The marine economy is defined as those businesses whose existence depends on the oceans or Great Lakes. The economic data found here helps leaders better understand trends and consider the needs of these businesses when making decisions about the future of the coast. Six sectors make up the marine economy: marine construction, offshore mineral extraction, tourism and recreation, living resources, ship and boat building, and marine transportation.

The Big Picture
Ohio's Marine Economy in 2019

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The Details

Largest Employment Sector: Tourism and recreation employs 75% of the state’s marine economy

Largest GDP Sector: Tourism and recreation produces 52% of the total gross domestic product (GDP) derived from the state’s marine economy

High Earners: The average wage of marine economy employees in Ohio is $28,024, which is lower than the state average ($52,125). Offshore mineral resources has the highest average wage per employee at $66,670.

National Ranking: Ohio is ranked 16 out of 30 coastal states for marine employment, and 17 out of 30 coastal states for GDP

Top County: Employment Cuyahoga County, Ohio, is home to 39% of marine jobs in Ohio

Top County: GDP Cuyahoga County, Ohio, produces 49% of the marine economy’s gross domestic product in Ohio

Ohio's Marine Economy

2,755 Businesses
57,728 Employees
$1.6 billion Wages
$3.5 billion GDP

LEGEND (1 CELL = 1%)
- Living Resources
- Marine Transportation
- Ship and Boat Building
- Marine Construction
- Offshore Mineral Resources
- Tourism and Recreation

A Decade of Change (2009-2019)

32% Businesses
Ohio had an increase of 668 marine businesses, which was an increase of 32% over the past decade.

42% Employees
Ohio had an increase of 17,141 marine jobs, an increase of 42% over the past decade.

31% Average Wages
On average, an employee working in Ohio's marine economy made $28,024 in 2019, compared to an average wage of $21,389 in 2009. The marine economy average wage in Ohio had an increase of 31%.

104% Gross Domestic Product
The value of Ohio's marine economy had an increase of 104% over the past decade. Changes in GDP can be driven by volatility of the price of resources.

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