



# Update

A monthly communication for officials in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties

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## Walmart Grant Promotes Oh-Penn Interstate Region

The Oh-Penn Interstate Region – encompassing Lawrence and Mercer Counties in Pennsylvania and Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana Counties in Ohio -- was awarded \$550,000 by the Walmart Foundation as part of its America Works Initiative. The award, one of only seven given nationwide, will be used to implement the Region's strategic plan, expand the Business Resource Network into Lawrence and Mercer Counties and systematically expand the WorkKeys®/WIN program into Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana Counties. The Oh-Penn region was created Jan. 1, 2009 by a joint proclamation of Ohio Governor Strickland and Pennsylvania Governor Rendell and is the nation's first interstate workforce investment area.

## Local, State, US Unemployment Rate\*

	Jobless	Apr. 10	Apr. 09
Columbiana	7,100	13.1%	12.6%
Mahoning	14,000	12.1%	11.9%
Youngstown	3,900	13.6%	13.3%
Ohio	636,400	10.7%	9.8%
U.S.	14,609,000	9.5%	8.6%

\* Not Seasonally Adjusted

## Tkachuk Joins MCTA

Janice Tkachuk has joined the MCTA staff as a Follow-Up Aide and is located at the Youngstown office.

## Initial Unemployment Claims\*

Week Ending	Mahoning	Columbiana
5/1/2010	237	160
5/8/2010	251	130
5/15/2010	379	109
5/22/2010	287	109

\*Ohio Labor Market Information Statistics

## ODJFS Directors Hear of BRN

Jessica Borza, COO of the One-Stop Workforce System of Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, and Neil Yutkin of the Ohio Department of Development made a presentation on the Business Resource Network to the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services Directors' meeting on May 27 in Columbus.

## One-Stop Traffic

APRIL	2010	2009	Change
Columbiana	1,346	1,445	-6.9%
Mahoning	1,872	1,963	-4.6%



Local officials cut the ribbon on May 17 at the new One-Stop Satellite at Oakhill.

## CCOS, BRN Take Part in Summit

The One-Stop Workforce System of Columbiana County and the Business Resource Network participated in the Columbiana County Economic Summit on May 10 at the Salem Community Center. The event aimed to bring together organizations to help attract, retain and grow businesses in Columbiana County. SAIDC (Salem Area Industrial Development Corp.) organized the event and is planning another Columbiana County Economic Summit next year.