

May 2017 Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, preliminary May 2017 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Mercer County to a high of 7.2 percent in Monroe County. From April, unemployment rates increased in 53 counties, decreased in 27 counties, and did not change in eight counties. The comparable unemployment rate for Ohio was 4.6 percent in May. (See table on next page.)

Ten counties had unemployment rates at or below 3.5 percent in May. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Mercer were: Holmes and Putnam, 3.1 percent; Delaware, Hancock, and Wyandot, 3.2 percent; Auglaize and Union, 3.4 percent; and Madison and Wayne, 3.5 percent.

Eight counties had unemployment rates above 6.0 percent in May. The counties with the highest rates, other than Monroe were: Jefferson, 6.8 percent; Meigs, 6.5 percent; Jackson, 6.2 percent; and Cuyahoga, Lorain, Scioto, and Trumbull, 6.1 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.

June 2017 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, July 21, 2017. Unemployment rates for counties, cities, and metropolitan areas will be available on Tuesday, July 25, 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
May 2017

Rank^a	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank^a	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Monroe County	7.2	45	Summit County	4.5
2	Jefferson County	6.8	46	Montgomery County	4.5
3	Meigs County	6.5	47	Fulton County	4.5
4	Jackson County	6.2	48	Ross County	4.5
5	Lorain County	6.1	49	Marion County	4.5
6	Scioto County	6.1	50	Hocking County	4.4
7	Trumbull County	6.1	51	Portage County	4.4
8	Cuyahoga County	6.1	52	Clark County	4.3
9	Noble County	5.9	53	Hardin County	4.3
10	Coshocton County	5.9	54	Morrow County	4.2
11	Lucas County	5.9	55	Sandusky County	4.2
12	Pike County	5.8	56	Ashland County	4.2
13	Mahoning County	5.8	57	Seneca County	4.1
14	Adams County	5.8	58	Williams County	4.1
15	Harrison County	5.8	59	Wood County	4.0
16	Gallia County	5.7	60	Preble County	4.0
17	Belmont County	5.7	61	Hamilton County	4.0
18	Vinton County	5.6	62	Pickaway County	4.0
19	Morgan County	5.4	63	Greene County	4.0
20	Washington County	5.4	64	Paulding County	3.9
21	Lawrence County	5.3	65	Butler County	3.9
22	Ottawa County	5.3	66	Miami County	3.9
23	Columbiana County	5.3	67	Fairfield County	3.8
24	Highland County	5.2	68	Clermont County	3.8
25	Guernsey County	5.2	69	Fayette County	3.8
26	Carroll County	5.2	70	Knox County	3.8
27	Lake County	5.2	71	Darke County	3.8
28	Ashtabula County	5.1	72	Champaign County	3.8
29	Huron County	5.1	73	Shelby County	3.7
30	Erie County	5.1	74	Logan County	3.7
31	Brown County	5.0	75	Licking County	3.7
32	Perry County	5.0	76	Franklin County	3.7
33	Crawford County	5.0	77	Warren County	3.7
34	Athens County	5.0	78	Van Wert County	3.6
35	Muskingum County	4.9	79	Wayne County	3.5
36	Richland County	4.9	80	Madison County	3.5
37	Geauga County	4.8	81	Auglaize County	3.4
38	Medina County	4.8	82	Union County	3.4
39	Clinton County	4.8	83	Wyandot County	3.2
40	Stark County	4.7	84	Hancock County	3.2
41	Henry County	4.6	85	Delaware County	3.2
42	Allen County	4.6	86	Putnam County	3.1
43	Defiance County	4.5	87	Holmes County	3.1
44	Tuscarawas County	4.5	88	Mercer County	2.8

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^aRankings are based upon unrounded unemployment rates.

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