

## December 2018 Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, preliminary December 2018 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 3.1 percent in Mercer County to a high of 9.2 percent in Monroe County. From November, unemployment rates increased in all 88 counties. The comparable unemployment rate for Ohio was 4.8 percent in December. (See table on next page.)

Three counties had unemployment rates at or below 3.5 percent in December. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Mercer were Delaware and Holmes at 3.5 percent each.

Four counties had unemployment rates above 8.0 percent in December. The counties with the highest rates, other than Monroe were: Ottawa, 8.4 percent; Adams, 8.3 percent; and Noble, 8.1 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2017 benchmark and geared to county of residence. Unemployment rates for all Ohio counties as well as cities with populations of 50,000 or more are presented in the monthly ODJFS **Civilian Labor Force Estimates** publication. For updated statewide historical data, visit <http://ohiolmi.com/asp/laus/vbLaus.htm>, or contact the Bureau of Labor Market Information at (614) 752-9494.

January 2019 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, March 8, 2019. Unemployment rates for counties, cities, and metropolitan areas will be available on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. This information and the monthly statistical summaries they are based on are available at <http://ohiolmi.com/laus/releases.htm>.

**Ranking Report**  
**Ohio Unemployment Rates by County**  
**December 2018**

<b>Rank<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>Rank<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
1	Monroe County	9.2	45	Marion County	4.9
2	Ottawa County	8.4	46	Ross County	4.9
3	Adams County	8.3	47	Clark County	4.8
4	Noble County	8.1	48	Morrow County	4.8
5	Meigs County	7.9	49	Tuscarawas County	4.8
6	Scioto County	7.4	50	Portage County	4.8
7	Pike County	7.4	51	Defiance County	4.7
8	Jackson County	7.1	52	Montgomery County	4.7
9	Morgan County	6.9	53	Allen County	4.7
10	Huron County	6.9	54	Knox County	4.6
11	Vinton County	6.7	55	Lake County	4.6
12	Trumbull County	6.6	56	Pickaway County	4.5
13	Gallia County	6.6	57	Hardin County	4.5
14	Jefferson County	6.4	58	Paulding County	4.5
15	Mahoning County	6.3	59	Fayette County	4.4
16	Coshocton County	6.3	60	Geauga County	4.4
17	Guernsey County	6.3	61	Logan County	4.4
18	Erie County	6.2	62	Darke County	4.3
19	Highland County	6.2	63	Fairfield County	4.3
20	Perry County	6.1	64	Greene County	4.3
21	Athens County	6.0	65	Preble County	4.3
22	Ashtabula County	5.9	66	Wood County	4.3
23	Washington County	5.9	67	Miami County	4.2
24	Muskingum County	5.8	68	Clermont County	4.2
25	Henry County	5.8	69	Butler County	4.2
26	Hocking County	5.8	70	Medina County	4.2
27	Brown County	5.7	71	Hamilton County	4.2
28	Crawford County	5.7	72	Licking County	4.2
29	Harrison County	5.7	73	Shelby County	4.1
30	Belmont County	5.7	74	Champaign County	4.1
31	Carroll County	5.5	75	Madison County	4.0
32	Lawrence County	5.5	76	Wayne County	4.0
33	Clinton County	5.5	77	Putnam County	4.0
34	Lucas County	5.4	78	Franklin County	3.9
35	Ashland County	5.4	79	Warren County	3.9
36	Richland County	5.4	80	Van Wert County	3.9
37	Columbiana County	5.4	81	Williams County	3.8
38	Sandusky County	5.3	82	Hancock County	3.8
39	Lorain County	5.2	83	Union County	3.7
40	Stark County	5.2	84	Auglaize County	3.6
41	Seneca County	5.0	85	Wyandot County	3.6
42	Cuyahoga County	5.0	86	Holmes County	3.5
43	Fulton County	4.9	87	Delaware County	3.5
44	Summit County	4.9	88	Mercer County	3.1

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<sup>a</sup>Rankings are based upon unrounded unemployment rates.

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