

## **Quarterly Legislative Briefing on the Labor Market**

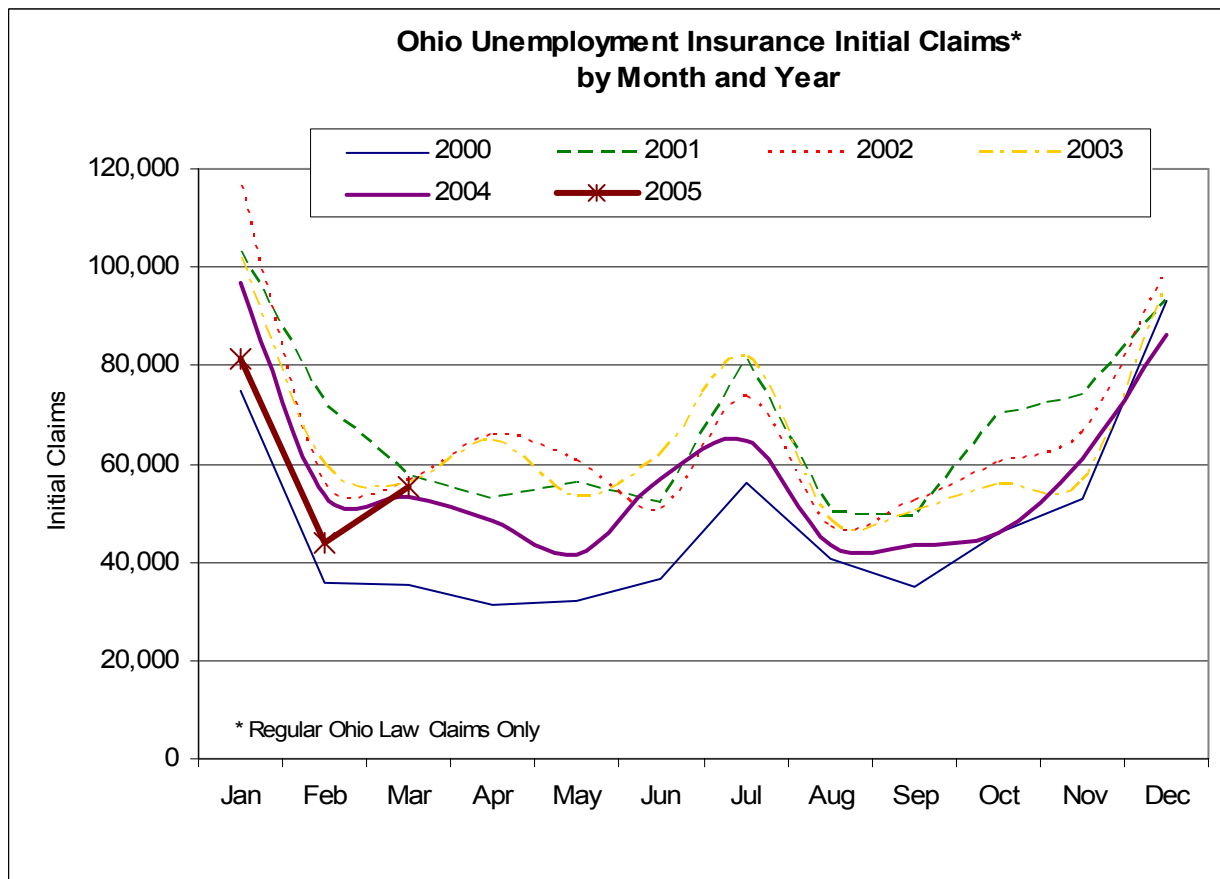
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# **Unemployment Rates and Related Data**

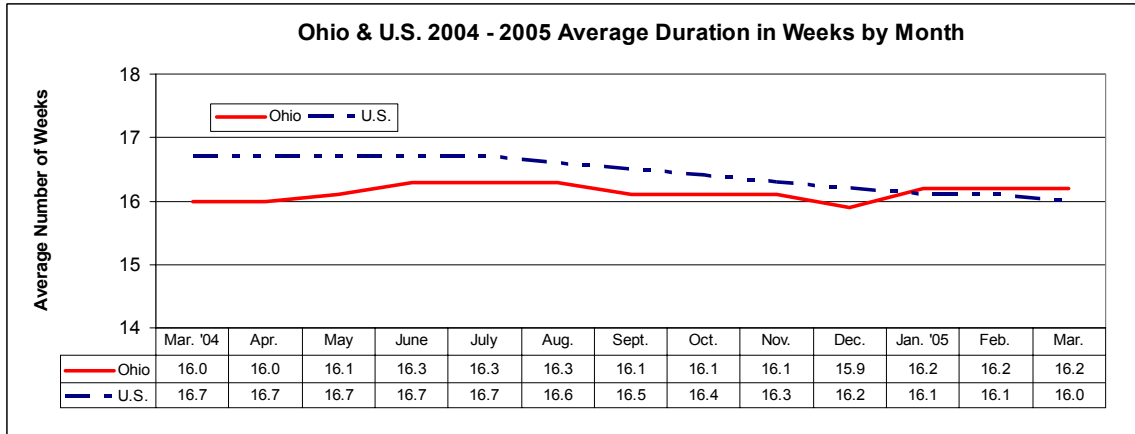
## Ohio Monthly Unemployment Insurance Initial Claims



- In each year from 2000 through 2004, monthly initial claims for unemployment insurance followed the same seasonal pattern, with major peaks in claims activity occurring in January and July.
- Initial claims were generally elevated from 2001 through early 2005 when compared to 2000, for any given month.
- Initial claims in March 2005 rose more sharply from the previous month compared to claims activity from February to March of 2004.
- Initial claims in March 2005 slightly exceeded those filed in March 2004.

## Average Duration of Unemployment: Ohio and U.S.

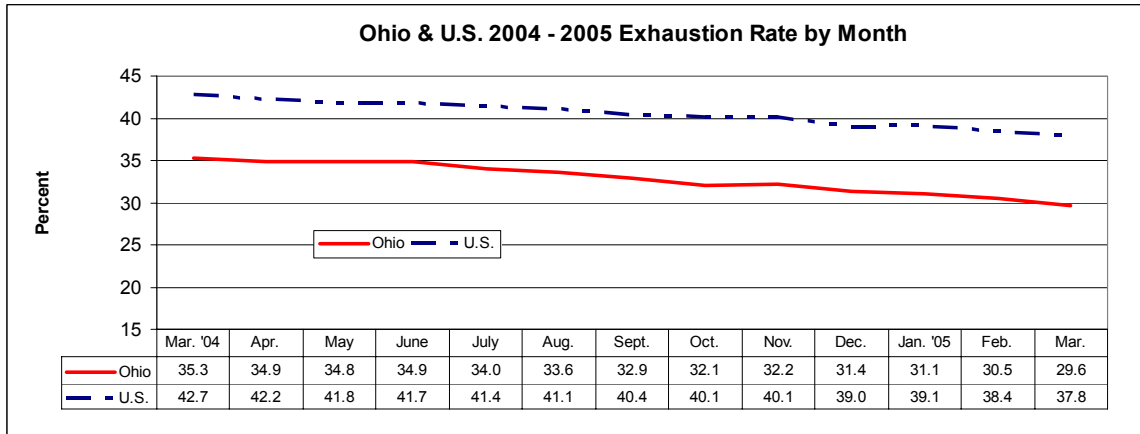
Average duration represents the average number of weeks of compensation received by unemployed claimants during the represented period (does not include extended benefits). Please refer to the *Data Sources and Additional Resources Links* at the end of the briefing.



- While below that of the U.S. throughout 2004, Ohio's average duration of unemployment converged on the U.S. value and exceeded it slightly by January 2005.
- Ohio's average duration remained at 16.2 weeks through the first three months of 2005.

## Unemployment Insurance Benefit Exhaustions: Ohio and U.S.

The exhaustion rate represents a measure of the proportion of unemployment insurance recipients who ultimately exhaust their benefits. Comparison of exhaustion rates over time and across regions provides an indication of the relative severity of the unemployment situation.



- Ohio and national exhaustion rates have followed the same pattern across the period.
- Ohio's exhaustion rate remained consistently lower than that of the U.S.
- Both U.S. and Ohio exhaustion rates experienced a downward trend between March 2004 and March 2005.

# **Employment Data**

**Data Sources  
and  
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### ***Ohio Job Outlook to 2012***

This report, available at <http://lmi.state.oh.us/PROJ/Projections/Ohio/OhioJobOutlook.pdf>, was released by the Bureau of Labor Market Information (BLMI) in February . More than 560,000 new jobs are expected in Ohio over the next decade. Professional and related occupations are projected to be the fastest growing occupations between now and 2012. The report also features a new analysis that examines the educational attainment of persons currently working in an occupation. According to the report, workers with higher levels of education or training will have more options in the job market and better prospects for obtaining higher-paying jobs.

### **Geocoding of Employment and Wages, Cleveland and Cuyahoga County**

Employment statistics for the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County for the first quarter of 2004 were made available in March. Data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program were geocoded to a physical location address that was assigned a longitude, latitude, and place code.

Data for 2004, as well as for the first quarters of 2003 and 2002, are available on the LMI Classic website at [http://lmi.state.oh.us/CEP\\_ClevelandGeoCode.htm](http://lmi.state.oh.us/CEP_ClevelandGeoCode.htm). The site also contains tables and maps which note the volume of workers located in a particular zip code, wages and the specific industries in which they are employed.