



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2004

Summary. Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.251 million in the third quarter of 2004 – up 0.5 percent from one year ago. Management of companies and enterprises saw the largest increase in employment – up 7.3 percent since 2003. Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting, Mining, Construction, Transportation and warehousing, Real estate and rental and leasing, Professional and technical services, Administrative and waste services, Educational services, Health care and social assistance, Arts, entertainment, and recreation, Accommodation and food services, and State and local government also increased from their employment levels of one year ago.

The third quarter 2004 payroll of \$46.287 billion was up 4.6 percent from the same period in 2003. Seventeen industrial sectors had a payroll increase from one year ago with payroll gains ranging from 27.6 percent in Management of companies and enterprises to 0.7 percent in Arts, entertainment, and recreation. Payroll decreases ranged from 11.6 percent in Utilities to 0.1 percent in Retail trade.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Third Quarter 2004	Wages (in thousands) Third Quarter 2004	Percent Change Third Quarter 2003 to Third Quarter 2004	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,250,625	\$46,286,529	0.5	4.6
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	17,244	89,062	1.5	4.4
Mining	11,227	140,233	0.5	10.8
Utilities	20,442	309,336	-9.3	-11.6
Construction	249,969	2,425,853	1.7	4.6
Manufacturing	824,731	9,503,963	-1.6	4.2
Wholesale trade	233,448	2,818,459	-1.1	3.9
Retail trade	619,249	3,523,569	-1.1	-0.1
Transportation & warehousing	158,261	1,461,488	4.6	7.5
Information	92,824	1,109,964	-4.6	-1.5
Finance and insurance	231,597	2,876,797	-0.4	7.0
Real estate and rental and leasing	71,375	529,030	0.1	3.9
Professional and technical services	224,255	2,829,450	0.1	5.4
Management of companies & enterprises	94,043	1,775,785	7.3	27.6
Administrative & waste services	317,784	1,860,427	4.7	7.0
Educational services	79,017	570,906	5.0	5.1
Health care & social assistance	652,547	5,664,676	1.9	6.3
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	85,180	432,970	0.4	0.7
Accommodation & food services	438,102	1,285,103	1.3	2.9
Other services, except public administration	172,676	977,984	-0.5	2.9
State and local government	656,654	6,101,474	0.4	1.4
Federal government	78,363	1,184,781	-1.6	3.9

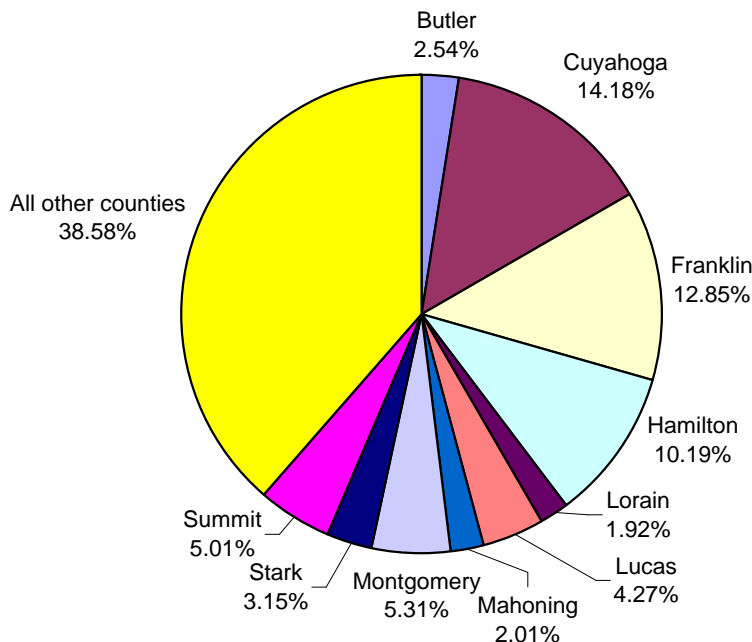
Six of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases in the third quarter of 2004, up from their third quarter 2003 levels. Increases ranged from 4.1 percent in Butler County to 0.1 percent in Franklin County. Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Stark Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago.

Each of the ten largest counties experienced a payroll increase since 2003. Payroll gains ranged from 7.7 percent in Butler County to 2.6 percent in Lucas County.

County	Average Employment Third Quarter 2004	Wages (in thousands) Third Quarter 2004	Percent Change Third Quarter 2003 to Third Quarter 2004	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,250,625	\$46,286,529	0.5	4.6
Butler	133,382	1,147,130	4.1	7.7
Cuyahoga	744,336	7,408,851	-0.7	4.2
Franklin	674,560	6,430,438	0.1	3.8
Hamilton	534,864	5,571,717	-0.9	4.7
Lorain	100,740	826,272	1.0	6.1
Lucas	224,072	1,937,759	1.4	2.6
Mahoning	105,345	772,759	1.2	4.3
Montgomery	279,066	2,544,885	-0.7	3.4
Stark	165,285	1,274,312	-0.3	3.1
Summit	263,294	2,365,571	2.1	4.1
All other counties	2,025,681	16,006,835	1.1	5.3

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.

Third 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*. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages 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 2004, 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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