



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Annual 2023

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law averaged 5.397 million during 2023 –up 1.6 percent from one year ago. Fifteen industrial sectors experienced employment gains since 2022. Increases in employment ranged from 6.7 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 0.6 percent in Manufacturing.

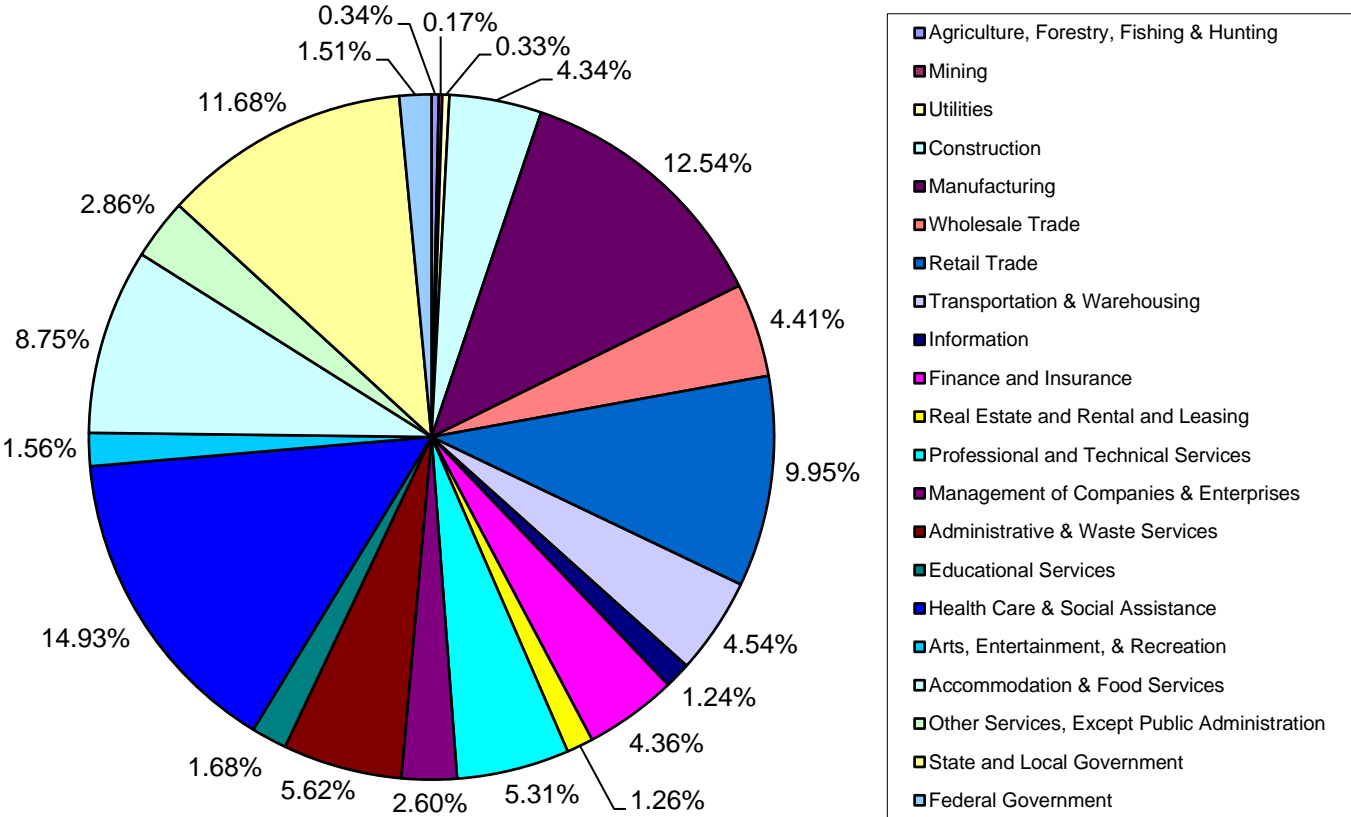
Four industrial sectors experienced employment decreases. Decreases ranged from 4.3 percent in Administrative & Waste Services to 0.2 percent in Retail Trade. State & Local Government employment increased 2.0 percent. Federal Government employment increased 3.7 percent since last year.

The 2023 annual payroll of \$338.07 billion was an increase of 5.0 percent since 2022. Eighteen of the industrial sectors experienced payroll increases. Increases in total wages ranged from 11.5 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 0.6 percent in Retail Trade. Only one industrial sector, Administrative & Waste Services, experienced a decline in total wages since 2022 of 0.8 percent. During this same period, State & Local Government wages increased by 5.3 percent and Federal Government wages increased 8.5 percent.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment 2023	Wages (in thousands) 2023	Percent Change 2022 to 2023	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,397,409	\$338,065,410	1.6	5.0
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	18,731	872,031	3.4	6.9
Mining	9,062	766,015	5.2	9.7
Utilities	18,151	2,112,058	2.5	4.9
Construction	238,101	17,656,667	2.1	7.2
Manufacturing	687,345	49,878,131	0.6	4.3
Wholesale Trade	241,605	21,304,801	1.5	4.8
Retail Trade	545,362	20,048,770	-0.2	0.6
Transportation & Warehousing	249,057	14,892,611	-0.4	4.0
Information	68,032	6,235,855	-2.2	2.3
Finance and Insurance	239,144	23,879,702	1.4	4.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	69,009	4,242,101	3.7	6.3
Professional and Technical Services	291,084	27,842,506	2.6	6.8
Management of Companies & Enterprises	142,664	18,432,999	2.5	4.4
Administrative & Waste Services	308,007	15,080,296	-4.3	-0.8
Educational Services	91,906	4,195,699	3.7	7.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	818,108	49,482,156	3.7	6.8
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	85,431	3,711,073	6.7	11.5
Accommodation & Food Services	479,683	10,823,705	3.9	9.0
Other Services, Except Public Administration	156,626	6,825,066	2.1	6.3
State and Local Government	640,301	39,783,170	2.0	5.3
Federal Government	82,625	7,634,127	3.7	8.5

The following chart represents the distribution of Ohio’s employment by industrial sector. Health Care & Social Assistance employed the largest number of workers with almost 15 percent of the state’s workforce. Manufacturing along with State and Local Government each employed more than 10 percent of Ohio’s workers.

2023 Average Annual Employment by Industrial Sector



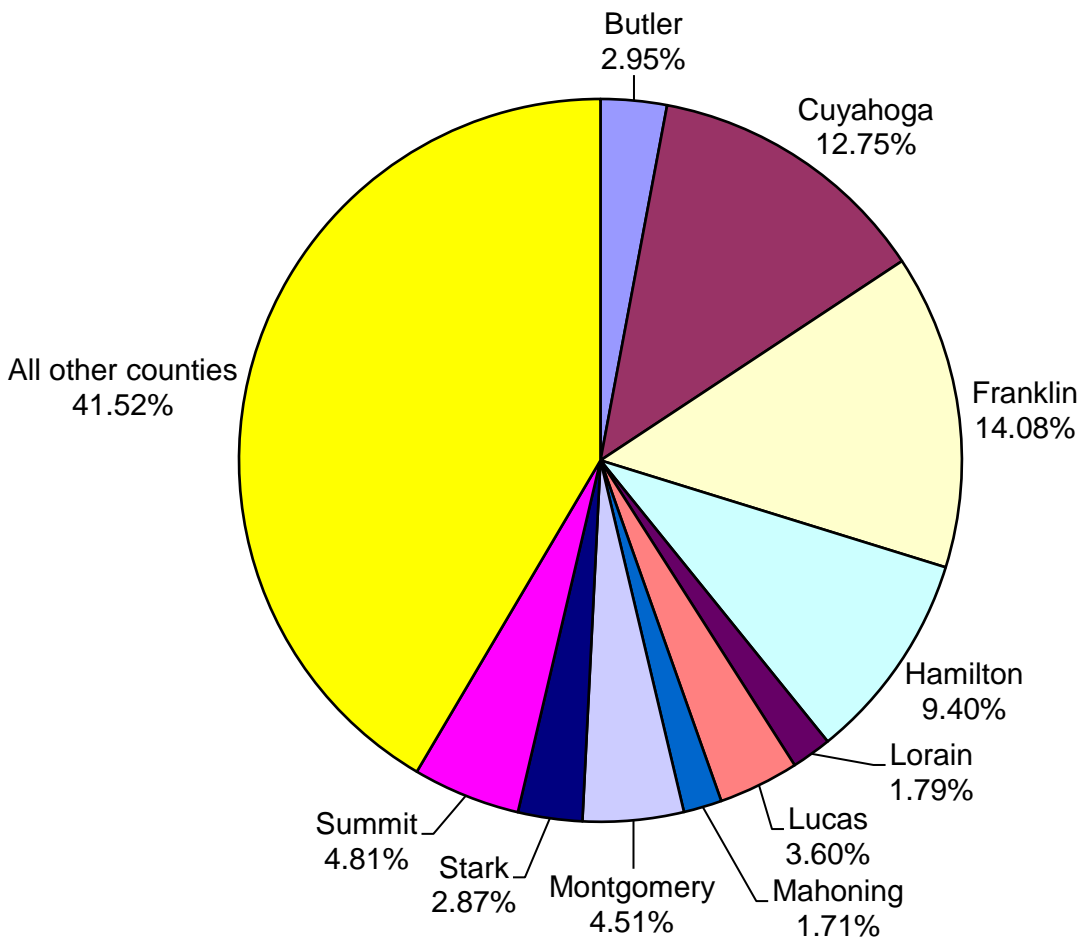
Eight of Ohio’s ten largest counties experienced employment increases since 2022. Increases ranged from 3.9 percent in Butler County to 0.2 percent in Mahoning County. Only one of Ohio’s largest counties, Cuyahoga County, experienced an employment decline since 2022 of 0.2 percent. Lucas County’s employment figures were essentially unchanged.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases in 2023. Payroll gains ranged from 7.4 percent in Butler County to 3.0 percent in Cuyahoga County.

County	Average Employment 2023	Wages (in thousands) 2023	Percent Change 2022 to 2023	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,397,409	\$338,065,410	1.6	5.0
Butler	159,461	9,689,810	3.9	7.4
Cuyahoga	688,122	48,876,749	-0.2	3.0
Franklin	759,880	53,081,269	1.2	4.4
Hamilton	507,319	37,185,485	0.9	3.1
Lorain	96,623	5,073,154	2.2	6.5
Lucas	194,523	11,636,088	0.0	3.2
Mahoning	92,478	4,566,986	0.2	4.2
Montgomery	243,383	14,319,687	0.8	4.5
Stark	155,102	8,147,682	0.8	5.1
Summit	259,711	15,727,832	1.2	4.4
All other counties	2,240,807	129,760,668	2.6	6.8

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.

2023 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 336,000 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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