



Office of Workforce Development  
Bureau of Labor Market Information

# Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

## First Quarter 2005

**Summary.** Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.119 million in the first quarter of 2005 – up 0.4 percent from one year ago. Transportation and warehousing saw the largest increase in employment – up 6.2 percent since 2004. Utilities, Wholesale trade, Professional and technical services, Management of companies and enterprises, Administrative and waste services, Educational services, Health care and social assistance, Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and Accommodation and food services also increased from their employment levels of one year ago.

The first quarter 2005 payroll of \$46.539 billion was up 2.6 percent from the same period in 2004. Thirteen industrial sectors had a payroll increase from one year ago with payroll gains ranging from 13.3 percent in Utilities to 0.7 percent in Accommodation and food services. Payroll decreases ranged from 5.1 percent in Mining to 0.6 percent in Construction.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2005	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2005	Percent Change First Quarter 2004 to First Quarter 2005	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,118,624</b>	<b>\$46,538,647</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	11,363	66,032	-1.3	3.5
Mining	10,214	138,343	-4.3	-5.1
Utilities	20,674	400,285	0.7	13.3
Construction	206,278	1,948,607	-2.0	-0.6
Manufacturing	811,368	9,698,829	-0.9	2.8
Wholesale trade	232,770	2,981,575	1.8	5.7
Retail trade	603,518	3,313,848	-1.3	-2.1
Transportation & warehousing	161,934	1,478,129	6.2	10.5
Information	89,671	1,154,408	-3.7	-3.7
Finance and insurance	228,572	3,474,478	-1.4	4.7
Real estate and rental and leasing	67,953	535,810	-0.5	3.0
Professional and technical services	232,395	2,914,947	3.4	6.1
Management of companies & enterprises	97,485	2,255,134	3.4	10.4
Administrative & waste services	291,060	1,756,025	2.4	4.8
Educational services	85,752	585,338	4.1	4.3
Health care & social assistance	655,221	5,288,053	2.1	2.4
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	51,251	313,278	0.5	-3.3
Accommodation & food services	416,076	1,176,431	1.1	0.7
Other services, except public administration	165,801	912,378	-1.3	-1.3
State and local government	679,267	6,146,717	-0.7	-1.4
Federal government	77,328	1,116,292	-0.9	-3.1

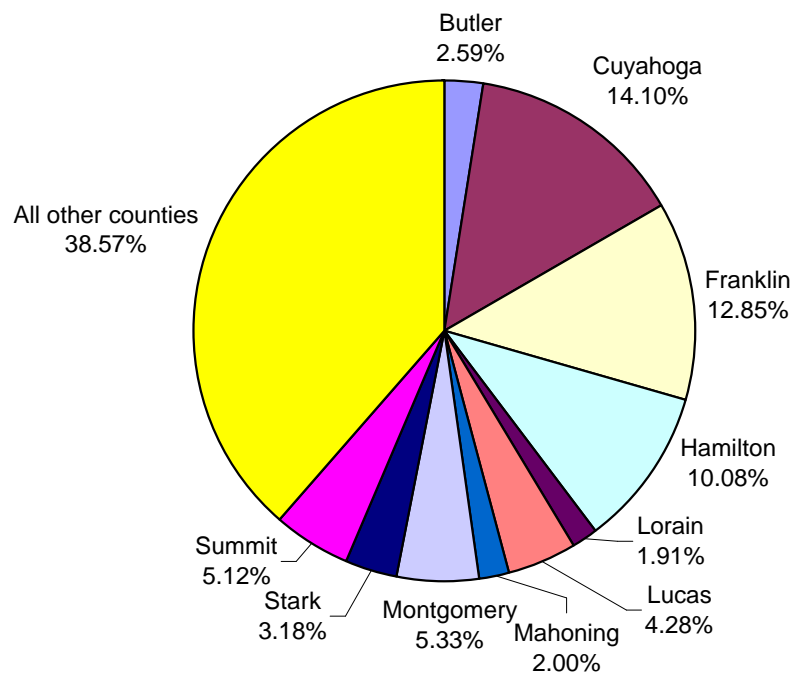
Four of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases in the first quarter of 2005, up from their first quarter 2004 levels. Increases ranged from 2.3 percent in Summit County to 0.7 percent in Mahoning County. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, and Montgomery Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago.

Nine of the ten largest counties experienced a payroll increase since 2004. Payroll gains ranged from 5.4 percent in Butler County to 1.3 percent in Hamilton County. Mahoning County experienced the only payroll decrease, down 0.6 percent since 2004.

County	Average Employment First Quarter 2005	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2005	Percent Change First Quarter 2004 to First Quarter 2005	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,118,624</b>	<b>\$46,538,647</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Butler	132,387	1,166,910	1.2	5.4
Cuyahoga	721,484	7,532,282	-0.6	2.2
Franklin	657,499	6,587,099	-0.1	1.9
Hamilton	516,116	5,660,943	-1.0	1.3
Lorain	97,887	811,634	-0.3	2.0
Lucas	218,913	1,998,959	-0.7	3.1
Mahoning	102,329	732,115	0.7	-0.6
Montgomery	272,730	2,555,412	-0.9	2.2
Stark	162,786	1,259,206	1.2	2.1
Summit	262,191	2,423,336	2.3	2.3
All other counties	1,974,302	15,810,751	1.2	3.5

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.

**First Quarter 2005 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 first quarter of 2005, 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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