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# Ohio Major Employers-Section 1

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## Summary of Ohio Operations Ranked by Employment

- ❖ **Wal-Mart** (1), with 172 retail operations and five distribution centers, has the largest employment headcount (50,200) of Ohio's private sector employers.
- ❖ Other national retailers employing significant numbers of Ohioans include **Kroger** (3) at 45,150, **Giant Eagle** (10) at 19,000, and **Home Depot** (19) with 12,200 workers.
- ❖ The **Cleveland Clinic** (2), a national and international healthcare destination, has the second largest employment headcount (49,800) of Ohio's private sector employers.
- ❖ Through mergers and acquisitions, many other hospital groups have been propelled onto the largest employers list. **Mercy Health** (5) at 32,200, **University Hospitals** (7) at 26,000, and **OhioHealth** (8) at 22,100 are all examples of growing hospital/health networks.
- ❖ **Honda Motor Co** (13) employs 15,000 Ohio workers and is recognized as Ohio's largest manufacturing employer (employment totals include administrative, R&D, and distribution workers). **General Electric** (16) is second with 14,100 employees, and conglomerate **Berkshire Hathaway** (22) ranks third. **Honda Motor** is the largest motor vehicle employer followed by **Fiat Chrysler** (49) at 6,900, **General Motors** (53) at 6,800, and **Ford Motor** (56) at 6,150.
- ❖ **Wright-Patterson Air Force Base** (6) near Dayton employs 27,600 workers. Approximately two-thirds of this total are civilian workers. At 8,145 acres, the Air Base is considered the largest employer at a single site in the state.
- ❖ As a major financial center, Ohio has significant operations of **JPMorgan Chase** (9) employing 21,000, **Nationwide Mutual Insurance** (14) with 14,750, **Progressive** (26) employing 11,000, **Huntington** (31) at 9,900, and **Fifth Third** (37) with 8,800 workers.

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Rank	Company	Ohio Employment Estimate: Headcount	Headquarters Location	Sector
1	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	50,200	Bentonville, AR	Retail: General Merchandise
2	Cleveland Clinic Foundation	49,800	Cleveland, OH	Health
3	Kroger Co.	45,150	Cincinnati, OH	Retail: Food Stores
4	Ohio State University	33,300	Columbus, OH	Education and Health
5	Mercy Health	32,200	Cincinnati, OH	Health
6	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base <sup>1</sup>	27,600	Dayton, OH	Government: Air Force base
7	University Hospitals Health System, Inc.	26,000	Shaker Heights, OH	Health
8	OhioHealth	21,100	Columbus, OH	Health
9	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	21,000	New York, NY	Finance: Bank
10	Giant Eagle, Inc.	19,000	Pittsburgh, PA	Retail: Food Stores
11	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	15,400	Cincinnati, OH	Health
12	Golden Gate Capital LP / Bob Evans	15,100	San Francisco, CA	Hospitality: Restaurants
13	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	15,000	Tokyo, Japan	Manufacture: Motor Vehicles
14	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company	14,750	Columbus, OH	Finance: Insurance
15	ProMedica Health System	14,450	Toledo, OH	Health
16	General Electric Company	14,100	Boston, MA	Manufacture: Aerospace / Electrical Eqpt.
17	Premier Health Partners	13,850	Dayton, OH	Health
18	United Parcel Service, Inc.	13,700	Atlanta, GA	Transportation: Air Delivery
19	Home Depot, Inc.	12,200	Atlanta, GA	Retail: Home Improvement
20	Kettering Health Network	12,000	Kettering, OH	Health
20	TriHealth, Inc.	12,000	Cincinnati, OH	Health
22	Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.	11,900	Omaha, NE	Manufacture / Service / Finance
23	Lowe's Companies, Inc.	11,800	Mooresville, NC	Retail: Home Improvement
24	Meijer, Inc.	11,700	Grand Rapids, MI	Retail: General Merchandise
25	UC Health	11,250	Cincinnati, OH	Health
26	Procter & Gamble Company	11,000	Cincinnati, OH	Manufacture: Soaps & Consumer Goods
26	Progressive Corporation	11,000	Mayfield Village, OH	Finance: Insurance

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		Estimate: Headcount	Headquarters Location	
28	University of Cincinnati	10,800	Cincinnati, OH	Education
29	L Brands, Inc.	10,300	Columbus, OH	Retail: Clothing
30	Nationwide Children's Hospital	10,000	Columbus, OH	Health
31	Huntington Bancshares Incorporated	9,900	Columbus, OH	Finance: Bank
32	Whirlpool Corporation	9,800	Benton Harbor, MI	Manufacture: Consumer Products
33	Cedar Fair, L.P.	9,700	Sandusky, OH	Entertainment: Theme Parks
34	Cardinal Health, Inc.	9,000	Dublin, OH	Wholesale: Pharmaceuticals
35	Marathon Petroleum Corporation	8,850	Findlay, OH	Retail: Gas Stations
35	Trinity Health Corporation / Mount Carmel Health System	8,850	Livonia, MI	Health
37	CVS Health Corporation	8,800	Woonsocket, RI	Retail: Drug Stores
37	Fifth Third Bancorp	8,800	Cincinnati, OH	Finance: Bank
39	Target Corporation	8,600	Minneapolis, MN	Retail: Department Stores
40	Kohl's Corporation	8,130	Menomonee Falls, WI	Retail: Department Stores
41	Carlyle Group, L.P. / HCR ManorCare, Inc.	8,100	Toledo, OH	Health: Nursing Care
42	Charter Communications, Inc. / Spectrum Management Holding Company, LLC	8,060	Stamford, CT	Service: Cable TV
43	Summa Health System	8,000	Akron, OH	Health
44	Amazon.com, Inc.	7,700	Seattle, WA	Retail: General Merchandise
45	AT&T Inc.	7,000	Dallas, TX	Utility: Telecommunications
45	Covelli Enterprises, Inc.	7,000	Warren, OH	Hospitality: Restaurants
45	Macy's, Inc.	7,000	Cincinnati, OH	Retail: Department Stores
45	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	7,000	Pittsburgh, PA	Finance: Bank
49	Aultman Health Foundation	6,900	Canton, OH	Health
49	Dollar General Corporation	6,900	Goodlettsville, TN	Retail: General Merchandise
49	Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.	6,900	Onbekend, The Netherlands	Manufacture: Motor Vehicles
49	FirstEnergy Corp.	6,900	Akron, OH	Utility: Electricity
53	General Motors Corporation	6,800	Detroit, MI	Manufacture: Motor Vehicles
54	Marc Glassman, Inc.	6,600	Parma, OH	Retail: General Merchandise
55	KeyCorp	6,200	Cleveland, OH	Finance: Bank

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56	Ford Motor Company	6,150	Dearborn, MI	Manufacture: Motor Vehicles
57	American Electric Power Company, Inc.	6,000	Columbus, OH	Utility: Electricity
57	MetroHealth System	6,000	Cleveland, OH	Health
57	TJX Companies Inc	6,000	Framingham, MA	Retail: Clothing
60	Christ Hospital Corporation	5,850	Cincinnati, OH	Health
61	University of Toledo	5,700	Toledo, OH	Education
61	Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	5,700	Deerfield, IL	Retail: Drug Stores
63	NRD Capital Management, LLC / Frisch's Restaurants, Inc.	5,500	Brookhaven, GA	Hospitality: Restaurants
64	Kent State University	5,300	Kent, OH	Education
64	Ohio University	5,300	Athens, OH	Education
64	U.S. Bancorp	5,300	Minneapolis, MN	Finance: Bank
67	Sherwin-Williams Company	5,000	Cleveland, OH	Manufacture: Paints
68	Akron Children's Hospital	4,970	Akron, OH	Health
69	Case Western Reserve University	4,700	Cleveland, OH	Education
70	Crown Equipment Corporation	4,500	New Bremen, OH	Manufacture: Lift Trucks
71	Starbucks Corporation	4,400	Seattle, WA	Hospitality: Restaurants
72	Alliance Data Systems Corporation	4,360	Plano, TX	Finance
73	Rite Aid Corporation	4,300	Camp Hill, PA	Retail: Drug Stores
74	Miami University	4,250	Oxford, OH	Education
75	FedEx Corporation	4,200	Memphis, TN	Transportation: Air Delivery
76	Swagelok Company	4,150	Solon, OH	Manufacture: Fluid Systems
77	J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc.	4,100	Plano, TX	Retail: Department Stores
78	Deutsche Post AG / DHL Supply Chain	4,000	Bonn, Germany	Transportation: Logistics
78	Norfolk Southern Corporation	4,000	Norfolk, VA	Transportation: Railroad
78	Securitas AB	4,000	Stockholm, Sweden	Service: Security
81	Delfin SARL / Luxottica Group S.p.A.	3,900	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	Retail: Optical Goods
82	Verizon Communications Inc.	3,800	New York, NY	Utility: Telecommunications
83	Anthem, Inc.	3,700	Indianapolis, IN	Health Insurance

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83	Menard, Inc.	3,700	Eau Claire, WI	Retail: Home Improvement
85	Big Lots, Inc.	3,600	Columbus, OH	Retail: General Merchandise
85	Cintas Corporation	3,600	Mason, OH	Service: Uniforms
85	Nestlé S.A.	3,600	Vevey, Switzerland	Manufacture: Frozen Foods
88	Worthington Industries, Inc.	3,560	Worthington, OH	Manufacture: Metal Products
89	Signet Jewelers Limited / Sterling Jewelers, Inc.	3,550	Hamilton, Bermuda	Retail: Jewelry
90	Cincinnati Bell Inc.	3,500	Cincinnati, OH	Utility: Telecommunications
90	Discount Drug Mart, Inc.	3,500	Medina, OH	Retail: Drug Stores
90	Steward Health Care System LLC / ValleyCare Health System of Ohio	3,500	Boston, MA	Health
90	Wright State University	3,500	Dayton, OH	Education
94	AK Steel Holding Corporation	3,460	West Chester, OH	Manufacture: Steel
95	NASA Glenn Research Center <sup>1</sup>	3,400	Cleveland, OH	Government: Aerospace / Defense
96	Cincinnati Financial Corp.	3,300	Fairfield, OH	Finance: Insurance
96	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company	3,300	Akron, OH	Manufacture: Rubber Products
98	Jack Entertainment LLC	3,225	Detroit, MI	Entertainment: Casinos
99	University of Akron	3,200	Akron, OH	Education
100	Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	3,150	New Albany, OH	Retail: Clothing

(1) civilian, including private contractors, and military on base

**Table 2**

**Ohio's Leading Manufacturing Employers**

Rank	Company	2018	Headquarters Location	Sector
1	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	15,000	Tokyo, Japan	Motor vehicles
2	General Electric Company	14,100	Boston, MA	Aerospace and electrical eqpt.
3	Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.	11,900	Omaha, NE	Machinery and fiberglass products
4	Procter & Gamble Company	11,000	Cincinnati, OH	Soaps & consumer goods
5	Whirlpool Corporation	9,800	Benton Harbor, MI	Consumer products
6	Marathon Petroleum Corporation	8,850	Findlay, OH	Petroleum
7	Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.	6,900	Onbekend, The Netherlands	Motor vehicles
8	General Motors Corporation	6,800	Detroit, MI	Motor vehicles
9	Ford Motor Company	6,150	Dearborn, MI	Motor vehicles
10	Sherwin-Williams Company	5,000	Cleveland, OH	Paints
11	Crown Equipment Corporation	4,500	New Bremen, OH	Lift trucks
12	Swagelok Company	4,150	Solon, OH	Fluid systems
13	Nestlé S.A.	3,600	Vevey, Switzerland	Frozen foods
14	Worthington Industries, Inc.	3,560	Worthington, OH	Metal products
15	AK Steel Holding Corporation	3,460	West Chester, OH	Steel
16	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company	3,300	Akron, OH	Rubber products
17	ArcelorMittal SA	3,000	Luxembourg, Luxembourg	Steel
18	Emerson Electric Co.	2,960	St Louis, MO	Electrical products
19	Parker Hannifin Corporation	2,900	Cleveland, OH	Industrial equipment
20	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	2,750	Cleveland, OH	Arc welding equipment
21	TimkenSteel Corporation	2,670	Canton, OH	Steel
22	Bridgestone Corporation	2,650	Tokyo, Japan	Rubber products
23	Avery Dennison Corporation	2,625	Glendale, CA	Adhesive papers
24	Owens Corning	2,400	Toledo, OH	Home products
25	Eaton Corporation plc	2,360	Dublin, Ireland	Motor vehicle parts



**Table 3**                      **Ohio's Top Financial Employers**

Rank	Company	Estimated Employees	Headquarters Location
1	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	21,000	New York, NY
2	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company	14,750	Columbus, OH
3	Progressive Corporation	11,000	Mayfield Village, OH
5	Huntington Bancshares Incorporated	9,900	Columbus, OH
4	Fifth Third Bancorp	8,800	Cincinnati, OH
6	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	7,000	Pittsburgh, PA
7	KeyCorp	6,200	Cleveland, OH
8	U.S. Bancorp	5,300	Minneapolis, MN



**Table 4 Ohio's Leading University Employers<sup>1</sup>**

Rank	University	Employees <sup>1</sup>	Main Location
1	Ohio State University <sup>2</sup>	20,100	Columbus
2	University of Cincinnati	10,800	Cincinnati
3	Kent State University	5,300	Kent
3	Ohio University	5,300	Athens
5	Case Western Reserve University	4,700	Cleveland
6	Miami University	4,250	Oxford
7	Wright State University	3,500	Dayton
8	University of Toledo	3,400	Toledo
9	University of Akron	3,200	Akron
10	University of Dayton	3,000	Dayton
11	Bowling Green State University	2,640	Bowling Green

(1) Employment estimates exclude hospital and student workers.

(2) The OSU Medical Center employs 13,200 workers not reflected in this count.