



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

State of the Region 2009

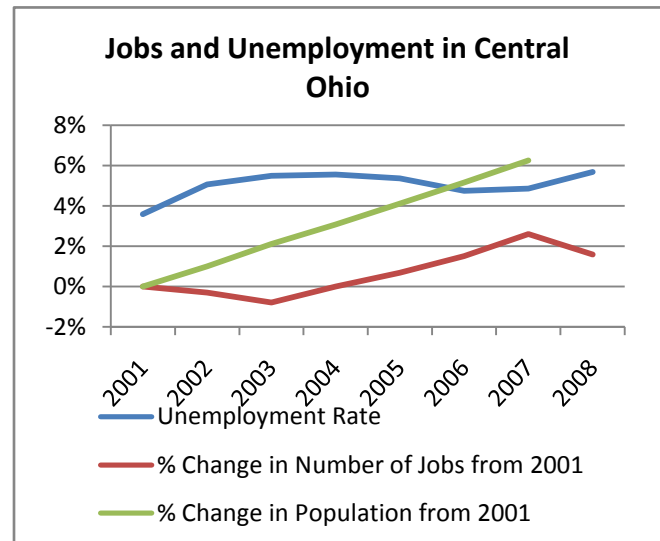
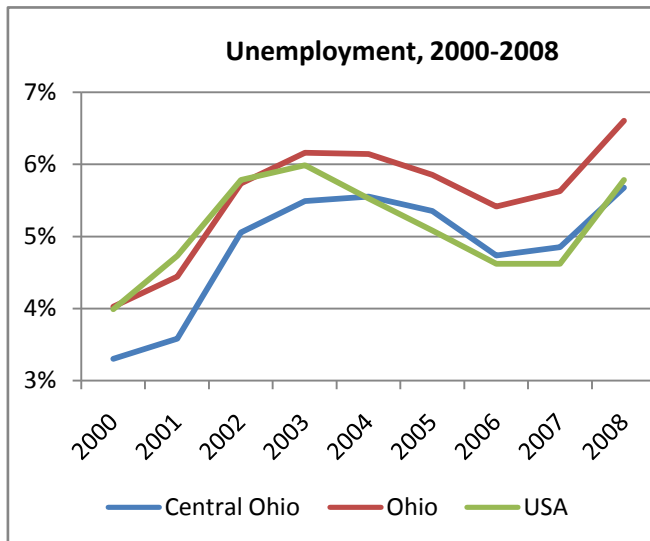
Issue: Prosperity

Metric: Unemployment

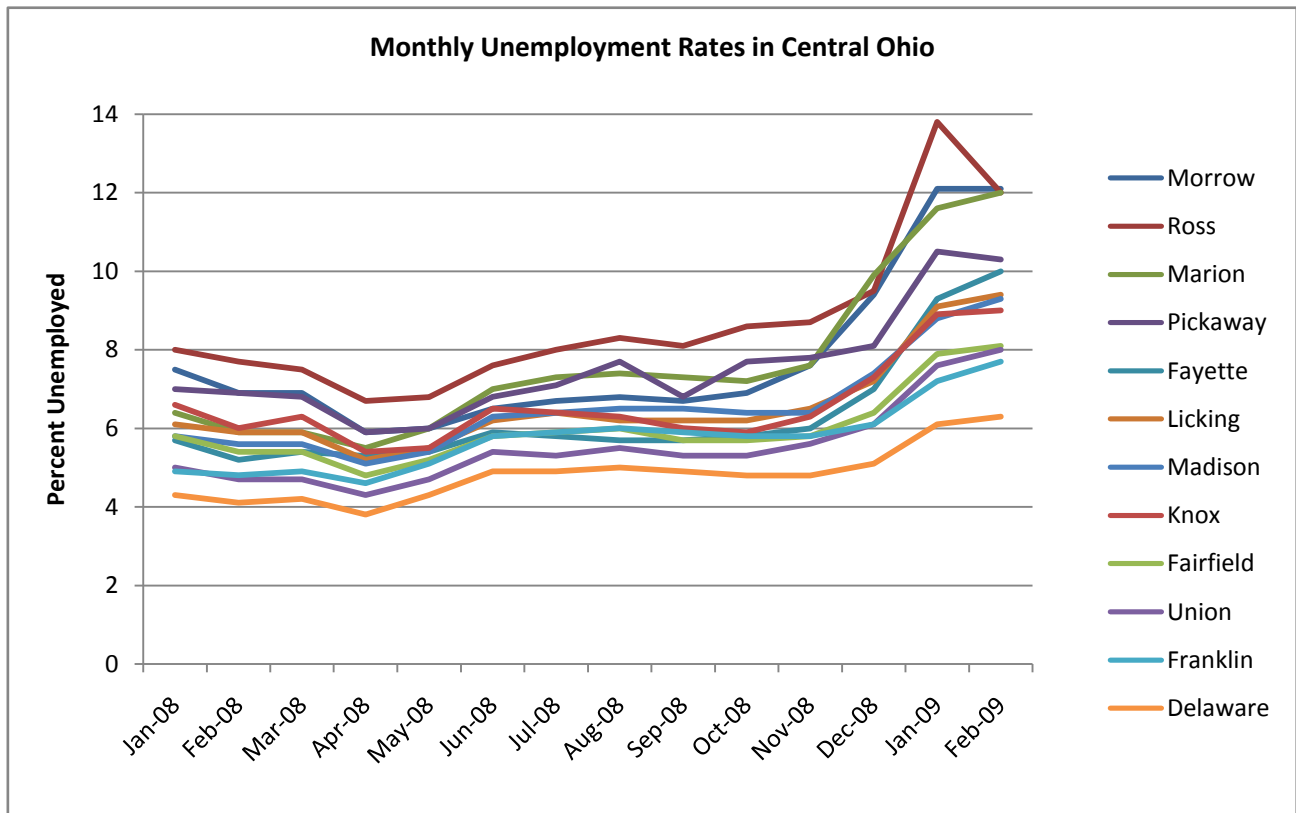
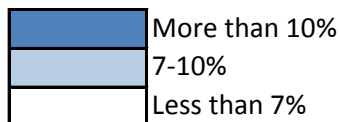
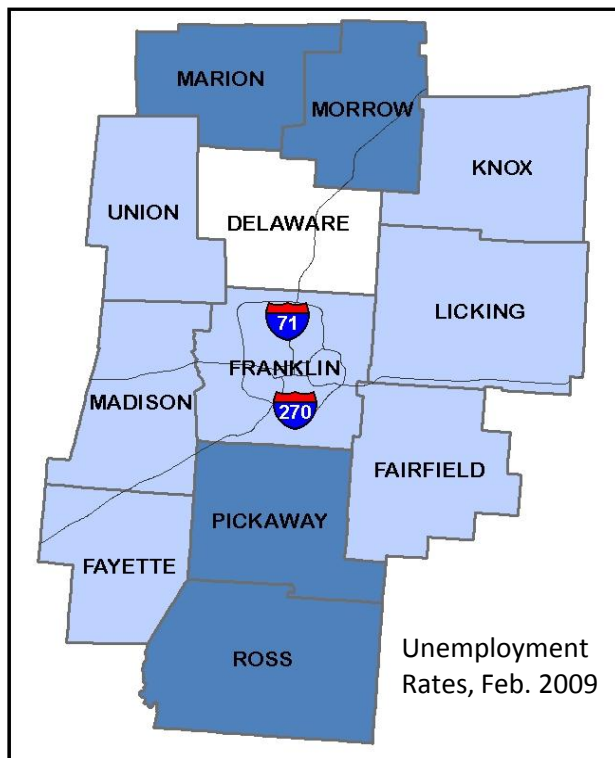
From 2003 to 2006, central Ohio saw a decrease in unemployment along with an increase in jobs and a growing population. But since 2007, the trend has reversed. Although the population continues to grow, the region is now losing jobs instead of gaining them. Unemployment is on the rise again.

Unemployment increased rapidly in the region through 2008 and early 2009. As of February, Morrow County had the highest unemployment rate (12.1%), closely followed by Marion and Ross Counties. Delaware and Franklin Counties had the lowest unemployment rates.

The Blue Chip Economic Forecast for 2009, published by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, predicts that employment in central Ohio will continue to decline throughout 2009, but at a slower rate than the national level. Healthcare and private education are the only employment sectors expected to strengthen in the region in 2009.



	Percent Unemployed									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Delaware	2.7%	2.8%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%	4.0%	4.6%	
Fairfield	3.2%	3.4%	5.1%	5.4%	5.6%	5.3%	4.7%	5.0%	5.6%	
Fayette	4.0%	3.9%	5.8%	5.8%	5.6%	5.7%	4.9%	4.8%	6.0%	
Franklin	3.1%	3.4%	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%	5.2%	4.7%	4.7%	5.5%	
Knox	4.0%	4.3%	5.3%	6.3%	5.8%	5.6%	4.9%	5.5%	6.2%	
Licking	3.6%	4.0%	5.1%	6.0%	6.0%	5.8%	5.1%	5.2%	6.1%	
Madison	3.6%	3.6%	5.2%	5.6%	6.1%	5.6%	5.0%	5.4%	6.3%	
Marion	4.1%	4.7%	5.6%	6.3%	6.6%	6.2%	5.2%	5.5%	7.0%	
Morrow	3.6%	4.7%	5.3%	6.4%	6.3%	6.2%	5.6%	5.5%	7.0%	
Pickaway	4.2%	4.6%	6.0%	6.8%	7.2%	7.1%	5.8%	6.0%	7.1%	
Ross	5.1%	5.4%	6.8%	7.6%	7.8%	7.2%	6.0%	6.9%	8.0%	
Union	3.2%	3.1%	4.3%	4.7%	5.0%	4.9%	4.4%	4.3%	5.0%	
Region	3.3%	3.6%	5.1%	5.5%	5.6%	5.4%	4.7%	4.9%	5.7%	
Ohio	4.0%	4.4%	5.7%	6.2%	6.1%	5.9%	5.4%	5.6%	6.6%	
USA	4.0%	4.7%	5.8%	6.0%	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	5.8%	



Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Labor Market Information

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