



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2005

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.28 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 – up 0.2 percent from one year ago. Management of companies & enterprises experienced the largest increase – up 6.4 percent since the fourth quarter of 2004. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from 12 months ago: Wholesale trade; Transportation & warehousing; Real estate and rental & leasing; Professional and technical services; Administrative & waste services; Educational services; Health care & social assistance; and Accommodation & food services.

Ten private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 3.2 percent in Information to 0.4 percent in both Mining and Finance & insurance. Government employment also decreased since 2004 - State & local government by 0.5 percent and Federal employment by 1.2 percent.

The fourth quarter 2005 payroll of \$51.107 billion was a decrease of 0.4 percent from its same calendar point in 2004. Eleven industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 6.4 percent in Mining to 0.8 percent in Construction. During this same period, State & local government wages decreased 1.9 percent while Federal employees experienced a 4.5 percent increase.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2005	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2005	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2004 to Fourth Quarter 2005	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,279,481	\$51,107,231	0.2	-0.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	13,125	85,185	-3.0	-2.6
Mining	11,037	153,711	-0.4	6.4
Utilities	20,071	338,099	-1.3	-3.8
Construction	238,231	2,621,491	-0.8	0.8
Manufacturing	809,867	10,359,101	-1.7	-3.2
Wholesale trade	236,892	3,241,788	1.2	1.4
Retail trade	628,395	3,632,316	-1.6	-4.3
Transportation & warehousing	173,279	1,707,771	4.7	3.6
Information	89,236	1,125,738	-3.2	-2.1
Finance and insurance	230,918	3,110,506	-0.4	-1.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	70,040	606,275	0.8	1.4
Professional and technical services	233,678	3,520,667	2.8	5.1
Management of companies & enterprises	99,210	2,008,530	6.4	2.8
Administrative & waste services	324,452	2,043,438	2.7	1.3
Educational services	88,989	641,580	2.8	3.2
Health care & social assistance	671,447	6,517,596	2.0	1.7
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	61,239	429,116	-1.4	1.9
Accommodation & food services	427,920	1,298,114	0.2	-0.1
Other services, except public administration	166,710	1,010,545	-2.9	-3.6
State and local government	684,745	6,655,662	-0.5	-1.9
Federal government	77,099	1,167,512	-1.2	4.5

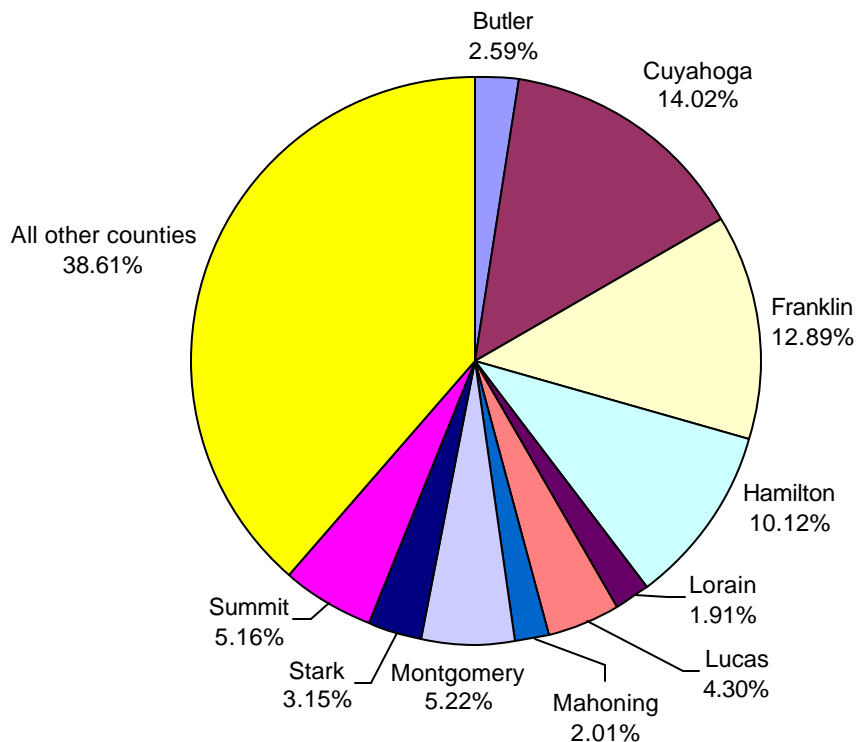
Four of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2004 levels. Increases ranged from 3.0 percent in Butler County to 0.5 percent in Lucas County. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Stark Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago with drops ranging from 1.7 percent in Montgomery County to 0.5 percent in Hamilton County.

Three of the ten largest counties experienced a payroll increase since 2004. Payroll gains ranged from 2.2 percent in Butler County to 0.5 percent in Mahoning County. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lorain, Lucas, Montgomery, Stark, and Summit Counties all experienced payroll decreases since the fourth quarter of 2004.

County	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2005	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2005	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2004 to Fourth Quarter 2005	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,279,481	\$51,107,231	0.2	-0.4
Butler	138,338	1,317,537	3.0	2.2
Cuyahoga	740,183	8,133,859	-1.0	-2.1
Franklin	680,434	7,075,583	-0.7	-1.0
Hamilton	534,266	6,179,528	-0.5	2.1
Lorain	101,043	907,078	0.0	-1.6
Lucas	226,978	2,135,461	0.5	-2.0
Mahoning	105,891	850,766	0.8	0.5
Montgomery	275,459	2,771,484	-1.7	-2.0
Stark	166,119	1,396,183	-0.8	-0.9
Summit	272,316	2,709,646	2.0	-0.1
All other counties	2,038,454	17,630,106	0.9	0.0

The chart that follows 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 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 289,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are enclosed in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2005, by industrial sector 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) 752-9494 or visit our website at <http://www.lmi.state.oh.us/cep/cep.htm>.

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