

Annual Average 2008 Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

Among the state's 88 counties, the annual average 2008 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 4.6 percent in Delaware County to a high of 10.2 percent in Morgan County. Rates increased from the prior year in all of the 88 counties. In 2008, the comparable rate for Ohio was 6.6 percent. (See table below).

Fifteen counties had unemployment rates below the national average of 5.8 percent in 2008. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Delaware, were: Holmes and Mercer, 4.9; Union, 5.2; Auglaize and Lawrence, 5.4; Franklin, Warren and Washington, 5.5; Hamilton, 5.6; and Fairfield, Fayette, Geauga, Putnam and Wayne, 5.7 percent.

Six counties had unemployment rates above 9.0 percent during 2008. The counties with the highest rates, other than Morgan, were: Pike, 10.1; Meigs, 10.0; Huron, 9.7; Adams, 9.3; and Vinton, 9.2 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2009 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.

Ranking Report
Ohio Unemployment Rates by County
Annual Average 2008

Rank (b)	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank (b)	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Morgan County	10.2	45	Morrow County	7.0
2	Pike County	10.1	46	Seneca County	7.0
3	Meigs County	10.0	47	Jefferson County	7.0
4	Huron County	9.7	48	Marion County	7.0
5	Adams County	9.3	49	Champaign County	6.9
6	Vinton County	9.2	50	Preble County	6.9
7	Ottawa County	8.8	51	Stark County	6.7
8	Crawford County	8.6	52	Wood County	6.7
9	Muskingum County	8.6	53	Clark County	6.6
10	Guernsey County	8.6	54	Athens County	6.6
11	Coshocton County	8.5	55	Gallia County	6.5
12	Noble County	8.5	56	Darke County	6.4
13	Monroe County	8.5	57	Knox County	6.4
14	Perry County	8.5	58	Miami County	6.4
15	Jackson County	8.4	59	Portage County	6.2
16	Van Wert County	8.4	60	Tuscarawas County	6.2
17	Scioto County	8.3	61	Madison County	6.2
18	Lucas County	8.2	62	Licking County	6.2
19	Fulton County	8.1	63	Shelby County	6.2
20	Ashtabula County	8.0	64	Greene County	6.2
21	Henry County	7.9	65	Summit County	6.1
22	Ross County	7.9	66	Belmont County	6.1
23	Wyandot County	7.8	67	Lake County	6.0
24	Williams County	7.7	68	Medina County	6.0
25	Hocking County	7.6	69	Clinton County	6.0
26	Brown County	7.6	70	Logan County	6.0
27	Carroll County	7.6	71	Butler County	5.9
28	Trumbull County	7.5	72	Hancock County	5.9
29	Defiance County	7.4	73	Clermont County	5.9
30	Montgomery County	7.4	74	Putnam County	5.7
31	Ashland County	7.4	75	Fairfield County	5.7
32	Richland County	7.4	76	Fayette County	5.7
33	Highland County	7.4	77	Geauga County	5.7
34	Allen County	7.3	78	Wayne County	5.7
35	Erie County	7.3	79	Hamilton County	5.6
36	Lorain County	7.2	80	Franklin County	5.5
37	Columbiana County	7.2	81	Warren County	5.5
38	Sandusky County	7.2	82	Washington County	5.5
39	Harrison County	7.2	83	Lawrence County	5.4
40	Hardin County	7.1	84	Auglaize County	5.4
41	Mahoning County	7.1	85	Union County	5.2
42	Paulding County	7.1	86	Mercer County	4.9
43	Pickaway County	7.1	87	Holmes County	4.9
44	Cuyahoga County	7.1	88	Delaware County	4.6

[a] These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2009 benchmark, are geared to county of residence, and NOT seasonally adjusted. (b) Rankings based upon unrounded unemployment rates.