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OHIO'S 1996 NEW FACILITIES AND EXPANSIONS

During 1996, Ohio added another 832 new facilities and/or business expansions for a three-year total of 2,631 projects. According to **Site Selection Magazine's** 1996 tally of new and expanded corporate facilities, Ohio ranked second in the country with projects totalling nearly \$4.6 billion in private investment. When fully operational, these investments will create 26,755 new jobs. Of the 832 projects, 502 were in the manufacturing sector with the largest share in the industrial machinery industry. Foreign investment played a role in 72 of Ohio's projects--more than half coming from Japan.

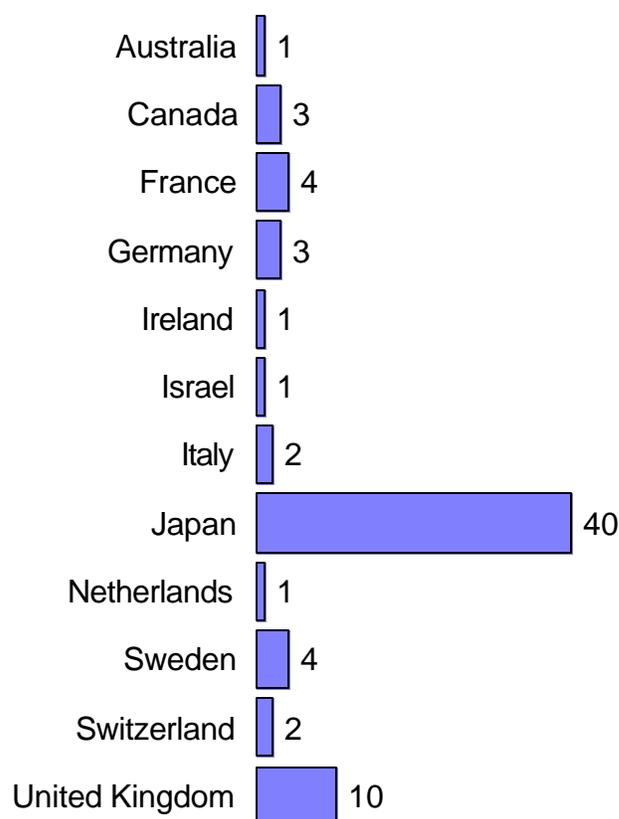
When the location picture is viewed over the three-year period, 1994 through 1996, Ohio outpaces the other states. It ranks number one among the states in total new and expanded facilities, new manufacturing plants, new and expanded global facilities and new and expanded facilities per 1,000 square miles.

The Office of Strategic Research has compiled a report entitled, **Ohio Site Selection List 1994, 1995, & 1996**, containing detailed information on each project tallied during the three-year period. Also included are graphs and maps showing the locations of these new investments. The report may be purchased for \$25.00 by contacting Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, OH 43216-1001, (614)466-2115.

OHIO SITE SELECTION PROJECTS BY MANUFACTURING SECTOR, 1995 AND 1996

INDUSTRY	1995	1996
TOTAL	513	502
Food Processing	19	31
Textile Products	2	4
Apparel	2	2
Lumber & Wood	15	14
Furniture	9	5
Paper Products	31	24
Printing	17	15
Chemicals	27	37
Petroleum	4	4
Rubber & Plastics	65	60
Leather Products	2	0
Stone, Clay, Glass	28	30
Primary Metals	44	33
Fabricated Metals	63	66
Industrial Machinery	96	94
Electronic Equipment	27	30
Transportation Equipment	44	37
Instruments	14	10
Miscellaneous	7	6

1996 SITE SELECTION PROJECTS WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT, BY COUNTRY



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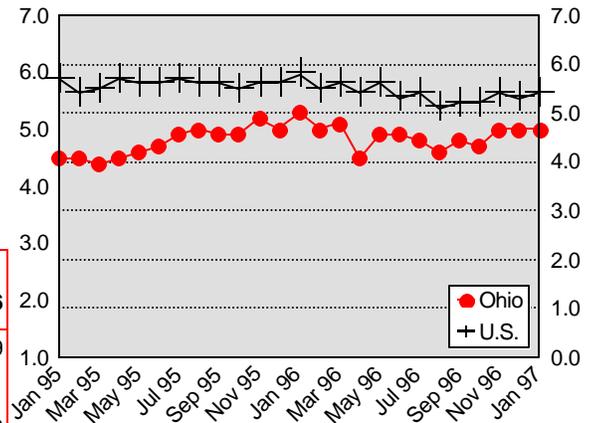
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: January 1995 To January 1997

The January unemployment rate in Ohio remained at 5.0 for the third straight month. The number of unemployed workers has risen 2.1 percent since last month, and is 1.8 percent higher than a year ago.

The U.S. unemployment rate rose in January to 5.4 from 5.3 in December. Unemployment has risen 1.4 percent over the month, but has declined 4.2 percent for the year.

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION Monthly Data (000)	Ohio Jan 97	Ohio Dec 96	Ohio Jan 96	U.S. Jan 97	U.S. Dec 96	U.S. Jan 96
Civilian Labor Force	5,767	5,672	5,620	135,848	135,022	132,899
Employment	5,478	5,389	5,336	128,580	127,855	125,311
Unemployment	289	283	284	7,268	7,167	7,588
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.3	5.7

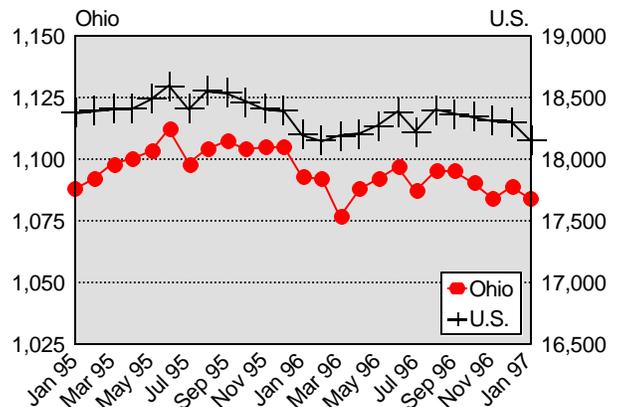


Seasonally adjusted.
SOURCE: Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, LMI Division.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT: January 1995 To January 1997

January employment in Ohio's manufacturing industry showed a decrease of 0.4 percent for the month with 1,089,200 workers. This was a decrease of 0.8 percent for the year. Production workers in Ohio's manufacturing industries earned an average of \$653.56 per week in January, down \$8.28 from December. This was \$32.70 more than a year ago.

The January manufacturing employment in the U.S. decreased 0.8 percent to 18,153,000 employees. This was a 0.2 percent decline for the year. Average weekly earnings for production workers dropped \$17.41 to \$542.41 in January 1997. This was an increase of \$38.54 over January 1996.



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

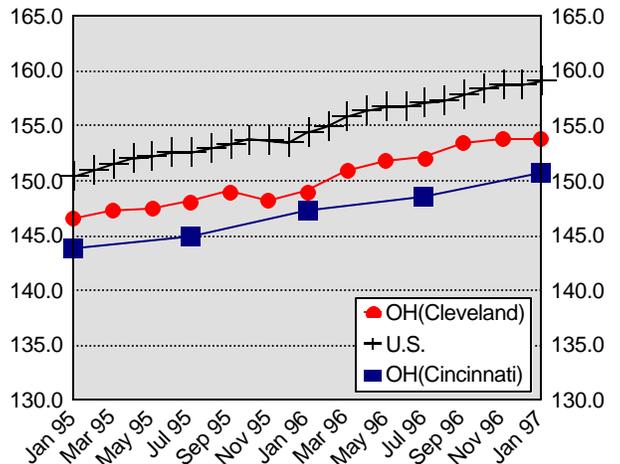
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: January 1995 To January 1997

The January U.S. average city consumer price index for urban wage earners (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent to 159.1 from 158.6 in December. This was a 3.0 percent increase over January 1996.

The Cleveland urban wage earners consumer price index for January was 153.8. This was no change from two months ago and a 3.2 percent increase over a year ago.

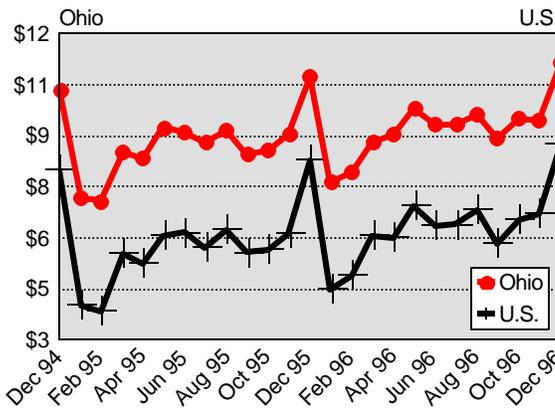
For the second half of 1996, Cincinnati's CPI-U showed a 1.4 percent increase over the first half of 1996 with 150.7. This was 2.3 percent higher than the second half of 1995.

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: December 1994 To December 1996

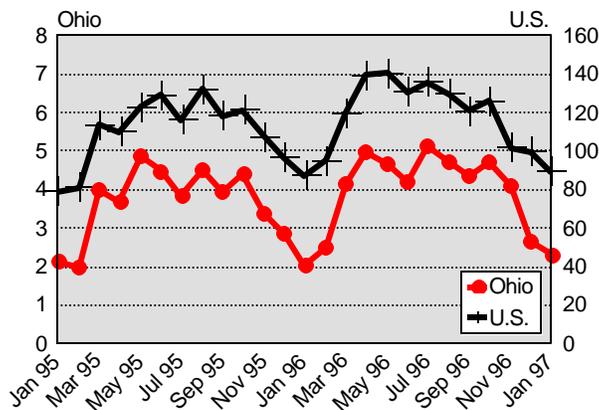


Ohio's estimated retail sales rose 17.7 percent in December to \$11,138 million. This was an increase of 3.7 percent over December 1995. Sales of durable goods increased 16.8 percent for the month, and 2.8 percent for the year. Nondurable goods sales have grown 18.2 percent since November, and have increased 4.3 percent since December 1995.

December retail sales for the U.S. showed a 16.2 percent increase over November with \$246,157 million. This was 3.4 percent more than a year ago. Sales in durable goods have grown 11.8 percent since November, and registered an increase of 5.2 percent over last year. Nondurable goods sales rose 19 percent for the month, and 2.4 percent for the year.

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

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: January 1995 To January 1997

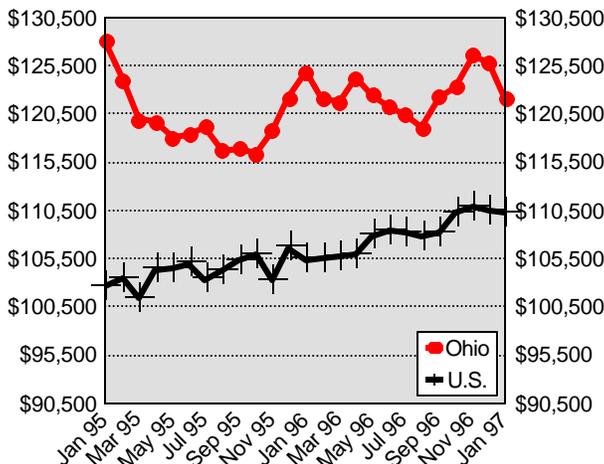


The construction of new, privately-owned housing units in Ohio decreased 12.5 percent between December 1996 and January 1997, but increased 14 percent over January 1996. Permits were issued for 2,315 units within 1,640 buildings. Of those buildings authorized, 1,509 were single family dwellings, and 71 contained five or more units each.

The number of units authorized in the U.S., 88,877, was 11.1 percent less than in December 1996, but 1.9 percent more than in January 1996. Permits were issued for 68,842 buildings, 65,974 were single units, and 1,408 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: January 1995 To January 1997



The January 1997 average valuation per single-family dwelling in Ohio was \$122,073. This was 3 percent lower than last month, and 0.7 percent more than in January 1996. The total value of all permit-authorized residential construction in Ohio was \$217,588,000.

In the U.S., the average construction valuation per single-family building was \$110,268, 0.2 percent less than the December 1996 figure, but 1.8 percent more than a year ago. The total U.S. residential construction valuation for January 1997 was \$8,418,076,000.

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

OHIO WOMEN- & MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES

The Office of Strategic Research has pulled together the data from the 1992 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (SMOBE) and the 1992 Survey of Women-Owned Businesses into a report entitled, ***Ohio Women- and Minority-Owned Business Enterprises***. The report provides data for total firms, women-owned firms, black-owned firms, and Hispanic-owned firms at the two-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) industry group level.

Information on number of firms, number of employees, sales and receipts, and annual payroll is presented in both tabular and graphic format for Ohio and its Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

The report may be purchased for \$20.00 by contacting Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, OH 43216-1001, (614) 466-2115.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN IN THE U.S.

The U.S. Bureau of the Census recently released new findings on health insurance coverage for children in the United States. Based on data from the Census Bureau's March 1996 Current Population Survey, 66.1 percent of all children under age 18 were covered by private insurance and 23.2 percent were covered by Medicaid in 1995.

Nearly ten million children had no health insurance coverage in 1995. Hispanic children were far less likely to have health insurance than white or African-American children, and African-American children had the highest percentage Medicaid coverage of the three groups.

These findings can be located on the Census Bureau's Internet home page at:
<<http://www.census.gov/hhes/hlthins/chldhins.html>>.

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