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Covered Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2003

Summary. Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.235 million in the second quarter of 2003 – down 0.9 percent from one year ago. Management of companies and enterprises saw the largest increase in employment – up 3.8 percent since 2002. Transportation and warehousing, Finance and insurance, Educational services, Health care and social assistance, Accommodation and food services, and State and local governments also increased from their employment levels of one year ago.

The second quarter 2003 payroll of \$44.133 billion was up 1.3 percent from the same period in 2002. Sixteen industrial sectors had a payroll increase from one year ago with payroll gains ranging from 7.7 percent in Finance and insurance to 0.1 percent in both Construction and Retail trade. Payroll decreases ranged from 7.0 percent in Information to 0.7 percent in Real estate and rental and leasing.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Second Quarter 2003	Wages (in thousands) Second Quarter 2003	Percent Change Second Quarter 2002 to Second Quarter 2003	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered Under Ohio UC Law	5,235,327	\$44,132,794	-0.9	1.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	15,578	81,237	-0.4	1.6
Mining	11,031	136,007	-3.9	-2.0
Utilities	22,789	364,850	-2.3	2.8
Construction	232,776	2,151,492	-2.1	0.1
Manufacturing	851,193	9,428,579	-4.2	-2.1
Wholesale trade	235,637	2,644,850	-2.0	0.3
Retail trade	624,362	3,447,309	-2.1	0.1
Transportation & warehousing	152,118	1,344,670	0.3	1.7
Information	98,245	1,102,209	-3.7	-7.0
Finance and insurance	230,938	2,704,673	1.4	7.7
Real estate and rental and leasing	70,319	494,802	-1.8	-0.7
Professional and technical services	225,112	2,691,420	-2.0	0.4
Management of companies & enterprises	88,167	1,439,416	3.8	3.7
Administrative & waste services	299,289	1,680,551	-0.7	2.7
Educational services	77,625	542,077	2.5	6.3
Health care & social assistance	635,244	5,126,959	2.2	4.6
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	76,201	397,409	-0.4	2.9
Accommodation & food services	424,506	1,205,220	0.3	1.5
Other services, except public administration	172,836	929,423	-3.4	-2.8
State and local government	689,054	6,203,982	0.7	3.8
Federal government	79,560	1,053,121	-1.4	2.4

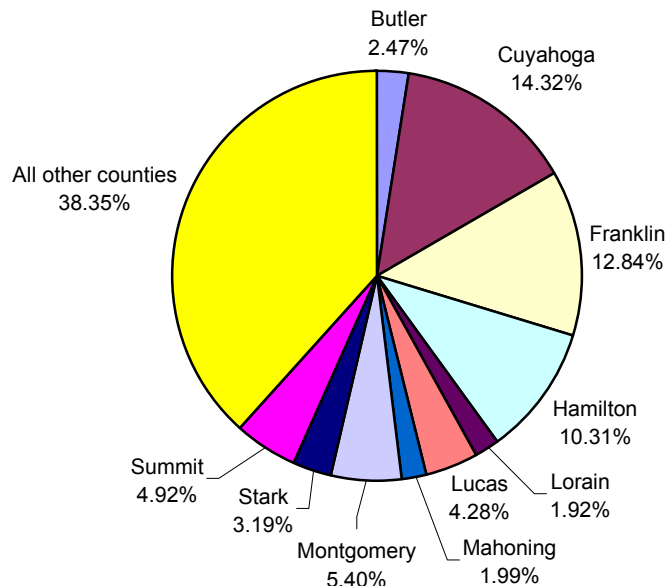
Two of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases in the second quarter of 2003. Butler County saw an increase of 2.7% over its employment level in the second quarter of 2002, while Lorain County increased 0.3% over the same period. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark, and Summit Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago.

Eight of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2002. Payroll gains ranged from 4.6 percent in Butler County to 1.0 percent in Lucas County. Stark and Franklin Counties, however, declined 0.9 and 0.1 percent, respectively.

County	Average Employment Second Quarter 2003	Wages (in thousands) Second Quarter 2003	Percent Change Second Quarter 2002 to Second Quarter 2003	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered Under Ohio UC Law	5,235,327	\$44,132,794	-0.9	1.3
Butler	129,435	1,058,517	2.7	4.6
Cuyahoga	749,931	7,041,970	-1.0	1.5
Franklin	672,046	6,196,565	-1.9	-0.1
Hamilton	539,537	5,244,070	-0.1	2.3
Lorain	100,683	794,276	0.3	1.8
Lucas	224,217	1,920,929	-1.5	1.0
Mahoning	104,203	716,907	-1.2	1.5
Montgomery	282,917	2,486,322	-1.2	1.1
Stark	167,193	1,242,862	-2.6	-0.9
Summit	257,327	2,215,964	-0.7	2.5
All other counties	2,007,838	15,214,412	-0.8	1.2

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 almost 62 percent of the state's covered employment.

Second 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 second quarter of 2003, by industrial division and county. They present average quarterly employment tabulations and second 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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