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Quarterly Census of
Employment
& Wages

First Quarter 2008

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.11 million in the first quarter of 2008 – down 0.5 percent from one year ago. Utilities experienced the largest increase – up 6.2 percent since the first quarter of 2007. The following sectors also experienced increases in employment from twelve months ago: Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting; Mining; Transportation & warehousing; Professional and technical services; Management of companies & enterprises; Administrative & waste services; Educational services and Health care & social assistance.

Ten private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases in these sectors ranged from 4.2 percent in Real estate and rental and leasing to 0.1 percent in Wholesale trade. State & local government employment decreased 0.1 percent and Federal employment increased by 1.0 percent since 2007.

The first quarter 2008 payroll of \$52.680 billion was an increase of 0.4 percent from its same calendar point in 2007. Eleven industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 14.2 percent in Utilities to 0.6 percent in Mining. Payroll decreases ranged from 5.0 percent in Manufacturing to 0.9 percent in Real estate and rental and leasing. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 1.6 percent while Federal employees experienced a 4.8 percent decrease.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2008	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2008	Percent Change First Quarter 2007 to First Quarter 2008	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,110,381	\$52,680,314	-0.5	0.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	10,990	72,652	0.2	2.8
Mining	10,901	163,062	1.1	0.6
Utilities	21,871	529,740	6.2	14.2
Construction	195,111	2,166,023	-3.8	1.5
Manufacturing	751,417	9,864,475	-3.2	-5.0
Wholesale trade	236,332	3,461,635	-0.1	2.0
Retail trade	582,877	3,440,137	-1.4	-1.5
Transportation & warehousing	180,710	1,870,496	1.9	3.1
Information	86,383	1,235,226	-1.1	0.0
Finance and insurance	220,308	3,835,659	-3.3	-3.5
Real estate and rental and leasing	62,998	572,374	-4.2	-0.9
Professional and technical services	253,522	3,735,550	2.6	6.4
Management of companies & enterprises	108,584	2,817,297	3.5	-2.1
Administrative & waste services	299,898	2,106,767	1.1	3.3
Educational services	89,924	705,350	2.8	6.4
Health care & social assistance	694,642	6,344,850	2.4	5.0
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	48,818	378,981	-1.8	-1.6
Accommodation & food services	416,539	1,349,283	-1.3	1.4
Other services, except public administration	159,440	975,705	-1.8	0.0
State and local government	679,117	7,055,054	-0.1	1.6
Federal government	76,697	1,156,066	1.0	-4.8

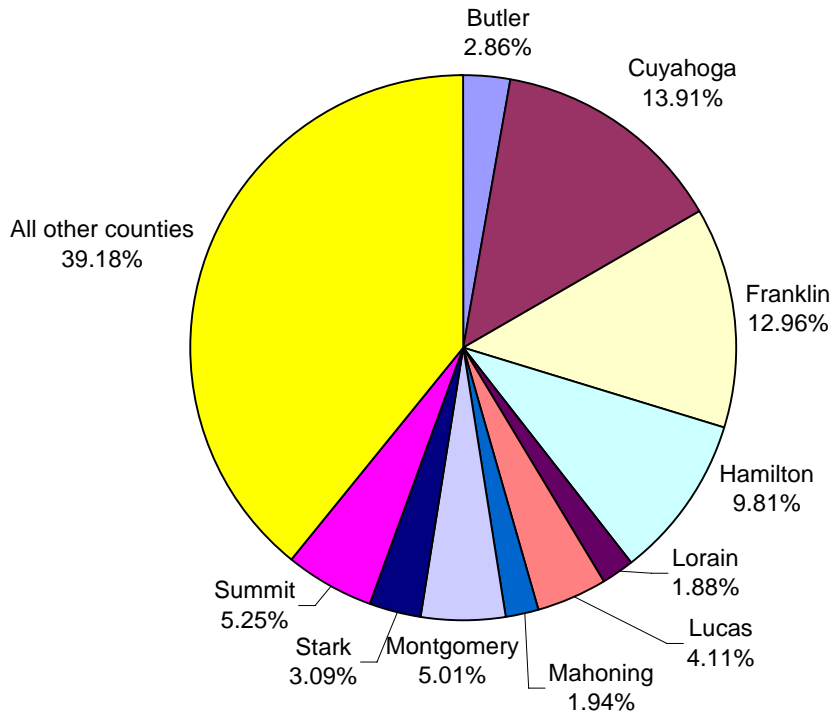
Three of Ohio's ten largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2007 levels. Increases ranged from 1.6 percent in Butler County to 0.2 percent in Stark County. Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning and Montgomery Counties all suffered employment declines from one year ago with drops ranging from 2.9 percent in Lucas County to 0.3 percent in Franklin County. Hamilton County employment was essentially unchanged.

Six of the ten largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2007. Payroll gains ranged from 5.4 percent in Butler County to 0.6 percent in Lorain County. Cuyahoga, Lucas, Mahoning and Montgomery Counties all experienced payroll decreases since the first quarter of 2007.

County	Average Employment First Quarter 2008	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2008	Percent Change First Quarter 2007 to First Quarter 2008	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,110,381	\$52,680,314	-0.5	0.4
Butler	146,002	1,475,126	1.6	5.4
Cuyahoga	710,716	8,314,477	-1.6	-2.1
Franklin	662,443	7,773,792	-0.3	0.9
Hamilton	501,135	6,234,666	0.0	0.7
Lorain	95,865	879,593	-1.3	0.6
Lucas	209,913	2,098,902	-2.9	-3.0
Mahoning	99,317	789,985	-1.5	-1.7
Montgomery	255,993	2,661,423	-1.9	-5.1
Stark	158,110	1,390,731	0.2	1.4
Summit	268,390	2,833,479	0.8	3.6
All other counties	2,002,497	18,228,140	-0.1	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 more than 60 percent of the state's covered employment.

Percentage of First Quarter 2008 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 294,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2008, by industrial sector and county. They present average quarterly employment tabulations and first 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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