

# While Ohio Taxpayers Lose Ground Gold-Plated Government Compensation Goes Higher

The Columbus Dispatch

## “Falling Value Of Homes Is A Worry”

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With almost 500,000 jobs lost since 2000, Ohio's job market has been hit hard and is still soft.

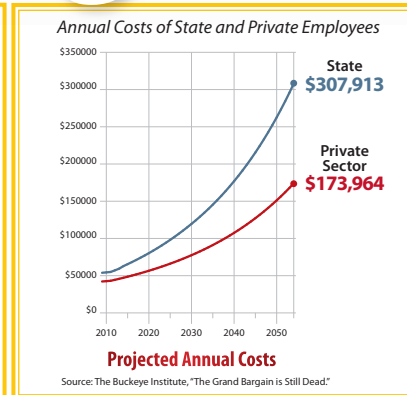
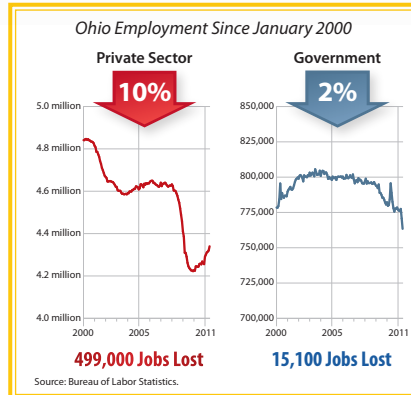
Now the Columbus Dispatch has confirmed another big hit. County auditors are reporting that Ohio homeowners have lost a big chunk of their home values over the last three years. This means lost equity and underwater mortgages for hard hit taxpayers.

And yet, our government wants even more.

As taxpayers struggle to deal with falling home values and tighter family budgets, cities, counties, and school districts across the state are asking for tax increases.

Taxpayers forced to tighten their own belts are expected to pay higher taxes to feed the growing cost of government - especially the gold-plated government compensation packages.

This is an unsustainable trend that weakens our families, our communities and our economy.



## Ohio Small Business Leaders Are Concerned

“Dynalab and our 300 associates already carry a heavy load of local taxes. With all the new tax hikes being proposed, I am deeply concerned about the future of Ohio's business base.

Higher taxes won't help us add more jobs and provide opportunities for our kids and grandkids. Bringing down the cost of government will.

We can start with the reform of gold-plated government compensation packages. ”

**Gary James, CEO, Dynalab Inc.**  
Twice Named Entrepreneur of the Year

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“... Two Franklin County school districts took steps tonight to place tax requests before voters this fall.” 7-25-2011

Columbus Area School District	Projected 2015 Deficit*
Bexley	1,231,876
Big Walnut	- 24,082,536
Canal Winchester	- 39,356,605
Columbus	- 159,945,319
Delaware	- 26,622,587
Dublin	- 55,928,292
Gahanna-Jefferson	- 49,938,162
Grandview Heights	- 5,476,466
Grove City/S-W	- 86,983,861
Groveport Madison	- 22,796,096
Hilliard	- 90,812,389
New Albany-Plain	- 4,509,430
Olentangy	- 131,904,640
Pickerington	- 98,899,165
Reynoldsburg	- 4,440,835
Upper Arlington	- 7,372,709
Westerville	- 80,057,464
Whitehall	- 14,009,297
Worthington	- 9,771,006
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- \$911,674,983</b>

# Without Government Compensation Reform Things Only Get Worse



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**97%**  
of Columbus Area  
School Revenue Will  
Be Swallowed By  
Compensation Packages

\* Source: Ohio Department of Education, District Five Year Forecasts at <http://fyf.oecn.k12.oh.us/ViewForecast> (10/2010)