

**September 2009 Ranking of  
Ohio County Unemployment Rates**  
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, the September 2009 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 6.3 percent in Holmes County to a high of 15.3 percent in Highland County. Rates decreased in all 88 counties. The comparable rate for Ohio in September was 9.7 percent. (See table below).

Seven counties had unemployment rates at or below 8.0 percent in September. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Holmes, were: Geauga, 6.5; Delaware, 6.7; Medina, 7.5; Mercer, 7.8; Lake, 7.9; and Union, 8.0 percent.

Only two counties had unemployment rates above 15.0 percent during September. The other county with the highest rate, other than Highland, was Meigs at 15.2 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2008 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. Updated statewide historical data may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Market Information at (614) 466-1109.

October 2009 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, November 20, 2009. County, city and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be available on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. This information and the monthly statistical summaries it is based on are also available at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/releases>.

**Ranking Report**  
**Ohio Unemployment Rates by County**  
**September 2009**

Rank (b)	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank (b)	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Highland County	15.3	45	Sandusky County	10.8
2	Meigs County	15.2	46	Ottawa County	10.7
3	Pike County	14.7	47	Harrison County	10.6
4	Morgan County	14.6	48	Jackson County	10.5
5	Williams County	14.1	49	Hocking County	10.4
6	Noble County	14.0	50	Pickaway County	10.3
7	Clinton County	13.9	51	Marion County	10.2
8	Adams County	13.8	52	Allen County	10.2
9	Trumbull County	13.5	53	Tuscarawas County	10.2
10	Crawford County	13.2	54	Auglaize County	10.1
11	Carroll County	13.2	55	Wood County	10.0
12	Van Wert County	13.2	56	Morrow County	10.0
13	Huron County	12.8	57	Darke County	9.9
14	Perry County	12.8	58	Clark County	9.9
15	Jefferson County	12.7	59	Summit County	9.6
16	Ashtabula County	12.6	60	Gallia County	9.5
17	Columbiana County	12.5	61	Erie County	9.5
18	Coshocton County	12.3	62	Greene County	9.4
19	Scioto County	12.1	63	Clermont County	9.4
20	Fulton County	12.1	64	Washington County	9.4
21	Seneca County	12.0	65	Portage County	9.2
22	Brown County	11.9	66	Belmont County	9.2
23	Muskingum County	11.9	67	Butler County	9.1
24	Shelby County	11.9	68	Hancock County	9.1
25	Richland County	11.8	69	Lorain County	9.1
26	Mahoning County	11.8	70	Putnam County	9.0
27	Fayette County	11.7	71	Hamilton County	8.9
28	Defiance County	11.7	72	Wayne County	8.9
29	Paulding County	11.5	73	Licking County	8.9
30	Ross County	11.5	74	Knox County	8.7
31	Monroe County	11.5	75	Athens County	8.6
32	Champaign County	11.4	76	Madison County	8.5
33	Ashland County	11.4	77	Cuyahoga County	8.5
34	Lucas County	11.3	78	Warren County	8.5
35	Vinton County	11.3	79	Lawrence County	8.4
36	Wyandot County	11.2	80	Fairfield County	8.2
37	Logan County	11.2	81	Franklin County	8.2
38	Hardin County	11.2	82	Union County	8.0
39	Preble County	11.1	83	Lake County	7.9
40	Stark County	11.0	84	Mercer County	7.8
41	Miami County	11.0	85	Medina County	7.5
42	Montgomery County	11.0	86	Delaware County	6.7
43	Henry County	10.9	87	Geauga County	6.5
44	Guernsey County	10.8	88	Holmes County	6.3

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