



Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2019

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.403 million in the fourth quarter of 2019 – up 0.5 percent from one year ago. Ten industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total employment ranged from 9.4 percent in Transportation & warehousing to 0.1 percent in Wholesale trade.

Nine private industrial sectors experienced an employment decline ranging from 6.3 percent in Mining to 0.2 percent in Management of companies & enterprises. State and local government employment increased 1.3 percent while Federal employment increased 0.9 percent since 2018.

The fourth quarter 2019 payroll of \$72.2 billion was an increase of 3.7 percent from its same calendar point in 2018. Sixteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the fourth quarter. Increases in total wages ranged from 10.0 percent in Arts, entertainment, & recreation to 0.5 percent in Manufacturing. Three private industrial sectors experienced a payroll decline with decreases ranging from 6.0 percent in Utilities to 0.8 percent in Educational services. During this same period, State & local government wages increased 5.6 percent. Federal employees showed a 1.2 percent increase in wages compared to the previous year.

Industrial Sector	Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2019	Wages (in thousands) Fourth Quarter 2019	Percent Change Fourth Quarter 2018 to Fourth Quarter 2019	
			Employment	Wages
Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,402,645	\$72,212,175	0.5	3.7
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	16,812	170,930	1.4	2.6
Mining	10,964	209,377	-6.3	-5.0
Utilities	18,517	437,889	-2.1	-6.0
Construction	230,891	4,017,652	2.2	6.7
Manufacturing	696,420	11,403,275	-1.0	0.5
Wholesale trade	237,049	4,560,696	0.1	2.2
Retail trade	569,050	4,334,053	-0.7	2.5
Transportation & warehousing	226,459	2,844,795	9.4	7.3
Information	68,917	1,279,223	-2.3	3.1
Finance and insurance	226,430	4,648,526	-0.3	6.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	65,975	891,672	2.7	6.9
Professional and technical services	269,472	5,743,280	1.6	4.8
Management of companies & enterprises	140,393	3,600,957	-0.2	1.4
Administrative & waste services	330,421	3,129,229	-1.3	1.9
Educational services	94,307	905,061	-5.1	-0.8
Health care & social assistance	821,035	10,659,910	1.1	4.5
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	77,404	858,662	1.9	10.0
Accommodation & food services	484,303	2,209,702	0.3	4.3
Other services, except public administration	157,898	1,435,640	0.5	2.7
State and local government	659,928	8,871,647	1.3	5.6
Federal government	80,187	1,697,618	0.9	1.2

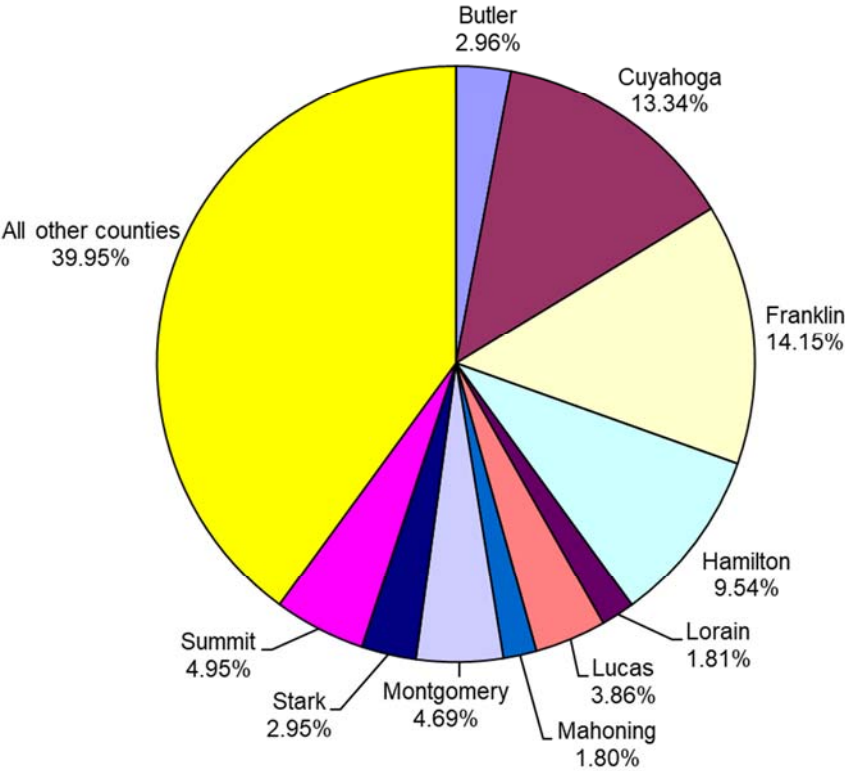
Eight of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their fourth quarter 2018 levels. Increases ranged from 1.8 percent in Butler County to 0.1 percent in Summit County. Lucas and Stark Counties experienced an employment decrease, down 0.6 percent and 0.4 percent from fourth quarter 2018 respectively.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since 2018. Payroll gains ranged from 6.5 percent in Lucas County to 1.3 percent in Summit County.

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Total Covered under Ohio UC Law	5,402,645	\$72,212,175	0.5	3.7
Butler	159,651	\$2,031,997	1.8	3.8
Cuyahoga	720,617	\$11,108,516	0.7	5.4
Franklin	764,470	\$11,085,713	1.2	4.5
Hamilton	515,667	\$8,261,233	0.2	2.0
Lorain	97,824	\$1,110,065	0.4	3.2
Lucas	208,796	\$2,719,439	-0.6	6.5
Mahoning	97,096	\$1,023,482	0.4	3.0
Montgomery	253,167	\$3,220,225	0.6	4.4
Stark	159,396	\$1,804,239	-0.4	2.3
Summit	267,626	\$3,501,660	0.1	1.3
All other counties	2,158,335	\$26,345,606	0.4	3.2

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 Fourth Quarter 2019 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 303,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the fourth quarter of 2019, 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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