

## Holiday Helpers

In 2023, more than **545,300 Ohio jobs** were in the **retail industry**. Some occupations include:

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Workers</u>	<u>Median Earnings</u>
Retail salespersons	120,500	\$30,070
Cashiers	122,370	\$27,600
First-line supervisors	39,100	\$42,170

## The Elves!

Who helps produce toys and joy throughout Ohio during the holiday season? Toy manufacturers—the elves of the holidays!

In 2023, Ohio had about **638 doll, toy, and game manufacturing jobs**.

## Winter Wonderland

Ohio is home to many charming places where you can experience the magic of the holidays! Find more events at [ohio.org/travel-inspiration](https://ohio.org/travel-inspiration)!

<u>Place</u>	<u>Event / Display</u>
Cambridge	Dickens Victorian Village
Cincinnati	Festival of Lights at the Cincinnati Zoo
Cleveland	A Christmas Story House
Medina	Castle Noel
Steubenville	Nutcracker Village & Advent Market



Sources:  
*Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, Food.com, ohio.gov*

## O, Christmas Tree

In 2023, Ohio had around **118 establishments** engaged in nursery and tree production. These businesses provided jobs for over 2,000 workers on average, with employees earning an average weekly wage of **\$932**.

## Buckeyes & Bakeries

In 2023, Ohio had more than **500 bakeries and baked goods stores**.

<u>Industry Title</u>	<u>Establishments</u>
Retail Bakeries	226
Commercial Bakeries	223
Baked Good Stores	54

Buckeyes are peanut butter fudge balls dipped in chocolate. The finished product resembles the nut that grows on the Ohio buckeye tree.

### Ingredients:

1 ½ cups peanut butter  
½ cup margarine or ½ cup butter  
1 lb. powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 ½ cups chocolate chips  
Use ½ tsp of shortening per oz of chocolate instead of paraffin wax.

### Directions:

Mix peanut butter, softened margarine or butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla in bowl.  
Shape into 1” balls.

Meanwhile, melt chocolate in a double boiler. (The shortening will cause the chocolate to harden.)

Insert toothpick into refrigerated balls and dip into chocolate, leaving small area resembling a buckeye. Cool on wax paper and store in refrigerator or freezer.