



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2009

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 4.87 million in the first quarter of 2009 – down 4.7 percent from one year ago. Educational services experienced the largest increase – up 3.1 percent since the first quarter of 2008. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from twelve months ago: Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting; Mining; Management of companies & enterprises; and Health care & social assistance.

Thirteen private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 12.2 percent in Administrative & waste services to 2.8 percent in Professional and technical services. State & local government employment decreased 0.9 percent and Federal employment increased by 1.3 percent since 2008.

The first quarter 2009 payroll of \$49.610 billion was a decrease of 5.8 percent from its same calendar point in 2008. Four industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 4.3 percent in Educational services to 1.1 percent in Utilities. Payroll decreases ranged from 15.4 percent in Manufacturing to 2.6 percent in Professional and technical services. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 1.3 percent while Federal employees experienced a 2.3 percent increase.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2009	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2009	Percent Change First Quarter 2008 to First Quarter 2009	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	4,871,045	\$49,609,824	-4.7	-5.8
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	11,024	72,631	0.3	0.0
Mining	11,232	166,387	3.0	2.0
Utilities	21,867	535,449	0.0	1.1
Construction	172,137	1,966,262	-11.8	-9.2
Manufacturing	660,905	8,350,013	-12.0	-15.4
Wholesale trade	225,346	3,259,967	-4.6	-5.8
Retail trade	556,072	3,224,552	-4.6	-6.3
Transportation & warehousing	163,996	1,696,126	-9.2	-9.3
Information	82,834	1,173,643	-4.1	-5.0
Finance and insurance	213,303	3,544,666	-3.2	-7.6
Real estate and rental and leasing	59,735	522,301	-5.2	-8.7
Professional and technical services	246,324	3,637,172	-2.8	-2.6
Management of companies & enterprises	109,696	2,599,046	1.0	-7.7
Administrative & waste services	263,385	1,872,601	-12.2	-11.1
Educational services	92,730	735,631	3.1	4.3
Health care & social assistance	706,449	6,527,646	1.7	2.9
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	46,468	361,476	-4.8	-4.6
Accommodation & food services	402,191	1,286,835	-3.4	-4.6
Other services, except public administration	152,194	931,377	-4.5	-4.5
State and local government	673,155	7,146,043	-0.9	1.3
Federal government	77,706	1,182,682	1.3	2.3

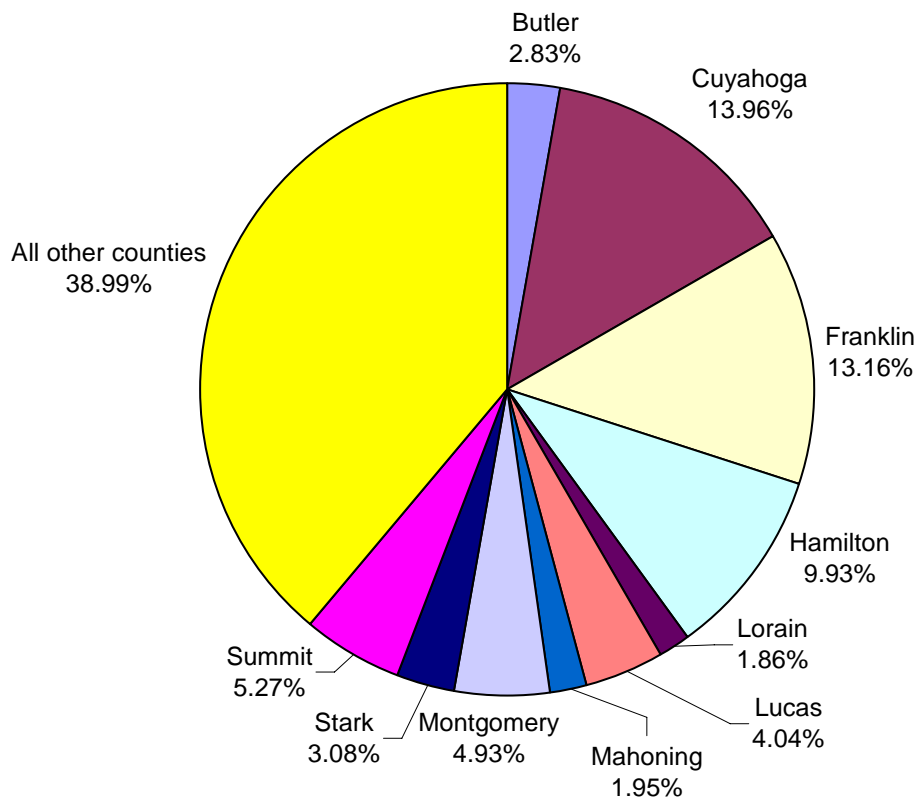
None of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2008 levels. Declines from one year ago range from 6.2 percent in both Lucas and Montgomery Counties to 3.2 percent in Franklin County.

All of the ten largest counties experienced payroll decreases since 2008. Payroll losses since the first quarter of 2008 ranged from 9.8 percent in Montgomery County to 4.0 percent in Mahoning County.

County	Average Employment First Quarter 2009	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2009	Percent Change First Quarter 2008 to First Quarter 2009	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	4,871,045	\$49,609,824	-4.7	-5.8
Butler	137,925	1,376,623	-5.5	-6.7
Cuyahoga	680,052	7,821,645	-4.3	-5.9
Franklin	641,111	7,435,638	-3.2	-4.3
Hamilton	483,474	5,939,859	-3.5	-4.7
Lorain	90,819	828,278	-5.3	-5.8
Lucas	196,918	1,968,680	-6.2	-6.2
Mahoning	94,777	758,217	-4.6	-4.0
Montgomery	240,083	2,400,955	-6.2	-9.8
Stark	150,159	1,317,247	-5.0	-5.3
Summit	256,523	2,697,427	-4.4	-4.8
All other counties	1,899,204	17,065,255	-5.2	-6.4

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.

Percentage of First Quarter 2009 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 published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2009, 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.

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