

August 2017 Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, preliminary August 2017 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 3.2 percent in Mercer County to a high of 8.5 percent in Meigs County. From July, unemployment rates increased in five counties, decreased in 75, and remained the same in eight counties. The comparable unemployment rate for Ohio was 5.3 percent in August. (See table on next page.)

Eleven counties had unemployment rates at or below 4.0 percent in August. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Mercer were: Holmes and Putnam, 3.6 percent; Wyandot, 3.7 percent; Delaware, 3.8 percent; Auglaize, Hancock, and Union, 3.9 percent; and Madison, Van Wert, and Wayne, 4.0 percent.

Eight counties had unemployment rates at or above 7.0 percent in August. The counties with the highest rates, other than Meigs were: Monroe, 7.9 percent; Lorain, 7.3 percent; Scioto, 7.1 percent; Adams, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, and Jefferson, 7.0 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2016 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.

September 2017 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, October 20, 2017. Unemployment rates for counties, cities, and metropolitan areas will be available on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. 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
August 2017

Rank ^a	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank ^a	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Meigs County	8.5	45	Montgomery County	5.2
2	Monroe County	7.9	46	Allen County	5.1
3	Lorain County	7.3	47	Huron County	5.1
4	Scioto County	7.1	48	Portage County	5.0
5	Jefferson County	7.0	49	Clark County	5.0
6	Cuyahoga County	7.0	50	Tuscarawas County	5.0
7	Coshocton County	7.0	51	Hocking County	5.0
8	Adams County	7.0	52	Seneca County	4.8
9	Pike County	6.9	53	Paulding County	4.8
10	Athens County	6.9	54	Ashland County	4.8
11	Trumbull County	6.9	55	Wood County	4.8
12	Jackson County	6.8	56	Butler County	4.8
13	Gallia County	6.7	57	Hamilton County	4.7
14	Mahoning County	6.6	58	Morrow County	4.7
15	Vinton County	6.6	59	Pickaway County	4.7
16	Lucas County	6.6	60	Clermont County	4.7
17	Lawrence County	6.4	61	Fulton County	4.7
18	Noble County	6.3	62	Henry County	4.7
19	Washington County	6.2	63	Greene County	4.6
20	Harrison County	6.1	64	Sandusky County	4.6
21	Highland County	6.1	65	Knox County	4.6
22	Belmont County	6.1	66	Preble County	4.6
23	Lake County	5.9	67	Williams County	4.5
24	Columbiana County	5.8	68	Miami County	4.5
25	Brown County	5.8	69	Licking County	4.4
26	Ashtabula County	5.7	70	Champaign County	4.4
27	Morgan County	5.7	71	Fairfield County	4.4
28	Geauga County	5.6	72	Warren County	4.3
29	Medina County	5.6	73	Darke County	4.3
30	Crawford County	5.6	74	Shelby County	4.3
31	Guernsey County	5.6	75	Franklin County	4.3
32	Erie County	5.6	76	Logan County	4.2
33	Clinton County	5.6	77	Fayette County	4.1
34	Perry County	5.6	78	Wayne County	4.0
35	Carroll County	5.5	79	Van Wert County	4.0
36	Defiance County	5.4	80	Madison County	4.0
37	Ottawa County	5.4	81	Union County	3.9
38	Richland County	5.4	82	Auglaize County	3.9
39	Muskingum County	5.3	83	Hancock County	3.9
40	Ross County	5.3	84	Delaware County	3.8
41	Stark County	5.3	85	Wyandot County	3.7
42	Summit County	5.3	86	Holmes County	3.6
43	Hardin County	5.3	87	Putnam County	3.6
44	Marion County	5.2	88	Mercer County	3.2

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^aRankings are based upon unrounded unemployment rates.

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