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National Manufacturing Day

Ohio Ranks Third in the Nation in Manufacturing Jobs

COLUMBUS — Today is National Manufacturing Day, and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Matt Damschroder is reminding Ohioans that the state remains a leader in U.S. manufacturing. Ohio ranks third in the nation for the number of manufacturing jobs, with more than 680,000, or more than one in eight, Ohio jobs in manufacturing. In addition, more than 7,000 manufacturing openings are listed at OhioMeansJobs.com.

“Ohio has always been a manufacturing powerhouse, and with the arrival of Intel and new investments from Ford, GM, and the need to build out the EV and semiconductor supply chain, Ohio manufacturing is on the rise,” said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. “There are manufacturing openings across the state for production workers, engineers, computer programmers, electricians, robotics, automation, and more. These jobs pay well, have promising futures, and are plentiful in Ohio.”

Ohio ranks first in the nation for plastics and rubber products manufacturing. It ranks second in the nation for primary metal manufacturing, machinery manufacturing, and electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing. Manufacturing jobs in Ohio pay an average of nearly \$67,000 a year.

“Apprenticeship programs provide a smooth pathway to many manufacturing occupations,” Damschroder added. “With more than 21,000 apprentices in more than 180 occupations, the ODJFS ApprenticeOhio program ranks second in the nation in the number of apprentices. Apprentices become full-time employees from day one of their apprenticeship. This gives them the opportunity to earn while they learn, and they also avoid student loan debt.”

The following in-demand manufacturing occupations have apprenticeship opportunities in Ohio: millwrights, sheet metal workers, structural iron and steel workers, electricians, glaziers, carpenters, brick masons and block masons, and plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters. To learn more about apprenticeship opportunities in Ohio, visit Apprentice.Ohio.gov.

To search for jobs or research careers in Ohio, visit OhioMeansJobs.com or visit your local OhioMeansJobs Center. For a list of Manufacturing Day events around Ohio, visit mfgday.com.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.

