

Ohio County Profiles

Portage County

Civilian Labor Force	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Civilian labor force	84,400	84,400	84,800	86,400	87,300
Employed	81,100	80,800	80,200	81,400	82,300
Unemployed	3,300	3,600	4,600	5,000	5,000
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.3	5.4	5.8	5.8

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	51,582	52,051	\$1,643,603	\$1,680,546
Private Sector	39,879	40,109	\$1,177,106	\$1,193,199
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	120	160	\$2,310	\$2,430
Mining	223	205	\$8,069	\$7,540
Utilities	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Construction	2,445	2,358	\$83,028	\$79,819
Manufacturing	12,376	12,072	\$503,875	\$499,573
Wholesale trade	2,232	2,271	\$94,957	\$96,915
Retail trade	5,603	5,727	\$122,038	\$128,267
Transportation and warehousing	-1	-1	\$0	\$0
Information	623	594	\$22,684	\$22,486
Finance and insurance	706	720	\$21,505	\$23,978
Real estate and rental and leasing	478	497	\$9,314	\$10,352
Professional and technical services	1,108	1,152	\$38,532	\$41,707
Management of companies and enterprises	458	619	\$15,490	\$18,017
Administrative and waste services	1,104	1,239	\$25,616	\$28,749
Educational services	740	755	\$16,375	\$17,179
Health care and social assistance	3,146	3,082	\$81,129	\$79,728
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1,675	1,537	\$25,797	\$24,322
Accommodation and food services	4,398	4,540	\$43,980	\$45,633
Other services, except public administration	1,543	1,587	\$28,722	\$29,136
State and Local Government	11,702	11,943	\$466,496	\$487,347
State government	3,908	4,095	\$214,940	\$227,833
Local government	7,794	7,848	\$251,556	\$259,514
Federal Government	319	307	\$12,946	\$12,832

-1 or \$0 indicates suppression for confidentiality

Major Employers

East Manufacturing Corp	Mfg
General Electric Co	Mfg
Kent City Board of Education	Gov't
Kent State University	Gov't
McMaster-Carr Supply Co	Trade
Ravenna City Bd of Ed	Gov't
Robinson Memorial Hospital	Service
State of Ohio	Gov't
Step2 Company	Mfg

Starting and

Active Businesses	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Business starts	285	338	288	315	260
Active businesses	2,570	2,620	2,745	2,798	2,804

Residential Construction

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total units	737	727	561	836	711
Total valuation (000)	\$133,868	\$118,964	\$91,771	\$106,586	\$112,646
Total single-unit bldgs	725	714	559	801	652
Average cost per unit	\$183,818	\$164,902	\$163,568	\$127,135	\$165,494
Total multi-unit bldg units	12	13	2	35	59
Average cost per unit	\$50,000	\$94,154	\$168,000	\$135,743	\$80,407