

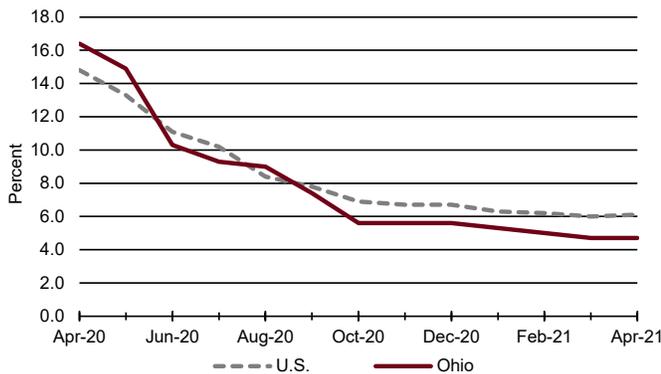
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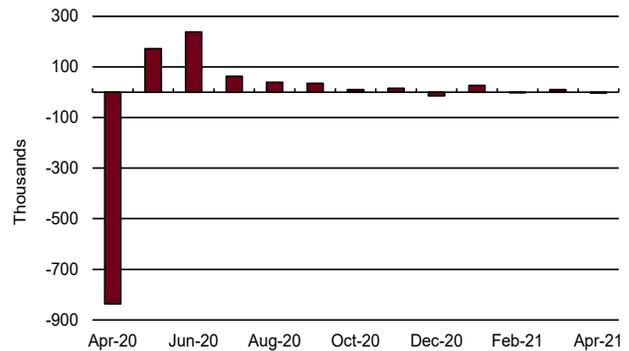
## Ohio's Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 4.7% in April

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**Ohio and U.S. Unemployment Rates, seasonally adjusted  
April 2020 – April 2021**



**Ohio Nonfarm Payroll Employment Over-the-Month Change, seasonally adjusted, April 2020 – April 2021**

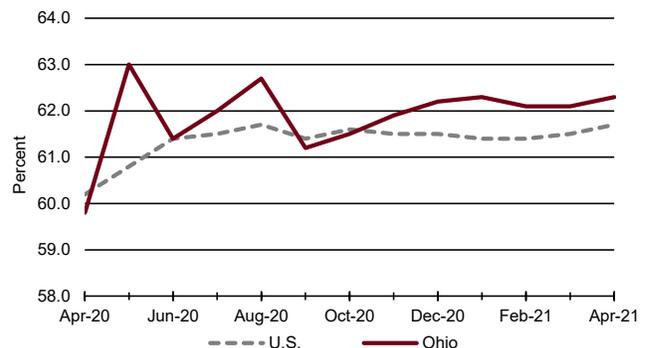


### Household Survey Data

The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in April was 273,000, up from 271,000 in March. The number of unemployed has decreased by 636,000 in the past 12 months from 909,000. The April unemployment rate for Ohio decreased from 16.4% in April 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate for April was 6.1%, up from 6.0% in March, and down from 14.8% in April 2020.

In April, the labor force participation rate in Ohio was 62.3%, up from 62.1% in March 2021 and up from 59.8% in April 2020. During the same period, the national labor force participation rate was 61.7%, up from 61.5% last month and up from 60.2% one year ago.

**Ohio and U.S. Labor Force Participation Rates, seasonally adjusted, April 2020 – April 2021**



## Establishment Survey Data

Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased 3,700 over the month, from a revised 5,312,000 in March to 5,308,300 in April, according to the latest business establishment survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).

Employment in goods-producing industries, at 893,200, decreased 400 over the month as losses in manufacturing (-800) exceeded gains in construction (+400). Mining and logging employment did not change over the month. The private service-providing sector, at 3,671,000, decreased 3,000 as losses in leisure and hospitality (-3,900); trade, transportation, and utilities (-1,700); information (-100); and professional and business services (-100) surpassed gains in educational and health services (+1,900), other services (+800), and financial activities (+100). Government employment, at 744,100, decreased 300 as losses in state (-700) and federal (-100) government outpaced gains in local government (+500).

From April 2020 to April 2021, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 586,900. Employment in goods-producing industries increased 104,800. Manufacturing added 74,500 jobs in durable goods (+52,800) and nondurable goods (+21,700). Construction added 31,000 jobs, and mining and logging employment decreased 700. Employment in the private service-providing sector increased 489,700 with gains in leisure and hospitality (+184,700); trade, transportation, and utilities (+120,900); educational and health services (+67,500); professional and business services (+55,700); other services (+48,400); financial activities (+11,100); and information (+1,400). Government employment decreased 7,600 as losses in state (-9,900) and federal (-1,100) government outweighed gains in local government (+3,400).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** All data cited are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor. Data sources include the Current Population Survey (U.S. data), Current Employment Statistics Program (nonagricultural wage and salary employment data), and Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (Ohio unemployment rates). More complete listings of the data appear in the monthly Ohio Labor Market Review. Unemployment rates for all Ohio counties, as well as cities with populations of 50,000 or more, are presented in the monthly ODJFS Civilian Labor Force Estimates publication. Updated statewide historical data may be obtained through the OhioLMI app, which is available for free on mobile devices through the App Store or Google Play. Ohioans can access tens of thousands of job openings, for positions ranging from file clerks to CEOs, at <https://ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov>.

## News Release Dates

A calendar of 2021 release dates is available online at <https://ohiolmi.com/Home/Events>.

County, city, and metropolitan area unemployment rates for April 2021 will be posted online at <https://ohiolmi.com> on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. May 2021 unemployment rates and nonagricultural wage and salary data for Ohio will be released by ODJFS on Friday, June 18, 2021. This information and the monthly statistical summaries it is based on are also available at <https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm>.

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