



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Covered Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2003

Summary. Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.226 million in the third quarter of 2003 – down 1.2 percent from one year ago. Educational services saw the largest increase in employment – up 2.7 percent since 2002. Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, Finance and insurance, Management of companies and enterprises, Health care and social assistance, and Accommodation and food services also increased from their employment levels of one year ago.

The third quarter 2003 payroll of \$44.265 billion was up 0.6 percent from the same period in 2002. Fifteen industrial sectors had a payroll increase from one year ago with payroll gains ranging from 7.9 percent in Finance and insurance to 0.1 percent in Retail trade. Payroll decreases ranged from 5.3 percent in Management of companies and enterprises to 1.4 percent in Other services, except public administration.

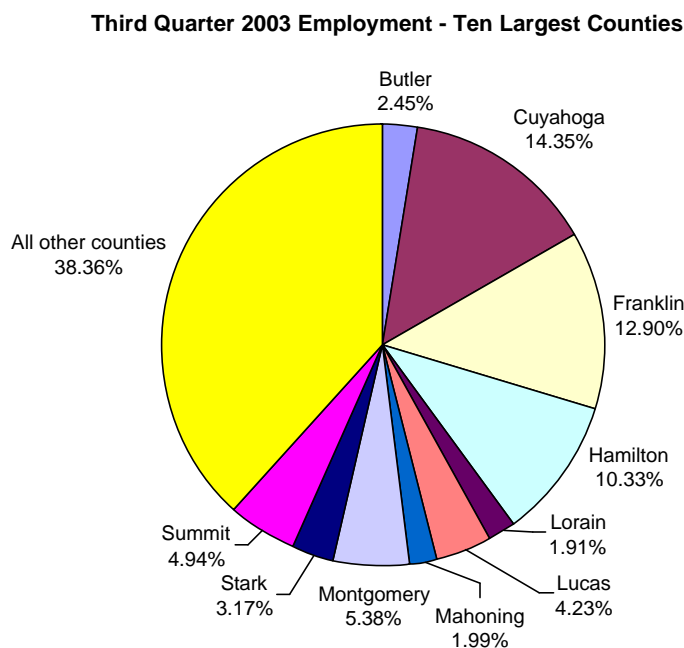
Industrial Sector	Average Employment Third Quarter 2003	Wages (in thousands) Third Quarter 2003	Percent Change Third Quarter 2002 to Third Quarter 2003	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,225,544	\$44,264,784	-1.2	0.6
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	16,995	85,309	0.3	1.6
Mining	11,170	126,550	-1.7	0.7
Utilities	22,530	350,039	-4.2	0.8
Construction	245,782	2,319,556	-3.0	-2.9
Manufacturing	838,386	9,123,270	-5.0	-3.3
Wholesale trade	236,033	2,712,739	-1.8	0.7
Retail trade	626,366	3,526,353	-1.8	0.1
Transportation & warehousing	151,302	1,359,066	-1.4	1.9
Information	97,346	1,126,925	-2.9	0.3
Finance and insurance	232,575	2,687,614	2.0	7.9
Real estate and rental and leasing	71,320	509,417	-1.6	1.1
Professional and technical services	224,092	2,683,849	-1.5	0.5
Management of companies & enterprises	87,609	1,392,086	2.5	-5.3
Administrative & waste services	303,448	1,739,418	-2.7	1.8
Educational services	75,275	543,357	2.7	5.4
Health care & social assistance	640,631	5,330,687	2.4	4.7
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	84,841	429,784	-0.9	-3.2
Accommodation & food services	432,340	1,248,877	1.0	1.7
Other services, except public administration	173,578	950,294	-2.8	-1.4
State and local government	653,925	6,019,592	-0.2	3.1
Federal government	79,619	1,140,832	-1.7	4.2

Two of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases in the third quarter of 2003. Butler County saw an increase of 1.8% over its employment level in the third quarter of 2002, while Lorain County increased 0.6% over the same period. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, 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 4.6 percent in Butler County to 0.2 percent in Lucas County. However, Stark County declined 2.0 percent.

County	Average Employment Third Quarter 2003	Wages (in thousands) Third Quarter 2003	Percent Change Third Quarter 2002 to Third Quarter 2003	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,225,544	\$44,264,784	-1.2	0.6
Butler	128,169	1,064,730	1.8	4.6
Cuyahoga	749,699	7,108,054	-1.5	1.6
Franklin	674,208	6,195,889	-1.5	0.5
Hamilton	539,657	5,319,297	-0.4	0.3
Lorain	99,736	778,529	0.6	1.1
Lucas	220,898	1,889,033	-2.0	0.2
Mahoning	104,120	740,952	-1.8	0.8
Montgomery	281,058	2,461,642	-1.7	0.5
Stark	165,812	1,235,672	-2.9	-2.0
Summit	257,884	2,271,794	-0.8	3.1
All other counties	2,004,303	15,199,192	-1.3	0.0

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.



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