



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2018

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.375 million in the fourth quarter of 2018 – up 0.7 percent from one year ago. Thirteen industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total employment ranged from 6.7 percent in Transportation & warehousing to 0.5 percent in both Finance and insurance and Administrative & waste services.

Six private industrial sectors experienced an employment decline ranging from 3.0 percent in Retail trade to 0.4 percent in Management of companies & enterprises. State and local government employment increased 0.2 percent while Federal employment increased 1.1 percent since 2017.

The fourth quarter 2018 payroll of \$69.667 billion was an increase of 4.0 percent from its same calendar point in 2017. Eighteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 9.9 percent in Transportation & warehousing to 0.7 percent in Mining. Retail trade was essentially unchanged. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 3.6 percent. Federal employees showed a 6.7 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2018	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2018	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2017 to Fourth Quarter 2018	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,374,992	\$69,666,881	0.7	4.0
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	16,575	166,548	4.1	8.6
Mining	11,696	220,422	0.6	0.7
Utilities	18,922	465,911	-0.8	7.8
Construction	225,991	3,766,023	2.5	3.6
Manufacturing	703,716	11,346,723	1.8	5.2
Wholesale trade	236,798	4,462,917	-0.5	3.6
Retail trade	573,072	4,226,442	-3.0	0.0
Transportation & warehousing	206,971	2,650,339	6.7	9.9
Information	70,546	1,241,352	-0.8	2.3
Finance and insurance	227,126	4,378,660	0.5	4.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	64,215	833,875	0.7	4.1
Professional and technical services	265,212	5,478,378	2.3	4.8
Management of companies & enterprises	140,688	3,551,254	-0.4	3.6
Administrative & waste services	334,794	3,069,414	0.5	4.1
Educational services	99,369	911,970	-0.6	3.4
Health care & social assistance	811,850	10,196,474	0.8	3.1
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	75,933	780,666	3.4	3.6
Accommodation & food services	482,827	2,118,891	0.7	5.4
Other services, except public administration	157,168	1,397,683	1.3	3.5
State and local government	651,524	8,402,942	0.2	3.6
Federal government	79,440	1,677,981	1.1	6.7

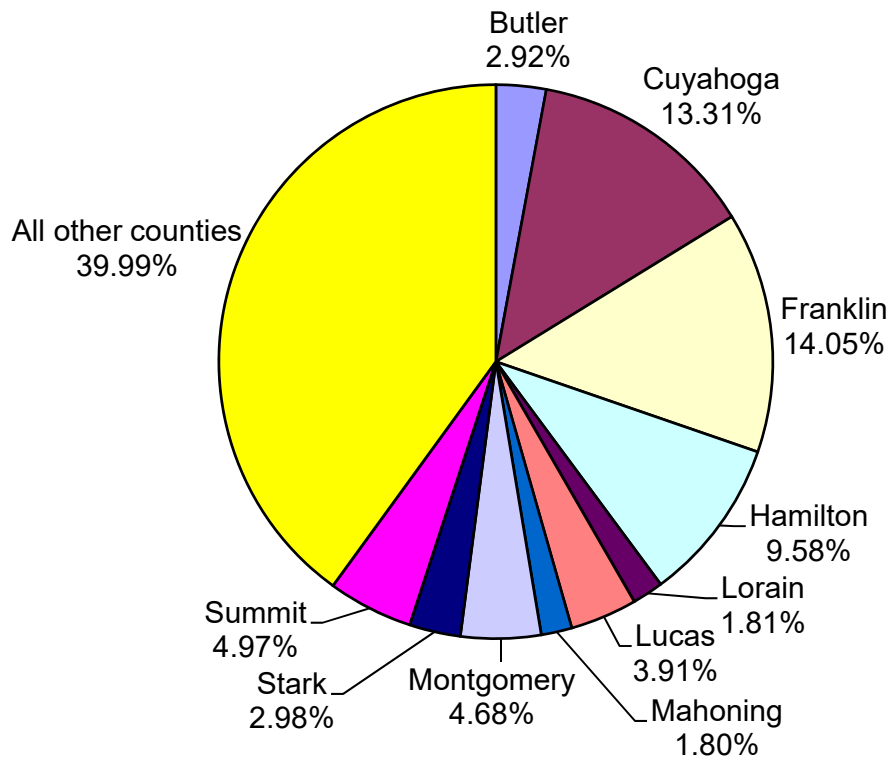
Six of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2017 levels. Increases ranged from 1.0 percent in Lucas County to 0.1 percent in both Butler and Summit Counties. Four counties experienced employment decreases ranging from 0.6 percent in Montgomery County to 0.1 percent in Mahoning County.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2017. Payroll gains ranged from 6.2 percent in Hamilton County to 1.8 percent in Stark County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,374,992	\$69,666,881	0.7	4.0
Butler	156,856	\$1,957,326	0.1	3.2
Cuyahoga	715,360	\$10,539,871	0.9	2.4
Franklin	755,429	\$10,610,108	0.4	4.0
Hamilton	514,694	\$8,100,118	0.9	6.2
Lorain	97,456	\$1,075,941	-0.3	3.7
Lucas	209,955	\$2,552,538	1.0	3.0
Mahoning	96,717	\$993,736	-0.1	2.8
Montgomery	251,606	\$3,084,031	-0.6	3.0
Stark	160,112	\$1,763,505	-0.2	1.8
Summit	267,381	\$3,455,029	0.1	3.7
All other counties	2,149,426	\$25,534,678	1.0	4.5

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 2018 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 299,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2018, 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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