December 2024 Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, preliminary December 2024 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.8% in Medina and Mercer counties to a high of 7.9% in Monroe County. From November, unemployment rates increased in 78 counties, decreased in seven counties, and did not change in three counties. The comparable December unemployment rate for Ohio was 4.2%. (See table on next page.)

Seven counties had unemployment rates below 3.5% in December. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Medina and Mercer, were: Holmes, 2.9%; Geauga, 3.1%; Lake, 3.2%; Auglaize 3.3%; and Wyandot, 3.4%.

Five counties had unemployment rates above 6.5% in December. The counties with the highest rates, other than Monroe, were: Ottawa, 7.5%; Meigs, 6.8%; Noble, 6.7%; and Adams, 6.6%.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2023 benchmark and geared to county of residence. Unemployment rates for all Ohio counties as well as cities with populations of 25,000 or more are presented in the monthly ODJFS *Civilian Labor Force Estimates* publication. For updated statewide historical data, visit https://ohiolmi.com/DataSearch, or contact the Bureau of Labor Market Information at (614) 752-9494.

January 2024 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, March 7, 2025. Unemployment rates for counties, cities, and metropolitan areas will be available on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Ranking Report
Ohio Unemployment Rates by County
December 2024

Rank [a]	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank [a]	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Monroe County	7.9	45	Hardin County	4.5
2	Ottawa County	7.5	46	Harrison County	4.4
3	Meigs County	6.8	47	Marion County	4.4
4	Noble County	6.7	48	Portage County	4.4
5	Adams County	6.6	49	Allen County	4.3
6	Huron County	6.2	50	Pickaway County	4.3
7	Morgan County	6.2	51	Williams County	4.3
8	Pike County	6.2	52	Defiance County	4.2
9	Scioto County	6.1	53	Morrow County	4.2
10	Jackson County	5.9	54	Paulding County	4.2
11	Jefferson County	5.8	55	Tuscarawas County	4.2
12	Vinton County	5.8	56	Wood County	4.2
13	Lucas County	5.7	57	Fairfield County	4.1
14	Ashtabula County	5.6	58	Darke County	4.0
15	Erie County	5.6	59	Fayette County	4.0
16	Gallia County	5.6	60	Franklin County	4.0
17	Perry County	5.6	61	Hamilton County	4.0
18	Athens County	5.5	62	Miami County	4.0
19	Guernsey County	5.5	63	Shelby County	4.0
20	Henry County	5.5	64	Butler County	3.9
21	Trumbull County	5.5	65	Clermont County	3.9
22	Crawford County	5.4	66	Greene County	3.9
23	Highland County	5.4	67	Knox County	3.9
24	Mahoning County	5.2	68	Logan County	3.9
25	Brown County	5.1	69	Champaign County	3.8
26	Richland County	5.1	70	Licking County	3.8
27	Belmont County	5.0	71	Preble County	3.8
28	Coshocton County	5.0	72	Warren County	3.7
29	Washington County	5.0	73	Hancock County	3.6
30	Lawrence County	4.9	74	Madison County	3.6
31	Columbiana County	4.8	75	Cuyahoga County	3.5
32	Fulton County	4.8	76	Delaware County	3.5
33	Hocking County	4.8	77	Lorain County	3.5
34	Muskingum County	4.8	78	Putnam County	3.5
35	Ashland County	4.7	79	Union County	3.5
36	Carroll County	4.7	80	Van Wert County	3.5
37	Clinton County	4.7	81	Wayne County	3.5
38	Montgomery County	4.7	82	Wyandot County	3.4
39	Sandusky County	4.7	83	Auglaize County	3.3
40	Summit County	4.7	84	Lake County	3.2
41	Ross County	4.6	85	Geauga County	3.1
42	Seneca County	4.6	86	Holmes County	2.9
43	Stark County	4.6	87	Medina County	2.8
44	Clark County	4.5	88	Mercer County	2.8

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[a] Rankings are based upon unrounded unemployment rates.