



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2024

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.345 million in the first quarter of 2024 – up 0.9 percent from one year ago. Eleven industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the first quarter. Increases ranged from 5.6 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 1.4 percent in Accommodation & Food Services.

Eight private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases ranged from 6.2 percent in Administrative & Waste Services to 0.2 percent in Professional and Technical Services. State and Local Government employment increased 2.3 percent and Federal Government employment increased 4.3 percent compared to the previous year.

The first quarter 2024 payroll of \$90.7 billion was an increase of 4.8 percent from its same calendar point in 2023. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter. Increases ranged from 21.7 percent in Utilities to 0.7 percent in Retail Trade. Two industrial sectors, Mining (1.9 percent) and Administrative & Waste Services (1.5 percent) experienced payroll decreases. During this same period, State & Local Government wages increased 5.1 percent. Federal Government employees showed an 8.6 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2024	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2024	Percent Change First Quarter 2023 to First Quarter 2024	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,345,228	\$90,705,568	0.9	4.8
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	17,758	202,652	4.4	3.9
Mining	8,582	193,481	-2.3	-1.9
Utilities	18,620	741,669	3.6	21.7
Construction	228,561	4,303,791	3.3	8.8
Manufacturing	683,504	13,500,789	-0.4	4.9
Wholesale Trade	238,550	5,778,159	-0.7	3.7
Retail Trade	536,222	5,091,658	-0.6	0.7
Transportation & Warehousing	249,907	3,785,025	1.7	1.9
Information	66,574	1,726,021	-2.6	4.9
Finance and Insurance	235,929	7,591,622	-1.2	2.3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	67,815	1,146,261	2.2	5.0
Professional and Technical Services	289,053	7,295,446	-0.2	4.8
Management of Companies & Enterprises	144,984	6,100,979	1.8	9.2
Administrative & Waste Services	282,713	3,698,504	-6.2	-1.5
Educational Services	95,454	1,075,497	2.5	5.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	834,224	12,970,020	4.1	7.0
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	71,729	792,216	5.6	4.4
Accommodation & Food Services	468,176	2,674,333	1.4	4.8
Other Services, Except Public Administration	155,694	1,760,753	1.6	5.8
State and Local Government	651,179	10,276,690	2.3	5.1
Federal Government	84,285	2,097,343	4.3	8.6

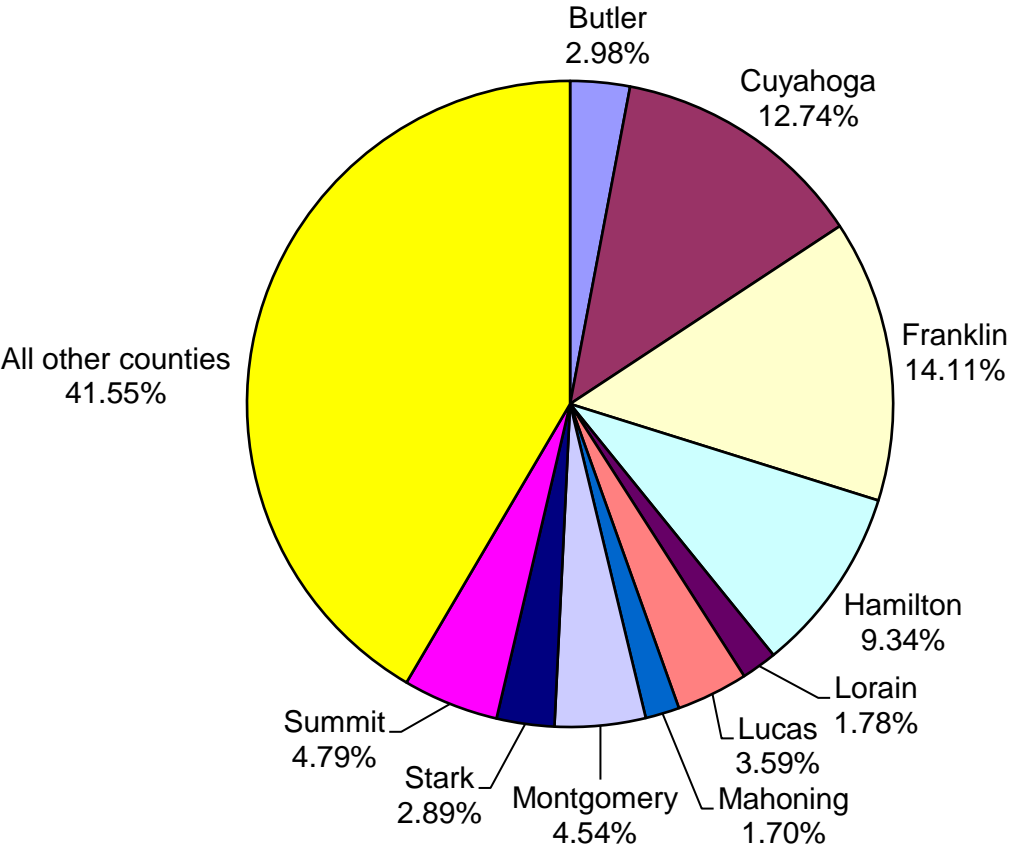
Six of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2023 levels. Increases ranged from 2.2 percent in Stark County to 0.6 percent in Lorain County. Employment decreases occurred in four of Ohio’s largest counties. Decreases ranged from 0.7 percent in Lucas County to 0.1 percent in Hamilton and Mahoning Counties.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2023. Payroll increases ranged from 7.5 percent in Butler County to 2.2 percent in Lucas County.

County	Average Employment First Quarter 2024	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2024	Percent Change First Quarter 2023 to First Quarter 2024	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,345,228	\$90,705,568	0.9	4.8
Butler	159,190	2,666,973	1.8	7.5
Cuyahoga	681,223	13,450,178	0.7	6.1
Franklin	754,084	14,216,538	0.9	4.3
Hamilton	499,020	10,161,150	-0.1	3.6
Lorain	94,976	1,319,310	0.6	4.3
Lucas	191,760	3,136,808	-0.7	2.2
Mahoning	91,061	1,180,867	-0.1	4.7
Montgomery	242,636	3,766,679	1.2	3.6
Stark	154,288	2,170,366	2.2	5.7
Summit	256,197	4,282,205	-0.3	4.6
All other counties	2,220,793	34,354,494	1.3	5.0

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 2024 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 338,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2024, 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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