



# Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

## First Quarter 2019

**Summary** - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.267 million in the first quarter of 2019 – up 0.8 percent from one year ago. Thirteen industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the first quarter. Increases in total employment ranged from 4.9 percent in Transportation & warehousing to 0.4 percent in Other services, except public administration. Mining was essentially unchanged.

Five private industrial sectors experienced an employment decline ranging from 5.0 percent in Educational services to 1.3 percent in Utilities. State and local government employment increased 1.4 percent while Federal employment increased 0.8 percent since 2018.

The first quarter 2019 payroll of \$70.444 billion was an increase of 3.9 percent from its same calendar point in 2018. Eighteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 9.3 percent in Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting to 0.3 percent in Educational services. Utilities experienced the only payroll decline, down 0.4 percent from last year. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 3.9 percent. Federal employees showed a 0.3 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2019	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2019	Percent Change First Quarter 2018 to First Quarter 2019	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,267,140</b>	<b>\$70,443,943</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	14,951	132,955	3.2	9.3
Mining	11,576	221,269	0.0	4.9
Utilities	18,997	585,135	-1.3	-0.4
Construction	206,255	3,038,093	4.6	5.6
Manufacturing	701,704	11,429,558	1.2	2.3
Wholesale trade	235,936	4,482,854	1.9	3.8
Retail trade	548,669	3,985,400	-1.9	0.6
Transportation & warehousing	202,913	2,689,003	4.9	7.1
Information	69,720	1,328,134	-1.9	2.1
Finance and insurance	229,015	5,714,090	0.8	2.9
Real estate and rental and leasing	63,949	847,385	3.0	7.8
Professional and technical services	267,630	5,125,432	2.2	5.6
Management of companies & enterprises	141,244	5,043,367	0.9	6.7
Administrative & waste services	306,940	2,849,984	-1.8	2.0
Educational services	92,750	864,121	-5.0	0.3
Health care & social assistance	811,100	9,649,823	1.0	4.6
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	67,522	602,757	4.2	9.1
Accommodation & food services	472,604	2,002,588	0.7	4.6
Other services, except public administration	154,569	1,346,336	0.4	3.9
State and local government	649,095	8,505,658	1.4	3.9
Federal government	78,742	1,452,458	0.8	0.3

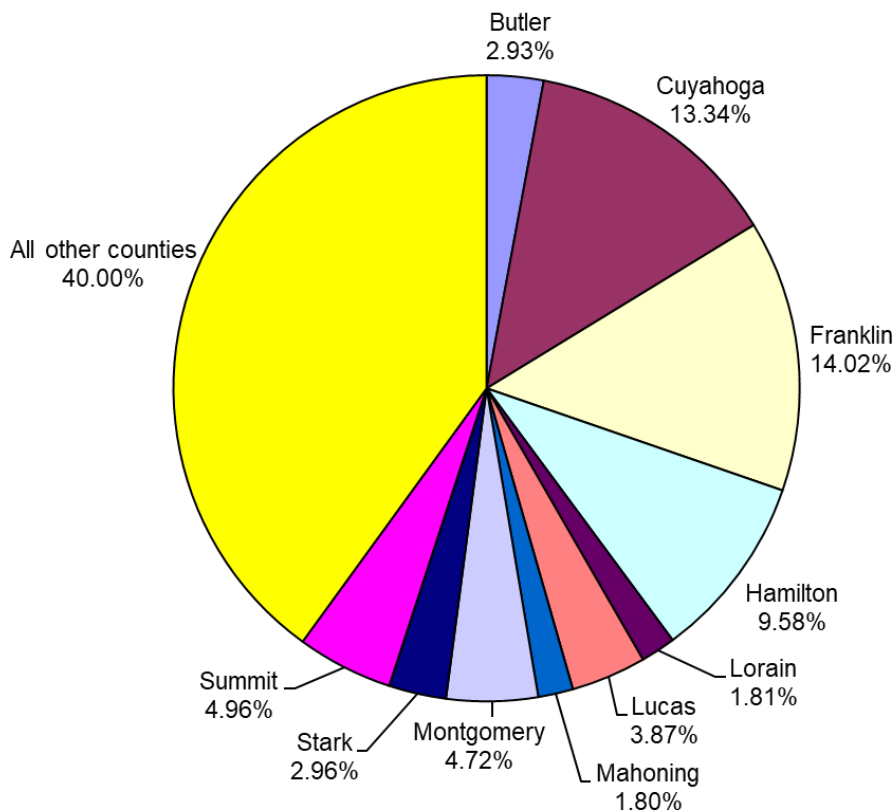
Eight of Ohio's largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2018 levels. Increases ranged from 1.4 percent in Butler County to 0.2 percent in Montgomery County. Both Lucas and Stark Counties experienced employment decreases, down 0.5 and 0.6 percent, respectively.

Nine of Ohio's largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2018. Payroll gains ranged from 7.4 percent in Hamilton County to 2.3 percent in Lorain County. Lucas County wages were essentially unchanged.

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Butler	154,169	\$2,035,560	1.4	2.5
Cuyahoga	702,575	\$10,677,636	0.7	3.1
Franklin	738,518	\$11,366,861	1.2	4.7
Hamilton	504,699	\$8,399,340	0.9	7.4
Lorain	95,322	\$1,047,452	0.8	2.3
Lucas	204,097	\$2,653,917	-0.5	0.0
Mahoning	94,923	\$946,007	0.7	4.1
Montgomery	248,521	\$3,045,232	0.2	3.6
Stark	155,984	\$1,704,320	-0.6	2.6
Summit	261,310	\$3,401,858	0.5	2.8
All other counties	2,107,022	\$25,165,760	1.0	3.6

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 60 percent of the state's covered employment.

**Percentage of First Quarter 2019 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 300,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2019, 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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