



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2017

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.340 million in the fourth quarter of 2017 – up 0.8 percent from one year ago. Fifteen industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total employment ranged from 5.4 percent in Construction to 0.3 percent in Utilities. Other services, except public administration was essentially unchanged.

Three private industrial sectors experienced an employment decline ranging from 1.2 percent in Administrative & waste services to 0.2 percent in Retail trade. State and local government employment increased 0.2 percent while Federal employment increased 0.3 percent since 2016.

The fourth quarter 2017 payroll of \$66,980 billion was an increase of 4.0 percent from its same calendar point in 2016. All industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 11.6 percent in Construction to 2.3 percent in Educational services. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 1.3 percent. Federal employees showed a 2.6 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2017	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2017	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2016 to Fourth Quarter 2017	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,339,609	\$66,980,451	0.8	4.0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	15,925	153,335	0.6	4.8
Mining	11,628	218,952	3.5	9.4
Utilities	19,073	432,166	0.3	5.8
Construction	220,374	3,633,485	5.4	11.6
Manufacturing	691,290	10,790,321	0.9	3.6
Wholesale trade	237,980	4,306,858	0.8	4.1
Retail trade	590,909	4,224,520	-0.2	3.1
Transportation & warehousing	193,957	2,411,541	1.0	5.6
Information	71,128	1,213,591	-0.6	2.4
Finance and insurance	225,906	4,200,659	2.1	5.4
Real estate and rental and leasing	63,785	801,184	0.7	6.8
Professional and technical services	259,235	5,227,374	0.4	3.1
Management of companies & enterprises	141,283	3,427,789	2.2	4.3
Administrative & waste services	333,226	2,948,988	-1.2	4.5
Educational services	99,998	881,698	1.6	2.3
Health care & social assistance	805,579	9,885,991	0.7	3.5
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	73,467	753,851	3.1	2.9
Accommodation & food services	479,392	2,009,820	1.3	3.5
Other services, except public administration	155,183	1,349,837	0.0	6.3
State and local government	650,292	8,108,491	0.2	1.3
Federal government	78,538	1,572,186	0.3	2.6

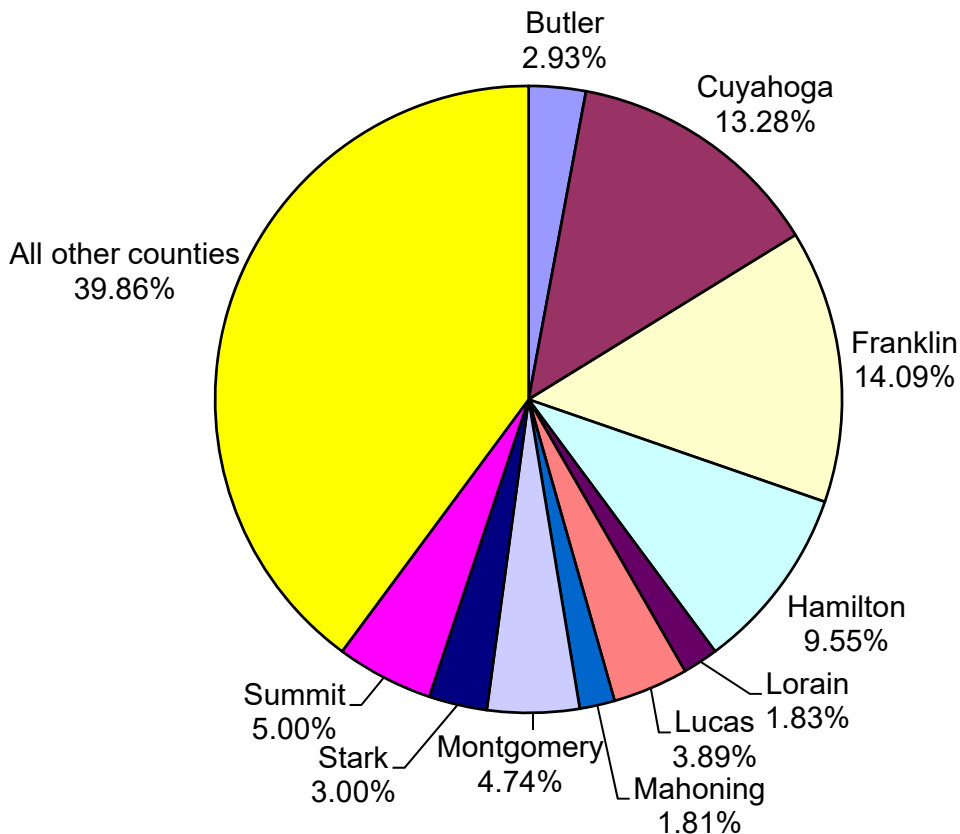
Seven of Ohio's largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2016 levels. Increases ranged from 2.0 percent in Butler County to 0.1 in Cuyahoga County. Three counties experienced employment decreases ranging from 0.9 percent in Mahoning County to 0.2 percent in Summit County.

All of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2016. Payroll gains ranged from 6.0 percent in Stark County to 1.1 percent in Lorain County.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2017	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2017	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2016 to Third Quarter 2017	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,339,609	\$66,980,451	0.8	4.0
Butler	156,664	\$1,896,872	2.0	2.8
Cuyahoga	708,937	\$10,288,304	0.1	3.7
Franklin	752,299	\$10,200,051	1.1	3.8
Hamilton	510,170	\$7,627,682	0.9	4.5
Lorain	97,728	\$1,037,629	0.5	1.1
Lucas	207,812	\$2,477,501	-0.5	1.5
Mahoning	96,837	\$966,780	-0.9	2.9
Montgomery	253,226	\$2,994,451	1.0	3.7
Stark	160,432	\$1,732,452	1.1	6.0
Summit	267,236	\$3,330,993	-0.2	1.7
All other counties	2,128,268	\$24,427,736	1.1	4.8

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 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 297,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2017, 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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