



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Covered Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2004

Summary. Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.100 million in the first quarter of 2004 – down 0.3 percent from one year ago. Management of companies and enterprises saw the largest increase in employment – up 6.4 percent since 2003. Construction, Transportation and warehousing, Finance and insurance, Administrative and waste services, Educational services, 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 first quarter 2004 payroll of \$45.374 billion was up 1.1 percent from the same period in 2003. Fourteen industrial sectors had a payroll increase from one year ago with payroll gains ranging from 19.7 percent in Management of companies and enterprises to 0.2 percent in Information. Payroll decreases ranged from 21.0 percent in Utilities to 0.2 percent in Other services, except public administration.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2004	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2004	Percent Change First Quarter 2003 to First Quarter 2004	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,100,344	\$45,374,035	-0.3	1.1
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	11,517	63,824	-1.4	-1.4
Mining	10,677	145,823	-1.2	13.3
Utilities	20,535	353,358	-10.7	-21.0
Construction	210,594	1,960,016	2.7	2.5
Manufacturing	819,020	9,432,418	-4.4	-4.8
Wholesale trade	228,589	2,820,626	-2.2	0.4
Retail trade	611,633	3,384,534	-0.3	-0.5
Transportation & warehousing	152,490	1,337,272	1.2	2.4
Information	93,088	1,199,045	-4.9	0.2
Finance and insurance	231,729	3,317,293	0.6	6.4
Real estate and rental and leasing	68,283	520,020	-0.4	3.3
Professional and technical services	224,663	2,746,237	-1.8	1.8
Management of companies & enterprises	94,267	2,042,870	6.4	19.7
Administrative & waste services	284,275	1,674,863	0.7	3.9
Educational services	82,358	561,223	5.4	6.7
Health care & social assistance	641,933	5,164,137	1.8	2.9
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	51,010	324,116	-0.1	-6.3
Accommodation & food services	411,695	1,168,064	2.9	4.4
Other services, except public administration	167,915	924,039	-2.3	-0.2
State and local government	684,073	6,234,256	0.5	1.9
Federal government	78,048	1,152,015	-2.4	3.1

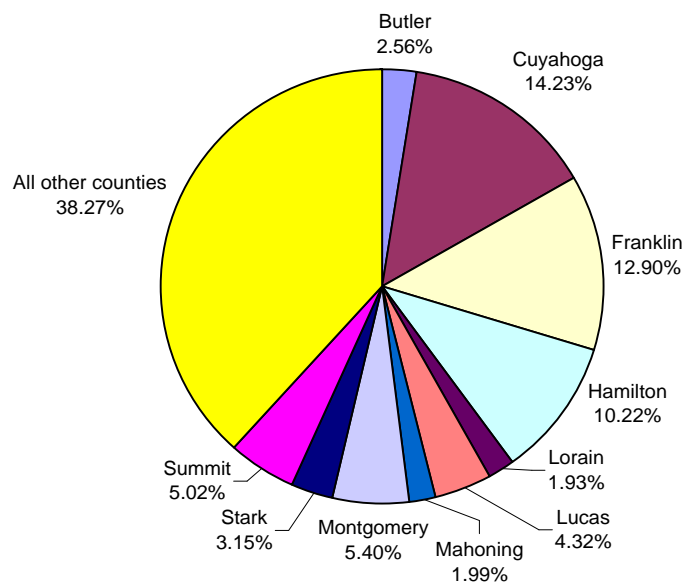
Four of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases in the first quarter of 2004. Increases ranged from 4.1 percent in Butler County to 0.3 percent in Mahoning County. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery, and Stark Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago.

Seven of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2003. Payroll gains ranged from 5.0 percent in Butler County to 1.4 percent in Cuyahoga County. However, Lucas, Montgomery, and Stark Counties experienced payroll decreases.

County	Average Employment First Quarter 2004	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2004	Percent Change First Quarter 2003 to First Quarter 2004	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,100,344	\$45,374,035	-0.3	1.1
Butler	130,804	1,107,168	4.1	5.0
Cuyahoga	725,846	7,369,750	-1.3	1.4
Franklin	658,146	6,464,868	-0.7	1.8
Hamilton	521,185	5,587,894	-1.2	2.5
Lorain	98,190	795,765	1.1	4.1
Lucas	220,505	1,938,405	-0.2	-0.4
Mahoning	101,594	736,507	0.3	2.7
Montgomery	275,266	2,499,565	-1.1	-0.1
Stark	160,831	1,233,658	-1.8	-0.8
Summit	256,257	2,368,203	1.1	2.5
All other counties	1,951,720	15,272,252	0.2	0.1

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.

First Quarter 2004 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 2004, 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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