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Unlocking Local Data



The ODJFS Bureau of Labor Market Information (LMI) delivers essential labor market data and resources to Ohioans. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, LMI provides statistics about employment levels, unemployment rates, employment projections, wages and earnings, and more. Over the last year, LMI has made a concerted effort to make this data even more accessible at the local level, so that anyone interested can better understand and use it.

LMI embarked on this mission with some key partners: the Ohio Workforce Association and the national LMI Institute's Data User Insights Academy. The academy brings together teams of state LMI experts to identify and implement improvements and innovations.

The result? Four excellent new resources that I encourage you to explore:

Workforce Resources Webpage

A new [Workforce Resources](#) webpage is now live on OhioLMI.com. It's a central hub for local data, labor market webinars, and helpful resources.

County Data Hub

The [County Data Hub](#) makes accessing and sharing statistics a breeze. In just three easy steps, you can:

1. Select a county
2. Choose data from six reports
3. Download and print your results

It's a quick and easy way to access important information, whether you're an analyst, policymaker, or just curious about local trends.

LMI Learning Lab

LMI now offers monthly [Learning Labs](#), expert-led webinars on labor market topics. These sessions help users understand data and apply it to real-world situations.

Resource Guide for County Data

LMI also put together a [Resources for County Data](#) web page to help you access county-level datasets with ease.

If you have questions about any of these, please let us know. We hope they'll be helpful to you, and we welcome any feedback.

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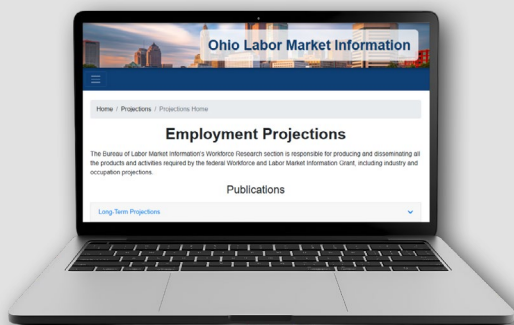
Hot Off the Press – Regional Projections

Every two years, LMI releases updated long-term [employment projections](#) for regional subdivisions. The latest set, covering 2022-2032, offers a powerful lens for analyzing economic trends, shaping education and training strategies, and guiding smart career planning.

But to be clear, employment projections don't predict the future. They are estimates based on patterns and big-picture thinking. Think of it like building a map of where the job market might be heading, not a crystal ball that tells you exactly what will happen tomorrow.

Projections are built on thoughtful assumptions to show long-term trends. So, while they don't try to guess when the next big boom or bust will happen, they do help us understand how jobs and industries could grow over time. That makes them great for planning ahead!

Of course, even the best projections aren't perfect. Surprise events (like a global pandemic or major tech breakthrough) can throw off the original assumptions. And the smaller the industry or job type, the bigger the chance for error.



Data Request Spotlight

A local workforce area sought data for their regional plan, specifically the population living in poverty by county. To support their efforts, Ohio LMI recommended using the [County Data Hub](#), a new dashboard that provides key labor market insights, including poverty rates by county.

Core Statistics		
<div>Core Statistics Year-by-Year</div>		
<div>Selected County: Franklin <div>Download PDF</div> <div>Back to Home</div></div>		
Total Population in County ³	March 2025 County Unemployment Rate ⁶	Percent below Poverty Level in County ³
1,292,184	4.9%	14.5%
Total Population in Ohio ³	March 2025 Ohio Unemployment Rate ⁶	Percent below Poverty Level in Ohio ³
11,478,861	5.1%	13.2%

Understanding Population in the Labor Market

In the job market, the term “civilian noninstitutional population” refers to people who are old enough to work. This encompasses a wide range of age groups, from teenagers starting their first jobs to older adults who continue to work past the traditional retirement age.

For official statistics, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) defines this population as those 16 and older who are not active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces or in institutions such as prisons or nursing homes. The BLS uses this specific group to gather employment data, which helps track job trends and guide economic policies.



Ohio Leading Indicators

Each month, Ohio LMI releases **Ohio's Leading Indicators**, a powerful forecast for job growth statewide and in the eight largest metro areas. This report predicts employment trends for the next six months using a method called the “annualized growth rate.” This projects how job numbers might shift over an entire year based on current patterns.

The analysis focuses on total nonfarm employment, which means all jobs except those in agriculture. To make the data more accurate, it filters out seasonal changes – such as summer gigs or holiday hiring – giving a clearer picture of overall workforce trends. But because this report uses a unique adjustment method, its figures shouldn't be compared directly with other reports that address seasonal shifts differently.

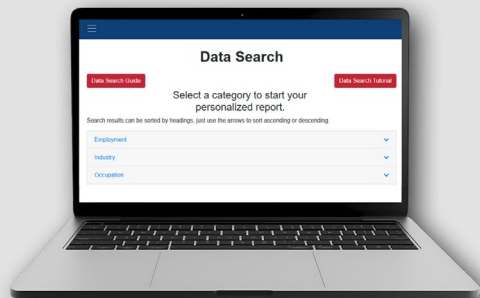
In short, it's a snapshot of Ohio's job market before it happens. This helps businesses, policymakers, and workers stay ahead of the curve.

Level Up Your Skills!

Join our data-driven Learning Lab and maximize your potential! Find a list of topics and meeting information at <https://ohiolmi.com/LocalData/Lab>.

New Data Drop

Discover new trends with third-quarter 2024 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages industry data and 2024 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics data. Both are available using the [Data Search Tool](#)!



LMI Success Stories

Do you use [OhioLMI.com](https://ohiolmi.com) or rely on our employment data? If so, we'd love to hear how it's made a difference for you. Share your success story with us today, by emailing ContactLMI@jfs.ohio.gov.

