

2007 Annual Average Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

Among the state's 88 counties, the annual average 2007 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 3.8 percent in Mercer County to a high of 9.6 percent in Pike County. Rates increased in 70 of the 88 counties over the year. The comparable rate for Ohio in 2007 was 5.6 percent. (See table below).

Seven counties had unemployment rates at or below the national average of 4.6 percent in 2007. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Mercer were: Delaware, 4.0; Holmes, 4.1; Union, 4.3; Auglaize and Hancock, 4.5; and Warren, 4.6 percent.

Six counties had unemployment rates at or above 8.0 percent during 2007. The counties with the highest rates, other than Pike were: Morgan, 9.3; Meigs, 8.9; Monroe, 8.2; Huron, 8.1; and Vinton, 8.0 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2007 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. Updated statewide historical data may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Market Information at (614) 466-1109.

Ranking Report
Ohio Unemployment Rates by County
Annual Average 2007

Rank (b)	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank (b)	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Pike County	9.6	45	Athens County	5.9
2	Morgan County	9.3	46	Champaign County	5.9
3	Meigs County	8.9	47	Stark County	5.9
4	Monroe County	8.2	48	Preble County	5.7
5	Huron County	8.1	49	Morrow County	5.7
6	Vinton County	8.0	50	Seneca County	5.7
7	Jackson County	7.9	51	Defiance County	5.7
8	Muskingum County	7.8	52	Darke County	5.7
9	Adams County	7.7	53	Belmont County	5.6
10	Noble County	7.4	54	Van Wert County	5.6
11	Scioto County	7.4	55	Marion County	5.5
12	Perry County	7.4	56	Miami County	5.4
13	Ottawa County	7.2	57	Knox County	5.4
14	Ashtabula County	7.0	58	Summit County	5.4
15	Crawford County	7.0	59	Tuscarawas County	5.4
16	Ross County	6.9	60	Wood County	5.4
17	Coshocton County	6.9	61	Portage County	5.4
18	Lucas County	6.7	62	Greene County	5.3
19	Richland County	6.5	63	Lawrence County	5.3
20	Wyandot County	6.5	64	Medina County	5.2
21	Jefferson County	6.5	65	Licking County	5.2
22	Guernsey County	6.5	66	Lake County	5.2
23	Brown County	6.4	67	Madison County	5.2
24	Hocking County	6.4	68	Washington County	5.1
25	Mahoning County	6.4	69	Butler County	5.1
26	Trumbull County	6.3	70	Hamilton County	5.0
27	Allen County	6.3	71	Clermont County	5.0
28	Henry County	6.3	72	Paulding County	5.0
29	Fulton County	6.3	73	Logan County	5.0
30	Harrison County	6.3	74	Fairfield County	5.0
31	Columbiana County	6.3	75	Geauga County	4.9
32	Clark County	6.2	76	Wayne County	4.8
33	Gallia County	6.2	77	Putnam County	4.8
34	Carroll County	6.2	78	Shelby County	4.8
35	Lorain County	6.2	79	Fayette County	4.8
36	Montgomery County	6.2	80	Clinton County	4.8
37	Sandusky County	6.1	81	Franklin County	4.7
38	Cuyahoga County	6.1	82	Warren County	4.6
39	Williams County	6.1	83	Hancock County	4.5
40	Erie County	6.1	84	Auglaize County	4.5
41	Hardin County	6.0	85	Union County	4.3
42	Ashland County	6.0	86	Holmes County	4.1
43	Pickaway County	6.0	87	Delaware County	4.0
44	Highland County	6.0	88	Mercer County	3.8

[a] These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2007 benchmark, are geared to county of residence, and NOT seasonally adjusted. (b) Rankings based upon unrounded unemployment rates.