



Office of Research, Assessment, & Accountability
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Covered Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2003

Summary. Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.114 million in the first quarter of 2003 – down 1.1 percent from one year ago. Management of companies and enterprises saw the largest increase in employment – up 4.7 percent since 2002. Transportation and warehousing, Finance and insurance, Educational services, Health care and social assistance, and State and local governments also increased from their employment levels of one year ago.

The first quarter 2003 payroll of \$44.860 billion was up 2.0 percent from the same period in 2002. Seventeen industrial sectors had a payroll increase from one year ago with payroll gains ranging from 9.1 percent in Utilities to 0.1 percent in Professional and technical services and Other services, except public administration. However, Information, Construction, and Mining experienced decreases of 4.6, 2.8, and 1.3 percent, respectively.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2003	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2003	Percent Change First Quarter 2002 to First Quarter 2003	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered	5,114,280	\$44,860,842	-1.1	2.0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	11,686	64,713	-3.4	0.3
Mining	10,807	128,692	-3.3	-1.3
Utilities	22,991	447,104	-3.3	9.1
Construction	205,002	1,912,255	-3.9	-2.8
Manufacturing	856,712	9,907,282	-3.9	1.5
Wholesale trade	233,797	2,808,646	-1.9	0.8
Retail trade	613,504	3,402,665	-2.6	0.0
Transportation & warehousing	150,632	1,305,528	0.6	4.7
Information	97,847	1,196,129	-4.8	-4.6
Finance and insurance	230,418	3,116,522	1.3	6.6
Real estate and rental and leasing	68,533	503,306	-2.4	0.6
Professional and technical services	228,842	2,696,435	-0.8	0.1
Management of companies & enterprises	88,599	1,707,056	4.7	5.1
Administrative & waste services	282,235	1,612,524	-0.9	1.2
Educational services	78,159	525,983	1.9	5.5
Health care & social assistance	630,891	5,016,161	2.7	5.5
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	51,045	345,840	-2.6	5.7
Accommodation & food services	399,928	1,119,343	-0.1	1.5
Other services, except public administration	171,870	925,505	-2.7	0.1
State and local government	680,781	6,119,153	0.4	1.7
Federal government	79,946	1,117,220	-1.6	1.6

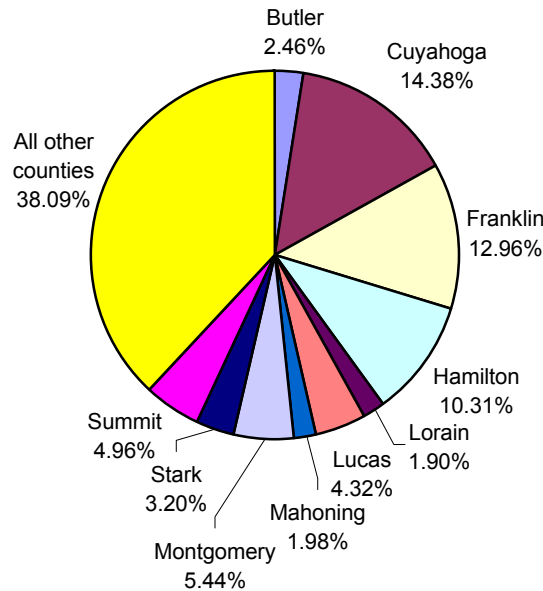
Of Ohio's ten largest counties, Butler County had the only employment increase, with 1.1 percent more employees than in the first quarter of 2002. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark, and Summit Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago.

Nine of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2002. Payroll gains ranged from 5.7 percent in Summit County to 1.2 percent in Montgomery County. Franklin County, however, declined 0.4 percent.

County	Average Employment First Quarter 2003	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2003	Percent Change First Quarter 2002 to First Quarter 2003	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered	5,114,280	\$44,860,842	-1.1	2.0
Butler	125,593	1,054,737	1.1	3.9
Cuyahoga	735,676	7,270,531	-1.6	1.3
Franklin	662,596	6,349,167	-2.2	-0.4
Hamilton	527,295	5,449,686	-0.9	1.9
Lorain	97,102	764,583	-0.4	2.5
Lucas	220,935	1,945,370	-1.1	3.2
Mahoning	101,289	716,942	-1.9	2.7
Montgomery	278,194	2,501,486	-1.6	1.2
Stark	163,843	1,243,389	-2.6	1.0
Summit	253,530	2,311,397	-0.5	5.7
All other counties	1,948,227	15,253,554	-0.5	2.8

The chart below 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 61 percent of the state's covered employment.

First Quarter 2003 Employment - Ten Largest Counties



Comparability with Other Data. This quarterly data may not compare with the monthly data published in the *Labor Market Review*. Covered Employment and Wage 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 over 290,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are enclosed in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2003, by industrial division and county. They present average quarterly employment tabulations and first quarter 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.

Additional Information. For additional information, contact the Bureau of Labor Market Information, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43266-0423, (614) 644-2689 or visit our website at <http://www.lmi.state.oh.us/cep/cep.htm>.

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