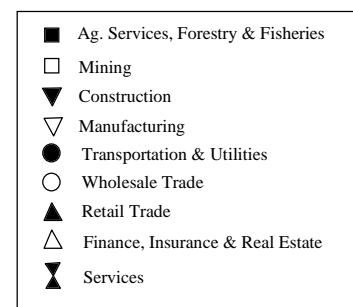
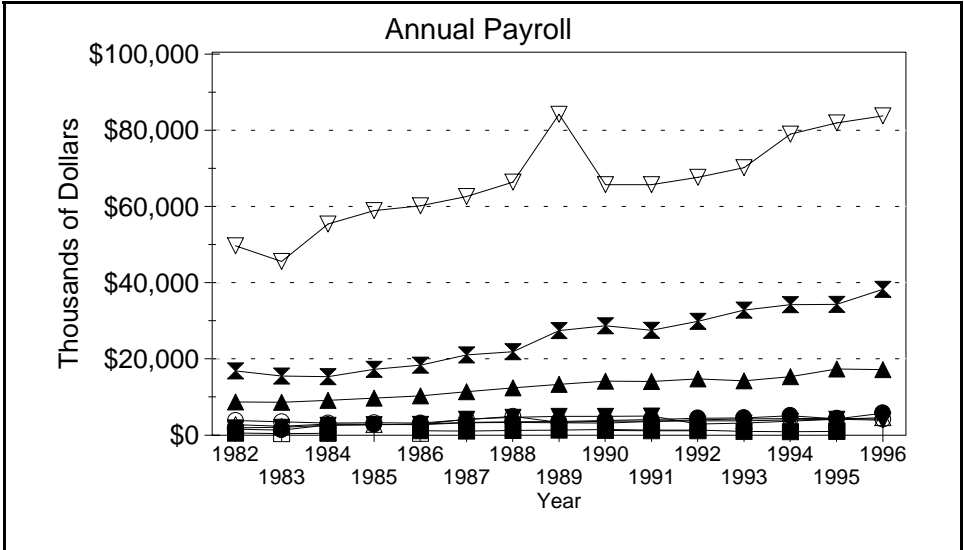
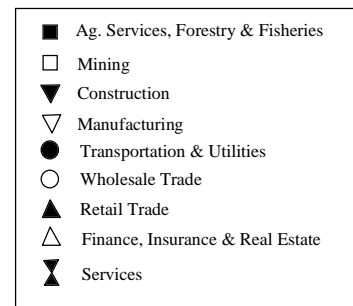
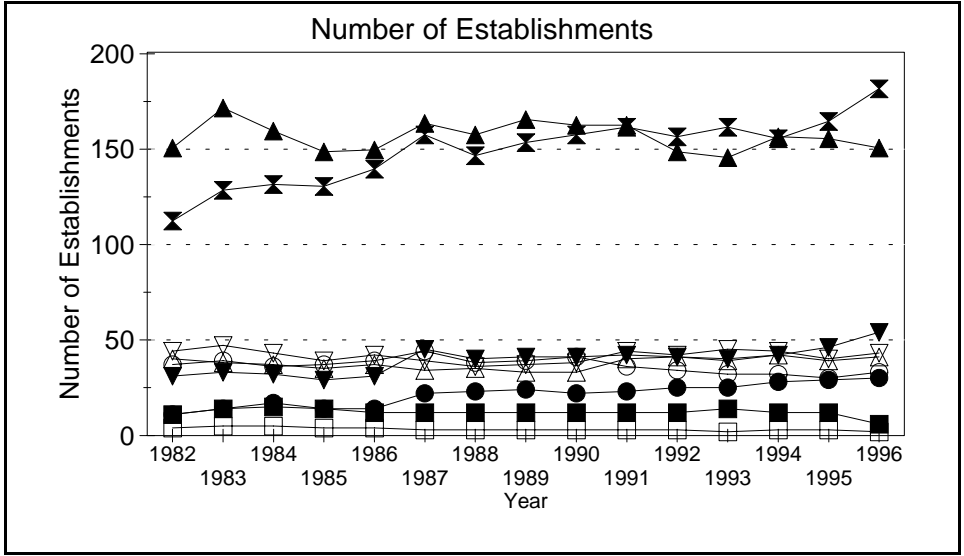
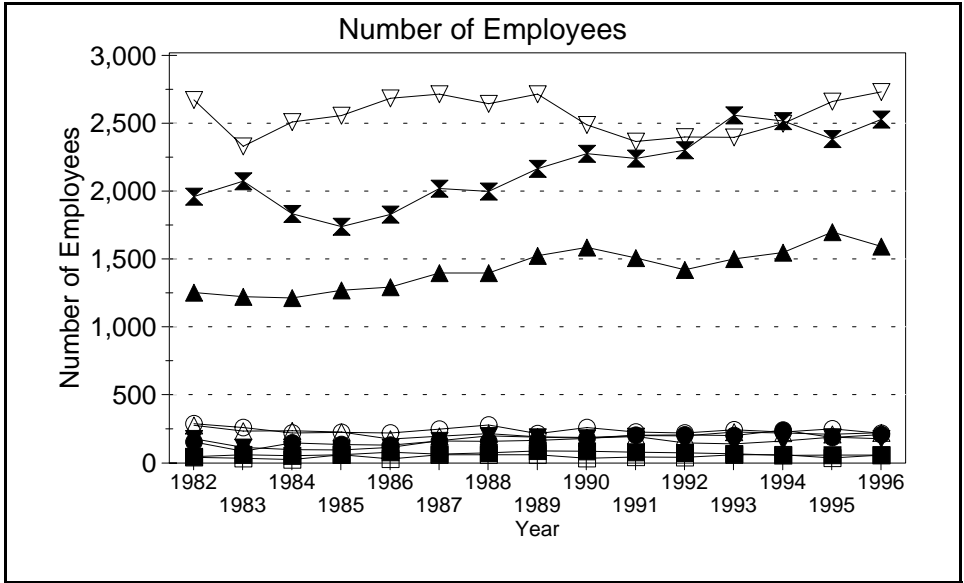


Business Statistics



Source: County Business Patterns, Ohio. These data are derived from all wage and salary employment covered by FICA which includes private non-farm employers and non-profit organizations, but does not include farms and the self employed.

Business Statistics

Number of Employees

Year	Ag. Services, Forestry, Fisheries*	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	Services	Not Classifiable	Total
1982	46	42	178	2,655	155	289	1,247	275	1,949	53	6,889
1983	B	34	114	2,317	86	260	1,216	234	2,061	B	6,405
1984	53	26	98	2,494	147	221	1,207	236	1,822	134	6,438
1985	B	B	95	2,541	136	225	1,263	227	1,729	119	6,442
1986	80	31	114	2,667	132	220	1,286	176	1,818	45	6,569
1987	66	B	163	2,698	161	249	1,389	197	2,008	A	6,970
1988	76	B	198	2,629	160	279	1,389	216	1,987	B	6,995
1989	88	B	190	2,699	166	216	1,517	193	2,153	B	7,304
1990	87	34	182	2,473	181	260	1,578	188	2,262	50	7,295
1991	79	44	195	2,352	204	227	1,501	201	2,228	14	7,045
1992	76	42	148	2,385	205	221	1,413	200	2,288	2	6,980
1993	67	B	141	2,383	202	244	1,493	227	2,543	B	7,360
1994	56	B	161	2,482	240	226	1,540	219	2,502	A	7,466
1995	59	38	189	2,645	188	251	1,689	210	2,370	6	7,645
1996	B	B	179	2,714	208	217	1,584	222	2,513	5	7,723

Number of Establishments

Year	Ag. Services, Forestry, Fisheries*	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	Services	Not Classifiable	Total
1982	11	4	31	44	11	37	150	40	112	10	450
1983	14	5	33	47	14	39	171	38	128	19	508
1984	15	5	32	43	17	36	159	37	131	57	532
1985	14	4	29	39	14	37	148	35	130	56	506
1986	12	4	31	42	14	39	149	37	139	31	498
1987	12	3	45	39	22	44	163	34	157	9	528
1988	12	3	40	36	23	38	157	35	146	34	524
1989	12	3	41	37	24	39	165	33	153	30	537
1990	12	3	41	38	22	41	162	33	157	17	526
1991	12	3	42	44	23	36	162	40	161	10	533
1992	12	3	41	42	25	34	148	41	156	10	512
1993	14	2	40	45	25	32	145	39	161	7	510
1994	12	3	42	44	28	32	156	42	155	6	520
1995	12	3	46	40	29	30	155	39	164	7	525
1996	6	2	54	43	30	33	150	41	181	3	543

Annual Payroll (Thousands of Dollars)

Year	Ag. Services, Forestry, Fisheries*	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	Services	Not Classifiable	Total
1982	619	582	1,888	49,482	1,570	3,874	8,712	2,750	16,765	183	86,425
1983	D	440	2,064	45,400	1,362	3,532	8,616	2,336	15,490	D	80,187
1984	693	523	2,590	55,124	2,685	3,163	9,131	2,931	15,283	681	92,804
1985	D	D	2,771	58,664	2,736	3,228	9,654	2,878	17,211	2,341	100,969
1986	1,142	514	2,841	59,863	2,949	3,153	10,308	2,772	18,313	493	102,349
1987	1,085	D	4,182	62,313	3,310	4,103	11,369	3,233	20,997	D	111,241
1988	1,212	D	4,691	66,119	3,485	4,906	12,385	3,372	21,791	D	118,959
1989	1,364	D	4,888	83,800	3,608	3,381	13,252	3,244	27,281	D	142,491
1990	1,489	1,223	4,944	65,400	3,803	3,683	14,142	3,171	28,545	116	126,516
1991	1,347	1,146	5,007	65,429	4,090	3,667	14,069	3,551	27,415	99	125,820
1992	1,303	1,160	2,941	67,368	4,442	4,017	14,707	3,721	29,770	89	129,518
1993	1,019	D	3,157	69,868	4,551	4,257	14,231	3,719	32,644	D	134,601
1994	939	D	3,646	78,614	5,114	4,332	15,258	4,014	34,050	D	147,208
1995	1,034	1,162	4,160	81,534	4,244	4,411	17,323	4,215	34,160	29	152,272
1996	D	D	3,952	83,370	5,744	4,188	17,098	4,570	38,122	20	159,121

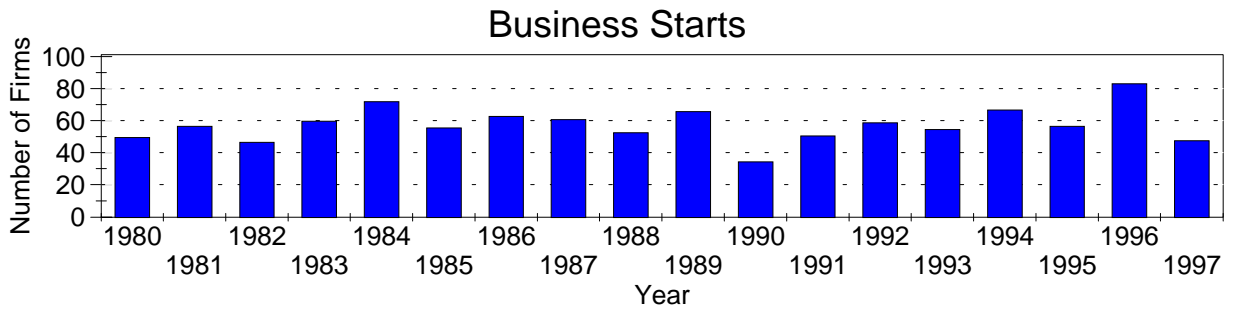
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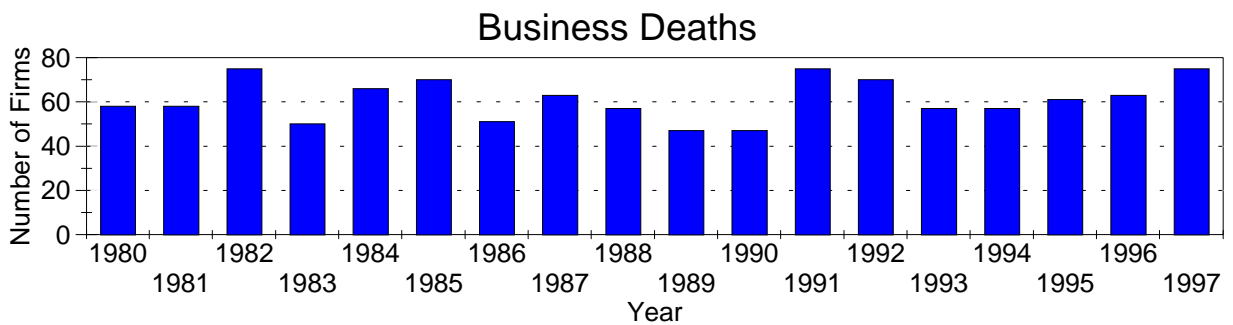
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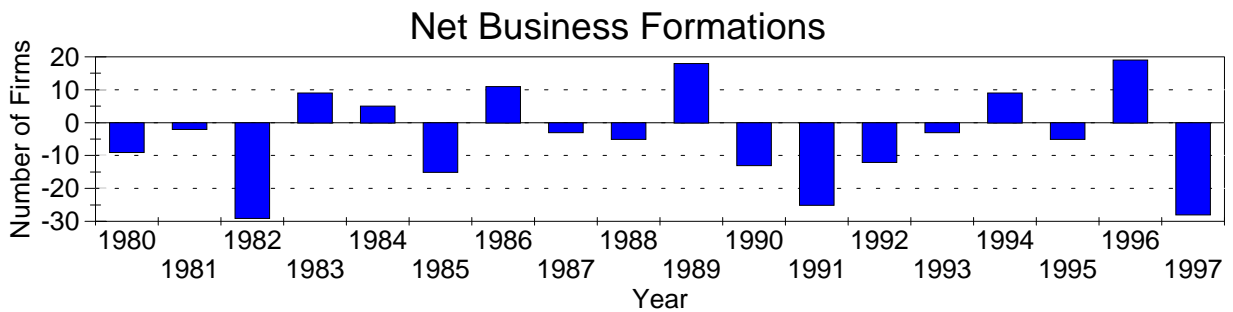
Business Statistics



Business starts and business deaths are determined from workers compensation records.



Business starts less business deaths equal net business formations.



Business Starts

Year	Number of Firms
1980	49
1981	56
1982	46
1983	59
1984	71
1985	55
1986	62
1987	60
1988	52
1989	65
1990	34
1991	50
1992	58
1993	54
1994	66
1995	56
1996	82
1997	47

Business Deaths

Year	Number of Firms
1980	58
1981	58
1982	75
1983	50
1984	66
1985	70
1986	51
1987	63
1988	57
1989	47
1990	47
1991	75
1992	70
1993	57
1994	57
1995	61
1996	63
1997	75

Net Business Formations

Year	Number of Firms
1980	-9
1981	-2
1982	-29
1983	9
1984	5
1985	-15
1986	11
1987	-3
1988	-5
1989	18
1990	-13
1991	-25
1992	-12
1993	-3
1994	9
1995	-5
1996	19
1997	-28

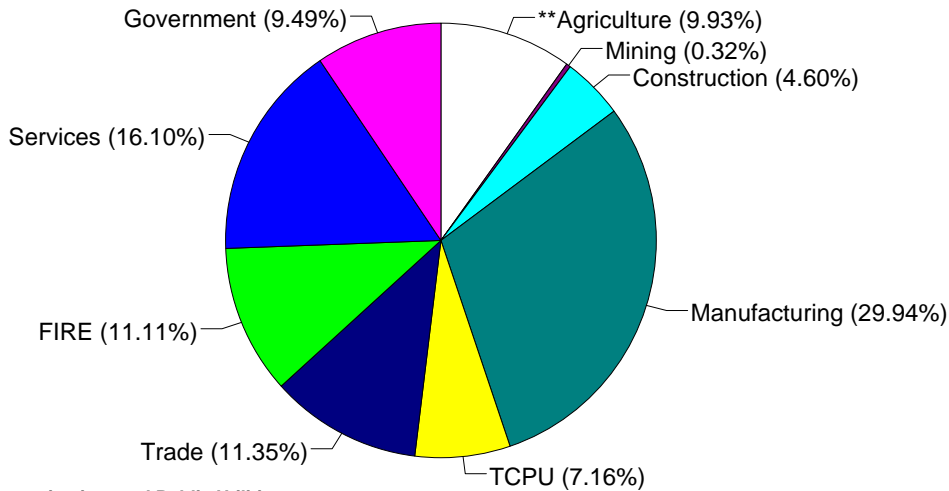
Source: Components of Business Change, Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research

Economic Structure

Total Value Added:
\$417.42 million.

Value Added by Sector (1993)*

Value Added is a broad measure of income that includes employee compensations, business profits, and returns to property, plant, and equipment.



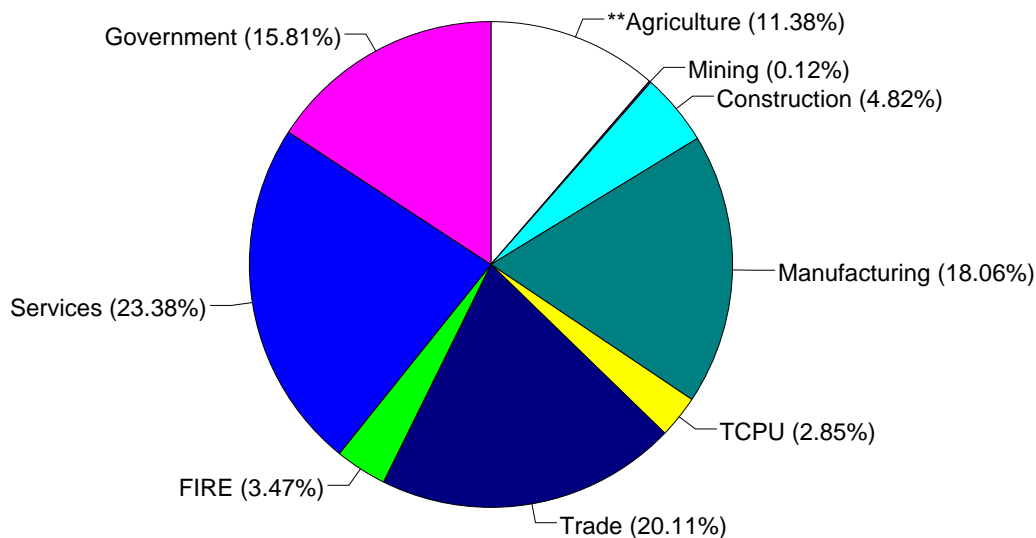
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*These estimates include many components not reported in other sources such as farms, self-employed, and small firms.

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Total Employment:
11,728 workers.

1993 Employment by Sector*



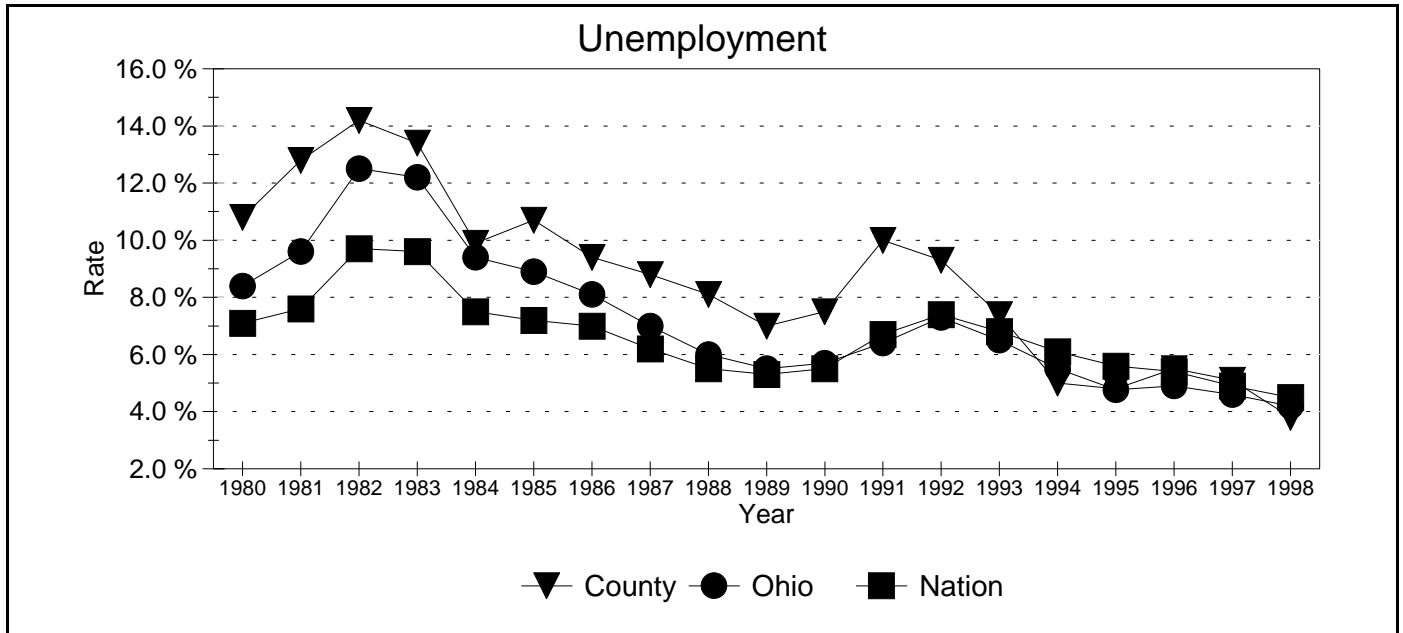
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Source: 1993 IMPLAN database, Minnesota Implan Group. IMPLAN is a non-survey regional input-output account generator originally developed by the U.S. Forest Service. These estimates provide a full picture of the county's economy.

Unemployment Statistics



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Commuting Statistics

Residents retained in Hardin County: 8,633.

Residents of Neighboring Counties Working in Hardin County, 1990

County of Residence	Number of Incommuters
Allen	363
Wyandot	337
Hancock	257
Logan	248
Marion	125
Auglaize	48
Putnam	32

Residents of Hardin County Working in Neighboring Counties, 1990

County of Work	Number of Outcommuters
Allen	1,577
Hancock	739
Logan	597
Union	361
Wyandot	273
Marion	184
Franklin	138

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census Summary Tape File S-5.