



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2015

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.049 million in the first quarter of 2015 – up 1.6 percent from one year ago. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the first quarter. Increases in total employment ranged from 11.6 percent in Mining to 1.0 percent in Professional and technical services.

Two private industrial sectors experienced an employment decline. Decreases were 3.0 percent in Information and 0.1 percent in Other services, except public administration. State and local government employment was unchanged while Federal employment increased 0.3 percent since 2014.

The first quarter 2015 payroll of \$59.908 billion was an increase of 3.0 percent from its same calendar point in 2014. All industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter except Information which showed a decrease of 2.8 percent compared to the previous year. Increases in total wages ranged from 15.8 percent in Mining to 1.2 in Retail trade. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 3.1 percent. Federal employees also showed a 2.4 percent increase compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2015	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2015	Percent Change First Quarter 2014 to First Quarter 2015	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,049,167	\$59,907,521	1.6	3.0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	13,178	104,283	5.1	9.6
Mining	14,622	252,537	11.6	15.8
Utilities	19,189	536,549	5.1	7.5
Construction	176,545	2,277,759	4.1	6.0
Manufacturing	679,964	10,031,501	2.3	2.2
Wholesale trade	232,943	3,964,184	2.0	5.1
Retail trade	557,901	3,643,215	1.1	1.2
Transportation & warehousing	173,826	1,995,105	5.0	6.4
Information	70,894	1,191,937	-3.0	-2.8
Finance and insurance	211,391	4,461,690	1.7	2.5
Real estate and rental and leasing	60,637	716,211	3.7	10.0
Professional and technical services	250,586	4,267,634	1.0	2.8
Management of companies & enterprises	138,562	4,410,647	2.6	1.6
Administrative & waste services	306,625	2,514,877	1.6	1.3
Educational services	94,706	801,175	1.2	2.5
Health care & social assistance	766,950	8,134,503	1.1	2.6
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	59,773	475,273	2.7	7.7
Accommodation & food services	440,714	1,637,158	2.0	5.4
Other services, except public administration	150,764	1,091,957	-0.1	2.9
State and local government	629,395	7,399,327	0.0	3.1
Federal government	75,743	1,493,764	0.3	2.4

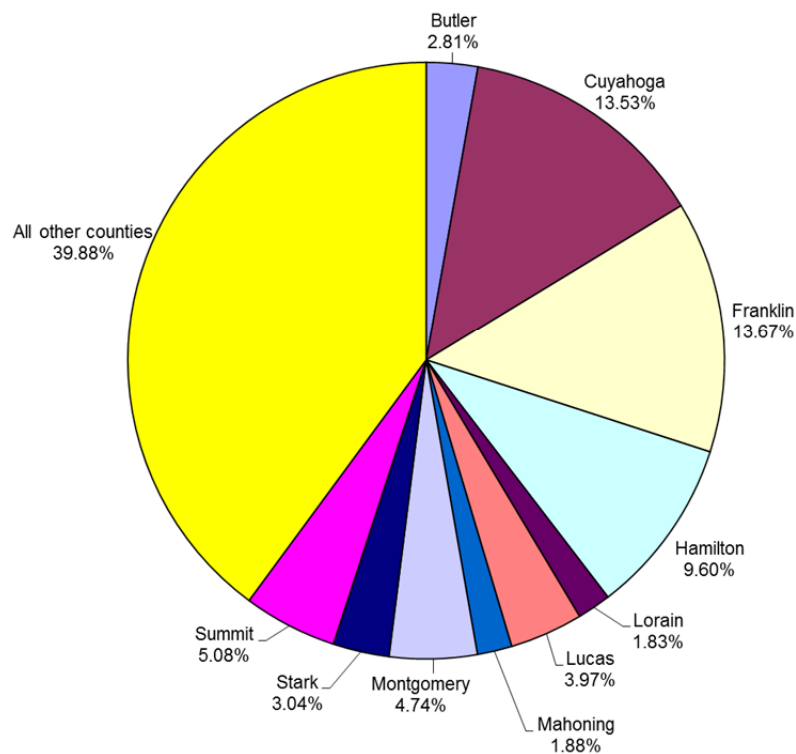
All of Ohio's largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2014 levels. Increases ranged from 2.4 percent in Franklin County to 0.4 percent in Stark County.

All ten of Ohio's largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2014. Payroll gains ranged from 5.7 percent in Butler County to 0.6 percent in Lorain County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,049,167	\$59,907,521	1.6	3.0
Butler	140,222	\$1,653,152	1.4	5.7
Cuyahoga	682,914	\$9,402,964	0.5	2.0
Franklin	690,355	\$9,304,926	2.4	4.5
Hamilton	484,754	\$7,023,328	1.4	1.9
Lorain	92,435	\$952,769	0.6	0.6
Lucas	200,292	\$2,298,762	0.8	3.2
Mahoning	94,856	\$851,265	1.2	3.1
Montgomery	239,342	\$2,636,173	1.3	1.8
Stark	153,707	\$1,509,910	0.4	1.5
Summit	256,700	\$3,119,554	1.8	3.2
All other counties	2,013,590	\$21,154,718	1.9	3.2

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 First Quarter 2015 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 290,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2015, 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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