



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Covered Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2003

Summary. Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.240 million in the fourth quarter of 2003 – down 0.9 percent from one year ago. Educational services saw the largest increase in employment – up 4.1 percent since 2002. Mining, Finance and insurance, Management of companies and enterprises, Health care and social assistance, Accommodation and food services, and State and local government also increased from their employment levels of one year ago.

The fourth quarter 2003 payroll of \$48.251 billion was up 3.0 percent from the same period in 2002. Seventeen industrial sectors had a payroll increase from one year ago with payroll gains ranging from 12.6 percent in Management of companies and enterprises to 0.4 percent in Information. Payroll decreases ranged from 4.7 percent in Utilities to 0.7 percent in Other services, except public administration.

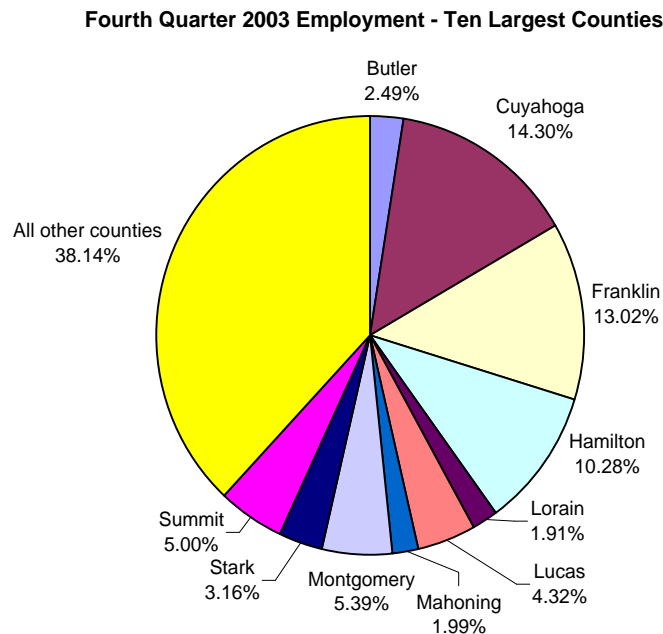
| Industrial Sector | Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2003 | Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2003 | Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2002 to Fourth Quarter 2003 | |
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| | | | Employment | Wages |
| Total Covered under Ohio UC Law | 5,240,125 | \$48,251,071 | -0.9 | 3.0 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting | 13,604 | 79,777 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Mining | 11,088 | 141,907 | 0.5 | 6.1 |
| Utilities | 22,210 | 352,451 | -5.3 | -4.7 |
| Construction | 237,751 | 2,474,155 | -1.7 | -0.9 |
| Manufacturing | 835,676 | 10,369,213 | -4.6 | 1.8 |
| Wholesale trade | 235,541 | 2,965,359 | -1.7 | 2.0 |
| Retail trade | 647,864 | 3,761,317 | -1.0 | 2.4 |
| Transportation & warehousing | 155,343 | 1,454,503 | -0.3 | 2.1 |
| Information | 96,221 | 1,137,034 | -2.5 | 0.4 |
| Finance and insurance | 231,986 | 2,951,240 | 1.1 | 6.7 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 70,351 | 551,306 | -1.3 | 0.7 |
| Professional and technical services | 227,410 | 3,134,273 | -0.9 | 2.8 |
| Management of companies & enterprises | 86,725 | 1,533,472 | 2.6 | 12.6 |
| Administrative & waste services | 301,218 | 1,824,268 | -3.1 | 1.5 |
| Educational services | 82,670 | 579,339 | 4.1 | 6.0 |
| Health care & social assistance | 643,220 | 5,874,599 | 2.0 | 6.1 |
| Arts, entertainment, & recreation | 61,126 | 400,109 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| Accommodation & food services | 421,451 | 1,250,860 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| Other services, except public administration | 171,675 | 988,828 | -2.6 | -0.7 |
| State and local government | 686,993 | 6,427,062 | 0.3 | 2.9 |
| Federal government | 78,890 | 1,053,364 | -2.9 | 0.7 |

Two of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases in the fourth quarter of 2003. Butler County saw an increase of 2.5 percent over its employment level in the fourth quarter of 2002, while Lorain County increased 0.9 percent over the same period. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, and Stark Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago.

Nine of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2002. Payroll gains ranged from 6.3 percent in Butler and Lorain Counties to 2.8 percent in Montgomery County. However, Stark County declined 1.5 percent.

| County | Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2003 | Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2003 | Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2002 to Fourth Quarter 2003 | |
|--|--|---|---|------------|
| | | | Employment | Wages |
| Total Covered under Ohio UC Law | 5,240,125 | \$48,251,071 | -0.9 | 3.0 |
| Butler | 130,356 | 1,168,415 | 2.5 | 6.3 |
| Cuyahoga | 749,124 | 7,750,342 | -1.3 | 3.3 |
| Franklin | 682,433 | 6,747,811 | -0.8 | 3.3 |
| Hamilton | 538,580 | 5,768,551 | -0.8 | 4.0 |
| Lorain | 99,918 | 865,116 | 0.9 | 6.3 |
| Lucas | 226,257 | 2,101,727 | -0.8 | 4.4 |
| Mahoning | 104,513 | 785,789 | -1.2 | 2.9 |
| Montgomery | 282,654 | 2,752,831 | -1.7 | 2.8 |
| Stark | 165,836 | 1,309,694 | -3.1 | -1.5 |
| Summit | 261,865 | 2,460,867 | 0.0 | 4.8 |
| All other counties | 1,998,589 | 16,539,928 | -0.9 | 2.0 |

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