



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2024

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.452 million in the third quarter of 2024 – up 0.6 percent from one year ago. Eleven industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the third quarter. Increases ranged from 5.1 percent in Construction to 0.3 percent in Accommodation & Food Services.

Eight industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Declines ranged from 4.1 percent in Administrative & Waste Services to 0.6 percent in Professional and Technical Services. State and Local Government employment increased 1.5 percent and Federal Government employment increased 2.2 percent compared to the previous year.

The third quarter 2024 payroll of \$86.9 billion was an increase of 5.0 percent from its same calendar point in 2023. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the third quarter. Increases ranged from 13.7 percent in Construction to 0.4 percent in Mining. Two industrial sectors experienced payroll decreases. Administrative & Waste Services decreased 2.7 percent while Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation decreased 2.8 percent. During this same period, State and Local Government wages increased 3.8 percent. Federal Government employees showed an 8.0 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Third Quarter 2024	Wages (in thousands) Third Quarter 2024	Percent Change Third Quarter 2023 to Third Quarter 2024	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,451,848	\$86,892,235	0.6	5.0
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	20,419	238,691	5.0	10.4
Mining	8,801	188,870	-3.9	0.4
Utilities	18,587	531,461	2.3	8.9
Construction	259,808	5,039,017	5.1	13.7
Manufacturing	681,679	12,604,232	-1.1	5.4
Wholesale Trade	240,157	5,249,383	-0.7	1.8
Retail Trade	537,765	5,013,808	-1.0	1.2
Transportation & Warehousing	248,829	3,758,611	1.8	4.7
Information	66,185	1,592,373	-2.3	5.8
Finance and Insurance	231,758	5,417,889	-3.3	2.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	70,763	1,083,547	0.4	6.1
Professional and Technical Services	288,136	7,042,742	-0.6	4.6
Management of Companies & Enterprises	149,267	4,920,442	4.2	10.1
Administrative & Waste Services	298,352	3,627,798	-4.1	-2.7
Educational Services	89,680	1,108,877	2.3	6.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	854,886	13,433,695	3.9	7.2
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	100,466	987,684	0.5	-2.8
Accommodation & Food Services	490,327	2,879,258	0.3	4.0
Other Services, Except Public Administration	160,767	1,832,014	1.3	6.5
State and Local Government	635,218	10,341,843	1.5	3.8
Federal Government	85,103	2,182,350	2.2	8.0

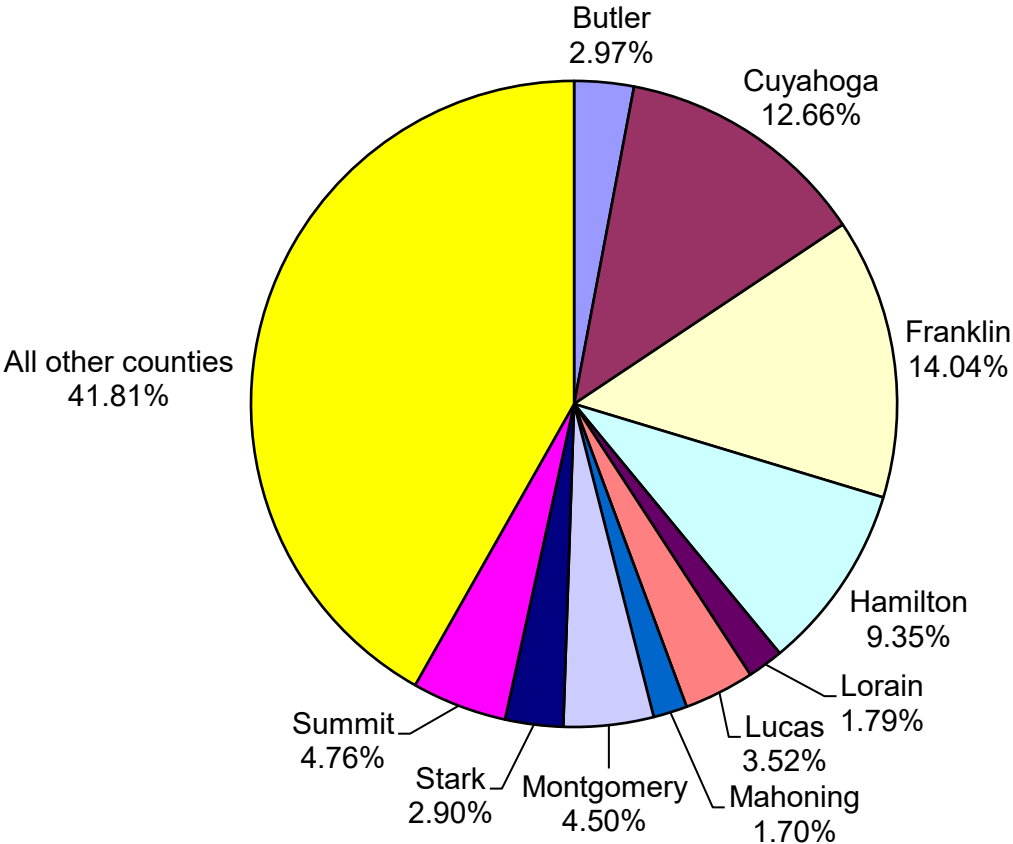
Six of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their third quarter 2023 levels. Increases ranged from 1.9 percent in Stark County to 0.4 percent in Lorain and Mahoning Counties. Employment decreases ranged from 1.3 percent in Lucas County to 0.1 percent in Cuyahoga County. Employment in Hamilton County was essentially unchanged.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2023. Payroll increases ranged from 6.2 percent in Butler County to 2.2 percent in Summit County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,451,848	\$86,892,235	0.6	5.0
Butler	162,137	\$2,500,160	1.8	6.2
Cuyahoga	690,207	\$12,558,966	-0.1	4.6
Franklin	765,412	\$13,409,444	0.6	4.2
Hamilton	509,632	\$9,610,829	0.0	5.0
Lorain	97,839	\$1,298,059	0.4	5.3
Lucas	191,879	\$2,838,598	-1.3	2.5
Mahoning	92,635	\$1,172,547	0.4	3.8
Montgomery	245,313	\$3,616,171	1.1	4.3
Stark	158,056	\$2,124,758	1.9	5.0
Summit	259,344	\$3,918,488	-0.2	2.2
All other counties	2,279,394	\$33,844,215	1.0	6.0

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 Third 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 345,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the third quarter of 2024, 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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