



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Annual 2017

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law averaged 5.29 million during 2017 – up 0.8 percent from one year ago. Fourteen private industrial sectors experienced employment increases. Increases in total employment ranged from 5.4 percent in Construction to 0.1 percent in both Manufacturing and Retail trade.

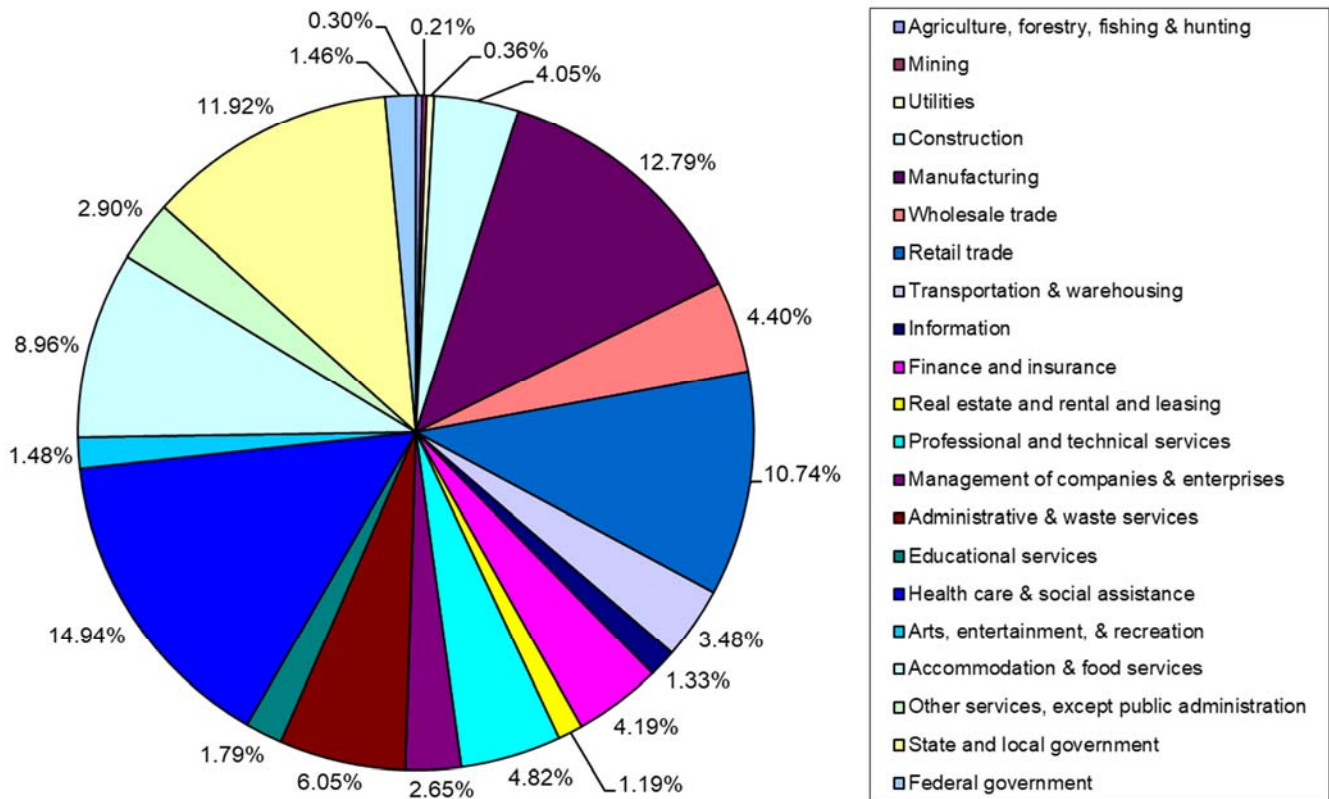
The largest decrease, down 1.0 percent since 2016, was experienced by Administrative & waste services. The following sectors also experienced employment declines: Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting, Utilities, Information, and Other services, except public administration. State & local government employment increased 0.6 percent from the previous year and Federal employment increased by 1.1 percent since 2016.

The 2017 annual payroll of \$257.8 billion was an increase of 3.9 percent since 2016. All nineteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases. Increases in total wages ranged from 12.4 percent in Construction to 1.7 percent in Educational services. During this same period, State & local government wages increased by 3.5 percent and Federal government wages increased 3.0 percent.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment 2017	Wages (in thousands) 2017	Percent Change 2016 to 2017	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,286,297	\$257,754,883	0.8	3.9
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	16,350	548,031	-0.3	2.9
Mining	11,153	795,504	0.7	4.5
Utilities	19,115	1,852,380	-0.8	3.3
Construction	217,025	13,201,791	5.4	12.4
Manufacturing	685,942	41,158,070	0.1	2.2
Wholesale trade	236,021	16,304,332	0.3	3.6
Retail trade	576,420	16,052,174	0.1	2.8
Transportation & warehousing	186,606	9,127,785	1.3	4.5
Information	71,562	4,859,885	-0.2	2.4
Finance and insurance	224,743	17,193,341	2.5	7.1
Real estate and rental and leasing	63,872	3,000,198	1.1	4.3
Professional and technical services	258,311	18,996,605	0.5	1.9
Management of companies & enterprises	141,947	15,152,740	2.6	3.6
Administrative & waste services	324,490	11,107,307	-1.0	3.4
Educational services	95,767	3,433,186	0.5	1.7
Health care & social assistance	801,476	37,224,591	1.0	3.7
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	79,413	2,708,463	1.7	7.4
Accommodation & food services	480,843	7,855,502	1.6	4.2
Other services, except public administration	155,718	5,153,523	-0.5	6.3
State and local government	639,524	32,029,475	0.6	3.5
Federal government	78,329	5,934,136	1.1	3.0

The following chart represents the distribution of Ohio’s employment by industrial sector. Health care & social assistance employs the largest number of workers with nearly 15 percent of the state’s workforce. Manufacturing, State and local government, and Retail trade each employ more than 10 percent of Ohio’s workers.

2017 Average Annual Employment by Industrial Sector



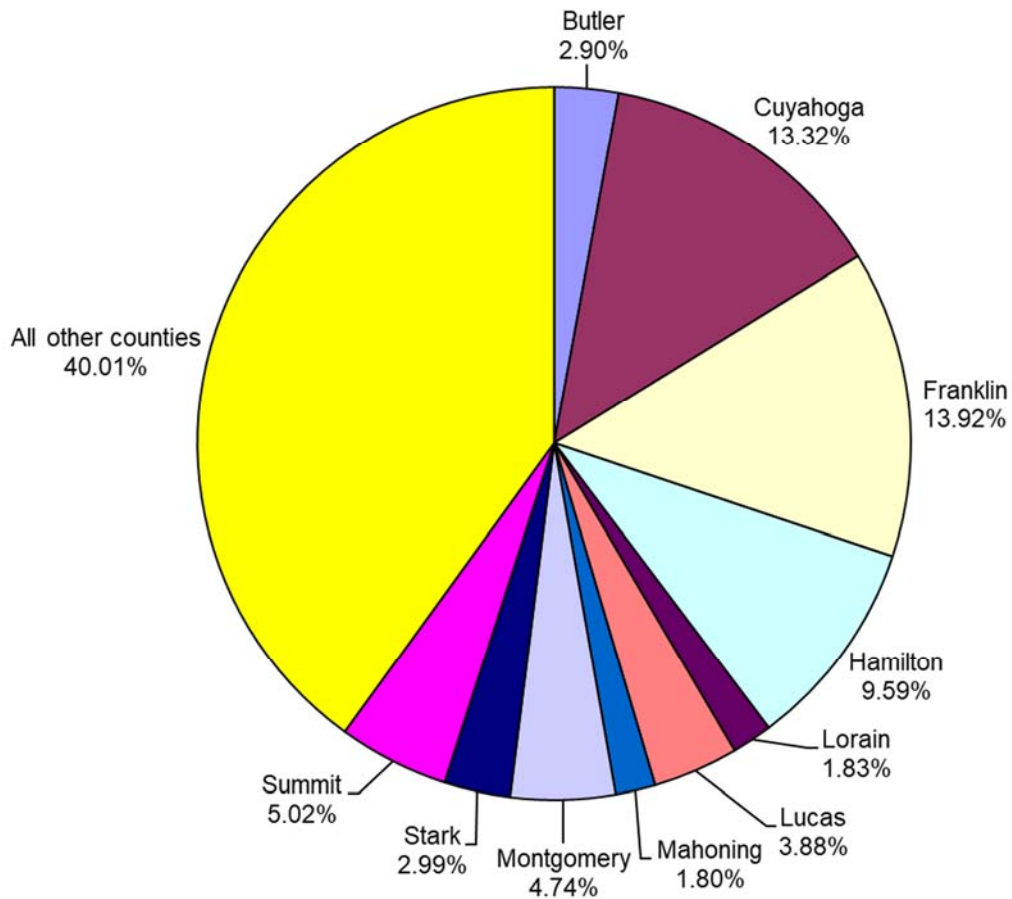
Eight of Ohio’s ten largest counties experienced employment increases since 2016. Increases ranged from 2.4 percent in Butler County to 0.1 percent in Cuyahoga County. Lucas and Mahoning Counties declined 1.5 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively, from one year ago.

Each of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases in 2017. Payroll gains ranged from 5.8 percent in Butler County to 0.2 percent in Lucas County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,286,297	\$257,754,883	0.8	3.9
Butler	153,372	7,414,167	2.4	5.8
Cuyahoga	703,893	38,974,509	0.1	3.6
Franklin	735,885	39,973,026	1.4	4.3
Hamilton	506,795	29,650,787	1.2	3.7
Lorain	96,971	4,004,696	0.9	2.4
Lucas	204,847	9,565,292	-1.5	0.2
Mahoning	95,369	3,634,925	-1.1	2.6
Montgomery	250,430	11,444,655	0.8	3.1
Stark	158,313	6,450,797	0.7	4.7
Summit	265,228	12,743,390	0.2	1.3
All other counties	2,115,194	93,898,639	1.1	4.8

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 nearly 60 percent of the state's covered employment.

2017 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 296,000 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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