



# Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Annual 2021

**Summary** - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law averaged 5.17 million during 2021 – up 2.5 percent from one year ago. Fifteen industrial sectors experienced employment gains since 2020. Increases in employment ranged from 16.4 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 1.5 percent in Wholesale Trade. The Health Care & Social Assistance sector was essentially unchanged.

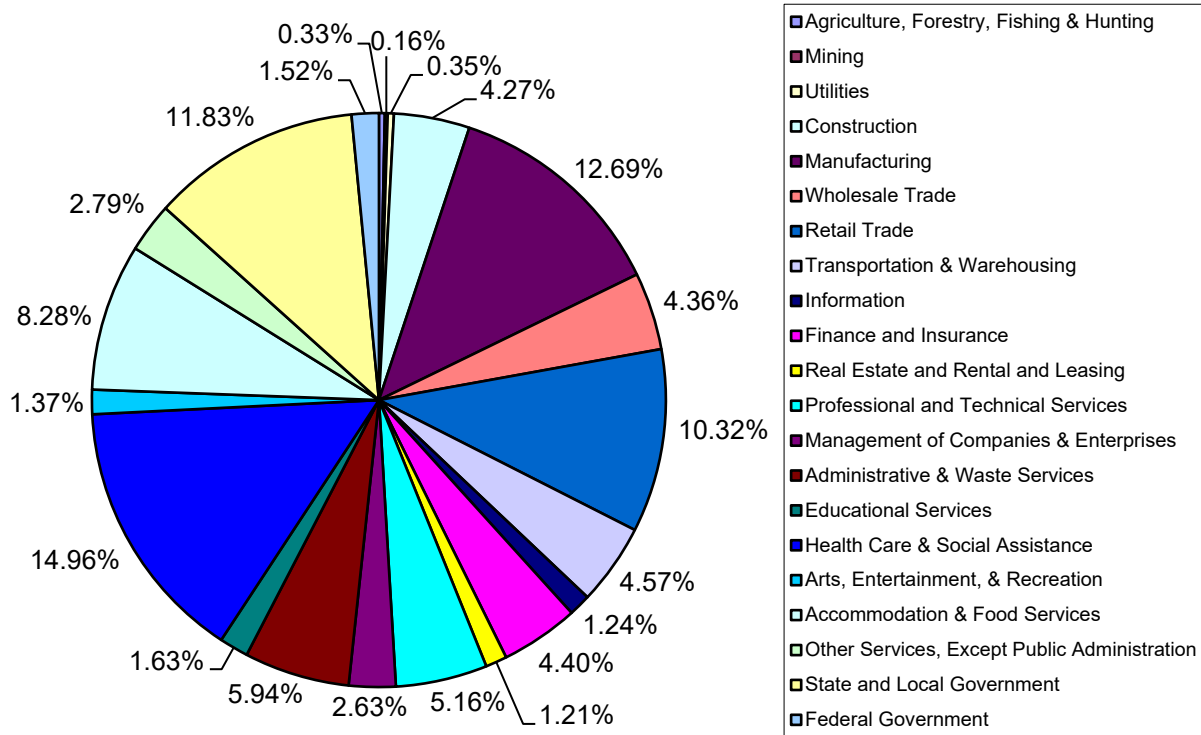
Three industrial sectors experienced employment decreases. Mining had the largest decrease since 2020 at 7.9 percent, followed by Utilities at 1.3 percent and Management of Companies & Enterprises at 0.3 percent. State & Local Government employment decreased 0.5 percent while Federal Government employment decreased 2.3 percent since last year.

The 2021 annual payroll of \$299.4 billion was an increase of 7.0 percent since 2020. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases. Increases in total wages ranged from 20.6 percent in Accommodation & Food Services to 3.1 percent in Management of Companies & Enterprises. Two industrial sectors experienced payroll decreases, Mining at 5.6 percent and Utilities at 0.3 percent. During this same period, State & Local Government wages increased by 2.8 percent and Federal Government wages increased 3.1 percent.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment 2021	Wages (in thousands) 2021	Percent Change 2020 to 2021	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,167,036</b>	<b>\$299,387,939</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	17,375	725,147	3.2	9.2
Mining	8,302	627,337	-7.9	-5.6
Utilities	18,193	1,953,108	-1.3	-0.3
Construction	223,902	15,049,037	2.5	5.8
Manufacturing	665,724	44,566,478	1.9	5.0
Wholesale Trade	229,025	18,622,112	1.5	7.7
Retail Trade	541,679	18,956,252	2.0	10.4
Transportation & Warehousing	239,669	13,188,286	7.4	13.7
Information	65,067	5,610,037	1.9	9.7
Finance and Insurance	230,798	21,586,705	2.3	5.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	63,586	3,623,414	2.0	9.0
Professional and Technical Services	270,798	23,598,694	3.3	9.4
Management of Companies & Enterprises	137,765	17,309,838	-0.3	3.1
Administrative & Waste Services	311,791	13,559,737	5.0	15.1
Educational Services	85,352	3,647,277	2.4	4.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	784,756	43,246,710	0.0	5.2
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	71,946	2,866,480	16.4	14.7
Accommodation & Food Services	434,326	8,809,051	7.4	20.6
Other Services, Except Public Administration	146,488	5,861,201	5.2	9.5
State and Local Government	620,494	35,981,037	-0.5	2.8
Federal Government	79,855	6,766,454	-2.3	3.1

The following chart represents the distribution of Ohio’s employment by industrial sector. Health Care & Social Assistance employs the largest number of workers with almost 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.

### 2021 Average Annual Employment by Industrial Sector



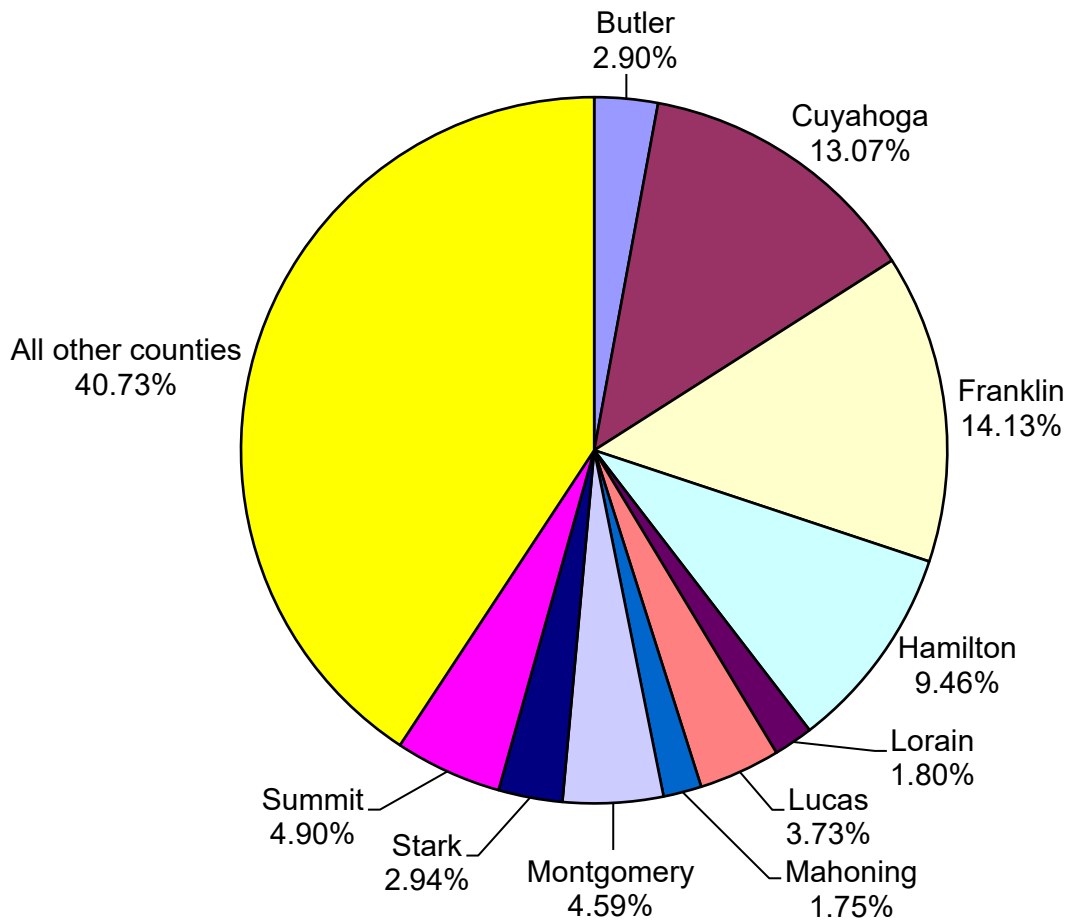
All of Ohio’s ten largest counties experienced employment increases since 2020. Increases ranged from 2.6 percent in Lorain County to 0.6 percent in Montgomery County.

All of the ten largest counties in Ohio experienced payroll increases in 2021. Payroll gains ranged from 6.8 percent in Stark and Summit Counties to 4.0 percent in Butler County.

County	Average Employment 2021	Wages (in thousands) 2021	Percent Change 2020 to 2021	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,167,036</b>	<b>\$299,387,939</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Butler	149,839	8,419,317	1.0	4.0
Cuyahoga	675,125	44,621,808	1.5	6.6
Franklin	730,356	47,560,481	2.3	6.4
Hamilton	488,891	34,199,726	2.0	5.4
Lorain	93,214	4,512,604	2.6	6.6
Lucas	192,627	10,641,036	1.3	5.4
Mahoning	90,597	4,086,585	1.3	6.4
Montgomery	236,959	12,921,040	0.6	4.8
Stark	151,653	7,254,749	2.0	6.8
Summit	253,046	14,337,802	1.4	6.8
All other counties	2,104,729	110,832,791	3.6	8.8

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.

### 2021 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 320,000 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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