



# Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Annual 2015

**Summary** - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law averaged 5.18 million during 2015 – up 1.4 percent from one year ago. Seventeen private industrial sectors experienced employment increases. Increases in total employment ranged from 5.4 percent in Utilities to 0.8 percent in Retail trade.

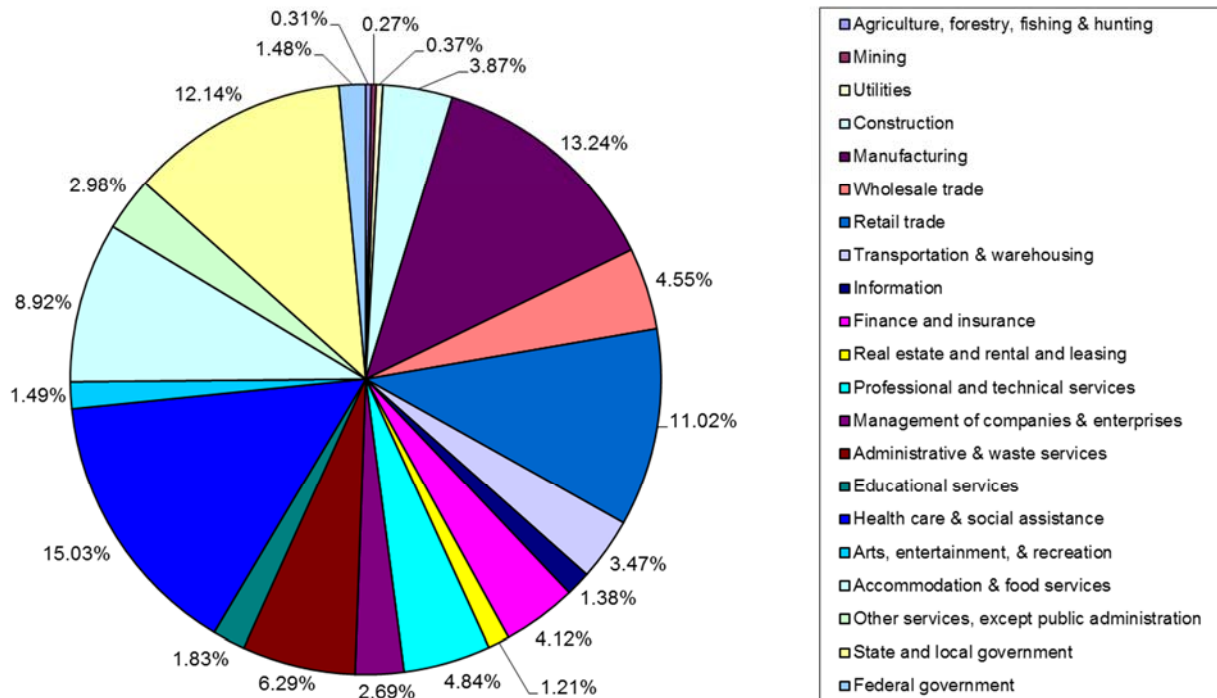
Mining and Information experienced the only employment declines, down 4.6 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively. State & local government employment was unchanged from the previous year and Federal employment increased by 0.8 percent since 2014.

The 2015 annual payroll of \$242.2 billion was an increase of 4.0 percent since 2014. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases. Increases in total wages ranged from 9.5 in Utilities to 1.9 in Information. Only two sectors experienced a payroll decline. Mining was down 7.1 percent and Management of companies & enterprises decreased by 1.2 percent since last year. During this same period, State & local government wages increased by 3.1 percent and Federal government wages increased 3.2 percent.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment 2015	Wages (in thousands) 2015	Percent Change 2014 to 2015	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,181,540</b>	<b>\$242,199,735</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	15,919	513,534	4.1	7.0
Mining	13,799	944,704	-4.6	-7.1
Utilities	19,200	1,788,587	5.4	9.5
Construction	200,338	11,196,177	2.4	6.0
Manufacturing	685,975	39,916,641	1.7	3.0
Wholesale trade	235,680	15,706,373	1.5	4.5
Retail trade	571,003	15,379,879	0.8	3.9
Transportation & warehousing	179,903	8,455,448	5.4	7.9
Information	71,605	4,644,402	-1.4	1.9
Finance and insurance	213,346	15,394,917	1.8	5.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	62,501	2,784,906	2.3	6.1
Professional and technical services	250,695	17,851,072	0.9	4.1
Management of companies & enterprises	139,262	14,365,017	0.9	-1.2
Administrative & waste services	325,871	10,751,235	1.0	5.0
Educational services	94,793	3,315,328	1.9	3.1
Health care & social assistance	778,907	34,792,308	1.7	5.0
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	77,098	2,448,012	2.5	5.1
Accommodation & food services	462,084	7,183,078	2.4	6.9
Other services, except public administration	154,305	4,622,671	0.9	4.9
State and local government	629,258	30,145,448	0.0	3.1
Federal government	76,431	5,693,868	0.8	3.2

The following chart represents the distribution of Ohio’s employment by industrial sector. Health care & social assistance employs the largest number of workers with 15 percent of the state’s workforce. Manufacturing, State and local government and Retail trade each employ more than 11 percent of Ohio’s workers.

**2015 Average Annual Employment by Industrial Sector**



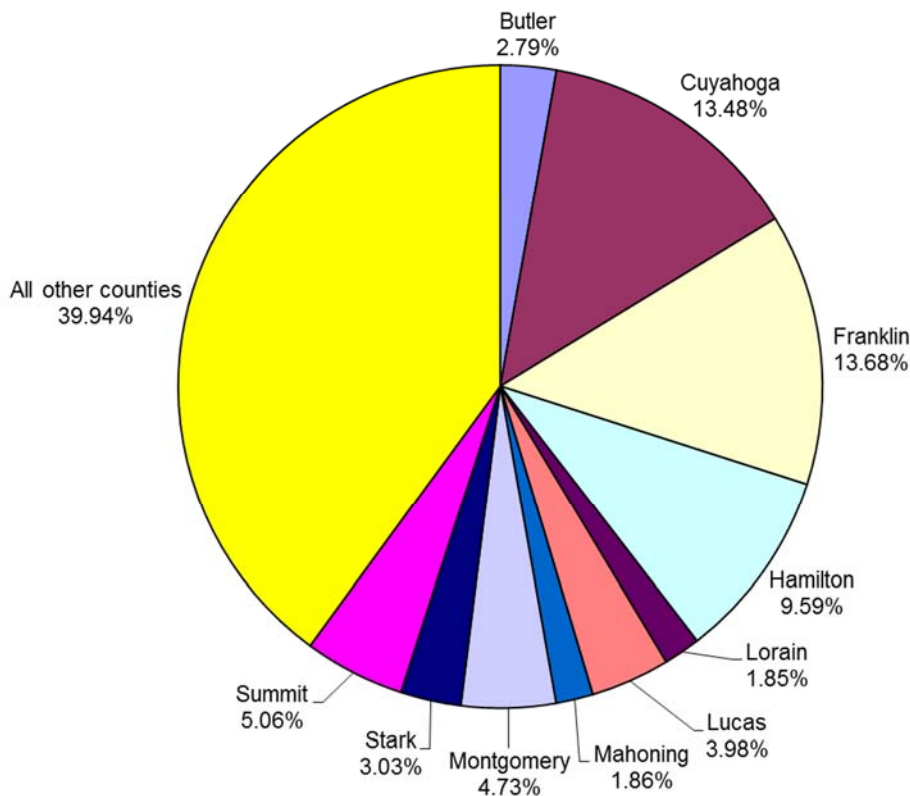
Eight of Ohio’s ten largest counties experienced employment increases since 2014. Increases ranged from 2.3 percent in Franklin County to 0.8 percent in Cuyahoga County. Mahoning and Stark Counties declined 0.3 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, from one year ago.

Each of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases in 2015. Payroll gains ranged from 6.5 percent in Butler County to 0.8 percent in Stark County.

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Butler	144,679	6,676,654	1.6	6.5
Cuyahoga	698,291	37,019,784	0.8	3.1
Franklin	708,993	37,205,128	2.3	6.2
Hamilton	497,017	27,890,665	1.3	1.5
Lorain	95,689	3,889,949	1.0	1.6
Lucas	206,019	9,318,173	1.6	4.1
Mahoning	96,549	3,537,929	-0.3	2.5
Montgomery	245,183	10,895,321	1.4	4.2
Stark	157,097	6,184,877	-0.2	0.8
Summit	262,295	12,306,202	1.6	4.6
All other counties	2,069,728	87,275,053	1.6	4.4

The chart that follows presents the percentage of Ohio covered employment in each of the ten largest counties and all other counties combined. Ten of Ohio's 88 counties account for more than 60 percent of the state's covered employment.

**2015 Average Annual Employment - Ten Largest Counties**



**Comparability with Other Data.** This annual data may not compare with the monthly data published in the *Labor Market Review*. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data are tabulated from reports of employment covered by Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law. The monthly data presented in the *Labor Market Review* are from a sample survey of employers and represent estimates of total employment in the nonagricultural wage and salary sectors.

**Further Data.** These data were compiled from quarterly reports for more than 290,800 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form by industrial sector and county. They present average annual employment tabulations and total annual payroll figures for each county in Ohio. Data for earlier periods or years and definitions of covered employment and payroll concepts are available upon request.

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