



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2017

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.178 million in the first quarter of 2017 – up 0.8 percent from one year ago. Eleven industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the first quarter. Increases in total employment ranged from 2.8 percent in Management of companies & enterprises to 0.1 percent in Professional and technical services. Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting was essentially unchanged.

Seven private industrial sectors experienced an employment decline ranging from Mining at 6.6 percent to Manufacturing at 0.1 percent. State and local government employment increased 1.3 percent while Federal employment increased 1.8 percent since 2016.

The first quarter 2017 payroll of \$65.297 billion was an increase of 8.0 percent from its same calendar point in 2016. Eighteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 14.2 percent in Finance and insurance to 2.9 percent in Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting. Mining experienced the only payroll decline, down 0.8 percent. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 6.3 percent. Federal employees showed a 1.1 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2017	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2017	Percent Change First Quarter 2016 to First Quarter 2017	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,178,192	\$65,296,822	0.8	8.0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	14,046	113,242	0.0	2.9
Mining	10,352	182,985	-6.6	-0.8
Utilities	19,220	572,878	-0.8	7.8
Construction	191,280	2,736,673	1.9	9.8
Manufacturing	682,120	10,767,592	-0.1	8.4
Wholesale trade	233,113	4,173,294	-0.2	7.1
Retail trade	568,248	3,939,319	0.5	6.2
Transportation & warehousing	182,660	2,250,898	1.4	8.6
Information	71,326	1,312,614	-0.6	9.4
Finance and insurance	222,515	5,170,551	2.3	14.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	61,774	776,091	0.8	8.6
Professional and technical services	257,606	4,644,443	0.1	4.8
Management of companies & enterprises	141,721	4,647,293	2.8	8.1
Administrative & waste services	309,035	2,675,282	0.8	8.6
Educational services	97,098	848,755	-0.2	3.6
Health care & social assistance	794,221	8,921,010	1.2	7.8
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	62,629	531,321	1.5	10.0
Accommodation & food services	464,994	1,861,115	1.8	7.8
Other services, except public administration	153,537	1,278,161	-0.9	11.3
State and local government	640,696	7,893,304	1.3	6.3
Federal government	78,084	1,414,636	1.8	1.1

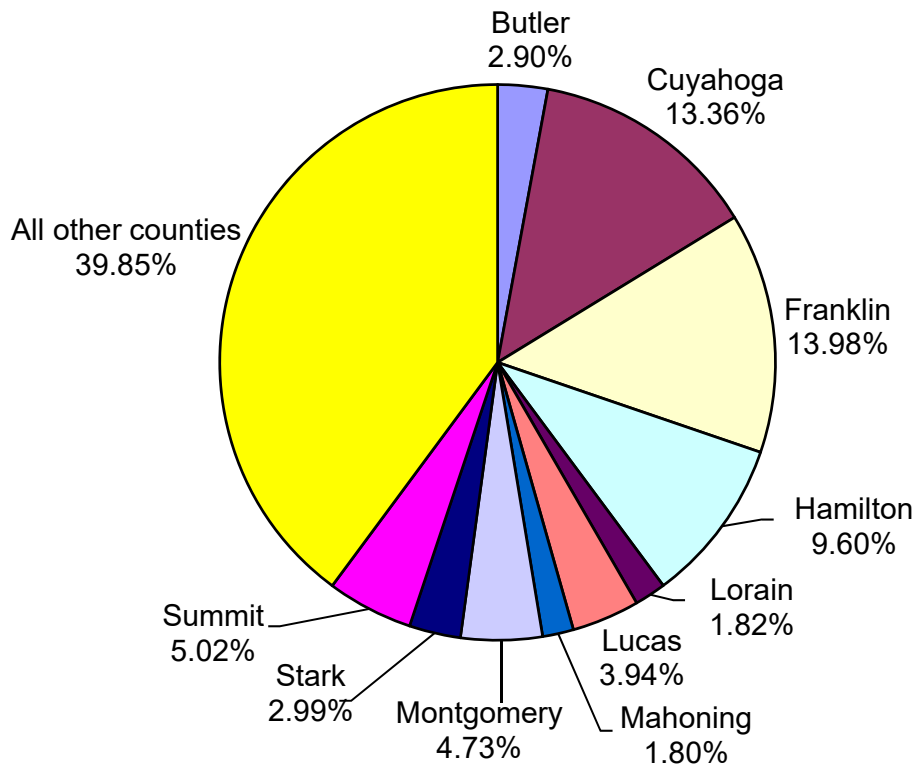
Seven of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2016 levels. Increases ranged from 2.8 percent in Butler County to 0.1 in Cuyahoga County. Three counties experienced employment decreases ranging from 1.3 percent in Mahoning County to 0.3 percent in both Lucas and Montgomery Counties

All of Ohio’s ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2016. Payroll gains ranged from 13.4 percent in Butler County to 3.7 percent in Summit County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,178,192	\$65,296,822	0.8	8.0
Butler	150,404	\$1,937,648	2.8	13.4
Cuyahoga	691,692	\$9,949,729	0.1	6.8
Franklin	723,686	\$10,363,443	2.1	8.6
Hamilton	496,952	\$7,767,592	1.5	11.1
Lorain	94,494	\$1,007,322	0.6	7.7
Lucas	204,088	\$2,502,774	-0.3	6.5
Mahoning	93,424	\$883,703	-1.3	6.1
Montgomery	245,044	\$2,854,132	-0.3	7.4
Stark	154,995	\$1,552,375	0.5	7.0
Summit	259,865	\$3,299,158	0.2	3.7
All other counties	2,063,548	\$23,178,946	0.8	7.9

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 First Quarter 2017 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 294,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2017, 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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