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Ohio Ranks Third in the Nation in the Number of Manufacturing Jobs

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Ohio ranks third in the nation in the number of manufacturing jobs and produces more than \$100 billion in manufactured goods annually. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) joins Gov. Kasich in celebrating the importance of manufacturing in Ohio and recognizing Oct. 6 as Manufacturing Day.

“One in eight Ohio workers is employed in manufacturing, and those jobs look very different today than they did even 10 years ago,” said ODJFS Director Cynthia Dungey. “There are opportunities not only for production workers, but for engineers, computer programmers, electricians and more. These jobs pay well, and they’re in demand.”

Apprenticeship programs provide a smooth pathway to many manufacturing occupations. With more than 19,000 apprentices in more than 200 occupations, the ODJFS ApprenticeOhio program ranks second in the nation and first in the region 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:

- Tool and Die Makers
- Machinists
- Computer Numeric Controlled (CNC) Machinists
- Maintenance Mechanics
- Maintenance Electricians
- Welders

To learn more about ApprenticeOhio, visit **ApprenticeOhio.gov**. To search for jobs or research careers in Ohio, visit **OhioMeansJobs.com**, the state’s premier online career and employment center. The website highlights in-demand careers with a “thumbs up” icon. 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.



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