

Springfield and Clark County has a well-diversified economic base with a unique combination of retail, industrial, agricultural, wholesale, government, and tourism sector with technology firms increasing.

As of 2005, there were 1,639 Clark Countians (8% of the total employees) employed at **Wright-Patterson Air Force Base** with an approximate payroll of \$100,090,346. The **Ohio Air National Guard** facility at Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport employs 1,000 full and part-time people with a payroll of \$50.3 million.

Agriculture receipts for 2004 were \$100,529,000 ranking Clark County 16th in the state. Clark County led the state in fed cattle (\$11,300,000) and ranked fourth in greenhouse and nursery (\$23,826,000). There are 760 farms on 173,000 acres in the county.

The **Clark County civilian labor force** is 70,600. There are 2,500 businesses in Clark County, with 280 new business starts in 2004.

There are 201 **manufacturers** in Clark County including nine food processing companies. The reason most commonly cited for the area's leading position in food processing is the state's strategic location between the grain belt and the populous Eastern markets. Other main industrial categories are transportation equipment, machinery, electrical equipment, fabricated metals, printing and publishing, primary metals, instruments, leather, stone-clay-glass and plastics.

Major Planned Initiatives for Springfield-Clark County:

Hospital, downtown, new \$300 million facility, completion by 2010
 Nextedge Technology Park, \$30 million, 250-acre project
 Splash Zone, \$7 million aquatic center, completion 2007
 Ice arena, a \$9.5 million ice sports facility, completion 2007

For a complete list of planned initiatives see **Statistics**.

Industries in Clark County

	Ave. Emp. 2004	Wages 2004	Ave. Emp. 2005	Wages 2005
Accommodations & Food Services	4,766	\$51,275,000	4,800	\$52,193,000
Administrative & Waste Services	1,480	\$24,561,000	1,427	\$22,837,000
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	540	\$14,154,000	549	\$14,203,000
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	534	\$6,825,000	479	\$6,875,000
Construction	1,808	\$62,203,000	1,715	\$57,416,000
Educational Services	736	\$25,550,000	787	\$27,213,000
Finance & Insurance	2,073	\$62,643,000	2,116	\$64,052,000
Health care & Social Assistance	8,367	\$260,201,000	8,342	\$270,077,000
Information	215	\$6,741,000	207	\$6,518,000
Management Companies & Enterprises	n/a	n/a	841	\$44,885,000
Manufacturing	8,027	\$352,708,000	8,137	\$355,823,000
Mining	37	\$1,603,000	48	\$2,168,000
Other Services except Public Administration	2,133	\$49,620,000	2,123	\$50,646,000
Professional & Technical Services	n/a	n/a	796	\$32,812,000
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	545	\$12,527,000	581	\$13,333,000
Retail Trade	6,547	\$133,015,000	6,325	\$132,698,000
Transportation & Warehousing	2,295	\$80,314,000	2,339	\$82,269,000
Utilities	143	\$9,203,000	128	\$8,557,000
Wholesale Trade	1,795	\$68,836,000	1,723	\$64,163,000

2005 Effective Buying Income (EBI)

	Total EBI	Median Hsld. EBI	% of Hslds. By EBI Group			Buying Power Index
			(A) \$20 - \$34,999	(B) \$35 - \$49,999	(C) \$50,000 and over	
Clark County	\$2,448,935	\$36,695	24.9	21.3	31.4	.0478
Springfield	\$925,883	\$29,771	27.6	20.1	21.0	.0211

2005 Retail Sales by Store Group (\$000)

County City	Total Retail Sales	Food & Beverage Stores	Food Service & Dining Est.	General Merchandise	Furniture	Motor
					Home Furnishings Electronics Appliances	Vehicles & Parts Dealers
Clark County	\$2,324,172	\$279,669	\$173,454	\$430,320	\$37,889	\$415,089
Springfield	\$1,217,322	\$144,183	\$108,612	\$175,162	\$18,355	\$244,321