

OHIO

Population 3,672,316.....Rep. Plur. in 1892, 1,072
Rep. vote, 405,187; Dem. 404,115; Prohib. 26,012; Pop. 14,850.

STATE CAPITAL, COLUMBUS.

OHIO is bounded north by Michigan and Lake Erie, east by Pennsylvania and West Virginia, south by West Virginia and Kentucky, and west by Indiana; greatest length from east to west 225 miles; greatest breadth 200 miles; land area, 40,700 square miles. The general character of the surface is that of a plateau of about 800 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The most prominent feature is the great divide which separates the drainage of Lake Erie from that of the Ohio River. This passes diagonally across the State from Trumbull County in the northeast to Mercer and Darke Counties in the west. Its average height is about 600 feet above the lake; and from it the surface slopes gradually northward toward the lake and southward toward the river. The rivers and streams have excavated deep valleys, which give to the surface its distinctive undulating or rolling character. The soil is universally fertile; and Ohio holds a leading position in every branch of agriculture. The uplands are well suited to wheat, the southern slope of the watershed to grain generally, the northern slope to grazing and dairying, and the northeast section or Western Reserve especially so. The bottom lands of the Miami, Muskingum, and Scioto rivers are very rich in corn; the Western Reserve and Miami regions are famous for apples. Flax and linseed are staple products, and tobacco is largely grown in most of the southern counties. The forests have largely disappeared, but several million acres of excellent hardwood timber remain. The fishing interests of Lake Erie are important. The manufactures of the State are very numerous and valuable. Iron, pork packing, farm implements, clothing, flouring and grist mill products, lumber, malt and distilled liquors are among the most important. Coal underlies a greater part of the State: iron ore is abundant, especially in the south; salt is very largely produced from springs; petroleum is an important product, also lime and cement. Good grindstones and building stones are obtained at Amherst, Berea (Berea grit), Buena Vista, and Independence. There are excellent qualities of limestone and sandstone for building, especially at Massillon and Dayton. Marl deposits abound in the Maumee Valley and other points. There are good pottery and fire clays, the fire bricks of Mineral Point being among the best in the United States. Cleveland, Massillon, Youngstown, and the towns on the Ohio River are the chief seats of the iron manufacture, which includes pig, forged, and rolled; iron castings and sheet iron works, rails, Bessemer steel rails, etc. The discovery of natural gas in apparently inexhaustible quantities at Findlay, and many other places in the State, has given its industrial interests an additional and marked impetus. The railroad facilities are rapidly increasing, and Ohio is now a net work of well constructed and busy transportation lines. There are 88 Counties in Ohio; newspapers are published in all.

ADAMS CO. (S.).....Pop. 26,093	
Rep. vote in 1892, 2,903; Dem. 2,832; Pro. 166; Peo. 92.	
Hilly; soil fertile; large quarries and iron mines. Products—Corn, wheat, oats, and tobacco large; barley and rye nominal; potatoes, butter, wool, fruit, pork; live stock, sheep prominent. Manufactures. COUNTY SEAT, West Union, pop. 825.	
	Circ
Signal.....Rep.....Manchester.....	1500
News.....Dem.....Peebles.....	400
Adams Co. New Era.....Rep.....West Union.....	11,825
Democratic Index.....Dem.....".....	1,200
People's Defender.....Dem.....".....	1,900
Scion.....Rep.....".....	1,400
Rerald.....Ind.....Winchester.....	

ALLEN CO. (N.W.).....Pop. 40,644	
Dem. vote in 1892, 4,945; Rep. 3,579; Pro. 362; Peo. 369.	
Nearly level; soil fertile. Natural gas and large oil deposits. Products—Wheat and oats large; corn, rye; much butter, wool, flax and hay; live stock. Manufactures—Oil well supplies and oil refineries; railroad repair shops. COUNTY SEAT, Lima, pop. 15,931.	
	Circ
News.....Ind.....Bluffton.....	11,180
	{ Delphos—see Van Wert Co.

Advertiser.....Ind.....Lima.....	2,860
Allen Co. Republican } Rep.....".....	12,400
Gazette (s-wkly).....".....	
Clipper.....Prohib.....".....	1,400
Courier (Ger.).....Dem.....".....	1,950
Republican Gazette } Rep.....".....	12,500
(mor.)—see Allen Co. } Republican Gazette.....".....	
Sentinel.....Pop.....".....	
Times-Democrat (evg.).....Dem.....".....	3,000
Times-Democrat (issued } Dem.....".....	4,600
in two parts).....".....	
Journal.....Ind.....Spencerville.....	1750

ASHLAND CO. (N.C.).....Pop. 22,223	
Dem. vote in 1892, 3,042; Rep. 2,256; Pro. 211; Peo. 43.	
Hilly in south, undulating elsewhere; soil very fertile. Products—Corn, oats, wheat, potatoes, butter, cheese, wool, flax, hay, maple sugar, live stock, all very prominent. Manufactures. COUNTY SEAT, Ashland, pop. 3,569.	
	Circ
Brethren Evangelist.....Breth.....Ashland.....	1,900
Gazette (s-wkly).....Rep.....".....	12,080
Press.....Dem.....".....	12,500
Times.....Rep.....".....	1,900
Advocate.....Rep.....Londonville.....	12,100
Democrat.....Dem.....".....	11,200

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. * Sworn.
POPULATION: Census of 1880. * Estimated. † County Seat.