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**2010 STATE SALARY DATA AND DATA AGGREGATOR TOOL ADDED TO
BUCKEYE INSTITUTE WEBSITE**

March 4, 2011—COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions today released on its website the 2010 State Salary data, as well as a new Data Aggregator tool. This new data tool gives users the ability to search across all five government salary databases to gain a broad view of Ohio government employee salaries by pay ranges.

Since the launch of the updated website on April 30, 2010, over 300,000 visitors from 506 Ohio cities have done over 2,100,000 searches using the searchable data tools. The Data Aggregator will allow users to search by pay ranges across data tools to get the total number of employees and their aggregate pay.

Highlights of the 2010 State Salary data include:

- 1,843 state employees make \$100,000 or more, an increase of 44 employees from 2009
- The median hourly wage increased by 35 cents to \$22.80 from 2009

Buckeye Institute President Matt Mayer stated, “This new tool allows Ohioans to see what Ohio government workers cost in terms of total salary (excluding benefit costs) at a time when government pay is being hotly debated.”

The searchable salary database and the data aggregator can be found at <http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org>

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