

December 2017 Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, preliminary December 2017 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Mercer County to a high of 8.8 percent in Monroe County. From November, the unemployment rate increased in 87 counties, and was unchanged in the remaining county. The comparable unemployment rate for Ohio was 4.5 percent in December. (See table on next page.)

Nine counties had unemployment rates at or below 3.5 percent in December. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Mercer were: Holmes, 3.1 percent; Delaware, 3.2 percent; Auglaize, 3.3 percent; Hancock and Madison, 3.4 percent; and Putnam, Union and Wyandot, 3.5 percent.

Five counties had unemployment rates above 7.0 percent in December. The counties with the highest rates, other than Monroe were: Meigs, 8.4 percent; Noble, 8.1 percent; and Morgan and Ottawa, 7.9 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2016 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. For updated statewide historical data, visit <http://ohiolmi.com/asp/laus/vbLaus.htm>, or contact the Bureau of Labor Market Information at (614) 752-9494.

January 2018 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, March 9, 2018. Unemployment rates for counties, cities, and metropolitan areas will be available on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. This information and the monthly statistical summaries they are based on are available at <http://ohiolmi.com/laus/releases.htm>.

Ranking Report
Ohio Unemployment Rates by County
December 2017

Rank ^a	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank ^a	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Monroe County	8.8	45	Sandusky County	4.7
2	Meigs County	8.4	46	Portage County	4.7
3	Noble County	8.1	47	Morrow County	4.6
4	Ottawa County	7.9	48	Seneca County	4.6
5	Morgan County	7.9	49	Allen County	4.5
6	Adams County	6.9	50	Clark County	4.5
7	Jackson County	6.8	51	Lake County	4.4
8	Pike County	6.8	52	Fulton County	4.4
9	Scioto County	6.7	53	Montgomery County	4.4
10	Vinton County	6.7	54	Hardin County	4.4
11	Jefferson County	6.6	55	Knox County	4.4
12	Guernsey County	6.5	56	Defiance County	4.3
13	Huron County	6.5	57	Pickaway County	4.2
14	Erie County	6.2	58	Preble County	4.1
15	Gallia County	6.2	59	Geauga County	4.0
16	Coshocton County	6.2	60	Darke County	4.0
17	Trumbull County	6.1	61	Butler County	4.0
18	Highland County	6.0	62	Clermont County	4.0
19	Ashtabula County	5.9	63	Paulding County	4.0
20	Mahoning County	5.9	64	Medina County	4.0
21	Belmont County	5.8	65	Hamilton County	4.0
22	Perry County	5.8	66	Fairfield County	3.9
23	Carroll County	5.7	67	Fayette County	3.9
24	Washington County	5.7	68	Miami County	3.9
25	Athens County	5.5	69	Williams County	3.9
26	Muskingum County	5.5	70	Logan County	3.9
27	Brown County	5.4	71	Champaign County	3.9
28	Harrison County	5.4	72	Greene County	3.8
29	Lawrence County	5.3	73	Shelby County	3.8
30	Crawford County	5.3	74	Wood County	3.8
31	Richland County	5.3	75	Licking County	3.8
32	Hocking County	5.3	76	Warren County	3.8
33	Columbiana County	5.2	77	Van Wert County	3.8
34	Henry County	5.1	78	Wayne County	3.8
35	Lucas County	5.0	79	Franklin County	3.6
36	Lorain County	5.0	80	Wyandot County	3.5
37	Clinton County	5.0	81	Putnam County	3.5
38	Stark County	5.0	82	Union County	3.5
39	Ashland County	4.9	83	Madison County	3.4
40	Marion County	4.9	84	Hancock County	3.4
41	Ross County	4.8	85	Auglaize County	3.3
42	Summit County	4.8	86	Delaware County	3.2
43	Cuyahoga County	4.8	87	Holmes County	3.1
44	Tuscarawas County	4.8	88	Mercer County	2.8

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^aRankings are based upon unrounded unemployment rates.

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