

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, November 8, through Saturday, November 14, 2020

Ohioans filed 24,964 initial jobless claims last week, according to statistics the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported to the U.S. Dept. of Labor today. This was 249,251 fewer than – or about 9% of – the peak earlier this year.

The total number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last 35 weeks (1,875,640) was more than the combined total of those filed during the last four years.

Ohioans filed 254,613 continued jobless claims last week, which was 521,689 fewer than – or about 33% of – the peak earlier this year. That includes both traditional unemployment claims and claims for extended benefits. In addition, 236,850 Ohioans received Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) last week.

Over the last 35 weeks, ODJFS has distributed more than \$7.3 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 841,000 Ohioans. Of the more than 1 million applications the agency has received, more than 95% have been processed, with less than 5% pending. In addition, ODJFS has issued more than \$7 billion in PUA payments to more than 682,000 PUA claimants.

Recovery Efforts

While ODJFS continues to manage the state's unemployment program, it also has multiple initiatives under way to help spur Ohio's economic recovery. These include the [Ohio To Work](#) initiative to help displaced workers reskill and restart their careers, a [\\$8.5 million National Dislocated Worker Grant](#) that will help unemployed workers and employers impacted by COVID-19, and a [\\$9.4 million grant to expand apprenticeship opportunities](#).

ODJFS works in partnership with local workforce development boards and local staff to provide employment and training services at 22 comprehensive and 66 affiliate OhioMeansJobs centers throughout the state. Individuals can visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](#) or contact their local OhioMeansJobs center to find and apply for job openings, take skill and career interest assessments, create or improve their resumes, and practice interviewing.

Employers can contact their nearest OhioMeansJobs center to get help finding skilled candidates for jobs, screening resumes, learning about federally funded tax credits or training programs, and more.

To find contact information for your nearest OhioMeansJobs center, visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](#) and click on the icon for OhioMeansJobs centers.

Additional Unemployment Information

ODJFS urges individuals to file their unemployment claims online, if possible, at [unemployment.ohio.gov](#) or [pua.unemployment.ohio.gov](#). All eligible Ohioans will receive their unemployment benefits retroactive to when they first applied.

Coronavirus-Specific Unemployment Information: [unemployment.ohio.gov](#)

Filing for Unemployment Step-by-Step Guide: [jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/pdf/QuickTipsAndStepByStepGuide.pdf](#)

New federal Pandemic Unemployment Programs: [jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm/pdf/CARES-ACT.pdf](#)

As a reminder, mass layoff notices are posted at [jfs.ohio.gov/warn/current.stm](#).