

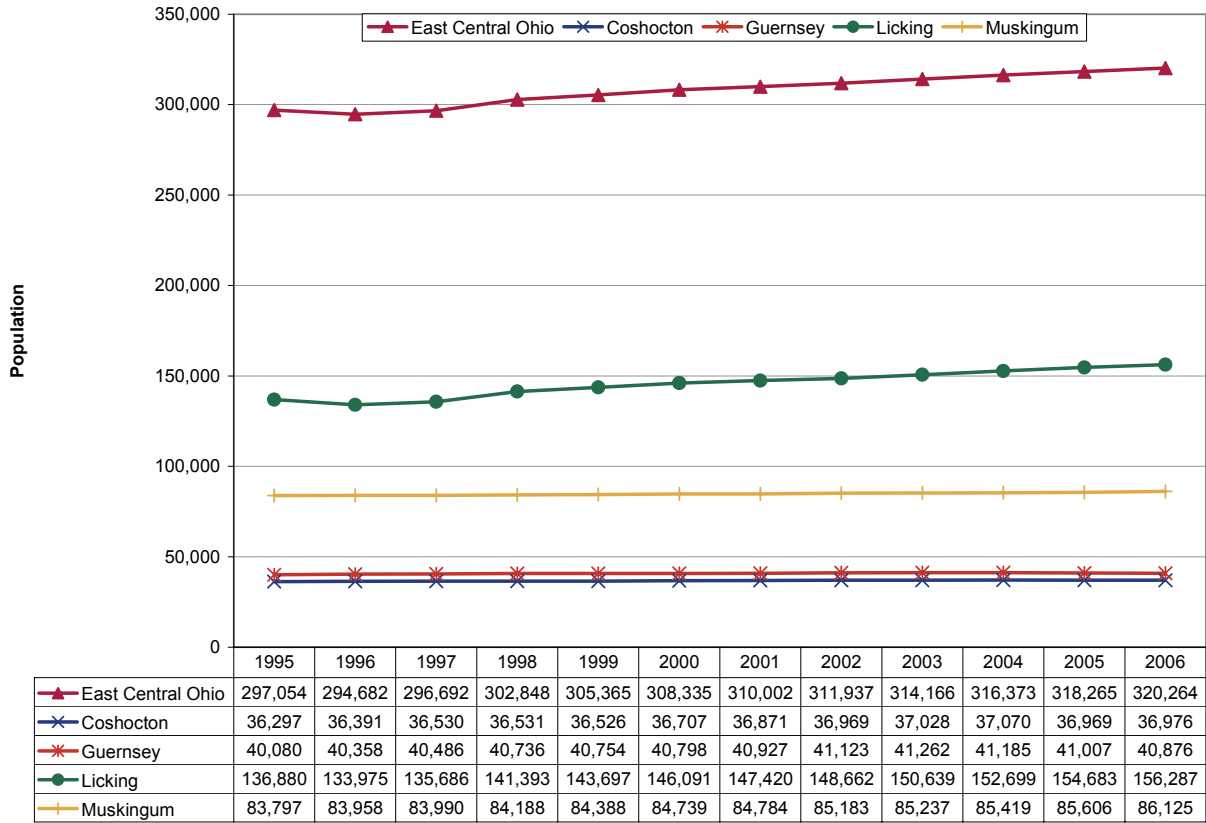
**Updates to Workforce Analysis Reports
Employment & Training Centers of East Central Ohio
July 2007**

This document contains updates to the Workforce Analysis report for the Employment & Training Centers of East Central Ohio, published in January 2007. This area includes Coshocton, Guernsey, Licking and Muskingum Counties. For additional information, please see the Technical Notes at the end of this document.

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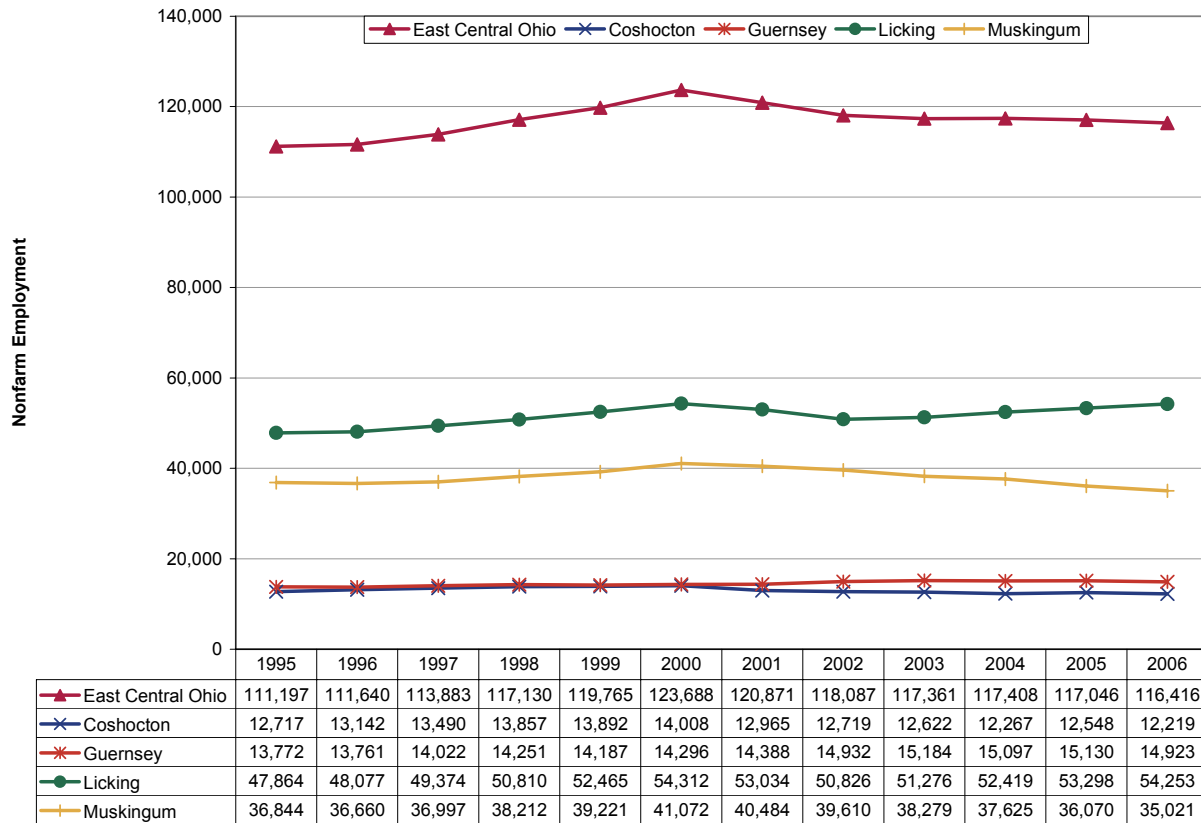
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Population



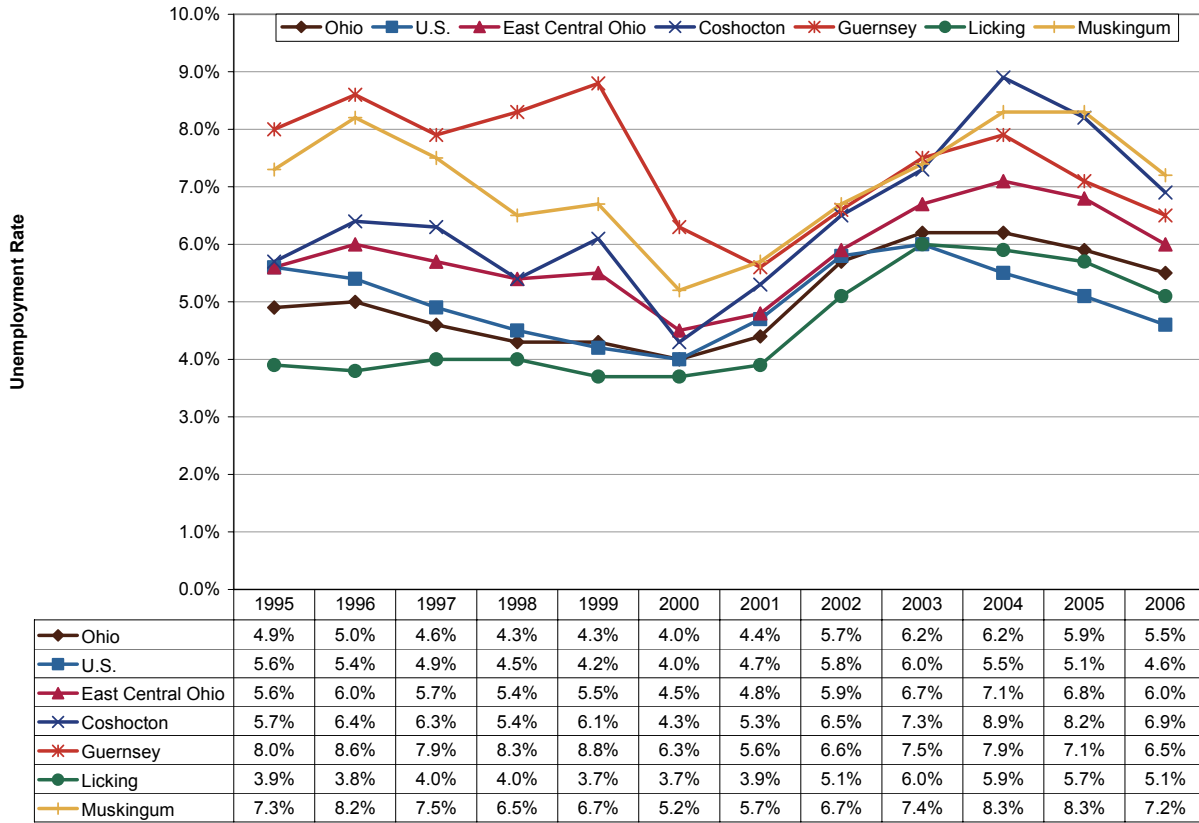
Between 1995 and 2006, population in this area grew 7.8 percent to 320,300 residents. Licking County, part of the Columbus metropolitan area, had the area's fastest population growth during this period: 14.2 percent to 156,300. Population in Coshocton, Guernsey and Muskingum Counties increased 1.9, 2.0 and 2.8 percent, respectively. By comparison, statewide population grew 2.5 percent during this period while national population increased by 12.4 percent.

Employment



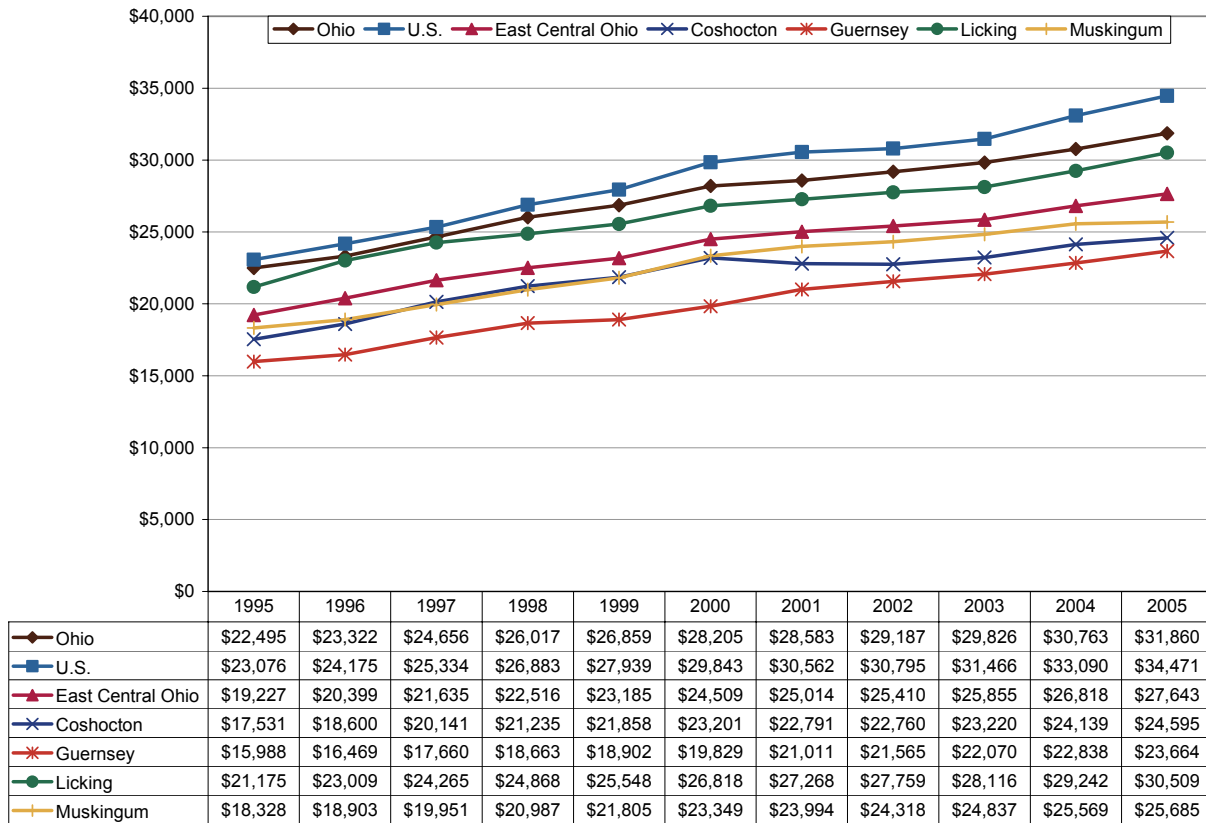
After peaking in 2000 from the record economic expansion of the late 1990s, total nonfarm employment fell to 116,416 workers in 2006—a drop of 5.9 percent. Guernsey County was the only county in this area not to lose employment after 2000, instead adding about 600 jobs (4.4%). While Licking County did experience job losses after the 2001 recession, it has almost fully recovered and is still growing. Coshocton and Muskingum Counties both lost workers during this period (-12.8% and -14.7%, respectively). By comparison, Ohio nonfarm employment fell 3.5 percent after slight gains since 2003.

Unemployment Rates



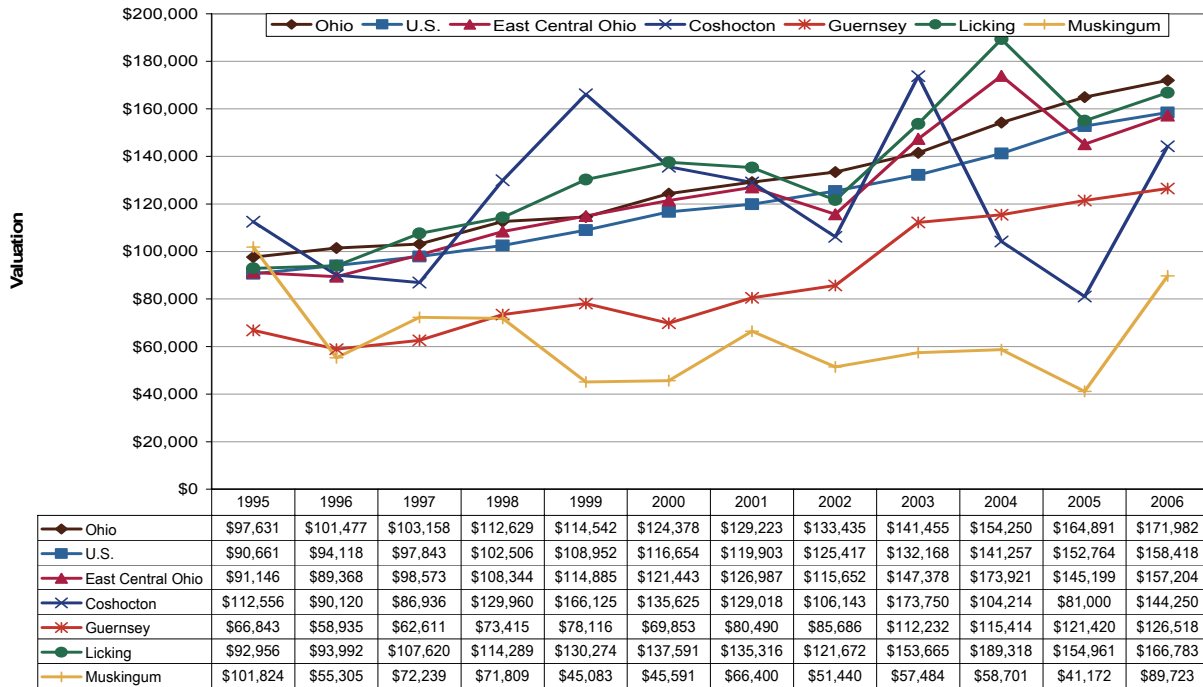
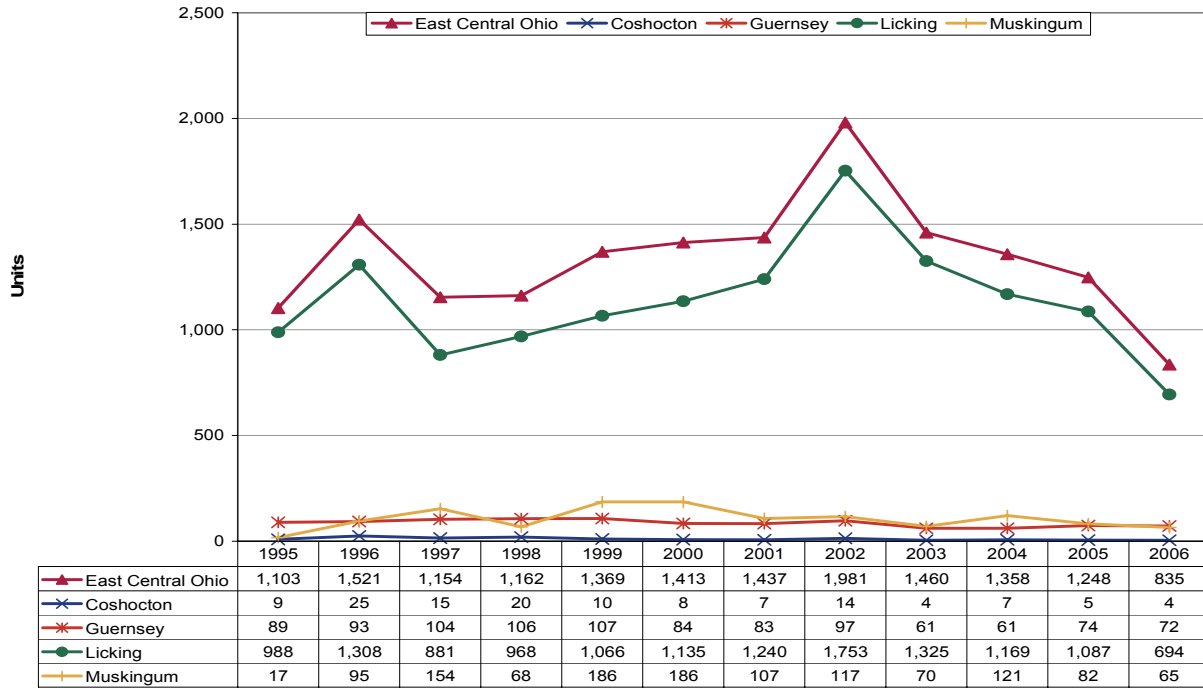
Unemployment rates in East Central Ohio have generally been higher than across Ohio and the United States. The area unemployment rate was 6.0 percent in 2006, compared with 5.5 percent in Ohio and 4.6 percent in the U.S. Licking County has had the lowest unemployment rates throughout this period—5.1 percent in 2006. Guernsey and Muskingum Counties generally had the highest rates. The Ohio and U.S. unemployment rates fell 0.7 and 1.4 percentage points from their peaks in 2003, respectively.

Per Capita Income



Per capita income rose at an annual compound rate of 3.7 percent between 1995 and 2005, faster than the state rate but not as fast as nationwide. Licking County, part of the Columbus metropolitan area, had the region's highest per capita income levels throughout this period, reaching \$30,509 by 2005. Urban areas tend to have higher income levels than rural areas, and Licking County is more urbanized than other counties in the area. Guernsey County had the area's fastest growth in per capita income: 4.0 percent from 1995 to 2005. State and national growth rates were 3.5 percent and 4.1 percent, respectively.

Residential Building Permits & Valuation



Licking County accounted for most of the total area residential permits in 2006, though the number has declined significantly from its peak in 2002. The number of statewide permits for new residential building construction has been declining since 2003. Licking and Coshocton Counties generally had the highest-valued units during the period of analysis.

Technical Notes

For a map of Ohio's Workforce Investment system, please visit <http://lmi.state.oh.us/maps/MapofOneStops.htm>.

All population figures are annual estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau, published on the Internet as of May 2007. Analysts at the Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information (LMI) summed county population to produce totals for local regions. Please visit <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php> for additional information.

Employment figures are from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and LMI, published on the Internet in 2007. 2006 figures are based on preliminary quarterly data posted on the Labor Market Info Classic site and subject to revision this fall. Please visit http://lmi.state.oh.us/cep/CEP_NAICS.htm#Publications for additional statistics.

All unemployment figures are annualized, non-seasonally adjusted estimates by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Section of LMI, published on the Internet as of May 2007. For additional statistics, please visit <http://lmi.state.oh.us/ASP/LAUS/vbLaus.htm>.

Per capita income figures for counties are in nominal dollars (not adjusted for inflation) and were published April 26, 2007 by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Analysts at LMI calculated income figures for WIAs. For more information, please visit <http://www.bea.gov/regional/index.htm#state>.

Construction data are reported by the U.S. Census Bureau and are available through the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research at http://www.odod.state.oh.us/research/Reports_in_population_and_housing-Housing_reports.htm#P6. Analysts at LMI calculated summary data for WIAs. Data are also available at <http://www.census.gov/const/www/permitsindex.html>.