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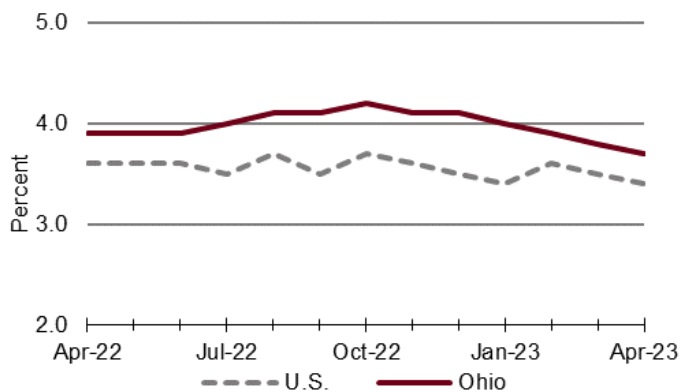
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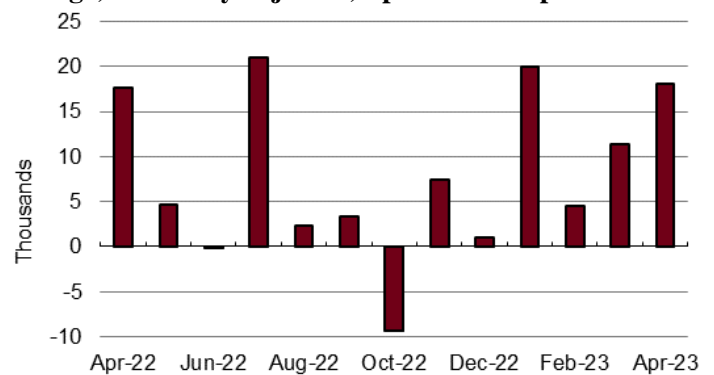
## Ohio's Unemployment Rate Decreased to 3.7% in April

Ohio's unemployment rate was 3.7% in April 2023, down from 3.8% in March 2023. Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 18,100 over the month, from a revised 5,590,500 in March to 5,608,600 in April. This marks the lowest unemployment rate since 1976 when the series for reporting unemployment started.

**Ohio and U.S. Unemployment Rates, seasonally adjusted  
 April 2022 – April 2023**



**Ohio Nonfarm Payroll Employment Over-the-Month  
 Change, seasonally adjusted, April 2022 – April 2023**

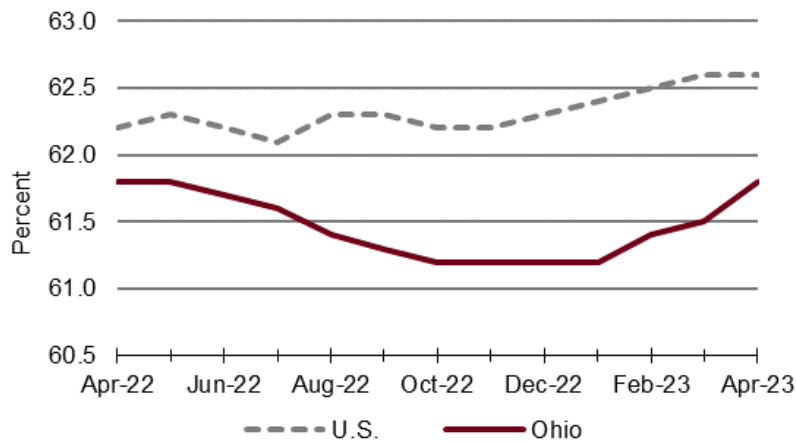


### Household Survey Data

The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in April was 211,000, down from 218,000 in March. The number of unemployed has decreased by 12,000 in the past 12 months from 223,000. The April unemployment rate for Ohio decreased 0.2% from 3.9% in April 2022. The U.S. unemployment rate for April 2023 was 3.4%, down from 3.5% in March 2023, and down from 3.6% in April 2022.

In April 2023, the labor force participation rate in Ohio was 61.8%, up from 61.5% in March 2023 and unchanged from 61.8% in April 2022. During the same period, the national labor force participation rate was 62.6%, unchanged from 62.6% in March 2023 and up from 62.2% in April 2022.

**Ohio and U.S. Labor Force Participation Rates, seasonally  
 adjusted, April 2022 – April 2023**



## Establishment Survey Data

Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 18,100 over the month, from a revised 5,590,500 in March to 5,608,600 in April, 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 943,000, increased 2,500 with gains in construction (+1,600); manufacturing (+700); and mining and logging (+200). The private service-providing sector, at 3,896,000, increased 15,900 as gains in leisure and hospitality (+6,200); professional and business services (+3,400); private educational and health services (+2,800); other services (+2,400); trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,600); and financial activities (+100) surpassed losses in information (-600). Government employment, at 769,600, decreased 300 as losses in local government (-500) exceeded gains in federal government (+200). State government employment did not change over the month.

From April 2022 to April 2023, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 84,000. Employment in goods-producing industries increased 18,000. Manufacturing increased 9,400 as gains in durable goods (+9,600) outpaced losses in nondurable goods (-200). Construction added 7,900 jobs and mining and logging gained 700 jobs. Employment in the private service-providing sector increased 61,300 as gains in private educational and health services (+27,700); leisure and hospitality (+27,300); other services (+12,200); financial activities (+4,200); and professional and business services (+800) outweighed losses in trade, transportation, and utilities (-9,200) and information (-1,700). Government employment increased 4,700 with gains in federal (+2,300); state (+1,700); and local (+700) government.

**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 2023 release dates is available online at <https://ohiolmi.com/Home/Events>. County, city, and metropolitan area unemployment rates for April 2023 will be posted online at <https://ohiolmi.com/> on Tuesday, May 23. May 2023 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, June 16, 2023. This information and the monthly statistical summaries it is based on are also available at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm>.

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

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

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.

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