

# Ohio Middle Class Index

## 8 Years of Failed Economic Policies

<b>Ohio Economic Indicators</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b><u>JOBS</u></b>		
<b>Number of Employed</b>	5,576,496	5,550,258
<b>Number of Unemployed<sup>i</sup></b>	241,226	444,565
<b>Unemployment rate<sup>ii</sup></b>	4.1%	7.4%
<b>Total nonfarm employment<sup>iii</sup></b>	5,669,200	5,406,800
<b>% Change</b>		-4.6%
<b>Mass Layoffs<sup>iv</sup></b>	391	533
<b>Manufacturing Jobs<sup>v</sup></b>	1,070,300	755,700
<b>% Change</b>		-29.39%
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
<b>Minimum wage<sup>vi</sup></b>	\$6.55	\$7.00
<b>Family income*<sup>vii</sup></b>		
Median	\$49,832	\$48,151
Median Real Wage <sup>viii</sup>	\$15.23	\$14.76
Real Wage Change		-3.25%
<b>Poverty*<sup>ix</sup></b>		
Rate	10.6%	13.1%
People in poverty	1,170,000	1,500,000
<b><u>COSTS</u></b>		
<b>Health Insurance Access and Affordability<sup>x</sup></b>		
Annual Insurance Premiums	\$7,942	\$11,636
People without insurance	1,140,000	1,220,000
Medicaid Enrollment – Families and Children <sup>xi</sup>	779,429	1,357,825
<b>College Tuition*<sup>xii</sup></b>		
Private four-year college	\$19,688	\$21,127
Public four-year college	\$5,707	\$ 9,010
<b>Gasoline</b>	(top price per gallon) <sup>xiii</sup>	\$1.74
		\$4.06
<b>Heating Oil</b>	(dollar / gallon) <sup>xiv</sup>	\$1.37
		\$3.13

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**\*2007 data – most recent available**

**all data adjusted for inflation**

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<sup>i</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics

<sup>ii</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>iii</sup> Economic Policy Institute

<sup>iv</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics

<sup>v</sup> *Ibid.* (Aug 2000 – Aug 2008)

<sup>vi</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>vii</sup> US Department of Labor (July 2008 \$)

<sup>viii</sup> US Census Bureau(2007 \$)

<sup>ix</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>x</sup> Senate Joint Economic Committee

<sup>xi</sup> Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services

<sup>xii</sup> US Department of Education

<sup>xiii</sup> Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration

<sup>xiv</sup> The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio