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Quarterly Census of
Employment
& Wages

Second Quarter 2008

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.22 million in the second quarter of 2008 – down 0.9 percent from one year ago. Management of companies & enterprises experienced the largest increase – up 4.1 percent since the second quarter of 2007. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from twelve months ago: Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting; Mining; Utilities; Transportation & warehousing; Professional and technical services; Administrative & waste services; Educational services and Health care & social assistance.

Ten private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 5.5 percent in Construction to 0.5 percent in Wholesale trade. State & local government employment decreased 0.3 percent and Federal employment increased by 0.8 percent since 2007.

The second quarter 2008 payroll of \$50.765 billion was an increase of 1.2 percent from its same calendar point in 2007. Eleven industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the second quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 7.5 percent in Arts, entertainment, & recreation to 1.0 percent in Accommodation & food services. Payroll decreases ranged from 3.2 percent in Construction to 0.1 percent in Utilities. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 3.4 percent while Federal employees experienced a 4.1 percent increase.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Second Quarter 2008	Wages (in thousands) Second Quarter 2008	Percent Change Second Quarter 2007 to Second Quarter 2008	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,220,039	\$50,764,920	-0.9	1.2
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	15,036	91,853	1.7	5.0
Mining	11,525	185,609	1.4	1.2
Utilities	21,543	382,947	2.7	-0.1
Construction	216,671	2,374,859	-5.5	-3.2
Manufacturing	747,210	9,349,800	-3.6	-3.1
Wholesale trade	238,271	3,233,655	-0.5	2.3
Retail trade	588,666	3,452,035	-1.8	-0.4
Transportation & warehousing	181,434	1,860,385	0.4	3.5
Information	86,439	1,155,728	-2.0	-0.4
Finance and insurance	218,770	2,925,997	-3.8	-2.7
Real estate and rental and leasing	64,187	530,372	-4.7	-2.6
Professional and technical services	250,186	3,622,701	2.2	4.7
Management of companies & enterprises	109,771	2,302,303	4.1	4.4
Administrative & waste services	319,268	2,135,532	0.5	2.5
Educational services	90,523	720,814	2.4	7.0
Health care & social assistance	702,833	6,610,215	2.3	5.2
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	72,384	464,327	-1.1	7.5
Accommodation & food services	438,797	1,419,489	-1.1	1.0
Other services, except public administration	162,179	997,646	-2.7	-1.1
State and local government	684,347	6,948,652	-0.3	3.4
Federal government	77,174	1,306,784	0.8	4.1

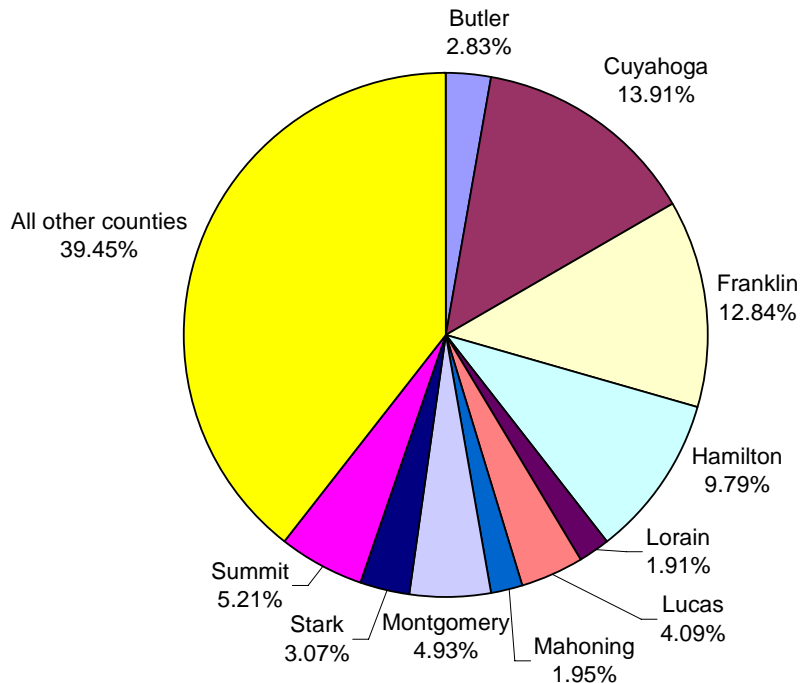
Two of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases from their second quarter 2007 levels – 0.9 percent in Butler County and 0.3 percent in Summit County. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, and Stark Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago with drops ranging from 3.1 percent in Montgomery County to 0.2 percent in Lorain County.

Seven of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2007. Payroll gains ranged from 5.1 percent in Butler County to 0.2 percent in both Franklin and Lorain Counties. Lucas, Mahoning and Montgomery Counties all experienced payroll decreases since the second quarter of 2007.

County	Average Employment Second Quarter 2008	Wages (in thousands) Second Quarter 2008	Percent Change Second Quarter 2007 to Second Quarter 2008	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,220,039	\$50,764,920	-0.9	1.2
Butler	147,809	1,429,072	0.9	5.1
Cuyahoga	725,985	8,070,030	-1.2	1.6
Franklin	670,354	7,040,515	-1.1	0.2
Hamilton	511,193	5,880,364	-0.3	2.6
Lorain	99,628	875,967	-0.2	0.2
Lucas	213,731	1,997,100	-3.0	-2.1
Mahoning	101,862	796,378	-2.1	-0.8
Montgomery	257,420	2,523,760	-3.1	-3.0
Stark	160,490	1,372,368	-1.0	1.9
Summit	272,223	2,709,929	0.3	1.9
All other counties	2,059,344	18,069,437	-0.6	1.6

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 60 percent of the state's covered employment.

Percentage of Second Quarter 2008 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 294,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the second quarter of 2008, by industrial sector and county. They present average quarterly employment tabulations and second 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.

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