

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2024

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.48 million in the fourth quarter of 2024 – up 0.7 percent from one year ago. Eleven industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the fourth quarter. Increases ranged from 6.0 percent in Construction to 0.1 percent in Professional and Technical Services.

Eight industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Declines ranged from 3.6 percent in Administrative & Waste Services to 0.5 percent in Transportation & Warehousing. State and Local Government employment increased 1.5 percent and Federal Government employment increased 1.7 percent compared to the previous year.

The fourth quarter 2024 payroll of \$92.4 billion was an increase of 5.6 percent from its same calendar point in 2023. Eighteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases ranged from 15.7 percent in Construction to 1.3 percent in Mining. Administrative and Waste Services payroll was relatively unchanged. During this same period, State and Local Government wages increased 6.2 percent. Federal Government employees showed a 3.3 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2024	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2024	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2023 to Fourth Quarter 2024	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,477,354	\$92,387,567	0.7	5.6
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	19,986	274,967	4.8	10.4
Mining	8,709	197,051	-2.9	1.3
Utilities	18,519	556,162	0.8	5.5
Construction	256,437	5,809,291	6.0	15.7
Manufacturing	678,272	13,402,254	-0.8	3.5
Wholesale Trade	239,775	5,752,866	-0.9	3.2
Retail Trade	550,310	5,278,692	-1.0	2.1
Transportation & Warehousing	261,648	4,147,168	-0.5	4.2
Information	65,186	1,648,982	-3.1	6.7
Finance and Insurance	231,487	6,056,975	-2.9	3.7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	70,017	1,200,918	1.4	7.2
Professional and Technical Services	289,400	7,830,447	0.1	4.6
Management of Companies & Enterprises	147,935	4,613,015	4.5	12.2
Administrative & Waste Services	295,262	3,833,833	-3.6	0.0
Educational Services	97,506	1,150,570	2.3	5.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	862,066	13,745,411	3.7	6.8
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	81,374	1,093,437	2.4	2.6
Accommodation & Food Services	478,754	2,895,601	0.4	4.6
Other Services, Except Public Administration	159,720	1,908,562	1.8	7.6
State and Local Government	664,991	10,991,366	1.5	6.2
Federal Government	85,529	1,950,691	1.7	3.3

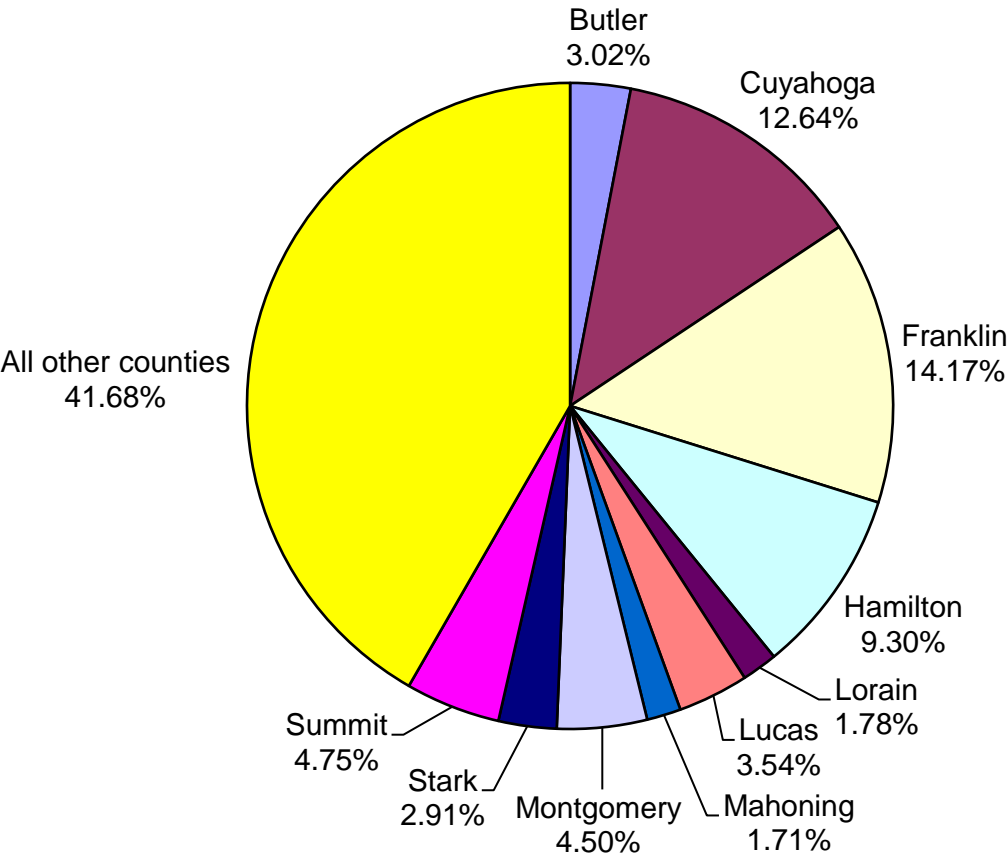
Six of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2023 levels. Increases ranged from 2.2 percent in Butler County to 0.1 percent in Lucas County. Employment decreases ranged from 0.2 percent in Cuyahoga and Montgomery Counties to 0.1 percent in Mahoning County. Employment in Summit County was relatively unchanged.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2023. Payroll increases ranged from 8.7 percent in Butler County to 2.6 percent in Lucas County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,477,354	\$92,387,567	0.7	5.6
Butler	165,341	\$2,689,950	2.2	8.7
Cuyahoga	692,302	\$13,290,176	-0.2	6.0
Franklin	776,276	\$14,583,606	0.8	5.9
Hamilton	509,606	\$9,857,466	0.2	4.7
Lorain	97,604	\$1,394,456	1.0	4.4
Lucas	193,848	\$3,095,336	0.1	2.6
Mahoning	93,397	\$1,260,725	-0.1	3.9
Montgomery	246,470	\$3,888,925	-0.2	3.7
Stark	159,228	\$2,232,794	0.8	4.5
Summit	260,119	\$4,204,914	0.0	3.3
All other counties	2,283,163	35,889,219	1.2	6.2

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 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 347,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2024, 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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