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SUMMIT COUNTY

POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

2025 FISCAL YEAR [ENDS DEC. 31, 2025]

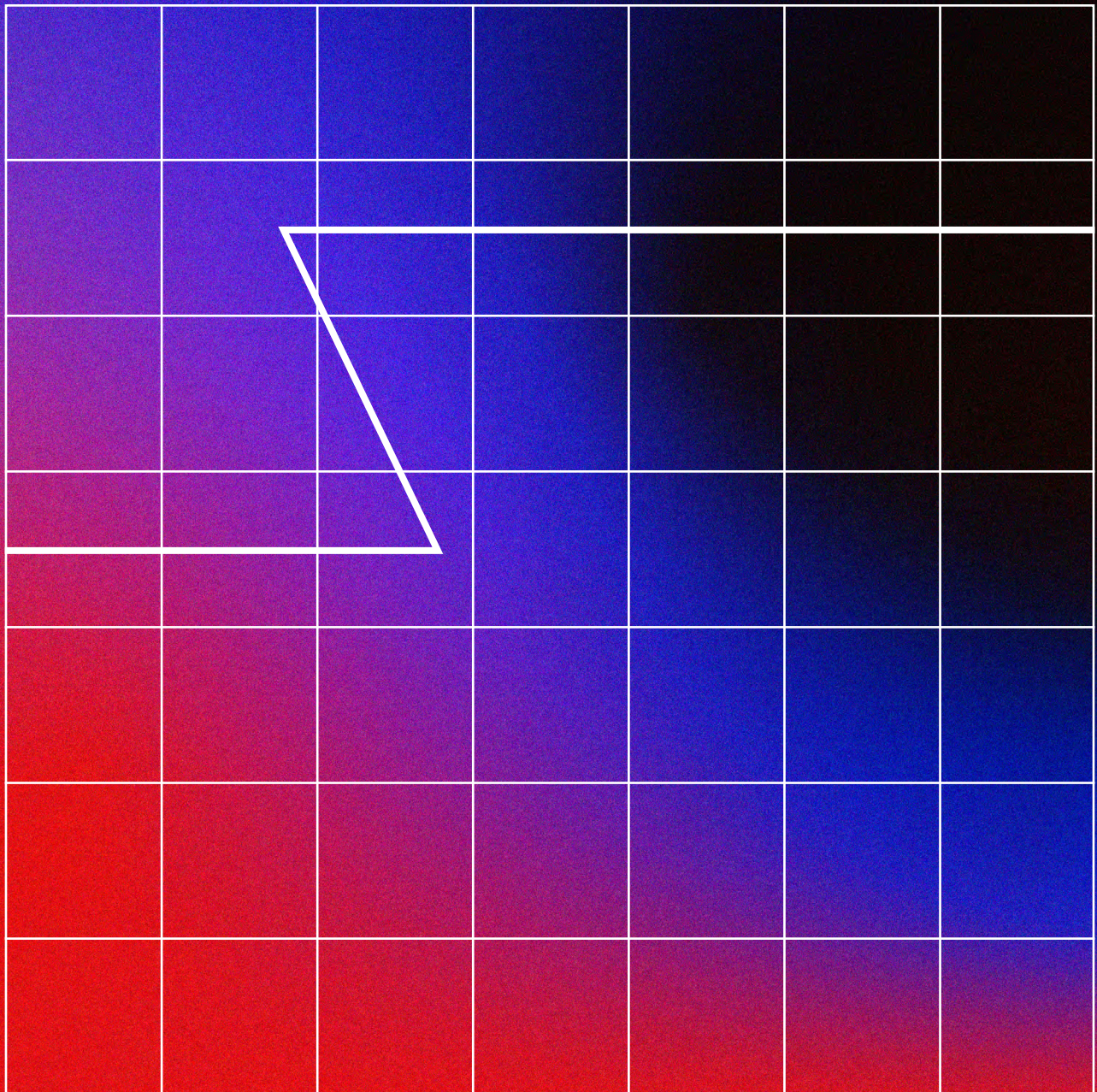


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A WORD FROM EXECUTIVE SHAPIRO

Dear Reader,

Transparency and accountability remain among the most important public service values we share here in Summit County. We continually strive to set the standard of transparent government because the people who live and work in Summit County deserve to know how their local government is serving them—especially when it comes to their taxpayer dollars.

Since launching our OpenFinance portal in 2023, we have continued to increase accessibility of information about the County's finances. Last year, we published the first Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) in Summit County history. I am proud to share our inaugural PAFR received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting. This recognition came alongside the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our 2024 Operating Budget. In addition, Summit County Fiscal Officer Kristen Scalise received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Together, these three honors earned Summit County the GFOA's prestigious Triple Crown Award for the first time in our history.

What do all these acronyms actually mean? Each year, Summit County's financial information is compiled into the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) by Summit County Fiscal Officer Kristen Scalise. At more than 250 pages, the ACFR is a highly technical document. While it consistently earns recognition from the GFOA for its thoroughness, completeness, and accuracy, it is not an easy read for the average resident. The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) distills this information to provide a high-level, easy-to-understand summary of the County's financial activity from the previous year.

I hope this PAFR gives you a better understanding of how Summit County serves our residents and manages public resources. As always, my office stands ready to assist you with any questions you may have.

ILENE SHAPIRO,
SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE

THE PAFR

The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) summarizes Summit County’s financial activity into a digestible format. Prior year information is extracted from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This prepared document differs slightly from the budget. The County’s budget is created as a plan for expenditures and forecasted revenue for the upcoming year(s). [The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) looks back to the previous year, detailing all financial activity throughout Summit County government, making the PAFR an easy-to-understand, brief document looking back and to the future as well.

GFOA AWARD & YOUR SUMMIT COUNTY

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) offers a number of award programs that recognize excellence in government finance. Summit County has routinely received awards, including the Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the ACFR and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our Operating Budget.

In 2025, Summit County earned the Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting award for the first time. Together, these three honors comprise the GFOA’s prestigious Triple Crown Award, which Summit County received for the first time in its history in 2025.

SUMMIT COUNTY MEDIAN INCOMES

**as of 2023*

\$69,577*
SUMMIT COUNTY

\$67,769
STATE

\$77,719
NATIONAL

From 2025 Annual Information Statement (AIS), pg 47.

POPULATION

4TH MOST POPULATED COUNTY OF THE 88 IN OHIO AS OF 2020

540,428

From AIS, pg 4

4.9%

UNEMPLOYMENT

Compared to 4.3% nationally
4.6% state wide (as of Dec.
2025)

274,800

EMPLOYMENT

Employed in Summit County
as of January 2024. A 2.5%
increase from January 2023.

From ACFR, pg.16

From AIS, pg 40

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON:

Ranked #1 in the world for polymer science and plastics engineering, and offers approx. 100 undergraduate majors and 100 graduate majors, including the School of Law.

STARK STATE COLLEGE AKRON

13 degrees and 7 certificate programs offered at the Akron Campus.

RECREATION

SUMMIT METRO PARKS

Operates 14,300 acres of land, 16 parks, several conservation areas, and over 150 miles of trails. Annual attendance averages 5 million visitors.

LOCK 3 PARK

Newly upgraded central park in Downtown Akron with a \$17 million investment turning the space into a successful event, concert, and festival public space.

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Operates 33,000 acres of beautiful natural wildlife, scenery, and historical points of interest. The nation’s 10th most visited national park with 2.86 million visitors in 2023.

7 17 CREDIT UNION PARK

Home to the Akron RubberDucks, the AA affiliate of the MLB’s Cleveland Guardians with 269,376 visitors in 2023.

BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER

Home to the Cleveland Orchestra and hosts dozens of concerts each year, seating more than 6,000 under the spacious pavilion and an additional 13,500 on the lawns.

THE OHIO & ERIE CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

The Towpath Trail follows the historical canal route across the length of Summit County and beyond.

SUMMIT COUNTY TOP EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	LOCATION	EMPLOYEES
SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM	AKRON	8,100
AKRON CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL	AKRON	7,000
CLEVELAND CLINIC AKRON GENERAL	AKRON	5,500
AMAZON.COM, INC.	AKRON	4,500
AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	AKRON	3,500
SUMMIT COUNTY	AKRON	3,354
CITY OF AKRON	AKRON	2,866
GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER CO.	AKRON	2,600
UNIVERSITY OF AKRON	AKRON	1,826
ENBRIDGE	AKRON	1,409
SIGNET JEWELERS	AKRON	1,400
FRED W. ALBRECHT GROCERY CO.	AKRON	1,350
FIRST ENERGY CORP	AKRON	1,200
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	AKRON	1,000
BWX TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	BARBERTON	900
WESTERN RESERVE HOSPITAL	CUYAHOGA FALLS	850
BARBERTON CITY SCHOOLS	BARBERTON	709
CARDINAL HEALTH/EDGE PARK	TWINSBURG	700
HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	HUDSON	700
BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS INC.	AKRON	700

From AIS
pg 37–38

ADVANCED AND
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

Summit County is an international leader in advanced manufacturing and is home to companies like Röchling Automotive, NMG Aerospace, GOJO Industries (inventor of Purell), Kyocera SGS Precision and PPG. There are over 400 metalworking and related firms in the Summit County area and Ohio has the second-largest automotive manufacturing workforce in the U.S. by state.

POLYMER AND RUBBER
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Northeast Ohio hosts over 1,200 polymer and materials companies with \$26.8 billion projected growth in polymer industry within the next 10 years. Summit County is home to the Sustainable Polymer Tech Hub, a consortium led by the Greater Akron Chamber. It will tackle severe climate and environmental impacts by accelerating sustainable polymer manufacturing. The Hub was awarded \$51 million in grant funding by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration and \$31 million from the State of Ohio’s Department of Development’s Innovation Hub program.

TECHNOLOGY, FINANCIAL
& PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

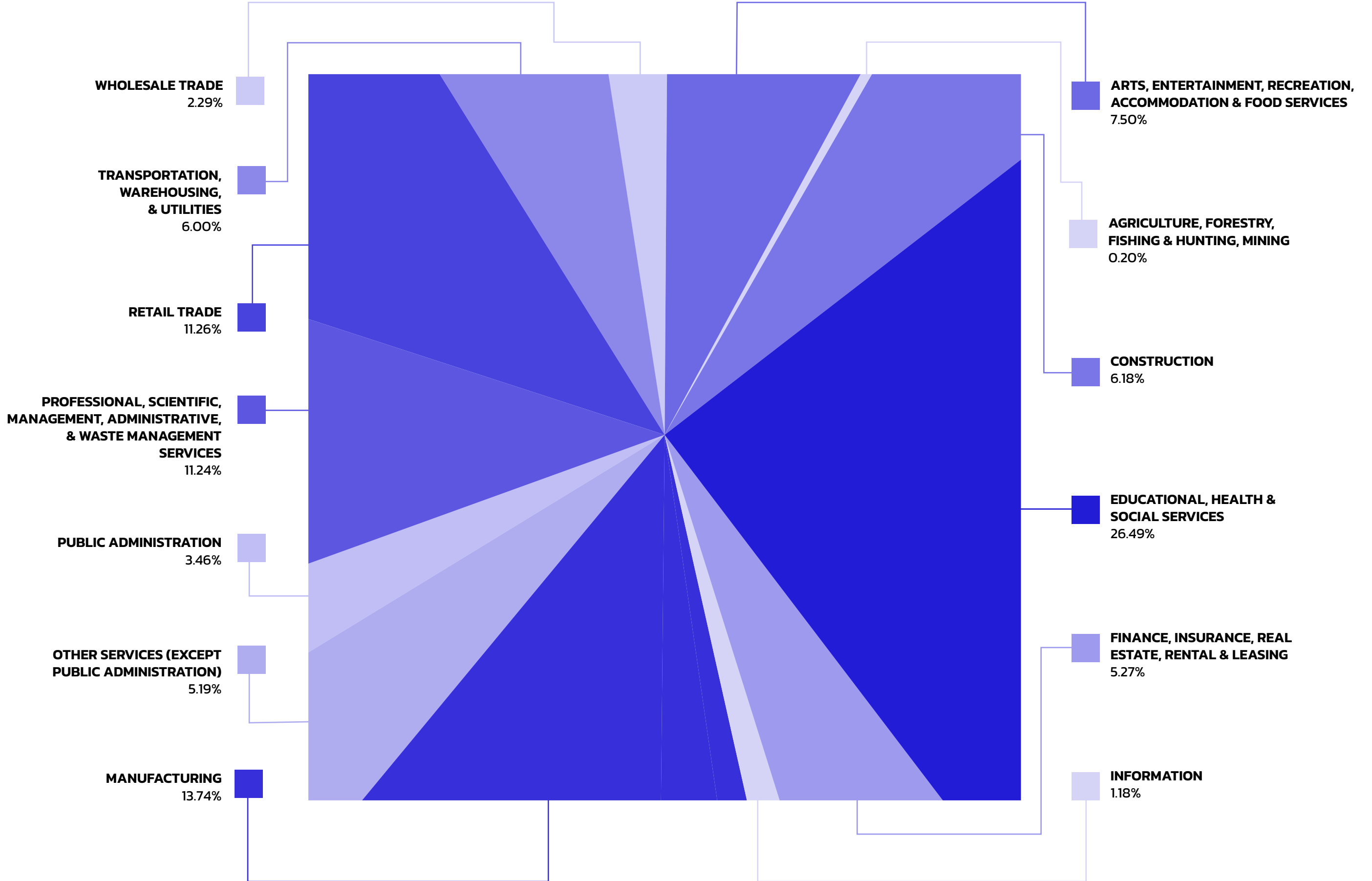
FirstEnergy, a major electric utility provider, is headquartered in Akron and supplies power to over 6 million customers in six states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia. They employ over 12,000 employees throughout the nation, generating \$12.45 billion in annual revenue. Summit County is also home to regional offices for national banks, including Huntington, US Bank, Key Bank, Chase, Fifth Third, and PNC. Tech companies providing solutions for the auto manufacturing industry including OE Connection LLC,

LOGISTICS &
DISTRIBUTION

Summit County boasts more than 420 trucking firms and distribution centers. I-77, I-76, I-271, I-277, I-480, the Ohio Turnpike, rail access, and proximity to the Port of Cleveland create the perfect connectivity for logistics companies & distribution hubs such as: FedEx, FedEx Custom Critical, JRayl, Schnieder, Amazon, Best Buy, O-Reilly Auto Parts, Signet Jewelers, Summit Racing.

MEDICAL &
BIOMEDICAL

Five acute care hospitals operate in Summit County: Akron City Hospital, Western Reserve Hospital, Summa Barberton Citizens Hospital (operated by Summa Health System), Cleveland Clinic Akron General, and Akron Children’s Hospital. Akron Children’s Hospital is ranked among the best children’s hospitals in the United States. Summa, Cleveland Clinic Akron General, and Akron Children’s serve as a network of teaching hospitals providing medical residency programs affiliated with Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED).



From ACFR pg vii

NET POSITION
& TAXES

Net position tells us the financial position of the County overall. The variance in net position tells us if the County’s financial position has changed due to financial, cultural, or a wide variety of other factors.

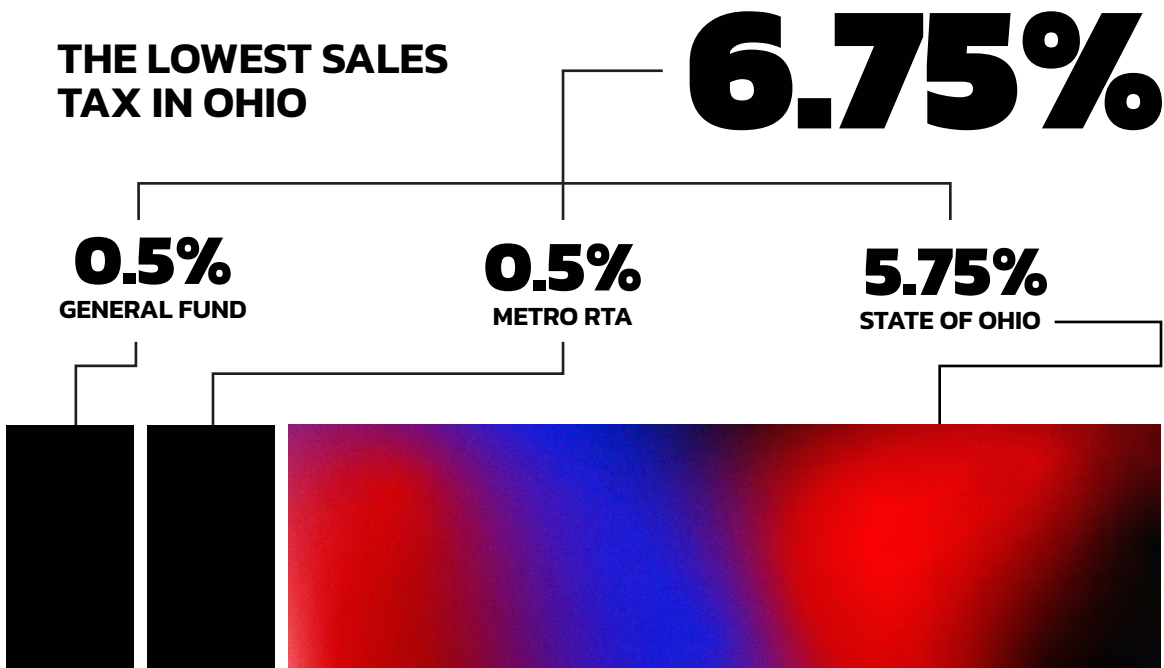
Our Net Position: \$775,290,683. A \$10 million increase from last year.

Net position can increase or decrease for various reasons. For 2025, Summit County’s net position increase can be understood as adding \$10 million to our reserves, which is a positive for county government’s fiscal health.

The County divides its activities into two broad categories. Governmental activities include the majority of the county’s services, such as general government, public safety, public works, and health and human services. These are funded primarily through taxes and/or federal and state grants, or other intergovernmental agreements.

The second category is business-type activities. These are services the County charges for to recoup the expenses, such as the operation of our Department of Sanitary Sewer Services.

From ACFR pg 5-6



From ACFR pg IX.

2023 FISCAL YEAR

2023 ACFR pg 12

REFLECTS COMBINED GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

WHERE WE GET OUR MONEY	PROGRAM	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS		\$254,985,619
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND SALES		\$111,681,613
		CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS		\$13,915,345
		TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES		\$380,582,577
	GENERAL	PROPERTY TAXES		\$164,063,243
		SALES AND USE TAX		\$58,769,488
INVESTMENT EARNINGS		\$29,889,173		
OTHER TAXES		\$16,252,355		
OTHER		\$13,767,191		
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS		\$9,852,626		
		PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$796,209	
		TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES		\$293,390,285
		TOTAL REVENUES		\$673,972,862
HOW WE USE OUR MONEY	HUMAN SERVICES		\$132,605,950	
	HEALTH		\$123,072,215	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		\$93,836,340	
	SEWER		\$58,960,178	
	GOVERNMENT, JUDICIAL		\$46,924,724	
	GOVERNMENT, LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE		\$44,364,562	
	PUBLIC WORKS		\$28,164,119	
	RECREATION		\$14,875,099	
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		\$5,648,673	
	INTEREST		\$3,694,939	
		TOTAL EXPENSES		\$552,146,799
		OUR NET POSITION		\$778,320,181

2024 FISCAL YEAR

2025 ACFR pg 12

REFLECTS COMBINED GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

WHERE WE GET OUR MONEY	PROGRAM	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS		\$191,125,890
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND SALES		\$114,078,498
		CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS		\$11,504,421
		TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES		\$316,708,809
	GENERAL	PROPERTY TAXES		\$176,442,805
		SALES AND USE TAX		\$57,823,891
INVESTMENT EARNINGS		\$27,755,904		
OTHER TAXES		\$17,890,782		
OTHER		\$17,275,432		
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS		\$8,972,892		
		PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$684,144	
		TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES		\$306,845,850
		TOTAL REVENUES		\$623,554,659
HOW WE USE OUR MONEY	HUMAN SERVICES		\$151,206,227	
	HEALTH		\$132,053,290	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		\$107,502,836	
	SEWER		\$61,906,910	
	GOVERNMENT, JUDICIAL		\$54,158,009	
	GOVERNMENT, LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE		\$49,526,906	
	PUBLIC WORKS		\$37,208,041	
	RECREATION		\$15,065,923	
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		\$8,815,792	
	INTEREST		\$3,259,457	
		TOTAL EXPENSES		\$620,703,391
		OUR NET POSITION		\$765,251,084

2025 FISCAL YEAR

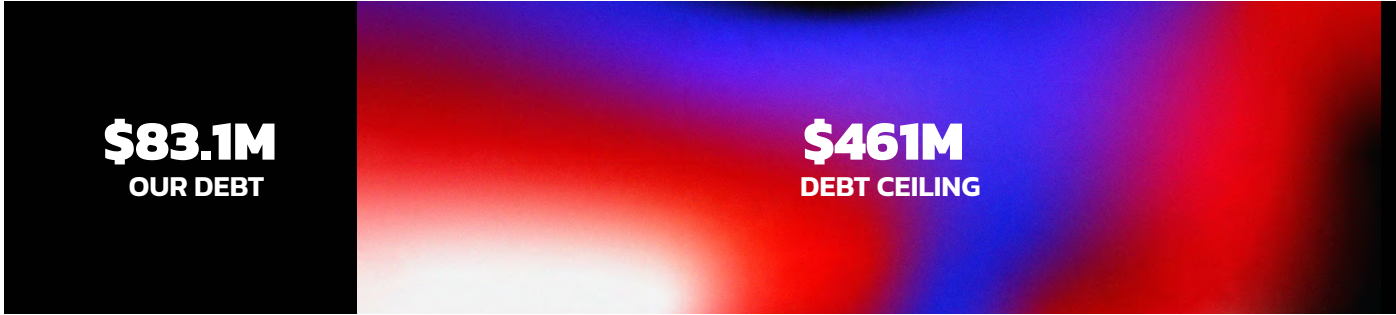
2025 ACFR pg 12

REFLECTS COMBINED GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

WHERE WE GET OUR MONEY	PROGRAM	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS		\$186,214,857
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND SALES		\$134,380,790
		CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS		\$11,053,314
		TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES		\$331,648,961
	GENERAL	PROPERTY TAXES		\$173,204,926
		SALES AND USE TAX		\$60,649,788
INVESTMENT EARNINGS		\$34,388,240		
OTHER TAXES		\$20,155,266		
OTHER		\$19,381,791		
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS		\$9,723,352		
		PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$699,355	
		TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES		\$318,202,718
		TOTAL REVENUES		\$649,851,679
HOW WE USE OUR MONEY	HUMAN SERVICES		\$150,489,660	
	HEALTH		\$143,007,809	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		\$114,806,997	
	SEWER		\$67,637,655	
	GOVERNMENT, JUDICIAL		\$56,721,719	
	GOVERNMENT, LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE		\$51,237,749	
	PUBLIC WORKS		\$32,125,635	
	RECREATION		\$15,173,122	
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		\$5,522,671	
	INTEREST		\$3,089,063	
		TOTAL EXPENSES		\$639,812,080
		OUR NET POSITION		\$775,290,683

SUMMIT
COUNTY DEBT

Currently, Summit County is only utilizing 18.02% of its allowed debt. The County decreased our debt by \$7 million in 2025.



From pg 83. of the 2025 ACFR

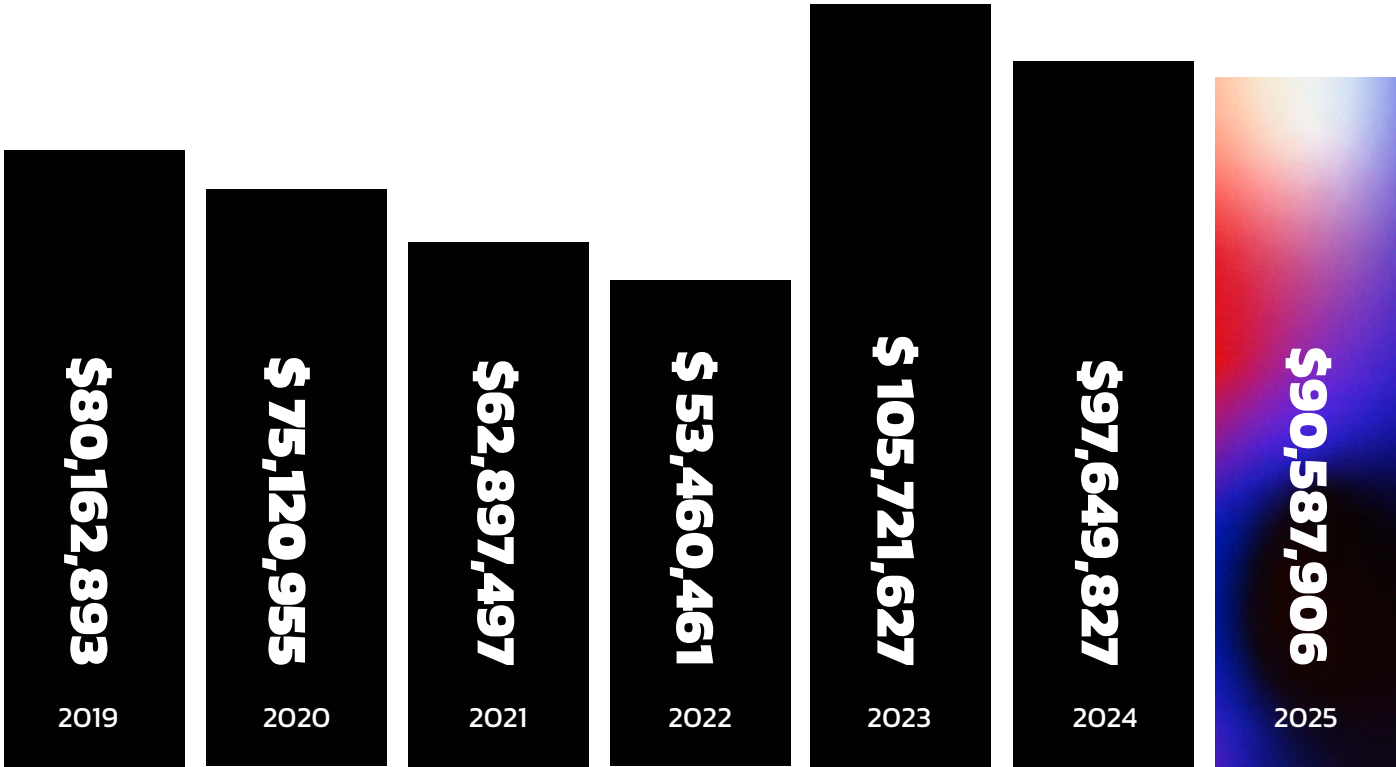
From pg 5-23 of the 2025 ACFR

YEARLY
OUTSTANDING DEBT

As of 1/1/2025

2016 – Issuance of County Radio System, Board of Elections Early Voting Center, and Safety Building Elevator Bonds
2019 – Issuance of DFA Non tax Revenue Bonds
2021 – Various Purpose Refunding Bonds
2022 – Various Purpose Improvement Bonds

Includes Debt Issuances Paid with Inside Millage and/or Inside Agreements



From AIS pg 85, 87

BOND RATING

As of last rating, Summit County is rated AA+ from Standard and Poor’s Rating Services and Aa1 from Moody’s Investors Services.

AA+ and Aa1 are the second highest bond ratings available, defining obligations to be of high quality and subject to very low credit risk.

From pg 16. of the 2025 ACFR

AA+
Aa1

SALES & USE TAX

2021		\$54,855,907
2022		\$57,379,968
2023		\$58,769,488
2024		\$57,823,891
2025		\$60,649,788

From ACFR 2022 pg14, ACFR 2024 pg12, ACFR 2025 pg12

GENERAL FUND SOURCES & USES

REVENUES	2023	BUDGETED		\$143,478,280
		ACTUAL		\$147,421,120
	2024	BUDGETED		\$166,355,793
		ACTUAL		\$165,520,566
	2025	BUDGETED		\$175,081,083
		ACTUAL		\$175,737,984

EXPENSES	2023	BUDGETED		\$155,909,556
		ACTUAL		\$151,383,165
	2024	BUDGETED		\$180,395,552
		ACTUAL		\$170,369,223
	2025	BUDGETED		\$181,627,540
		ACTUAL		\$179,815,268

From 2023 ACFR pg 150-156, 2024 ACFR pg 140-146, 2025 ACFR pg 138-144

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS
MAJOR FUNDS

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the County’s major funds. The County uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the County’s most significant funds, not on the County as a whole.

The County’s major governmental funds are: General, Job & Family Services, Children Services Board, Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health, Board of Developmental Disabilities and Other Capital Improvements funds with the major proprietary fund being the Sewer Revenue fund.

JOB &
FAMILY SERVICES

Every Ohio county has a Department of Job and Family Services. Federal and state funding and transfers from the General Fund are used to provide public assistance in various forms. These programs include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Adult Protective Services, Child Care, Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program, Workforce Development, Ohio Works First (OWF), Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC), Summer Youth Employment Program, the BOSS Program, OhioMeansJobs Summit County, and more.

OTHER CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

This fund accounts for the general operating revenues and expenditures of the County not recorded elsewhere. The primary revenue sources are property taxes, sales and use tax, charges for services, intergovernmental revenues and investment income.

For more information on the remaining major funds, please see Section 7: Levied Services.

SUMMIT COUNTY FINANCIAL CHART

From 2026 Operating Budget pg. 41

\$763,271,417

2026 TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET

1. does not include the Capital Improvements Plan Budget
2. includes sewer debt service
3. consists of the trust & agency funds and various other governmental funds

GENERAL FUND				\$174,628,292
\$38,131,293	\$52,991,752	\$583,900		
GENERAL GOVT. SERVICES	JUDICIAL	COMMUNITY SERVICES		
\$66,744,677	\$13,080,456	\$3,096,213		
PUBLIC SAFETY	HUMAN SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS		

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND				\$367,299,213
\$54,946,196	\$93,297,021	\$52,167,604	\$83,143,053	
JOB & FAMILY SERVICES	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	ALCOHOL, DRUG, & MENTAL HEALTH	CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD	
\$14,847,917	\$13,181,383	\$1,680,387	\$1,776,242	
MOTOR VEHICLE GAS TAX	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	ANIMAL CONTROL	
	\$8,481,209	\$43,778,202		
	REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND				\$111,590,552
\$88,045,450	\$3,336,133	\$1,260,303	\$9,855,531	
EMPLOYER HOSPITALIZATION	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
\$1,618,155	\$907,063	\$1,444,592	\$2,680,276	
OFFICE SERVICES	INTERNAL AUDIT	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	
	\$1,838,022	\$605,027		
	HUMAN RESOURCES	PAYROLL		

ALL OTHER FUNDS				\$109,753,360
\$399,844 ¹	\$15,670,250 ²	\$65,107,387	\$28,575,879 ³	
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	

WHAT ARE LEVY AGENCIES?

Levy agencies are separate governmental agencies funded through voted tax levies approved by Summit County voters. Your Summit County government serves as the fiscal agent which collects the tax dollars and distributes them to the agencies. However, each agency is independently governed and functions separately from county operations.

WHAT IS A MILL?

A “mill” is one tenth of a penny (or \$0.001). In Ohio, you pay taxes on 35% of your property’s appraised value.

Imagine you have a piggy bank with \$1,000 in it. In Ohio, you will pay taxes on 35% of what your piggy bank is worth. Since it’s worth \$1,000, you will pay taxes on only \$350 of that. If the tax rate is 1 mill, that means you need to take out \$0.35 to pay the tax. If the tax rate is 10 mills, it means you need to take out \$3.50 from your piggy bank to pay the tax.

AKRON ZOO

The Akron Zoo is a non-profit zoological park in Akron. It is home to over 1,000 animals and attracts around 400,000 visitors annually. The County collects a special property tax levy that is used for the operations and capital expenditures at the Akron Zoo, but this levied

service is not one of the County’s major funds. Funded by a special property tax levy approved by County voters.

Millage: 1.2 mills
Estimated 2026 Tax Collected: \$15,520,478

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Summit DD) provides and coordinates essential services for more than 5,000 people with developmental disabilities throughout Summit County. Service coordination helps connect eligible individuals of all ages with a wide variety of quality service providers for physical/speech/occupational therapy, day supports, residential services, assistance grocery shopping or

going to the bank for those living independently, help with accessible transportation, and much more. Funded through a countywide property tax levy, federal and state grants, and reimbursements, this is one of the County’s Major Funds.

Millage: 4.5 mills
Estimated 2026 Tax Collected: \$82,215,807

SUMMIT METRO PARKS

Summit Metro Parks is Summit County’s countywide park system. They manage 15,000 acres of land in 16 parks, 6 conservation areas, and more than 150 miles of trails, including 22 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Summit Metro Parks celebrated their centennial anniversary in 2021. Annually, they serve 5.5 million visitors from Summit County residents and beyond.

The County collects the property tax levy that funds the Summit Metro Parks, but this levied service is not one of the County’s major funds. Funded by a levy approved by County voters.

Millage: 2 mills
Estimated 2026 Tax Collected: \$26,510,166

SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) is the sole agency in the county dedicated to protecting abused, neglected, and dependent children. SCCS operates a 24-hour child abuse hotline allowing mandated reporters and interested parties the ability to report concerns of suspected child abuse and neglect. SCCS provides case management and strives to keep children in their own home while providing interventions and services to keep children safe. When a child cannot remain safe in their own home, SCCS utilizes family and kin to provide the

least restrictive environment for the child while working toward reunification or an alternative permanency plan. When family or kin are not available, foster homes are utilized for placement as needed and may include adoption services. Funded by a countywide property tax levy, federal and state grants, and reimbursements, this is one of the County’s Major Funds.

Millage: 3.25 mills
Estimated 2026 Tax Collected: \$41,389,846

ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board (ADM Board) is responsible for planning, funding, monitoring, and evaluating prevention, treatment, and support services for people who may be at risk for, or experience substance use or mental health disorders. The Board and their staff assess community needs, plan, and manage public resources to provide essential services. They work diligently to reduce stigma around

behavioral health care and increase awareness of available resources and how to access them. Funded through a countywide property tax levy and federal and state grants, this is one of the County’s Major Funds.

Millage: 3.45 mills
Estimated 2026 Tax Collected: \$46,075,679

SUMMIT COUNTY SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Summit County Surface Water Management District (SWMD) is a stormwater improvement program that functions as a utility to improve surface water quality and mitigate flooding. In addition, the SWMD established and allows for the enforcement of rules and regulations related to illicit discharge, grading, and drainage.

In June 2022, Summit County expanded SWMD to comply with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s MS4 program regulations and began utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for large stormwater projects.

Prior to the creation of the district, residents in need of stormwater solutions could only address this through the Ditch Petition Process, where benefiting landowners would pay assessments for the construction and maintenance of improvements. In 2025, SWMD began collecting fees. Now, in addition to the ditch petition process, the SWMD can now spread out the cost of improvements throughout the county.

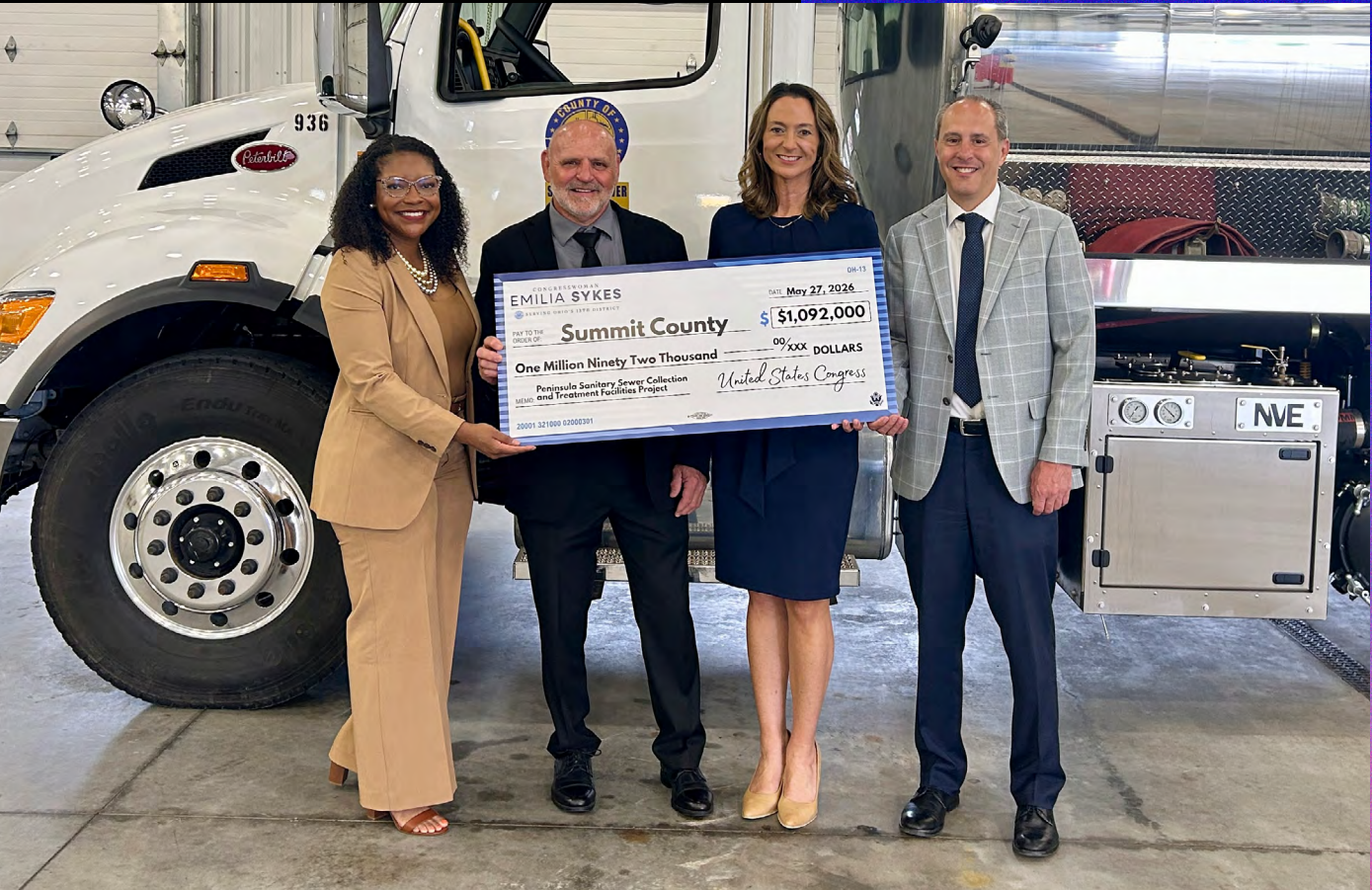
The SWMD contains all Summit County townships, the Village of Lakemore, and the City of Reminderville. The program is available to any other village or city in Summit County on an opt-in basis.

SUMMIT CONNECTS

In 2026, Summit County will complete the buildout of a public safety network—a 135-mile fiber optic ring, connecting government buildings of all 31 communities. The ring will serve as the backbone for public safety communications, enhancing the quality and security of public safety operations and other critical local government services.

All costs were covered by Summit County, including approximately \$38.7 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA). A grant was provided to the Development Finance Authority (DFA) to manage and execute this project. The DFA led the construction and installation of the 135-mile fiber ring and will own the ring after its completion. The County will be responsible for operating, maintaining, and repairing the fiber ring. At this time, Summit Connects will only provide services to government partners.

During the buildout, Summit County worked closely with contractors to ensure high-quality construction and restoration work. To avoid drilling accidents and increase accuracy and safety, the Summit Connects project opted to invest in Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to detect underground utility lines. Additionally, Summit County worked diligently to provide constant communication to residents and communities as work progressed. This intentional commitment included maintaining communications, minimizing impact to traffic, prioritizing safety to traffic and the public, restoration, and overall respect of the community we are working in.



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330-643-2725

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ENGINEER ALAN BRUBAKER
330-643-2850

FISCAL OFFICER KRISTEN SCALISE
330-643-2632

PROSECUTOR ELLIOT KOLKOVICH
330-643-2800

SHERIFF KANDY FATHEREE
330-643-2154

COMMON PLEAS, GENERAL DIVISION
330-643-2162

DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT
330-643-2365

JUVENILE COURT
330-643-2900

PROBATE COURT
330-643-2350

**NINTH DISTRICT COURT
OF APPEALS**
330-643-2250

ADM ADDICTION HELPLINE
330-940-1133

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
330-643-7217

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
330-896-9172

**AKRON/SUMMIT COUNTY
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**
330-374-7560

AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY LIBRARY
330-643-9000

AKRON ZOO
330-375-2550

ANIMAL CONTROL
330-643-2845

BUILDING STANDARDS
330-630-7280

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
330-643-5200

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
330-379-9094

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
330-643-2765

CLERK OF COURTS TITLE BUREAU
330-630-7200

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
330-634-8000

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
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