

# Ohio Economic Profile

## Van Wert County

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## 1. Employment Percent by Industry

The table below shows how jobs are distributed throughout the county by industry. The higher the percentage, the more workers there are in the industry. Multiple years are shown to demonstrate how employment in the industries may have shifted over time. However, percent change across years does not necessarily indicate growth or decline in employment by industry.

### 1a. Employment Percent by Industry

Industry Name	Percent Annual Employment in Industry		
	2004	2010	2017
Manufacturing	28.8%	29.2%	28.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	14.8%	15.9%	14.8%
Retail Trade	11.3%	12.0%	9.8%
Educational Services	10.5%	9.1%	8.7%
Finance and Insurance	7.0%	7.1%	6.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	4.6%	5.3%	5.9%
Construction	3.3%	3.3%	4.6%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	4.5%	3.5%	3.6%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	2.1%	1.9%	3.5%
Wholesale Trade	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%
Public Administration	3.2%	3.3%	2.7%
Transportation and Warehousing	1.5%	1.9%	2.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	0.6%	0.7%	1.5%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1.8%	1.5%	1.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0.8%	0.7%	1.1%
Information	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Utilities	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	NA*	NA*	0.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	NA*	NA*	0.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, excludes federal government.

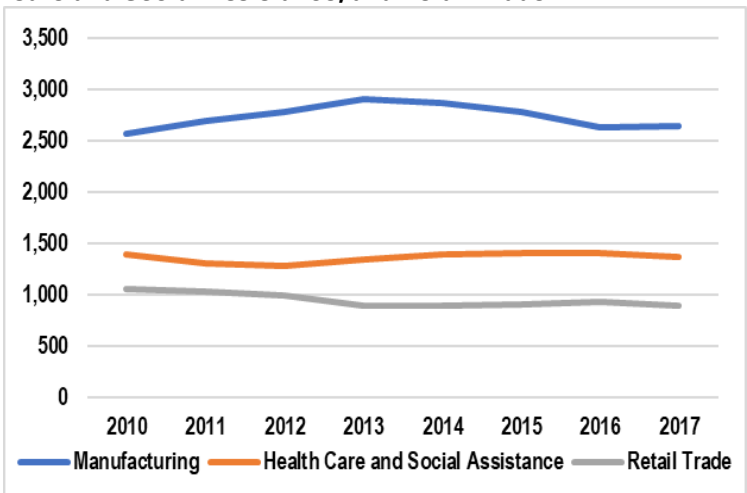
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## 2. Employment, Wage and Firm Size Trends

The next series of tables and graphs provide more information on the top 3 industry shares of county employment for the most recent year identified in the previous chart. Detailed information includes annual employment and wage trends for the three sectors. Employment and wage trends show fluctuations and indicate growth or decline over the years.

**2a. Employment Trends – Manufacturing, Health Care and Social Assistance, and Retail Trade**

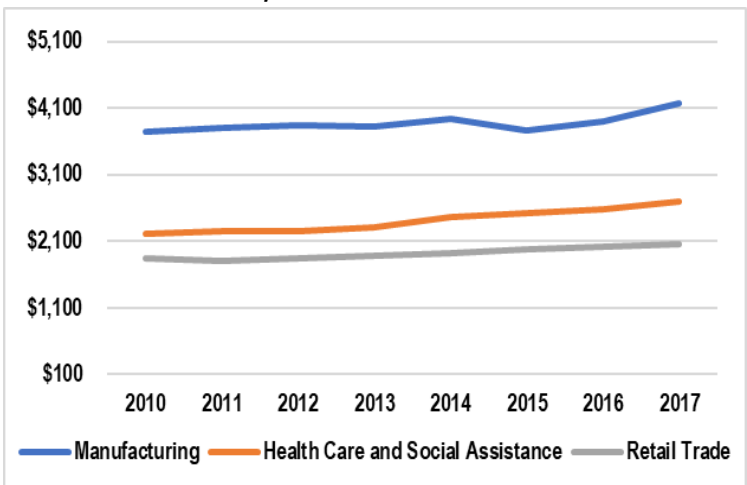
Year	Average Employment		
	Manufacturing	Health Care and Social Assistance	Retail Trade
2010	2,574	1,405	1,058
2011	2,696	1,317	1,037
2012	2,784	1,281	998
2013	2,908	1,344	902
2014	2,878	1,403	897
2015	2,780	1,417	918
2016	2,639	1,411	935
2017	2,649	1,373	902



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, excludes federal government.

**2b. Wage Trends – Manufacturing, Health Care and Social Assistance, and Retail Trade**

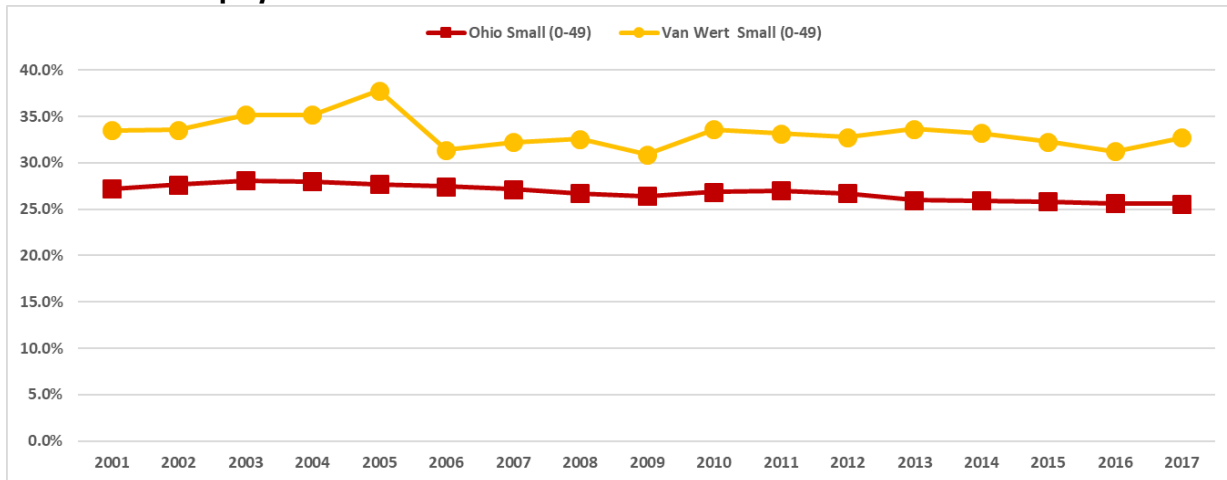
Year	Average Monthly Wage		
	Manufacturing	Health Care and Social Assistance	Retail Trade
2010	\$3,741	\$2,207	\$1,846
2011	\$3,811	\$2,248	\$1,804
2012	\$3,846	\$2,245	\$1,850
2013	\$3,825	\$2,320	\$1,884
2014	\$3,933	\$2,473	\$1,928
2015	\$3,761	\$2,529	\$1,982
2016	\$3,893	\$2,593	\$2,029
2017	\$4,168	\$2,701	\$2,055



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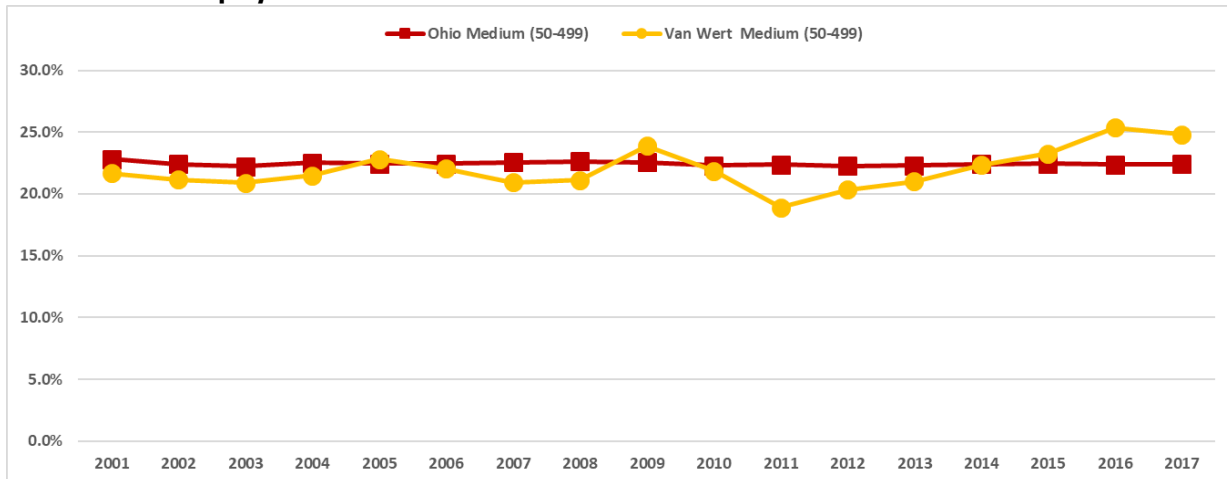
The following three charts compare the percentage of employment in firm size between the county and Ohio. Tables comparing firms with 0-49 employees (small firms), 50-499 employees (medium firms), and 500+ employees (large firms) are shown. When a large firm dominates an area, downturns in that industry will have a greater impact on a county than when employment is dispersed among many small or mid-size firms.

2c. Percent of Employment in Small Firms



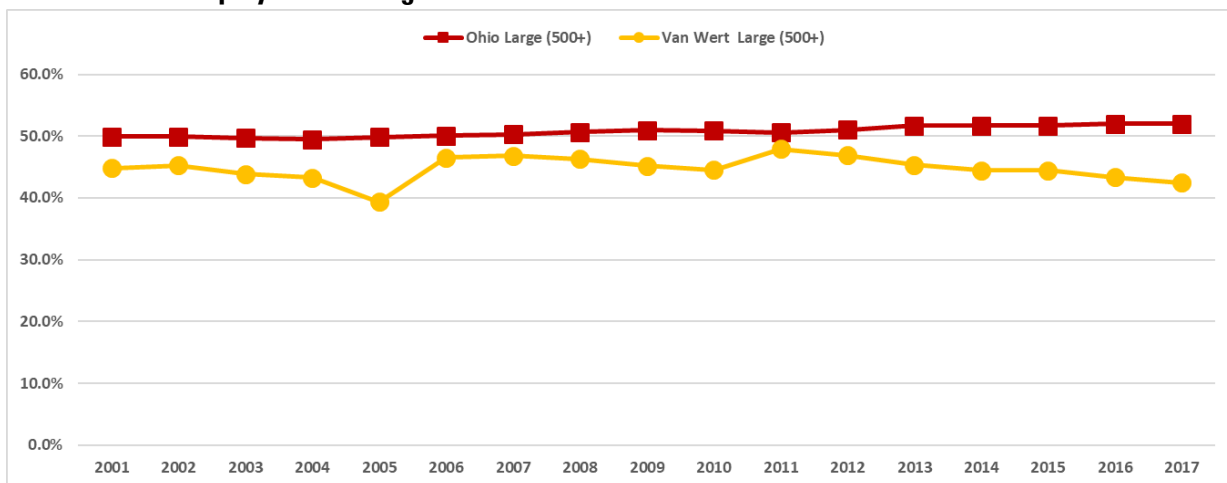
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, private ownership only.

2d. Percent of Employment in Medium Firms



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2e. Percent of Employment in Large Firms



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### 3. Online Job Postings

The following section provides a count of online job advertisements for the county. It is a snapshot of one aspect of the labor market and provides a look at labor demand by industry within the county.

#### 3a. Online Job Postings by Industry, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

Industry	Ads
Transportation and Warehousing	2,249
Retail Trade	268
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	219
Manufacturing	215
Accommodation and Food Services	130
Construction	118
Wholesale Trade	117
Other Services (except Public Administration)	107
Health Care and Social Assistance	91
Finance and Insurance	86
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	80
Information	49
Educational Services	25
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	24
Public Administration	18
Utilities	12
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,812</b>

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018. Job advertisements counted are those posted in OhioMeansJobs.com, Monster, Indeed, LinkedIn, Career Builder, online newspapers and many others.

\*Excludes job advertisements in unclassified establishments (NAICS 999999) and establishments for which industry was unavailable. **Note:** Recently, the HWOL Data Series has experienced a declining trend in the number of online job ads that may not reflect broader trends in the U.S. labor market.

#### 3b. Top Occupations with the Most Area Online Job Ads, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

Occupations	Ads
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	2,239
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	93
Cashiers	43
Services Offered	43
Retail Salespersons	41
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	39
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	34
Customer Service Representatives	33
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	27
Industrial Engineers	25

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018.

**3c. Top Employers with the Most Area Online Job Ads, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018**

Employer	Ads
U.S. Xpress	155
Celadon	137
Dart Transit	124
Roehl Transport, Inc.	120
Schneider National	112
TMC Transportation	84
USA Truck, Inc.	80
Eaton	80
K & B Transportation	73
MTB Inc.	63

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018.

**3d. Top Certifications for Online Job Ads, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018**

Certifications	Ads
Class A Commercial Driver's License	2,224
Commercial Driver's License	1,939
HAZMAT	354
Driver's License	305
DOT Medical card	123
Tanker and Hazmat Endorsement	122
Transportation Worker Identification Credential	72
Automobile Technician: Engine Repair	27
Occupational Safety & Health Administration Certification	24
International Federation of Technical Analysts	18

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018.

**3e. Top Skills for Online Job Ads, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018**

Skills	Ads
Freight+	1,633
Tractor-trailers	381
Flatbed trucks	130
Straight trucks	89
Power management system	85
Microsoft Office	78
Integrated Decision Support Corporation Expert Fuel	54
Tractor-trailer trucks	45
Preventive maintenance	42
English speaker	39

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine® (HWOL), 2018.

#### 4. Industry Turnover Rates

The following table looks at industry turnover rates for Ohio and by county. Turnover rates are calculated from stable employment (employment that lasted one calendar quarter with the same employer) and are an indicator of job churn. Industries with high churn will have more openings to replace workers than industries with low churn. It should be noted that this calculation does not include short-term employment that lasts less than a full quarter.

##### 4a. Industry Turnover Rates, Statewide and County

Industry	Ohio				Van Wert County			
	2016Q4	2017Q1	2017Q2	2017Q3	2016Q4	2017Q1	2017Q2	2017Q3
All NAICS Sectors	8.4%	8.3%	8.2%	9.4%	8.5%	7.5%	8.7%	8.5%
Manufacturing	5.2%	5.1%	5.1%	5.5%	3.7%	3.7%	4.1%	5.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	7.9%	7.3%	7.8%	8.5%	8.5%	8.1%	14.3%	7.8%
Retail Trade	10.6%	11.0%	9.9%	10.3%	10.4%	9.2%	10.0%	10.5%
Educational Services	5.8%	7.3%	5.0%	4.1%	6.0%	7.5%	4.9%	2.6%
Finance and Insurance	5.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	3.2%	2.4%	3.2%	3.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	16.0%	16.2%	16.5%	17.3%	19.1%	18.3%	19.9%	16.8%
Construction	8.5%	7.6%	9.3%	16.3%	17.4%	6.9%	7.8%	10.8%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	8.6%	8.4%	8.8%	9.3%	7.9%	7.6%	9.8%	9.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	18.3%	16.5%	16.6%	20.1%	29.9%	26.5%	25.0%	27.6%
Wholesale Trade	5.9%	5.7%	6.0%	6.4%	6.4%	5.0%	6.1%	7.8%
Public Administration	3.8%	3.5%	3.7%	5.1%	6.2%	4.6%	2.9%	8.7%
Transportation and Warehousing	8.0%	7.8%	7.4%	8.6%	10.3%	7.2%	4.2%	12.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	8.1%	8.3%	11.2%	19.0%	12.4%	12.6%	11.7%	10.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	6.9%	7.5%	7.1%	7.4%	5.7%	5.9%	11.3%	4.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9.7%	10.3%	11.1%	24.9%	10.8%	12.1%	8.6%	30.4%
Information	6.4%	5.9%	6.3%	7.3%	9.7%	8.5%	9.4%	16.2%
Utilities	2.8%	3.2%	2.8%	3.3%	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	8.2%	8.0%	8.2%	10.1%	NA*	10.5%	NA*	NA*
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	9.0%	8.9%	8.5%	11.6%	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.6%	5.2%	6.1%	6.1%	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, All ownerships, except federal government.

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## 5. High School Enrollment

The table below shows annual enrollment trends for high school seniors for public, private and charter schools by fiscal year, where FY 18 represents the school year 2017-2018. Enrollment is the count of students in October of the school year. School enrollment is important as it has implications for the workforce as well as the county's capacity to accommodate its students. Enrollment changes can be affected by boundary changes or redistricting. Also presented in the table is information regarding the number of OhioMeansJobs.com K-12 accounts that migrated to regular OMJ accounts.

### 5a. Number of High School Seniors

Fiscal Year	Number of 12th Graders*				OMJ K-12 Accts Migrate to Regular Acct***
	Public	Private	Charter	Total**	
2014	339	0	14	353	
2015	281	0	13	293	52
2016	250	0	11	261	317
2017	268	0	13	281	300
2018	282	0	-	282	365

\*Source: Ohio Department of Education. All data that represents <10 students is masked to ensure student privacy.

\*\*Does not include <10 estimate.

\*\*\*Source: Monster Government Solutions, K-12 data accessed December 2015, December 2017 and July 2018.

## 6. Local Area Talent Report

The next set of tables highlight resumes or talent in the local area. This data provides useful information on the workforce in the local area and presents a snapshot of skills and educational levels. The local reports are created using the Monster.com Talent Dashboard tool and are based on activity or logging into OhioMeansJobs.com or Monster.com in the previous three years. The workforce skills table is organized in ascending order and starts with the skill reported least often and ends with the most reported skill.

### Resume Snapshot (April 2019)

There were 1.6 million total resumes in OhioMeansJobs.com of Ohioans and others willing to relocate to Ohio. Resume counts for the county, veterans, and restored citizens are shown below. Note: resumes for restored citizens are for individuals incarcerated in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction who had an active resume and a release date in 2019.

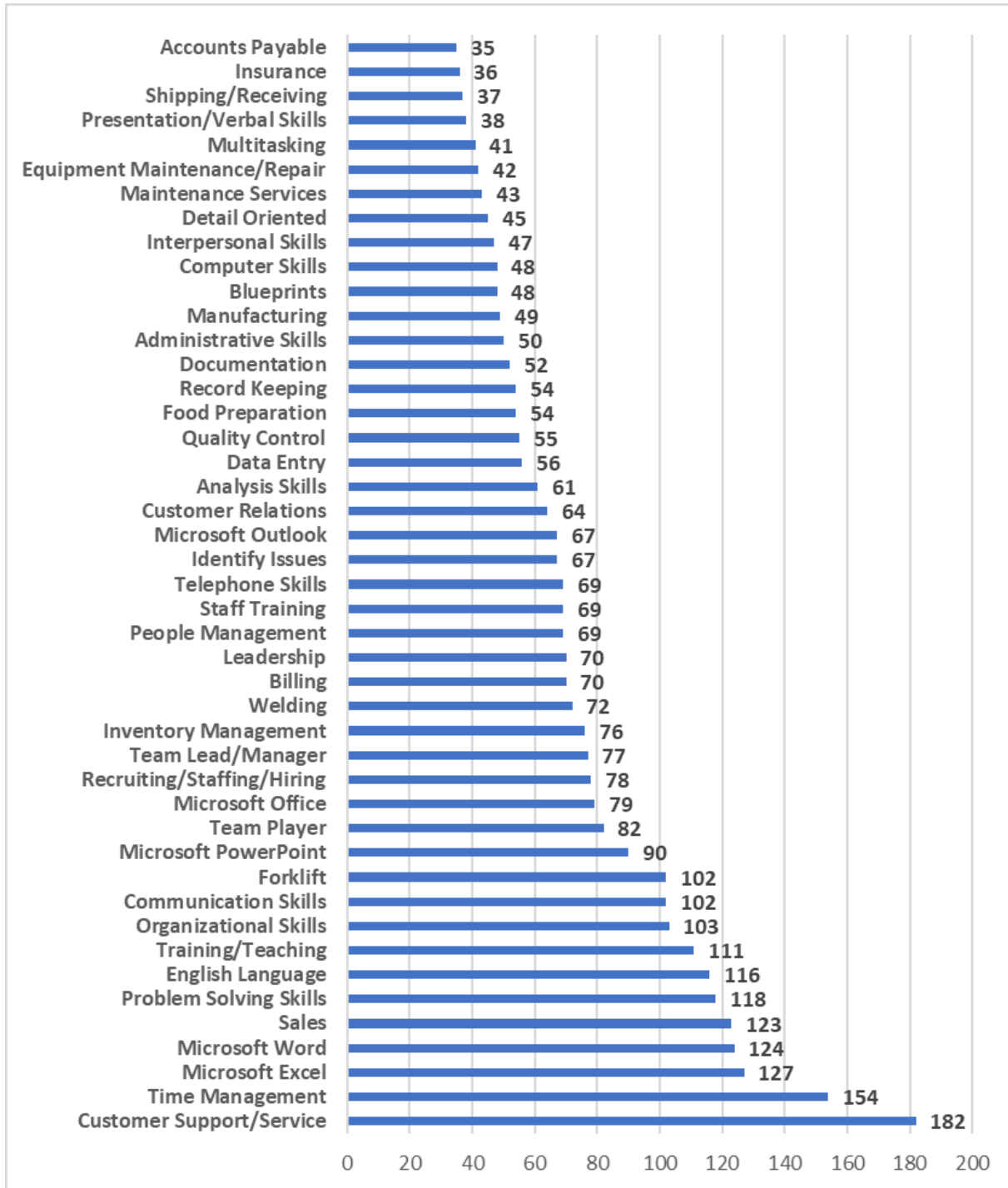
County	Total Resumes	Total Veteran Resumes	Total Restored Citizen Resumes*
Van Wert	1,420	99	0

Source: Monster.com and Monster Government Solutions.

\*County was determined based on home/returning address provided by incarcerated individuals.

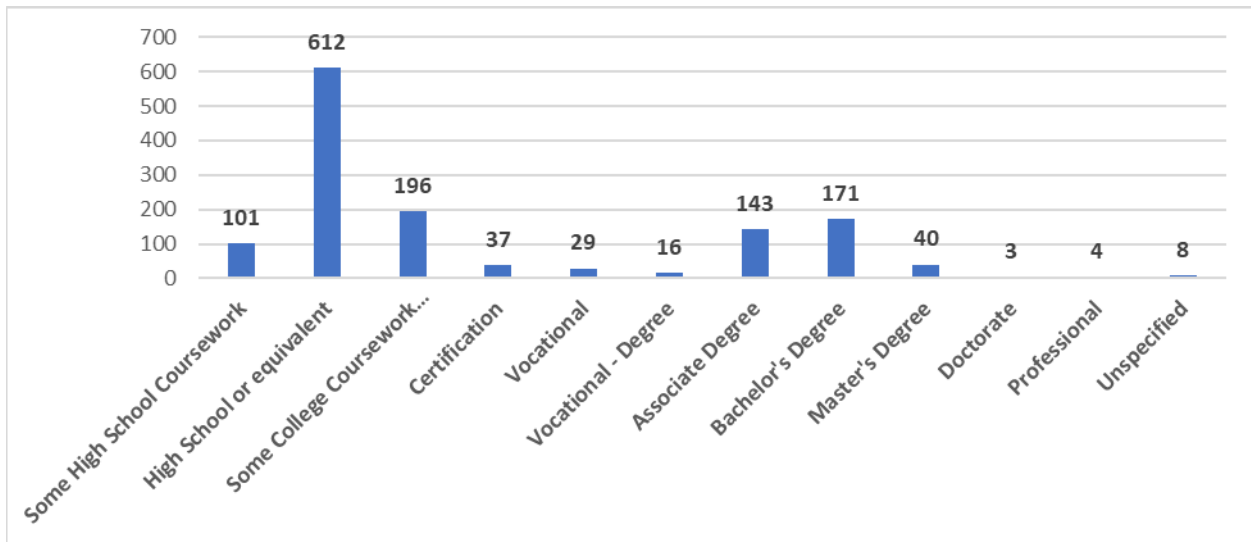


6a. Number of Resumes with Top 45 Workforce Skills



Source: Monster.com, April 2019.

**6b. Educational Level**



Source: Monster.com, April 2019. See "Quick Guide to Understanding the County Economic Health Reports" for description of educational categories.

**7. Educational Attainment**

The following table shows the distribution of educational attainment by age group for county residents. Educational attainment refers to the highest level of education completed.

**7a. Educational Attainment by Age Group**

Age Categories	Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma	High school graduate (includes equivalency)	Some college, no degree	Associate degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or professional degree	Total
18 to 24 years	1	397	834	699	166	164	2	2,263
25 to 34 years	54	166	942	878	334	570	142	3,086
35 to 44 years	41	162	1,441	647	520	391	163	3,365
45 to 64 years	38	418	3,972	1,160	1,037	686	545	7,856
65 years+	189	470	2,793	813	105	352	324	5,046

Source: American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, 2013-2017.

**8. Veteran Employment at the Local Level**

The following table represents a snapshot of veteran and nonveteran labor force population (i.e., estimate of the employed and those looking for work); the labor force participation rate (i.e., percent of the total population participating in the labor force); and the unemployment rate (i.e., percent of the labor force that is unemployed). Veterans are those who have ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard.

**8a. County Veteran and Nonveteran Employment Estimates**

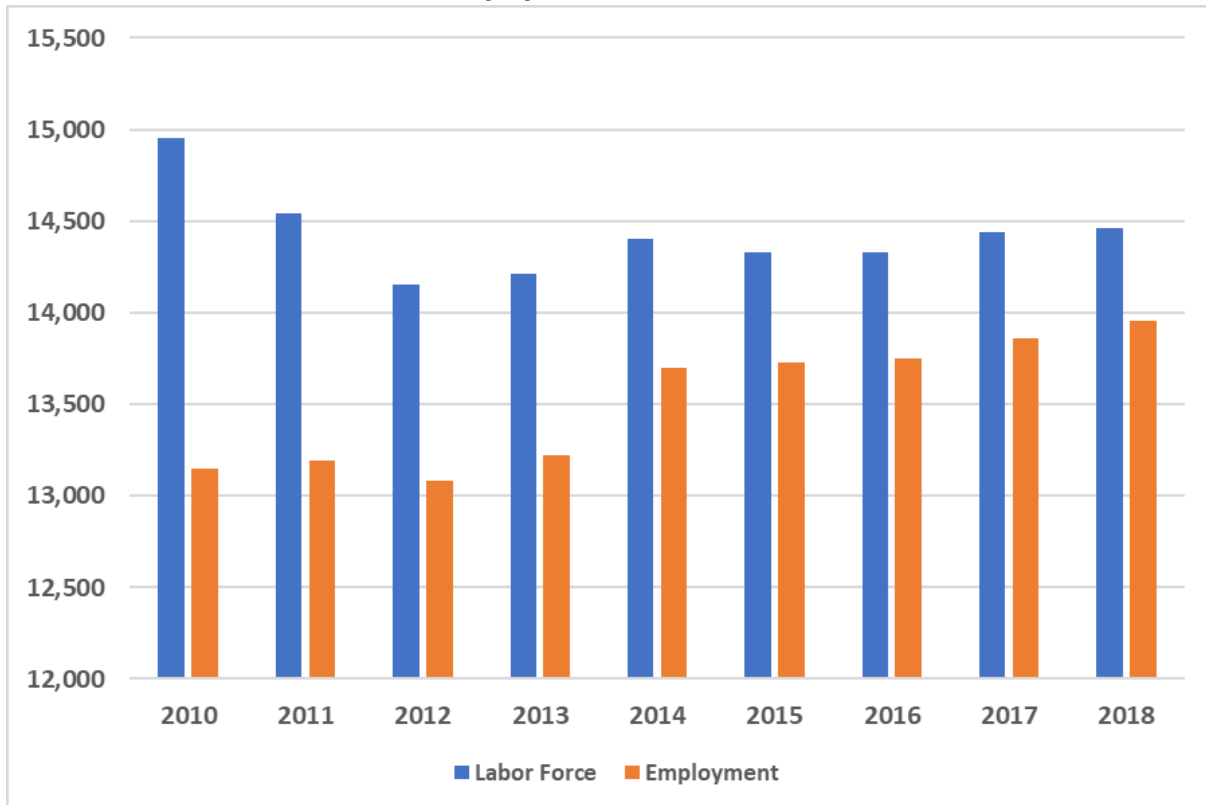
	<b>Nonveterans</b>	<b>Veterans</b>
Labor Force Population	12,417	835
Labor Force Participation Rate	79.7%	85.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	2.0%

Source: American Community Survey, 18-64-year-olds, 5-year estimates, 2013-2017.

**9. Civilian Labor Force and Commuting Patterns**

The next set of tables look at the civilian labor force and commuting patterns of workers in the county. The civilian labor force is the sum of the employed and unemployed. It is based on civilians 16 years of age and over who are working or seeking work. It excludes military personnel, persons in institutions, those studying or keeping house full-time, retirees, and volunteer workers. This is the available workforce, and used in conjunction with commuting patterns data, one can see where workers in the county live and work. Commuting information is based on all jobs held. Commuting trends data are also presented to see inflow and outflow trends of workers, including the top work counties for out-commuters and top home counties for in-commuters.

**9a. Civilian Labor Force and Number Employed**



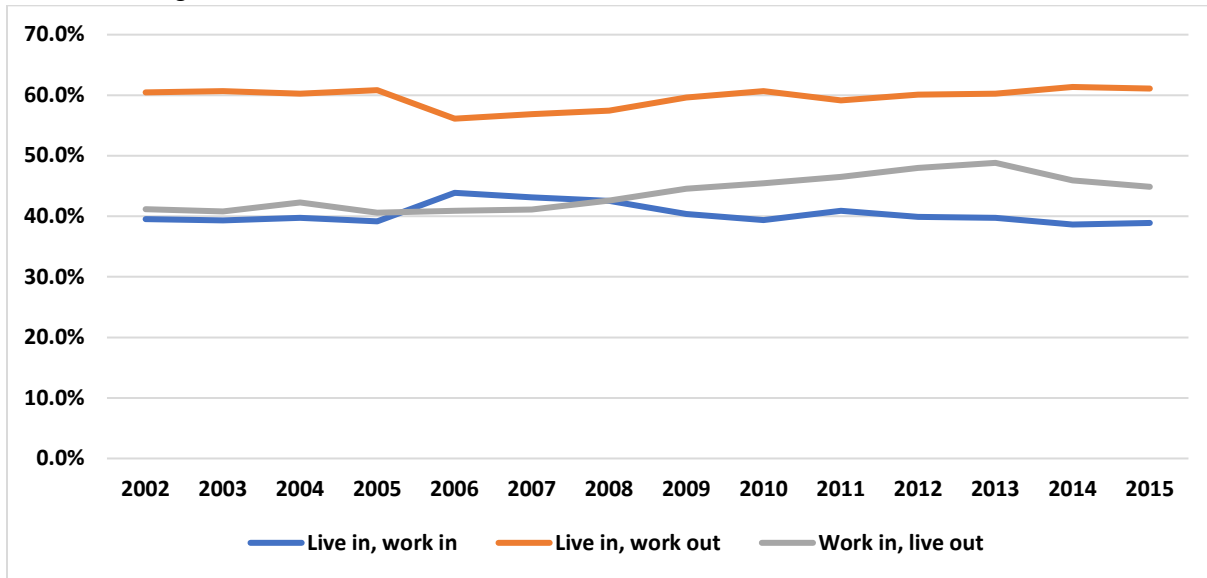
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

**9b. Commuting Patterns, 2005 – 2015**

	2005	2010	2015
# of workers who live and are employed here	5,744	5,187	5,714
# of workers who live here, but work in another county	8,925	7,995	8,977
# of workers who work here, but live in another county	3,925	4,326	4,655

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap. Includes all jobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter only.

**9c. Commuting Trends**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap. Includes all jobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter only.

**9d. Commuting Trends for Out-Commuters – Live in County, but Work in Another County, 2015**

Top Work Counties for Out-Commuters	
Allen County OH	2,092
Allen County IN	961
Mercer County OH	919
Adams County IN	550
Putnam County OH	526
Paulding County OH	336
Auglaize County OH	284
Franklin County OH	249
Hancock County OH	244
Lucas County OH	200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap. Includes all jobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter only.

**9e. Commuting Trends for In-Commuters – Work in County, but Live in Another County, 2015**

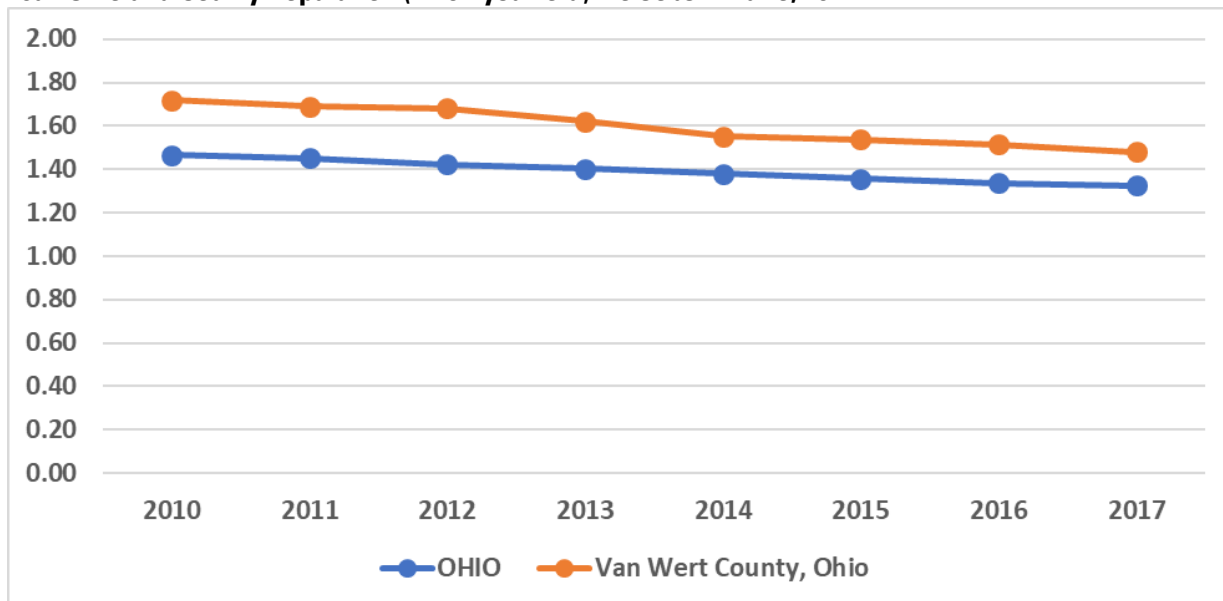
Top Home Counties for In-Commuters	
Allen County OH	1,011
Mercer County OH	591
Putnam County OH	525
Paulding County OH	503
Allen County IN	166
Auglaize County OH	165
Adams County IN	131
Lucas County OH	119
Hancock County OH	71
Cuyahoga County OH	61

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap. Includes all jobs, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter only.

**10. Area Population to Jobs**

The graph below and map on the next page look at the population to jobs ratio. The prime working-age population consists of those ages 18 to 64. However, not everyone in the working-age population is employed – they may be going to school, caring for children or others, or retired. As the population-to-jobs ratio increases, there are more workers living in the county than there are jobs, meaning there will be more competition for jobs in that county. Workers in high-ratio counties may be more likely to commute to other counties for work. A lower population-to-jobs ratio would indicate the county could have a higher ratio of in-commuters. This will be rare, but a population-to-jobs ratio less than one would indicate there are more jobs than workers. The graph below compares the county population to jobs ratio to the statewide ratio. The map shows population to jobs ratio for all counties.

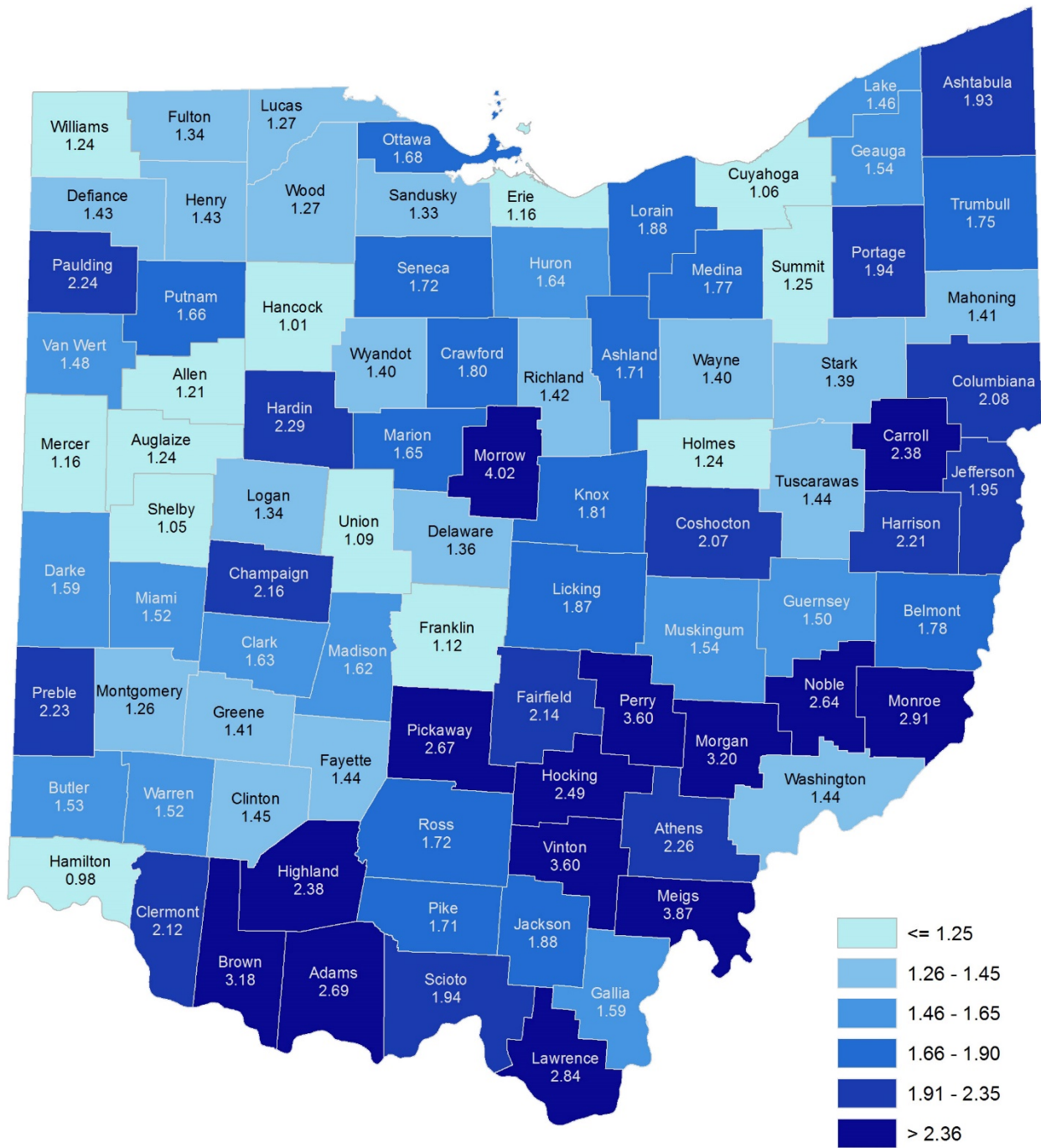
**10a. Ohio and County Population (18-64-year-old)\* to Jobs\*\* Ratio, 2017**



\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

\*\*Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

10b. Ohio County Population\* (18-64-year-old) to Jobs\*\* Ratio Map, 2017



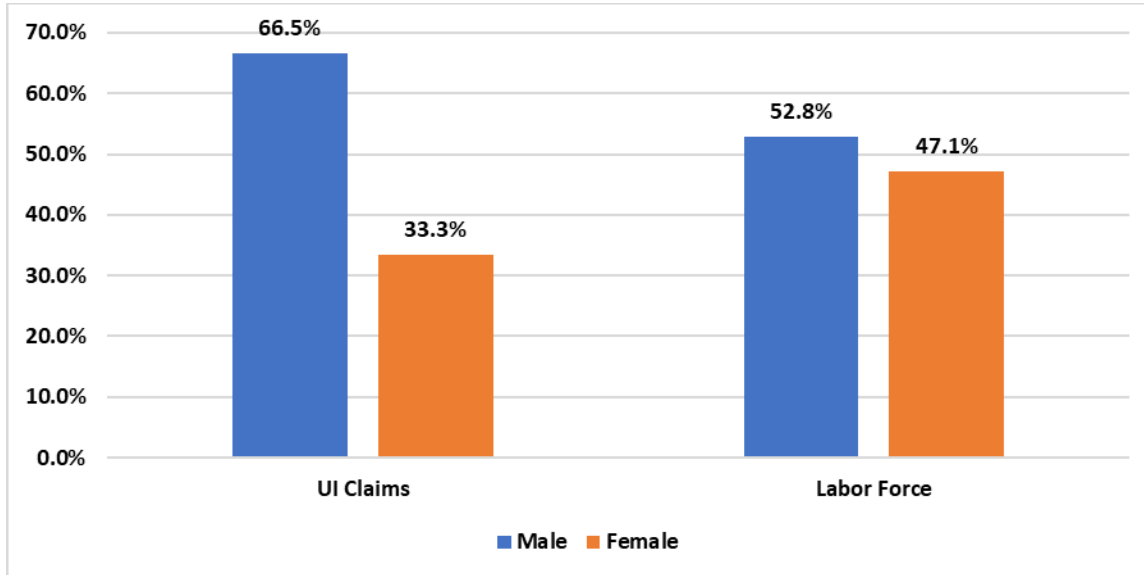
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**11. Profile of UI Claims**

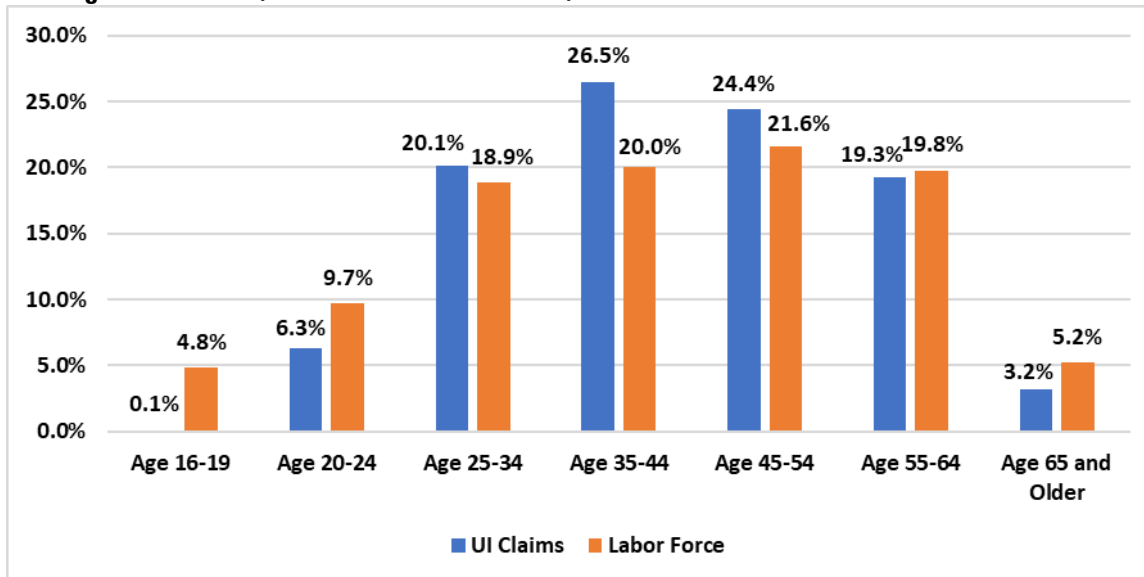
The next set of charts compares demographic characteristics of unemployment insurance claimants and people in the labor force for the county. These graphs can show if some segments of the labor force are filing higher proportions of claims. However, certain industries with seasonal work patterns and/or typical shut down periods, such as construction and manufacturing will have higher proportion of men than women. Differences between the labor force and UI claimants can be used to target intervention and training programs.

**11a. Gender, UI Claims vs Labor Force, 2018**



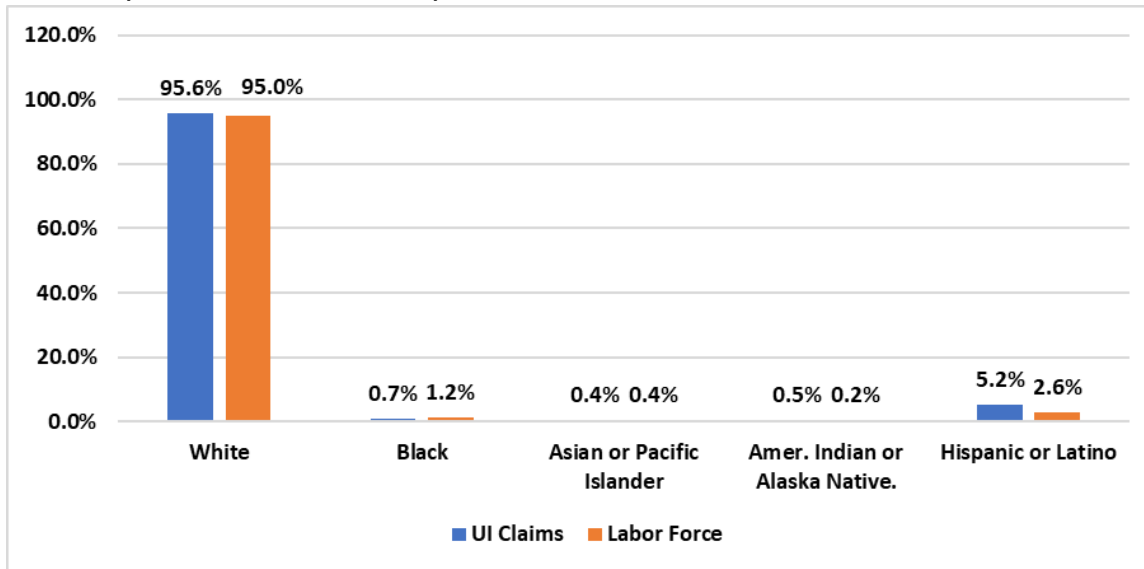
Source: Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information.

**11b. Age Distribution, UI Claims vs Labor Force, 2018**



Source: Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information.

11c. Race, UI Claims vs Labor Force, 2018



Source: Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information.

11d. UI Claims by Industry, 2018



Source: Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information.

\*Unclassified/Not Coded industries coded as NAICS '999999' or claims with an unspecified employer.



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