

Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2025

Summary - Employment covered under the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Law totaled 5.471 million in the second quarter of 2025 – up 0.4 percent from one year ago. Six industrial sectors experienced employment increases in the second quarter. Increases ranged from 5.2 percent in Management of Companies & Enterprises to 0.4 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation.

Twelve private industrial sectors experienced employment declines. Decreases ranged from 2.2 percent in Wholesale Trade to 0.1 percent in Educational Services. Real Estate and Rental and Leasing was relatively unchanged. State and Local Government employment increased 0.9 percent and Federal Government employment decreased 2.1 percent compared to the previous year.

The second quarter 2025 payroll of \$88.8 billion was an increase of 3.9 percent from its same calendar point in 2024. Eighteen industrial sectors experienced payroll increases in the second quarter. Increases ranged from 11.3 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation to 1.8 percent in Administrative & Waste Services. Only one industrial sector, Wholesale Trade, experienced a payroll decrease which was 0.5 percent. During this same period, State and Local Government wages increased 5.4 percent. Federal Government employees showed a 0.7 percent decrease in wages compared to last year.

| Industrial Sector | Average Employment Second Quarter 2025 | Wages (in thousands) Second Quarter 2025 | Percent Change Second Quarter 2024 to Second Quarter 2025 | |
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| | | | Employment | Wages |
| Total Covered under Ohio UC Law | 5,470,862 | \$88,774,495 | 0.4 | 3.9 |
| Private Sector | 4,809,391 | 77,678,129 | 0.3 | 3.7 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting | 20,277 | 247,619 | 1.2 | 9.5 |
| Mining | 8,669 | 188,046 | -1.3 | 2.0 |
| Utilities | 18,470 | 552,414 | -0.3 | 8.5 |
| Construction | 261,787 | 5,193,845 | 4.9 | 11.0 |
| Manufacturing | 678,141 | 12,926,816 | -0.9 | 2.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 235,074 | 5,217,104 | -2.2 | -0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 536,560 | 5,086,661 | -0.6 | 3.0 |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 246,189 | 3,975,495 | -0.3 | 3.7 |
| Information | 65,465 | 1,693,420 | -1.4 | 2.6 |
| Finance and Insurance | 230,037 | 5,711,729 | -2.1 | 2.8 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 69,806 | 1,110,497 | 0.0 | 6.5 |
| Professional and Technical Services | 287,409 | 7,140,970 | -0.4 | 3.7 |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises | 153,551 | 4,667,613 | 5.2 | 3.0 |
| Administrative & Waste Services | 290,887 | 3,680,346 | -1.6 | 1.8 |
| Educational Services | 93,736 | 1,137,088 | -0.1 | 3.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 866,420 | 13,372,034 | 2.4 | 4.8 |
| Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation | 96,357 | 1,047,552 | 0.4 | 11.3 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 489,248 | 2,896,932 | -0.3 | 3.0 |
| Other Services, Except Public Administration | 161,309 | 1,831,947 | 0.5 | 4.1 |
| State and Local Government | 661,471 | 11,096,366 | 0.9 | 5.4 |
| Federal Government | 83,077 | 1,883,681 | -2.1 | -0.7 |

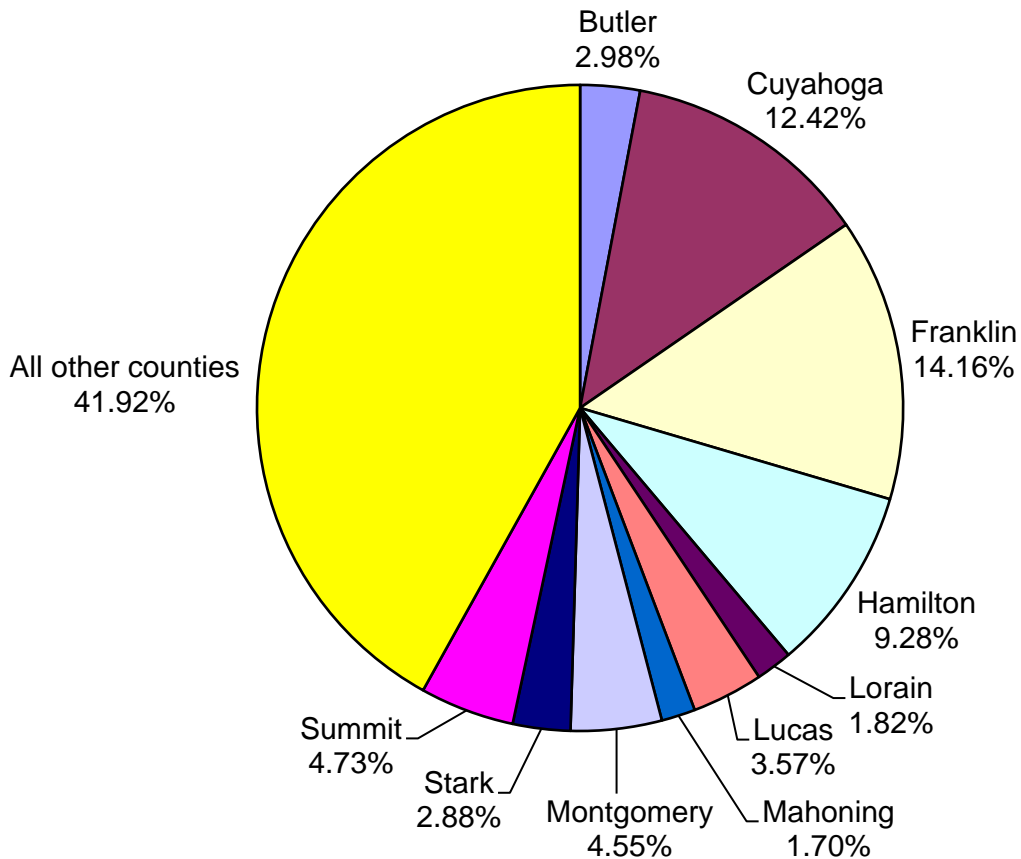
Seven of Ohio’s largest counties experienced employment increases from their second quarter 2024 levels. Increases ranged from 1.3 percent in Lorain County to 0.2 percent in Hamilton County. Employment decreases occurred in three of Ohio’s largest counties, ranging from 1.7 percent in Cuyahoga County to 0.5 percent in Stark and Summit Counties.

All ten of Ohio’s largest counties experienced payroll increases since the second quarter of 2024. Payroll increases ranged from 5.7 percent in Mahoning County to 1.1 percent in Hamilton County.

| County | Average Employment Second Quarter 2025 | Wages (in thousands) Second Quarter 2025 | Percent Change Second Quarter 2024 to Second Quarter 2025 | |
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| | | | Employment | Wages |
| Total Covered under Ohio UC Law | 5,470,862 | \$88,774,495 | 0.4 | 3.9 |
| Butler | 163,123 | 2,621,074 | 0.4 | 2.4 |
| Cuyahoga | 679,255 | 12,316,458 | -1.7 | 2.2 |
| Franklin | 774,777 | 14,169,529 | 1.2 | 4.3 |
| Hamilton | 507,871 | 9,251,398 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Lorain | 99,405 | 1,376,871 | 1.3 | 4.4 |
| Lucas | 195,235 | 2,999,886 | 0.3 | 3.0 |
| Mahoning | 92,818 | 1,193,366 | 0.4 | 5.7 |
| Montgomery | 248,946 | 3,783,393 | 1.2 | 4.4 |
| Stark | 157,342 | 2,157,840 | -0.5 | 4.9 |
| Summit | 258,662 | 4,000,021 | -0.5 | 4.4 |
| All other counties | 2,293,428 | 34,904,659 | 0.8 | 5.0 |

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 nearly 60 percent of the state’s covered employment.

Percentage of Second Quarter 2025 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 346,000 reporting units. Summary tabulations are published in preliminary form, for the second quarter of 2025, by industrial sector and county. They present average quarterly employment tabulations and second 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.

Additional Information. For additional information, contact the Bureau of Labor Market Information, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43266-0423, (614) 752-9494 or visit our website at <https://ohiolmi.com/>.

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