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Report Parameters

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Putnam County, OH

Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.



Economy Overview

34,270

Population (2024)

Population grew by 427 over the last 5 years and is projected to grow by 20 over the next 5 years.

13,848

Total Regional Employment

Jobs grew by 640 over the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 322 over the next 5 years.

\$82.8K

Median Household Income (2023)

Median household income is **\$4.2K above** the national median household income of \$78.5K.

Takeaways

- As of 2024 the region's population increased by 1.3% since 2019, growing by 427. Population is expected to increase by 0.1% between 2024 and 2029, adding 20.
- From 2019 to 2024, jobs increased by 4.8% in Putnam County, OH from 13,208 to 13,848. This change outpaced the national growth rate of 4.3% by 0.5%. As the number of jobs increased, the labor force participation rate decreased from 69.8% to 69.7% between 2019 and 2024.
- Concerning educational attainment, **19.0% of Putnam County, OH residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (2.5% below the national average), and **14.4% hold an Associate's Degree** (5.5% above the national average).
- The top three industries in 2024 are Education and Hospitals (Local Government), Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing, and Restaurants and Other Eating Places.

	Population (2025)	Labor Force (Jun 2025)	Jobs (2024)	Cost of Living	GRP	Imports	Exports
Region	34,297	18,783	13,848	97.9	\$1.91B	\$3.28B	\$2.67B
State	11,825,536	5,997,825	6,086,968	92.8	\$904.24B	\$700.85B	\$866.58B



Jun 2025 Labor Force Breakdown



Educational Attainment

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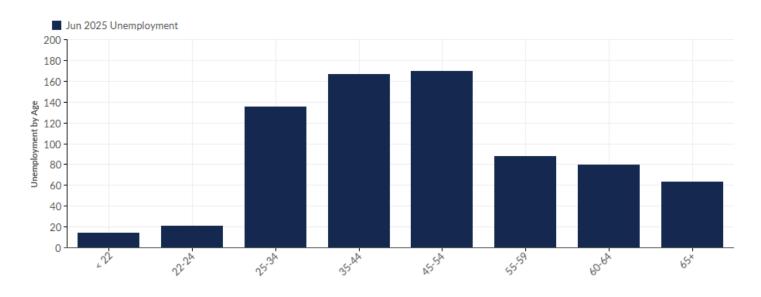


	% of Population	Population
 Less Than 9th Grade 	1.8%	418
9th Grade to 12th Grade	3.1%	719
High School Diploma	36.9%	8,516
Some College	16.4%	3,774
Associate's Degree	14.4%	3,310
Bachelor's Degree	19.0%	4,378
Graduate Degree and Higher	8.4%	1,940



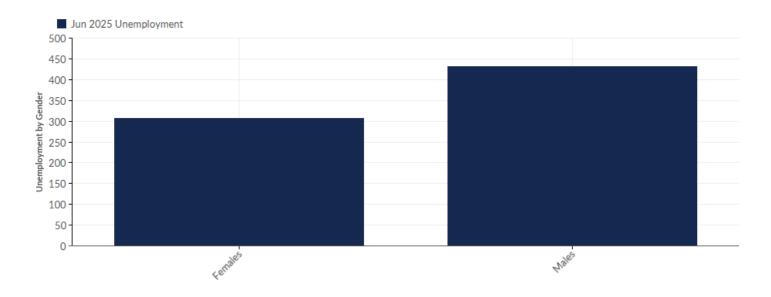
Unemployment by Demographics

Unemployment by Age



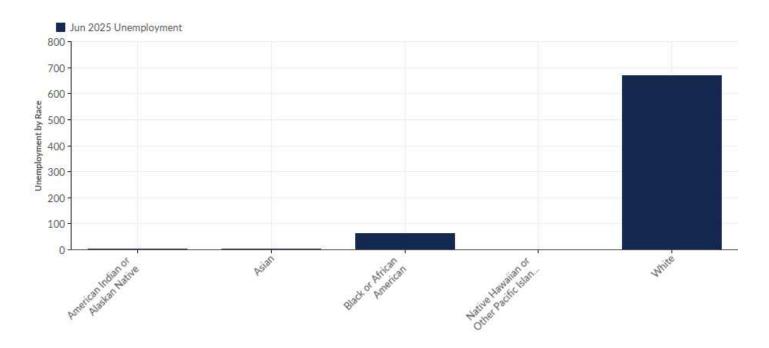
Age	Unemploymei (Jun 202	nt % of 5) Unemployed
< 22	1	1.90%
22-24	2	2.85%
25-34	13	5 18.29%
35-44	16	7 22.63%
45-54	17	23.04%
55-59	8	11.92%
60-64	8	10.84%
65+	6	3 8.54%
	Total 73	8 100.00%

Unemployment by Gender



Gender	Unemployment (Jun 2025)	% of Unemployed
Females	307	41.60%
Males	431	58.40%
	Total 738	100.00%

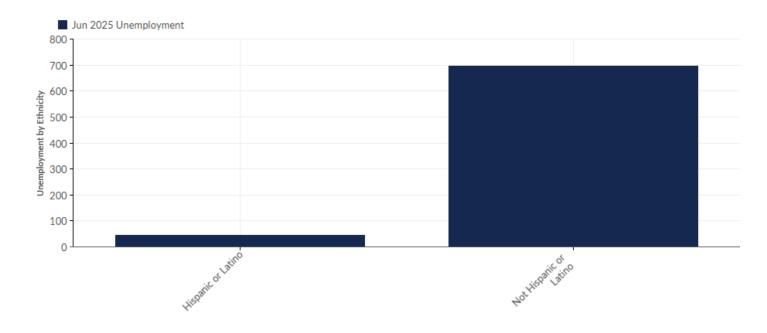
Unemployment by Race



Race	Unemployme (Jun 202	ent % of 25) Unemployed
American Indian or Alaskan Native		3 0.41%
Asian		3 0.41%
Black or African American		63 8.54%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0 0.00%
White	6	70 90.79%
	Total 73	38 100.00%



Unemployment by Ethnicity



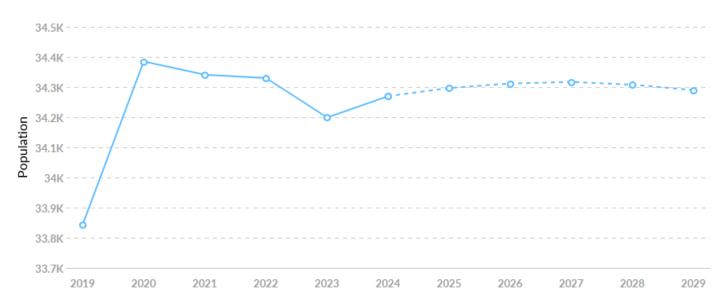
Ethnicity	Un	employment (Jun 2025)	% of Unemployed
Hispanic or Latino		43	5.83%
Not Hispanic or Latino		695	94.17%
	Total	738	100.00%



Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

As of 2024 the region's population increased by 1.3% since 2019, growing by 427. Population is expected to increase by 0.1% between 2024 and 2029, adding 20.

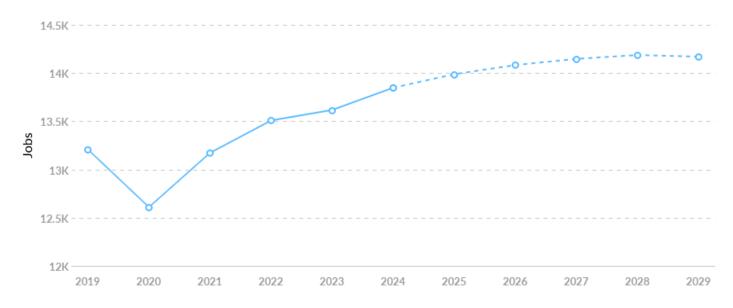


Timeframe	Population
2019	33,843
2020	34,385
2021	34,341
2022	34,330
2023	34,199
2024	34,270
2025	34,297
2026	34,312
2027	34,317
2028	34,308
2029	34,290

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Job Trends

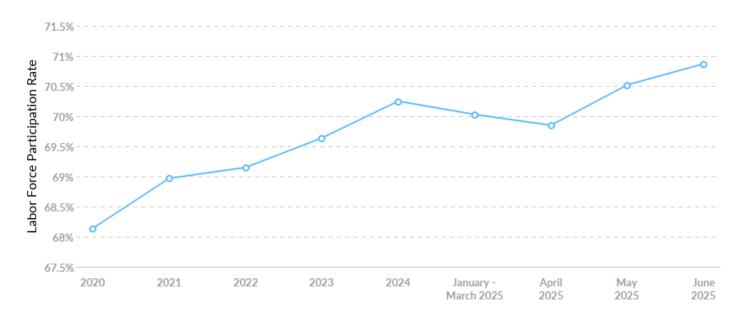
From 2019 to 2024, jobs increased by 4.8% in Putnam County, OH from 13,208 to 13,848. This change outpaced the national growth rate of 4.3% by 0.5%.



Timeframe	Jobs
2019	13,208
2020	12,609
2021	13,172
2022	13,508
2023	13,617
2024	13,848
2025	13,988
2026	14,083
2027	14,147
2028	14,187
2029	14,170



Labor Force Participation Rate Trends

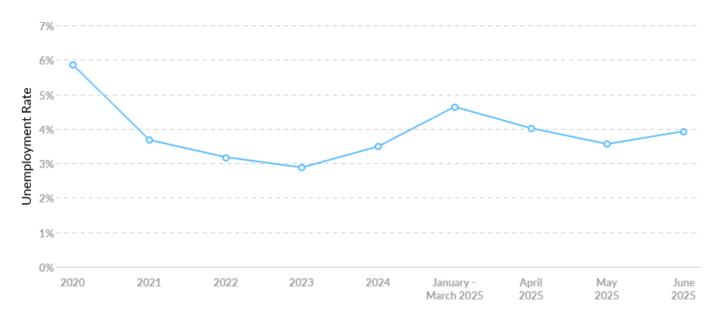


Timeframe	Labor Force Participation Rate
2020	68.14%
2021	68.97%
2022	69.15%
2023	69.64%
2024	70.25%
January - March 2025	70.03%
April 2025	69.85%
May 2025	70.52%
June 2025	70.87%



Unemployment Rate Trends

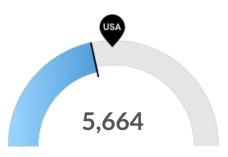
Putnam County, OH had a June 2025 unemployment rate of 3.93%, decreasing from 5.86% 5 years before.



Timeframe	Unemployment Rate
2020	5.86%
2021	3.68%
2022	3.18%
2023	2.88%
2024	3.49%
January - March 2025	4.64%
April 2025	4.02%
May 2025	3.56%
June 2025	3.93%

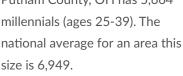


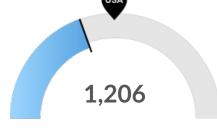
Population Characteristics



Millennials

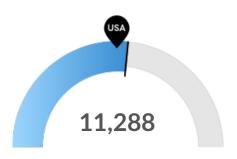
Putnam County, OH has 5,664 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 6,949.





Veterans

Putnam County, OH has 1,206 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 1,692.



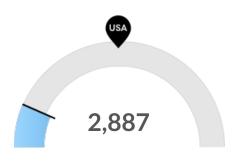
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is about average in Putnam County, OH. The national average for an area this size is 10,324 people 55 or older, while there are 11,288 here.



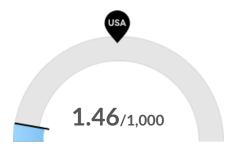
Violent Crime

Putnam County, OH has 0.47 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.54 per 1,000 people.



Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is low in Putnam County, OH. The national average for an area this size is 14,243 racially diverse people, while there are 2,887 here.



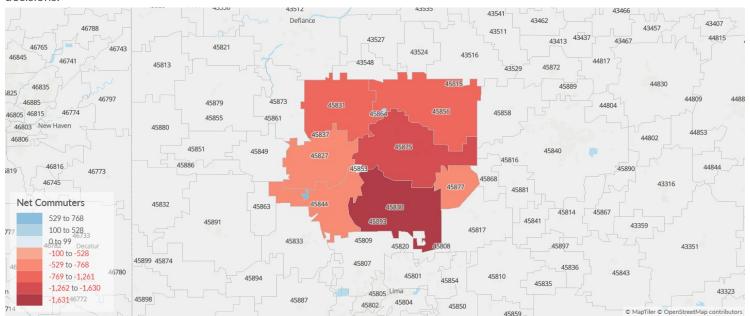
Property Crime

Putnam County, OH has 1.46 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 18.02 per 1,000 people.



Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Putnam County, OH currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



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45875	Ottawa, OH (in Putnam	4,787
45856	Leipsic, OH (in Putnam	1,840
45830	Columbus Grove, OH (i	1,475
45844	Fort Jennings, OH (in Pu	1,395
45876	Ottoville, OH (in Putna	1,193

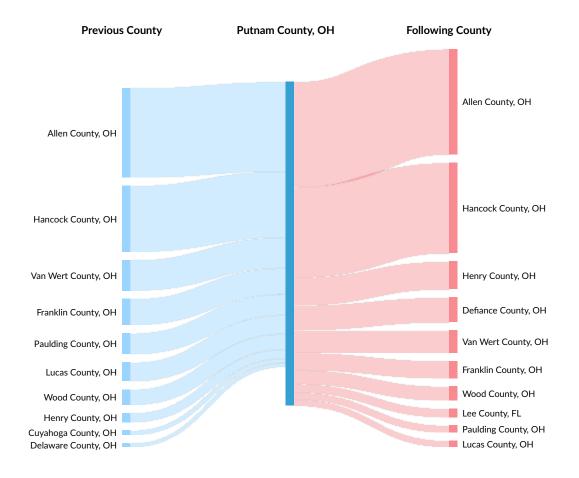
Where Talent Lives

ZIP	Name	2024 Workers
45875	Ottawa, OH (in Putnam	6,049
45830	Columbus Grove, OH (i	3,106
45856	Leipsic, OH (in Putnam	2,608
45844	Fort Jennings, OH (in Pu	2,016
45831	Continental, OH (in Put	1,495

Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Putnam County, OH. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Putnam County, OH. The right column shows residents migrating from Putnam County, OH to other counties.

As of 2022, 152 people have migrated from Allen County, OH to Putnam County, OH. In the same year, 179 people left Putnam County, OH migrating to Allen County, OH. The total Net Migration for Putnam County, OH in 2022 was -24.



Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Allen County, OH	152
Hancock County, OH	112
Van Wert County, OH	52
Franklin County, OH	44
Paulding County, OH	36
Lucas County, OH	32

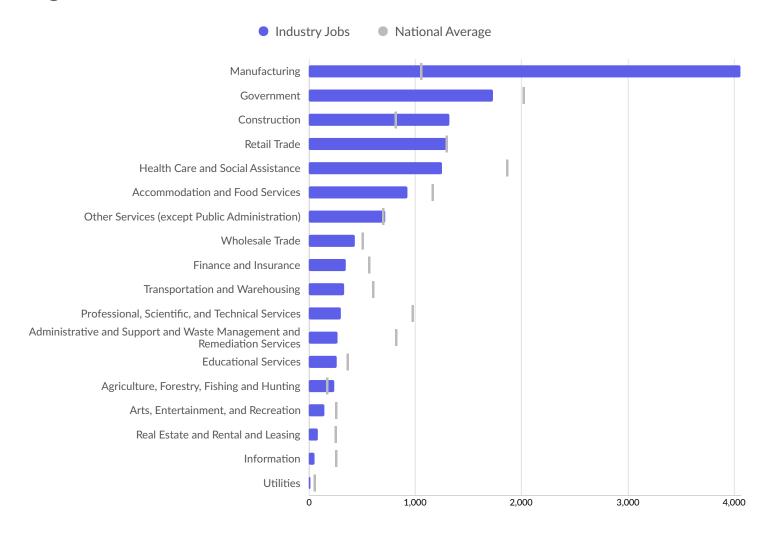


Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Wood County, OH	26
Henry County, OH	15
Cuyahoga County, OH	8
Delaware County, OH	6
Montgomery County, OH	5
Harvey County, KS	5
Fairfield County, OH	5
Butler County, OH	5
Roosevelt County, NM	5
Top Following Counties	Migrations
Allen County, OH	179
Hancock County, OH	153
Henry County, OH	47
Defiance County, OH	42
Van Wert County, OH	38
Franklin County, OH	29
Wood County, OH	24
Lee County, FL	14
Paulding County, OH	12
Lucas County, OH	11
Butler County, OH	9
Montgomery County, OH	8
Cobb County, GA	7
Hardin County, OH	6
Hamilton County, OH	6



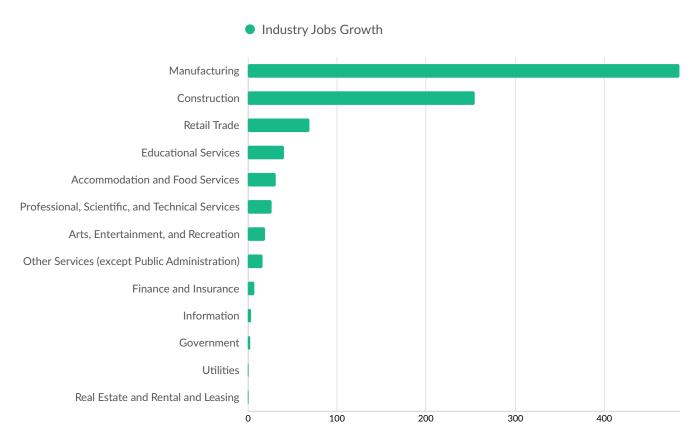
Industry Characteristics

Largest Industries



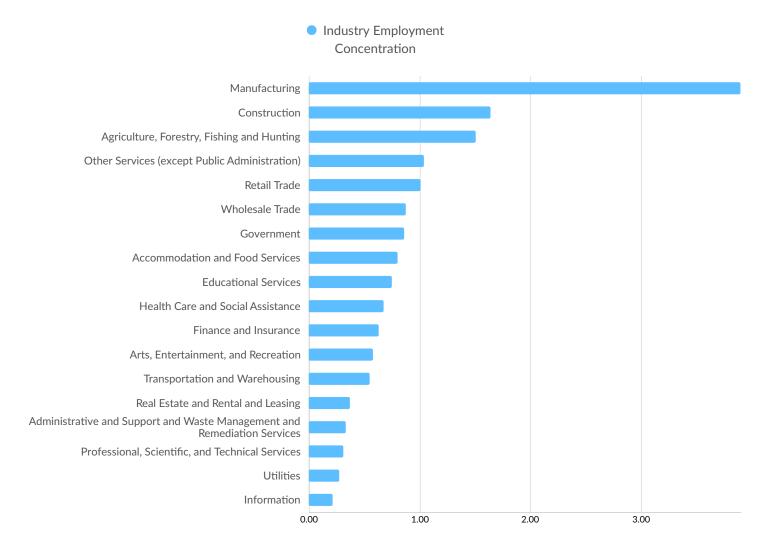


Top Growing Industries



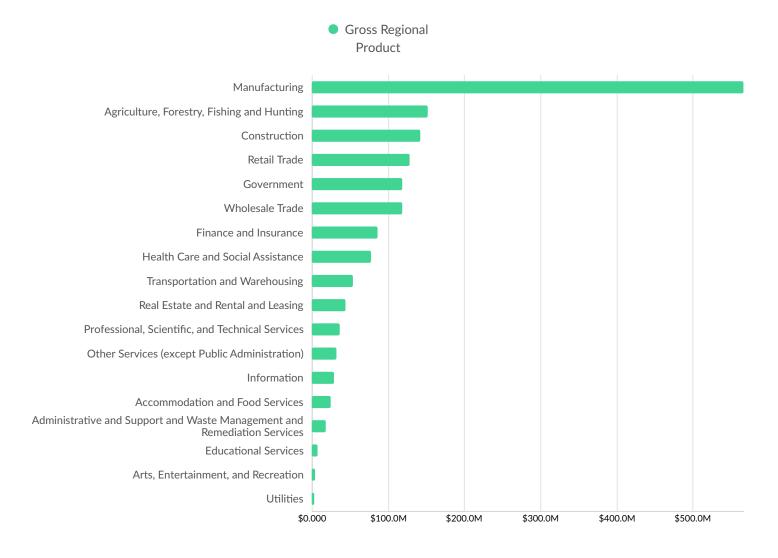


Top Industry Employment Concentration



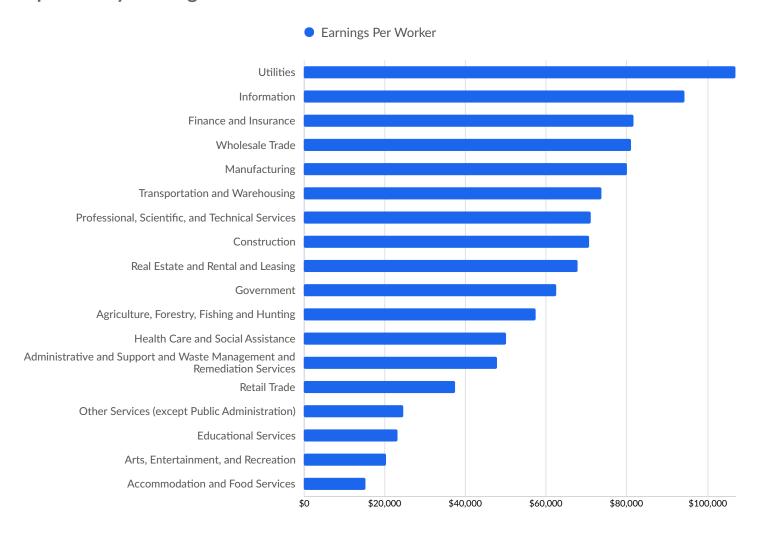


Top Industry GRP





Top Industry Earnings





Business Characteristics

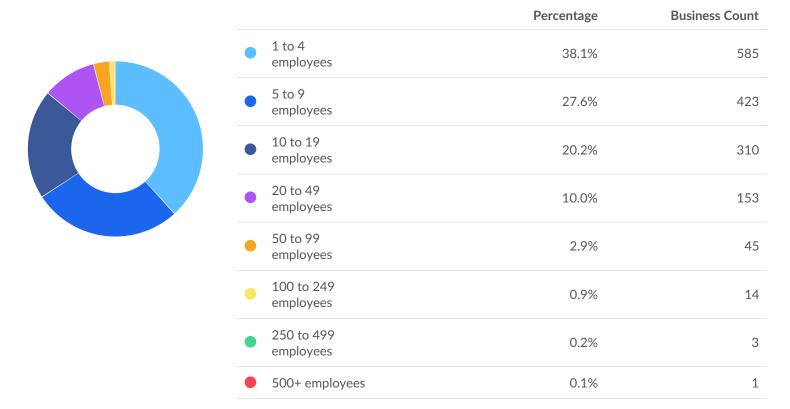
2,128 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 2,128 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 300 companies in Putnam County, OH posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

Top Companies	Profiles	Top Companies Posting	Unique Postings
Mercyhealth	118	Trilogy Health Services	114
Marathon Petroleum	117	Kohl's	109
Whirlpool	102	Trilogy Management Services	96
Lima Memorial Health System	64	Consolidated Communications	E 79
Blanchard Valley Health System	62	S & L Beverages	73
Unverferth Manufacturing Co.	62	Silgan	64
St Ritas Medical Center	50	Midway Products Group	63
Pro-Tec Coating Company	41	The Meadows Of Kalida	61
Grob Systems	40	Walmart	51
Trilogy Health Services	40	Mars Incorporated	46



Business Size

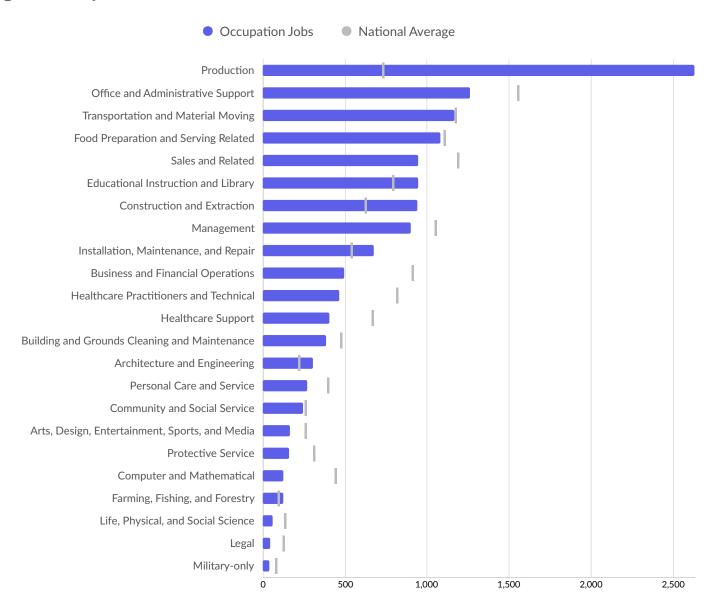


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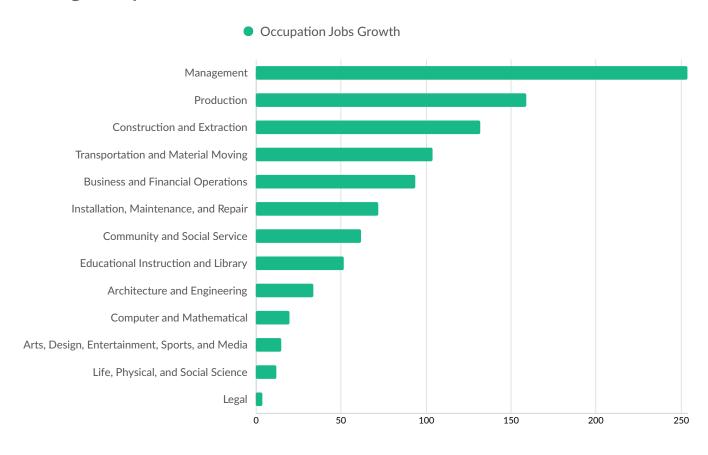
Workforce Characteristics

Largest Occupations





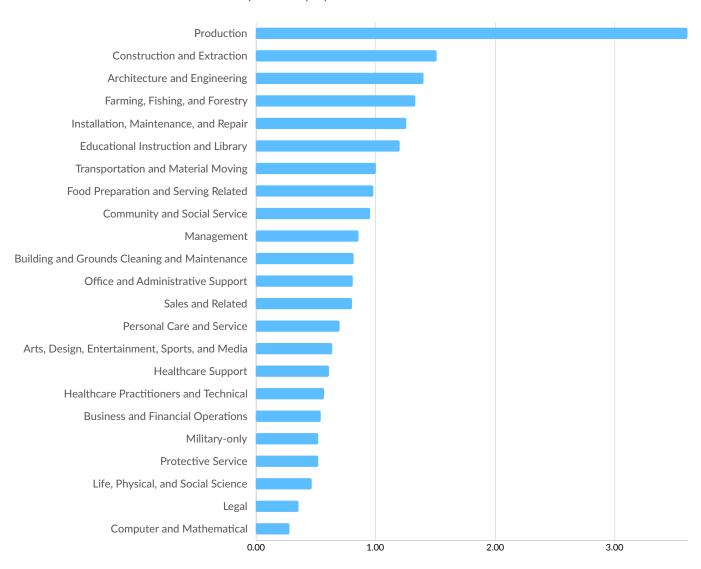
Top Growing Occupations





Top Occupation Employment Concentration

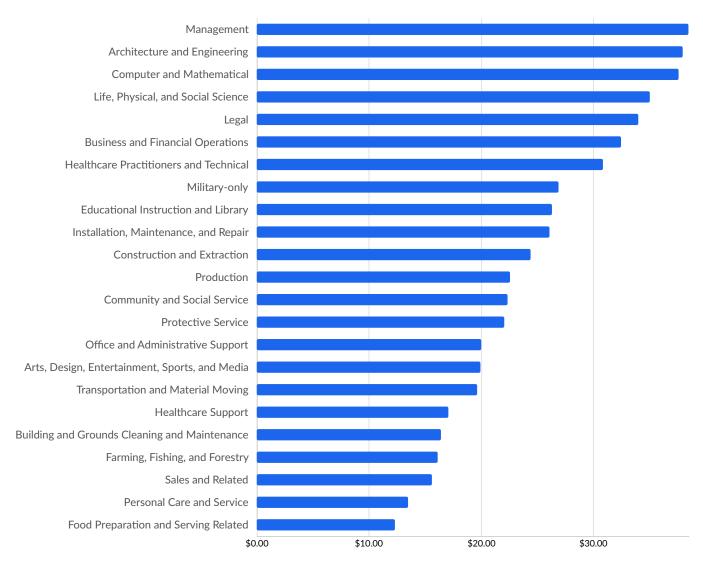
Occupation Employment Concentration





Top Occupation Earnings

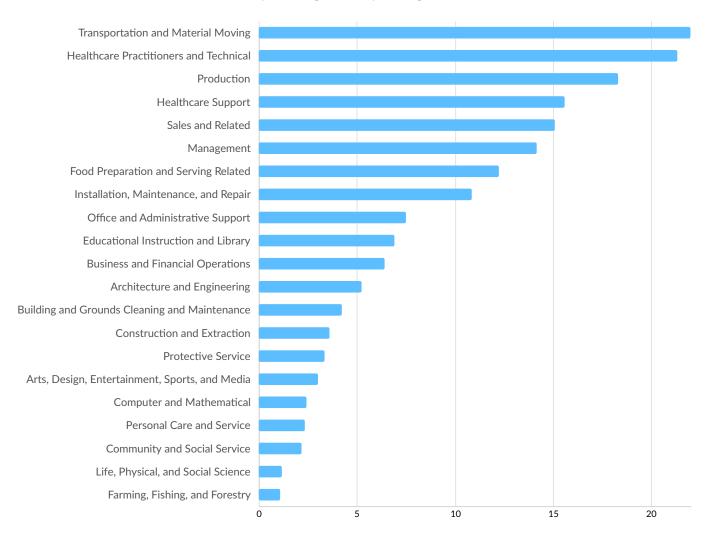






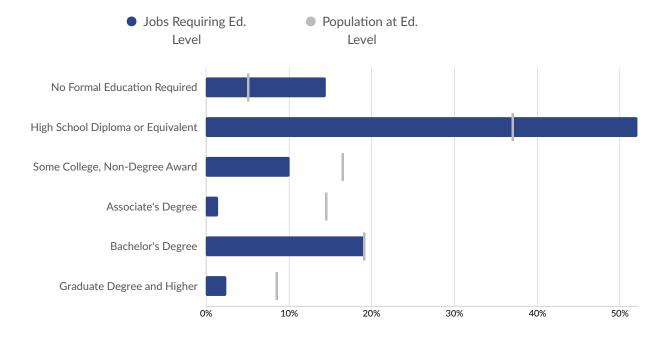
Top Posted Occupations

Unique Average Monthly Postings



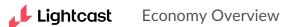


Underemployment



Educational Pipeline

Over the last 5 years, no schools in Putnam County, OH produced graduates.



In-Demand Skills

