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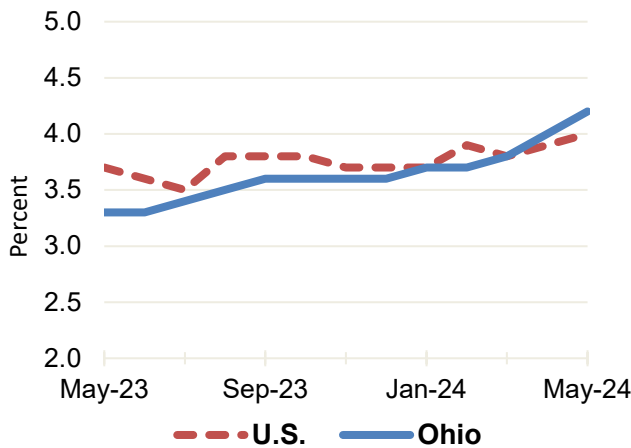
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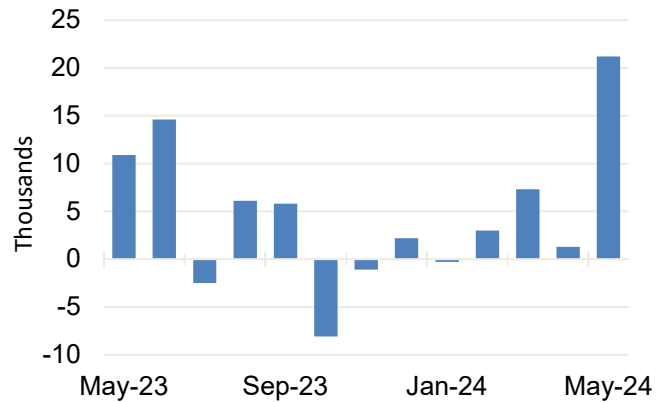
Ohio's Unemployment Rate Increased to 4.2% in May

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Ohio and U.S. Unemployment Rates, seasonally adjusted, May 2023 – May 2024



Ohio Nonfarm Payroll Employment Over-the-Month Change, seasonally adjusted, May 2023 – May 2024



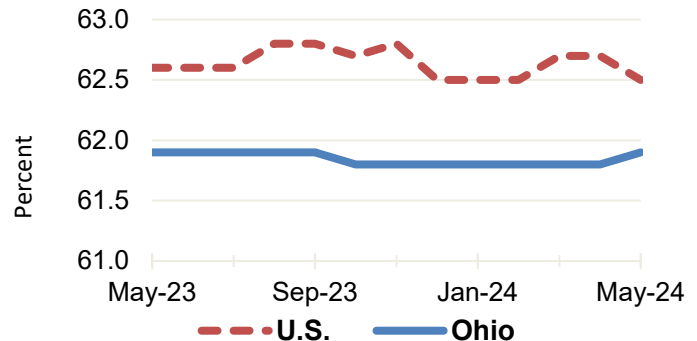
Household Survey Data

The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in May was 243,000, up from 230,000 in April. The number of unemployed has increased by 49,000 in the past 12 months from 194,000. The May unemployment rate for Ohio has increased 0.9 percentage points from 3.3% in May 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate for May 2024 was 4.0%, up from 3.9% in April 2024 and up from 3.7% in May 2023.

In May 2024, the labor force participation rate in Ohio was 61.9%, up from 61.8% in April 2024 and unchanged from 61.9% in May 2023. During the same period, the national labor force participation rate was 62.5%, down from 62.7% in April 2024 and down from 62.6% in May 2023.

Ohio and U.S. Labor Force Participation Rates, seasonally adjusted, May 2023 – May 2024



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Establishment Survey Data

Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 21,200 over the month, from a revised 5,641,400 in April to 5,662,600 in May, according to the latest business establishment survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).

Employment in goods-producing industries, at 937,000, increased 6,200 as gains in construction (+7,000) surpassed losses in manufacturing (-800). Mining and logging did not change over the month. The private service-providing sector, at 3,947,900, increased 16,700, as gains in private educational and health services (+6,300); professional and business services (+4,600); leisure and hospitality (+3,600); trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,100); and other services (+1,700) exceeded losses in financial activities (-1,600). Employment in information did not change over the month. Government employment, at 777,700, decreased 1,700, as losses in local government (-2,400) surpassed gains in state government (+700). Federal government employment did not change over the month.

From May 2023 to May 2024, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 49,500. Employment in goods-producing industries increased 2,600, led by construction which gained 3,100 jobs. Mining and logging gained 200 jobs. Manufacturing lost 700 jobs, as losses in nondurable goods (-1,800) outweighed gains in durable goods (+1,100). Employment in the private service-providing sector increased 48,800 as gains in private educational and health services (+39,500); leisure and hospitality (+8,800); other services (+7,600); and professional and business services (+5,600) outpaced losses in financial activities (-9,500); information (-2,500); and trade, transportation, and utilities (-700). Government employment decreased 1,900 as losses in state (-3,100) and local (-1,000) government exceeded gains in federal government (+2,200).

EDITOR'S NOTE: All data cited are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor. Data sources include the Current Population Survey (U.S. data), Current Employment Statistics Program (nonagricultural wage and salary employment data), and Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (Ohio unemployment rates). More complete listings of the data appear in the monthly Ohio Labor Market Review. 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. Updated statewide historical data may be obtained through the OhioLMI app, which is available for free on mobile devices through the App Store or Google Play. Ohioans can access tens of thousands of job openings, for positions ranging from file clerks to CEOs, at <https://ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov>.

News Release Dates

A calendar of 2024 release dates is available online at <https://ohiolmi.com/Home/Events>.

County, city, and metropolitan area unemployment rates for May 2024 will be posted online at <https://ohiolmi.com> on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. June 2024 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, July 19, 2024. This information and the monthly statistical summaries it is based on are also available at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm>.

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Choose this link to view the table for the [Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Estimates for Ohio](#).

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.

