



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2021

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.033 million in the first quarter of 2021 – down 4.7 percent from one year ago. Three industrial sectors experienced an employment increase. Increases ranged from 6.8 percent in Transportation & Warehousing to 0.6 percent in Finance and Insurance.

Sixteen private industrial sectors experienced an employment decline ranging from 24.8 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 1.7 percent in both Retail Trade and Professional and Technical Services. State and Local Government employment decreased 5.3 percent and Federal Government employment decreased 0.3 percent since first quarter of 2020.

The first quarter 2021 payroll of \$71.4 billion was a decrease of 1.6 percent from its same calendar point in 2020. Seven industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter. Increases ranged from 8.0 percent in Transportation & Warehousing to 0.4 percent in Information. Twelve industrial sectors experienced payroll decreases. Decreases in payroll ranged from 23.2 percent in Mining to 0.8 percent in Real Estate and Rental and Leasing. During this same period, State & Local Government wages decreased 2.3 percent. Federal Government employees showed a 3.7 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2021	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2021	Percent Change First Quarter 2020 to First Quarter 2021	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,033,326	\$71,408,758	-4.7	-1.6
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	15,487	142,807	1.8	3.5
Mining	8,059	145,781	-18.9	-23.2
Utilities	18,310	559,741	-2.2	-4.6
Construction	203,084	3,157,888	-4.2	-2.2
Manufacturing	661,475	10,739,208	-4.4	-5.5
Wholesale Trade	224,241	4,446,013	-4.2	-2.3
Retail Trade	535,420	4,300,120	-1.7	4.7
Transportation & Warehousing	233,348	3,011,105	6.8	8.0
Information	62,881	1,367,751	-7.9	0.4
Finance and Insurance	228,170	6,246,941	0.6	2.0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	61,144	858,440	-5.4	-0.8
Professional and Technical Services	266,304	5,499,188	-1.7	2.5
Management of Companies & Enterprises	135,938	4,923,821	-3.8	-5.4
Administrative & Waste Services	297,091	3,092,928	-2.4	6.4
Educational Services	84,505	856,632	-8.5	-3.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	785,840	9,804,069	-4.1	-2.4
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	52,015	507,880	-24.8	-17.2
Accommodation & Food Services	401,064	1,816,214	-15.1	-11.4
Other Services, Except Public Administration	141,169	1,314,569	-9.2	-6.5
State and Local Government	617,781	8,617,662	-5.3	-2.3
Federal Government	79,557	1,547,438	-0.3	3.7

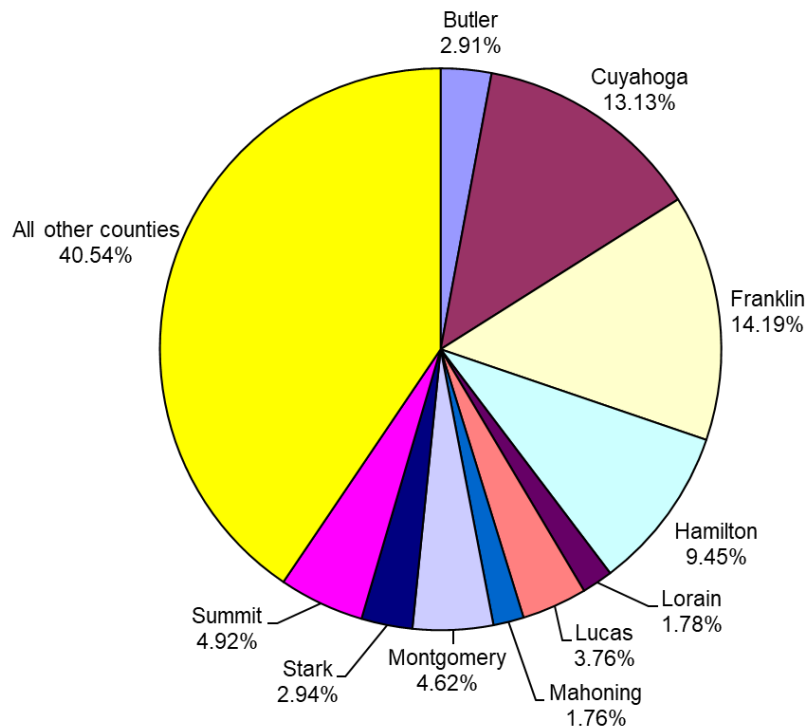
All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment decreases from their first quarter 2020 levels. Decreases ranged from 7.3 percent in Lucas County to 4.5 percent in Franklin County.

Of the ten largest counties, only Stark County experienced a payroll increase - up 0.1 percent. Payroll decreases since the first quarter of 2020 ranged from by 6.2 percent in Lucas County and by 0.2 percent in Summit County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,033,326	\$71,408,758	-4.7	-1.6
Butler	146,548	\$2,022,186	-5.8	-5.1
Cuyahoga	660,877	\$10,799,695	-6.3	-2.9
Franklin	714,028	\$11,630,040	-4.5	-2.0
Hamilton	475,775	\$8,444,561	-6.1	-1.7
Lorain	89,739	\$1,025,625	-5.2	-2.9
Lucas	189,450	\$2,572,603	-7.3	-6.2
Mahoning	88,399	\$936,231	-6.6	-2.2
Montgomery	232,769	\$3,029,392	-6.4	-4.8
Stark	148,024	\$1,708,118	-4.8	0.1
Summit	247,389	\$3,477,126	-5.8	-0.2
All other counties	2,040,328	\$25,763,181	-3.1	0.1

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 nearly 60 percent of the state’s covered employment.

Percentage of First Quarter 2021 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 311,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2021, 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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