



Richland County, OH

Monday, APRIL 8, 2024

Totality start time: 15:12:23pm (3:12pm)

Observers will see approx. 3minutes, 16.1 seconds



➤ **Reminder...**

➤ **LAST TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE - 1806**

➤ **NEXT TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE - 2444**

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE ON APRIL 8, 2024...

WILL BE A VERY BIG DEAL!

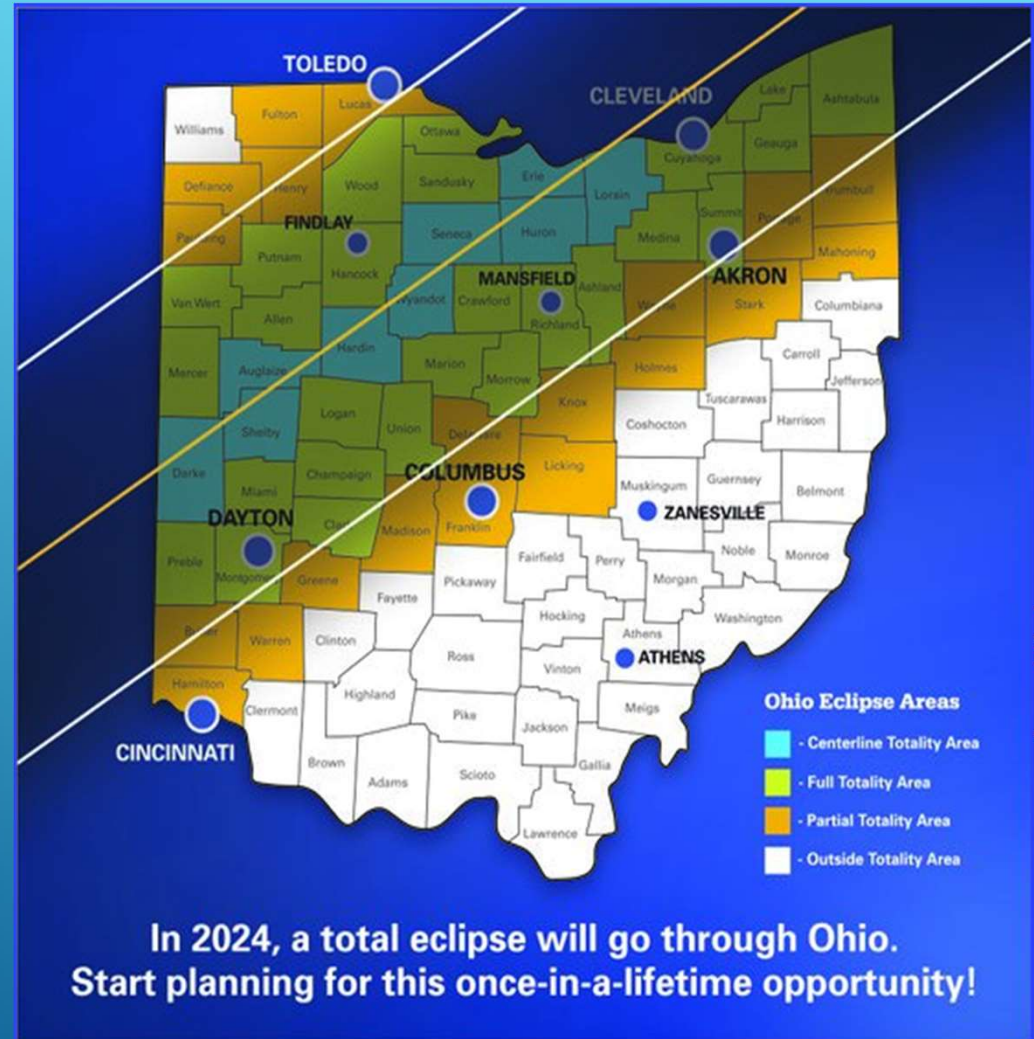


April 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

➤ **Come early, stay late!**

➤ **Special events being planned (fairgrounds, others).**



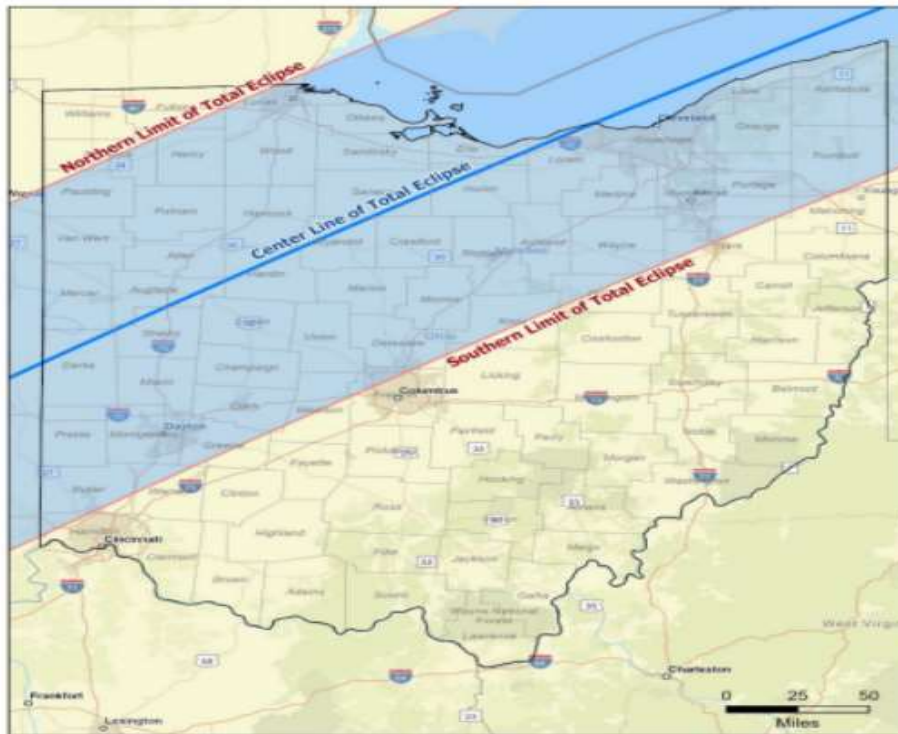
County Population Estimate for 2024 Eclipse

*Based on 2020 US Census, 2017 eclipse after action reports, and county location in relation to the eclipse pathway

County	Population	Population Influx Estimation*
Licking	178,519	357,038
Logan	46,150	92,300
Lorain	312,964	938,892
Lucas	431,279	862,558
Madison	43,824	87,648
Mahoning	228,614	457,228
Marion	65,359	130,718
Medina	182,470	364,940
Meigs	22,210	33,315
Mercer	42,528	85,056
Miami	108,774	217,548
Monroe	13,385	20,078
Montgomery	537,309	1,074,618
Morgan	13,802	20,703
Morrow	34,950	69,900
Muskingum	86,410	129,615
Noble	14,115	21,173
Ottawa	40,364	80,728
Paulding	18,806	37,612
Perry	35,408	53,112
Pickaway	58,539	87,809
Pike	27,088	40,632
Portage	161,791	323,582
Preble	40,999	81,998
Putnam	34,451	68,902
Richland	124,936	249,872
Ross	77,093	115,640
Sandusky	58,896	117,792
Scioto	74,008	111,012
Seneca	55,069	165,207
Shelby	48,230	144,690
Stark	374,853	749,706
Summit	540,428	1,080,856
Trumbull	201,977	403,954
Tuscarawas	93,263	139,895
Union	62,784	125,568
Van Wert	28,931	57,862
Vinton	12,800	19,200
Warren	242,337	484,674
Washington	59,771	89,657
Wayne	116,894	233,788
Williams	37,102	55,653
Wood	132,248	264,496

Version 1 - 3/4/2022

Zones	Definition
Zone 1	Counties along the central line of the eclipse; Potential for 3x county population
Zone 2	Counties completely within the totality path; Potential for 2x county population
Zone 3	Counties partially within the totality path; Potential for 2x county population
Zone 4	Counties that are outside the totality path; Potential for 1.5x county population



**Total Solar Eclipse Path through Ohio
April 8, 2024**



Approximately
250,000
visitors to
Richland County



IMPACTS TO RICHLAND COUNTY...



BASED ON PREVIOUS SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY...

- Overloaded Cell towers
- Extreme demand – hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, parks
- Traffic gridlock, disabled motorists on SR 71/30/13 etc.
- Delayed Emergency Response





2017 Eclipse



➤ LIMITED PORTA POT AVAILABILITY

➤ VIEWING AREAS

- Private property
- County and private parks
- Capacity



➤ COMMUNICATIONS...MAY BE AFFECTED



Action Items to date...

- Initial meeting – June 2022
- County Wide planning mtg w/Community Partners – March 2023
 - Established Work Group
 - Established Sub-committees
 - Community Awareness
 - Public Safety
 - Public Health
 - Resources & Logistics
 - Viewing Sites
 - Education



- Community awareness campaign
 - Richland County Fair
 - School Superintendents
 - Council meetings
 - Trustee meetings
 - Neighborhood watch meetings
 - Kiwanis, other civic groups
 - Media outlets – Fox 8, WEWS channel 5
 - Eclipse bookmarks
 - Public forums to be scheduled
 - **Others – let us know!**



What we know thus far...

- Richland County will have designated viewing areas
- Fairgrounds – camping, events
- Schools closed or virtual
- Many hotels are sold out, campgrounds
- ODOT has issued April 8th a “no work day” as part of any 2024 contracts
- Traffic patterns may be altered to ensure safety services have a way to get around with minimal delays

Great Opportunity:

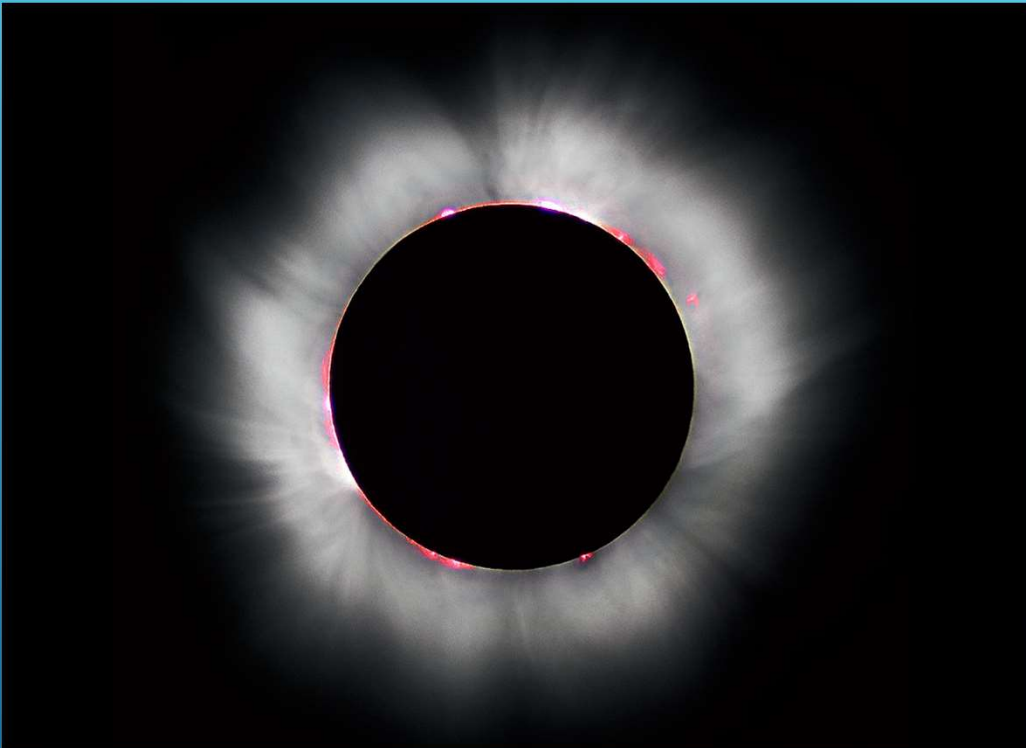
- Generate substantial income for the county
- Provide educational opportunities



KEY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS...

- ▶ **DETERMINE PRE-IDENTIFIED VIEWING LOCATIONS**
- ▶ **ALTERED TRAFFIC PATTERNS, TRAFFIC CONTROL**
- ▶ **DESIGNATED ROUTES TO RESPOND TO FIRE/EMS/LE CALLS**
- ▶ **STRAIN ON RESOURCES – LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRST RESPONDERS**
- ▶ **COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMATIC – cell, radios**
- ▶ **HOSPITAL VISITS/ STAFFING**
- ▶ **EMPLOYER CONSIDERATIONS FOR SHIFT CHANGE**
- ▶ **FUELING STATIONS FOR SAFETY SERVICES**
- ▶ **FUNERAL/WEDDING/PROM PLANNING**





HOW YOU CAN HELP...

- Grocery shop earlier in the week
- Get necessary Rx/medical supplies
- Limit travel during the long weekend
- Fill your gas tank
- Run errands earlier in the week
- **PREPARE FOR TRAFFIC DELAYS – EVERYWHERE!!!**



OHIO EMA SOLAR ECLIPSE WEBSITE

<https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse/splash-page>



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