

March 2026 Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.6% in Holmes County to a high of 6.1% in Noble and Ottawa counties. From February, unemployment rates decreased in all 88 counties. The comparable March unemployment rate for Ohio was 4.0%. (See table on next page.)

Twenty-two counties had unemployment rates at or below 3.5% in March. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Holmes were: Mercer, 2.7%; Auglaize and Union, 3.0%; Delaware, 3.1%; Hancock, Warren, and Wyandot, 3.3%; Franklin, Paulding, Shelby, Van Wert and Wayne, 3.4%; and Champaign, Defiance, Fairfield, Greene, Licking, Madison, Medina, Preble, and Putnam, 3.5%.

Nine counties had unemployment rates at or above 5.5% in March. The counties with the highest rates, other than Noble and Ottawa were: Pike, 6.0%; Meigs, 5.8%; Adams and Monroe, 5.7%; Huron and Trumbull, 5.6%; and Morgan, 5.5%.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2025 benchmark and geared to county of residence. Unemployment rates for all Ohio counties as well as cities with populations of 25,000 or more are presented in the monthly ODJFS **Civilian Labor Force Estimates** publication. For updated statewide historical data, visit <https://ohiolmi.com/DataSearch>, or contact the Bureau of Labor Market Information at (614) 752-9494.

April 2026 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, May 22, 2026. Unemployment rates for counties, cities, and metropolitan areas will be available on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

Ranking Report
Ohio Unemployment Rates by County
March 2026

Rank^a	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank^a	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Noble County	6.1	45	Summit County	4.1
2	Ottawa County	6.1	46	Washington County	4.1
3	Pike County	6.0	47	Fayette County	4.0
4	Meigs County	5.8	48	Hardin County	4.0
5	Adams County	5.7	49	Portage County	4.0
6	Monroe County	5.7	50	Seneca County	4.0
7	Huron County	5.6	51	Williams County	4.0
8	Trumbull County	5.6	52	Darke County	3.9
9	Morgan County	5.5	53	Lake County	3.9
10	Mahoning County	5.3	54	Morrow County	3.9
11	Scioto County	5.3	55	Pickaway County	3.9
12	Vinton County	5.3	56	Marion County	3.8
13	Erie County	5.2	57	Wood County	3.8
14	Guernsey County	5.1	58	Butler County	3.7
15	Lucas County	5.1	59	Clermont County	3.7
16	Ross County	5.1	60	Knox County	3.7
17	Fulton County	4.8	61	Miami County	3.7
18	Perry County	4.8	62	Tuscarawas County	3.7
19	Belmont County	4.7	63	Clinton County	3.6
20	Hocking County	4.7	64	Geauga County	3.6
21	Jackson County	4.7	65	Hamilton County	3.6
22	Richland County	4.7	66	Logan County	3.6
23	Sandusky County	4.7	67	Champaign County	3.5
24	Brown County	4.6	68	Defiance County	3.5
25	Harrison County	4.6	69	Fairfield County	3.5
26	Jefferson County	4.6	70	Greene County	3.5
27	Ashtabula County	4.5	71	Licking County	3.5
28	Carroll County	4.5	72	Madison County	3.5
29	Henry County	4.5	73	Medina County	3.5
30	Columbiana County	4.4	74	Preble County	3.5
31	Coshocton County	4.4	75	Putnam County	3.5
32	Crawford County	4.4	76	Franklin County	3.4
33	Gallia County	4.4	77	Paulding County	3.4
34	Highland County	4.4	78	Shelby County	3.4
35	Lawrence County	4.4	79	Van Wert County	3.4
36	Lorain County	4.3	80	Wayne County	3.4
37	Athens County	4.2	81	Hancock County	3.3
38	Clark County	4.2	82	Warren County	3.3
39	Muskingum County	4.2	83	Wyandot County	3.3
40	Stark County	4.2	84	Delaware County	3.1
41	Allen County	4.1	85	Auglaize County	3.0
42	Ashland County	4.1	86	Union County	3.0
43	Cuyahoga County	4.1	87	Mercer County	2.7
44	Montgomery County	4.1	88	Holmes County	2.6

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^aRankings are based upon unrounded unemployment rates.

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