

Data Line Ohio



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CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY

In 1996, the U.S. unemployment rate was 5.4, Ohio's rate was 4.9; the median household income for the U.S. was \$35,287, while Ohio's income was \$35,022; and the percent of persons in poverty was, U.S.--13.8%, Ohio--12.1%. Have you ever wondered about the source of this information? The **Current Population Survey (CPS)** is probably the best known and most widely used of all continuing federal household surveys. For over fifty years, the U.S. Bureau of the Census has collected monthly data on Americans' jobs, income, marital status, migration, and various other subjects. The data are compiled from information collected in a survey of approximately 50,000 (0.02%) households nationwide.

The basic CPS collects primarily labor force data about each member 15 years old and over in every sample household. The Bureau conducts the survey every month, and monthly data are published on the **Employment Situation**, and on **Employment and Earnings**. The March survey is different from the rest in that supplementary questions concerning the entire previous year are added to the basic CPS monthly survey. It is from the March CPS that most annual reports are compiled. Included among these reports are information on households, income, poverty, health insurance, marital status, population by race and Hispanic origin, geographical mobility, educational attainment, and the foreign born.

The CPS is designed to collect reliable data primarily at the national level and secondarily at the regional level. State estimates are considerably less reliable and, therefore, caution should be used when interpreting these results. To reduce the chances of misinterpreting annual changes in state estimates, the Bureau recommends evaluating changes based on two-year moving averages.

Three reports from the March 1997 Current Population Survey were recently released by the Bureau. **Money Income in the United States: 1996, Series P60-197, Poverty in the United States: 1996, Series P60-198, and Health Insurance Coverage: 1996, Series P60-199**, detail social factors affecting these money issues at the national level. Only moving averages covering a three-year period are shown for states. The table below provides a comparison of Ohio and the U.S. on the three subjects.

Further information may be found at the web site <http://www.census.gov>, or contact Housing and Household Economics Statistics Division, 301-763-8576.

	Moving Averages 1995-1996	Moving Averages 1994-1995	Difference 94-95 less 95-96
<u>OHIO</u>			
Median Household Income	\$35,022	\$34,849	\$173
Percent Persons in Poverty	12.1%	12.8%	-0.7
Percent w/o Health Insurance	11.7%	11.5%	0.2
<u>U.S.</u>			
Median Household Income	\$35,287	\$34,620	\$667
Percent Persons in Poverty	13.8%	14.2%	-0.4
Percent w/o Health Insurance	15.6%	15.4%	0.2

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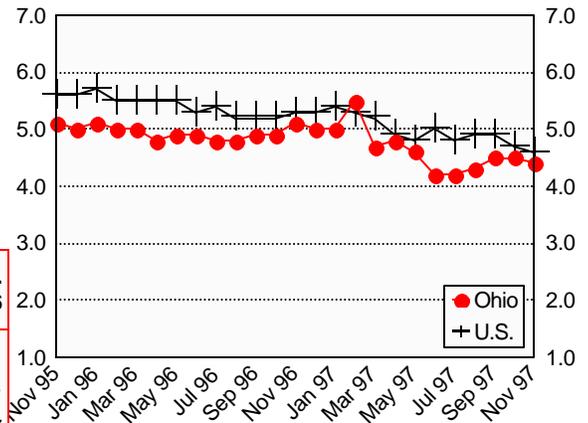
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: November 1995 To November 1997

The November unemployment rate in Ohio dropped to 4.4 from 4.5 in October. The number of unemployed workers declined 0.4 percent for the month, and is 10.5 percent lower than a year ago.

The U.S. unemployment rate dropped in November to 4.6 from 4.7 in October. Unemployment has declined 3.4 percent over the month, and 13.1 percent since November 1996.

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION Monthly Data (000)	Ohio Nov 97	Ohio Oct 97	Ohio Nov 96	U.S. Nov 97	U.S. Oct 97	U.S. Nov 96
Civilian Labor Force	5,773	5,764	5,671	136,814	136,361	134,831
Employment	5,516	5,506	5,384	130,565	129,894	127,644
Unemployment	257	258	287	6,249	6,467	7,187
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.5	5.1	4.6	4.7	5.3

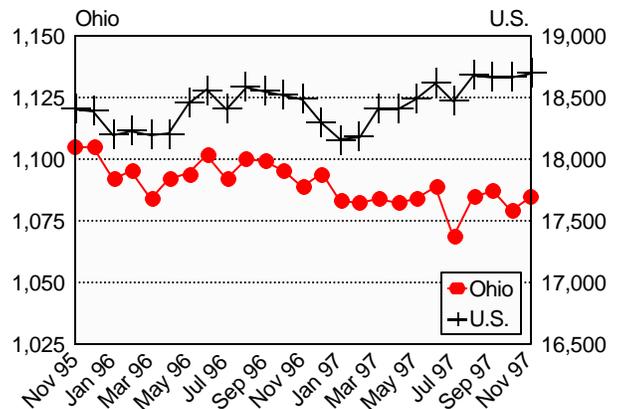


Seasonally adjusted.
SOURCE: Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, LMI Division.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT: November 1995 To November 1997

November employment in Ohio's manufacturing industry grew 0.6 percent for the month with 1,084,700 workers. This was a decrease of 0.4 percent for the year. Production workers in Ohio's manufacturing industries earned an average of \$686.65 per week in November, up \$10.38 from October. This was \$39.72 more than a year ago, a 6.1 percent increase over November 1996.

The November manufacturing employment in the U.S. increased 0.2 percent to 18,692,000 employees. This was a 1.1 percent increase for the year. Average weekly earnings for production workers rose \$8.72 to \$569.56 in November 1997. These earnings amounted to a 4.6 percent increase of \$25.21 over November 1996.



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

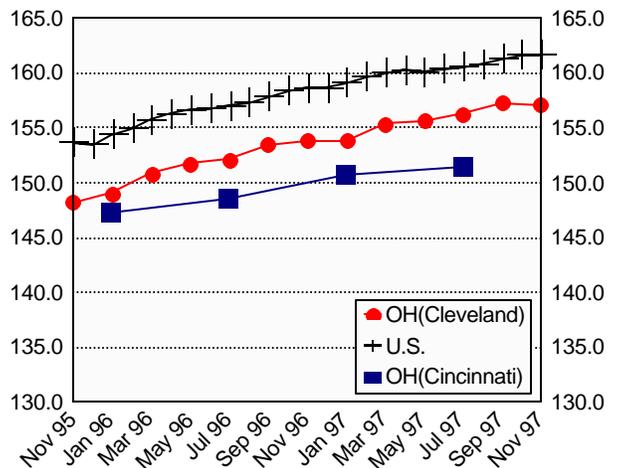
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: November 1995 To November 1997

The November U.S. average city consumer price index for urban wage earners (CPI-U) declined 0.1 percent to 161.5 from 161.6 in October. This was a 1.8 percent increase over November 1996.

The Cleveland urban wage earners consumer price index for November was 157.1. This was a decrease of 0.1 percent from two months ago, and a 2.1 percent increase over a year ago.

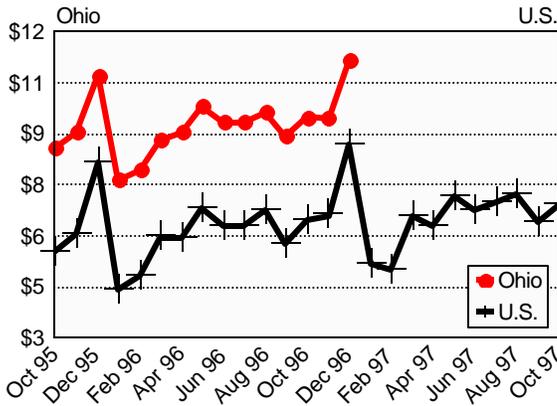
For the first half of 1997, Cincinnati's CPI-U showed a 0.5 percent increase over the second half of 1996 with 151.4. This was 1.9 percent higher than the first half of 1996.

CPI-U Annual % Change	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96
U.S. Average City	3.0%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%
OH (Cleveland)	2.6%	2.9%	2.4%	2.8%
OH (Cincinnati)	2.8%	3.3%	2.7%	2.3%



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

ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES: October 1995 To October 1997



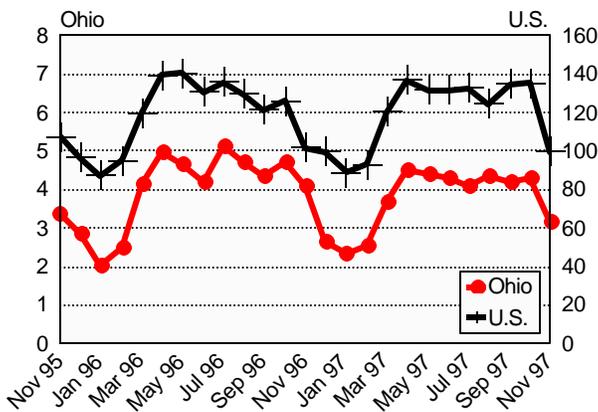
Due to budget constraints, the U.S. Bureau of the Census has discontinued publication of its monthly retail trade data for states. For the time being, Data Line Ohio will continue the Estimated Retail Sales section, displaying Ohio's sales through December, 1996, and updating the U.S. figures as they are released.

October retail sales for the U.S. have grown 4.2 percent since September with \$215,534 million. This was 3.9 percent more than a year ago. Sales in durable goods have increased 1.3 percent since September, and 3.3 percent since October 1996. Nondurable goods sales grew 6.3 percent for the month, and rose 4.2 percent for the year.

Sales in billions of dollars. Figures are unadjusted.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

NOTE: Figures for the U.S. have been revised, 4/97.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: November 1995 To November 1997

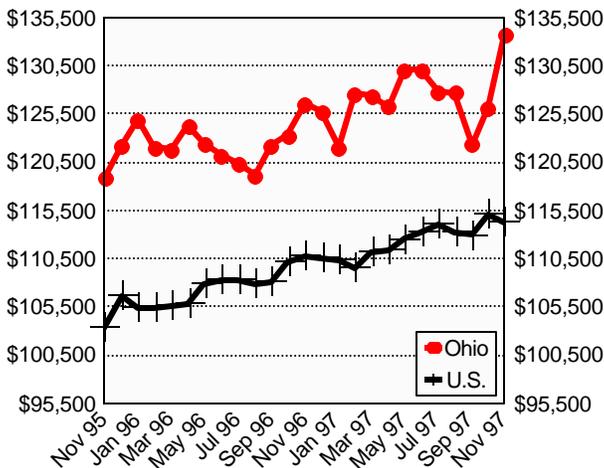


The construction of new, privately-owned housing units in Ohio decreased 26.5 percent between October 1997 and November 1997, and has decreased 22.3 percent since October 1996. Permits were issued for 3,177 units within 2,372 buildings. Of those buildings authorized, 2,156 were single family dwellings, and 81 contained five or more units each.

The number of units authorized in the U.S., 99,758, was 26.2 percent less than the October 1997 figure, and 1.9 percent less than in November 1996. Permits were issued for 75,193 buildings, 71,681 were single-unit buildings, and 1,711 contained five or more units.

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

AVERAGE CONSTRUCTION COSTS: November 1995 To November 1997



The November 1997 average valuation per single-family dwelling in Ohio was \$133,699. This was 5.9 percent higher than last month, and 5.6 percent more than in November 1996. The total value of all permit-authorized residential construction in Ohio was \$332,079,000.

In the U.S., the average construction valuation per single-family building was \$114,223, 0.8 percent lower than the October 1997 figure, but 3.1 percent more than a year ago. The total U.S. residential construction valuation for November 1997 was \$9,659,001,000.

One-unit residential buildings only.
Percent of imputed data is greater than 25 percent.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.



Notes and New Products

1997 STATE POPULATION ESTIMATES

As of July 1, 1997, Ohio's population was estimated at 11,186,331, having picked up 23,534 people over the past year. The **1997 State Population Estimates** recently released by the U.S. Bureau of the Census finds Ohio maintaining its seventh place among the fifty states.

The fastest growing state, Nevada, increased its population by 4.7 percent over the past year, and has grown 39.5 percent since the 1990 Census. North Dakota and West Virginia ranked last in growth, having lost 0.3 percent of their residents last year.

The Nation's 1997 population was estimated to have grown by 2.5 million people since July 1, 1996, and was projected to pick up another 1.3 million people by January 1, 1998.

Following is a ranking of the top ten states which shows population growth since the 1990 Census.

TOP TEN STATES RANKED BY 1997 POPULATION

Rank	State	1990 Census	1997 Estimate	% Change 1990-1997
	United States	248,765,170	267,636,061	7.6%
1	California	29,785,857	32,268,301	8.3%
2	Texas	16,986,335	19,439,337	14.4%
3	New York	17,990,778	18,137,226	0.8%
4	Florida	12,938,071	14,653,945	13.3%
5	Pennsylvania	11,882,842	12,019,661	1.2%
6	Illinois	11,430,602	11,895,849	4.1%
7	Ohio	10,874,115	11,186,331	3.1%
8	Michigan	9,295,287	9,773,892	5.1%
9	New Jersey	7,747,750	8,052,849	3.9%
10	Georgia	6,478,149	7,486,242	15.6%

For further information on the 1997 state-level population estimates, contact Dr. Jane Wang, State Demographer, Office of Strategic Research, Ohio Department of Development, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, OH 43216-1001, (614)466-2115.

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