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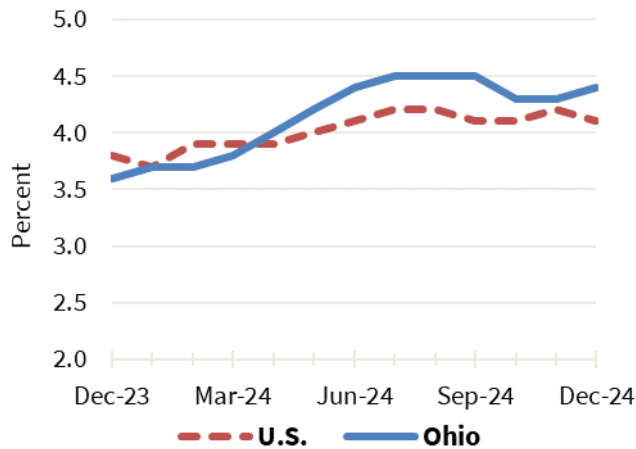
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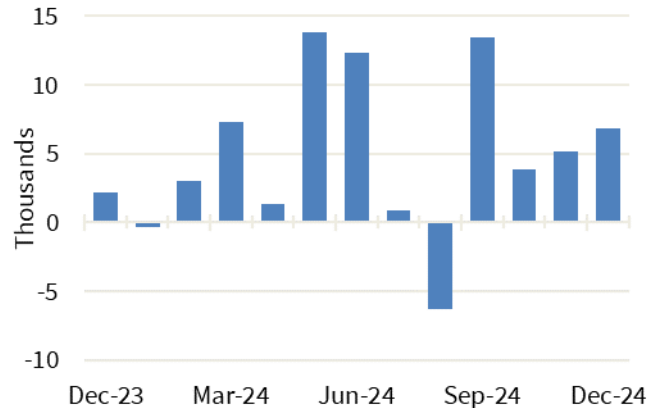
Ohio's Unemployment Rate increased to 4.4% in December

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



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



Household Survey Data

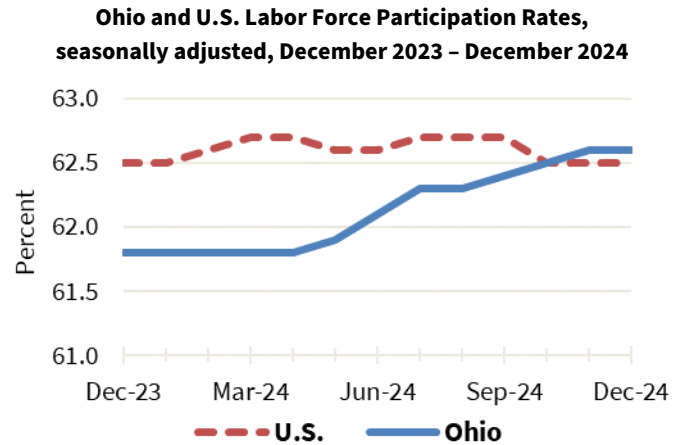
The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in December was 258,000, up from 255,000 in November 2024. The number of unemployed has increased by 48,000 in the past 12 months from 210,000. The December unemployment rate for Ohio increased 0.8 percentage points from 3.6% in December 2023.

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



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In December 2024, the labor force participation rate in Ohio was 62.6%, unchanged from 62.6% in November 2024 and up from 61.8% in December 2023. During the same period, the national labor force participation rate was 62.5%, unchanged from 62.5% in November 2024 and unchanged from 62.5% in December 2023.



Establishment Survey Data

Ohio’s nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 6,800 over the month, from a revised 5,684,700 in November to 5,691,500 in December, 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 948,300, decreased 700 over the month, as losses in manufacturing (-500) and construction (-400) exceeded gains in mining and logging (+200). The private service-providing sector, at 3,951,700, increased 7,000 as gains in leisure and hospitality (+4,300); private educational and health services (+1,900); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,700); professional and business services (+1,100); and information (+500) outpaced losses in financial activities (-1,600) and other services (-900). Government employment, at 791,500, increased 500 with gains in state (+600) and local (+100) government exceeding losses in federal government (-200).

From December 2023 to December 2024, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 61,400. Employment in goods-producing industries increased 13,900, led by construction, which added 17,900 jobs. Manufacturing lost 4,300 jobs in durable goods (-4,000) and nondurable goods (-300). Mining and logging gained 300 jobs over the year. Employment in the private service-providing sector increased 39,100 as gains in private educational and health services (+28,500); professional and business services (+13,500); leisure and hospitality (+3,400); and other services (+3,200) surpassed losses in financial activities (-9,000); information (-400); and trade, transportation, and utilities (-100). Government employment increased 8,400 as gains in local (+9,400) and federal (+500) government outpaced losses in state government (-1,500).

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



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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 2025 release dates is available online at <https://ohiolmi.com/Home/Events>.

County, city, and metropolitan area unemployment rates for December 2024 will be posted online at <https://ohiolmi.com> on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. January 2025 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, March 7, 2025. This information and the monthly statistical summaries it is based on are also available at <https://jfs.ohio.gov/about/communications>.

Choose this link to view the table on the [Ohio and U.S. Employment Situation](#).

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, adult protective services, and child support services.

