



# Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

## First Quarter 2023

**Summary** - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.297 million in the first quarter of 2023 – up 2.0 percent from one year ago. Sixteen industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the first quarter. Increases ranged from 10.9 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 0.1 percent in Information.

Three private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Administrative & Waste Services declined by 3.2 percent; Transportation & Warehousing decreased by 1.6 percent with Retail Trade falling 0.1 percent. State and Local Government employment increased 1.9 percent and Federal Government employment increased 1.8 percent compared to the previous year.

The first quarter 2023 payroll of \$86.5 billion was an increase of 9.3 percent from its same calendar point in 2022. All nineteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter. Increases ranged from 23.8 percent in Mining to 3.9 percent in Finance and Insurance. During this same period, State & Local Government wages increased 8.8 percent. Federal Government employees showed a 20.9 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2023	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2023	Percent Change First Quarter 2022 to First Quarter 2023	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,297,472</b>	<b>\$86,542,322</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	17,010	195,123	4.9	19.2
Mining	8,787	197,174	6.3	23.8
Utilities	17,970	609,536	1.6	5.2
Construction	221,340	3,954,187	3.4	14.0
Manufacturing	686,478	12,871,677	1.4	7.9
Wholesale Trade	240,144	5,574,048	2.7	10.2
Retail Trade	539,671	5,056,576	-0.1	5.3
Transportation & Warehousing	245,677	3,715,058	-1.6	10.3
Information	68,323	1,645,046	0.1	8.1
Finance and Insurance	238,715	7,424,514	1.9	3.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	66,325	1,092,014	4.5	15.9
Professional and Technical Services	289,603	6,961,836	3.8	13.5
Management of Companies & Enterprises	142,397	5,588,014	3.5	4.7
Administrative & Waste Services	301,341	3,755,536	-3.2	4.4
Educational Services	93,105	1,021,863	4.5	12.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	801,182	12,126,709	3.1	12.5
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	67,896	759,150	10.9	16.9
Accommodation & Food Services	461,499	2,551,766	4.5	16.1
Other Services, Except Public Administration	153,245	1,664,785	3.5	14.1
State and Local Government	636,761	9,777,710	1.9	8.8
Federal Government	80,831	1,931,240	1.8	20.9

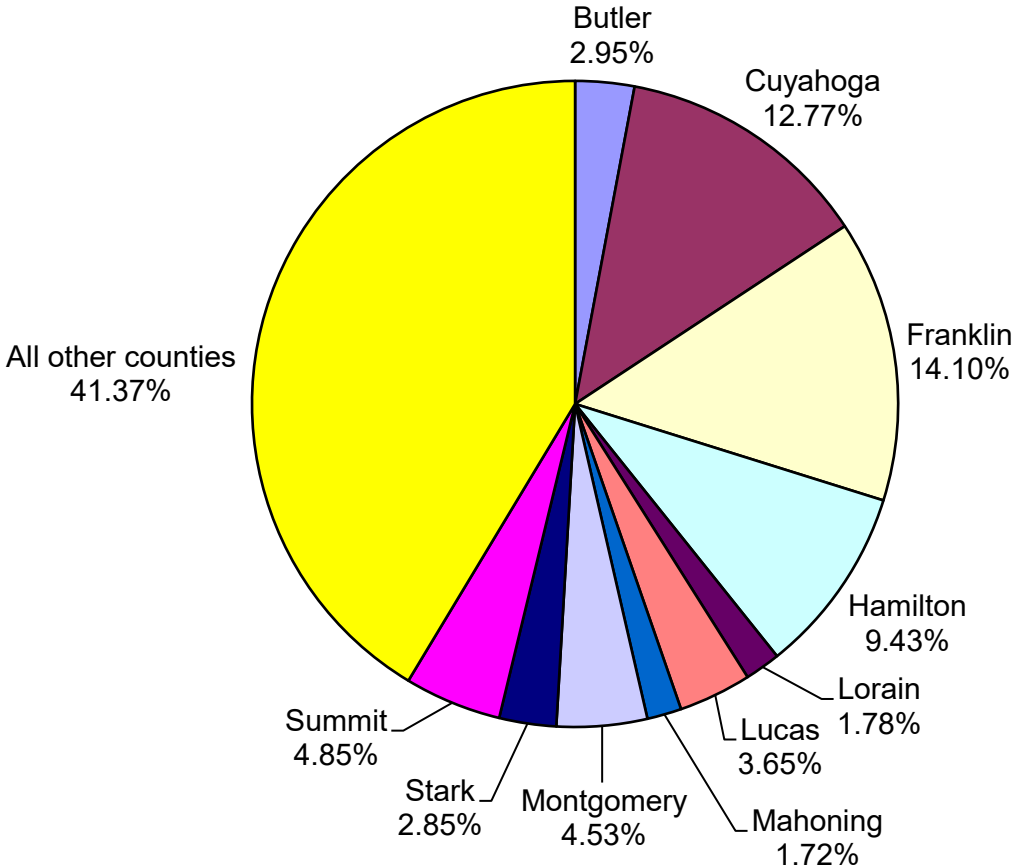
All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2022 levels. Increases ranged from 3.7 percent in Butler County to 0.1 percent in Cuyahoga County.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2022. Payroll increases ranged from 13.3 percent in Lorain County to 5.2 percent in Hamilton County.

County	Average Employment First Quarter 2023	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2023	Percent Change First Quarter 2022 to First Quarter 2023	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,297,472</b>	<b>\$86,542,322</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>
Butler	156,399	\$2,481,375	3.7	11.2
Cuyahoga	676,635	\$12,672,348	0.1	5.8
Franklin	747,003	\$13,632,141	1.3	7.1
Hamilton	499,456	\$9,803,995	1.9	5.2
Lorain	94,371	\$1,264,351	2.3	13.3
Lucas	193,177	\$3,070,556	1.1	9.3
Mahoning	91,139	\$1,127,960	0.7	9.1
Montgomery	239,727	\$3,636,252	0.5	9.9
Stark	150,995	\$2,053,885	0.6	12.1
Summit	257,061	\$4,094,219	3.4	7.7
All other counties	2,191,509	\$32,705,240	3.0	12.6

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 nearly 60 percent of the state’s covered employment.

**Percentage of First Quarter 2023 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 339,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2023, 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.

**Additional Information.** For additional information, contact the Bureau of Labor Market Information, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43266-0423, (614) 752-9494 or visit our website at <https://ohiolmi.com/>.

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