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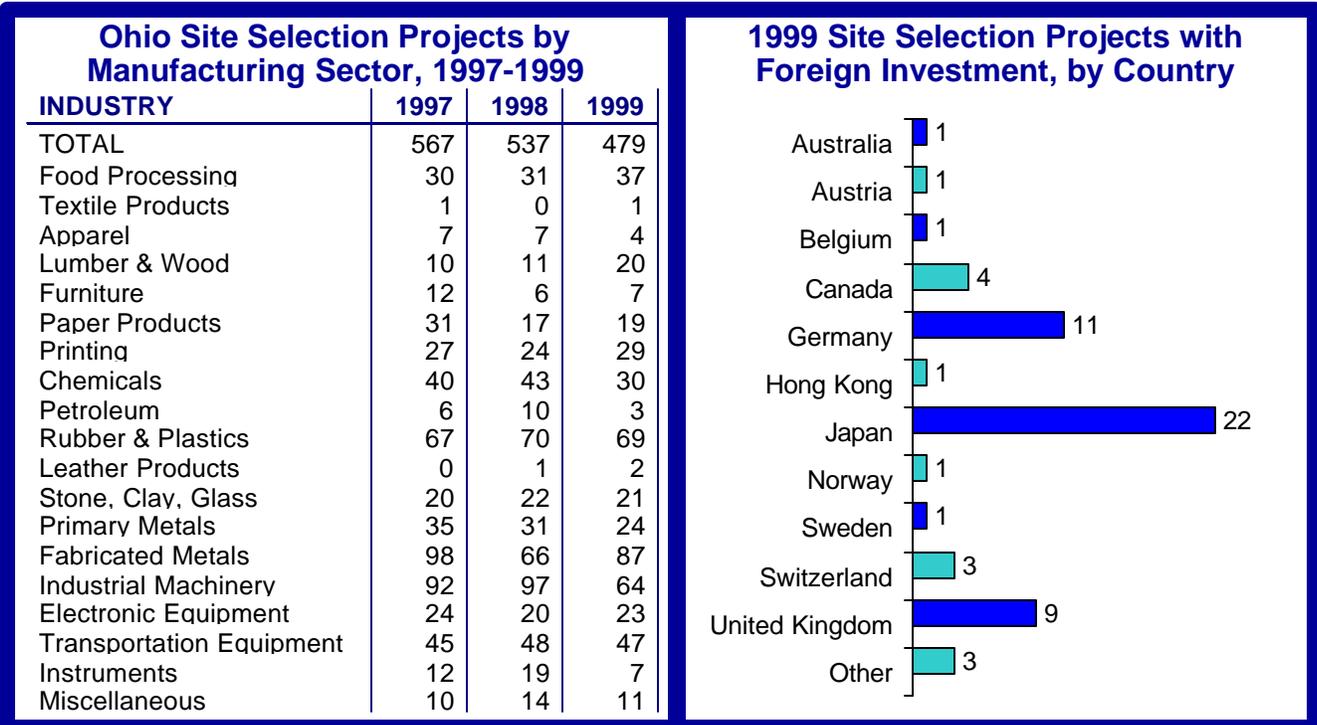
OHIO'S 1999 NEW FACILITIES AND EXPANSIONS

Ohio, once again, ranked among the top five states in attracting new businesses and facilities expansions during 1999. According to **Site Selection** magazine's 1999 scoreboard, Ohio is credited with 1,141 new projects, resulting in the capital investment per one million residents of \$2.3 billion.

Site Selection, published by Conway Data, compiles a national data base on the announced business expansions and attractions by state. This year, Ohio ranked third in the nation behind Michigan and California.

In 1999, the Ohio Department of Development submitted 1,075 projects for consideration. These projects are associated with \$8.2 billion in total investment and 31,273 new jobs when the projects are fully operational. Of the total, 479 projects involved manufacturing operations, and 58 had some form of international investment.

The Office of Strategic Research report, **Ohio Site Selection Report, 1997 - 1998 - 1999** presents summary information on each project tallied during the three-year period. The report may be purchased for \$25.00 by contacting the Office of Strategic Research, Ohio Department of Development, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, OH 43216-1001, 614-466-2115.



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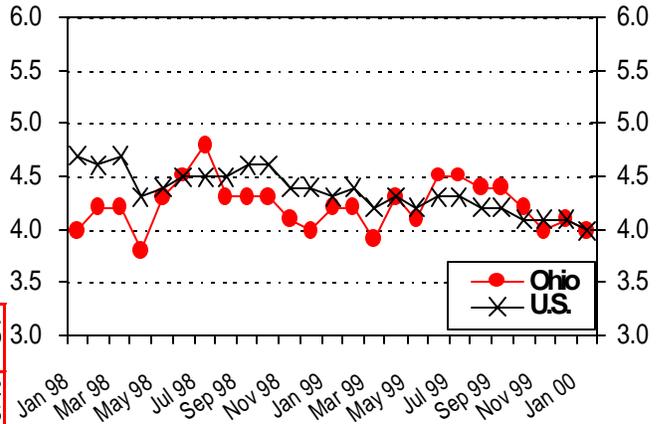


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: January 1998 To January 2000

The unemployment rate in Ohio dropped from 4.1 in December to 4.0 in January 2000. The number of unemployed workers decreased 2.1 percent for the month, and is 2.5 percent lower than a year ago.

The U.S. unemployment rate for January declined to 4.0 from its December level of 4.1. The number of unemployed workers remained nearly the same as in December, but has dropped 5.3 percent since January 1999.

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION	Ohio Jan 00	Ohio Dec 99	Ohio Jan 99	U.S. Jan 00	U.S. Dec 99	U.S. Jan 99
Monthly Data (000)						
Civilian Labor Force	5,868	5,855	5,663	140,910	140,108	139,232
Employment	5,635	5,618	5,423	135,221	134,420	133,225
Unemployment	233	238	239	5,689	5,688	6,007
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.3



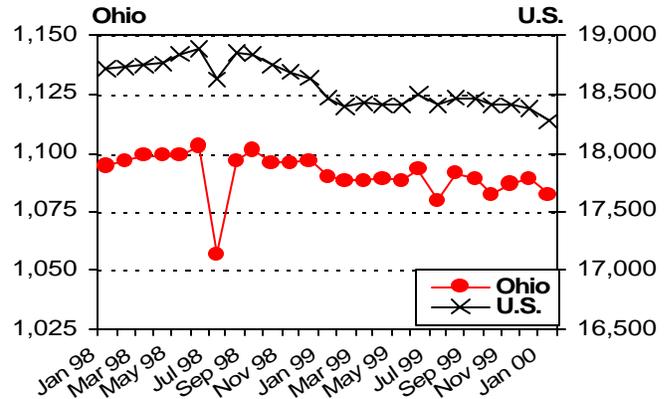
Seasonally adjusted. SOURCE: Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, [LMI Division](#).



MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT: January 1998 To January 2000

January employment in Ohio's manufacturing industry declined 0.6 percent for the month with 1,082,200 workers. This was a decrease of 0.7 percent for the year. Production workers in Ohio's manufacturing industries earned an average of \$713.15 per week in January, down \$23.56 from December. This was \$40.89 more than a year ago, a 6.1 percent increase over January 1999.

The January manufacturing employment in the U.S. decreased 0.6 percent for the month with 18,266,000 employees. This was a 1.1 percent decline for the year. Average weekly earnings for production workers dropped \$14.03 to \$589.47 in January 2000. This amounted to a 4.5 percent increase of \$25.31 over January 1999.



Employment in thousands. Not seasonally adjusted. SOURCES: Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, [LMI Division](#); U.S. Department of Labor, [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).



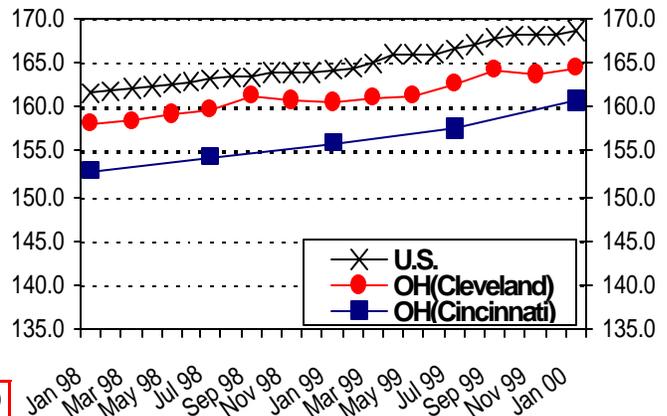
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: January 1998 To January 2000

The January U.S. average city consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.2 percent to 168.7 from 168.3 in December. This was a 2.7 percent increase over January 1999.

The Cleveland all urban consumers CPI for January was 164.4. This was an increase of 0.4 percent from two months ago, and a 2.4 percent increase over a year ago.

For the second half of 1999, Cincinnati's CPI-U increased 2.0 percent over the first half of 1999 with 160.8. This was 3.1 percent higher than the second half of 1998.

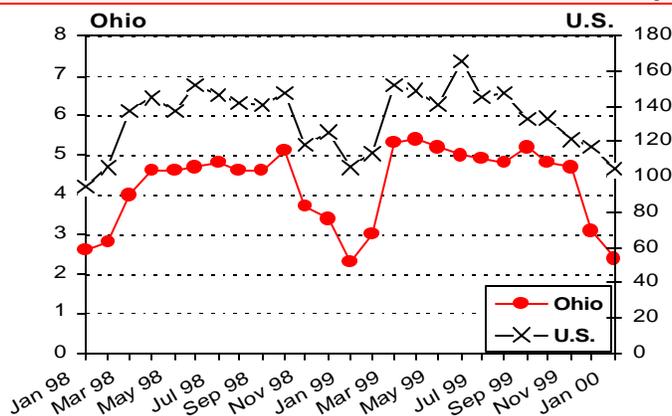
CPI-U Annual % Change	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99
U.S. Average City	3.0%	2.3%	1.6%	2.2%
OH (Cleveland)	2.8%	2.7%	2.4%	1.9%
OH (Cincinnati)	2.3%	1.7%	2.0%	2.6%



Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), 1982-84=100. US updated monthly; Cleveland, bi-monthly; Cincinnati, semi-annually. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).



RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: January 1998 To January 2000

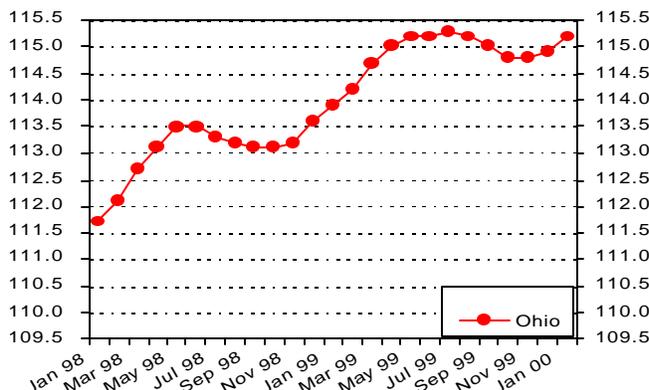


Number of units in thousands.
Percent of imputed data is greater than 25 percent.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, [Bureau of the Census](#).

The construction of new, privately-owned housing units in Ohio dropped 21.8 percent between December 1999 and January 2000, to a total of 2,415 units. This was an increase of 4.4 percent over the January 1999 figure. The average value per single-family dwelling was \$144,930, 0.9 percent lower than last month, but 16.4 percent more than in January 1999.

In the U.S., the number of units authorized in January 2000 was 104,827, a decrease of 10.5 percent from the December figure. This was 0.5 percent fewer than in January 1999. The average construction valuation per single-family building was \$127,108, 1.8 percent lower than last month, and 5.5 percent more than a year ago.

INDEX OF LEADING INDICATORS: January 1998 To January 2000

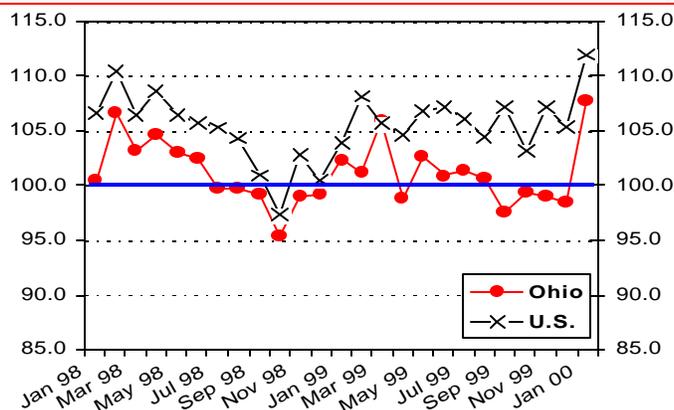


1990=100 Components are not seasonally adjusted.
Components used in index: 1. valuation of housing permits; 2. Initial claims for unemployment insurance; 3. average weekly hours in manufacturing; 4. U.S. domestic auto production; and the national composite index of leading economic indicators.
SOURCE: Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, [LMI Division](#).

The composite index of leading economic indicators for Ohio increased 0.3 percent in January to 115.2. This was 1.1 percent higher than a year ago. Initial claims for unemployment insurance rose 18.7 percent for the month but declined 2.9 percent for the year. Valuation of housing permits dropped 16.8 percent over the month, but was 27.1 percent higher than at this time last year. Average weekly hours for manufacturing declined 2.3 percent to 43.3, 4.1 percent more than in January 1999.

The national composite index of leading indicators for January 2000 rose 0.3 percent to 106.4 for the month. This was 1.8 percent higher than in January 1999. Domestic auto production increased 7.8 percent to 5.3 million units on an annual basis. This was 5.2 percent more than a year ago.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX: January 1998 To January 2000



Index of 100.0 is benchmark for good economic times.
SOURCE: Ohio - Ohio State University Center for Survey Research for the Columbus Dispatch/WBNS-TV; U.S. - University of Michigan.

The Ohio **Consumer Confidence index** reached an all-time high of 107.7 in January 2000. This amounted to a jump of 9.5 percent above the December index, and 5.2 percent higher than a year ago. The index moved well above the 100.0 mark indicating high consumer optimism.

The U.S. **Index of Consumer Sentiment** rose to 112.0 in January from 105.4 in December, a 6.3 percent increase. This was 7.8 percent higher than the January 1999 index of 103.9. Across the nation, consumers remain extremely confident of their economic future.

United States Census 2000

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Census 2000 Web Resources

- **Mail Back Response Rates**, a measure of the Census Bureau's outreach program's success, will be on Ohio's Census 2000 site: <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/osr/data.htm>.
- **Questionnaire Assistance Centers**, where individuals can get help with their census forms, are listed at <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/qac.htm>. You may also use that site to find non-English language assistance guides.

Census 2000 Operations Continue

Over 120 million census forms were distributed in March to households across the United States. Enumerators begin visiting households that did not return their census forms by April 27th. **If forms are not received by March 22nd or for Census form assistance, residents should call 1-800-471-9424**



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