

# AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RISE

Jobless figures throughout northwest Ohio and across the state generally increased in January, even as the statewide rate was unchanged. Ottawa County, has the highest rate locally and is the only local county with a double-digit rate. Lowest rate in the area is Hancock County.

County	Labor force	Total jobless	Jobless rates		
			01/17	12/16	01/16
Allen	47,700	3,000	6.2	5.0	5.5
Defiance	17,900	1,000	5.4	4.3	5.6
Erie	34,700	2,600	7.5	5.8	7.3
Fulton	22,600	1,400	6.1	4.6	5.8
Hancock	40,700	1,800	4.4	3.6	4.3
Henry	13,400	1,000	7.2	5.5	6.8
Huron	27,000	2,500	9.4	7.2	9.0
Lucas	210,700	13,000	6.2	4.9	5.9
<b>Toledo</b>	129,500	8,700	6.7	5.3	6.4
Ottawa	19,900	2,000	10.1	7.5	9.3
Paulding	8,600	500	5.7	4.3	5.4
Putnam	18,300	900	4.8	3.6	4.7
Sandusky	30,200	1,900	6.1	4.9	6.0
Seneca	26,600	1,600	6.1	4.9	5.8
Van Wert	14,000	700	4.9	4.0	4.7
Williams	18,900	1,000	5.1	4.1	5.0
Wood	70,100	3,500	5.0	3.9	4.7
<b>Ohio</b>	5.7 mil	287,000	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>United States</b>	159.7 mil	7.6 mil	4.8	4.7	4.9

NOTE: Ohio and U.S. rates are seasonally adjusted; local rates are not.

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services