



Office of Workforce Development
Bureau of Labor Market Information

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2007

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.26 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 – essentially unchanged from one year ago. Transportation & warehousing experienced the largest increase – up 4.3 percent since the fourth quarter of 2006. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from twelve months ago: Mining; Utilities; Wholesale trade; Professional and technical services; Management of companies & enterprises; Administrative & waste services; Educational services; Health care & social assistance and Arts, entertainment, & recreation.

Nine private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 3.3 percent in Finance and insurance to 0.2 percent in Accommodation & food services. State & local government employment was unchanged and Federal employment increased by 0.3 percent since 2006.

The fourth quarter 2007 payroll of \$53.922 billion was an increase of 2.7 percent from its same calendar point in 2006. Seventeen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 8.3 percent in Professional & technical services to 0.4 percent in Retail trade. Manufacturing and Finance and insurance experienced the only payroll declines, down 2.5 and 0.2 percent respectively since the fourth quarter of 2006. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 2.7 percent while Federal employees experienced an 8.4 percent increase.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2007	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2007	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2006 to Fourth Quarter 2007	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,262,467	\$53,922,152	0.0	2.7
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	12,772	90,298	-1.8	3.4
Mining	11,461	167,474	3.5	7.4
Utilities	21,303	372,371	1.4	5.3
Construction	227,933	2,783,969	-1.7	4.1
Manufacturing	764,558	10,231,269	-2.8	-2.5
Wholesale trade	240,071	3,569,856	0.7	4.1
Retail trade	617,083	3,629,556	-0.7	0.4
Transportation & warehousing	187,023	1,941,996	4.3	5.5
Information	86,686	1,172,839	-2.0	2.2
Finance and insurance	223,586	3,208,095	-3.3	-0.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	65,995	599,953	-2.5	1.3
Professional and technical services	248,431	4,099,846	2.7	8.3
Management of companies & enterprises	106,338	2,230,292	3.9	6.2
Administrative & waste services	323,760	2,244,784	1.4	6.0
Educational services	90,430	703,330	1.6	5.2
Health care & social assistance	698,184	7,091,857	2.4	4.9
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	59,183	457,217	0.1	5.6
Accommodation & food services	430,638	1,423,461	-0.2	5.5
Other services, except public administration	164,075	1,054,808	-0.3	2.5
State and local government	682,957	6,848,881	0.0	2.7
Federal government	76,920	1,295,099	0.3	8.4

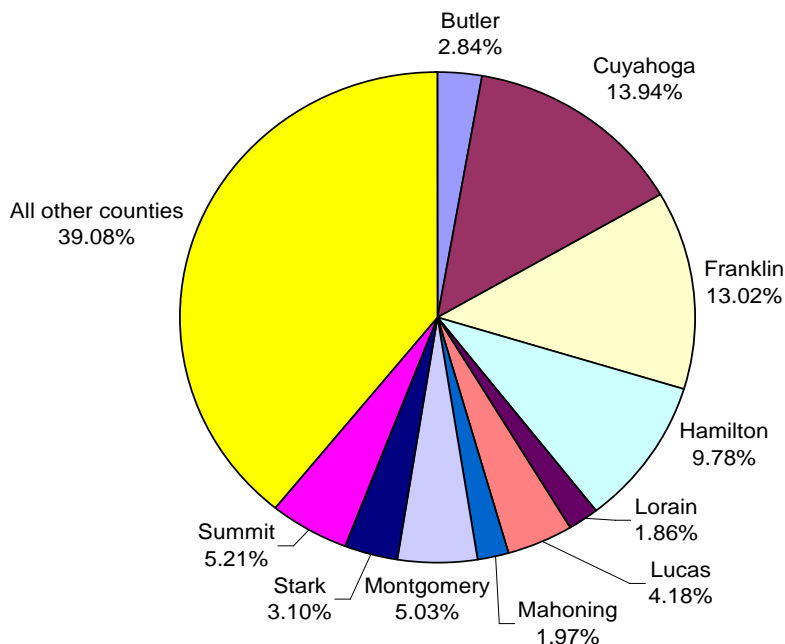
Five of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2006 levels. Increases ranged from 2.7 percent in Butler County to 0.6 percent in Mahoning County. Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, and Montgomery Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago with drops ranging from 1.5 percent in Lorain County to 0.7 percent in both Cuyahoga and Hamilton Counties.

Nine of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2006. Payroll gains ranged from 6.9 percent in Butler County to 0.4 percent in Lucas County. Montgomery County experienced the only wage decrease, down 3.6 percent from its fourth quarter 2006 level.

County	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2007	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2007	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2006 to Fourth Quarter 2007	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,262,467	\$53,922,152	0.0	2.7
Butler	149,349	1,504,991	2.7	6.9
Cuyahoga	733,402	8,570,191	-0.7	3.1
Franklin	685,405	7,473,306	1.0	2.3
Hamilton	514,580	6,379,119	-0.7	4.0
Lorain	97,942	901,301	-1.5	0.9
Lucas	219,831	2,174,319	-1.4	0.4
Mahoning	103,762	874,244	0.6	4.9
Montgomery	264,490	2,753,990	-0.8	-3.6
Stark	163,064	1,448,270	0.8	3.2
Summit	274,229	2,875,319	0.7	3.3
All other counties	2,056,413	18,967,102	0.1	3.0

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 more than 60 percent of the state's covered employment.

Fourth Quarter 2007 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 290,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are enclosed in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2007, 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.

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