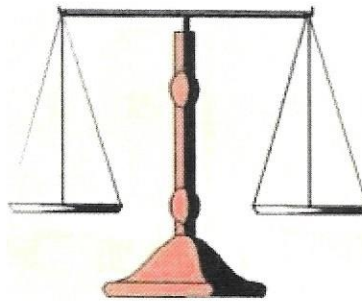


Lake County
Criminal
Comprehensive Plan
2023



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Lake County is located in the northeast portion of Ohio along the shores of Lake Erie and bordering Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Ashtabula Counties. Although geographically the smallest of the state's 88 counties, Lake County's population is the eleventh largest in the state at over 233,371 as of the 2023 census.

The city of Painesville, with approximately 20,300 residents, serves as the county seat. A majority of Lake



County's population is west of Painesville in Mentor, Eastlake, and Willoughby. The eastern half of the county is rural and primarily consists of residential developments, farmland, and small villages.

The area is characterized as having a fairly homogenous population and sound economy. Residents are predominantly Caucasian at 85%, with African Americans and Hispanic populations each at 5%. Others, such as Asian and two or more races, make the other 5%. There is 51% female population in Lake County with the average age in Lake County being 44.2 years old. The residents of Lake County at age 65 or older make up 21.1%, while residents under the age of 18 are at 19.5%. From the age of 18 to 64 this population is at 59.4%, and 53% of Lake County residents are married. Of the residents in Lake County 95.2% have a high school degree or higher. Almost 62% of individuals live in a family household. Home ownership is commonplace (78%) and the median home value is \$179,300, while in the year 2012 it was \$75,000. Median family income is more than \$74,273 while in the year 2012 it was \$57,000 a year. According to the census, 5.9% of families are below poverty level, while in the year 2012 it was at 3.5%. Both the unemployment and poverty rates are less than state and national figures.

Lake County Corrections Board

The Lake County Community Corrections Board (LCCCB) is a local correction planning board established by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5149.34. The LCCCB is responsible for establishing a comprehensive plan for the development, implementation, and operation of corrections services in Lake County. It is also responsible for the review and approval of state and federal funds allocated to these services. Membership includes representatives from law enforcement, courts, jails, city and county governments, as well as mental health and substance abuse service providers who are approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Per ORC Section 5149.34 (B) "Each local correction planning board established pursuant to division (A) of this section shall adopt within eighteen months after its establishment, and from time to time shall revise, a comprehensive plan for the development, implementation, and operation of corrections services in the county." In compliance with this statutory requirement, the LCCCB has updated its Strategic Plan during the year 2023.

The mission of the Lake County Corrections Board is to enhance public safety through the unification and coordination of correctional services in the county. The board, which formed in 1989, consists of key policy-makers which include county commissioners, municipal and common pleas judges, law enforcement personnel, and other public officials. Initially, the members joined together to open communication and foster resolutions among the branches of the system. Shortly thereafter, the corrections board began to pursue avenues of enhancing the county's corrections program through strategic planning.

Lake County Corrections Board Goals

- **Protect the safety of the community by holding offenders accountable for their criminal acts.**
- **Meet and exceed all required standards of the Lake County Adult Detention Facility.**
- **Render effective community-based correctional services which promote rehabilitation and restore the individual to a productive lifestyle, thereby reducing recidivism.**
- **Continue to provide information that is data driven to justify the construction of a new safety center.**
- **Facilitate communication between social service agencies and departments at all levels of the criminal justice system.**
- **Monitor and adapt to changes in the state and local criminal justice system.**
- **Develop county-wide data collection and reporting to accurately and consistently measure and report outcomes among all Lake County criminal justice agencies.**
- **Implement fair, just, and appropriate sanctions for offenders that convey a clear message of expected behavior modification.**
- **Fulfill all criminal justice guidelines established by the State of Ohio, including the reduction of persons committed to prison.**
- **Create cost-effective, fiscally responsible Community Corrections Programs.**

Community Corrections Planning

Senate Bill 2, enacted in 1996, shifted the responsibility of sanctioning offenders from the state to local communities. The new sentencing guidelines favored community-based penalties as an alternative to imprisonment for many offenders. Communities, as a result, were required to address the changes through analysis and appropriate planning. For this reason, the Lake County Corrections Board has conducted an assessment of the criminal justice system on an annual basis. The findings of the evaluation are used to determine local programming needs and to facilitate their implementation.

Components of the Criminal Justice System

The Lake County Criminal Justice Comprehensive Plan provides an overview of the various agencies, departments, and courts dedicated to the preservation of public safety. Below is a list of the criminal justice components operating in Lake County.

LAW ENFORCEMENT (23 agencies)

- ◆ Lake County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Lake County Narcotics Agency
- ◆ Lake County Metroparks
- ◆ Ohio State Highway Patrol, Chardon Post
- ◆ Local Police Departments:
 - Eastlake
 - Fairport Harbor
 - Grand River
 - Kirtland
 - Kirtland Hills
 - Lakeland Community College
 - Madison Township
 - Madison Village
 - Mentor
 - Mentor-on-the- Lake
 - North Perry Village
 - Painesville
 - Perry Village
 - Timberlake
 - Waite Hill
 - Wickliffe
 - Willoughby
 - Willoughby Hills
 - Willowick

COURTS (20 Courts)

- ◆ Court of Common Pleas
 - General Division (4 Judges)
 - Juvenile Division (1 Judge)
 - Domestic Relations (1 Judge)
- ◆ Municipal Courts
 - Mentor Municipal Court (1 Judge)
 - Painesville Municipal Court (1 Judge)
 - Willoughby Municipal Court (1 Judge)
- ◆ Mayor's courts (11 total)

COURT ATTORNEYS

- ◆ Lake County Prosecutor's Office
- ◆ Lake County Office of the Public Defender

DETENTION FACILITIES (12 Facilities)

- ◆ Lake County Adult Detention Facility (full service jail)- capacity 369
- ◆ Lake County Juvenile Detention Facility- capacity 40
- ◆ Eastlake Municipal Jail (5 day)- capacity 10
- ◆ Kirtland Municipal Jail (8 hour)- capacity 3
- ◆ Mentor Municipal Jail (5 day)- capacity 10
- ◆ Mentor-on-the-Lake Municipal Jail (5 day)- capacity 1
- ◆ Painesville Municipal Jail (temporary hold facility)- capacity 5
- ◆ Wickliffe Municipal Jail (5 day)- capacity 6
- ◆ Willoughby Municipal Jail (5 day)- capacity 8
- ◆ Willoughby Hills Municipal Jail (5 day)- capacity 4
- ◆ Willowick Municipal Jail (5 day)- capacity 4

PROBATION DEPARTMENTS (5 departments)

- ◆ Lake County Adult Probation Department
- ◆ Lake County Juvenile Probation Department
- ◆ Mentor Municipal Probation Department
- ◆ Painesville Municipal Probation Department
- ◆ Willoughby Municipal Probation Department

CORRECTIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS (2 programs)

- ◆ Northeast Ohio Communities Alternatives Program
 - Male facility- Warren, Ohio
 - Female facility- Painesville, Ohio
- ◆ Lake County Jail Treatment Program

Community Corrections Act PRISON & JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAMS (3 programs)

- ◆ Felony Intensive Supervision Program (Intensive Supervision Probation - prison diversion)
- ◆ Electronic Monitoring Program (jail diversion)
- ◆ Community Alternatives to Jail (Standard Probation, First Offenders Program, Intervention In Lieu of Conviction, GPS Monitoring)