

Available Workforce

The Athens County Vibe is cosmopolitan rural—a cultural mecca nestled in the Appalachian foothills. Our diverse workforce reflects that identity. Your business requires wide range of qualified professionals, and we have the resources to help you find them.

You Want Quality Workers, We've Got 'Em

Athens County is part of a larger regional workshed where more workers commute into our county from surrounding counties than go out for other employment. The current regional laborforce is 113,000 with 104,900 employed leaving an unemployment rate of 8.3%. Rural higher unemployment rates mean a readily available workforce. Quality employees stay put rather than “shopping around” for the next best job.

Athens County

Percent of workers that work outside the county 16.8%

Average commute time (in minutes) 21.7

Workers 16+ living in Athens Co. 25,586			Workers 16+ working in Athens Co. 26,145		
Commute In To	Number	Percent	Commute Out To	Number	Percent
Franklin Co. OH	712	2.8%	Meigs Co. OH	1,334	5.1%
Hocking Co. OH	580	2.3%	Hocking Co. OH	945	3.6%
Wood Co. WV	563	2.2%	Vinton Co. OH	420	1.6%
Washington Co. OH	462	1.8%	Morgan Co. OH	380	1.5%
Fairfield Co. OH	431	1.7%	Jackson Co. OH	220	0.8%
Vinton Co. OH	149	0.6%	Washington Co. OH	208	0.8%
Meigs Co. OH	142	0.6%	Gallia Co. OH	165	0.6%
Jackson Co. OH	130	0.5%	Fairfield Co. OH	142	0.5%
Perry Co. OH	123	0.5%	Wood Co. OH	116	0.4%
Ross Co. OH	112	0.4%	Perry Co. OH	110	0.4%

Percent is of workers living in the county

Percent is of workers working in the county

October 2008 Regional Employment Data

Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Athens Co.	28,600	26,700	1,900	6.8
Hocking Co.	14,200	13,100	1,100	7.9
Meigs Co.	9,000	8,100	900	10.1
Morgan Co.	5,600	5,100	500	9.4
Perry Co.	16,400	15,100	1,400	8.5
Vinton Co.	5,900	5,300	600	10.0
Washington Co.	33,300	31,500	1,800	5.4
Totals	113,000	104,900	8,200	8.3

Affordable Workforce

From our regional workforce, you will find average weekly wages of \$573 per week versus \$768 per week for the State of Ohio. The region's per capita income is \$21,893.43 which is 63% of the national average.