



Survey Shows Mediocre Jobs Picture

In a survey of 2,083 Ohioans from June 9-11, 2014 with a margin of error of 2.15 percent, several aspects of Ohio's jobs market emerged.¹

- A near majority of 49.6% of Ohioans are retired, unemployed, homemakers, or students, as 48.5% work full-time (39.0%) or part-time (9.5%);
- In contrast to the official unemployment rate of 5.5%, the survey found 7.2% of Ohioans are unemployed, which is more consistent with Ohio's thirty-six year low labor force participation rate of 63.0 percent;
- The unemployment rate for each age category is:
 - 18-34: 11.8%
 - 35-44: 10.0%
 - 45-54: 8.9%
 - 55-64: 7.1%
 - 65+: 3.2%
- The unemployment rate among independents is higher than for Republicans and Democrats, with an overall rate of 9.2% and 11.2% for women;
- The unemployment rate for racial groups is:
 - White: 5.4%
 - Hispanic/Latino: 18.0%
 - Black/African American: 16.3%
 - Other: 24.2%
- The unemployment rate differs by geographic region with the lowest in Central Ohio (5.7%) and Eastern Ohio (5.9%) and the highest in Southwest Ohio (8.9%) and Northwest Ohio (8.7%);
- As widely reported, many Ohioans have not seen their wages increase. In fact, only 33.9% stated they were making more than they made in 2010, as 55.7% claimed they made the same or less than they made in 2010; and
- Ohioans in the 45-64 year old age bracket are especially impacted by this income stagnation or loss, as 57.8% of Ohioans age 45-54 and 64.2% age 55-64 saw no gain or experienced losses from 2010 to today.

With nearly 300,000 non-farm jobs added in the last four years, Ohio's job market has improved since bottoming out in February 2010. That recovery, however, has been average compared to other states (ranked 26th) and has left too many Ohioans, especially those Ohioans hitting what was supposed to be their peak earning years, in the unemployment line, out of the labor market, or making the same or less than they made at the start of the recovery. We must and can do better.

¹ It goes without saying that this survey only sampled 2,083 Ohioans, so inherently contains limitations in terms of the data. That said, such a large survey does provide some certainty in terms of the data generated.

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Ohio Survey Results

T1. Which of the following options best describes your current employment status?

Employed full time	39%
Retired	37%
Employed part time	10%
Unemployed or temporarily laid off	7%
Homemaker	5%
Student	1%
Unsure or no opinion	1%

T2. Which of the following options best describes the industry you primarily work in?

Professional and business service.....	27%
Manufacturing	11%
Health care	10%
Government	7%
Trade, transportation and utilities	6%
Construction	6%
Leisure and hospitality	2%
Some other industry	16%
Unsure or no opinion	15%

T3. How long have you been at your current job?

Less than a year	6%
1-2 years	6%
3-5 years	8%
5-10 years	11%
10 or more years	46%
Unsure or no opinion	23%

T4. Thinking now about your financial situation...would you say that you are making more, making the same, or making less than what you made in 2010?

Making more than in 2010	34%
Making the same as in 2010	29%
Making less than in 2010	27%
Unsure or no opinion	10%

T5. Do you consider yourself to be a Republican, a Democrat or something else?

Republican	35%
Democrat	35%
Something else	30%
Refused	0%

T6. For statistical purposes, are you a man or a woman?

Woman	54%
Man	46%

T7. Which of the following age groups applies to you?

18-34	11%
35-44	14%
45-54	21%
55-64	24%
65+	30%

T8. What is your race?

White	86%
Black or African American	7%
Hispanic or Latino	2%
Another ethnic group	5%
Refused	0%