



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2023

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.440 million in the fourth quarter of 2023 – up 1.2 percent from one year ago. Fifteen industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the fourth quarter. Increases ranged from 5.3 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 0.4 percent in Wholesale Trade.

Four industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Declines ranged from 5.3 percent in Administrative & Waste Services to 0.4 percent in Manufacturing and Retail Trade. State and Local Government employment increased 2.1 percent and Federal Government employment increased 4.6 percent compared to the previous year.

The fourth quarter 2023 payroll of \$87.5 billion was an increase of 4.8 percent from its same calendar point in 2022. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases ranged from 11.2 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 0.9 percent in Information. Two industrial sectors experienced payroll decreases. Administrative & Waste Services decreased 2.8 percent while Retail Trade decreased 0.5 percent. During this same period, State and Local Government wages increased 6.8 percent. Federal Government employees showed a 9.4 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2023	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2023	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2022 to Fourth Quarter 2023	
			Employment	Wages
			Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,439,793
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	19,078	249,015	3.4	1.9
Mining	8,970	194,494	1.4	3.8
Utilities	18,372	527,102	3.9	5.1
Construction	241,849	5,022,629	2.2	8.6
Manufacturing	683,506	12,953,695	-0.4	4.8
Wholesale Trade	241,900	5,574,617	0.4	3.1
Retail Trade	555,636	5,171,214	-0.4	-0.5
Transportation & Warehousing	263,065	3,978,434	2.5	4.1
Information	67,247	1,545,796	-3.9	0.9
Finance and Insurance	238,511	5,838,812	0.5	7.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	69,019	1,120,200	0.6	1.5
Professional and Technical Services	289,225	7,486,795	0.7	3.6
Management of Companies & Enterprises	141,601	4,110,643	1.9	3.1
Administrative & Waste Services	306,300	3,833,495	-5.3	-2.8
Educational Services	95,333	1,088,477	3.7	7.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	831,555	12,965,014	4.2	7.5
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	79,468	1,066,092	5.3	11.2
Accommodation & Food Services	476,994	2,768,485	3.0	7.3
Other Services, Except Public Administration	156,862	1,774,189	1.4	5.0
State and Local Government	655,302	10,350,471	2.1	6.8
Federal Government	84,071	1,887,588	4.6	9.4

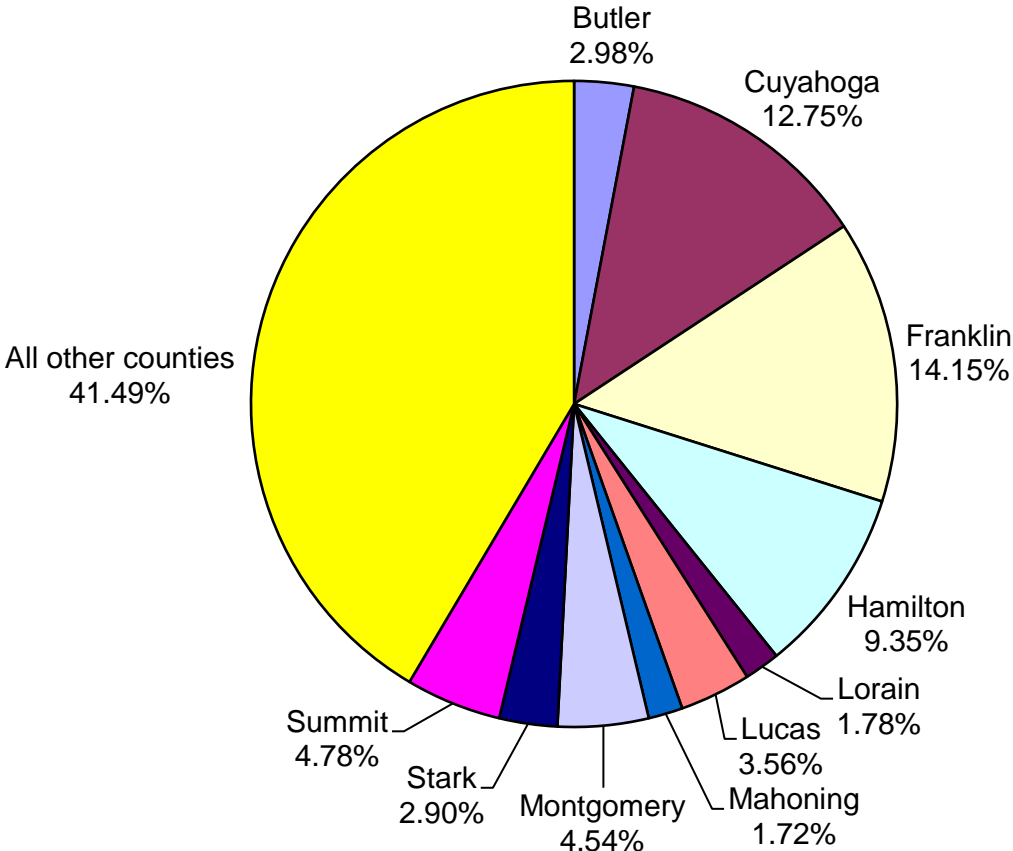
Seven of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2022 levels. Increases ranged from 3.8 percent in Butler County to 0.1 percent in Hamilton County. Cuyahoga, Lucas and Summit Counties experienced employment decreases of 0.2, 1.8 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2022. Payroll increases ranged from 6.8 percent in Lorain County to 2.4 percent in Hamilton County.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2023	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2023	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2022 to Fourth Quarter 2023	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,439,793	\$87,519,668	1.2	4.8
Butler	161,841	\$2,473,760	3.8	6.6
Cuyahoga	693,830	\$12,539,654	-0.2	3.4
Franklin	769,823	\$13,770,994	1.2	3.5
Hamilton	508,598	\$9,417,743	0.1	2.4
Lorain	96,622	\$1,335,368	1.9	6.8
Lucas	193,642	\$3,016,497	-1.8	2.6
Mahoning	93,452	\$1,213,838	0.2	5.2
Montgomery	246,927	\$3,750,595	1.9	5.2
Stark	157,948	\$2,137,150	1.7	4.0
Summit	260,227	\$4,069,223	-0.4	5.2
All other counties	2,256,883	\$33,794,846	2.1	6.4

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 Fourth 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 335,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2023, 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.

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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