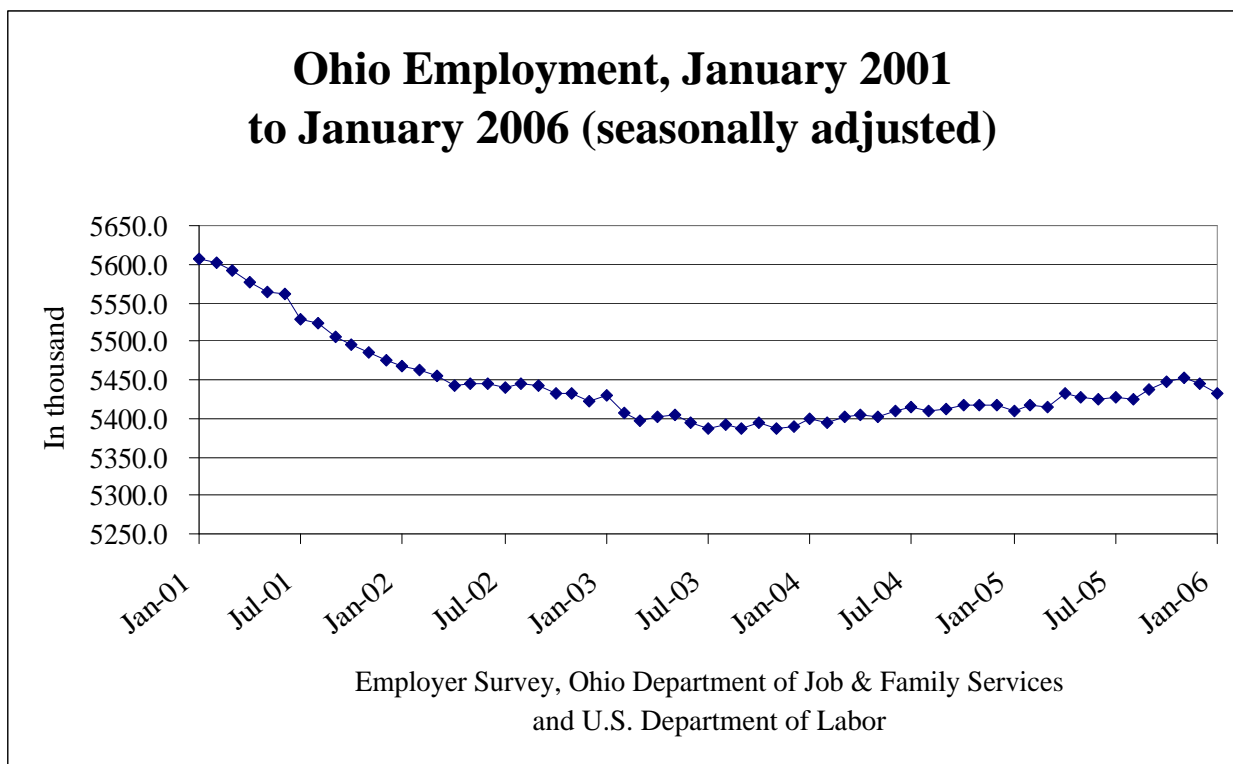


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JOB WATCH

Early March 2006

Revised figures show somewhat better job growth in 2005, but a recent lag



The chart above and the following statistics, based on the latest seasonally adjusted payroll numbers released March 7 by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, highlight changes in the Ohio job market since 2001:

	1/2006	1/2001	Percent Change since 1/2001	3/2001 (Start of recession)	Percent Change since 3/2001	11/2001 (End of recession)	Percent Change since 11/2001
Total Jobs	5,431.3	5,606.1	-3.1%	5,591.7	-2.9%	5,486.2	-1.0%
Manuf. Jobs	812.2	998.8	-18.7%	984.6	-17.5%	915.7	-11.3%

Source: Employer Survey, Ohio Department of Job & Family Services and U.S. Department of Labor, number of jobs in thousands.

Revised figures from ODJFS show that Ohio added 29,300 jobs during 2005, a greater number than the 3,600 shown previously, as job growth was stronger last fall than initially reported. Unfortunately, such gains did not continue in December and January. Manufacturing employment, the source of most of the state's job losses during the decade, has failed to gain traction.

The ODJFS also reported from a separate survey of households that the Ohio unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in January, down from 5.9 percent in December.

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