

**December 2009 Ranking of
Ohio County Unemployment Rates**
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, the December 2009 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 7.4 percent in Holmes County to a high of 17.5 percent in Morgan County. Rates increased in 84 of the 88 counties. In December, the comparable rate for Ohio was 10.7 percent. (See table below).

Four counties had unemployment rates at or below 8.0 percent in December. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Holmes, were: Delaware, 7.7; Geauga, 7.9; and Lawrence, 8.0 percent.

Eighteen counties had unemployment rates above 14.0 percent during December. The counties with the highest rates, other than Morgan, were: Highland and Ottawa, 17.3; Pike, 16.7; Clinton and Noble, 16.2; Huron, 15.9; Adams and Meigs, 15.8; Williams, 14.9; Carroll, 14.5; Fulton, Monroe, and Perry, 14.3; Ashtabula and Vinton, 14.2; Jefferson, 14.1; and Crawford, 14.0 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2008 benchmark and geared to county of residence. Unemployment rates for all Ohio counties as well as cities with populations of 50,000 or more are presented in the monthly ODJFS *Civilian Labor Force Estimates* publication. Updated statewide historical data may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Market Information at (614) 466-1109.

January 2010 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, March 5, 2010. County, city and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be available on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. This information and the monthly statistical summaries it is based on are also available at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/releases>.

Ranking Report
Ohio Unemployment Rates by County
December 2009

Rank (b)	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank (b)	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Morgan County	17.5	45	Hocking County	12.1
2	Highland County	17.3	46	Pickaway County	12.1
3	Ottawa County	17.3	47	Logan County	12.1
4	Pike County	16.7	48	Sandusky County	12.1
5	Clinton County	16.2	49	Montgomery County	12.0
6	Noble County	16.2	50	Champaign County	11.9
7	Huron County	15.9	51	Morrow County	11.9
8	Adams County	15.8	52	Jackson County	11.7
9	Meigs County	15.8	53	Darke County	11.7
10	Williams County	14.9	54	Allen County	11.6
11	Carroll County	14.5	55	Tuscarawas County	11.4
12	Monroe County	14.3	56	Marion County	11.2
13	Perry County	14.3	57	Clark County	11.1
14	Fulton County	14.3	58	Wood County	11.1
15	Ashtabula County	14.2	59	Putnam County	11.0
16	Vinton County	14.2	60	Summit County	10.8
17	Jefferson County	14.1	61	Portage County	10.7
18	Crawford County	14.0	62	Greene County	10.6
19	Henry County	13.9	63	Auglaize County	10.6
20	Trumbull County	13.8	64	Clermont County	10.6
21	Scioto County	13.6	65	Gallia County	10.4
22	Van Wert County	13.6	66	Belmont County	10.3
23	Columbiana County	13.5	67	Washington County	10.0
24	Muskingum County	13.4	68	Butler County	9.9
25	Ashland County	13.1	69	Wayne County	9.9
26	Coshocton County	13.1	70	Knox County	9.7
27	Fayette County	13.1	71	Licking County	9.6
28	Seneca County	13.0	72	Hancock County	9.6
29	Richland County	13.0	73	Madison County	9.5
30	Ross County	13.0	74	Hamilton County	9.5
31	Brown County	12.9	75	Lorain County	9.5
32	Guernsey County	12.9	76	Warren County	9.3
33	Mahoning County	12.8	77	Fairfield County	9.3
34	Defiance County	12.8	78	Union County	9.2
35	Wyandot County	12.7	79	Athens County	9.2
36	Paulding County	12.7	80	Lake County	8.9
37	Shelby County	12.5	81	Cuyahoga County	8.9
38	Erie County	12.4	82	Franklin County	8.8
39	Miami County	12.3	83	Medina County	8.2
40	Preble County	12.3	84	Mercer County	8.2
41	Lucas County	12.3	85	Lawrence County	8.0
42	Harrison County	12.3	86	Geauga County	7.9
43	Stark County	12.2	87	Delaware County	7.7
44	Hardin County	12.2	88	Holmes County	7.4

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