



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2004

Summary. Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.271 million in the fourth quarter of 2004 – up 0.6 percent from one year ago. Management of companies and enterprises saw the largest increase in employment – up 7.5 percent since 2003. Construction, Transportation and warehousing, 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 fourth quarter 2004 payroll of \$51.324 billion was up 6.4 percent from the same period in 2003. Nineteen industrial sectors had a payroll increase from one year ago with payroll gains ranging from 27.4 percent in Management of companies and enterprises to 1.0 percent in Retail trade. Utilities experienced the only payroll decrease - down 0.3 percent from last year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2004	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2004	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2003 to Fourth Quarter 2004	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,270,804	\$51,323,899	0.6	6.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	13,530	87,416	-0.5	9.6
Mining	11,085	144,493	0.0	1.8
Utilities	20,341	351,284	-8.4	-0.3
Construction	240,231	2,601,256	1.0	5.1
Manufacturing	824,052	10,699,680	-1.4	3.2
Wholesale trade	234,111	3,195,907	-0.6	7.8
Retail trade	638,404	3,797,224	-1.5	1.0
Transportation & warehousing	165,448	1,647,758	6.5	13.3
Information	92,225	1,149,589	-4.2	1.1
Finance and insurance	231,803	3,149,106	-0.1	6.7
Real estate and rental and leasing	69,503	597,653	-1.2	8.4
Professional and technical services	227,378	3,349,382	0.0	6.9
Management of companies & enterprises	93,265	1,953,497	7.5	27.4
Administrative & waste services	315,807	2,016,277	4.8	10.5
Educational services	86,576	621,941	4.7	7.4
Health care & social assistance	658,057	6,406,681	2.3	9.1
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	62,078	421,016	1.6	5.2
Accommodation & food services	426,919	1,298,957	1.3	3.8
Other services, except public administration	171,755	1,048,370	0.0	6.0
State and local government	688,235	6,786,411	0.2	5.6
Federal government	78,007	1,116,790	-1.1	6.0

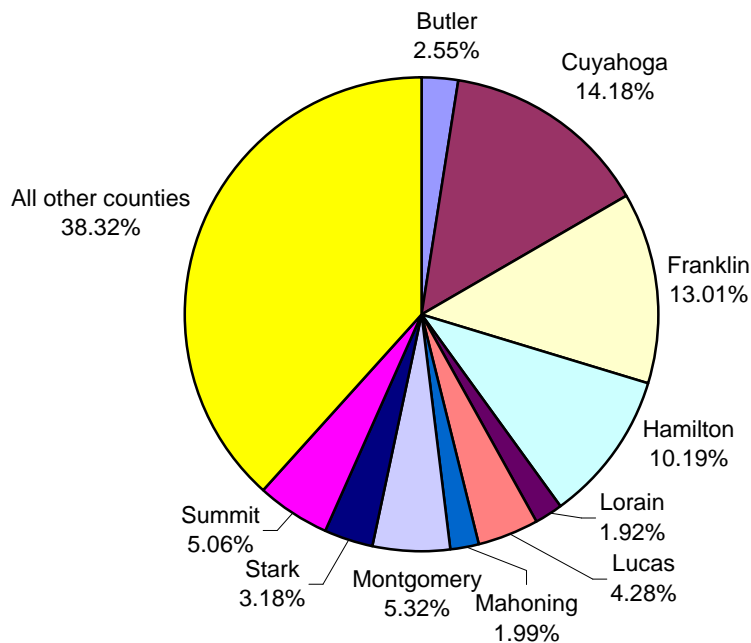
Six of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases in the fourth quarter of 2004, up from their fourth quarter 2003 levels. Increases ranged from 3.0 percent in Butler County to 0.5 percent in Franklin County. Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Lucas, and Montgomery Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago.

Each of the ten largest counties experienced a payroll increase since 2003. Payroll gains ranged from 10.4 percent in Butler County to 2.7 percent in Montgomery County.

County	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2004	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2004	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2003 to Fourth Quarter 2004	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,270,804	\$51,323,899	0.6	6.4
Butler	134,290	1,289,624	3.0	10.4
Cuyahoga	747,476	8,309,058	-0.2	7.2
Franklin	685,546	7,150,357	0.5	6.0
Hamilton	537,058	6,050,487	-0.3	4.9
Lorain	101,016	921,837	1.1	6.6
Lucas	225,761	2,179,388	-0.2	3.7
Mahoning	105,092	846,248	0.6	7.7
Montgomery	280,310	2,828,206	-0.8	2.7
Stark	167,467	1,408,231	1.0	7.5
Summit	266,902	2,711,708	1.9	10.2
All other counties	2,019,886	17,628,755	1.1	6.6

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 more than 61 percent of the state's covered employment.

Fourth 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 288,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are enclosed in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2004, 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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