Cuyahoga Scoreboard

Comparing Employment Growth in Major Midwest Counties (QCEW 2010-25)

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SUMMARY: Cuyahoga Co. Had Weakest Employment Post-Covid Rebound of 12 Large Midwest Counties

Recent employment growth rates for most major Midwest counties were affected by the Covid epidemic and by the growth of state government employment. Cuyahoga County was no exception. For the entire period from 2010 to 2025, Cuyahoga County's employment grew from 685,400 to 692,700, an increase of only 7,300 (1%), The county ranked tenth out of 12 major Midwest counties. The county ranked ninth in the 2010-2019 in a 2008-2010 recession rebound with employment growth of 47,200 (7%).

During the 2019-25 period which included the Covid epidemic, nine of the 12 central counties did not fully recover and experienced job losses. However, Cuyahoga County experienced the worst employment loss of the 12 Midwest central counties, losing 39,900 or 5% of the total employment base. Franklin County had the highest employment growth of Midwest counties, fueled by the growth of nearly 20,000 government jobs.

Large Midwest Core Counties Total Employment Change (2010-2025)

County	MSA	State	2010	2019	2025	2010-19 Chg	2010-19 %Chg	2019-25 Chg	2019-25 %Chg	2010-25 Chg	2010-25 %Chg
Franklin	Columbus	OH	647,400	765,400	791,800	118,000	18%	26,400	3%	144,400	22%
Marion	Indianapolis	IN	545,200	607,700	625,100	62,400	12%	17,500	3%	79,900	15%
Hennepin	Minneapolis	MN	802,200	936,700	919,100	134,500	17%	(17,600)	-2%	116,900	15%
Cook	Chicago	IL	2,345,500	2,609,200	2,594,800	263,600	11%	(14,300)	-1%	249,300	11%
Jackson	Kansas City	MO	339,600	374,700	374,800	35,100	10%	100	0%	35,200	10%
Wayne	Detroit	MI	657,200	734,200	721,400	77,000	12%	(12,800)	-2%	64,200	10%
Hamilton	Cincinnati	OH	483,100	520,800	514,300	37,700	8%	(6,500)	-1%	31,200	7%
St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	561,100	610,400	589,800	49,400	9%	(20,600)	-3%	28,700	5%
Erie	Buffalo	NY	447,000	471,400	464,900	24,400	6%	(6,500)	-1%	17,900	4%
Cuyahoga	**Cleveland**	**OH**	**685,400**	**732,600**	**692,700**	**47,200**	**7%**	**(39,900)**	**-5%**	**7,300**	**1%**
Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	465,400	486,500	467,200	21,200	5%	(19,300)	-4%	1,800	0%
Allegheny	Pittsburg	PA	667,500	703,100	670,200	35,600	5%	(32,900)	-5%	2,700	0%

Source: BLS, QCEW

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Marion	Indianapolis	IN	62,400	17,500	12%	3%
Hennepin	Minneapolis	MN	134,500	(17,600)	17%	-2%
Cook	Chicago	IL	263,600	(14,300)	11%	-1%
Jackson	Kansas City	MO	35,100	100	10%	0%
Wayne	Detroit	MI	77,000	(12,800)	12%	-2%
Hamilton	Cincinnati	OH	37,700	(6,500)	8%	-1%
St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	49,400	(20,600)	9%	-3%
Erie	Buffalo	NY	24,400	(6,500)	6%	-1%
Cuyahoga	**Cleveland**	OH	47,200	(39,900)	**7%**	**-5%**
Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	21,200	(19,300)	5%	-4%
Allegheny	Pittsburg	PA	35,600	(32,900)	5%	-5%

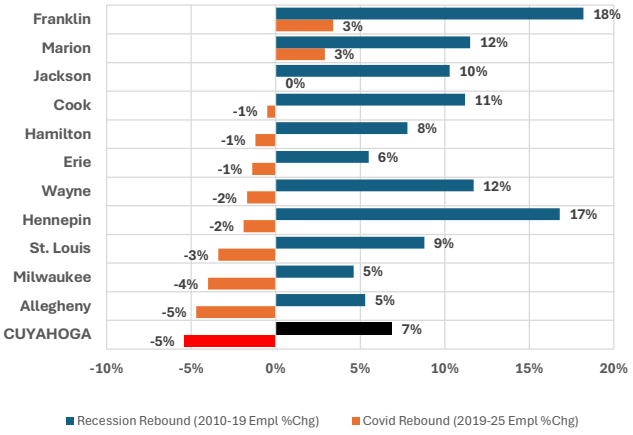
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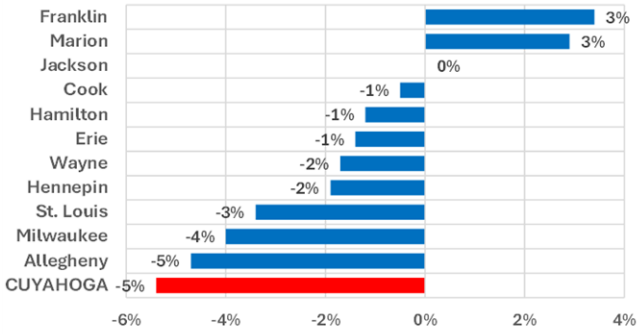
County	MSA	State	2019	2025	2019-25 Chg	2019-25 %Chg	2019-25 %Chg Rank
Franklin	Columbus	OH	765,400	791,800	26,400	3.4%	1
Marion	Indianapolis	IN	607,700	625,100	17,500	2.9%	2
Jackson	Kansas City	MO	374,700	374,800	100	0.0%	3
Cook	Chicago	IL	2,609,200	2,594,800	(14,300)	-0.5%	4
Hamilton	Cincinnati	OH	520,800	514,300	(6,500)	-1.2%	5
Erie	Buffalo	NY	471,400	464,900	(6,500)	-1.4%	6
Wayne	Detroit	MI	734,200	721,400	(12,800)	-1.7%	7
Hennepin	Minneapolis	MN	936,700	919,100	(17,600)	-1.9%	8
St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	610,400	589,800	(20,600)	-3.4%	9
Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	486,500	467,200	(19,300)	-4.0%	10
Allegheny	Pittsburg	PA	703,100	670,200	(32,900)	-4.7%	11
Cuyahoga	**Cleveland**	OH	732,600	692,700	(39,900)	**-5.4%**	**12**

Source: BLS, QCEW

Comparing Employment Recoveries from 2008-10 Recession & 2020-22 Covid



How Well Did Large Midwest Counties Rebound from Covid (2019-25 % Employment Change)



Source: BLS, LAUS

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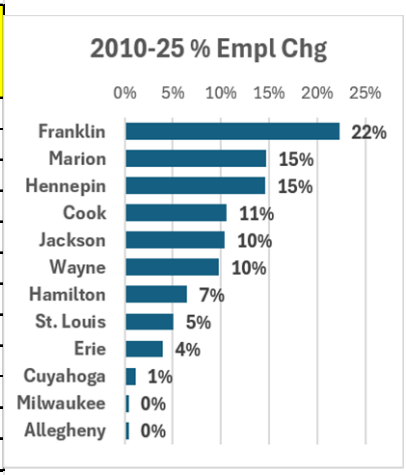
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Hennepin	Minneapolis	MN	802,200	919,100	116,900	14.6%	3
Cook	Chicago	IL	2,345,500	2,594,800	249,300	10.6%	4
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Cuyahoga	**Cleveland**	OH	685,400	692,700	7,300	**1.1%**	**10**
Allegheny	Pittsburg	PA	667,500	670,200	2,700	0.4%	11
Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	465,400	467,200	1,800	0.4%	11

Source: BLS, QCEW



Large Midwest Core Counties Private Employment (2010-2025)

County	MSA	State	2010 Priv Empl	2025 Priv Empl	2010-25 Chg	2010-25 %Chg	2010-25 %Chg Rank
Franklin	Columbus	OH	533,900	658,500	124,600	23.3%	1
Marion	Indianapolis	IN	469,700	547,400	77,700	16.5%	2
Hennepin	Minneapolis	MN	719,100	825,100	106,000	14.7%	3
Jackson	Kansas City	MO	277,700	317,900	40,200	14.5%	4
Wayne	Detroit	MI	560,400	636,200	75,800	13.5%	5
Cook	Chicago	IL	2,041,900	2,284,900	243,000	11.9%	6
St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	504,000	538,700	34,700	6.9%	7
Hamilton	Cincinnati	OH	430,100	459,200	29,100	6.8%	8
Erie	Buffalo	NY	371,700	392,100	20,400	5.5%	9
Cuyahoga	**Cleveland**	OH	588,000	601,100	13,200	**2.2%**	**10**
Allegheny	Pittsburg	PA	597,000	606,600	9,600	1.6%	11
Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	408,300	414,900	6,500	1.6%	11

Source: BLS, QCEW

Large Midwest Core Counties Government Employment (2010-2025)

County	MSA	State	2010 Total Empl	2025 Total Empl	2010-25 Chg	2010-25 %Chg	2010-25 %Chg Rank
Franklin	Columbus	OH	113,500	133,300	19,800	17.4%	1
Hennepin	Minneapolis	MN	83,100	94,000	10,900	13.1%	2
Hamilton	Cincinnati	OH	53,000	55,100	2,100	4.0%	3
Marion	Indianapolis	IN	75,500	77,700	2,200	2.9%	4
Cook	Chicago	IL	303,600	309,900	6,300	2.1%	5
Erie	Buffalo	NY	75,300	72,800	(2,500)	-3.3%	6
Cuyahoga	**Cleveland**	OH	97,400	91,600	(5,900)	-6.1%	7
Jackson	Kansas City	MO	61,900	56,900	(5,000)	-8.1%	8
Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	57,100	52,300	(4,700)	-8.2%	9
Allegheny	Pittsburg	PA	70,500	63,600	(6,900)	-9.8%	10
St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	57,100	51,100	(6,000)	-10.5%	11
Wayne	Detroit	MI	96,800	85,200	(11,600)	-12.0%	12

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