



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2006

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.26 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 – down 0.3 percent from one year ago. Utilities experienced the largest increase – up 4.7 percent since the fourth quarter of 2005. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from twelve months ago: Mining; Wholesale trade; Transportation & warehousing; Finance & insurance; Professional and technical services; Management of companies & enterprises; Health care & social assistance; and Accommodation & food services.

Nine private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 3.5 percent in Arts, entertainment, & recreation to 0.9 percent in both Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting and Information. State & local government employment decreased 0.3 percent and Federal employment decreased by 0.5 percent since 2005.

The fourth quarter 2006 payroll of \$52.519 billion was an increase of 2.8 percent from its same calendar point in 2005. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 7.8 percent in Transportation & warehousing to 0.9 percent in Arts, entertainment & recreation. Only two sectors experienced wage decreases. Real estate and rental and leasing was down 2.3 percent and Retail trade decreased by 0.5 percent since last year. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 0.2 percent while Federal employees experienced a 2.4 percent increase.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2006	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2006	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2005 to Fourth Quarter 2006	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,262,531	\$52,518,813	-0.3	2.8
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	13,007	87,315	-0.9	2.5
Mining	11,078	155,899	0.4	1.4
Utilities	21,009	353,790	4.7	4.6
Construction	231,815	2,674,367	-2.7	2.0
Manufacturing	786,692	10,497,876	-2.9	1.3
Wholesale trade	238,382	3,430,150	0.6	5.8
Retail trade	621,404	3,614,334	-1.1	-0.5
Transportation & warehousing	179,339	1,840,216	3.5	7.8
Information	88,414	1,147,344	-0.9	1.9
Finance and insurance	231,314	3,213,155	0.2	3.3
Real estate and rental and leasing	67,715	592,306	-3.3	-2.3
Professional and technical services	241,817	3,785,535	3.5	7.5
Management of companies & enterprises	102,384	2,099,757	3.2	4.5
Administrative & waste services	319,234	2,116,841	-1.6	3.6
Educational services	89,023	668,562	0.0	4.2
Health care & social assistance	682,100	6,759,250	1.6	3.7
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	59,105	432,880	-3.5	0.9
Accommodation & food services	431,373	1,349,570	0.8	4.0
Other services, except public administration	164,614	1,029,285	-1.3	1.9
State and local government	682,712	6,670,380	-0.3	0.2
Federal government	76,708	1,195,047	-0.5	2.4

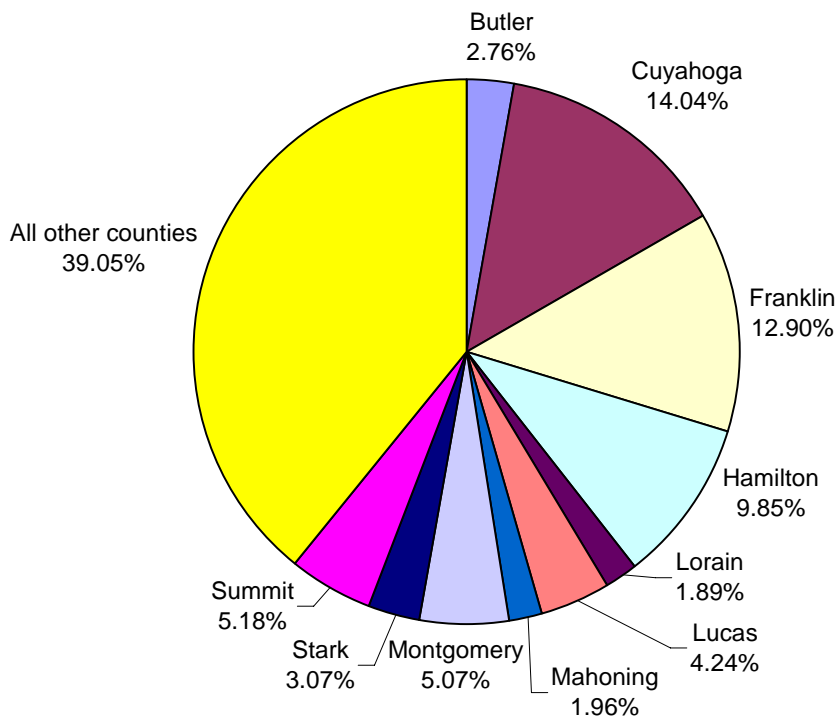
Butler County was the only one of Ohio's ten largest counties to experience an employment increase from its fourth quarter 2005 level, up 5.1 percent. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark and Summit Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago with drops ranging from 3.2 percent in Montgomery County to 0.2 percent in both Cuyahoga and Franklin Counties.

Seven of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2005. Payroll gains ranged from 6.9 percent in Butler County to 0.5 percent in Stark County. Hamilton, Lorain and Mahoning Counties all experienced payroll decreases since the fourth quarter of 2005.

County	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2006	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2006	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2005 to Fourth Quarter 2006	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,262,531	\$52,518,813	-0.3	2.8
Butler	145,448	1,407,857	5.1	6.9
Cuyahoga	738,602	8,315,404	-0.2	2.2
Franklin	678,758	7,305,279	-0.2	3.2
Hamilton	518,164	6,133,037	-3.0	-0.8
Lorain	99,468	893,097	-1.6	-1.5
Lucas	223,062	2,164,763	-1.7	1.4
Mahoning	103,144	833,123	-2.6	-2.1
Montgomery	266,614	2,856,764	-3.2	3.1
Stark	161,743	1,403,694	-2.6	0.5
Summit	272,398	2,784,406	0.0	2.8
All other counties	2,055,130	18,421,389	0.8	4.5

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 almost 61 percent of the state's covered employment.

Fourth Quarter 2006 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 288,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are enclosed in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2006, 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 <http://www.lmi.state.oh.us/cep/cep.htm>.

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