

OHIO LOST OVER 260,000 JOBS SINCE 2000



A new report says Ohio lost 262,383 jobs since 2000, or about 5% of its work force. The majority of those were manufacturing jobs, with 218,453 factory positions disappearing since 2001, or 23% of the state's total seven years ago. Meanwhile the average Ohio worker is making 1% less than in 2000 even without considering inflation. Cleveland economist George Zeller compiled the report for Cuyahoga County government by analyzing state job data. Ohio's unemployment rate of 7.8% is the highest in the state in more than 20 years.

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