



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2008

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.19 million in the third quarter of 2008 – down 1.3 percent from one year ago. Management of companies & enterprises experienced the largest increase – up 3.9 percent since the third quarter of 2007. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from twelve months ago: Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting; Mining; Utilities; Professional and technical services; Educational services and Health care & social assistance.

Twelve private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 5.9 percent in Construction to 0.8 percent in Wholesale trade. State & local government employment decreased 0.2 percent and Federal employment increased by 0.9 percent since 2007.

The third quarter 2008 payroll of \$51.216 billion was an increase of 1.5 percent from its same calendar point in 2007. Thirteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the third quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 10.4 percent in Mining to 0.2 percent in Administrative & waste services. Payroll decreases ranged from 5.5 percent in Finance and insurance to 0.5 percent in Retail trade. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 3.6 percent while Federal employees experienced a 2.8 percent decrease.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Third Quarter 2008	Wages (in thousands) Third Quarter 2008	Percent Change Third Quarter 2007 to Third Quarter 2008	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,185,324	\$51,216,139	-1.3	1.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	16,226	95,812	1.5	6.2
Mining	12,066	171,649	3.6	10.4
Utilities	21,713	394,555	3.4	10.3
Construction	224,535	2,558,917	-5.9	-1.8
Manufacturing	739,232	9,218,149	-4.1	-2.7
Wholesale trade	238,214	3,300,437	-0.8	3.1
Retail trade	589,753	3,445,883	-1.7	-0.5
Transportation & warehousing	179,735	1,880,915	-1.2	2.0
Information	86,189	1,136,272	-2.3	2.3
Finance and insurance	216,915	2,903,469	-3.8	-5.5
Real estate and rental and leasing	64,286	533,421	-5.6	-4.5
Professional and technical services	248,998	3,684,959	1.8	5.9
Management of companies & enterprises	110,624	2,326,818	3.9	8.5
Administrative & waste services	315,944	2,134,742	-2.4	0.2
Educational services	85,963	727,975	3.0	8.5
Health care & social assistance	706,950	6,750,966	2.1	5.3
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	78,303	496,627	-3.5	1.7
Accommodation & food services	437,761	1,445,869	-1.2	1.3
Other services, except public administration	161,069	995,151	-2.6	0.0
State and local government	650,847	7,013,552	-0.2	3.6
Federal government	77,755	1,175,740	0.9	-2.8

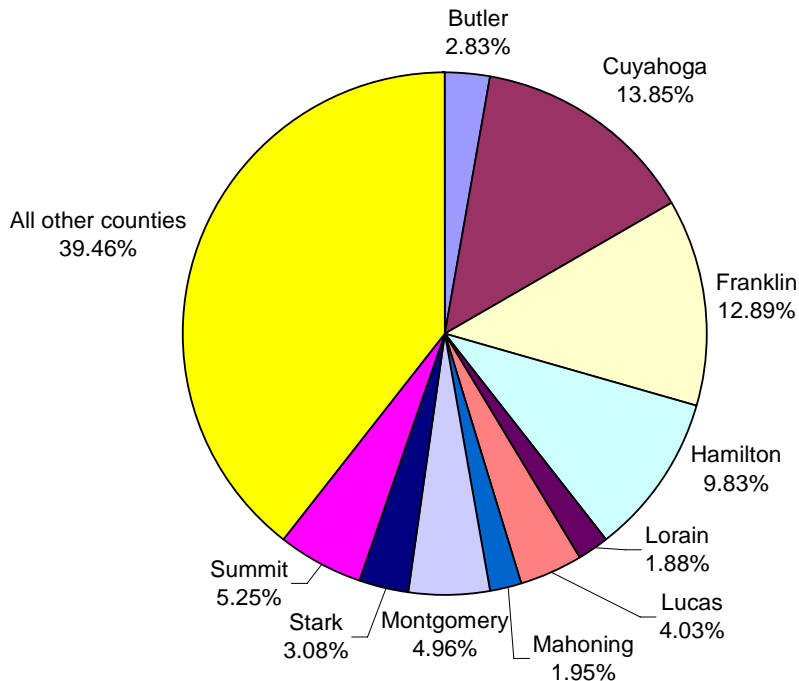
None of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases from their third quarter 2007 levels, although Butler County remained essentially unchanged. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark and Summit Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago with drops ranging from 4.2 percent in Lucas County to 0.1 percent in Summit County.

Eight of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2007. Payroll gains ranged from 4.2 percent in Hamilton County to 0.1 percent in Mahoning County. Butler and Lucas Counties experienced payroll decreases since the third quarter of 2007.

County	Average Employment Third Quarter 2008	Wages (in thousands) Third Quarter 2008	Percent Change Third Quarter 2007 to Third Quarter 2008	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,185,324	\$51,216,139	-1.3	1.5
Butler	146,649	1,415,289	0.0	-1.0
Cuyahoga	717,949	7,873,601	-2.1	0.5
Franklin	668,185	7,350,619	-1.4	1.2
Hamilton	509,558	6,147,565	-0.7	4.2
Lorain	97,480	882,778	-0.4	0.9
Lucas	209,128	1,994,255	-4.2	-3.7
Mahoning	101,223	803,046	-2.6	0.1
Montgomery	256,936	2,614,498	-2.5	1.8
Stark	159,810	1,362,960	-1.1	1.2
Summit	272,197	2,667,840	-0.1	2.1
All other counties	2,046,209	18,103,688	-0.9	2.0

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 60 percent of the state's covered employment.

Percentage of Third 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 295,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the third quarter of 2008, by industrial sector and county. They present average quarterly employment tabulations and third 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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