

October 2017 Ranking of Ohio County Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the state's 88 counties, preliminary October 2017 unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Mercer County to a high of 7.1 percent in Monroe County. From September, unemployment rates decreased in 39 counties, increased in 23 counties, and remained the same in 26 counties. The comparable unemployment rate for Ohio was 4.5 percent in October. (See table on next page.)

Nine counties had unemployment rates below 3.5 percent in October. The counties with the lowest rates, other than Mercer were: Putnam, 3.0 percent; Holmes and Wyandot, 3.2 percent; Auglaize, Delaware, Hancock, and Union, 3.3 percent; and Madison, 3.4 percent.

Six counties had unemployment rates at or above 6.0 percent in October. The counties with the highest rates, other than Monroe were: Meigs, 6.9 percent; Jefferson, 6.4 percent; Noble, 6.2 percent; and Scioto and Trumbull, 6.0 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These estimates, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, are based on 2016 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. For updated statewide historical data, visit <http://ohiolmi.com/asp/laus/vbLaus.htm>, or contact the Bureau of Labor Market Information at (614) 752-9494.

November 2017 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, December 22, 2017. Unemployment rates for counties, cities, and metropolitan areas will be available on Wednesday, December 27, 2017. This information and the monthly statistical summaries they are based on are available at <http://ohiolmi.com/laus/releases.htm>.

Ranking Report
Ohio Unemployment Rates by County
October 2017

Rank^a	County	Unemployment Rate	Rank^a	County	Unemployment Rate
1	Monroe County	7.1	45	Portage County	4.4
2	Meigs County	6.9	46	Hocking County	4.4
3	Jefferson County	6.4	47	Hardin County	4.4
4	Noble County	6.2	48	Clark County	4.4
5	Scioto County	6.0	49	Defiance County	4.3
6	Trumbull County	6.0	50	Morrow County	4.3
7	Erie County	5.9	51	Medina County	4.3
8	Mahoning County	5.9	52	Ashland County	4.2
9	Jackson County	5.8	53	Hamilton County	4.2
10	Adams County	5.8	54	Geauga County	4.2
11	Coshocton County	5.8	55	Butler County	4.2
12	Pike County	5.7	56	Seneca County	4.2
13	Lorain County	5.7	57	Clermont County	4.1
14	Belmont County	5.5	58	Sandusky County	4.1
15	Vinton County	5.5	59	Knox County	4.1
16	Gallia County	5.4	60	Paulding County	4.1
17	Highland County	5.4	61	Pickaway County	4.0
18	Guernsey County	5.4	62	Preble County	4.0
19	Cuyahoga County	5.4	63	Fulton County	4.0
20	Washington County	5.4	64	Williams County	4.0
21	Ashtabula County	5.3	65	Greene County	4.0
22	Lucas County	5.3	66	Henry County	4.0
23	Ottawa County	5.2	67	Wood County	3.9
24	Lawrence County	5.2	68	Warren County	3.9
25	Columbiana County	5.2	69	Fairfield County	3.8
26	Brown County	5.2	70	Shelby County	3.8
27	Carroll County	5.2	71	Fayette County	3.8
28	Morgan County	5.2	72	Champaign County	3.8
29	Harrison County	5.1	73	Miami County	3.8
30	Perry County	5.1	74	Franklin County	3.8
31	Crawford County	5.0	75	Licking County	3.7
32	Clinton County	4.9	76	Darke County	3.7
33	Richland County	4.9	77	Logan County	3.7
34	Athens County	4.9	78	Van Wert County	3.7
35	Huron County	4.8	79	Wayne County	3.6
36	Stark County	4.8	80	Madison County	3.4
37	Muskingum County	4.7	81	Union County	3.3
38	Marion County	4.7	82	Auglaize County	3.3
39	Summit County	4.6	83	Hancock County	3.3
40	Montgomery County	4.6	84	Delaware County	3.3
41	Tuscarawas County	4.5	85	Holmes County	3.2
42	Lake County	4.5	86	Wyandot County	3.2
43	Ross County	4.5	87	Putnam County	3.0
44	Allen County	4.5	88	Mercer County	2.8

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^aRankings are based upon unrounded unemployment rates.

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