

Crawford County, Marion County, and Morrow County

Regional Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

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Executive Summary

This plan is the Public Transit-Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan for Crawford County, Marion County, and Morrow County Ohio. While Crawford and Morrow Counties had developed plans in the past, these plans were not formally adopted and are outdated. This regional plan was developed in December, 2017 and will be reviewed and updated annually. This plan fulfills the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, signed into law as a reauthorization of surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020. According to requirements of the FAST Act, locally developed coordinated public transit-human services transportation plans must be updated to reflect the changes established by the FAST Act legislation. The FAST Act applies new programs and rules for all Fiscal Year 2016 funds and authorizes transit programs for five (5) years.

Transportation is a critical component of the communities in Crawford County, Marion County, and Morrow County. Transportation provides access to jobs, education, health care, human services and allows all community members, including older adults and people with disabilities, to live independently and engage in community life. It is the purpose of this plan for local stakeholders to work collaboratively to complete the following activities:

1. Identify all community resources including
 - ◆ Marion Area Transit (MAT),
 - ◆ Seneca-Crawford Area Transit (SCAT),
 - ◆ Morrow County Transportation Collaborative (MCTC),
 - ◆ Crawford County Council on Aging,
 - ◆ Crawford County Veterans,
 - ◆ Transportation for Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities consumers provided by Ohio Specialty Services,
 - ◆ Taxis such as Buckeye Taxi in Crawford County and Frank's Taxi in Marion County, Marion County Council on Aging,
 - ◆ Transportation for Marion County Board of Developmental Disabilities provided by Residential Home Association of Marion and Wings of an Angel.
 - ◆ Marion County Veterans Services
 - ◆ Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission,
 - ◆ Morrow County Council on Aging (Seniors on Center),
 - ◆ Morrow County Board of Developmental Disabilities transportation, and
 - ◆ Morrow County Veterans Services.
2. Identify and Prioritize community transportation needs. A series of three public and stakeholder meetings were held in each county of the region to gain insight to unmet needs for each county and the region. In addition to the public meetings surveys were distributed throughout each county. The results of the public meetings and surveys revealed the following unmet transportation needs:

Regional Needs:

First Priority

- ◆ Sustainable funding for transportation service – capital and operating
- ◆ Secure a Regional Mobility Manager
- ◆ Establish a Regional Transportation Advisory Board
- ◆ Increase accessible vehicle fleets
- ◆ Out of county service for any trip purpose at an affordable rate

Second Priority

- ◆ Educate the public to Increase awareness and education of transportation services throughout the counties and region
- ◆ Extended hours and days of operation
- ◆ Increased same day transportation options
- ◆ Establish a one stop shop call center/resource center
- ◆ Establish shared scheduling software that can be used by all coordinating providers

Third Priority

- ◆ Develop Complete Streets and Active Transportation plans within each county – bike and walking paths, sidewalk improvements, road improvements, curb cuts, safe routes to school, etc.

Crawford County Needs:

First Priority

- ◆ Evaluate existing Seneca Crawford Area Transit service to determine feasibility and effectiveness of alternate service modes.
- ◆ Increase coordination among existing Section 5310 and Section 5311 providers.

Second Priority

- ◆ Investigate expansion of volunteer transportation services.
- ◆ Increase taxi options for the county.

Marion County Needs:

First Priority

- ◆ Expand public transit service to the county.

Second Priority

- ◆ Investigate the underlying reasons for transportation dependency throughout the county.
- ◆ Increase taxi options for the county.

Morrow County Needs:

First Priority

- ◆ Secure Rural Public Transit service for the county.
- ◆ On demand medical transportation.

Second Priority

- ◆ Increase taxi options for the county.

3. Establish a clear plan for achieving shared goals.

Crawford, Marion, and Morrow Counties have worked together to develop through the coordination planning effort to identify six (6) regional goals as well as county specific goals. Along with sustainable funding, one of the fundamental strategies to attaining the goals established for the region is securing a Regional Mobility Manager, who will have a presence in and represent each county. The Regional Mobility Manager will be the first building block in achieving the other goals identified through this planning process. The Regional Mobility Manager will be the liaison by which the regional TAB is formed, encouraging memorandum of understandings among partners, increased community education, and facilitating the development of a regional call center. This coordinated network will establish the path for the remaining regional and county specific goals to be achieved.

Detailed goals including strategies to achieve the goals along with achievement timeframes as well as identification of responsible individuals to lead the effort to achieve the goals are provided in the Goals and Strategies Section of this plan.

Fundamental to the Coordinated Transportation Plan process is the active and meaningful involvement of stakeholders. For projects selected for funding under the Section 5310 program, participation in planning activities must include participation and/or representation of the following, at minimum:

- Seniors;
- Individuals with disabilities;
- People with low incomes;
- Public, private and non-profit transportation providers;
- Human services providers; and
- The general public.

In order to ensure participation from the above groups the following stakeholder involvement activities were performed:

- The Leading Agencies invited potential stakeholders to three (3) public meetings in each county
- The Leading Agencies posted a public notice in three (3) public newspapers seeking participation.
- Email notifications were sent to identified stakeholders and stakeholders were encouraged to share the public meeting information.
- Public meetings were held in accessible facilities that were well known in the community and had adequate public parking spaces.
- Individuals were provided the opportunity to submit comments outside of the public meetings and survey process via telephone or email.

This plan was developed and adopted by a planning committee. More information about the planning committee can be found in Appendix A.

I. Geographic Area

Crawford, Marion, and Morrow Counties are rural areas and will be completing a Regional Rural Coordinated Transportation Plan

Crawford County (see Exhibit I.1) is located geographically in the central portion of Ohio. It is bordered by Seneca and Huron Counties to the north, Richland County to the East, Morrow and Marion Counties to the South, and Wyandot County to the west. The county was named after William Crawford, a Colonel during the American Revolutionary War. Crawford County was established in 1826 and has a total area of approximately 403 square miles. A map of the major trip generators for Crawford County can be found in Exhibit I.2.

Exhibit I.1: Map of Crawford County

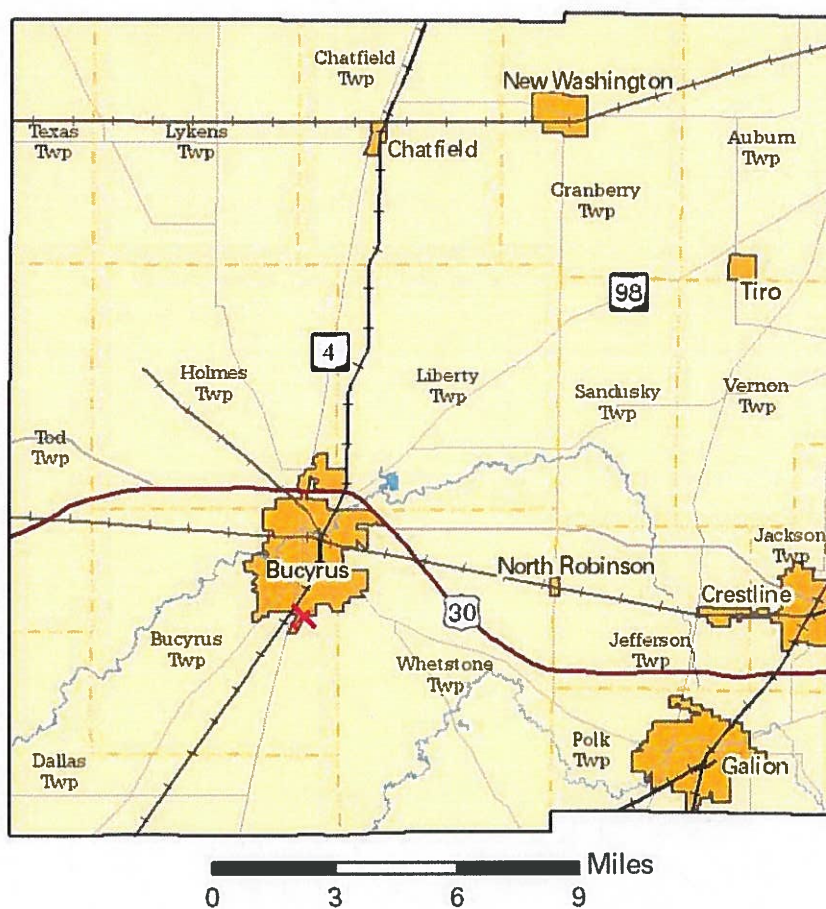
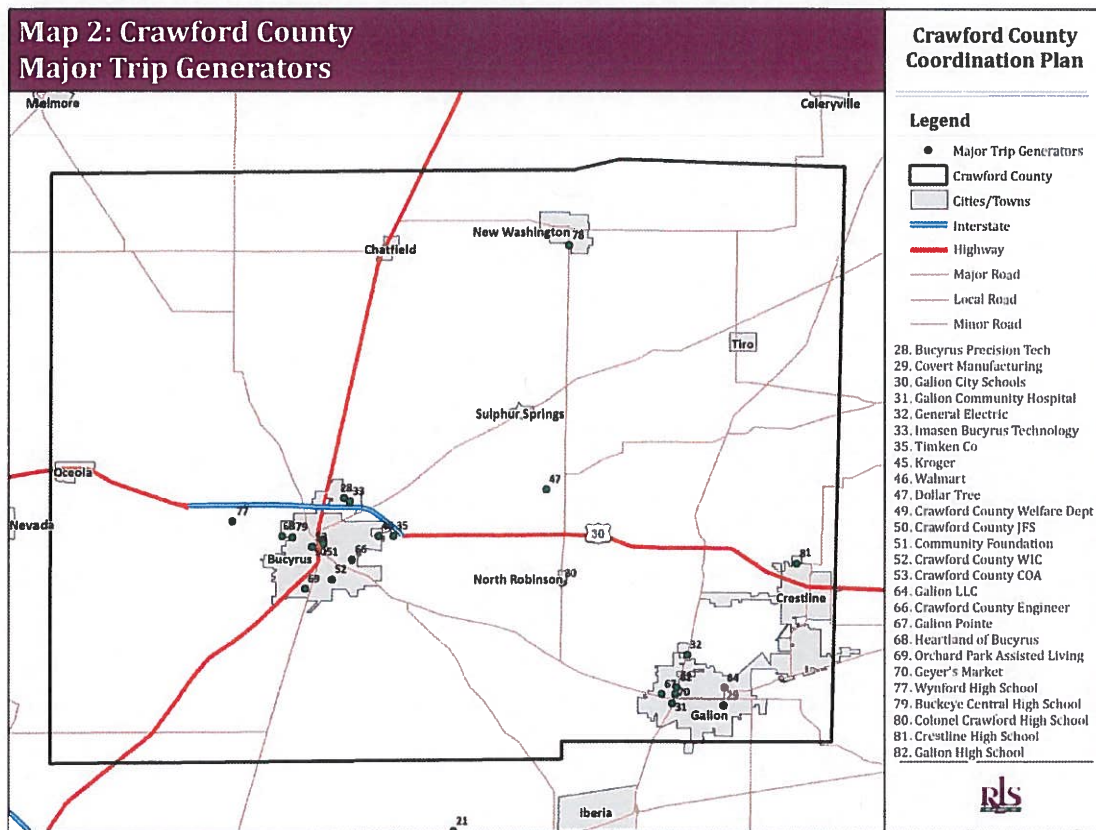


Exhibit I.2: Map of Crawford County Major Trip Generators



Marion County (see Exhibit I.3) is located geographically in the central portion of Ohio. It is bordered by Crawford and Wyandot Counties to the North, Morrow County to the East, Delaware and Union Counties to the South, and Hardin County to the West. The county was named after Francis Marion, a General during the American Revolutionary War. Marion County was established in 1824 and has a total area of approximately 404 square miles. A map of the major trip generators for Marion County can be found in Exhibit I.4.

Exhibit I.3: Map of Marion County

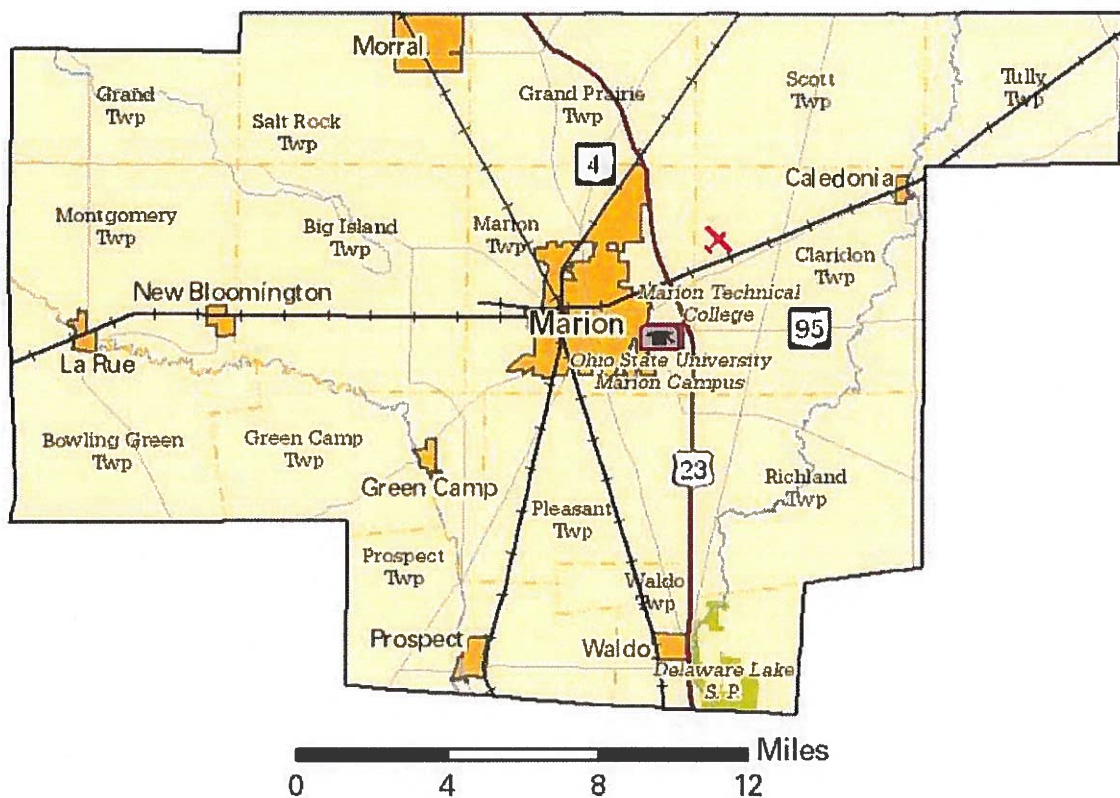
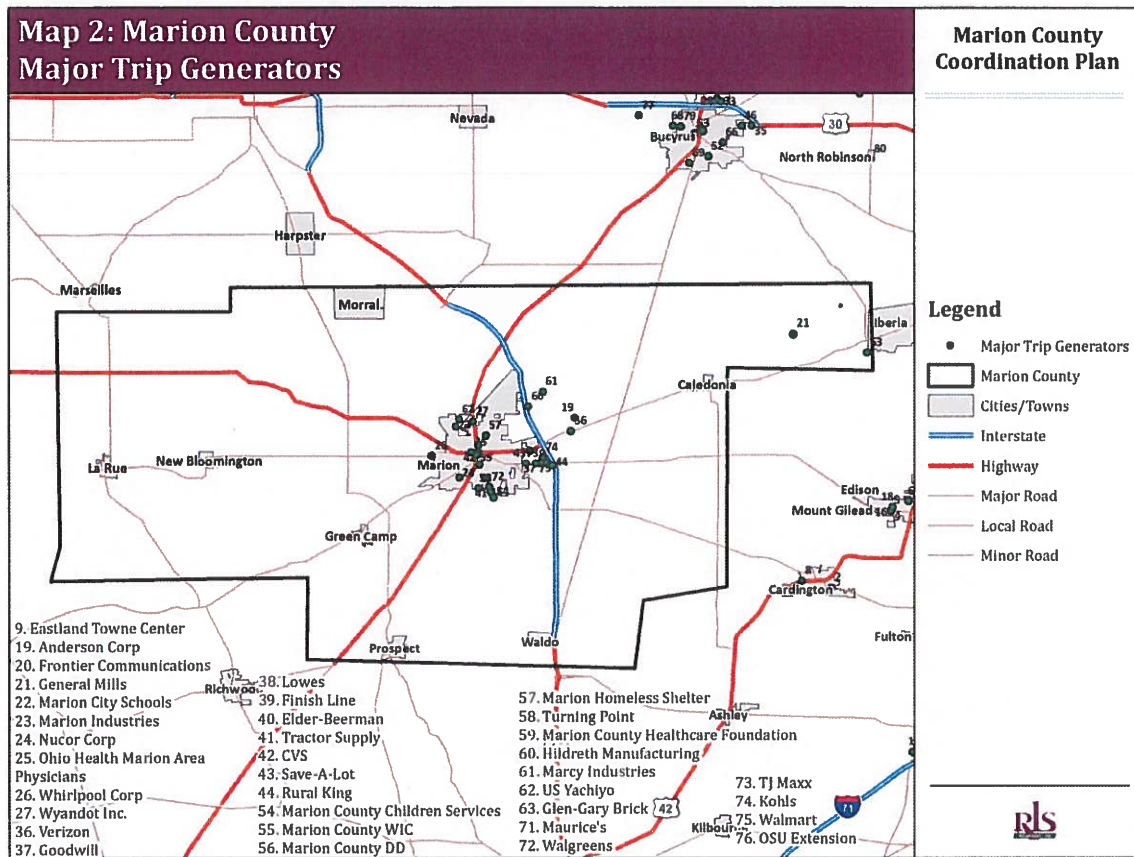


Exhibit I.4: Map of Marion County Major Trip Generators



Morrow County (see Exhibit I.5) is located geographically in the central portion of Ohio. It is bordered by Crawford and Richland Counties to the north, Delaware County to the South, Marion County to the West, and Knox County to the East. The county was named after Jeremiah Morrow, the Ohio Governor from 1822-1826. Morrow County was established in 1848 and has a total area of approximately 407 square miles. A map of the major trip generators for Morrow County can be found in Exhibit I.6.

Exhibit I.5: Map of Morrow County

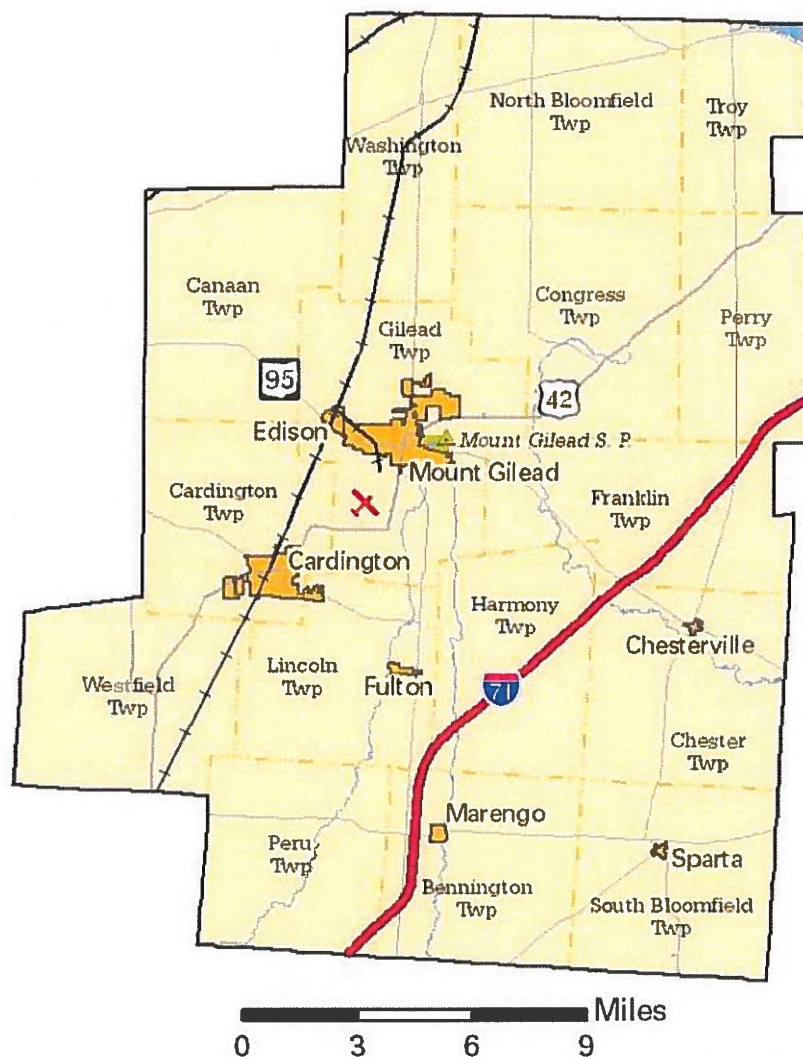
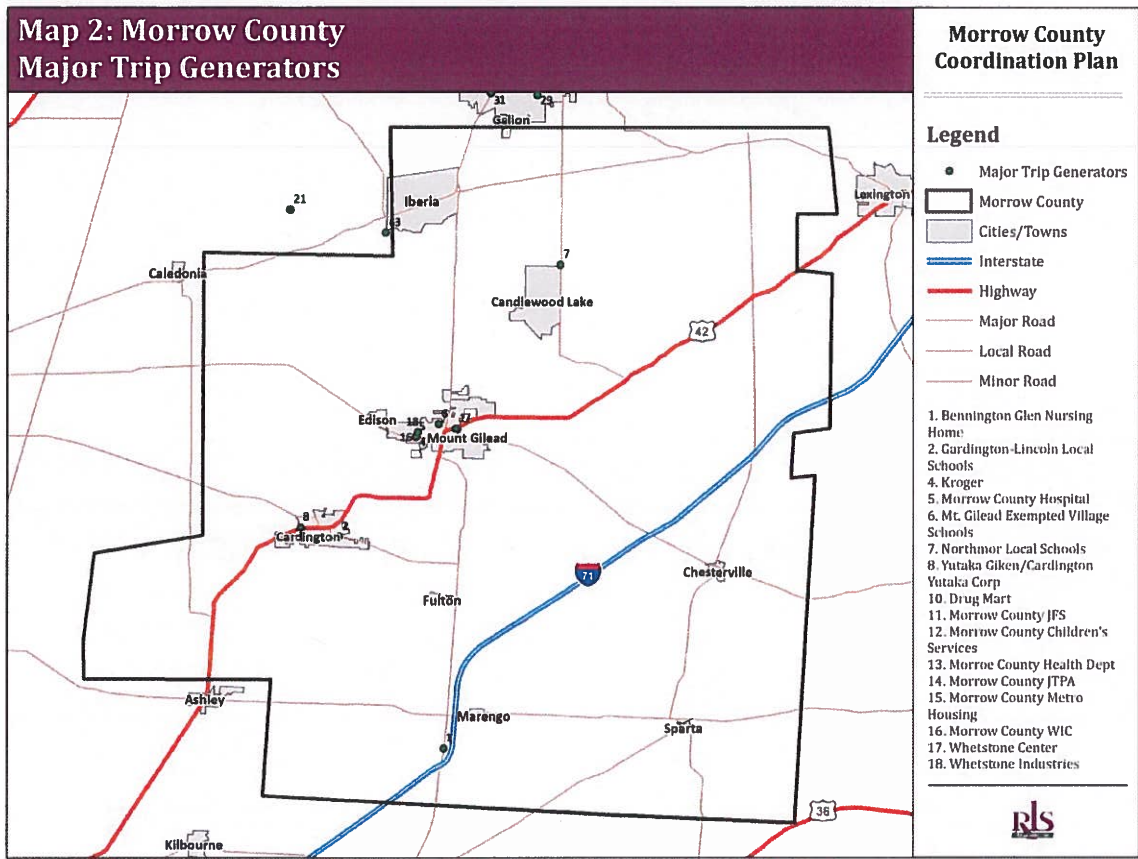


Exhibit I.4: Map of Marion County Major Trip Generators



II. Population Demographics

Population

The population in Crawford County in 2010 was 43,784, with an estimated population of 42,083 in 2016. Bucyrus is the county seat and largest city with an estimated population of 11,903. The population seat decreased 3.7% from 2010 to 2016. Galion city and Crestline village are the next largest municipalities in the county. Polk, Whetstone, Jefferson, Liberty, and Holmes Townships also contain significant portions of the county's population (see Exhibit II.1).

Exhibit II.1: Crawford County City, Township, and Village Population

Largest Places	2010 Census	2016 Estimate	% Change
Bucyrus City	12,362	11,903	-3.7%
Galion City	10,512	10,143	-3.5%
Creslinte Vlg	4,612	4,421	-4.1%
Polk twp	2,132	2,003	-6.1%
Whetstone twp UB	1,936	1,856	-4.1%
Jefferson twp UB	1,515	1,462	-3.5%
Liberty twp	1,369	1,315	-3.9%
Holmes twp	1,339	1,276	-4.7%
New Washington vlg	967	931	-3.7%
Bucyrus twp	835	797	-4.6%
TOTAL	43,784	42,083	-3.9%

Source: Ohio Department of Development (DOD), 2016

The Population in Marion County in 2010 was 66,501 with an estimated population of 65,096 in 2016. Marion City is the county seat and largest city with an estimated population of 36,310. The population of the county seat decreased by 1.4% from 2010 to 2016. Marion and Pleasant Townships are the next largest municipalities in the county. Claridon, Richland, Grand Prairie, Big Island, and Montgomery Townships and Prospect Village also contain significant portions of the county's population (see Exhibit II.2).

Exhibit II.2: Marion County City, Township, and Village Population

Largest Places	2010 Census	2016 Estimate	% Change
Marion City	36,837	36,310	-1.4%
Marion twp UB	7,912	7,584	-4.1%
Pleasant twp	4,773	4,619	-3.2%
Claridon twp UB	2,165	2,218	2.4%
Richland twp	1,635	1,602	-2.0%
Grand Prairie twp	1,590	1,526	-4.0%
Big Island twp	1,205	1,146	-4.9%
Prospect vlg	1,112	1,060	-4.7%
Montgomery twp UB	1,068	1,024	-4.1%
Prospect twp UB	977	974	-0.3%
TOTAL	66,501	65,096	-2.1%
<i>Source: Ohio Department of Development (DOD), 2016</i>			

The population in Morrow County in 2010 was 34,827, with an estimated population of 35,036 in 2016. Mount Gilead Village is the county seat and largest city with an estimated population of 3,671. The population seat increased by less than one percent from 2010 to 2016.

Bennington and Congress Townships are the next largest municipalities in the county. Harmony, Gilead, Perry, North Bloomfield, Lincoln, and Chester Townships and Cardington Village also contain significant portions of the county's population (see Exhibit II.3).

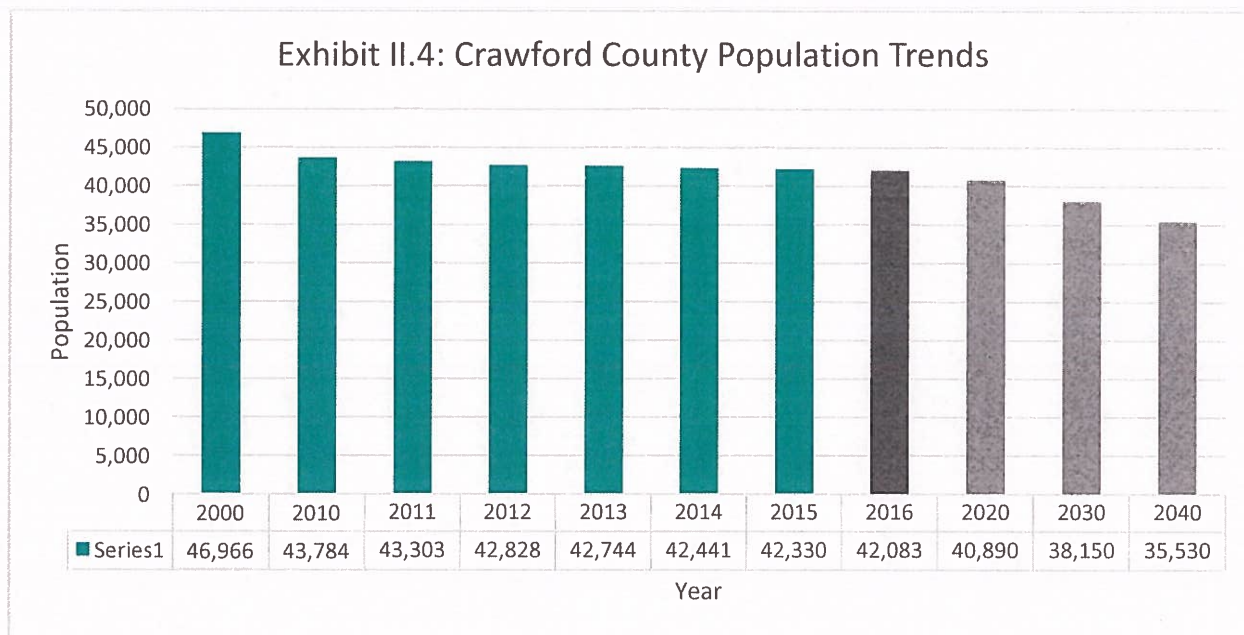
Exhibit II.3: Morrow County City, Township, and Village Population

Largest Places	2010 Census	2016 Estimate	% Change
Mount Gilead vlg	3,660	3,671	0.3%
Bennington twp UB	2,760	2,762	0.1%
Congress twp	2,701	2,713	0.4%
Harmony twp	2,626	2,618	-0.3%
Cardington vlg	2,047	2,062	0.7%
Gilead twp UB	2,015	2,025	0.5%
Perry twp	1,942	1,934	-0.4%
North Bloomfield twp	1,863	1,867	0.2%
Lincoln twp UB	1,785	1,799	0.8%
Chester twp UB	1,644	1,697	3.2%
TOTAL	34,827	35,036	0.6%

Source: Ohio Department of Development (DOD), 2016

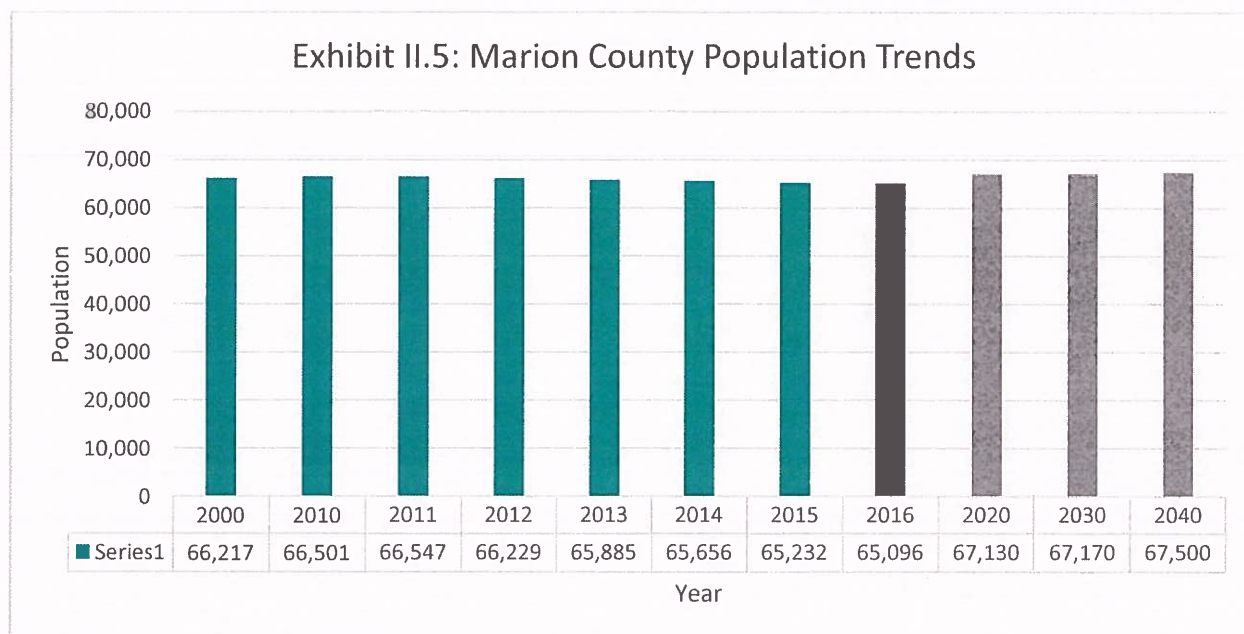
Population Growth

Between 2010 and 2016, it is estimated that the population of Crawford County decreased by almost four percent (see Exhibit II.4). A sixteen percent population decrease is predicted to occur between 2016 and 2040. It is estimated that the Crawford County population will be at the lowest mark since 1930 when the population was at 35,345.



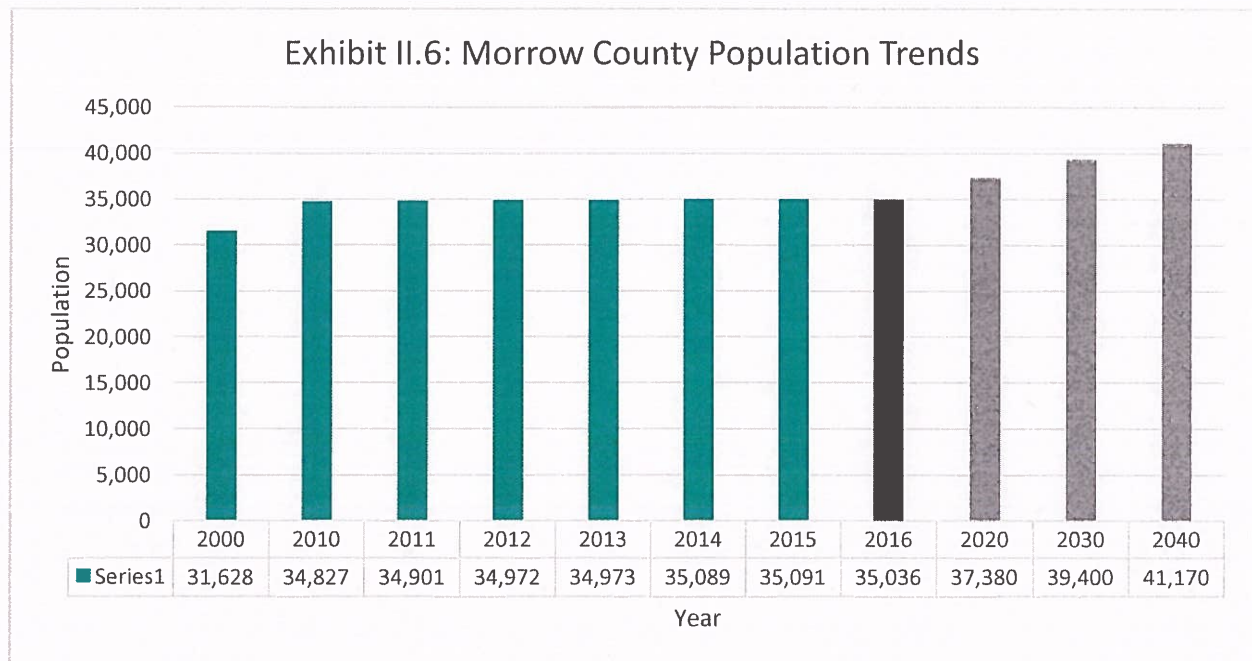
Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2017

Between 2010 and 2016, it is estimated that the population of Marion County decreased by two percent (see Exhibit II.5). A four percent increase is predicted to occur between 2016 and 2040. It is estimated that the Marion County population will be at an all time high by the year 2040.



Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2017

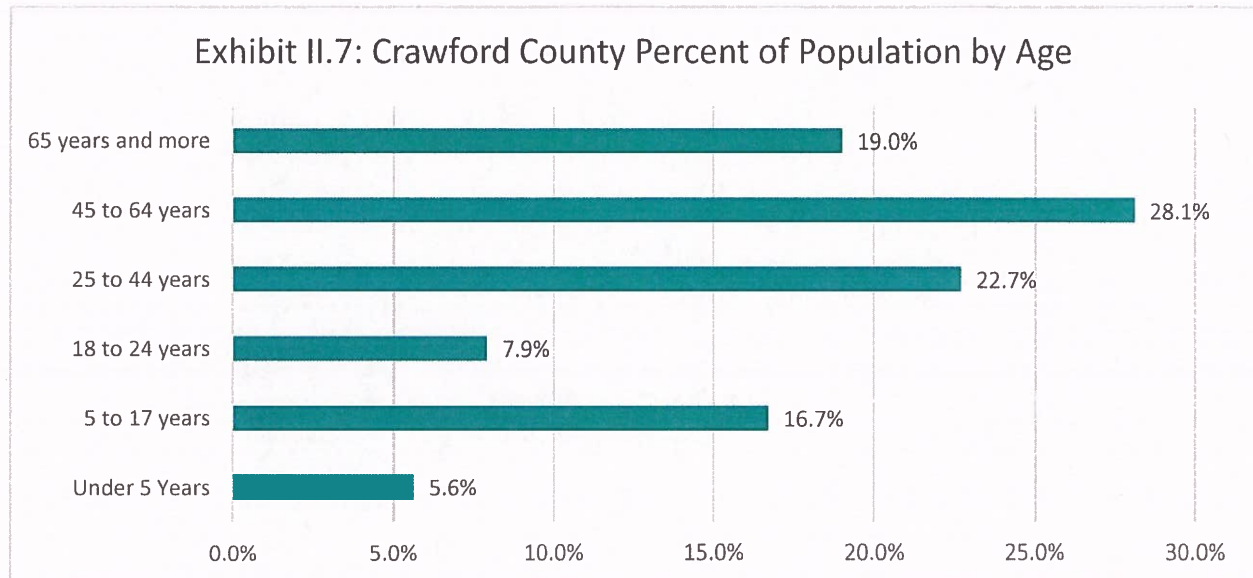
Between 2010 and 2016, it is estimated that the population of Morrow County increased by less than one percent (see Exhibit II.6). A seventeen and a half percent increase is predicted to occur between 2016 and 2040. It is estimated that the Marion County population will be at an all time high by the year 2040.



Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2017

Age Distribution

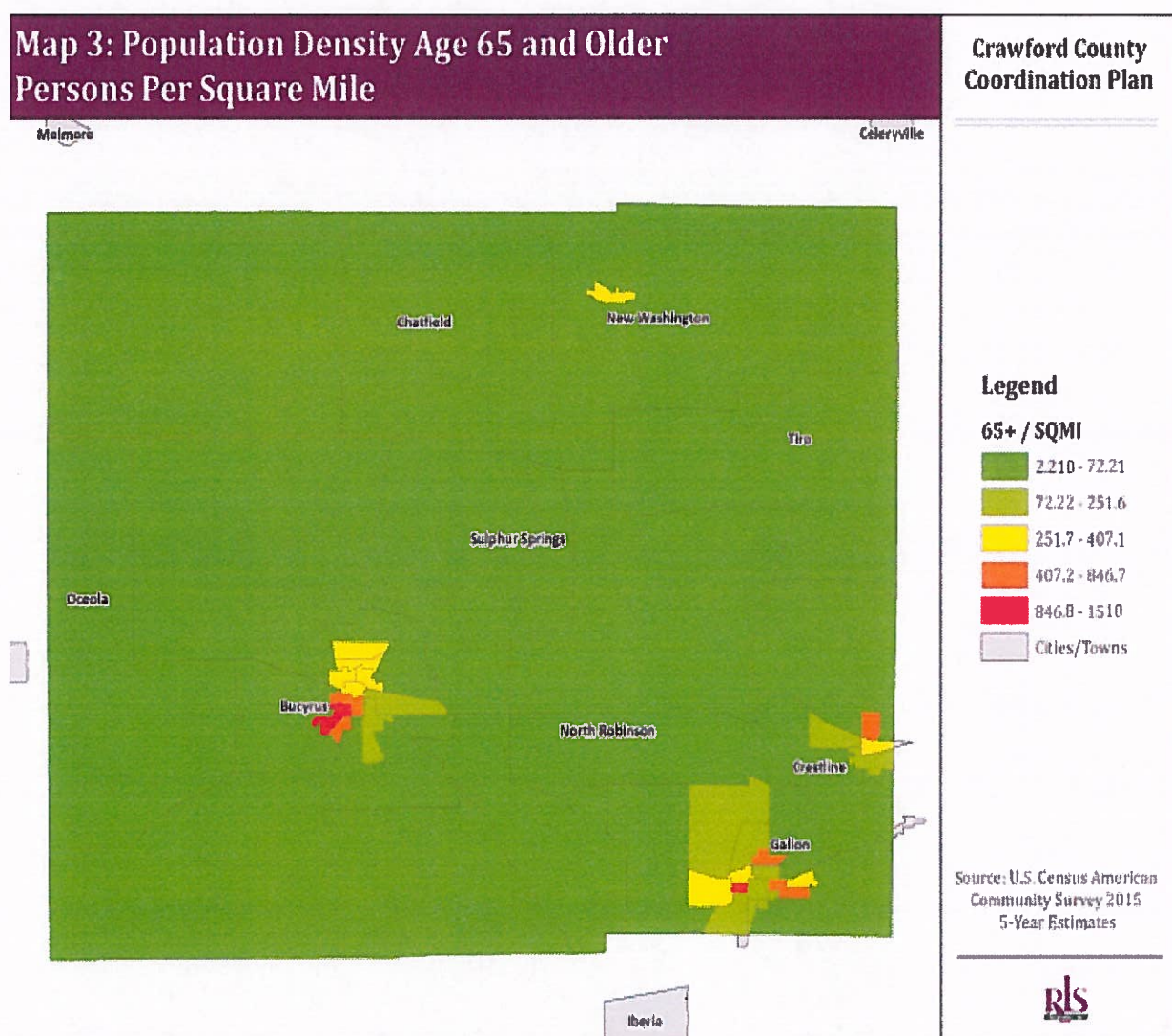
According to the 2017 Ohio Department of Development, the largest age group for Crawford County was between ages 45 and 64, making up 28.1 percent of the county's population (see Exhibit II.7). The group between ages 25 and 44 was the second largest, making up 22.7 percent of the population. Approximately 19 percent of the county's population was age 65 and older.



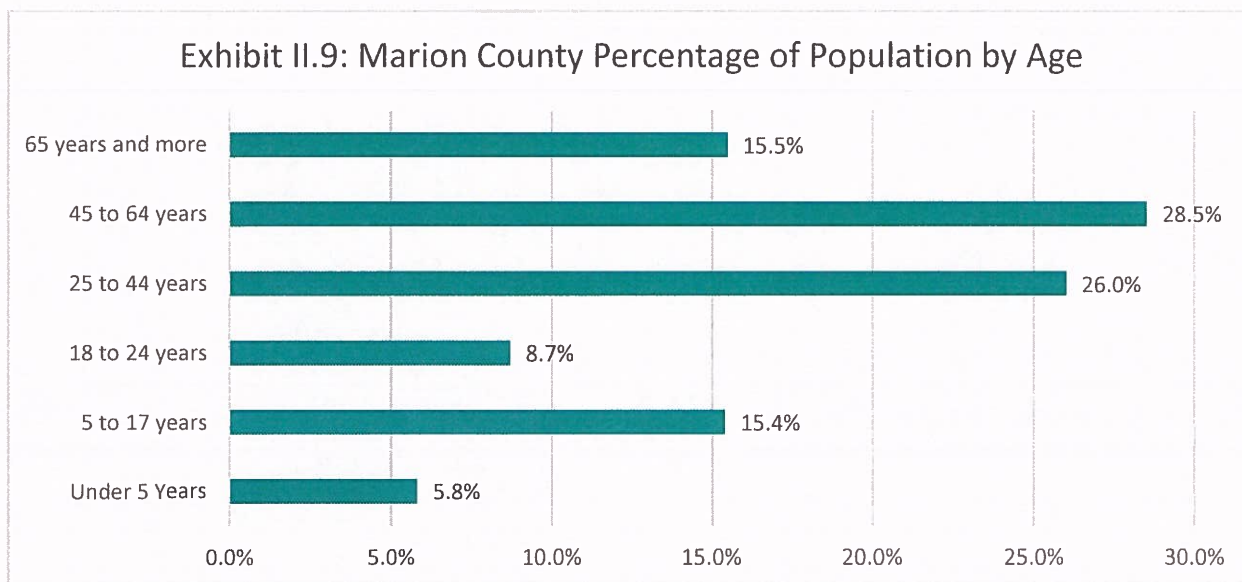
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Exhibit II.8 shows the distribution of the older adult population per square mile for Crawford County.

Exhibit II.8: Map of Crawford County Population Density of 65 and Older Per Square Mile



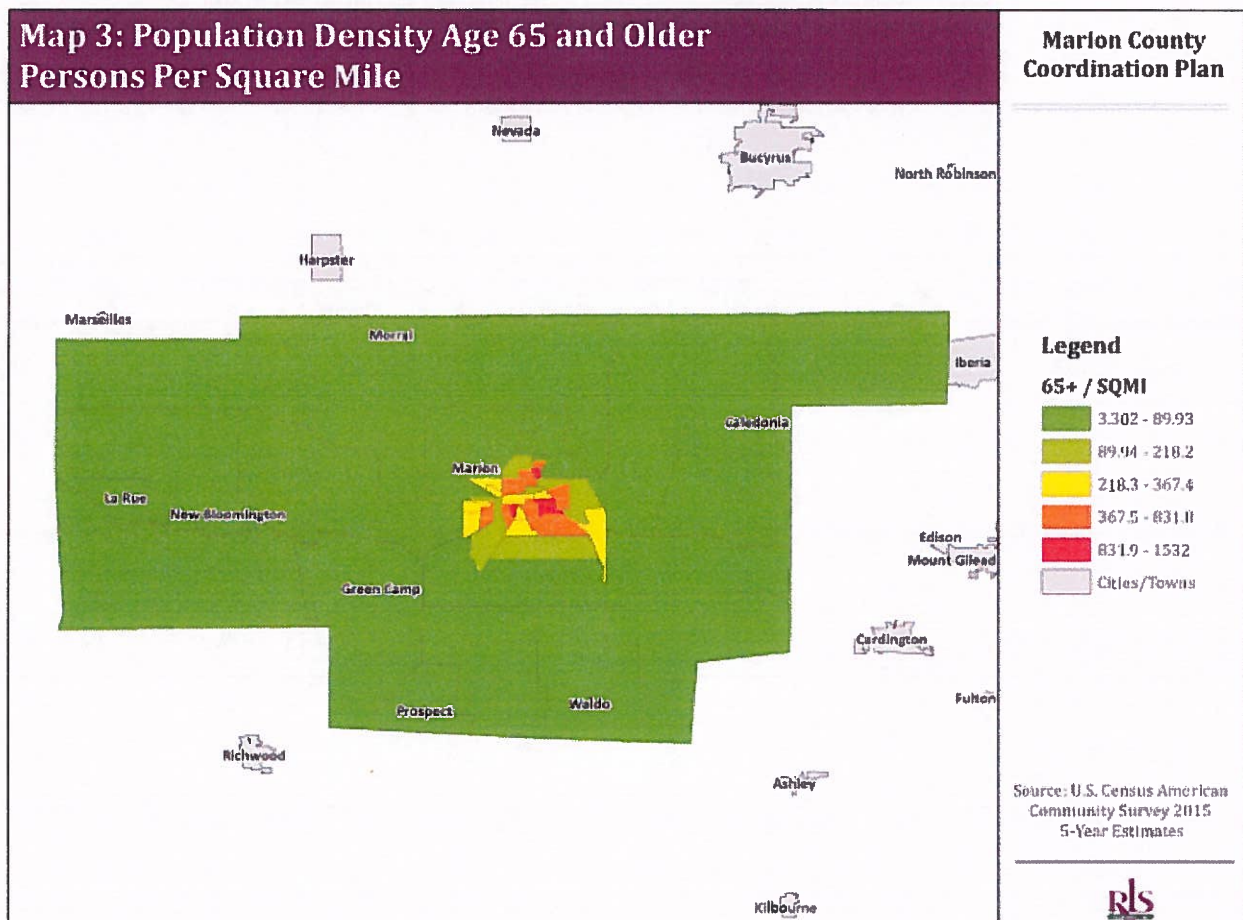
According to the 2017 Ohio Department of Development, the largest age group for Marion County was between ages 45 and 64, making up 28.5 percent of the county's population (see Exhibit II.9). The group between ages 25 and 44 was the second largest, making up 26.0 percent of the population. Approximately 15.5 percent of the county's population was age 65 and older.



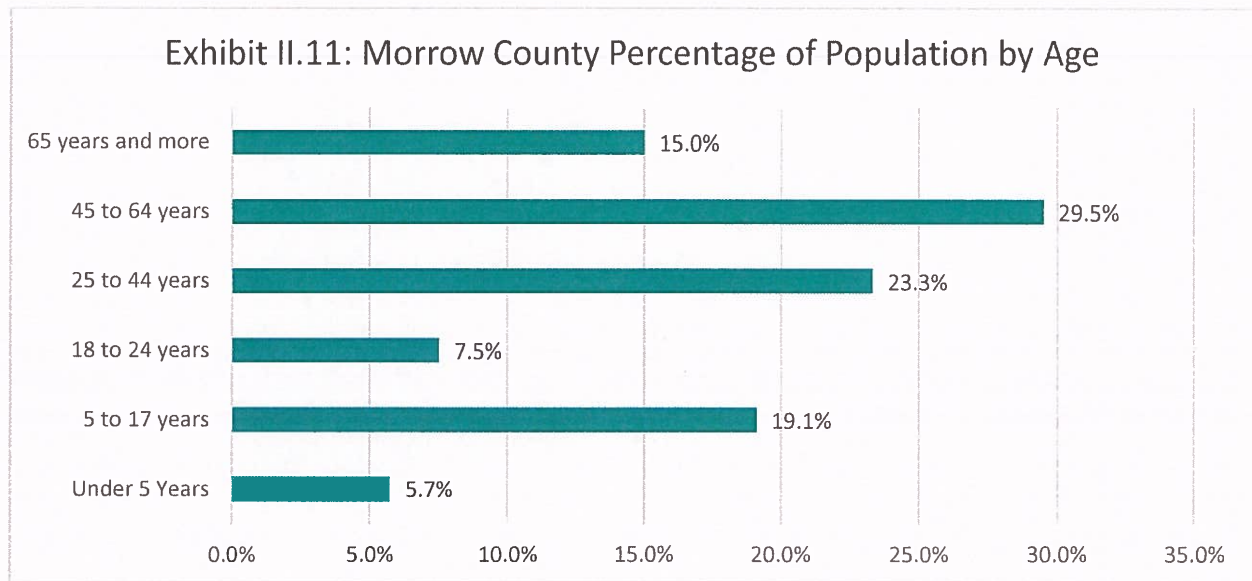
Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2017

Exhibit II.10 shows the distribution of the older adult population per square mile for Marion County.

Exhibit II.10: Map of Marion County Population Density of 65 and Older Per Square Mile



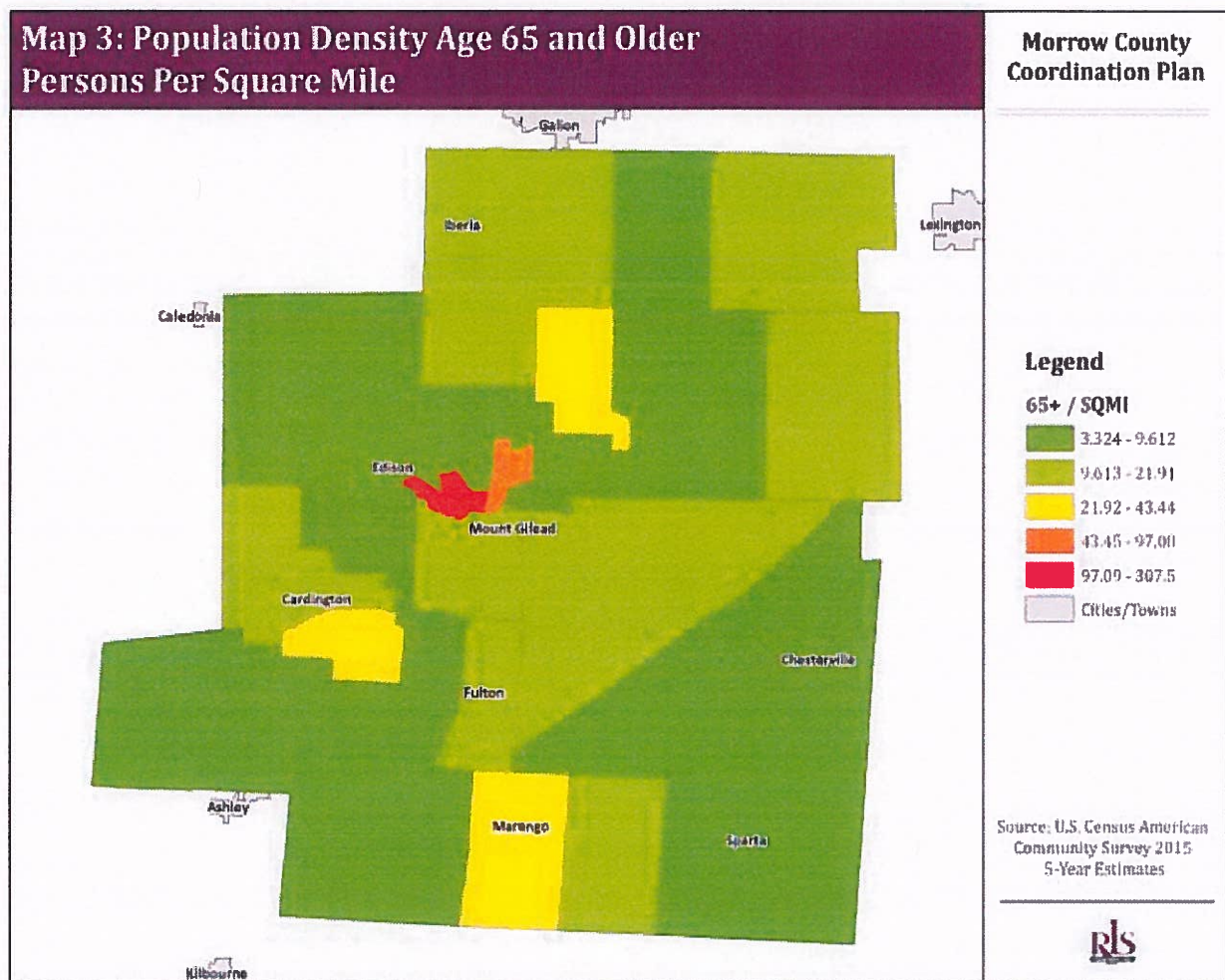
According to the 2017 Ohio Department of Development, the largest age group for Morrow County was between ages 45 and 64, making up 29.5 percent of the county's population (see Exhibit II.11). The group between ages 25 and 44 was the second largest, making up 23.3 percent of the population. Approximately 15 percent of the county's population was age 65 and older.



Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2017

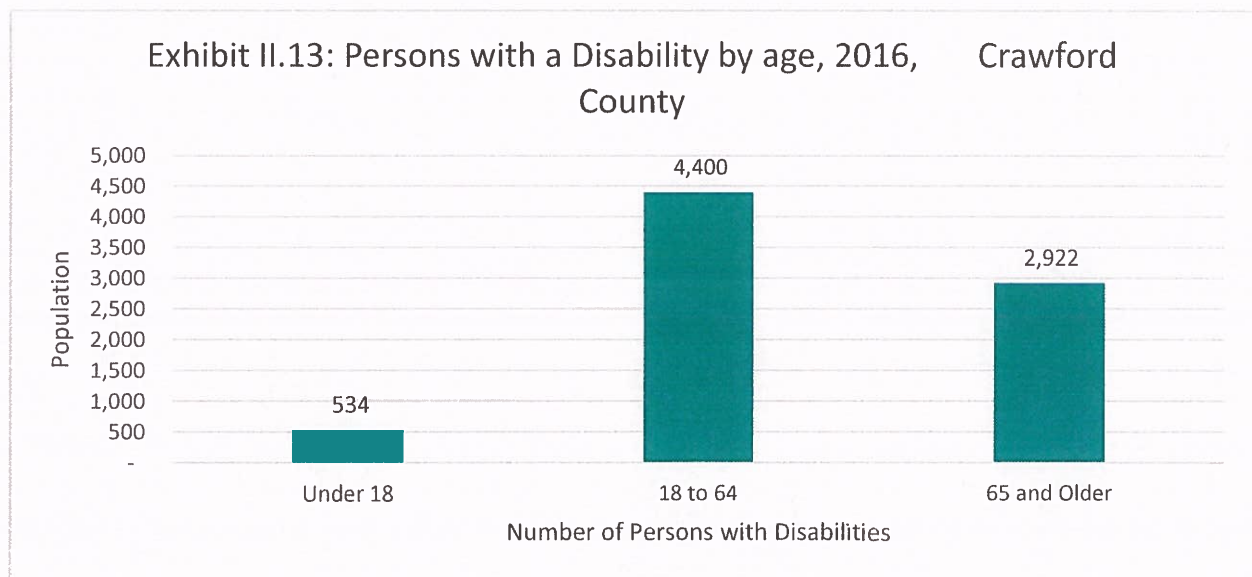
Exhibit II.12 shows the distribution of the older adult population per square mile for Marion County.

Exhibit II.12: Map of Morrow County Population Density of 65 and Older Per Square Mile

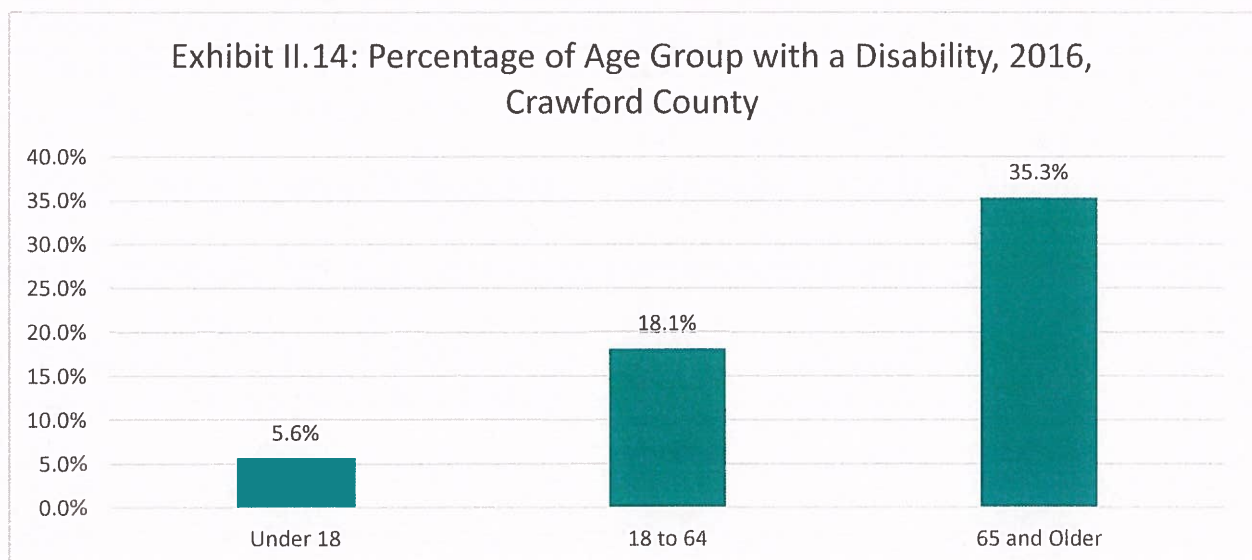


Individuals with Disabilities

Disability data was collected using the 2016 U.S. Census. The following Exhibits (II.13 and II.14) show the number of persons in Crawford County with disabilities and the percentage of each age group with a disability. It is estimated that 7,856 individuals, 18.7 percent, in Crawford County reported that they had some type of disability. The 18 to 64-year-old age group had the most individuals, 4,400 people, who reported having a disability while the 65 years and older group reported a higher percentage with 35.3 percent reporting having a disability. Disabilities include sensory, mental, physical, and self-care limitations.

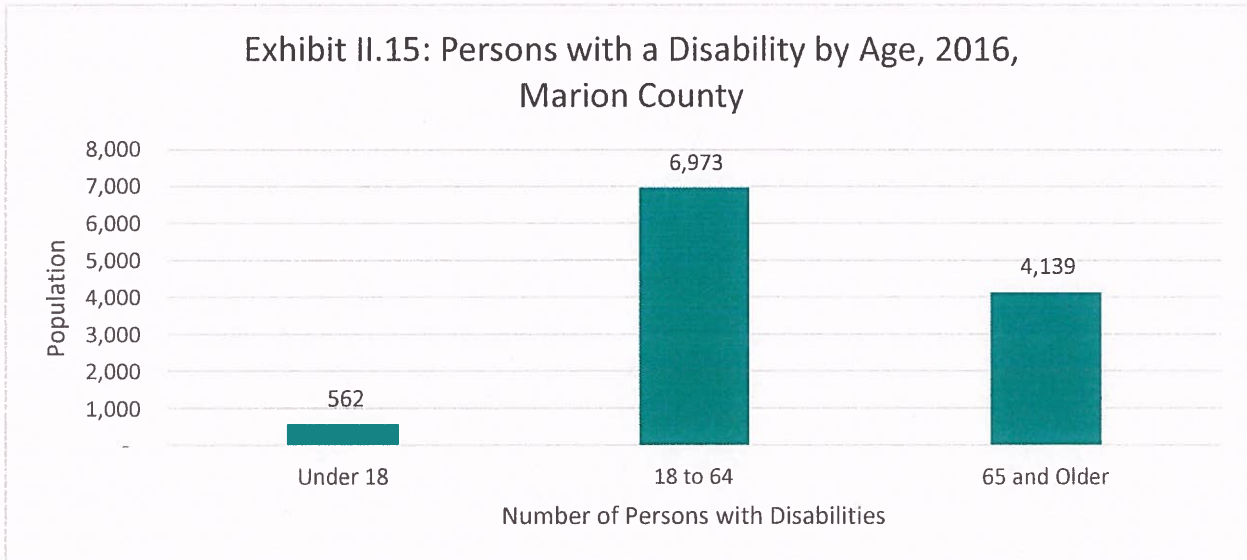


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

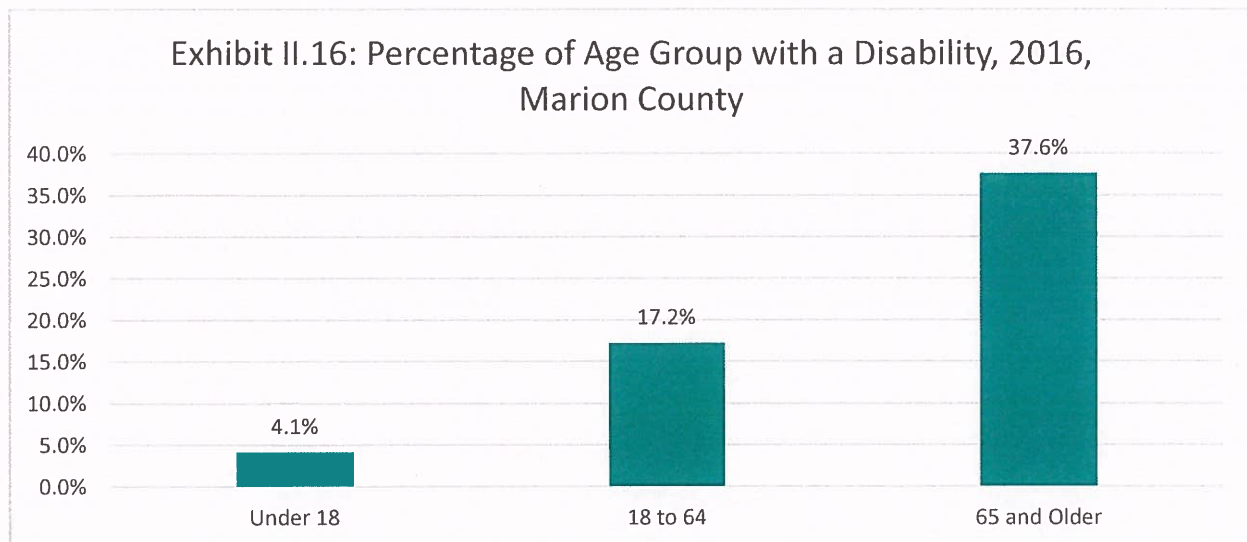


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Disability data was collected using the 2016 U.S. Census. The following Exhibits (II.15 and II.16) show the number of persons in Marion County with disabilities and the percentage of the age group. It is estimated that 11,674 individuals, 17.9 percent, in Marion County reported that they had some type of disability. The 18 to 64-year-old age group had the most individuals, 6,973 people, who reported having a disability while the 65 years and older group had the highest percentage with 37.6 percent of the age group reporting having a disability. Disabilities include sensory, mental, physical, and self-care limitations.

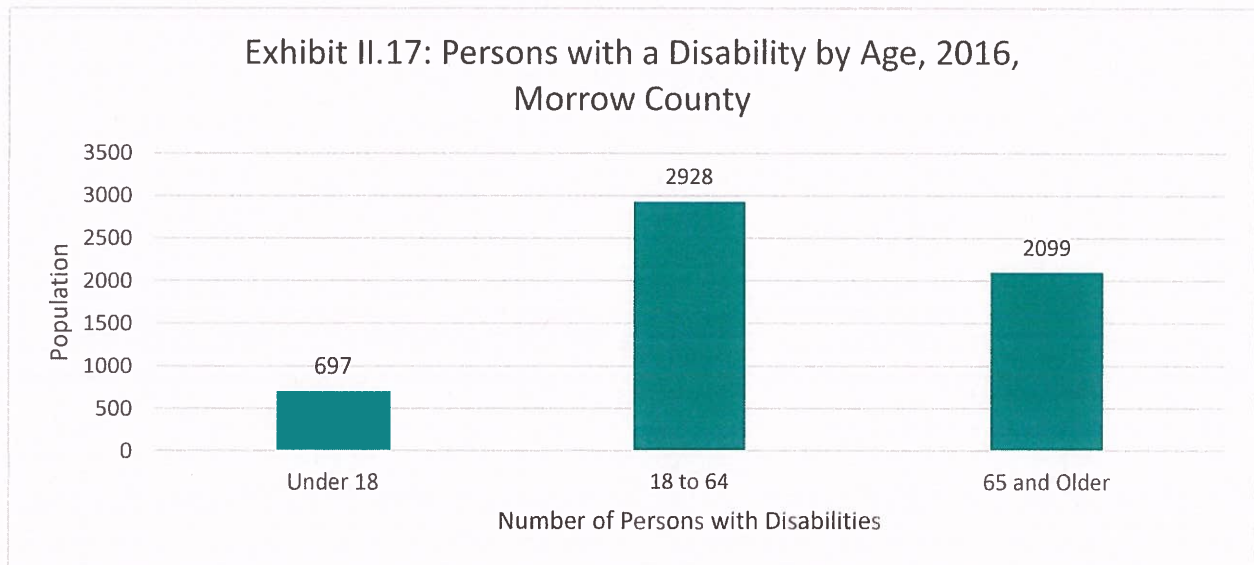


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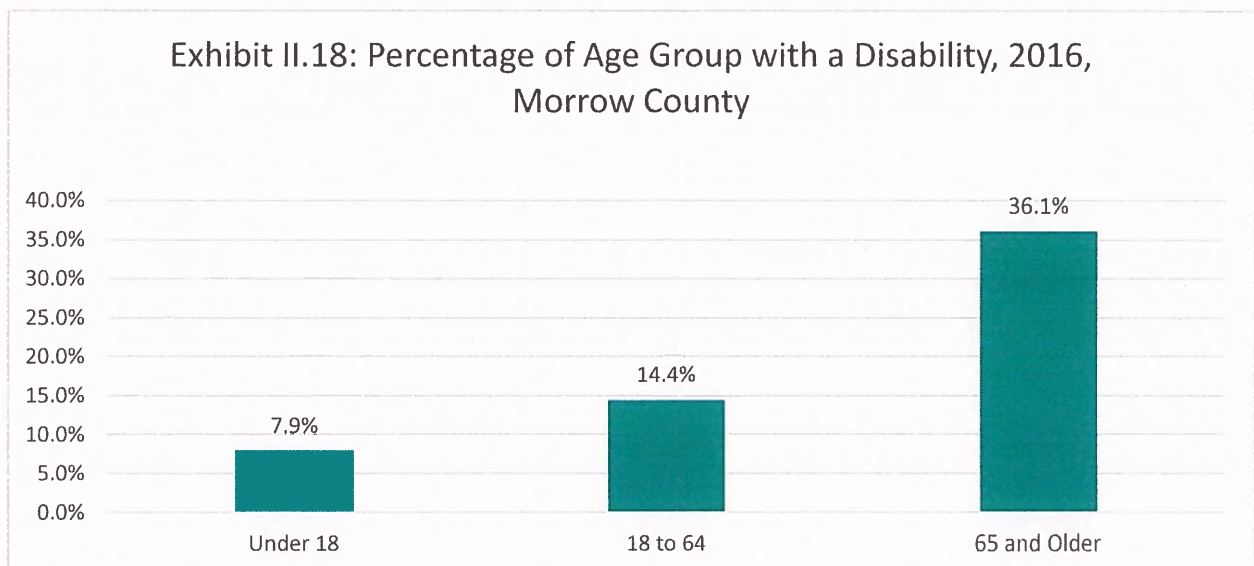


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Disability data was collected using the 2016 U.S. Census. The following Exhibits (II.17 and II.18) show the number of persons in Morrow County with disabilities. It is estimated that 5,724 individuals, 16.3 percent, in Morrow County reported that they had some type of disability. The 18 to 64-year-old age group had the most individuals, 2,928 people, who reported having a disability while the 65 years and older age group reported having the highest percentage with 36.1 percent reporting they had a disability. Disabilities include sensory, mental, physical, and self-care limitations.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



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Population by Race

Exhibit II.19 shows the breakdown of Crawford County's population by race. 96.8 percent of the population, 41,365 individuals, are white. Four percent of the population is a minority while 1.4 percent of the population is of Hispanic origin. African-Americans, Native Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and other races account for less than one percent of the population.

Exhibit II.19: Crawford County Population by Race		
Race	Number	Percent
White	41,365	96.8%
African-American	303	0.7%
Native American	6	0.0%
Asian	159	0.4%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	107	0.3%
Two or More Races	785	1.8%
Hispanic (any race)	594	1.4%
Total Minority	1,699	4.0%

Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2016

Exhibit II.20 shows the breakdown of Marion County's population by race. 90 percent of the population, 59,380 individuals, are white. 10.9 percent of the population is a minority, while 2.4 percent of the population is Hispanic. 5.8 Percent of the population is African-American and 2.4 percent are two or more races. There is one percent other, while Native Americans, Asians, and Pacific Islanders account for less than one percent of the population.

Exhibit II.20: Marion County Population by Race		
Race	Number	Percent
White	59,380	90.0%
African-American	3,841	5.8%
Native American	132	0.2%
Asian	307	0.5%
Pacific Islander	6	0.0%
Other	668	1.0%
Two or More Races	1,609	2.4%
Hispanic (any race)	1,575	2.4%
Total Minority	7,200	10.9%

Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2016

Exhibit II.21 shows the breakdown of Morrow County's population by race. 97.5 percent of the population, 34,112 individuals, are white. 3.7 percent of the population is a minority while 1.3 percent of the population is of Hispanic origin. 1.9 percent of the population is two or more races while African-Americans, Native Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders and other races account for less than one percent of the population.

Exhibit II.21: Morrow County Population by Race		
Race	Number	Percent
White	34,112	97.5%
African-American	142	0.4%
Native American	19	0.1%
Asian	44	0.1%
Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other	30	0.1%
Two or More Races	649	1.9%
Hispanic (any race)	466	1.3%
Total Minority	1,304	3.7%

Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2016

Household Income

There is an estimated total of 17,798 households in Crawford County with a Median Household Income of \$40,795. Exhibit II.22 shows the breakdown of Crawford County's population of household income per US Census Block. An estimated 15.5 percent of the households make between \$20,000 and \$29,999. 7.7 percent of the households in Crawford County make less than \$10,000.

Exhibit II.22: Crawford County Household Income, 2016		
	Number	Percent
Less than \$10,000	1,366	7.7%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2,453	13.8%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	2,757	15.5%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	2,097	11.8%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,875	10.5%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,730	9.7%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,835	10.3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,854	10.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,377	7.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	290	1.6%
\$200,000 or more	164	0.9%
Total Households	17,798	
Median Household Income	\$ 40,795	

Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2016

There is an estimated total of 24,478 households in Marion County with a Median Household Income of \$42,966. Exhibit II.23 shows the breakdown of Marion County's population of household income per US Census Block. An estimated 13.6 percent of the households make between \$10,000 to \$19,000. 7.2 percent of the households make less than \$10,000.

Exhibit II.23: Marion County Household Income, 2016		
	Number	Percent
Less than \$10,000	1,774	7.2%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,328	13.6%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3,276	13.4%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	3,251	13.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2,235	9.1%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	2,220	9.1%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,506	10.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,714	11.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,314	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	595	2.4%
\$200,000 or more	265	1.1%
Total Households	24,478	
Median Household Income	\$ 42,966	

Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2016

There is an estimated total of 12,700 households in Morrow County with a Median Household Income of \$51,993. Exhibit II.24 shows the breakdown of Morrow County's population of household income per US Census Block. An estimated 14.2 percent of the households make between \$75,000 to \$99,999. 5.6 percent of the households make less than \$10,000.

Exhibit II.24: Morrow County Household Income, 2016		
	Number	Percent
Less than \$10,000	708	5.6%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,130	8.9%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,358	10.7%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1,441	11.3%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1,493	11.8%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,005	7.9%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	1,533	12.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,800	14.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,654	13.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	440	3.5%
\$200,000 or more	138	1.1%
Total Households	12,700	
Median Household Income	\$ 51,993	

Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2016

Individuals and Poverty

Exhibit II.25 shows the ratio of income to poverty level for Crawford County. Out of 41,926 individuals, 6,888, or 16.5 percent, live below the federal poverty line. Most individuals, 60.6 percent or 25,389 individuals, live at 200 percent or more of the federal poverty line.

Exhibit II.25: Crawford County Ratio of Income to Poverty Level		
Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Below 50% of poverty level	3,337	8.0%
50% to 99% of poverty level	3,551	8.5%
100%to 124% of poverty level	2,631	6.3%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,451	5.8%
150% to 184% of poverty level	3,417	8.2%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,150	2.7%
200% of poverty level or more	25,389	60.6%
Total population for whom poverty status is determined	41,926	

Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2016

Exhibit II.26 shows the ratio of income to poverty level for Marion County. Out of 59,274 individuals, 11,127, or 18.8 percent, live below the federal poverty line. Most individuals, 59.4 percent or 35,215 individuals, live at 200 percent or more of the federal poverty line.

Exhibit II.26: Marion County Ratio of Income to Poverty Level		
Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Below 50% of poverty level	4,480	7.6%
50% to 99% of poverty level	6,647	11.2%
100%to 124% of poverty level	4,047	6.8%
125% to 149% of poverty level	2,514	4.2%
150% to 184% of poverty level	4,504	7.6%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,867	3.1%
200% of poverty level or more	35,215	59.4%
Total population for whom poverty status is determined	59,274	

Source: Ohio Department of Development, 2016

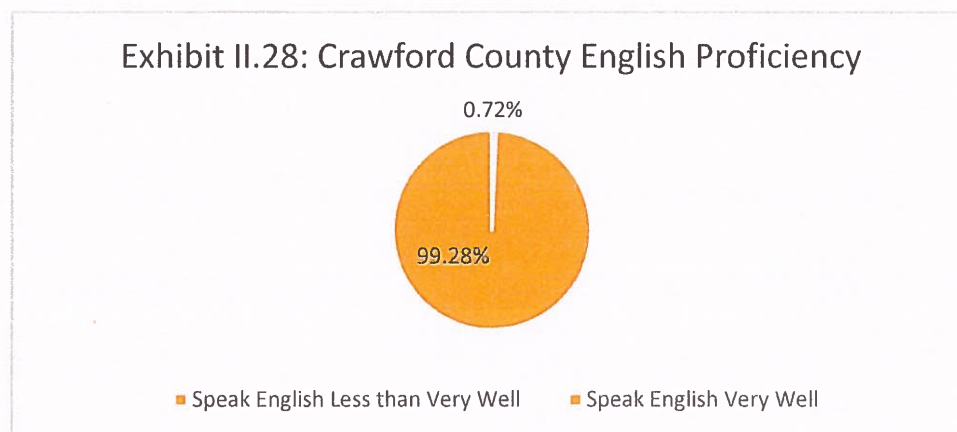
Exhibit II.27 shows the ratio of income to poverty level for Morrow County. Out of 34,580 individuals, 4,063, or 10.7 percent, live below the federal poverty line. Most individuals, 71.0 percent or 24,545 individuals, live at 200 percent or more of the federal poverty line.

Exhibit II.27: Morrow County Ratio of Income to Poverty Level		
Poverty Level	Number	Percent
Below 50% of poverty level	1,878	5.4%
50% to 99% of poverty level	2,185	6.3%
100% to 124% of poverty level	1,483	4.3%
125% to 149% of poverty level	1,507	4.4%
150% to 184% of poverty level	1,863	5.4%
185% to 199% of poverty level	1,119	3.2%
200% of poverty level or more	24,545	71.0%
Total population for whom poverty status is determined	34,580	

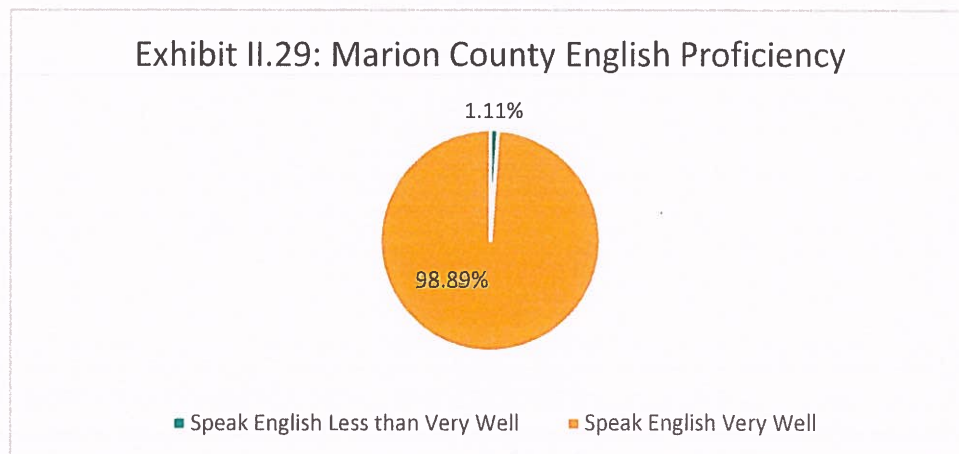
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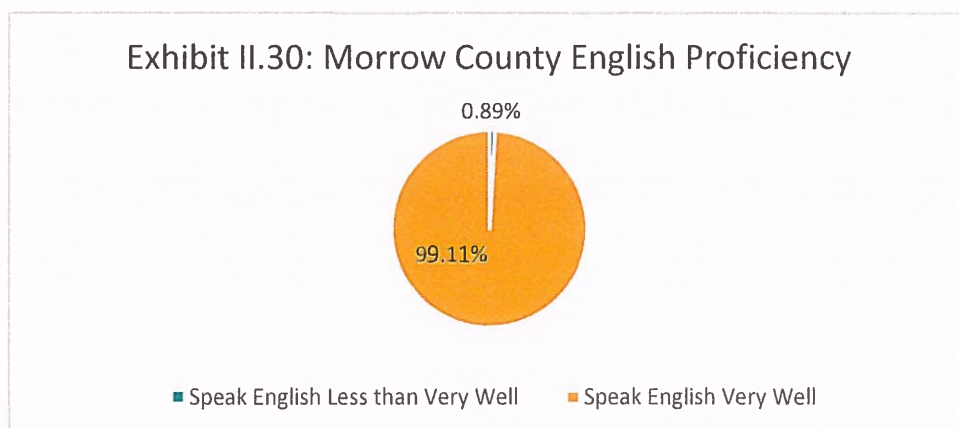
According to the 2016 US Census Data, 39,783 of the individuals in Crawford County (99.28 percent) speak “English Very Well” while 290 individuals (0.72 percent) “Speak English Less than Very Well”. Exhibit II.28 shows a pie graph depicting the breakdown of English Proficiency for Crawford County.



According to the 2016 US Census Data, 61,128 of the individuals in Marion County (98.89 percent) speak “English Very Well” while 685 individuals (1.11 percent) “Speak English Less than Very Well”. Exhibit II.29 shows a pie graph depicting the breakdown of English Proficiency for Marion County.



According to the 2016 US Census Data, 32,771 of the individuals in Morrow County (99.11 percent) speak “English Very Well” while 294 individuals (.89 percent) “Speak English Less than Very Well”. Exhibit II.30 shows a pie graph depicting the breakdown of English Proficiency for Morrow County.



III. Assessment of Available Services

Conducting an evaluation of service provider capabilities and analyzing the existing gaps and duplications of services for transportation resources in each community, provides transportation planners with the information needed to implement changes that will improve the network of transportation resources and services in Crawford County, Marion County, and Morrow County as well as across county lines.

The lead agencies identified stakeholders to participate in the assessment of available services. These stakeholders included those who were represented in the current and past planning committees, as well as others who the planning committee identified as being appropriate stakeholders.

Surveys to gain information were distributed to each identified stakeholder. Interviews were conducted to secure additional information. It is noted some of the identified stakeholders were only able to provide limited information as they were not the direct provider of transportation service. Some stakeholders represented transit disadvantaged individuals with individual care plans whereby the individual selects and secures a transportation provider of their choice.

The purpose of the interview was to offer the stakeholders an opportunity to discuss the specific transportation services, gaps, needs, and priorities for their respective service areas or communities.

When applicable, information reported in the previous coordinated plan was used to supplement information gathered during this planning effort.

Inventory of Transportation Providers

Seneca-Crawford County Area Transit (SCAT) – Section 5311 rural public transportation service. Provides public transportation service to Seneca and Crawford County residents. Travel available in county and out of county with common out of county destinations of Mansfield, Columbus, Cleveland, and Toledo.

Crawford County Council on Aging (CCCOA) – Section 5310 specialized transportation service for seniors and adults with disabilities. In county and out of county service is available to eligible individuals. Common out of county destinations include Mansfield, Columbus and Cleveland.

Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities – contracted transportation service, often selected by the consumer, however primarily provided by Ohio Specialty Services.

Crawford County Veterans Services – transportation provided to Veterans using volunteers to transport Veterans in vehicles secured through Veterans services and the county.

Crawford County Department of Job and Family Services – is not a direct provider of transportation service. JFS purchases service from multiple providers and also provides funding for family provided transportation and gas vouchers.

Marion Area Transit (MAT) – Section 5311 rural public transportation service operating within Marion City limits and within a five (5) mile radius of the transit center.

Marion Senior Center/Marion County Council on Aging– Transportation to seniors to the Senior Center and for activities of daily living such as shopping for food, medical appointments, etc. Marion County Senior transportation provides service to eligible individuals within Marion County and contracts with MCTC for out of county service.

Marion County Board of Developmental Disabilities contracted transportation service, often selected by the consumer, however primarily provided by Residential Home Association of Marion, Wings of Angels, and Marion Area Transit.

Marion County Veterans Services - transportation provided to Veterans using volunteers to transport Veterans in vehicles secured through Veterans services and the county.

Marion County Department of Job and Family Services is not a direct provider of transportation service. JFS purchases service from multiple providers and also provides funding for family provided transportation and gas vouchers.

Community action of Heartland in Marion County – Stakeholders identified this organization as a transportation provider, but when reached out to, they never returned a survey. The planning committee will continue to reach out to this organization during the amendment processes.

Morrow County Transportation Collaborative (MCTC) – Section 5310 specialized transportation service targeted to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals. Public service is available when fully allocated cost rate is paid by the individual. Service is provided in Morrow County, surrounding counties and to other areas of the state such as Columbus and Cleveland.

Morrow County Board of Developmental Disabilities – transportation to individuals with developmental disabilities to the workshop services. Additional transportation services include community employment transportation.

Morrow County Veteran Services: Information was requested, but not returned.

Morrow County Seniors on Center – transportation to eligible individuals to the Senior Center and other destinations associated with activities of daily living such as grocery shopping and medical appointments. Transportation provided within Morrow County and destinations outside of Morrow County such as Mansfield and Columbus.

No Limits Outreach provides transportation for individuals with persistent and serious mental illnesses. Most of their funding comes from the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health Recovery Service Board.

Existing Transportation Services

The following information is based on tabulations from the survey and interview results. A total of 14 organizations provided information about their services.

List of Transportation Service Providers

Agency Name:

Transportation Service Type:

Other Services Provided:

Contact Information:

Hours:

Service Area:

Eligibility Requirements:

Web-site:

The table below provides a summary of the characteristics of the participating transportation providers and organizations that purchase transportation on behalf of consumers.

Table [A]: Organizational Characteristics

Agency Name	Directly Operates Transportation (Yes/No)	Purchases Transportation from Another Agency (if Yes, Who?)	Legal Authority (Private Non-Profit, Private For-Profit, Public Non-Profit)	Number of Annual One-Way Passenger Trips	Average Number Trip Denials per Week	Are Vehicles Only Available for Human Service Agency Clients (Y/N)*
SCAT	Yes	No	Non-Profit Public Transportation Agency	74,000	3	No
MAT	Yes	No	Non-Profit Public Transportation Agency	149,094	Data Not Available	No
Crawford County Council on Aging, INC.	Yes	No	Private Non-Profit	31,418	7	No
No Limits Outreach	Yes	No	Private Non-Profit	Est 3,548	Data Not Available	Yes

Marion County Board of Developmental Disabilities	No	Yes, Ohio Specialty Services, MAT, Wings of an Angel, Life Builders	Private Non-Profit	20 Individual Passengers	None. Their agency has a "Free Choice of Provider" Policy	N/A
Crawford County Job and Family Services	No	Yes, SCAT	Public Non-Profit	Not Provided	Not Provided	N/A
Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities	No	Yes, Ohio Specialty Services, Waycraft Industries, and RNI	Private for Profit	22,400 (estimate for 1-way trips)	0	Yes
Marion County Council on Aging	No	Yes, MCTC and MAT	Public Non-Profit	Not Provided	Not Provided	N
Marion County Job and Family Services	No	Yes, Onsite Transportation and Applelane	Public Non-Profit	5,200	Not Provided	N
Morrow County Board of Developmental Disabilities	No	Yes, Not Provided	Public Non-Profit	Not Provided	Not Provided	Y
The Tomorrow Center	No	Yes, MCTC	Public Non-Profit	Not Provided	Not Provided	Y
Morrow County Family and Children First	Yes	Yes, Not Provided	Public Non-Profit	Not Provided	Not Provided	Y
MCTC	Yes	No	Public Non-Profit	19,291	0 Trip Denials	N

* Answering "Yes" indicates that your agency is closed door. Your agency is considered closed door if you ONLY provide transportation to your facility as a courtesy or if you ONLY serve a particular clientele that are enrolled in your agency programs (i.e. members of a sheltered workshop, or residents in a nursing home). Answering "No" indicates that your agency is open door. This means the service is open to the public or a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income. For example, if an agency provides general transportation for anyone in the community who is over the age of 60, they are considered "open door". For example, an individual who is 60 or over can request transportation to a doctor's appointment or the grocery store regardless of their affiliation with your agency.

The participating organizations provide a wide range of transportation including Demand Response and On-Demand response. Five of the participating organizations provide services on weekdays. None of the organizations operate transportation on Saturdays or on Sundays. Evening services after 5:00PM are operated by two organizations. The following table depicts the transportation service characteristics by agency.

Table [B]: Transportation Service Characteristics

Agency Name	Mode of Service	Days & Hours of Operation	Provides Medicaid-Eligible Trips (Y/N)	Level of Passenger Assistance Provided	Training Courses Required for Drivers
SCAT	Vans/LTV/NTV	5AM-6PM Mon-Fri	Y, Through Job and Family Services	Curb to Curb Normally. Door to Door if Requested.	Wheelchair, CPR/First Aid/ Smith System.
MAT	Open	8AM-4:30PM Mon-Fri	N	Curb to Curb	Yes
Crawford County Council on Aging Inc (CCCOA)	Demand-Response	6A-5P Mon-Fri	Y	Door-to-Door	First Aid/CPR; Defensive Driving Course; Passenger Assistance Training; Bloodborne Pathogens; Wheelchair securement; Pre- Employment Drug/Alcohol Test; Misc.
No Limits Outreach	On Demand	9a-4p Mon-Fri	Yes, but do not bill.	Non-paratransit	Yes
MCTC	Demand Response	6a-6p Mon-Fri	Y,	Curb to Curb at a minimum. Door-to-Door when Req.	Yes

Transportation-related expenses and revenues also differ by organization. 5310 and 5311 grants are common revenue sources for transportation operators in all three counties of Crawford, Marion, and Morrow. The table below provides a summary of expenses and revenues for public and non-profit transportation programs.

Table [C]: Transportation-Related Expenses and Revenues

Agency Name	Fare Structure	Donations Accepted (Y/N)	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Drivers	Number of Full-Time & Part-Time Schedulers/Dispatchers	Revenue Sources (most recent Fiscal Year)	Total Annual Transportation Expenses
SCAT	By Zone	Y	6 Full Time 27 Part Time	4 Full Time	5311 Grant, FTA, ODOT, Contracts, Donations	\$1.4 Million
MAT	\$1.25/\$0.60	N	6 Full Time 4 Part Time	2 Full Time 1 Part Time	5311 Grant, ODOT	\$900,000
Crawford County Council on Aging, INC (CCCOA)	Not Provided	Y	6 Full Time 8 Part Time	4 Full Time	Contracts, E&D Fare, Title XX, Title III, 5310, Donations	\$550,000
No Limits Outreach	Free	N	3 Drivers (unspecified ft/pt)	0	Delaware-Morrow Mental Health Recovery Services	\$6,000
MCTC	\$2.50/mile	N	10 Part Time 11 Intermittent	1 Full Time 1 Part Time	5310, Contracts	\$630,000

The following table provides basic information about transportation options other than the traditional public and human services transportation. Transportation options might include bike share, ride share, intercity, or taxi services, and more. There are only 2 taxis in the area, and neither returned a survey.

Table [D]: Alternative/ Active Transportation Options

Transportation Option	Availability	Cost	Usage	Service Area
Buckeye Taxi	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Crawford
Frank's Taxi	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Marion City

The following table provides basic information about local travel training program options. There are currently no travel training programs in the region.

Table [E]: Transportation Resources

Transportation Resource	Availability	Cost	Usage	Service Area

The following table illustrates the technology used by each transportation provider for scheduling, dispatching, and/or GPS tracking vehicles.

Table [F]: Technology

Agency Name	Name of Scheduling Software	Do you have an App for Transportation (Y/N)?	Name of Dispatching Software	AVL System/ GPS (Y/N)
SCAT	Currently – ParaPlan Future – Ecolane	Not Currently	ParaPlan – Currently Ecolane – Future	N
MAT	CTS (Pending)	N	CTS (Pending)	Y
CCCOA	Excel	N	N/A	N
No Limits Outreach	N/A	N	N/A	N
MCTC	Currently – Routematch	N	Currently – Routematch	N

Assessment of Community Support for Transit

Community support for transportation was apparent at the stakeholder and public meetings. All meetings were well attended. Stakeholders voiced ongoing commitment toward advancing the goals and strategies identified in this coordination plan. While local government officials did not attend meetings held in Marion and Morrow County, Crawford County Commissioners attended all three (3) meetings and were active in the establishment of goals for their community. Crawford County Commissioners were also very active in the development of a recent transportation service plan for Crawford County.

Morrow County Commissioners are provided regular MCTC updates at meetings and hold special meeting to discuss areas of concern. The Commissioners have supported the efforts and MCTC and have voiced interest in securing rural public transportation service for the county.

Marion County Commissioners played an active role with the public transportation years ago however have had little involvement since the public transit system transitioned to a city system. The Marion Area Transit (MAT) system is supported by the City of Marion with the City providing substantial matching funds for transit. The City receives regular MAT updates at regular council meetings and is active in policy development and adoption.

Safety

This plan includes goals for Complete Streets and Active Transportation Plans that will improve the safety of pedestrians, bicyclers, and those operating vehicles. Improvements and or development to walking and biking paths in addition to sidewalk improvements will greatly increase the safety of pedestrians and bicyclers by providing dedicated paths without the congestion of vehicle traffic. Road improvements, curb cuts, strategically timed stop lights, street lights, etc. will improve the safety of not only transit vehicles but all traffic traveling throughout the counties.

Vehicles

Survey/Interview participants listed a combined total of 79 vehicles. Approximately 83% of the vehicles are wheelchair accessible. A vehicle utilization table is provided at the end of this chapter (Table G).

All of the transportation providers provide at least nine wheelchair accessible vehicles (with the exception of No Limits Outreach who currently has one vehicle), while some organizations have an entire fleet of wheelchair accessible vehicles. Currently, there have been no reports that agencies have turned away individuals requiring a wheelchair accessible vehicle. As vehicles age, they require additional maintenance, may break down more often, and become costlier to operate. Vehicle replacement, based on age and condition, is vital to the overall cost effectiveness of the transportation services provided.

Table[G]: Vehicle Utilization Table

Veh #	Make	Model	Year	Vin #	Capacity	WC Capacity	Days of the Week Vehicle is in Service	Service Hours	Vehicle Condition	Program to which Vehicle is Assigned (if applicable)	Service Area
Seneca-Crawford Area Transportation (SCAT)											
19	FORD	Bus	2008	1FD3E35S78DB59642	12	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
21	FORD	BUS	2008	1FD3E35L08DB59636	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
23	FORD	BUS	2009	1FDEE35LX9DA77679	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
24	FORD	BUS	2009	1FDEE35L39DA83324	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
27	FORD	BUS	2010	1FDEE3FL7ADA62706	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
28	FORD	BUS	2011	1FDEE3FS6BDA19550	14	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
29	FORD	BUS	2011	1FDEE3FLX8DA49269	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
30	FORD	BUS	2011	1FDEE3DL6BDA49270	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
31	FORD	BUS	2011	1FDEE3FL3BDA83568	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
32	FORD	BUS	2011	1FDEE3FL5BDA83569	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
33	FORD	VAN	2011	1FTDS3EL1BDA86060	10	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
34	DODGE	VAN	2010	2D4RN4DE9AR497629	6	1	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
35	FORD	BUS	2013	1FDEE3DS6DDA62840	11	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
36	FORD	BUS	2013	1FDEE3DS8DDA62841	11	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
37	FORD	BUS	2013	1FDEE3FSXDDA62842	11	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
38	DODGE	VAN	2014	2C4RDGCG0ER162141	3	1	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD
39	DODGE	VAN	2015	2C7WDGBG2FR541960	4	1	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
40	FORD	BUS	2015	1FDEE3FL3FDA19598	6	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
41	MV-1	MV-1	2015	57WMD1A65EM100816	3	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
42	LTN	BUS	2016	1FDEE3DS4GDC57212	6	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
43	LTV-FS	BUS	2016	1FDEE3DS9GDC56864	6	2	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
44	LTN	BUS	2016	1FDEE3FS9GDC57206	6	2	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD

Veh #	Make	Model	Year	Vin #	Capacity	WC Capacity	Days of the Week Vehicle is in Service	Service Hours	Vehicle Condition	Program to which Vehicle is Assigned (if applicable)	Service Area
45	MMV	VAN	2016	2C7WDGBG0GR372457	6	1	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD
46	MMV	VAN	2016	2C7WDGBG1GR372466	6	1	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD
47	MMV	VAN	2013	2C4RDGBG7DR517504	4	1	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
48	MMV	VAN	2013	2C4RDGBG5DR617503	4	1	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
49	SMV	VAN	2014	2C4RDGBG2ER246303	6	0	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
50	MMV	VAN	2012	2C4DGBG6CR398484	6	1	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD
51	MMV	VAN	2015	2C7WDGBG9FR536769	6	1	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD
52	MMV	VAN	2015	2C7WDGBG6FR599439	6	1	5	5 am -6 pm			SENECA
53	FORD	BUS	2013	1FDEE3DL7DDA85407	8	1	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD
54	FORD	BUS	2016	1FDEE3DL2GDC27179	8	1	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD
55	DODGE/BRAUN	VAN	2017	2C7WDGBG4HR793096	6	1	5	5 am -6 pm			CRAWFORD
Marion Area Transit (MAT)											
743	Ford	El Dorado	2006	A01777	20	2	Back up	Backup	Poor		(Marion) City
747	Ford	El Dorado	2008	A54571	14	1	Back Up	Backup	Poor		City
748	Ford	El Dorado	2009	A64450	16	2	Back up	Backup	Poor		City
749	Ford	El Dorado	2011	A19837	24	0	5	8a-4:30p	Avg		City
750	Ford	El Dorado	2011	A19838	24	0	5	8a-4:30p	Avg		City
751	Ford	El Dorado	2011	A19839	15	4	5	8a-4:30p	Avg		City
752	Ford	El Dorado	2011	A19840	15	4	5	8a-4:30p	Good		City
753	Ford	El Dorado	2013	A93040	15	3	5	8a-4:30p	Good		City
754	Ford	El Dorado	2016	C10961	24	0	5	8a-4:30p	Good		City
755	Ford	El Dorado	2016	C12376	12	2	5	8a-4:30p	V. Good		City

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756	Ford	El Dorado	2016	C12376	12	2	5	8a-4:30p	V. Good		City
757	Ford	El Dorado	2017	C15446	24	0	5	8a-4:30p	V. Good		City
758	Ford	El Dorado	2017	C13785	12	1	5	8a-4:30p	V. Good		City
Crawford County Council on Aging, INC (CCCOA)											
11	Ford	CV	2010	1FT053ELYADA44593	8	2	1	6a-5p	Fair		Crawford
13	Dodge	MMV	2010	2D4RN4DEOAR296749	5	1	3	6a-5p	Fair		Crawford
14	Ford	LTN	2011	1FDEE3EL9BDA54849	8	2	3	6a-5p	Fair		Crawford
15	Ford	LTN	2011	1FDEE3FL5BDA54850	8	2	3	6a-5p	Fair		Crawford
16	Ford	LTN	2011	1FDEE3FL1BDA83567	8	2	3	6a-5p	Fair		Crawford
17	Dodge	MMV	2017	2C7WDGBG9HR618335	5	1	5	6a-5p	Excellent		Crawford
18	Dodge	MMV	2017	2C7WDGBG9HR618343	5	1	5	6a-5p	Excellent		Crawford
19	Dodge	MMV	2017	2C7WDGBG9HR618357	5	1	5	6a-5p	Excellent		Crawford
20	Dodge	MMV	2017	2C7WDGBG9HR618360	5	1	5	6a-5p	Excellent		Crawford
21	Dodge	MMV	2017	2C7WDGBG9HR618374	5	1	5	6a-5p	Excellent		Crawford
22	Ford	LTN	2017	1FDEE3FS1HDC52678	8	2	5	6a-5p	Excellent		Crawford
23	Ford	LTN	2017	1FDEE3FS9HDC47891	8	2	5	6a-5p	Excellent		Crawford
24	Ford	LTN	2017	1FDEE3FS0HDC47892	8	2	5	6a-5p	Excellent		Crawford
Morrow County Transportation Collaborative											
3	FORD	SUV	2011	B04151	3	0	6	6a-6p			Ohio
4	FORD	SUV	2011		3	0	6	6a-6p			Ohio
5	FORD	SUV	2012		3	0	6	6a-6p			Ohio
6	FORD	SUV	2012		3	0	6	6a-6p			Ohio
7	FORD	SUV	2012		3	0	6	6a-6p			Ohio

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101	DODGE	SUV	2016		3	0	6	6a-6p			Ohio
111	DODGE	SUV	2011	752903	5	0	6	6a-6p			Ohio
116	DODGE	SMV	2011	752902	5	0	6	6a-6p			Ohio
210	DODGE	MMV	2010	420528	3	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
214	DODGE	MMV	2010	155289	3	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
218	DODGE	MMV	2014	319586	5	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
219	DODGE	MMV	2014	319584	5	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
220	AMG	MMV	2014	100120	2	2	6	6a-6p			Ohio
221	DODGE	MMV	2017	562865	3	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
222	DODGE	MMV	2017	562879	3	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
325	FORD	LTV	2010	A23249	10	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
332	FORD	LTV	2012	A67475	14	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
333	FORD	LTV	2013	A92966	10	1	6	6a-6p			Ohio
334	FORD	LTV	2016		8	4	6	6a-6p			Ohio
No Limits Outreach											
N/A	Chevrolet	Van	2001	1GAHG39011178948	12	0	5	9a-4p	Poor		Morrow

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Marion County Board of Developmental Disabilities contracted transportation service, often selected by the consumer, however primarily provided by Residential Home Association of Marion, Wings of Angels, and Marion Area Transit.

Marion County Veterans Services - transportation provided to Veterans using volunteers to transport Veterans in vehicles secured through Veterans services and the county.

Marion County Department of Job and Family Services is not a direct provider of transportation service. JFS purchases service from multiple providers and also provides funding for family provided transportation and gas vouchers.

Community action of Heartland in Marion County – Information about this transportation was not returned. They provide some trips for members of the Marion County Board of Developmental Disabilities, but not through a contract.

Morrow County Transportation Collaborative (MCTC) – Section 5310 specialized transportation service targeted to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals. Public service is available when fully allocated cost rate is paid by the individual. Service is provided in Morrow County, surrounding counties and to other areas of the state such as Columbus and Cleveland.

Morrow County Board of Developmental Disabilities – transportation to individuals with developmental disabilities to the workshop services. Additional transportation services include community employment transportation.

Morrow County Veteran Services – Information was requested, but never returned.

Morrow County Seniors on Center – transportation to eligible individuals to the Senior Center and other destinations associated with activities of daily living such as grocery shopping and medical appointments. Transportation provided within Morrow County and destinations outside of Morrow County such as Mansfield and Columbus.

No Limits Outreach provides transportation for individuals with persistent and serious mental illnesses. Most of their funding comes from the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health Recovery Service Board.

IV. Assessment of Transportation Needs and Gaps

In an effort to better understand the needs of Crawford County, Marion County, and Morrow County the planning committee examined research and data, as well as solicited input from the community in an effort to gather information about needs and gaps in transportation services.

The demographic and socio-economic conditions of the study area are discussed in the Demographics Chapter of this plan. The following overview is an evaluation of the gaps in service based upon geographic data as well as from the perspective of the targeted populations, transportation providers, and the general public.

A variety of stakeholders in the area worked together in an attempt to solicit input and request participation from any organization that could potentially be impacted by the coordinated transportation planning process. More information on how the lead agency engaged stakeholder and the general public is available upon request.

The following methods were used to assess transportation needs and gaps

- Assessment of data and demographics
- Survey data of individuals who currently use public transportation
- Information gathering at public meetings
- Community and agency surveys
- Stakeholder input

Local Demographic and Socio-Economic Data

Data for each target population group were aggregated by Census Block Group for transportation analysis. The demographic and socio-economic data is valuable because a comparison of where the highest and lowest densities individuals who are most likely to need transportation live. This information can then be compared to the locations of (1) major trip generators, and (2) available transportation services.

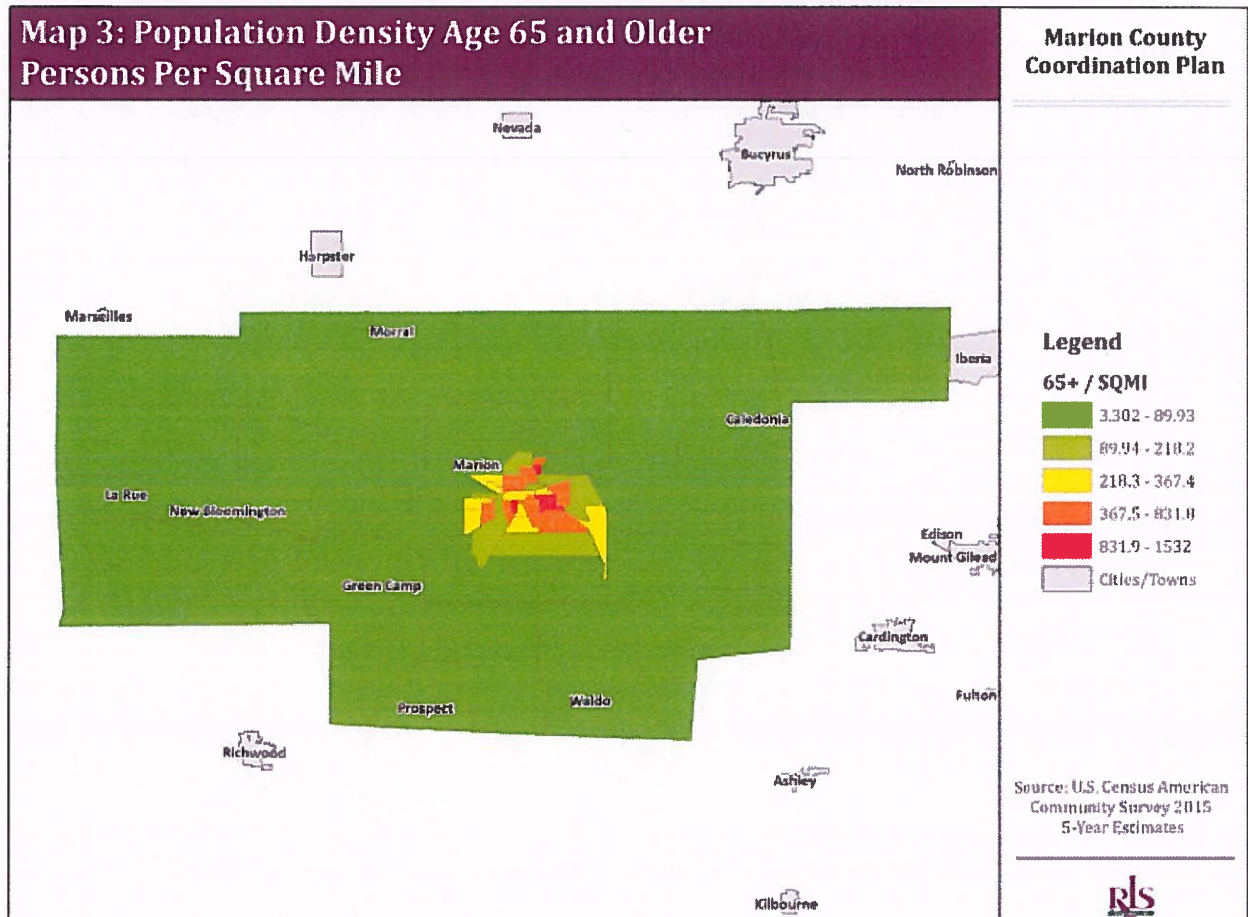
The following exhibit (IV.1) illustrates the areas where the number of older adults (age 65 and older) is at or above the Crawford County average.

Exhibit [IV.1]: Map of Population Density of Individuals Age 65 and Older in Crawford County



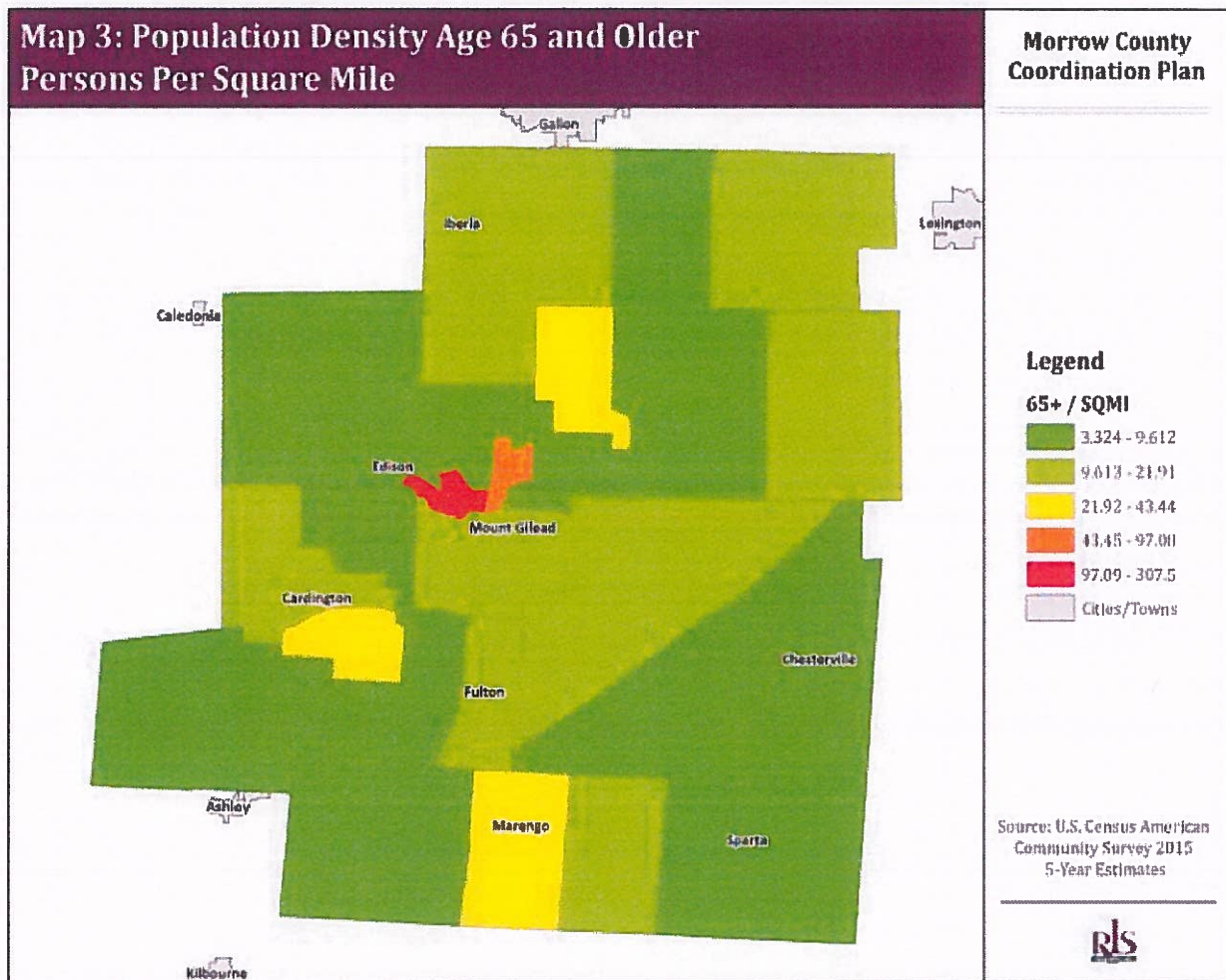
The following exhibit (IV.2) illustrates the areas where the number of older adults (age 65 and older) is at or above the Marion County average.

Exhibit [IV.2]: Map of Population Density of Individuals Age 65 and Older in Marion County



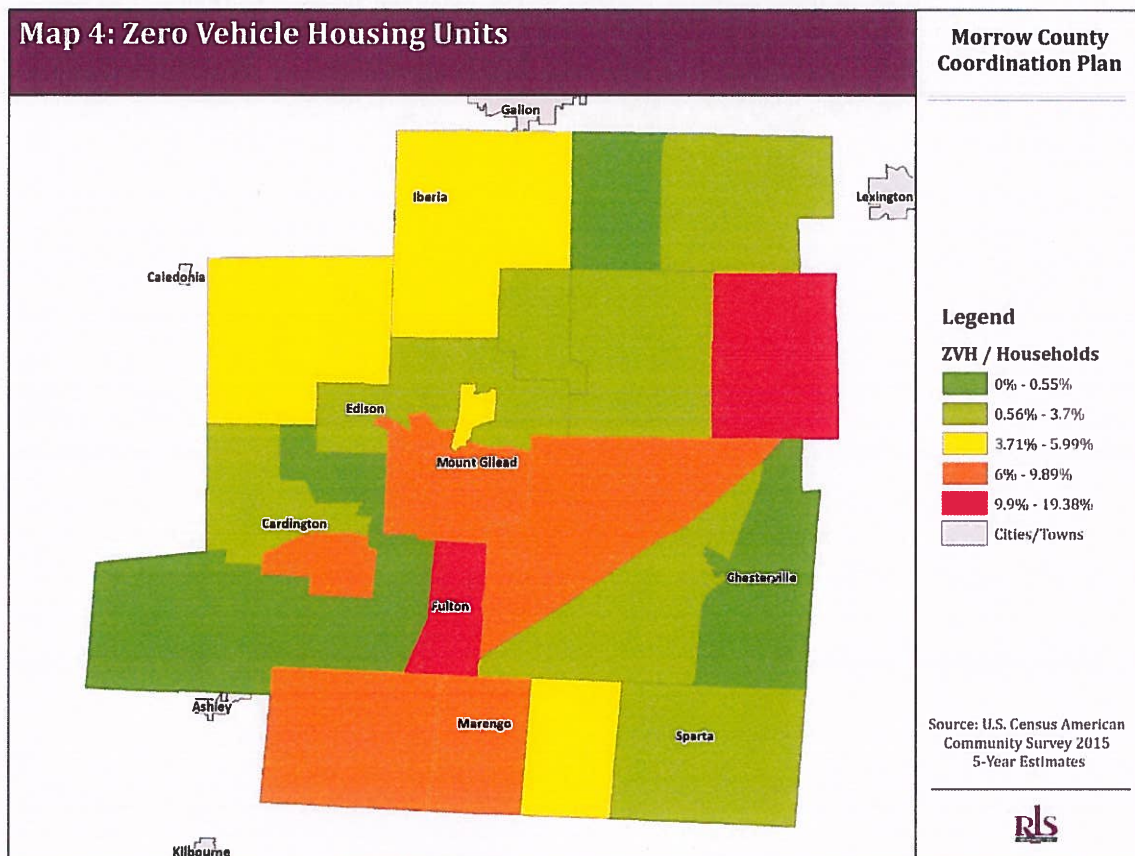
The following exhibit (IV.3) illustrates the areas where the number of older adults (age 65 and older) is at or above the Morrow County average.

Exhibit [IV.3]: Map of Population Density of Individuals Age 65 and Older in Morrow County



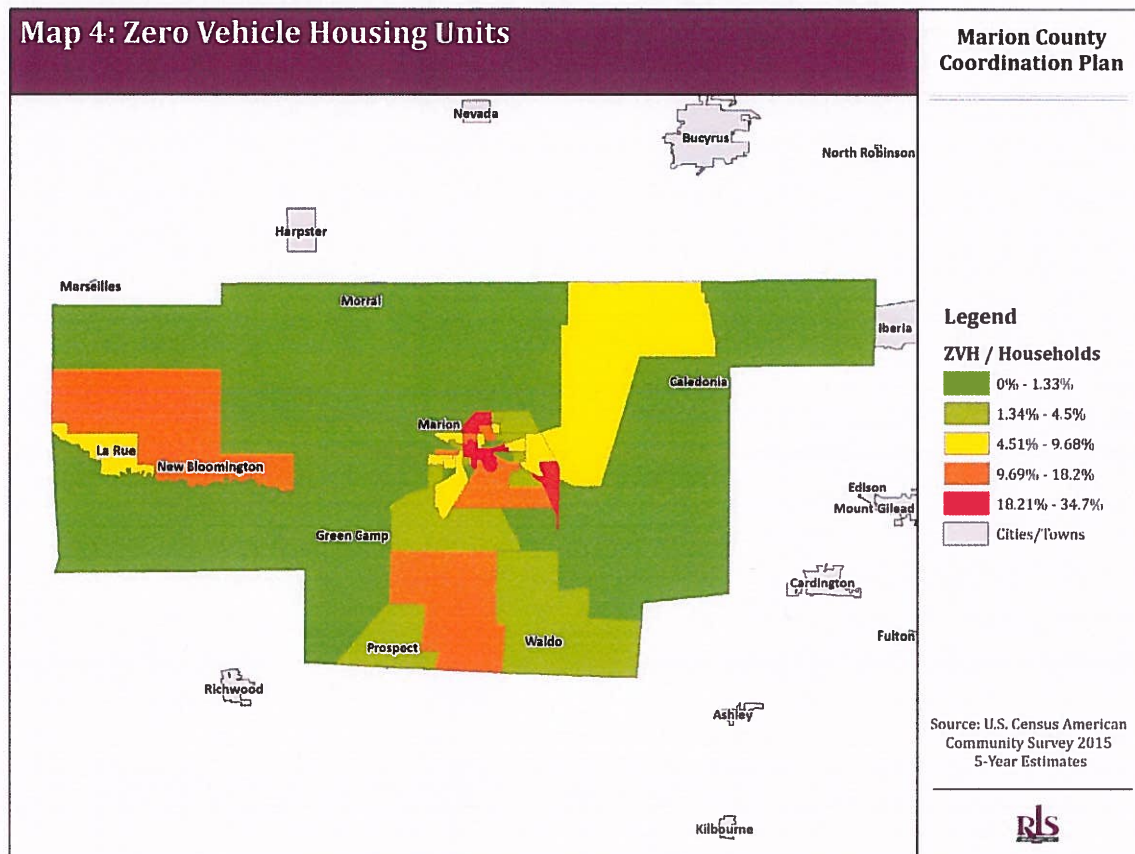
The exhibit below indicates the areas where the number of zero vehicle households is above the Crawford County average. The absence of a vehicle in the household is often an indication of the need for transportation services.

Exhibit [IV.4] Map of Density of Zero Vehicle Households in Crawford County



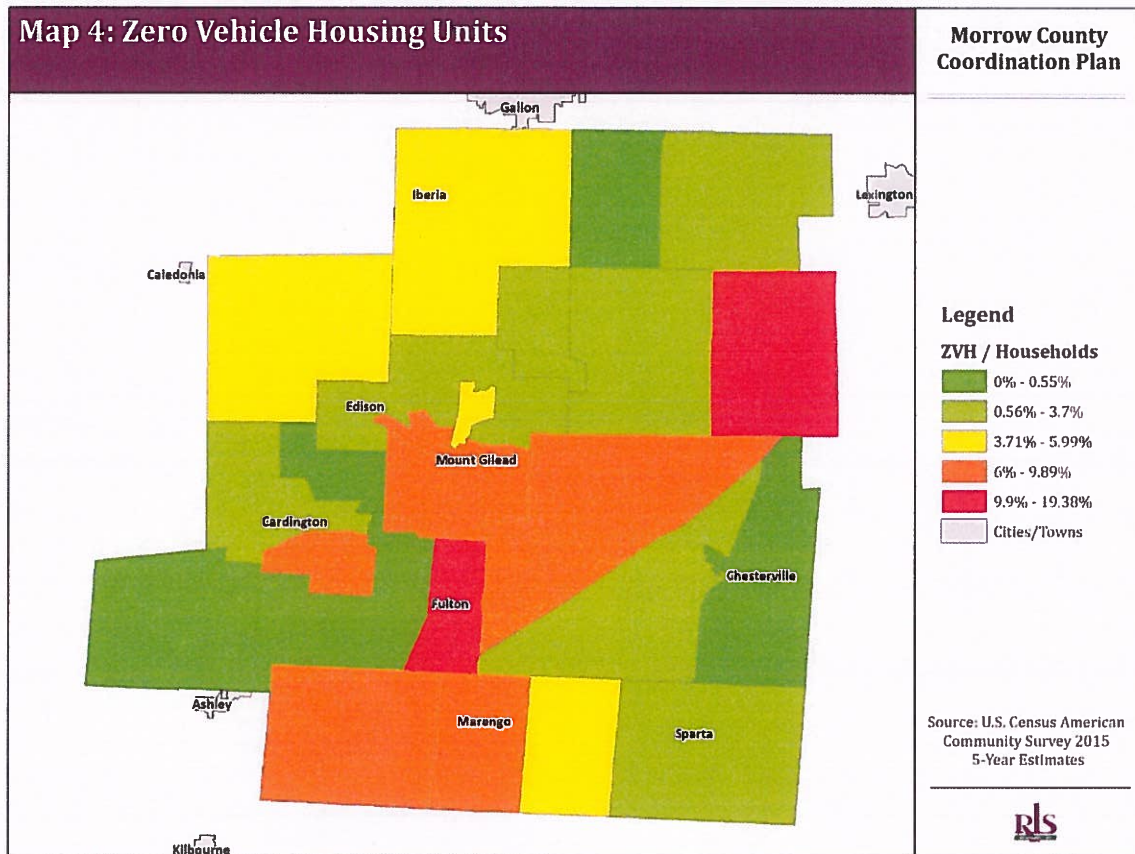
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Exhibit [IV.5]: Map of Density of Zero Vehicle Households in Marion County



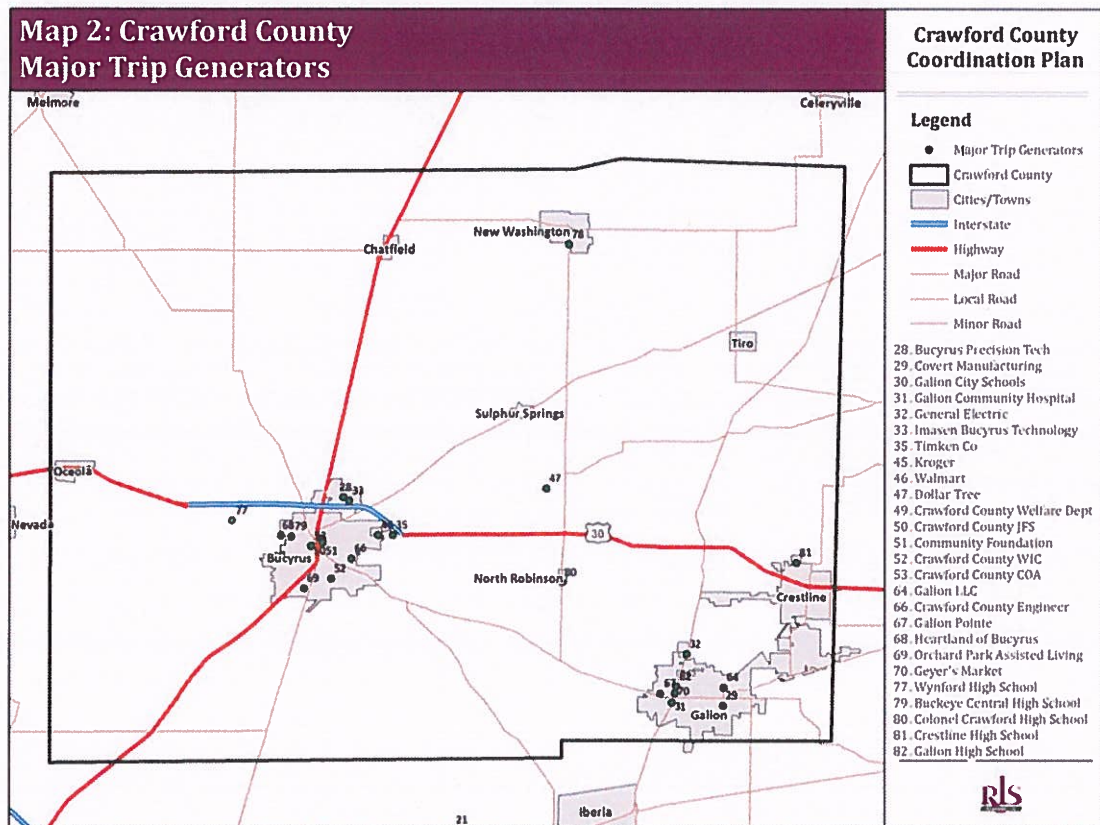
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Exhibit [IV.6]: Map of Density of Zero Vehicle Households in Morrow County



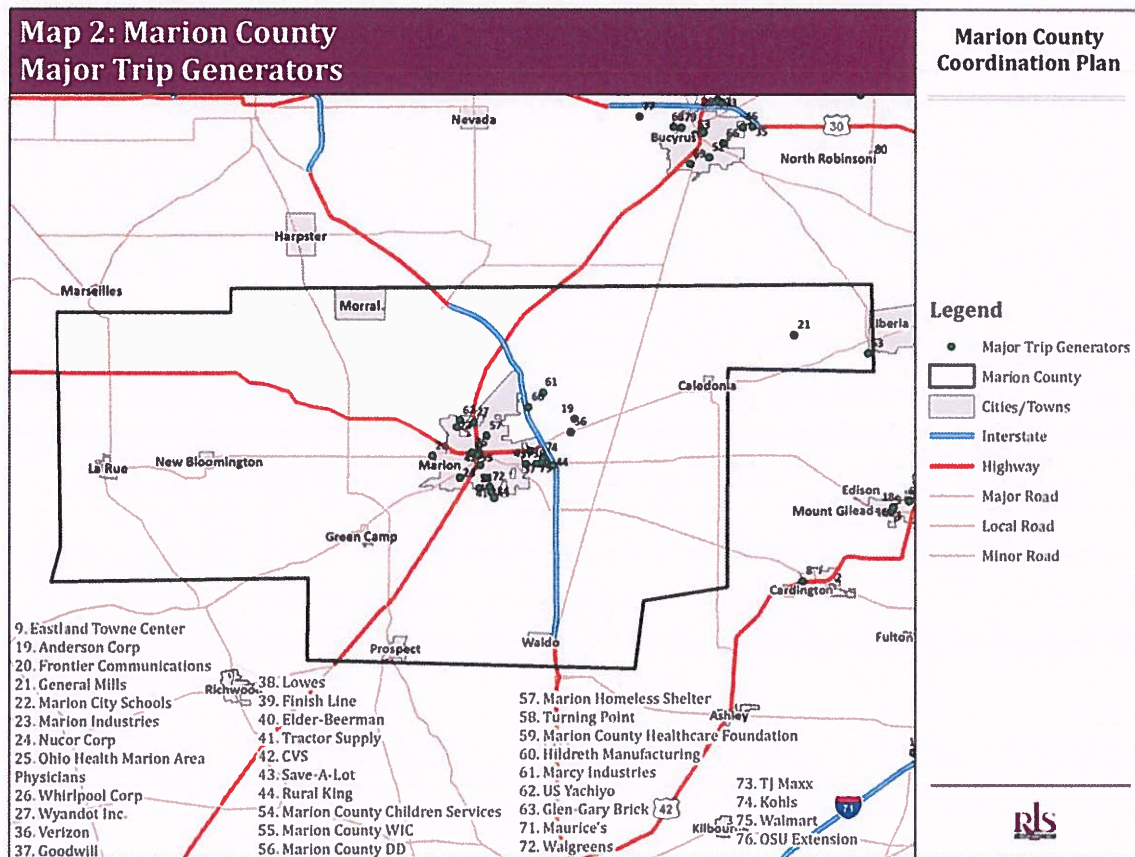
The next exhibit illustrates the location of the top destinations for the existing transportation providers as well as major trip generators for anyone in Crawford County, including those who drive a personal vehicle.

Exhibit [IV.7]: Map of Major Trip Generators in Crawford County



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Exhibit [IV.8]: Map of Major Trip Generators in Marion County



The next exhibit illustrates the location of the top destinations for the existing transportation providers as well as major trip generators for anyone in Morrow County, including those who drive a personal vehicle.

Exhibit [IV.9]: Map of Major Trip Generators in Morrow County

