

Ohio County Profiles

Ashland County

Civilian Labor Force	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Civilian labor force	27,000	27,100	27,000	27,000	27,200
Employed	25,900	25,900	25,400	25,100	25,300
Unemployed	1,100	1,200	1,700	1,800	1,900
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.5	6.2	6.8	6.8

Employment and Wages by Sector

NAICS Industrial Sector	Average Annual Employment		Total Wages (in thousands of dollars)	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Total covered under Ohio UC Law	18,616	18,299	\$517,883	\$527,849
Private Sector	15,707	15,398	\$430,600	\$438,029
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	105	106	\$2,065	\$2,106
Mining	25	23	\$807	\$690
Utilities	-1	9	\$0	\$199
Construction	638	572	\$23,461	\$22,052
Manufacturing	5,216	4,853	\$184,378	\$175,193
Wholesale trade	390	545	\$14,649	\$27,382
Retail trade	2,025	1,958	\$37,325	\$36,987
Transportation and warehousing	-1	330	\$0	\$9,676
Information	172	116	\$5,270	\$3,710
Finance and insurance	310	309	\$8,687	\$9,156
Real estate and rental and leasing	156	177	\$2,873	\$2,966
Professional and technical services	589	605	\$19,049	\$20,431
Management of companies and enterprises	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Administrative and waste services	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Educational services	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Health care and social assistance	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	250	226	\$3,123	\$3,000
Accommodation and food services	1,586	1,572	\$14,579	\$14,646
Other services, except public administration	704	724	\$11,898	\$12,694
State and Local Government	2,909	2,901	\$87,283	\$89,820
State government	505	503	\$23,080	\$23,452
Local government	2,404	2,398	\$64,203	\$66,368
Federal Government	114	111	\$4,425	\$4,324

-1 or \$0 indicates suppression for confidentiality

Major Employers

Abbott Laboratories Inc/Hospira	Mfg
Ashland City Bd of Ed	Gov't
Ashland University	Service
Mansfield Plumbing Products LLC	Mfg
McGraw-Hill Companies	Trade
Samaritan Regional Health System	Service
State of Ohio	Gov't
Step2 Co	Mfg
Wil Research Laboratories LLC	R&D

Starting and

Active Businesses	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Business starts	108	95	81	106	100
Active businesses	978	981	1,003	1,012	1,103

Residential Construction

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total units	185	162	215	151	214
Total valuation (000)	\$19,579	\$17,444	\$25,272	\$17,514	\$28,927
Total single-unit bldgs	171	162	181	143	191
Average cost per unit	\$106,346	\$107,678	\$118,223	\$118,446	\$137,801
Total multi-unit bldg units	14	0	34	8	23
Average cost per unit	\$99,550	\$0	\$113,923	\$72,000	\$113,344