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OHIO'S 1998 NEW FACILITIES AND EXPANSIONS

"Diversity and geographic desirability: that's been a key element in Ohio's long-running success in landing copious numbers of new facilities and expansions," according to **Site Selection** magazine's 1998 scoreboard. Site Selection credited Ohio with 1,153 corporate expansions and new facilities in 1998--giving Ohio a total of 6,099 projects over the last eight years.

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 California and Michigan.

In 1998, the Ohio Department of Development submitted 1,049 projects. These projects are associated with \$6.3 billion in total investment and 28,483 new jobs. Approximately half of the projects involve manufacturing operations, and 72 projects have some form of international investment.

The Office of Strategic Research report, **Ohio Site Selection List 1996, 1997, & 1998**, contains detailed 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, e-mail: osr@odod.ohio.gov.

OHIO SITE SLECTION PROJECTS BY MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 1995, 1996, 1997, AND 1998					1998 SITE SLECTION PROJECTS WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT, BY COUNTRY	
INDUSTRY	1995	1996	1997	1998	Country	Projects
TOTAL	513	502	567	537	Belgium	1
Food Processing	19	31	30	31	Canada	4
Textile Products	2	4	1	0	France	4
Apparel	2	2	7	7	Germany	18
Lumber & Wood	15	14	10	11	Ireland	1
Furniture	9	5	12	6	Japan	25
Paper Products	31	24	31	17	Mexico	1
Printing	17	15	27	24	Netherlands	2
Chemicals	27	37	40	43	Sweden	2
Petroleum	4	4	6	10	Switzerland	4
Rubber & Plastics	65	60	67	70	United Kingdom	6
Leather Products	2	0	0	1	Other	4
Stone, Clay, Glass	28	30	20	22		
Primary Metals	44	33	35	31		
Fabricated Metals	63	66	98	66		
Industrial Machinery	96	94	92	97		
Electronic Equipment	27	30	24	20		
Transportation Equipment	44	37	45	48		
Instruments	14	10	12	19		
Miscellaneous	7	6	10	14		

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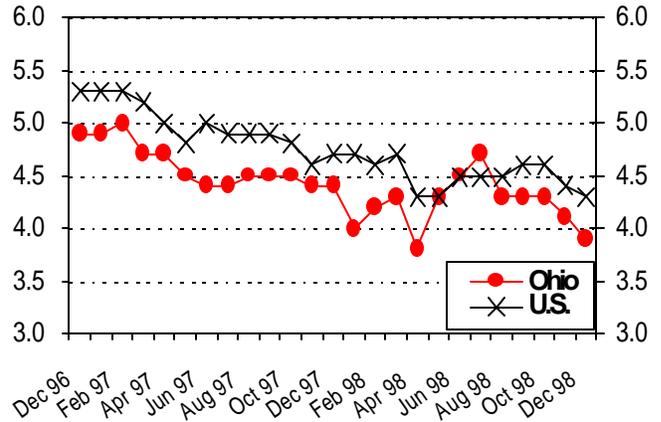


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: December 1996 To December 1998

The unemployment rate in Ohio dropped from 4.1 recorded in November to 3.9 in December. The number of unemployed workers decreased 5.4 percent for the month, and is 11.4 percent lower than a year ago.

The U.S. unemployment rate for December dropped to 4.3 from its November level of 4.4. The number of unemployed workers has declined 1 percent since November and 6.6 percent since December 1997.

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION	Ohio			U.S.		
	Dec 98	Nov 98	Dec 97	Dec 98	Nov 98	Dec 97
Monthly Data (000)						
Civilian Labor Force	5,790	5,802	5,786	138,547	138,193	137,086
Employment	5,564	5,563	5,532	132,526	132,113	130,638
Unemployment	226	239	255	6,021	6,080	6,448
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.7



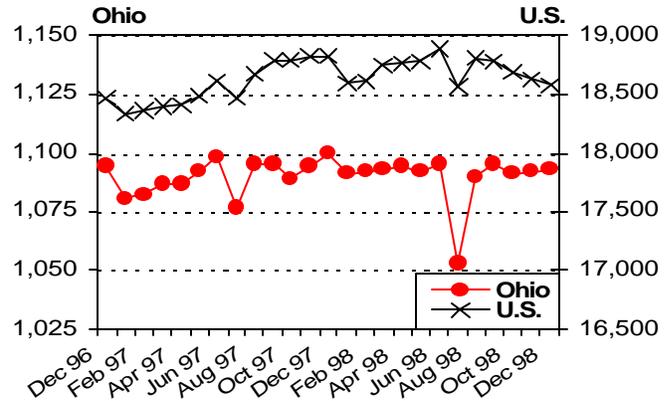
Seasonally adjusted.
SOURCE: Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, LMI Division.



MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT: December 1996 To December 1998

December employment in Ohio's manufacturing industry rose a slight 0.1 percent for the month with 1,092,700 workers. This was a decrease of 0.6 percent for the year. Production workers in Ohio's manufacturing industries earned an average of \$717.07 per week in December, up \$19.20 from November. This was \$8.33 more than a year ago, a 1.2 percent increase over December 1997.

The December manufacturing employment in the U.S. declined 0.2 percent for the month with 18,580,000 employees. This was a 1.3 percent decrease for the year. Average weekly earnings for production workers rose \$10.63 to \$583.19 in December 1998. This amounted to a 0.7 percent increase of \$3.98 over December 1997.



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

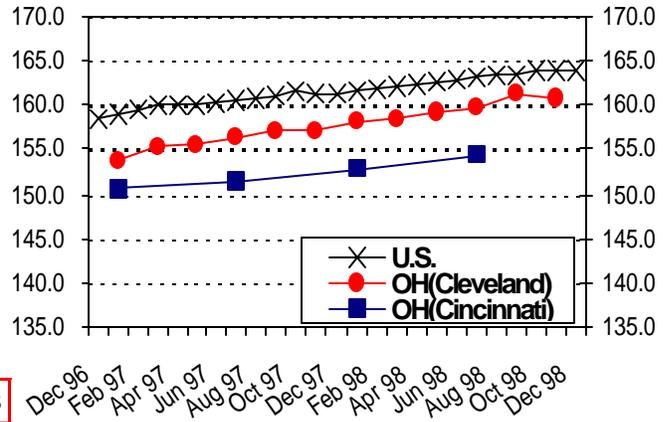


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: December 1996 To December 1998

The December U.S. average city consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) declined 0.1 percent to 163.9 from 164.0 in November. This was a 1.6 percent increase over December 1997.

The Cleveland all urban consumers CPI for November was 160.8. This was a decrease of 0.4 percent from two months ago, and a 2.4 percent increase over a year ago.

For the first half of 1998, Cincinnati's CPI-U increased 1.0 percent over the second half of 1997 with 154.4. This was 2.0 percent higher than the first half of 1997.

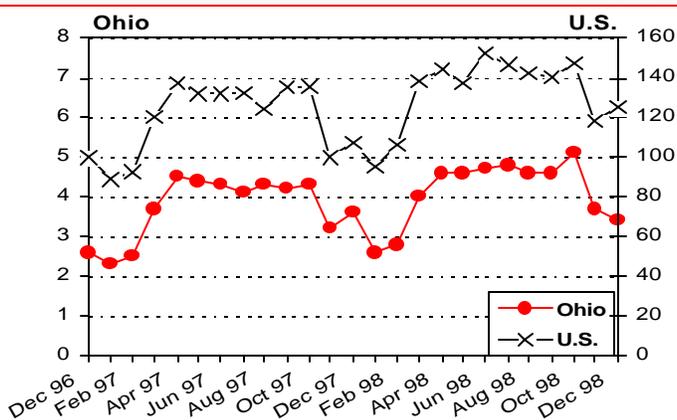


Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), 1982-84=100.
US updated monthly; Cleveland, bi-monthly; Cincinnati, semi-annually.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

CPI-U Annual % Change	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98
U.S. Average City	2.8%	3.0%	2.3%	1.6%
OH (Cleveland)	2.4%	2.8%	2.7%	2.4%
OH (Cincinnati)	2.7%	2.3%	1.7%	2.0%



RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: December 1996 To December 1998

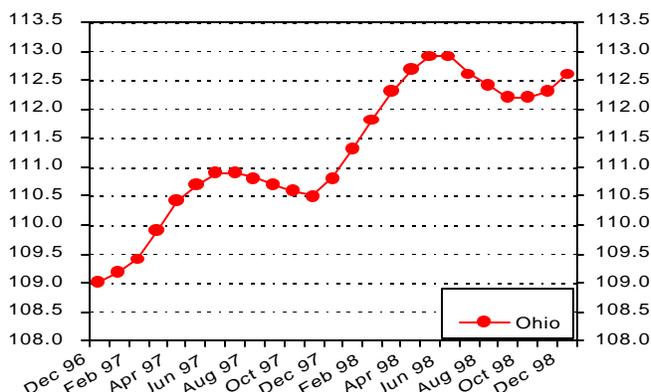


Number of units in thousands.
Percent of imputed data is greater than 25 percent.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The construction of new, privately-owned housing units in Ohio fell 8.1 percent between November 1998 and December 1998, to a total of 3,378 units. This was a decrease of 5.6 percent from the December 1997 figure. The average value per single-family dwelling was \$140,719, 4.2 percent higher than last month, and 14.2 percent more than in December 1997.

In the U.S., the number of units authorized in December 1998 was 125,273, an increase of 6.0 percent over the November figure. This was 16.4 percent more than in December 1997. The average construction valuation per single-family building was \$121,756, 1.3 percent higher than last month, and 3.9 percent more than a year ago.

INDEX OF LEADING INDICATORS: December 1996 To December 1998

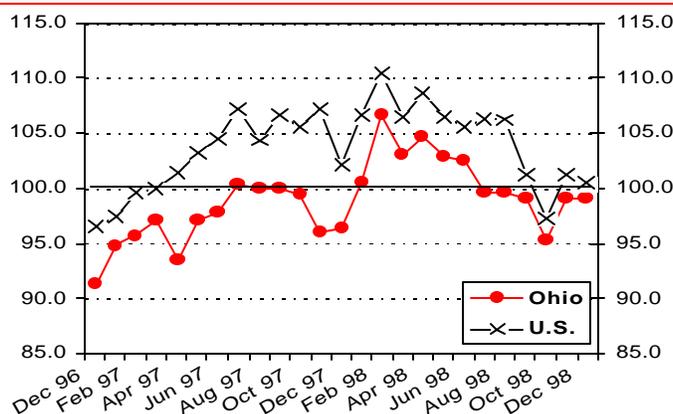


1990=100 Components are not seasonally adjusted.
Components used in index: 1. valuation of housing permits; 2. Initial claims for unemployment insurance; 3. average weekly hours in manufacturing; 4. U.S. domestic auto production; and the national composite index of leading economic indicators.
SOURCE: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

The composite index of leading economic indicators for Ohio increased 0.3 percent in December to 112.6. This was 1.6 percent higher than a year ago. Initial claims for unemployment insurance increased 63.2 percent for the month but decreased 1.0 percent from December 1997. Valuation of housing permits dropped 9.3 percent over the month, but were 4.1 percent higher than at this time last year. Average weekly hours for manufacturing have increased 1.6 percent since November but were 1.6 percent fewer than in December 1997.

The national composite index of leading indicators rose 0.3 percent in December to 106.5. This was 1.8 percent higher than in December 1997. Domestic auto production decreased 3.7 percent to 5.2 million units on an annual basis. This was 2.0 percent more than a year ago.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX: December 1996 To December 1998



Index of 100.0 is benchmark for good economic times.
SOURCE: Ohio - Ohio State University for the Columbus Dispatch; U.S. - University of Michigan.

The Ohio **Consumer Confidence** index rose 0.1 percent to 99.2 in December from the November figure of 99.1. The index remained slightly below the 100.0 benchmark for good economic times. It was, however, 2.9 percent higher than in December 1997.

The U.S. **Index of Consumer Sentiment** dropped to 100.5 in December from 101.3 in November, a 0.8 percent decrease. The index also showed a 1.6 percent decline from the December 1997 figure of 102.1.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY OHIO

On March 1st Ohio will celebrate its 196th birthday. In 1798, after the Ohio portion of the Northwest Territory reached a population of 5,000 adult males, the settlers were given the right to elect a house of representatives. William Henry Harrison was elected the territory's representative to Congress. In 1802, Congress authorized the formation of a state government in Ohio and the first constitutional convention convened in Chillicothe that same year. On March 1, 1803, Ohio was admitted to the Union.

The Ohio Bicentennial Commission was formed in 1997 with its mission to "plan and coordinate a dynamic, exciting celebration and commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Ohio statehood, which will involve all Ohioans and provide them with an enhanced understanding and appreciation of their state's heritage and the accomplishments of its citizens."

To share your ideas with the planners, write to the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, Statehouse Room 021 N., Columbus, OH 43215; telephone: 1-888-OHIO-200; or visit their web site at <http://www.ohio200.com>.

CENSUS 2000 UPDATE

On January 25, 1999 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the 2000 Census cannot be adjusted to make up for the expected undercount of individuals. In a 5 to 4 decision, the Court found that the federal law "directly prohibits the use of sampling in the determination of population for the purposes of reapportionment." Kenneth Prewitt, Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, stated that "the Census Bureau is committed to only one principle--to provide the most accurate, scientifically sound census possible in accordance with the law."

It is estimated that as many as four million Americans were not counted in the 1990 Census. To remedy this, the Bureau, along with the science and statistical community, agreed that an adjustment was the best way to assure an accurate count. However, with the recent ruling, the reapportionment count must remain strictly a head count. This does not necessarily mean that sampling will be eliminated. With the reliance on Census data for the distribution of more than \$180 billion in federal grant monies, more than just a head count will be needed.

Further information about Census 2000 may be found at the Bureau's web site, <http://www.census.gov>, or call the Detroit Regional Census Center at 248-967-9524.

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