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[Dasia.Clemente@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Dasia.Clemente@jfs.ohio.gov)***National Construction Appreciation Week*****Construction Jobs are In-Demand in Ohio**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Sept. 18-22 is National Construction Appreciation Week, and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder reminds Ohioans considering new careers that construction jobs are in demand in Ohio.

“At least 20 occupations in the construction industry are in demand in Ohio, including construction laborers, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, operating engineers, and more,” Damschroder said. “With the new Intel plant under construction in Licking County, the Honda and LG Energy Solution lithium-ion battery plant underway in Jeffersonville, and a host of other new developments happening across the state, Ohio needs skilled construction professionals now more than ever.”

More than 245,000 Ohioans work in the construction industry, which equates to about one in 23 workers. Many individuals who work in construction learned their skills through apprenticeship programs. Apprentices earn while they learn, they avoid student loan debt and, when they complete their programs, they earn an average of \$72,000 a year.

ODJFS oversees ApprenticeOhio, which registers programs that meet national criteria for quality and safety. Each ApprenticeOhio program is run by a sponsor: usually an employer, a group of employers, or a labor/management committee. Apprentices learn skills needed for a job in the sponsor’s industry through at least 2,000 hours of structured on-the-job training and 144 hours of classroom training, typically at a local college or university.

For more information about apprenticeship opportunities, visit [ApprenticeOhio.gov](http://ApprenticeOhio.gov) or your local OhioMeansJobs Center. To find your local OhioMeansJobs Center, visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com) and click on “FIND A JOB CENTER” at the bottom of the page.

For the complete list of in-demand construction jobs, visit [topjobs.ohio.gov](http://topjobs.ohio.gov). To view more than 4,000 open construction positions, visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.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.*

