



# Looking for Data on Ohio’s Labor Market? Here Are Three Key Tools

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Every day OhioLMI.com is used to access data on the Buckeye State’s labor market. From investors to researchers, hiring managers to guidance counselors, city planners to venture capitalists, labor market data is used to support a wide array of decisions in the public and private sectors. Ohio Labor Market Information (LMI) maintains datasets and publishes regular reports on industry employment, unemployment rates, wages, and job openings. Below are some of the key indicators that are often accessed to help track Ohio’s labor market.

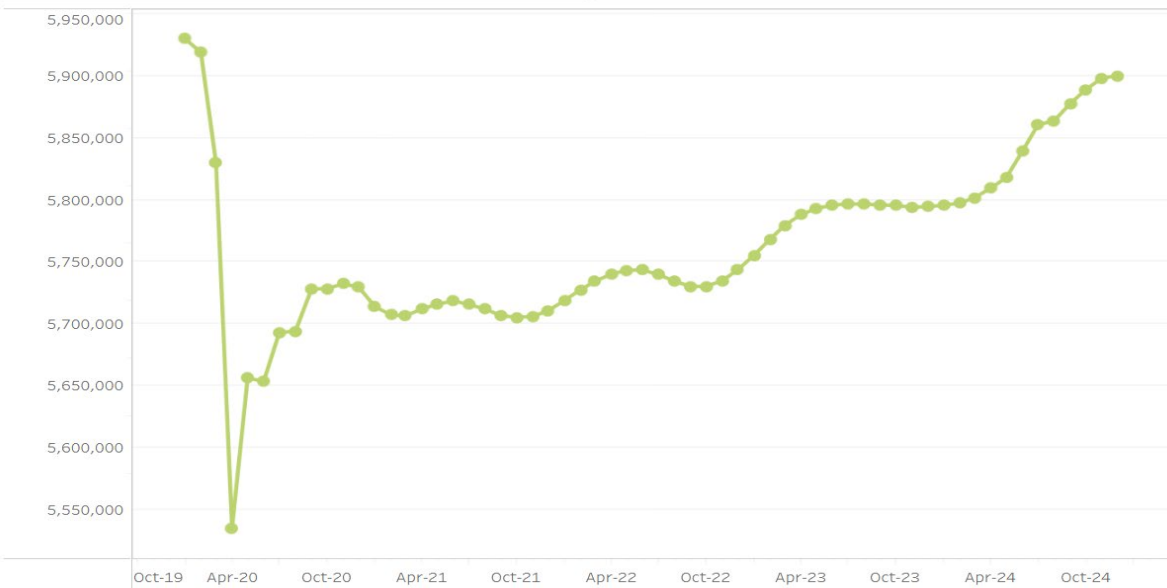
## Labor Force Statistics

Ohio’s labor force statistics are summarized in an easy-to-navigate dashboard, which includes a 5-year visual history of the statewide measures of the labor market. The dashboard includes Ohio’s labor force, labor force participation rate, employment, unemployment, and unemployment rate based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the U.S. Census Bureau’s household survey<sup>1</sup>.



Labor Force (Seasonally Adjusted)

Current Labor Force (Preliminary)	5,899,417
Over the Month Labor Force Change	1,821
Over the Year Labor Force Change	105,704
Labor Force Historic High	6,019,500
Labor Force Historic Low	4,748,300



<sup>1</sup> [Local Area Unemployment Statistics: Concepts](#)



The **labor force** is the total number of people in the state that is working or that is able and actively looking for work. Ohio's **labor force participation rate** is the proportion of the labor force to the state's working age population. The **employment** figure is the count of individuals reporting having worked at least one hour during a reference week, while the **unemployment** figure is the count of individuals who reported they were not employed, but were actively searching for work, during the reference week. The **unemployment rate** is the percentage of the labor force that is not working, but able to and actively looking for work.

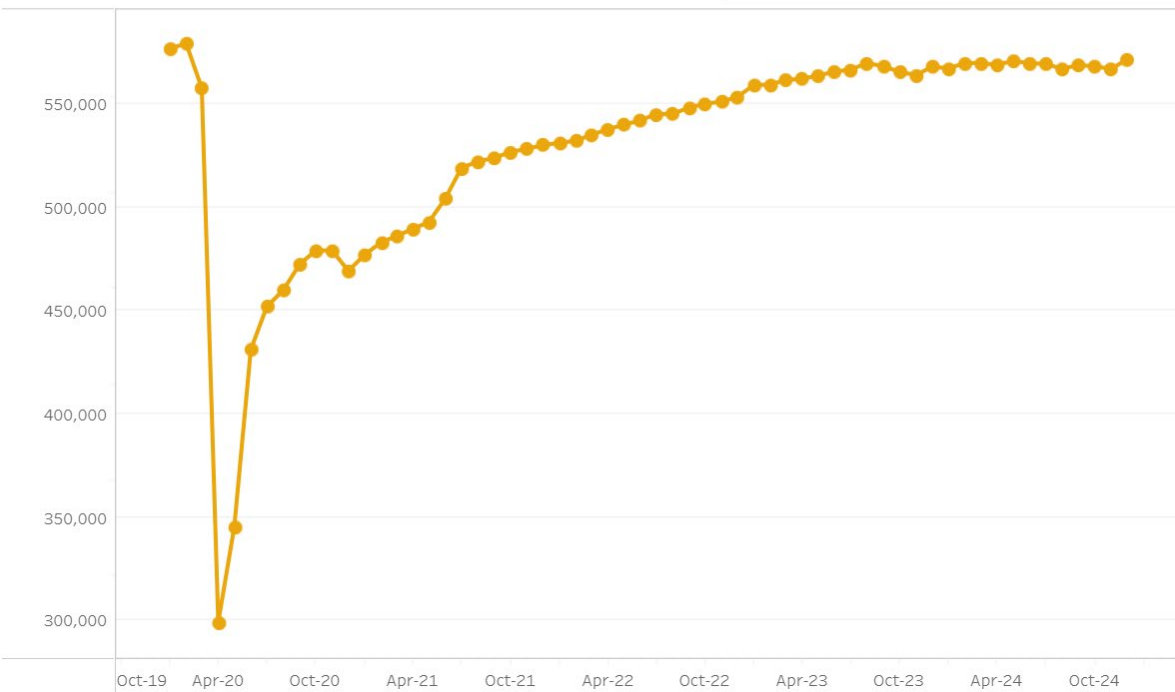
## Employment by Industry

[OhioLMI.com](https://ohiolmi.com) also has a dashboard for employment by industry. Here, you can find similar 5-year displays of employment trends in sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and leisure and hospitality. These data is based on the BLS's Current Employment Statistics Survey, which is a business survey, and therefore produces somewhat different results from the household survey.



Leisure and Hospitality Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Current Employment Level (Preliminary)	571,000
Over the Month Change	4,300
Over the Year Change	3,400
Historic High	578,700
Historic Low	298,400





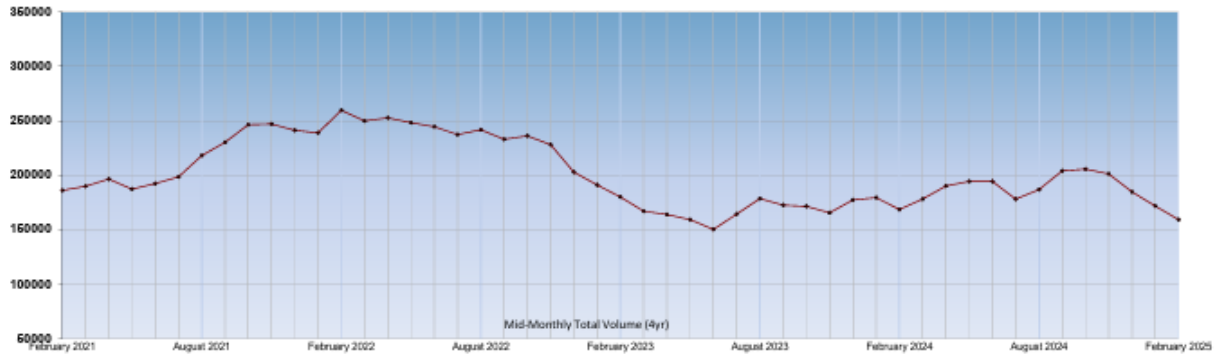
## Job Postings

Every month, [OhioLMI.com](http://OhioLMI.com) posts a report on the number of job openings posted online in the state. The report summarizes salary ranges, education requirements, and the top skills and certifications in the online job postings. The report lists top employers and occupations with the most job ads.

Data for this report is from an organization that collects job posting’s data from more than 65,000 global sources, on a daily basis and in real-time. It’s not a comprehensive list of jobs, and job ads do not necessarily always equate to vacancies.

A total of 159,164 job openings were posted online from January 14, 2025, through February 13, 2025, for the state of Ohio. This was a decrease of 12,576 ads from the previous reporting period. Compared to the same time period a year ago, this reflects a decrease of 9,245 ads. The graph below shows historical trends for ads posted in this area over the last several years.

This report, and reports for other JobsOhio regions, can be found [here](#) and at [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com).



Salary for Job Ads

Salary Range	Ads
Entry Level Jobs (less than \$30K)	9.3%
Middle Income Jobs (\$30K-\$49K)	26.4%
Upper Middle Income Jobs (\$50K-\$79K)	26.9%
High Income Jobs (\$80K-\$99K)	12.4%
Six Figure Jobs (\$100K+)	24.9%

Education for Job Ads

Education Range	Ads
GED/High School	37.3%
Associate Level	13.6%
Bachelor's Degree	41.3%
Master's Degree	3.2%
Doctoral Degree	4.6%

Top Certifications for Job Ads

Certifications	Ads
Driver's License	19,957
Commercial Driver's License	9,624
Class A Commercial Drivers License	7,048
Basic Life Support	6,202
Certified Registered Nurse	5,988
Certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	4,239
Occupational Safety & Health Administration Certification	4,229
HAZMAT	2,650
Security clearance	2,546
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	2,513

Top Skills for Job Ads

Skills	Ads
Customer service	36,217
Operations	29,147
Scheduling	28,490
Supervision	21,704
Mathematics	15,566
Microsoft Office	15,088
Computer usage (basic)	12,804
Best practices	10,903
Microsoft Excel	10,265
Project management	10,243

These are just a few of the data tools and reports available on [OhioLMI.com](http://OhioLMI.com) to understand Ohio’s labor market. In addition to these data, [OhioLMI.com](http://OhioLMI.com) includes data on other labor-related topics such as occupational wages, labor projections, as well as county-level and regional labor force data.

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