

Wyandot County

Since 1845

The authorization to create Wyandot County was given by the State of Ohio on Feb. 3, 1845. The county is named in honor of the Wyandot Indians.

Previously the county had been part of land reserved to the Wyandots under the Treaty of Greeneville.

Located in northwest Ohio, Wyandot County is predominantly rural. Just 4% of the county's 406 square miles is urban.

Upper Sandusky, the county seat, is the largest community, with a population of 6,596 in 2010. Carey is the second largest town with a population of 3,674

in 2010. Sycamore is next, with a population of 861. Other communities in Wyandot County include Nevada, 760; Wharton, 358; Harpster, 204; Kirby, 118, and Marseilles, 112.

The county's population in 2010 was 22,615, down from the 2000 census. There were 9,169 households in Wyandot County at the time of the 2010 census. The county averages 55.6 people per square mile.

In 2010 the median income per household was \$47,216. Per capita income in the county was \$22,553, with 8.2% of the people living below the poverty line.

The Wyandots.

The Wyandot Indians were originally from southern Ontario. Also called Hurons, they were related to the Iroquois but were eventually attacked and driven from their homeland by the Iroquois Confederacy.

The Wyandots built their main villages in Wyandot, Marion and Crawford counties but lived in northern Ohio and as far south as Ross County.

The Wyandots were alternately allies of both the French and the British. During the

American Revolution they fought on the side of the British.

The Wyandots surrendered most of their land in Ohio with the signing of the Treaty of Greenville and in 1842 gave up their claim to their reservation at Upper Sandusky. The last Indian tribe to leave Ohio, the Wyandots were sent to a reservation in Kansas in 1843.



The Wyandots were converted to Christianity by John Stewart near the location of the first Methodist Mission in the United States, pictured, located in Upper Sandusky.

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