroy Township residents age 25 or over have undergraduate, graduate or PhD degrees, compared to 28.8% of Lake County residents and 43.3% of Geauga County residents. The percentage of those with undergraduate, graduate, and PhD degrees is comparable to that of neighboring Townships except for Concord Township, where 43.4% of residents over 25 have completed their undergraduate or advanced education.

6.9% of Lake County residents and 8.5% of Geauga County residents over 25 didn't

graduate from high school or pass a GED examination, compared to 4% of Leroy Township residents.

Educational attainment for Leroy Township is comparable to that of Lake County and the surrounding communities. 96% of Township residents



older than 25 have at least a high school education and 17.3% of Township residents have a bachelor's degree.



3.7 Occupation and Industry

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 manufacturing, employing 23% of the workforce. In Lake County, 20.18% of employed civilians are employed by this sector. The second largest sector in Leroy Township is educational, health and social services, employing 21.08% of working civilians. In Lake County, 22.36% are employed by this sector.

Table 3.12									
	Employment by Industry: 2021								
Employed civilians	Employed civilians age 16 and over, Leroy Township; comparison to other communities								
	Leroy	Concord	Madison	Perry	Hambden	Thompson	Lake	Geauga	
Industry	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	County	County	
Employed population	1,931	9,825	9,191	4,483	2,641	1,031	119,585	48,379	
Agriculture	0.16%	0.15%	2.25%	1.90%	0.49%	3.30%	0.50%	1.25%	
Construction	5.75%	3.56%	6.31%	8.12%	11.47%	8.15%	5.35%	10.40%	
Manufacturing	23.00%	18.00%	25.00%	22.93%	14.27%	24.83%	20.18%	17.09%	
Wholesale trade	0.93%	3.28%	1.41%	3.52%	1.86%	1.26%	2.91%	2.24%	
Retail trade	4.30%	9.20%	11.54%	9.95%	14.96%	10.96%	9.97%	10.19%	
Transportation, w arehousing, utilities	4.71%	2.23%	6.31%	5.76%	5.00%	5.14%	3.98%	4.15%	
Information	0.00%	1.05%	1.34%	0.91%	1.86%	3.39%	1.27%	1.26%	
Finance, insurance, real estate Professional, scientific,	4.50%	12.20%	8.31%	6.71%	3.60%	4.85%	8.27%	6.60%	
management, administrative	4.82%	8.78%	4.86%	6.51%	9.96%	12.22%	9.40%	11.91%	
Educational, health, social services	21.08%	24.22%	19.62%	21.33%	24.54%	16.49%	22.36%	20.39%	
Arts, entertainment, recreation, hospitality	16.52%	7.18%	6.78%	4.22%	5.11%	3.39%	8.06%	5.96%	
Other services	6.73%	4.78%	3.27%	5.51%	1.86%	4.27%	4.40%	5.19%	
Public administration	7.51%	5.35%	2.98%	2.63%	5.03%	1.75%	3.37%	3.38%	
`	United States Census Bureau, 2021) Data includes employed civilians age 16 and over								

0.00% of Township residents work in information-related businesses, compared to 1.27% in Lake County and 1.26% in Geauga County. There are also a low percentage of workers in the finance sector, at 4.50%, compared to 8.27% in Lake County, 12.20% in neighboring Concord Township, and 3.60% in Hambden Township.



76.7% of all workers in the Township are considered white-collar, rising from 73% in 2013. 23.31% of all workers are considered blue-collar, falling from 27% in 2013. In nearby townships, the highest percentage of white-collar workers is found in Concord, at 86.53%, and the highest percentage of blue-collar workers is found in Thompson Township, at 37.13%.

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Table 3.13	
Employment by Occupation: 2021	
Employed civilians age 16 and over, Leroy Township; comparison to other communities	

	Leroy	Concord	Madison	Perry	Hambden	Thompson	Lake	Geauga
Occupation	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	County	County
White collar	76.70%	86.53%	65.63%	68.90%	70.16%	62.85%	76.31%	76.82%
Management,								
business, science,								
and arts	43.76%	50.53%	28.78%	36.47%	40.82%	31.91%	39.22%	40.81%
Service	17.66%	11.81%	15.04%	14.81%	11.13%	11.83%	15.35%	15.24%
Sales and office	15.28%	24.19%	21.81%	17.62%	18.21%	19.11%	21.74%	20.77%
Blue collar	23.31%	13.47%	34.37%	31.10%	29.84%	37.13%	23.69%	23.18%
Natural resources,								
construction, and								
maintenance	10.36%	3.72%	8.93%	11.67%	13.33%	17.07%	6.71%	10.38%
Production,								
transportation, and								
material moving	12.95%	9.75%	25.44%	19.43%	16.51%	20.08%	16.98%	12.80%

(United States Census Bureau, 2021)

*Data includes employed civilians age 16 years and over

3.8 Income

Table 3.14										
Median Household and Family Income: 2021										
Leroy Township & Nearby Communities										
	Leroy	Concord	Madison	Perry	Hambden	Thompson	Lake	Geauga		
	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	County	County		
Median										
household										
income	\$111,188	\$104,746	\$59,061	\$80,531	\$86,648	\$75,972	\$70,168	\$90,285		
Median family										
income	\$120,256	\$115,324	\$75,208	\$99,107	\$107,031	\$79,977	\$88,673	\$106,697		
(United States	Census Bui	reau, 2021)								

Table 3.15 Median Household Income 1990 to 2021 Leroy Township: Comparison to the United States									
						% ∆ 1990	% \(\alpha\) 2000	% 2010	% ∆ 2013
	1990	2000	2010	2013	2021	to 2021	to 2021	to 2021	to 2021
Leroy Township	\$42,031	\$61,100	\$75,449	\$76,591	\$111,188	164.54%	81.98%	47.37%	45.17%
United States	\$28,906	\$41,994	\$51,914	\$53,046	\$69,021	138.78%	64.36%	32.95%	30.12%
(United States Census Bureau, 1990-2021)									



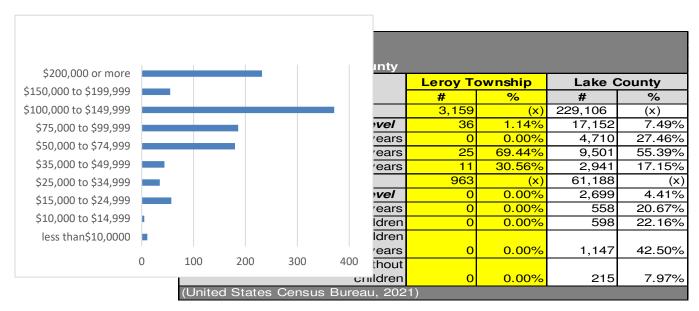
Leroy Township can be considered a well-off, middle to upper-middle class community. The median household and family income in Leroy Township is higher than that of both Lake County and Geauga County. The median household income in Leroy Township, \$111,188, is 57.08% higher than the national median of \$70,780. Similarly, Leroy's median family income of \$120,256 is 41.43% higher than the national median of \$85,028. Median household and family incomes in Leroy Township are higher than all surrounding Townships. The median household income for Leroy Township is 88.26% higher than Madison Township, 38.07% higher than Perry Township, 28.32% higher than Hambden Township, and 46.35% higher than Thompson Township.

The median household income in Leroy Township has increased significantly since 1990. From 2000 to 2013, median household income increased by 25.35%, from \$61,100 to \$76,591. From 2013 to 2021, median household income increased by 45.17% from \$76,591 to \$111,188. The percentage increases in median household income are consistent with the increases experienced by the United States as a whole.

Table 3.16 Income Status: 2021 Leroy Township & Lake County										
	Leroy To	ownship								
	# of		% of households							
Income	households	%	in Lake County							
Less than \$10,000	11	0.9%	3.0%							
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5	0.4%	3.0%							
\$15,000 to \$24,999	57	4.8%	6.9%							
\$25,000 to \$34,999	35	3.0%	8.9%							
\$35,000 to \$49,999	44	4.2%	12.9%							
\$50,000 to \$74,999	180	15.2%	18.8%							
\$75,000 to \$99,999	186	15.7%	15.5%							
\$100,000 to \$149,999	371	31.4%	18.1%							
\$150,000 to \$199,999	55	4.7%	6.9%							
\$200,000 or more	232	19.6%	6.0%							
(United States Census Bureau, 2021)										

Compared to Lake County, 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 2021, 1.14% of all persons and 0% of all families in the Township live below the poverty level. In comparison, 7.49% of all Lake County residents and 4.41% of families living within Lake County are living below the poverty level.

The face of poverty is different in Leroy Township than in Lake County as a whole. Of those living under the poverty level in Leroy Township, none of them are age 18 and younger, compared to 30.31% for Lake County. Of the individuals living below the poverty level, 69.44% are ages 18 to 64, in comparison to Lake County, where 55.39% 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 30.56%, which is much higher than Lake County's figure of 17.15%, showing the growing age of the Townships population.

3.9 Race and Ethnicity

The population of Leroy Township is predominantly white, typical of exurban communities in eastern Lake and Geauga counties. As of 2021, data from the United States Census Bureau indicates that there are only 122 African American residents living in Leroy Township, equating to 3.86% of the population. This data also indicates that there are no American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asians, or Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders living in the Township. 0.16% of the population identifies their race as being "two or more races".

There were 3,879 Hispanic residents in Lake County in 2000. In 2013, the number grew to 8,045. By 2021, the population of Hispanic or Latino persons in Lake County grew to 10,909. Hispanics now make up about 4.70% 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 8 Leroy



Township residents claimed Hispanic origin in 2021, equating to 0.25% of Leroy Township's population.

Table 3.19	Table 3.19											
Race and Ethnici	Race and Ethnicity: 2021											
Leroy Township: Comparison to other Communities												
	Leroy	Concord	Madison	Perry	Hambden	Thompson	Lake	Geauga				
	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	County	County				
White	95.98%	95.83%	95.19%	90.61%	90.22%	96.11%	89.07%	95.01%				
Black/African-		·						·				
American	3.86%	0.23%	1.08%	0.35%	1.57%	0.35%	4.56%	1.09%				
American												
Indian/Alaska												
Native	0.00%	0.00%	0.09%	0.52%	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%	0.07%				
Asian	0.00%	1.42%	0.65%	0.26%	0.66%	0.00%	1.33%	0.53%				
Hawaiian/Pacific												
Islander	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.01%				
Other	0.00%	0.29%	0.09%	2.10%	0.93%	0.00%	1.37%	0.50%				
Two or more												
races	0.16%	2.23%	2.86%	6.16%	6.62%	3.54%	3.56%	2.79%				

Table 3.20

Hispanic/Latino Population: 2021

(United States Census Bureau, 2021)

Leroy Township: Comparison to other Communities

	Leroy	Concord	Madison	Perry	Hambden	Thompson	Lake	Geauga
	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	Township	County	County
Hispanic or								
Latino	0.25%	2.54%	2.72%	10.66%	1.63%	0.27%	4.70%	1.65%
Not Hispanic								
or Latino	99.75%	97.46%	97.28%	89.34%	98.37%	99.73%	95.30%	98.35%

(United States Census Bureau, 2021)

3.10 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.