



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2008 – Revised

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.13 million in the fourth quarter of 2008 – down 2.6 percent from one year ago. Mining experienced the largest increase – up 4.0 percent since the fourth quarter of 2007. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from twelve months ago: Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting; Utilities; Professional and technical services; Management of companies & enterprises; Educational services and Health care & social assistance.

Twelve private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 8.0 percent in Construction to 1.6 percent in Information. State & local government employment decreased 0.1 percent and Federal employment increased by 1.1 percent since 2007.

The fourth quarter 2008 payroll of \$53.849 billion was a decrease of 0.1 percent from its same calendar point in 2007. Eight industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 9.7 percent in Mining to 1.4 percent in Information. Payroll decreases ranged from 12.2 percent in Arts, entertainment, & recreation to 0.4 percent in Wholesale trade. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 5.0 percent while Federal employees experienced a 2.5 percent increase.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2008	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2008	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2007 to Fourth Quarter 2008	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,125,953	\$53,848,924	-2.6	-0.1
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	12,837	93,237	0.5	3.3
Mining	11,923	183,799	4.0	9.7
Utilities	21,847	394,595	2.6	6.0
Construction	209,655	2,656,665	-8.0	-4.6
Manufacturing	717,731	9,734,177	-6.1	-4.9
Wholesale trade	233,948	3,554,073	-2.6	-0.4
Retail trade	595,701	3,560,469	-3.5	-1.9
Transportation & warehousing	179,374	1,908,728	-4.1	-1.7
Information	85,260	1,188,685	-1.6	1.4
Finance and insurance	215,499	3,100,264	-3.6	-3.4
Real estate and rental and leasing	62,383	571,462	-5.5	-4.7
Professional and technical services	249,487	4,165,393	0.4	1.6
Management of companies & enterprises	109,363	2,287,073	2.8	2.5
Administrative & waste services	299,028	2,166,593	-7.6	-3.5
Educational services	93,363	757,097	3.2	7.6
Health care & social assistance	712,957	7,481,312	2.1	5.5
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	55,170	401,436	-6.8	-12.2
Accommodation & food services	420,534	1,412,085	-2.3	-0.8
Other services, except public administration	157,844	1,037,464	-3.8	-1.6
State and local government	682,050	7,194,313	-0.1	5.0
Federal government	77,728	1,327,390	1.1	2.5

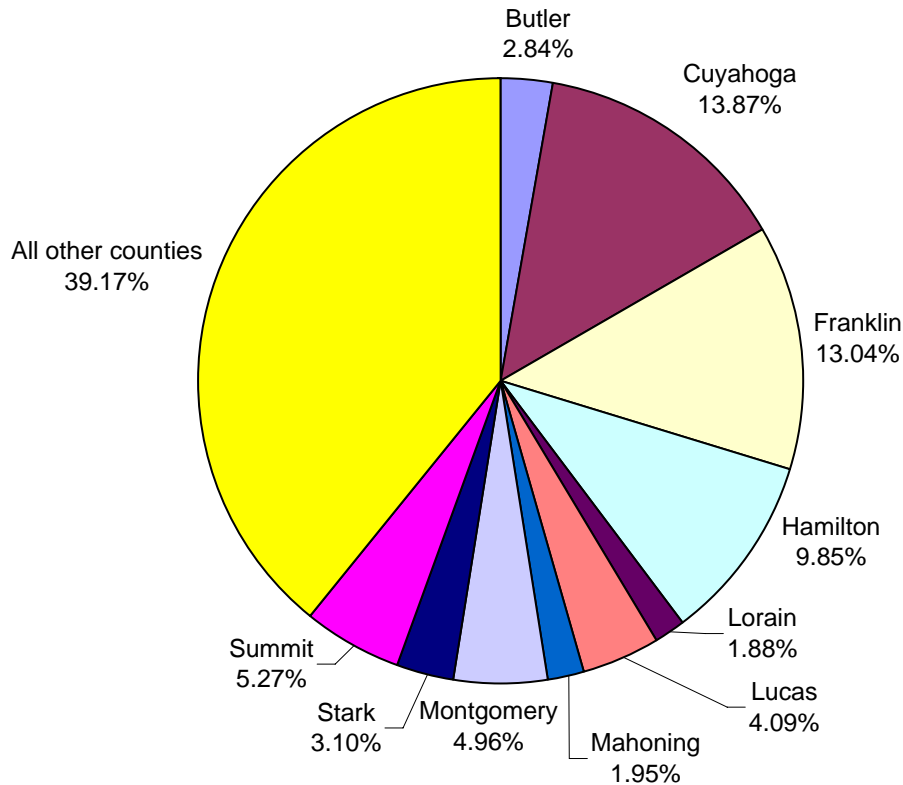
None of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2007 levels. Declines from one year ago range from 4.7 percent in Lucas County to 1.5 percent in Summit County.

Five of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2007. Payroll gains ranged from 1.3 percent in Franklin County to 0.3 percent in Hamilton County. Butler, Cuyahoga, Lucas, Mahoning and Montgomery Counties experienced payroll decreases since the fourth quarter of 2007.

County	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2008	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2008	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2007 to Fourth Quarter 2008	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,125,953	\$53,848,924	-2.6	-0.1
Butler	145,604	1,489,626	-2.5	-1.0
Cuyahoga	710,742	8,460,094	-3.1	-1.3
Franklin	668,270	7,568,209	-2.5	1.3
Hamilton	504,807	6,396,903	-1.9	0.3
Lorain	96,112	909,349	-1.9	0.9
Lucas	209,510	2,102,405	-4.7	-3.3
Mahoning	99,749	859,509	-3.9	-1.7
Montgomery	254,054	2,703,338	-3.9	-1.8
Stark	159,109	1,453,389	-2.4	0.4
Summit	270,174	2,893,702	-1.5	0.6
All other counties	2,007,822	19,012,400	-2.4	0.2

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 Fourth 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 293,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2008, 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.

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