



# Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Annual 2008

**Summary** - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law averaged 5.16 million during 2008 – down 1.4 percent from one year ago. The largest increase, up 3.6 percent since 2007, was experienced by both Utilities and Management of companies & enterprises. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment: Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting; Mining; Professional and technical services; Educational services; and Health care & social assistance.

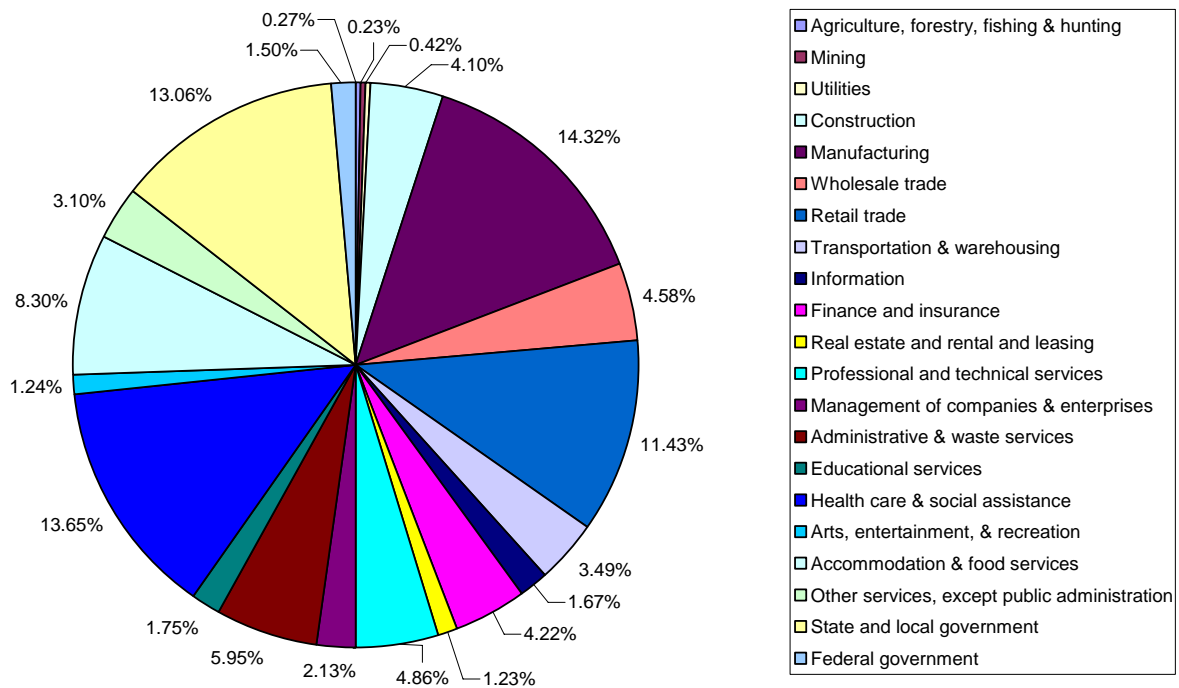
Twelve private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 5.8 percent in Construction to 0.9 percent in Transportation & warehousing. State & local government employment decreased 0.2 percent and Federal employment increased by 0.8 percent since 2007.

The 2008 annual payroll of \$208.6 billion was an increase of 0.8 percent since 2007. Twelve industrial sectors experienced payroll increases. Increases in total wages ranged from 7.7 percent in Utilities to 0.3 percent in Administrative & waste services. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 3.4 percent while Federal employees experienced a 1.1 percent increase.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment 2008	Wages (in thousands) 2008	Percent Change 2007 to 2008	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,158,594</b>	<b>\$208,572,191</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	13,774	353,033	1.2	3.9
Mining	11,614	703,948	2.6	5.3
Utilities	21,718	1,699,167	3.6	7.7
Construction	211,455	9,755,180	-5.8	-2.2
Manufacturing	738,817	38,346,397	-4.2	-3.3
Wholesale trade	236,490	13,508,114	-1.1	1.4
Retail trade	589,841	13,894,535	-1.9	-1.0
Transportation & warehousing	180,262	7,528,239	-0.9	1.7
Information	86,012	4,713,547	-1.8	0.8
Finance and insurance	217,743	12,728,045	-3.6	-4.0
Real estate and rental and leasing	63,365	2,201,644	-4.9	-3.3
Professional and technical services	250,485	15,196,072	1.6	4.5
Management of companies & enterprises	109,628	9,727,294	3.6	2.9
Administrative & waste services	307,077	8,533,133	-2.8	0.3
Educational services	90,114	2,913,974	3.0	7.5
Health care & social assistance	704,168	27,189,283	2.1	5.2
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	63,762	1,739,112	-3.0	-1.3
Accommodation & food services	428,257	5,623,341	-1.5	0.7
Other services, except public administration	160,042	4,004,021	-2.9	-0.9
State and local government	673,969	28,214,113	-0.2	3.4
Federal government	77,378	4,969,481	0.8	1.1

The following chart represents the distribution of Ohio's employment by industrial sector. Manufacturing employs the largest number of workers, more than 14 percent of the state's workforce. Health care & social assistance, State & local government, and Retail trade each employ more than 10 percent of Ohio's workers.

**2008 Average Annual Employment by Industrial Sector**



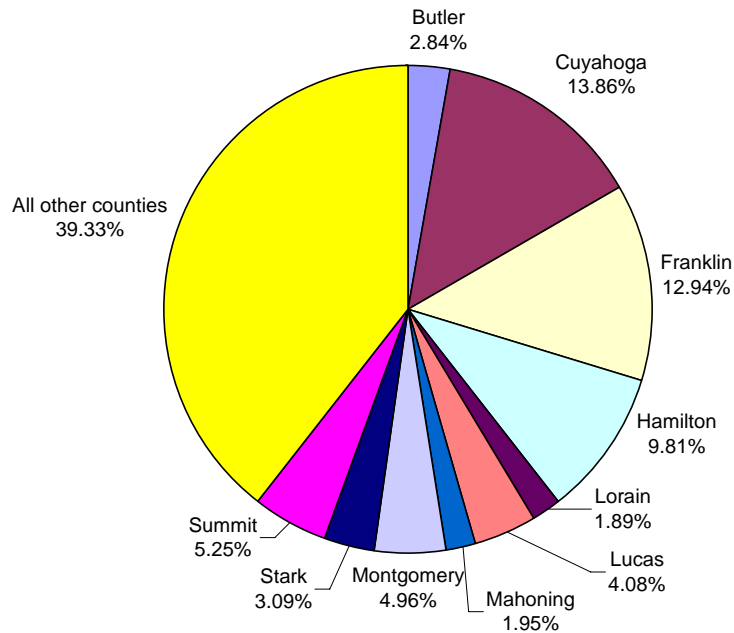
None of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases since 2007. Decreases ranged from 3.7 percent in Lucas County to 0.2 percent in Summit County. Butler County employment was essentially unchanged from last year.

Six of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases in 2008 over their 2007 levels. Payroll gains ranged from 1.9 percent in both Butler and Summit Counties to 0.6 percent in Lorain County. Wage decreases ranged from 2.9 percent in Lucas County to 0.4 percent in Cuyahoga County.

County	Average Employment 2008	Wages (in thousands) 2008	Percent Change 2007 to 2008	
			Employment	Wages
<b>Total Covered under Ohio UC Law</b>	<b>5,158,594</b>	<b>\$208,572,191</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Butler	146,481	5,801,454	0.0	1.9
Cuyahoga	715,087	32,699,091	-2.2	-0.4
Franklin	667,330	29,691,727	-1.3	0.9
Hamilton	506,312	24,632,049	-0.8	1.7
Lorain	97,392	3,546,359	-0.8	0.6
Lucas	210,537	8,187,234	-3.7	-2.9
Mahoning	100,440	3,247,624	-2.6	-1.0
Montgomery	256,020	10,491,854	-2.9	-1.7
Stark	159,300	5,578,371	-1.2	1.1
Summit	270,575	11,095,333	-0.2	1.9
All other counties	2,029,120	73,601,095	-1.0	1.6

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 61 percent of the state's covered employment.

**2008 Average Annual 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 more than 294,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form by industrial sector and county. They present average annual employment tabulations and total annual 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.

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