Comparing Employment Growth in Major Midwestern Metro Areas (2001-2023, LAUS)

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SUMMARY: Metro Cleveland Had the Worst Employment Growth Rate of 12 Midwestern Metros from 2001 to 2023

Metro Cleveland employment decreased by 6.1% since 2001, compared to a gain of +4.2% for the Midwest region. Overall, Metro Cleveland dropped by 64,900 over the two-decade period. The area lost 7.9% from 2001 to 2010, gained 4.6% from from 2010 to 2019 and dropped 2.5% during the 2019-2023 Covid/recovery period.

The area ranked last out of 12 comparable major Midwestern metropolitan areas in employment growth rate. (The comparison is based on BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.)

Midwestern Metro Areas Employment Growth (2001-2023)

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MSA	2001-2023 %Chg Empl	2001-2010 %Chg Empl	2010-2019 %Chg Empl	2019-2023 %Chg Empl	2001-22 CAGR	2001-	
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Indianapolis	26.8%	-0.5%	22.0%	4.4%	1.09%	Indianapolis	
Columbus	22.6%	2.6%	17.0%	2.1%	0.93%	'	
Kansas City	21.2%	4.7%	12.0%	3.4%	0.88%	Columbus	
Minn-St. Paul	12.6%	-0.7%	13.6%	-0.2%	0.54%	Kansas City	
Cincinnati	11.9%	-0.9%	10.8%	1.9%	0.51%	Minn-St. Paul	
St. Louis	6.3%	-1.5%	7.6%	0.3%	0.28%	Cincinnati	
Chicago	4.9%	-3.5%	9.7%	-0.9%	0.22%	St. Louis	
Milwaukee	2.8%	-2.6%	6.0%	-0.4%	0.13%	Chicago	
Pittsburgh	-1.8%	-4.2%	6.2%	-3.4%	-0.08%	Milwaukee	
Buffalo	-2.0%	-3.2%	1.3%	-0.1%	-0.09%	Pittsburgh	
Detroit	-3.2%	-17.4%	18.7%	-1.2%	-0.15%	Buffalo	
Cleveland	-6.1%	-7.9%	4.6%	-2.5%	-0.29%	Detroit	
Midwest region	4.2%	-4.2%	9.0%	-0.2%	0.19%		
Source: BLS, LAUS. M	Source: BLS, LAUS. Metro Cleveland includes Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain & Medina count Midwest region						

2001-2023 %Change in Metro Employment -10% 10% 20% 30% Indianapolis 27% Columbus 23% Kansas City Minn-St. Paul 13% Cincinnati 12% St. Louis Chicago 5% Milwaukee 3% Pittsburgh Buffalo -2% Detroit -3% Cleveland 4%

Midwestern Metro Areas Employment Growth Rank

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	2001-2023	2001-2010	2010-2019	2019-2023	
	%Chg Empl	Chg Empl	Chg Empl	Chg Empl	
	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	
Indianapolis	1	3	1	1	
Columbus	2	2	3	3	
Kansas City	3	1 5		2	
Minneapolis	4	4	4	7	
Cincinnati	5	5	6	4	
St. Louis	6	6	8	5	
Chicago	7	9	7	9	
Milwaukee	8	7	10	8	
Pittsburgh	9	10	9	12	
Buffalo	10	8	12	6	
Detroit	11	12	2	10	
CLEVELAND	12	11	11	11	
Source: BLS, LAUS.					

Metro Cleveland Employment					
Growth Rank					
(12 Midwestern Metro Areas)					
2001-2023 %Chg Empl Rank	12				
2001-2010 Chg Empl Rank	11				
2010-2019 Chg Empl Rank	11				
2019-2022 Chg Empl Rank	11				

Employment Growth in Midwestern Metro Areas (2001-2023)								
MSA	2001	2010	2019	2023	2001-2023 Chg Empl	2001-2010 Chg Empl	2010-2019 Chg Empl	2019-202 Chg Empl
Indianapolis	866,100	862,200	1,052,200	1,098,500	232,400	(3,900)	190,000	46,300
Columbus	891,500	915,000	1,070,700	1,093,100	201,600	23,500	155,700	22,400
Kansas City	941,900	986,500	1,104,500	1,141,800	199,900	44,600	118,000	37,300
Minn-St. Paul	1,747,700	1,734,700	1,970,700	1,967,700	220,000	(13,000)	236,000	(3,000)
Cincinnati	998,600	989,300	1,096,400	1,117,700	119,100	(9,300)	107,100	21,300
St. Louis	1,351,900	1,332,000	1,433,300	1,437,200	85,300	(19,900)	101,300	3,900
Chicago	4,506,400	4,348,600	4,769,100	4,727,600	221,200	(157,800)	420,500	(41,500)
Milwaukee	766,300	746,100	791,000	787,700	21,400	(20,200)	44,900	(3,300)
Pittsburgh	1,153,700	1,104,900	1,173,200	1,133,300	(20,400)	(48,800)	68,300	(39,900)
Buffalo	541,500	524,000	530,800	530,500	(11,000)	(17,500)	6,800	(300)
Detroit	2,141,100	1,767,900	2,097,900	2,072,200	(68,900)	(373,200)	330,000	(25,700)
Cleveland	1,063,500	979,200	1,024,600	998,600	(64,900)	(84,300)	45,400	(26,000)
Midwest region	32,575,700	31,211,600	34,010,200	33,948,600	1,372,900	(1,364,100)	2,798,600	(61,600)
Source: BLS, LAUS. Metro Cleveland includes Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain & Medina counties.								