



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2018

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.224 million in the first quarter of 2018 – up 0.9 percent from one year ago. Fifteen industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the first quarter. Increases in total employment ranged from 11.8 percent in Mining to 0.2 percent in both Utilities and Other services, except public administration.

Four private industrial sectors experienced an employment decline ranging from 1.6 percent in Retail trade to 0.4 percent in Information. State and local government employment decreased 0.1 percent while Federal employment was unchanged since 2017.

The first quarter 2018 payroll of \$67.8 billion was an increase of 3.8 percent from its same calendar point in 2017. Eighteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the first quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 15.2 percent in Mining to 0.6 percent in Retail trade. Information experienced the only payroll decline, down 0.9 percent. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 3.7 percent. Federal employees showed a 2.4 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment First Quarter 2018	Wages (in thousands) First Quarter 2018	Percent Change First Quarter 2017 to First Quarter 2018	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,223,743	\$67,803,009	0.9	3.8
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	14,481	121,682	3.1	7.5
Mining	11,571	210,876	11.8	15.2
Utilities	19,255	587,580	0.2	2.6
Construction	197,093	2,875,850	3.0	5.1
Manufacturing	693,590	11,170,910	1.7	3.7
Wholesale trade	231,439	4,318,482	-0.7	3.5
Retail trade	559,333	3,962,005	-1.6	0.6
Transportation & warehousing	193,501	2,511,290	5.9	11.6
Information	71,056	1,300,801	-0.4	-0.9
Finance and insurance	227,147	5,550,675	2.1	7.4
Real estate and rental and leasing	62,065	786,070	0.5	1.3
Professional and technical services	261,868	4,851,643	1.7	4.5
Management of companies & enterprises	140,030	4,724,744	-1.2	1.7
Administrative & waste services	312,508	2,794,074	1.1	4.4
Educational services	97,679	861,140	0.6	1.5
Health care & social assistance	802,960	9,226,735	1.1	3.4
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	64,782	552,272	3.4	3.9
Accommodation & food services	469,411	1,913,883	0.9	2.8
Other services, except public administration	153,888	1,295,226	0.2	1.3
State and local government	640,086	8,187,072	-0.1	3.7
Federal government	78,093	1,448,767	0.0	2.4

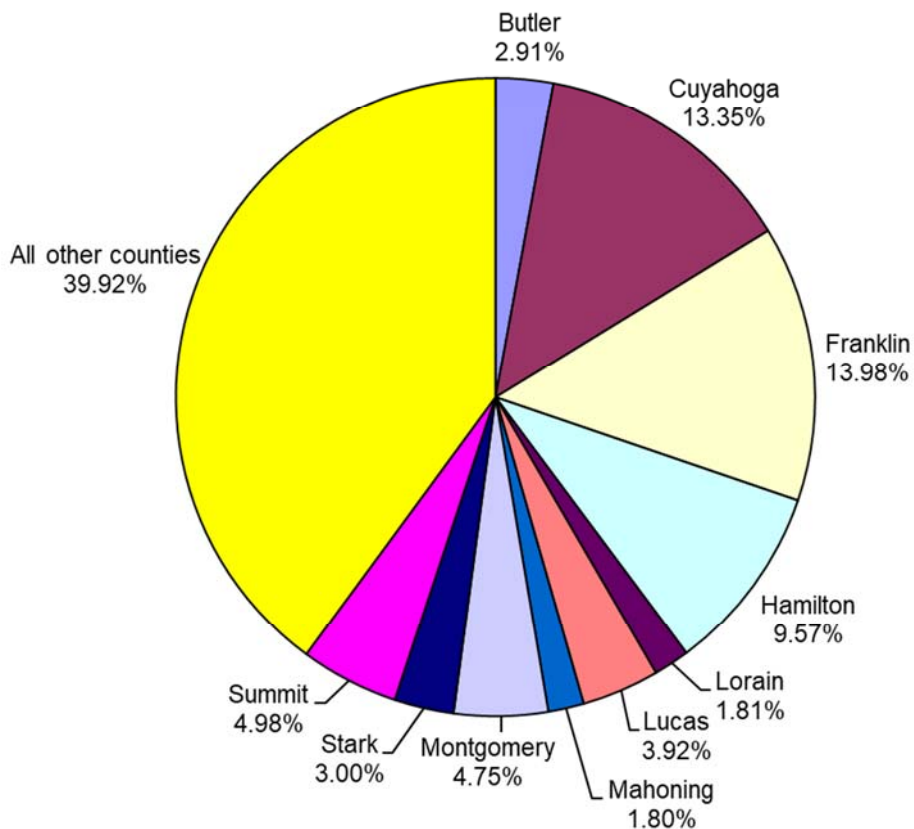
All of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their first quarter 2017 levels. Increases ranged from 1.3 percent in Stark County to 0.1 percent in both Lorain and Summit Counties

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2017. Payroll gains ranged from 7.0 percent in Stark County to 0.3 percent in Summit County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,223,743	\$67,803,009	0.9	3.8
Butler	152,031	\$1,985,161	1.1	2.5
Cuyahoga	697,514	\$10,354,013	0.8	4.1
Franklin	730,072	\$10,858,187	0.9	4.8
Hamilton	500,063	\$7,821,938	0.6	0.7
Lorain	94,571	\$1,023,720	0.1	1.6
Lucas	205,020	\$2,652,651	0.5	6.0
Mahoning	94,263	\$908,379	0.9	2.8
Montgomery	247,945	\$2,940,579	1.2	3.0
Stark	156,933	\$1,660,449	1.3	7.0
Summit	260,122	\$3,309,456	0.1	0.3
All other counties	2,085,209	\$24,288,476	1.0	4.8

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 2018 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 296,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the first quarter of 2018, 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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