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 2020

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The Details

Largest Employment Sector: 
Tourism and recreation employs 65% of the state’s marine economy

Largest GDP Sector: 
Tourism and recreation produces 47% 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 $32,357, which is lower than the state average ($55,872). Marine construction has the highest average wage per employee at $71,648.

National Ranking: 
Ohio is ranked 16 out of 30 coastal states for marine employment, and 18 out of 30 coastal states for GDP

Top County: Employment 
Cuyahoga County, Ohio, is home to 41% of marine jobs in Ohio

Top County: GDP 
Cuyahoga County, Ohio, produces 46% of the marine economy's gross domestic product in Ohio

Ohio's Marine Economy

LEGEND (1 CELL = 1%)

- Living Resources
- Marine Transportation
- Ship and Boat Building
- Marine Construction
- Offshore Mineral Resources
- Tourism and Recreation

A Decade of Change (2010-2020)

- **25%** Businesses
  Ohio had an increase of 551 marine businesses, which was an increase of 25% over the past decade.

- **25%** Employees
  Ohio had an increase of 10,237 marine jobs, an increase of 25% over the past decade.

- **50%** Average Wages
  On average, an employee working in Ohio's marine economy made $32,357 in 2020, compared to an average wage of $21,586 in 2010. The marine economy average wage in Ohio had an increase of 50%.

- **59%** Gross Domestic Product
  The value of Ohio's marine economy had an increase of 59% over the past decade. Changes in GDP can be driven by volatility of the price of resources.

The numbers on the first and second page may vary slightly, as some data is suppressed when presented at the sector level. Rounding may also contribute to some differences. On the regional level, differences in numbers may arise from the way that the total economy is calculated.

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