



# Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

## Third Quarter 2023

**Summary** - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.418 million in the third quarter of 2023 – up 1.5 percent from one year ago. Fifteen industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the third quarter. Increases ranged from 6.2 percent in Mining to 0.6 percent in Manufacturing.

Three industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Declines ranged from 4.9 percent in Administrative & Waste Services to 0.8 percent in Transportation & Warehousing. Employment in the Retail Trade Sector was essentially unchanged. State and Local Government employment increased 2.2 percent and Federal Government employment increased 4.6 percent compared to the previous year.

The third quarter 2023 payroll of \$82.8 billion was an increase of 1.2 percent from its same calendar point in 2022. Fourteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the third quarter. Increases ranged from 13.4 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 0.3 percent in Real Estate and Rental and Leasing. Five industrial sectors experienced payroll decreases. Decreases ranged from 5.4 percent in Administrative & Waste Services to 1.2 percent in Information. During this same period, State and Local Government wages increased 2.3 percent. Federal Government employees showed an 8.8 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Third Quarter 2023	Wages (in thousands) Third Quarter 2023	Percent Change Third Quarter 2022 to Third Quarter 2023	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,418,116</b>	<b>\$82,756,780</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	19,438	216,130	2.7	3.2
Mining	9,162	188,038	6.2	3.9
Utilities	18,167	488,089	2.3	1.7
Construction	247,194	4,432,919	1.7	1.5
Manufacturing	689,287	11,963,372	0.6	-1.3
Wholesale Trade	241,951	5,156,753	1.2	1.2
Retail Trade	542,994	4,955,492	0.0	-2.5
Transportation & Warehousing	244,433	3,588,972	-0.8	-1.6
Information	67,734	1,504,593	-3.2	-1.2
Finance and Insurance	239,580	5,265,982	1.5	0.8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	70,509	1,021,036	3.5	0.3
Professional and Technical Services	289,895	6,734,539	2.0	3.0
Management of Companies & Enterprises	143,217	4,467,992	1.8	7.2
Administrative & Waste Services	311,219	3,728,399	-4.9	-5.4
Educational Services	87,672	1,044,038	3.9	4.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	822,603	12,529,939	3.7	3.1
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	99,957	1,015,834	5.5	13.4
Accommodation & Food Services	488,805	2,769,022	3.7	4.2
Other Services, Except Public Administration	158,676	1,720,638	2.3	1.3
State and Local Government	625,621	9,965,002	2.2	2.3
Federal Government	83,283	2,020,589	4.6	8.8

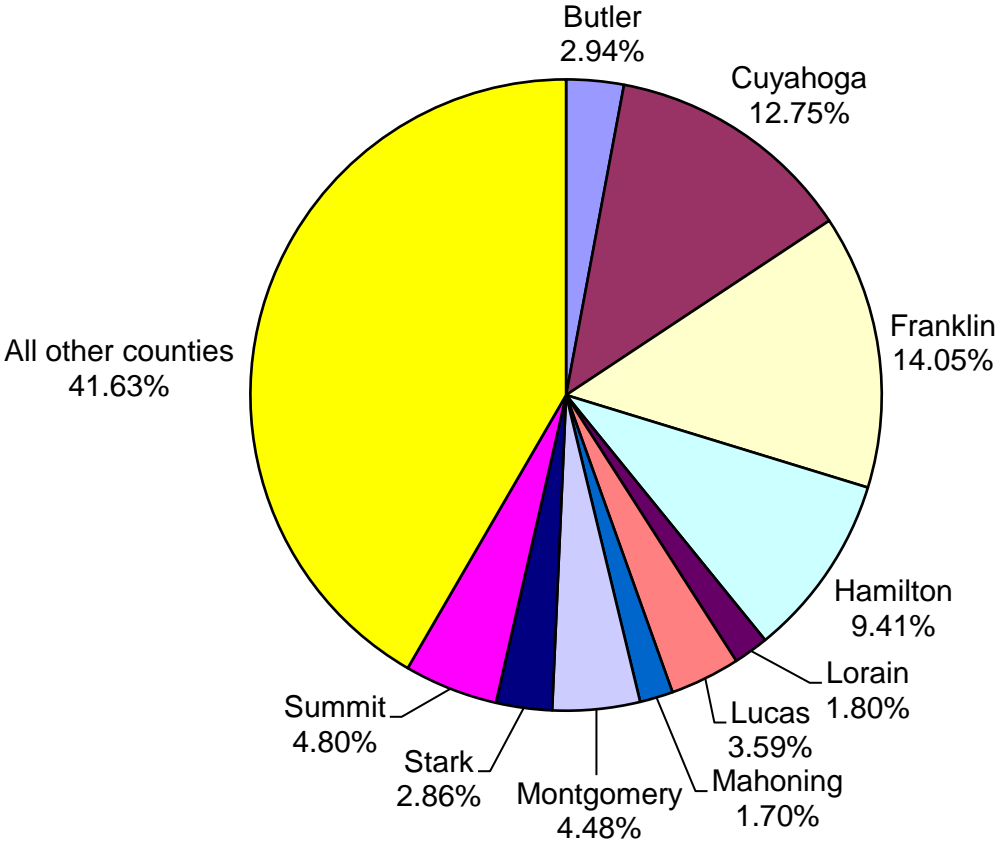
Nine of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their third quarter 2022 levels. Increases ranged from 4.4 percent in Butler County to 0.3 percent in Cuyahoga, Mahoning and Stark Counties. Employment levels for Lucas County were essentially unchanged.

Eight of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2022. Payroll increases ranged from 4.0 percent in Butler County to 0.8 percent in Franklin and Mahoning Counties. Only one of Ohio’s largest counties, Lucas County, experienced a payroll decrease of 1.9 percent since 2022. Payroll was essentially unchanged for Montgomery County.

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Butler	159,222	\$2,354,253	4.4	4.0
Cuyahoga	690,616	\$12,008,139	0.3	1.6
Franklin	761,205	\$12,869,751	1.2	0.8
Hamilton	509,651	\$9,153,593	0.4	1.0
Lorain	97,451	\$1,233,244	2.6	0.9
Lucas	194,358	\$2,768,889	0.0	-1.9
Mahoning	92,239	\$1,129,407	0.3	0.8
Montgomery	242,631	\$3,466,512	0.6	0.0
Stark	155,153	\$2,023,189	0.3	1.7
Summit	259,844	\$3,832,616	1.9	2.3
All other counties	2,255,746	\$31,917,187	2.3	1.5

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 nearly 60 percent of the state’s covered employment.

**Percentage of Third 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 336,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the third quarter of 2023, by industrial sector and county. They present average quarterly employment tabulations and third 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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