



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2015

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.253 million in the fourth quarter of 2015 – up 1.3 percent from one year ago. All but one industrial sector experienced employment increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total employment ranged from 5.4 percent in Utilities to 0.2 percent in Information.

Mining experienced the only employment decline, down 16.9 percent. State and local government employment was unchanged while Federal employment increased 0.8 percent since 2014.

The fourth quarter 2015 payroll of \$65.432 billion was an increase of 5.9 percent from its same calendar point in 2014. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 13.2 percent in Utilities to 3.9 percent in Educational Services. Mining and Management of companies and enterprises experienced the only payroll declines, down 22.9 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 4.4 percent. Federal employees showed a 5.6 percent increase compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2015	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2015	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2014 to Fourth Quarter 2015	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,252,895	\$65,432,404	1.3	5.9
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	15,576	151,933	2.3	9.4
Mining	12,738	234,175	-16.9	-22.9
Utilities	19,208	438,910	5.4	13.2
Construction	207,889	3,306,931	2.5	7.8
Manufacturing	687,148	11,009,913	0.7	5.2
Wholesale trade	237,028	4,281,302	0.8	5.0
Retail trade	588,720	4,194,888	0.5	6.6
Transportation & warehousing	187,275	2,366,498	5.3	13.1
Information	72,112	1,200,390	0.2	5.1
Finance and insurance	215,079	3,930,556	1.8	7.1
Real estate and rental and leasing	62,783	748,401	1.7	6.4
Professional and technical services	252,841	5,022,193	0.9	5.3
Management of companies & enterprises	139,698	3,337,226	0.7	-3.6
Administrative & waste services	335,789	2,894,299	0.3	5.8
Educational services	99,337	866,839	1.9	3.9
Health care & social assistance	787,637	9,681,339	2.0	8.7
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	70,447	743,751	2.9	12.2
Accommodation & food services	465,643	1,920,147	3.1	9.3
Other services, except public administration	154,603	1,250,062	1.2	7.2
State and local government	641,345	7,852,653	0.0	4.4
Federal government	76,836	1,378,005	0.8	5.6

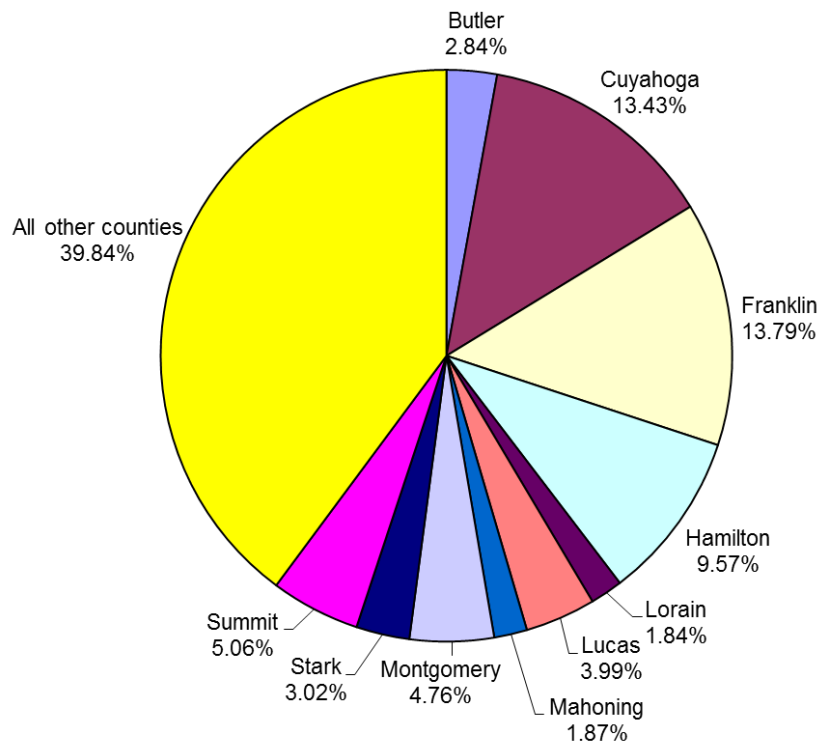
Eight of Ohio's largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2014 levels. Increases ranged from 2.4 percent in Butler County to 0.7 in Cuyahoga County. Mahoning and Stark Counties decreased 0.9 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively.

All of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2014. Payroll gains ranged from 11.0 percent in Butler County to 2.0 percent in Hamilton County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,252,895	\$65,432,404	1.3	5.9
Butler	149,335	\$1,840,803	2.4	11.0
Cuyahoga	705,355	\$9,989,575	0.7	5.2
Franklin	724,283	\$10,009,519	1.8	9.1
Hamilton	502,495	\$7,460,557	1.4	2.0
Lorain	96,585	\$1,049,549	0.8	4.8
Lucas	209,666	\$2,545,049	1.8	6.3
Mahoning	98,056	\$963,936	-0.9	2.9
Montgomery	249,785	\$2,978,688	1.8	7.0
Stark	158,643	\$1,681,632	-0.8	2.7
Summit	265,913	\$3,307,869	1.3	6.3
All other counties	2,092,779	\$23,605,227	1.4	5.9

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 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 292,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2015, 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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