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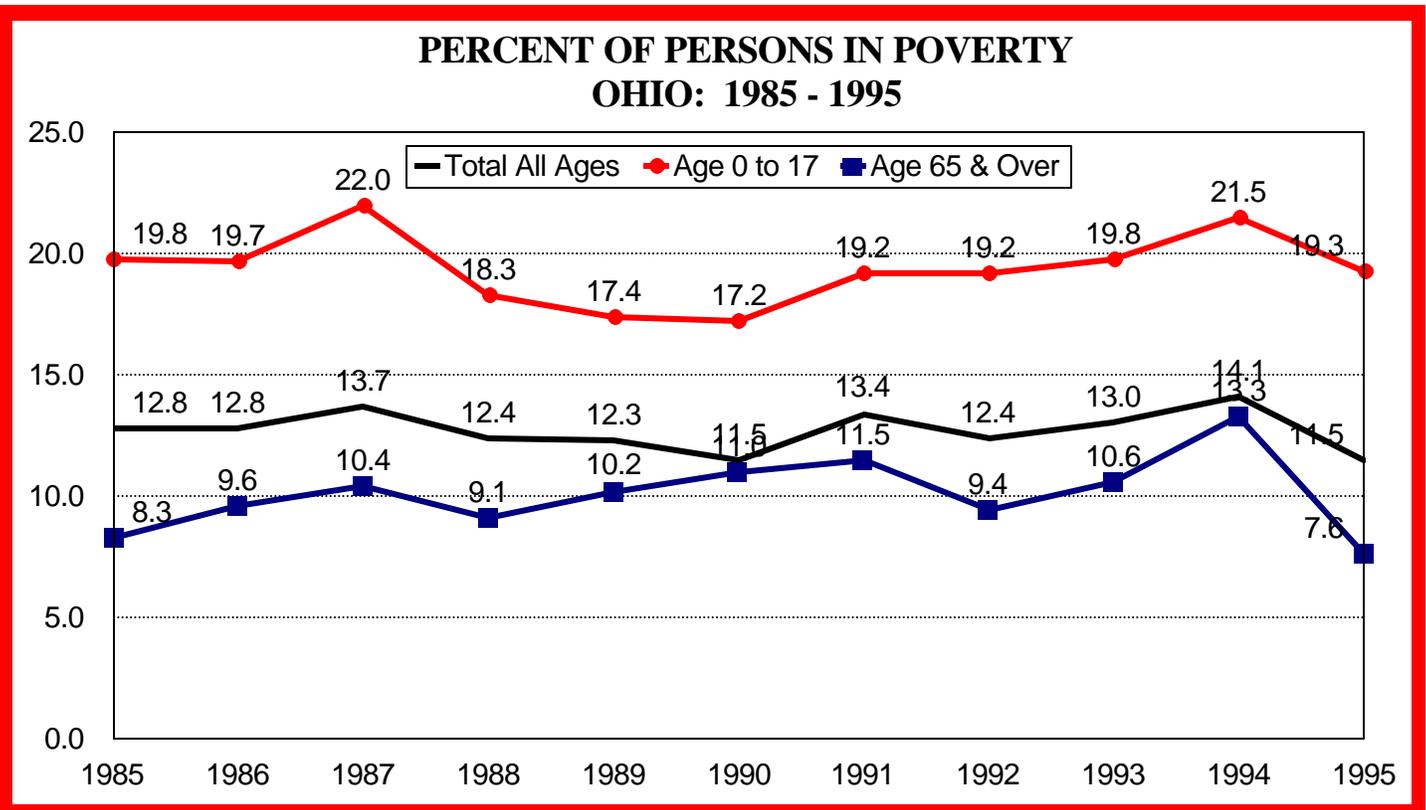
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## 1995 OHIO POVERTY ESTIMATES

The number of poor people in Ohio was estimated at 1,285,000 in 1995--11.5 percent of the persons for whom poverty status was determined. Data derived from the Current Population Survey (CPS) were used to calculate the number of households, families, and persons below the Federal Poverty Thresholds for the State. Poverty estimates for MSAs, counties, or cities were not calculated because the sample size from the CPS is not sufficient for reliable data at lower levels of geography.

A study of poverty over a twenty-year period shows only a slight increase in the number and percentage of poor people and households in Ohio. In any given year, poverty generally was greatest in the younger age groups: children ages 0 to 17, and young adults ages 18 to 24. Poverty was highest among female-headed households with at least one child, and lowest among married couples with at least one child and the remaining families. Nonfamily households fell in between these extremes.

The Office of Strategic Research has compiled a report, entitled **THE 1995 OHIO POVERTY REPORT**, containing tables and graphs portraying poverty trends in Ohio from 1976 through 1995. Data are shown for households, families, and for persons by selected age groups. Also included are significance tests of the numbers and technical notes. The report may be purchased for \$10.00 by contacting Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research, P.O. Box 1001, Columbus, OH 43216-1001, (614)466-2115.



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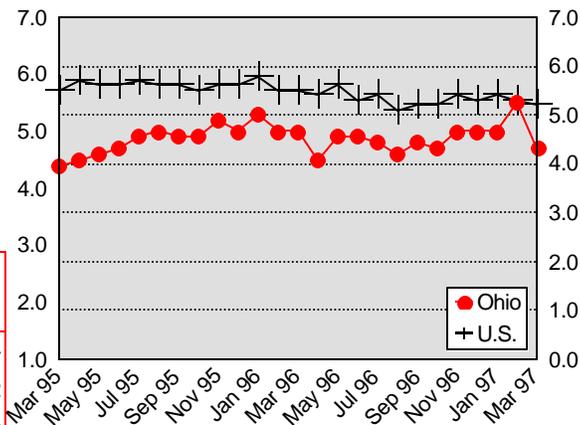
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## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: March 1995 To March 1997

The March unemployment rate in Ohio dropped to 4.7 from 5.5 in February. The number of unemployed workers has declined 14.8 percent since last month, and is 4.3 percent lower than a year ago.

The U.S. unemployment rate dropped slightly in March to 5.2 from 5.3 in February. Unemployment has declined 0.8 percent over the month, and has dropped 3.5 percent since March 1996.

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION Monthly Data (000)	Ohio Mar 97	Ohio Feb 97	Ohio Mar 96	U.S. Mar 97	U.S. Feb 97	U.S. Mar 96
Civilian Labor Force	5,756	5,792	5,627	136,319	135,634	133,464
Employment	5,486	5,474	5,345	129,175	128,430	126,062
Unemployment	270	317	282	7,144	7,205	7,402
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.5

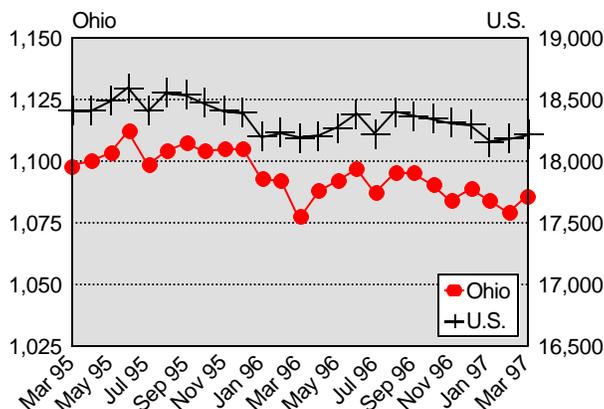


Seasonally adjusted.  
SOURCE: Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, LMI Division.

## MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT: March 1995 To March 1997

March employment in Ohio's manufacturing industry showed an increase of 0.4 percent for the month with 1,085,600 workers. This was an increase of 0.2 percent for the year. Production workers in Ohio's manufacturing industries earned an average of \$660.70 per week in March, up \$10.62 from February. This was \$56.23 more than a year ago.

The March manufacturing employment in the U.S. increased 0.2 percent to 18,216,000 employees. This was a 0.2 percent increase for the year. Average weekly earnings for production workers grew \$7.73 to \$549.78 in March 1997. This was an increase of \$31.88 over March 1996.



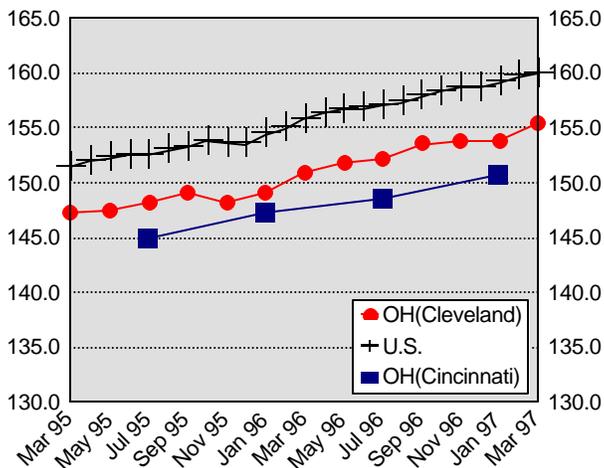
Employment in thousands. Not seasonally adjusted.  
SOURCES: Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, LMI Division;  
U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: March 1995 To March 1997

The March U.S. average city consumer price index for urban wage earners (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent to 160.0 from 159.6 in February. This was a 2.8 percent increase over March 1996.

The Cleveland urban wage earners consumer price index for March was 155.4. This was an increase of 1.0 percent from two months ago and a 3.0 percent increase over a year ago.

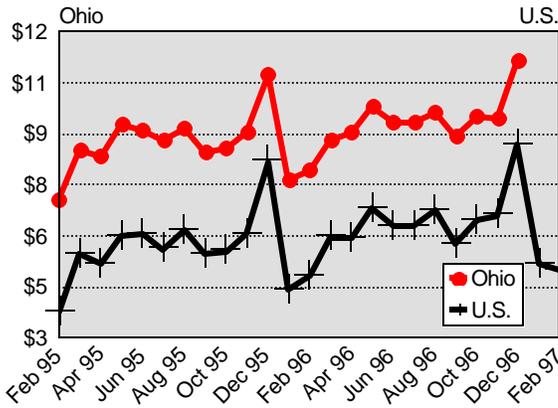
For the second half of 1996, Cincinnati's CPI-U showed a 1.4 percent increase over the first half of 1996 with 150.7. This was 2.3 percent higher than the second half of 1995.



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.

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%

## ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES: February 1995 To February 1997



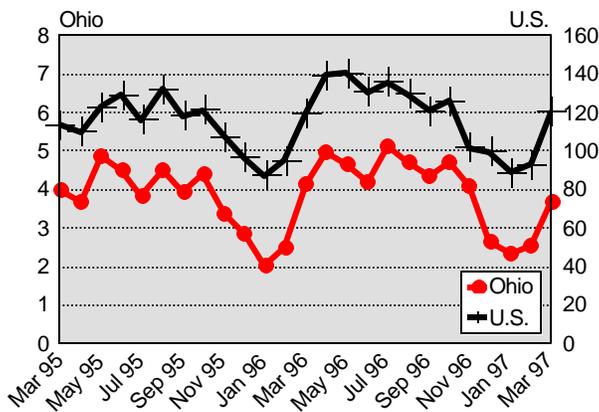
Sales in billions of dollars. Figures are unadjusted.  
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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.

February retail sales for the U.S. showed a 1.2 percent decrease from January with \$183,747 million. This was 1.9 percent more than a year ago. Sales in durable goods have grown 2.3 percent since January, and registered an increase of 3.2 percent over last year. Nondurable goods sales dropped 3.6 percent for the month, but increased 1.1 percent for the year.

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

## RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: March 1995 To March 1997

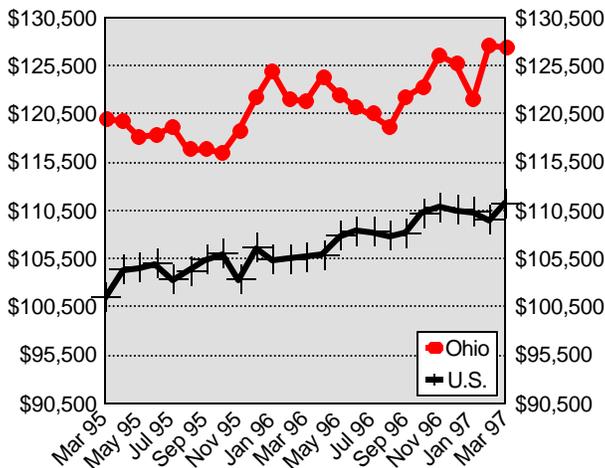


Number of units in thousands.  
Percent of imputed data is greater than 25 percent.  
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The construction of new, privately-owned housing units in Ohio increased 45.1 percent between February 1997 and March 1997, but has decreased 10.9 percent since March 1996. Permits were issued for 3,677 units within 2,957 buildings. Of those buildings authorized, 2,782 were single family dwellings, and 42 contained five or more units each.

The number of units authorized in the U.S., 120,083, was 29.4 percent more than in February 1997, and an increase of 0.2 percent over March 1996. Permits were issued for 92,545 buildings, 88,481 were single-unit buildings, and 1,797 contained five or more units.

## AVERAGE CONSTRUCTION COSTS: March 1995 To March 1997



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

The March 1997 average valuation per single-family dwelling in Ohio was \$127,372. This was 0.2 percent lower than last month, but 4.6 percent more than in March 1996. The total value of all permit-authorized residential construction in Ohio was \$396,932,000.

In the U.S., the average construction valuation per single-family building was \$111,224, 1.5 percent more than the February 1997 figure, and 5.3 percent more than a year ago. The total U.S. residential construction valuation for March 1997 was \$11,389,538,000.



## Notes and New Products

### **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

The Office of Strategic Research has revised its 1993 population projection series with the intent to align the projections more closely with actual and estimated population change that has occurred through July, 1995.

Results from a comparison of the January, 1993 projection series with July, 1995 population estimates indicated 64 of Ohio's 88 counties fell below a three percent difference between the two counts. These counties therefore, were not revised. Only 24 counties were updated from the 1993 series. All, except Noble County, are suburban or surrounding counties of the Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland MSAs. The following counties were revised:

Adams	Ashland	Brown	Butler
Clinton	Delaware	Fairfield	Highland
Hocking	Holmes	Knox	Licking
Logan	Lorain	Madison	Medina
Morrow	Noble	Perry	Pickaway
Pike	Union	Vinton	Warren

The updated projections report, **Population Projections Ohio and Counties By Age and Sex, 1990 to 2015**, 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.

### **1996 POPULATION BY AGE & SEX**

State population estimates by 5-year age groups and by sex were recently released by the Population Estimates Branch of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. A comparison with past years shows a steady aging of the population.

Ohio's Median Age:	1990 - 33.3	1994 - 34.7
	1991 - 33.8	1995 - 35.0
	1992 - 34.1	1996 - 35.3
	1993 - 34.4	

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