

Ohio Economic Profile

Portage County

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1. Employment Percent by Industry

The table below shows how jobs are distributed throughout the county by industry. The higher the percentage, the more workers there are in the industry. Multiple years are shown to demonstrate how employment in the industries may have shifted over time. However, percent change across years does not necessarily indicate growth or decline in employment by industry.

1a. Employment Percent by Industry

Industry Name	Percent Annual Employment in Industry		
	2004	2010	2017
Manufacturing	24.1%	20.3%	19.6%
Educational Services	17.2%	17.9%	16.5%
Retail Trade	10.3%	10.8%	11.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10.1%	12.5%	11.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	7.2%	8.0%	9.1%
Wholesale Trade	5.1%	6.0%	6.8%
Construction	4.5%	3.2%	3.9%
Public Administration	3.5%	3.9%	3.4%
Transportation and Warehousing	1.9%	2.3%	3.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2.7%	2.5%	2.9%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	2.4%	2.6%	2.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1.1%	1.8%	1.9%
Information	1.2%	0.8%	1.2%
Finance and Insurance	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1.8%	1.1%	0.9%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Utilities	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, excludes federal government.

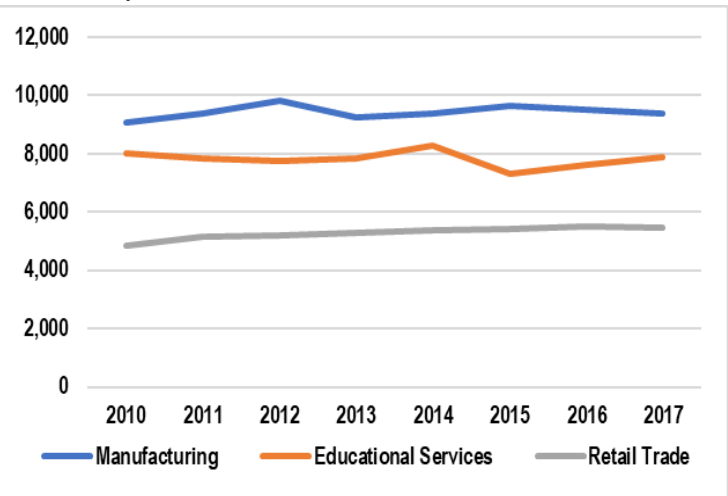
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2. Employment, Wage and Firm Size Trends

The next series of tables and graphs provide more information on the top 3 industry shares of county employment for the most recent year identified in the previous chart. Detailed information includes annual employment and wage trends for the three sectors. Employment and wage trends show fluctuations and indicate growth or decline over the years.

2a. Employment Trends – Manufacturing, Educational Services, and Retail Trade

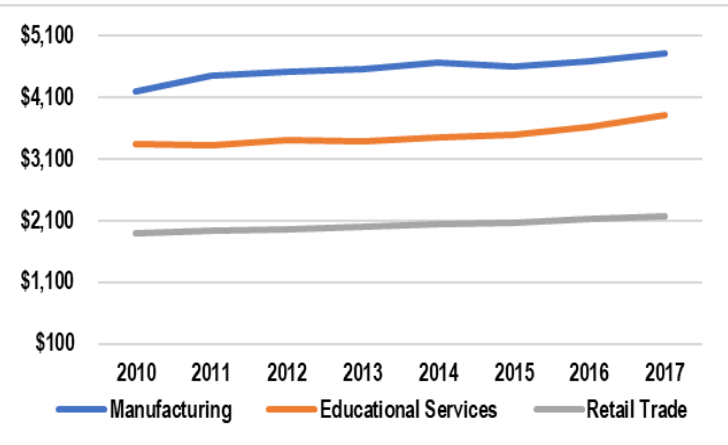
Year	Average Employment		
	Manufacturing	Educational Services	Retail Trade
2010	9,056	7,997	4,829
2011	9,379	7,856	5,172
2012	9,800	7,766	5,219
2013	9,244	7,829	5,272
2014	9,366	8,298	5,354
2015	9,646	7,301	5,423
2016	9,508	7,632	5,512
2017	9,364	7,865	5,466



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, excludes federal government.

2b. Wage Trends – Manufacturing, Educational Services, and Retail Trade

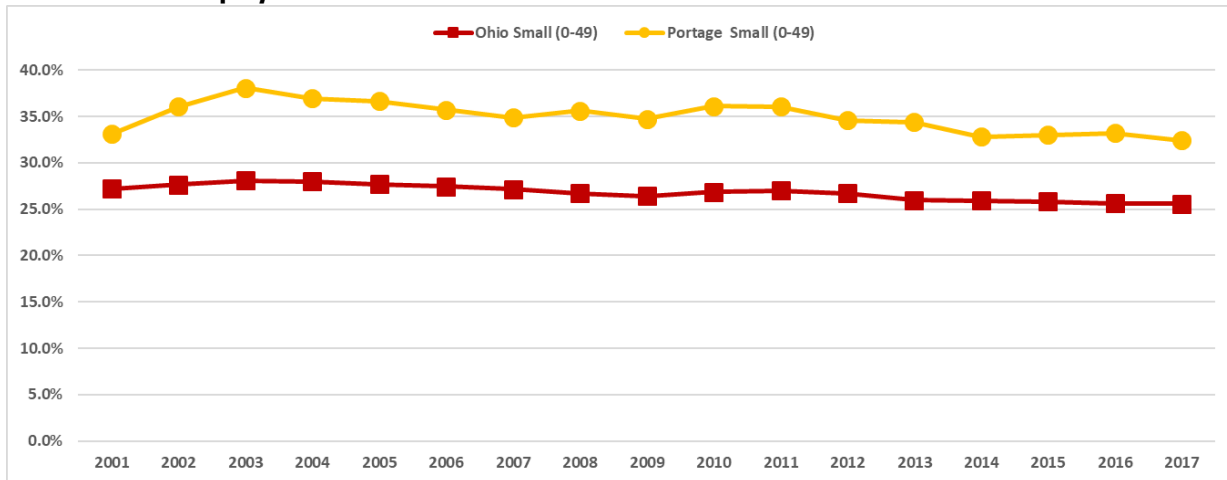
Year	Average Monthly Wage		
	Manufacturing	Educational Services	Retail Trade
2010	\$4,209	\$3,340	\$1,902
2011	\$4,453	\$3,317	\$1,931
2012	\$4,521	\$3,412	\$1,958
2013	\$4,564	\$3,395	\$2,010
2014	\$4,677	\$3,457	\$2,044
2015	\$4,610	\$3,489	\$2,076
2016	\$4,682	\$3,633	\$2,127
2017	\$4,827	\$3,822	\$2,183



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, excludes federal government.

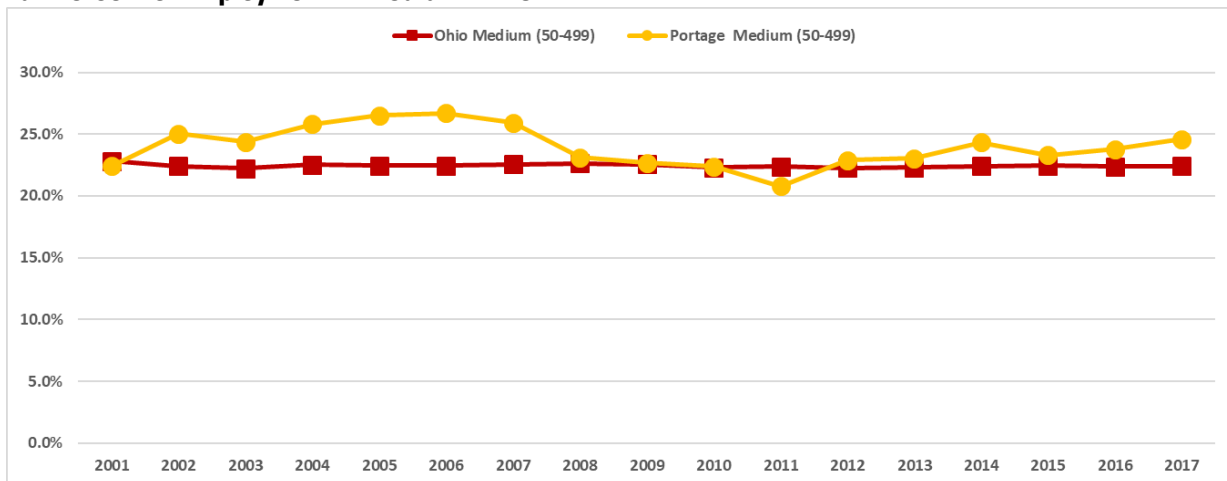
The following three charts compare the percentage of employment in firm size between the county and Ohio. Tables comparing firms with 0-49 employees (small firms), 50-499 employees (medium firms), and 500+ employees (large firms) are shown. When a large firm dominates an area, downturns in that industry will have a greater impact on a county than when employment is dispersed among many small or mid-size firms.

2c. Percent of Employment in Small Firms



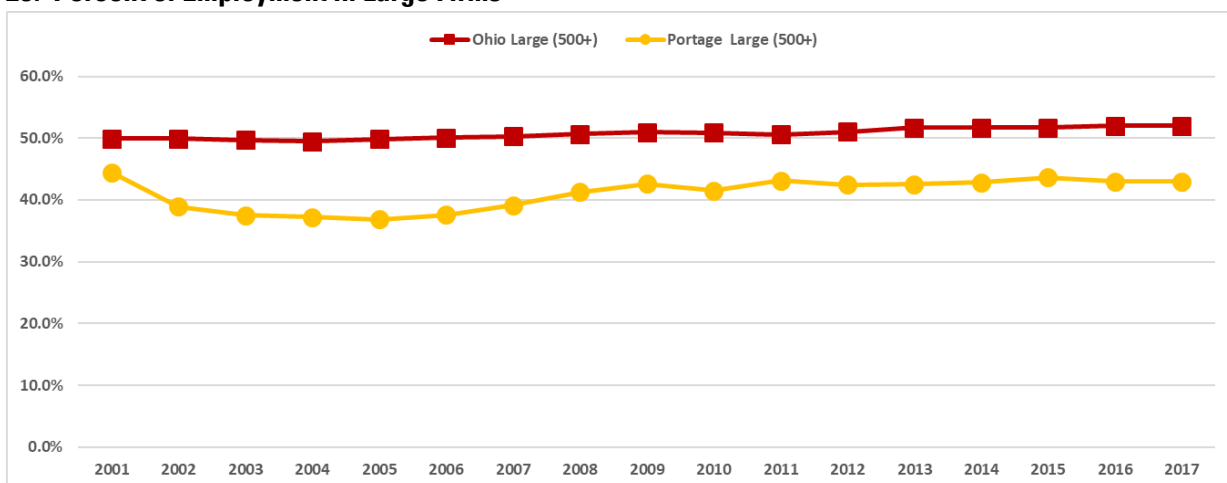
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, private ownership only.

2d. Percent of Employment in Medium Firms



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, private ownership only.

2e. Percent of Employment in Large Firms



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3. Online Job Postings

The following section provides a count of online job advertisements for the county. It is a snapshot of one aspect of the labor market and provides a look at labor demand by industry within the county.

3a. Online Job Postings by Industry, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

Industry	Ads
Transportation and Warehousing	4,439
Retail Trade	2,514
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,522
Educational Services	1,467
Manufacturing	1,432
Accommodation and Food Services	1,021
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	943
Wholesale Trade	783
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	420
Other Services (except Public Administration)	361
Finance and Insurance	324
Construction	306
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	244
Public Administration	192
Information	172
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	152
Management of Companies and Enterprises	30
Utilities	5
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	4
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3
Total	16,334

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018. Job advertisements counted are those posted in OhioMeansJobs.com, Monster, Indeed, LinkedIn, Career Builder, online newspapers and many others.

*Excludes job advertisements in unclassified establishments (NAICS 999999) and establishments for which industry was unavailable. **Note:** Recently, the HWOL Data Series has experienced a declining trend in the number of online job ads that may not reflect broader trends in the U.S. labor market.

3b. Top Occupations with the Most Area Online Job Ads, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

Occupations	Ads
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	4,332
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	818
Retail Salespersons	721
Customer Service Representatives	292
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	276
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	273
Cashiers	252
Registered Nurses	231
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	222
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	186

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018.

3c. Top Employers with the Most Area Online Job Ads, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

Employer	Ads
Kent State University	1,159
University Hospitals	463
Lyft	307
Akron Children's Hospital	301
U.S. Xpress	293
Celadon	272
Target Corporation	244
Roehl Transport, Inc.	234
Dart Transit	196
The Dollar General	185

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018.

3d. Top Certifications for Online Job Ads, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

Certifications	Ads
Class A Commercial Driver's License	4,208
Commercial Driver's License	3,558
Driver's License	1,394
HAZMAT	888
DOT Medical card	322
Basic Life Support	250
Certified Registered Nurse	233
Tanker and Hazmat Endorsement	227
Occupational Safety & Health Administration Certification	210
Food safety programs	201

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018.

3e. Top Skills for Online Job Ads, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

Skills	Ads
Freight+	3,114
Microsoft Office	869
Tractor-trailers	723
Mathematics	380
Android	329
Pediatrics	325
Flatbed trucks	310
Forklifts	306
Food preparation	288
Preventive maintenance	282

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018.

4. Industry Turnover Rates

The following table looks at industry turnover rates for Ohio and by county. Turnover rates are calculated from stable employment (employment that lasted one calendar quarter with the same employer) and are an indicator of job churn. Industries with high churn will have more openings to replace workers than industries with low churn. It should be noted that this calculation does not include short-term employment that lasts less than a full quarter.

4a. Industry Turnover Rates, Statewide and County

Industry	Ohio				Portage County			
	2016Q4	2017Q1	2017Q2	2017Q3	2016Q4	2017Q1	2017Q2	2017Q3
All NAICS Sectors	8.4%	8.3%	8.2%	9.4%	7.6%	8.0%	7.6%	9.7%
Manufacturing	5.2%	5.1%	5.1%	5.5%	5.3%	5.2%	5.6%	6.4%
Educational Services	5.8%	7.3%	5.0%	4.1%	5.0%	5.8%	4.3%	2.7%
Retail Trade	10.6%	11.0%	9.9%	10.3%	10.3%	11.6%	9.6%	11.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	7.9%	7.3%	7.8%	8.5%	8.2%	8.7%	8.8%	9.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	16.0%	16.2%	16.5%	17.3%	16.3%	17.0%	18.3%	17.4%
Wholesale Trade	5.9%	5.7%	6.0%	6.4%	4.9%	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%
Construction	8.5%	7.6%	9.3%	16.3%	7.9%	6.6%	8.3%	25.8%
Public Administration	3.8%	3.5%	3.7%	5.1%	4.0%	3.5%	3.8%	6.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	8.0%	7.8%	7.4%	8.6%	8.0%	6.3%	5.8%	8.5%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	6.9%	7.5%	7.1%	7.4%	6.9%	6.1%	6.3%	7.3%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	8.6%	8.4%	8.8%	9.3%	8.9%	9.9%	7.0%	10.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	18.3%	16.5%	16.6%	20.1%	14.4%	15.1%	13.2%	26.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.6%	5.2%	6.1%	6.1%	5.5%	5.4%	4.7%	8.2%
Information	6.4%	5.9%	6.3%	7.3%	4.7%	7.1%	6.6%	7.0%
Finance and Insurance	5.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	4.5%	5.7%	5.9%	4.9%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9.7%	10.3%	11.1%	24.9%	8.1%	9.6%	9.5%	41.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	8.2%	8.0%	8.2%	10.1%	8.5%	9.2%	8.6%	16.2%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	9.0%	8.9%	8.5%	11.6%	3.7%	4.0%	3.1%	4.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	8.1%	8.3%	11.2%	19.0%	13.8%	8.9%	10.0%	21.1%
Utilities	2.8%	3.2%	2.8%	3.3%	NA*	NA*	NA*	6.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, All ownerships, except federal government.

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5. High School Enrollment

The table below shows annual enrollment trends for high school seniors for public, private and charter schools by fiscal year, where FY 18 represents the school year 2017-2018. Enrollment is the count of students in October of the school year. School enrollment is important as it has implications for the workforce as well as the county's capacity to accommodate its students. Enrollment changes can be affected by boundary changes or redistricting. Also presented in the table is information regarding the number of OhioMeansJobs.com K-12 accounts that migrated to regular OMJ accounts.

5a. Number of High School Seniors

Fiscal Year	Number of 12th Graders*				OMJ K-12 Accts Migrate to Regular Acct***
	Public	Private	Charter	Total**	
2014	1,708	0	0	1,708	
2015	1,504	0	0	1,504	159
2016	1,468	0	0	1,468	336
2017	1,375	0	0	1,375	580
2018	1,390	0	0	1,390	832

*Source: Ohio Department of Education. All data that represents <10 students is masked to ensure student privacy.

**Does not include <10 estimate.

***Source: Monster Government Solutions, K-12 data accessed December 2015, December 2017 and July 2018.

6. Local Area Talent Report

The next set of tables highlight resumes or talent in the local area. This data provides useful information on the workforce in the local area and presents a snapshot of skills and educational levels. The local reports are created using the Monster.com Talent Dashboard tool and are based on activity or logging into OhioMeansJobs.com or Monster.com in the previous three years. The workforce skills table is organized in ascending order and starts with the skill reported least often and ends with the most reported skill.

Resume Snapshot (April 2019)

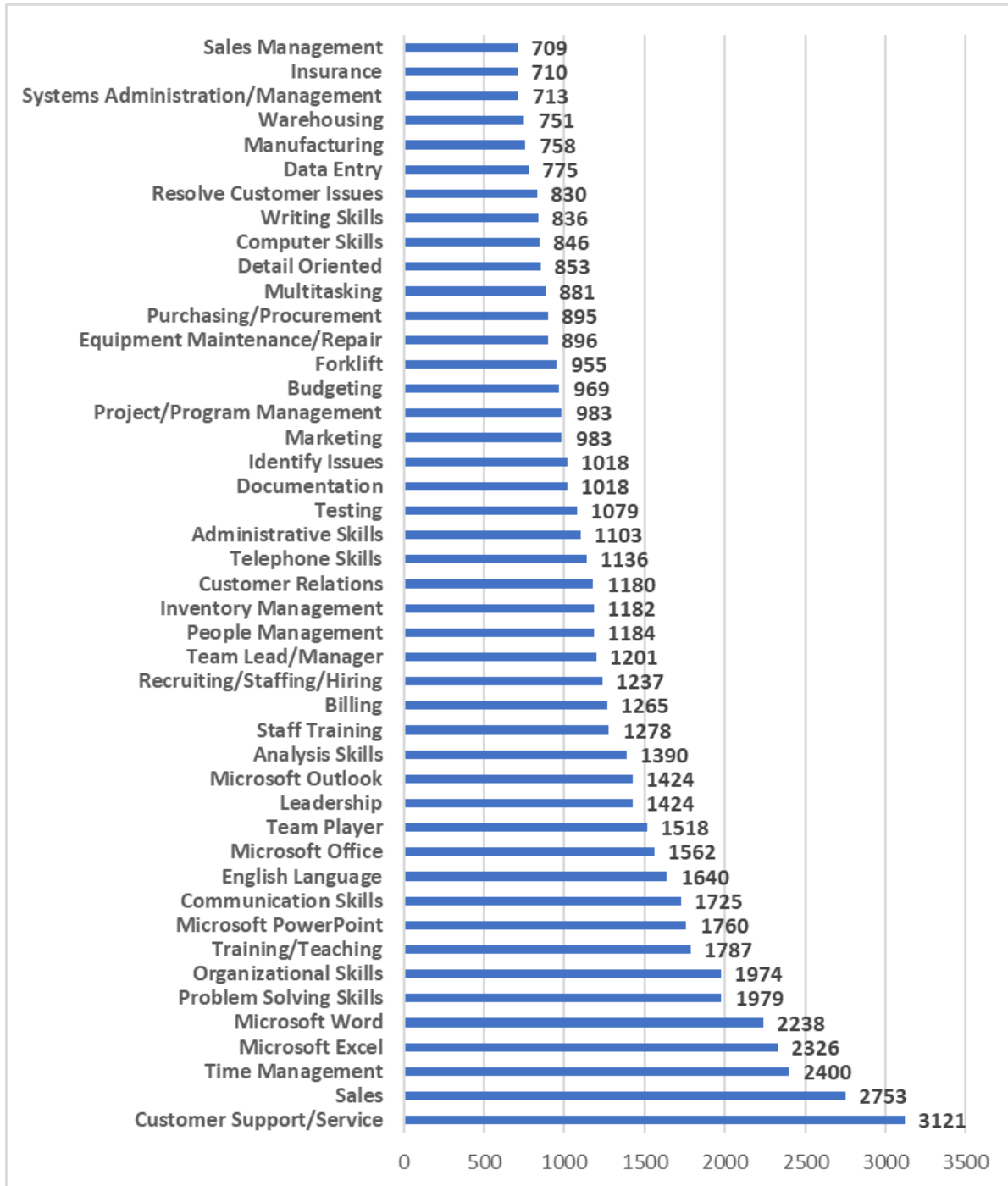
There were 1.6 million total resumes in OhioMeansJobs.com of Ohioans and others willing to relocate to Ohio. Resume counts for the county, veterans, and restored citizens are shown below. Note: resumes for restored citizens are for individuals incarcerated in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction who had an active resume and a release date in 2019.

County	Total Resumes	Total Veteran Resumes	Total Restored Citizen Resumes*
Portage	15,834	902	0

Source: Monster.com and Monster Government Solutions.

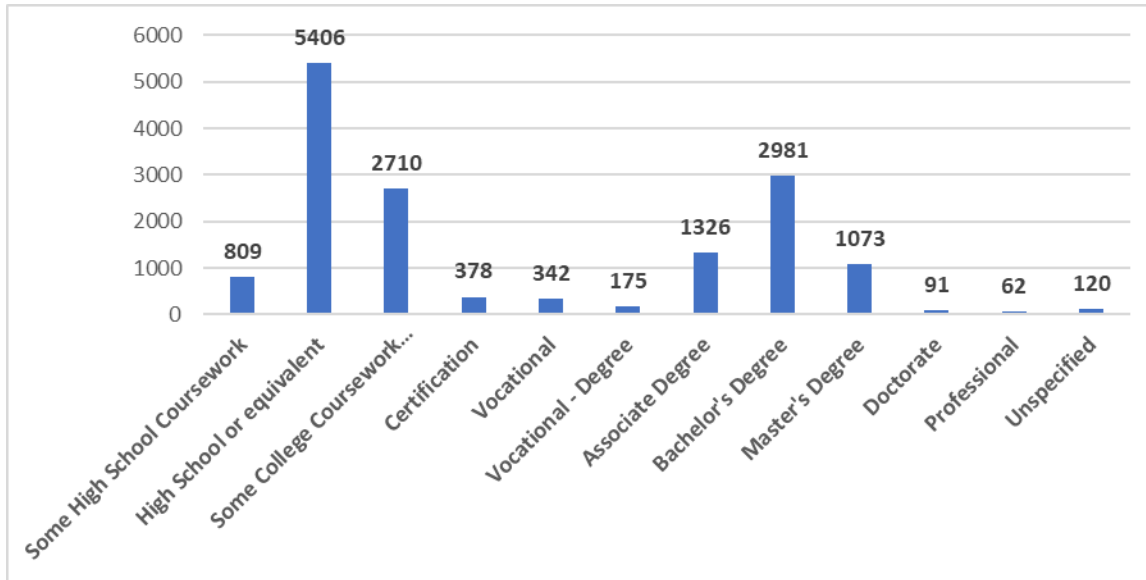
*County was determined based on home/returning address provided by incarcerated individuals.

6a. Number of Resumes with Top 45 Workforce Skills



Source: Monster.com, April 2019.

6b. Educational Level



Source: Monster.com, April 2019. See "Quick Guide to Understanding the County Economic Health Reports" for description of educational categories.

7. Educational Attainment

The following table shows the distribution of educational attainment by age group for county residents. Educational attainment refers to the highest level of education completed.

7a. Educational Attainment by Age Group

Age Categories	Less than 9 th grade	9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma	High school graduate (includes equivalency)	Some college, no degree	Associate degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or professional degree	Total
18 to 24 years	139	1,912	6,271	15,105	544	2,825	130	26,926
25 to 34 years	144	793	4,924	4,516	1,535	4,060	1,936	17,908
35 to 44 years	157	591	5,004	3,923	1,860	3,789	2,141	17,465
45 to 64 years	586	2,576	18,575	8,412	3,080	6,803	4,286	44,318
65 years+	1,005	2,573	10,106	4,212	791	2,824	2,690	24,201

Source: American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, 2013-2017.

8. Veteran Employment at the Local Level

The following table represents a snapshot of veteran and nonveteran labor force population (i.e., estimate of the employed and those looking for work); the labor force participation rate (i.e., percent of the total population participating in the labor force); and the unemployment rate (i.e., percent of the labor force that is unemployed). Veterans are those who have ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard.

8a. County Veteran and Nonveteran Employment Estimates

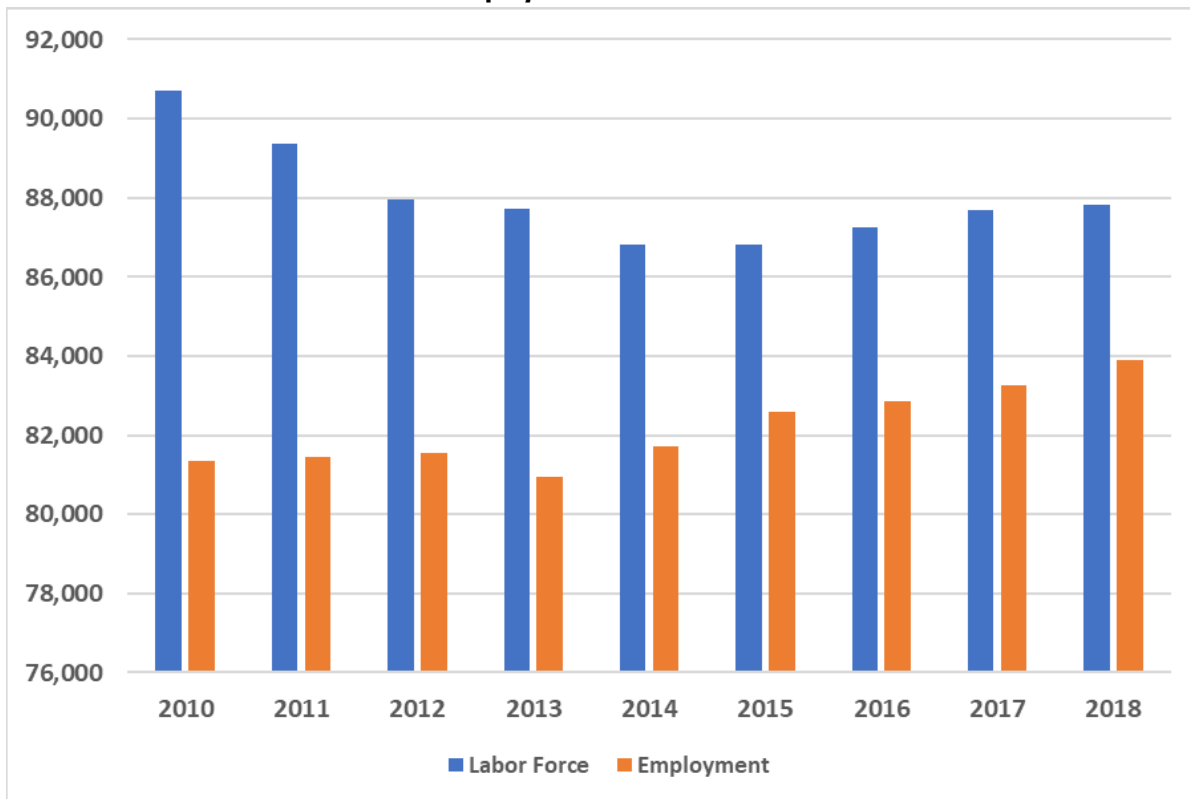
	Nonveterans	Veterans
Labor Force Population	78,333	3,897
Labor Force Participation Rate	77.4%	72.8%
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	6.0%

Source: American Community Survey, 18-64-year-olds, 5-year estimates, 2013-2017.

9. Civilian Labor Force and Commuting Patterns

The next set of tables look at the civilian labor force and commuting patterns of workers in the county. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and unemployed. It is based on civilians 16 years of age and over who are working or seeking work. It excludes military personnel, persons in institutions, those studying or keeping house full-time, retirees, and volunteer workers. This is the available workforce, and used in conjunction with commuting patterns data, one can see where workers in the county live and work. Commuting information is based on all jobs held. Commuting trends data are also presented to see inflow and outflow trends of workers, including the top work counties for out-commuters and top home counties for in-commuters.

9a. Civilian Labor Force and Number Employed



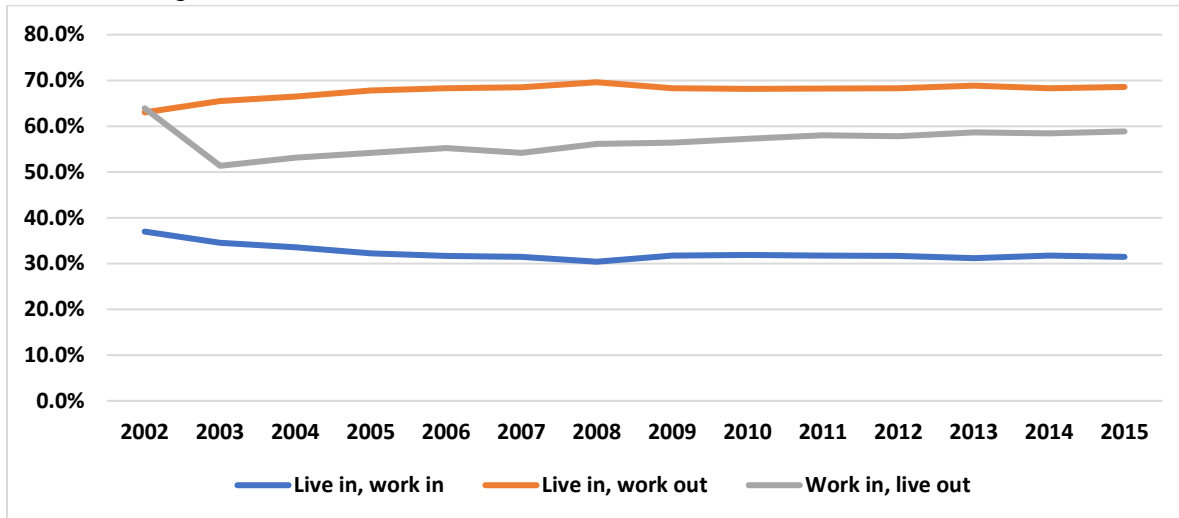
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

9b. Commuting Patterns, 2005 – 2015

	2005	2010	2015
# of workers who live and are employed here	21,646	20,941	22,198
# of workers who live here, but work in another county	45,535	44,758	48,424
# of workers who work here, but live in another county	25,592	28,077	31,720

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap. Includes all jobs, 2nd quarter only.

9c. Commuting Trends



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap. Includes all jobs, 2nd quarter only.

9d. Commuting Trends for Out-Commuters – Live in County, but Work in Another County, 2015

Top Work Counties for Out-Commuters	
Summit County OH	18,459
Cuyahoga County OH	13,937
Stark County OH	2,921
Geauga County OH	2,272
Trumbull County OH	1,404
Franklin County OH	1,368
Mahoning County OH	1,180
Lake County OH	861
Medina County OH	668
Lorain County OH	459

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap. Includes all jobs, 2nd quarter only.

9e. Commuting Trends for In-Commuters – Work in County, but Live in Another County, 2015

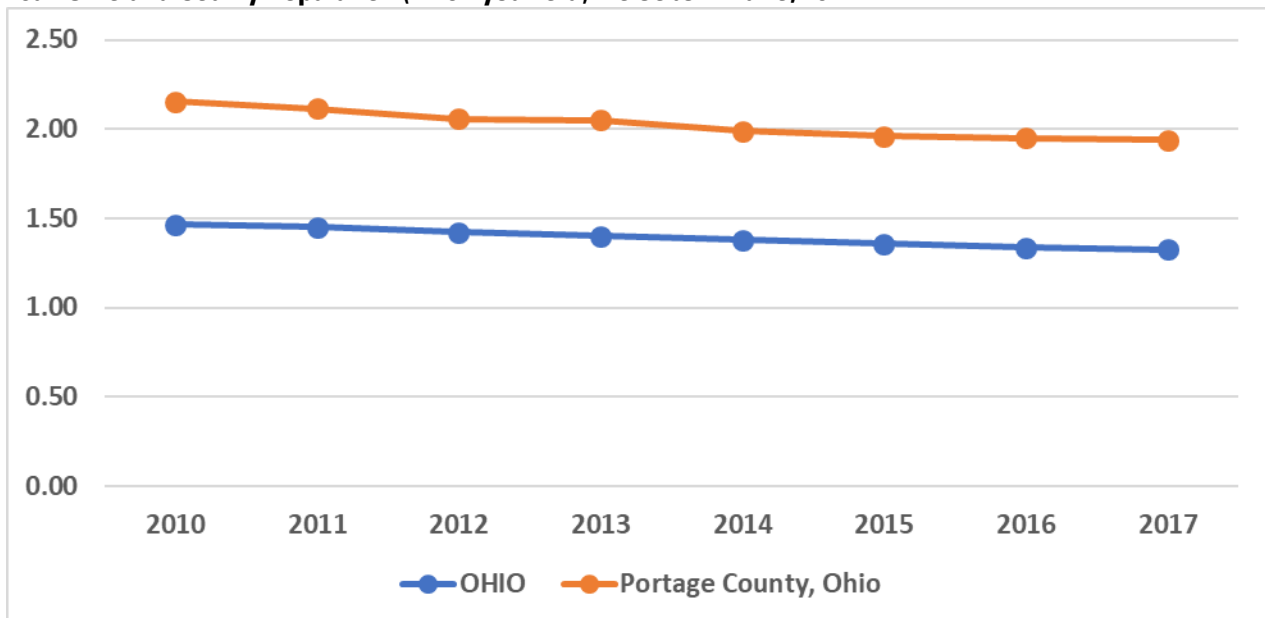
Top Home Counties for In-Commuters	
Summit County OH	11,987
Cuyahoga County OH	4,436
Stark County OH	2,879
Trumbull County OH	2,201
Mahoning County OH	1,381
Geauga County OH	1,163
Medina County OH	754
Lake County OH	721
Lorain County OH	586
Columbiana County OH	459

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap. Includes all jobs, 2nd quarter only.

10. Area Population to Jobs

The graph below and map on the next page look at the population to jobs ratio. The prime working-age population consists of those ages 18 to 64. However, not everyone in the working-age population is employed – they may be going to school, caring for children or others, or retired. As the population-to-jobs ratio increases, there are more workers living in the county than there are jobs, meaning there will be more competition for jobs in that county. Workers in high-ratio counties may be more likely to commute to other counties for work. A lower population-to-jobs ratio would indicate the county could have a higher ratio of in-commuters. This will be rare, but a population-to-jobs ratio less than one would indicate there are more jobs than workers. The graph below compares the county population to jobs ratio to the statewide ratio. The map shows population to jobs ratio for all counties.

10a. Ohio and County Population (18-64-year-old)* to Jobs Ratio, 2017**



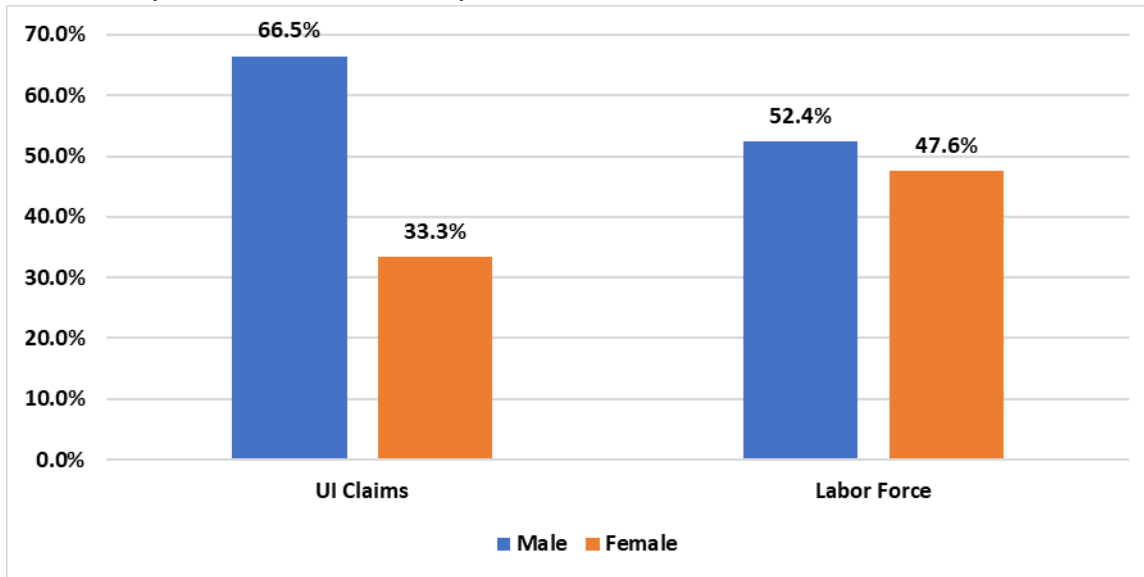
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11. Profile of UI Claims

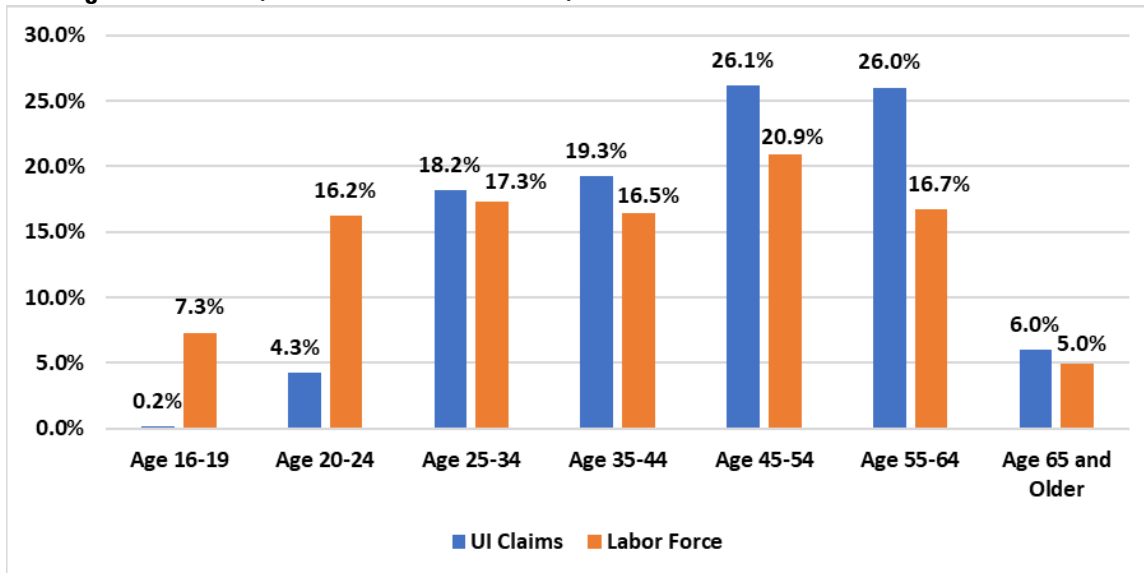
The next set of charts compares demographic characteristics of unemployment insurance claimants and people in the labor force for the county. These graphs can show if some segments of the labor force are filing higher proportions of claims. However, certain industries with seasonal work patterns and/or typical shut down periods, such as construction and manufacturing will have higher proportion of men than women. Differences between the labor force and UI claimants can be used to target intervention and training programs.

11a. Gender, UI Claims vs Labor Force, 2018



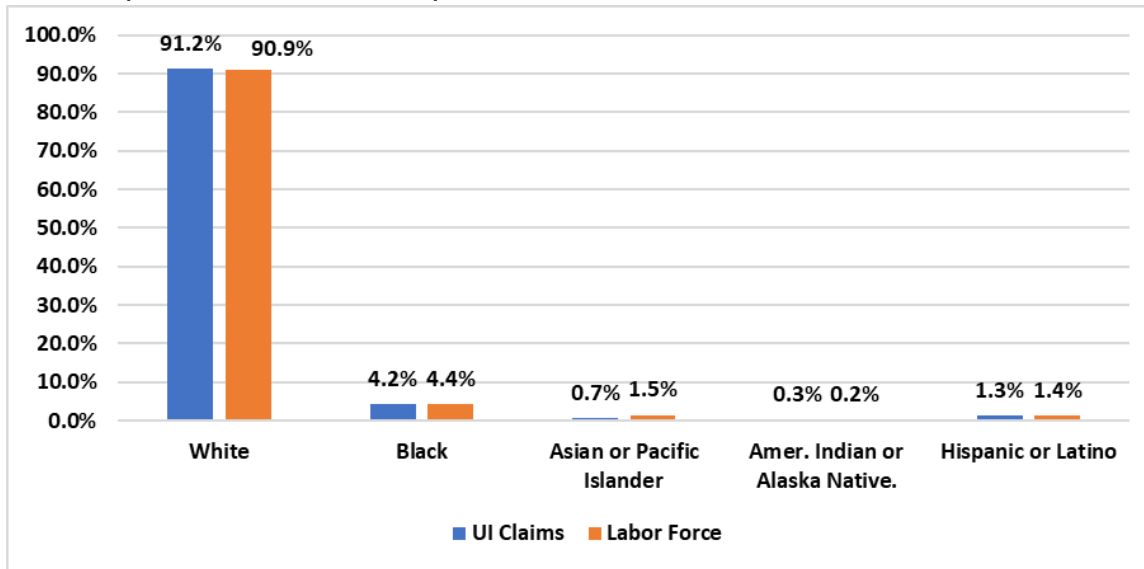
Source: Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information.

11b. Age Distribution, UI Claims vs Labor Force, 2018



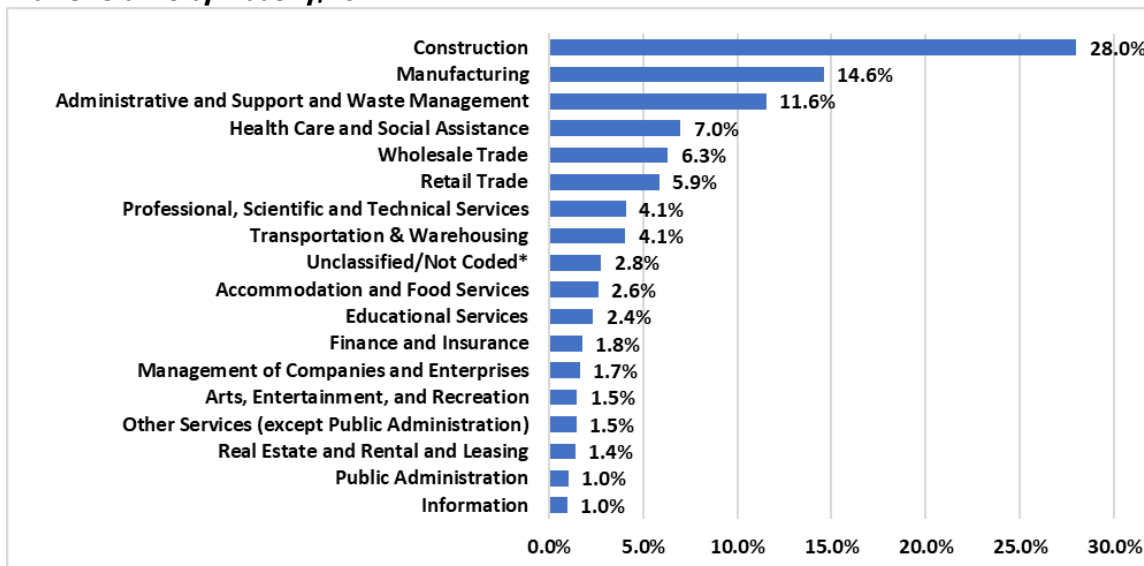
Source: Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information.

11c. Race, UI Claims vs Labor Force, 2018



Source: Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information.

11d. UI Claims by Industry, 2018



Source: Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information.

*Unclassified/Not Coded industries coded as NAICS '999999' or claims with an unspecified employer.

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