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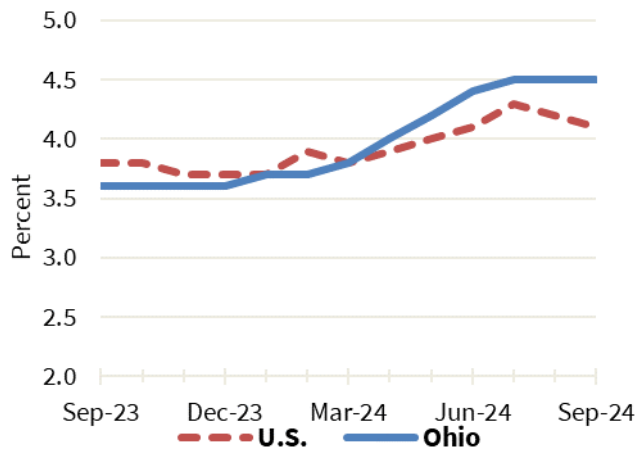
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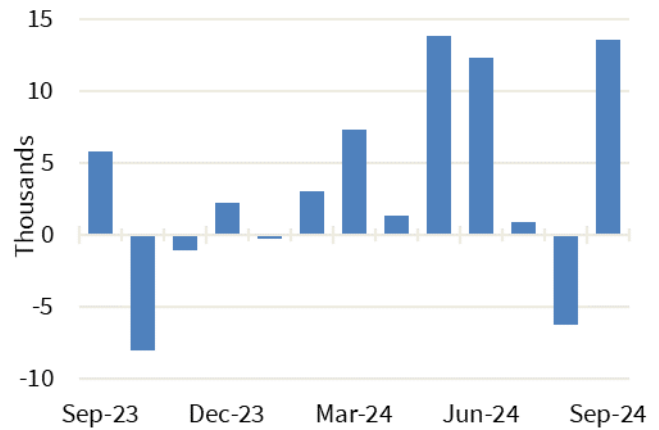
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Ohio and U.S. Unemployment Rates, seasonally adjusted, September 2023 - September 2024



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



Household Survey Data

The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in September was 263,000, unchanged from 263,000 in August. The number of unemployed has increased by 56,000 in the past 12 months from 207,000. The September unemployment rate for Ohio has increased 0.9 percentage points from 3.6% in September 2023.

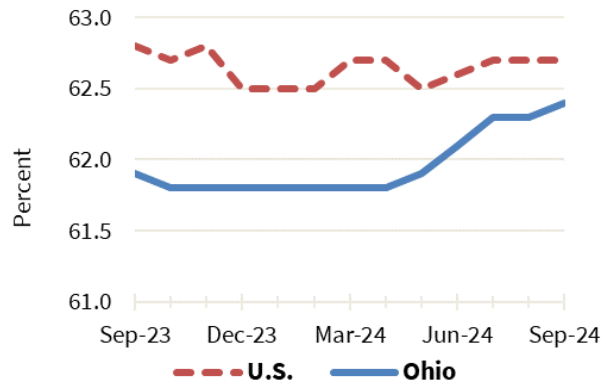
The U.S. unemployment rate for September 2024 was 4.1%, down from 4.2% in August 2024 and up from 3.8% in September 2023.



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In September 2024, the labor force participation rate in Ohio was 62.4%, up from 62.3% in August 2024 and up from 61.9% in September 2023. During the same period, the national labor force participation rate was 62.7%, unchanged from 62.7% in August 2024 and down from 62.8% in September 2023.

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



Establishment Survey Data

Ohio’s nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 13,500 over the month, from a revised 5,662,100 in August to 5,675,600 in September, 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 948,000, increased 5,500 with gains in construction (+6,700) outweighing losses in manufacturing (-1,200). Mining and logging employment was unchanged over the month. The private service-providing sector, at 3,935,900, grew 4,000 as gains in professional and business services (+2,700); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,100); leisure and hospitality (+1,100); and financial activities (+300) surpassed losses in information (-500); other services (-500); and private educational and health services (-200). Government employment, at 791,700, increased 4,000 with gains in local government (+5,700) outpacing losses in state (-1,600) and federal (-100) government.

From September 2023 to September 2024, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 38,500. Employment in goods-producing industries increased 10,300, led by construction, which added 16,400 jobs. Manufacturing lost 6,000 jobs in durable goods (-5,300) and nondurable goods (-700). Mining and logging lost 100 jobs over the year. Employment in the private service-providing sector increased 22,300 as gains in private educational and health services (+36,100); other services (+7,000); and professional and business services (+4,200) surpassed losses in financial activities (-14,700); trade, transportation, and utilities (-7,000); information (-3,100); and leisure and hospitality (-200). Government employment increased 5,900 as gains in local (+5,700) and federal (+1,200) government outpaced losses in state government (-1,000).

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 can 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 September 2024 will be posted online at <https://ohiolmi.com> on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. October 2024 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, November 15, 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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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, adult protective services, and child support services.

