



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2006

Summary- Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.15 million in the first quarter of 2006 – up 0.7 percent from one year ago. Transportation & warehousing experienced the largest increase – up 6.1 percent since the first quarter of 2005. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from 12 months ago: Mining; Construction; Wholesale trade; Finance & insurance; Professional and technical services; Management of companies & enterprises; Administrative & waste services; Educational services; Health care & social assistance; and Accommodation & food services.

Eight private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 2.9 percent in Arts, entertainment, & recreation to 0.7 percent in both Agriculture, forestry, fishing, & hunting and Other services, except public administration. State & local government employment increased 0.3 percent while Federal employment decreased by 1.3 percent since 2005.

The first quarter 2006 payroll of \$49.936 billion was an increase of 7.3 percent from its same calendar point in 2005. Every industrial sector experienced a payroll increase in the first quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 15.2 percent in Transportation & warehousing to 2.3 percent in Retail trade. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 6.4 percent while Federal employees experienced a 0.1 percent increase.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2006	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2006	Percent Change First Quarter 2005 to First Quarter 2006	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,153,656	\$49,936,075	0.7	7.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	11,280	69,595	-0.7	5.4
Mining	10,515	152,387	2.9	10.2
Utilities	20,337	452,485	-1.6	13.0
Construction	210,544	2,145,539	2.1	10.1
Manufacturing	798,657	10,010,237	-1.6	3.2
Wholesale trade	235,793	3,222,909	1.3	8.1
Retail trade	594,574	3,391,406	-1.5	2.3
Transportation & warehousing	171,845	1,702,963	6.1	15.2
Information	88,942	1,199,703	-0.8	3.9
Finance and insurance	230,213	3,758,835	0.7	8.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	67,167	575,719	-1.2	7.4
Professional and technical services	239,551	3,211,847	3.1	10.2
Management of companies & enterprises	100,930	2,559,054	3.5	13.5
Administrative & waste services	297,724	1,913,391	2.3	9.0
Educational services	87,243	643,789	1.7	10.0
Health care & social assistance	671,483	5,815,525	2.5	10.0
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	49,783	358,447	-2.9	14.4
Accommodation & food services	421,296	1,256,539	1.3	6.8
Other services, except public administration	164,562	955,520	-0.7	4.7
State and local government	681,215	6,540,183	0.3	6.4
Federal government	76,338	1,117,186	-1.3	0.1

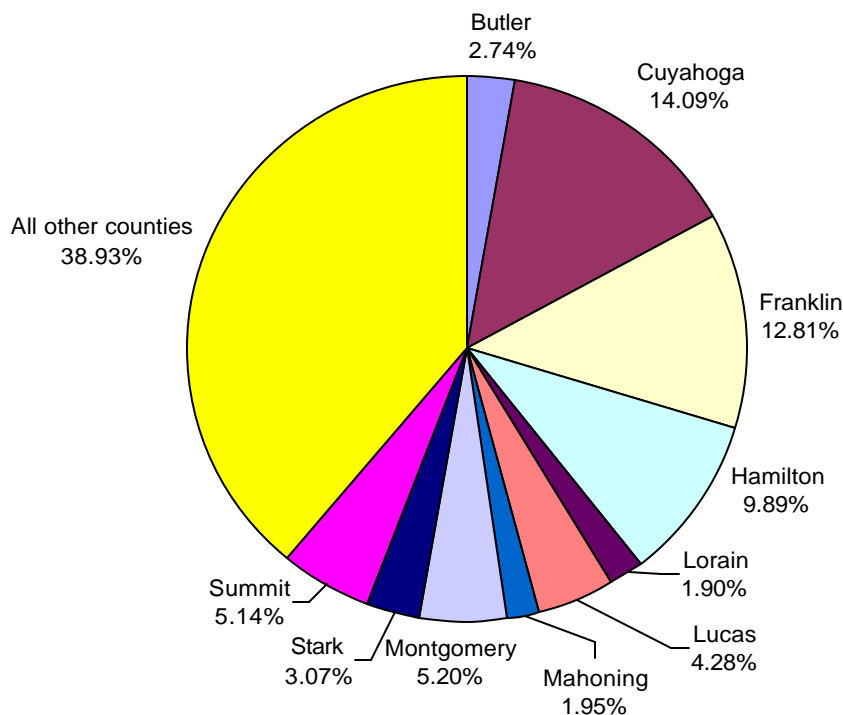
Six of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2005 levels. Increases ranged from 6.6 percent in Butler County to 0.1 percent in Lorain County. Hamilton, Mahoning, Montgomery, and Stark Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago with drops ranging from 2.7 percent in Stark County to 1.3 percent in Hamilton County.

All of the ten largest counties experienced a payroll increase since 2005. Payroll gains ranged from 13.9 percent in Butler County to 3.0 percent in Montgomery County.

County	Average Employment First Quarter 2006	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2006	Percent Change First Quarter 2005 to First Quarter 2006	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,153,656	\$49,936,075	0.7	7.3
Butler	141,143	1,329,359	6.6	13.9
Cuyahoga	725,969	8,067,591	0.6	7.1
Franklin	660,410	7,144,924	0.4	8.5
Hamilton	509,481	5,984,631	-1.3	5.7
Lorain	98,015	861,106	0.1	6.1
Lucas	220,682	2,140,235	0.8	7.1
Mahoning	100,251	767,345	-2.0	4.8
Montgomery	268,106	2,630,942	-1.7	3.0
Stark	158,449	1,319,503	-2.7	4.8
Summit	264,723	2,596,693	1.0	7.2
All other counties	2,006,427	17,093,746	1.6	8.1

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.

First Quarter 2006 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 292,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are enclosed in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2006, by industrial sector 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) 752-9494 or visit our website at <http://www.lmi.state.oh.us/cep/cep.htm>.

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