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[Dasia.Clemente@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Dasia.Clemente@jfs.ohio.gov)***National Manufacturing Day*****Ohio ranks third in the nation in manufacturing jobs**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Today is National Manufacturing Day, and Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Matt Damschroder are 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 683,000, or more than one in eight, Ohio jobs in manufacturing. In addition, more than 7,000 manufacturing openings are listed at [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com).

“Ohio has always been a leader in manufacturing and now, with high-tech manufacturing jobs on the rise, average incomes in this sector are exceeding \$70,000 a year. Some manufacturing jobs are paying over \$100,000 a year,” Lt. Governor Husted said. “The future of manufacturing is very bright, with a combination of new investments and many existing companies expanding their operations. Manufacturing is alive and well and thriving in Ohio, now and for the future.”

Ohio ranks first in the nation for glass, plastics, and rubber product manufacturing employment. It ranks second in the nation for paper manufacturing, primary metal manufacturing, machinery manufacturing, and electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing employment.

“Thanks to investments from employers like Intel, Honda, LG Energy Solutions, and Joby Aviation, manufacturing jobs in Ohio are plentiful, and they don’t look like the manufacturing jobs of old,” Damschroder said. “Opportunities are available for computer programmers, engineers, electrical technicians, industrial machinery mechanics, and many more. There are jobs for every level of education, from high school through four-year, or even advanced, degrees. All of them pay well and have promising futures.”

Training for some manufacturing careers can be obtained through apprenticeships. ODJFS manages the state’s ApprenticeOhio program, which registers programs that meet national criteria for quality and safety. Of the 35 new ApprenticeOhio programs added in the last year, 13 were for manufacturing-related occupations. In-demand manufacturing occupations with apprenticeship opportunities include millwrights, sheet metal workers, structural iron and steel workers, electricians, glaziers, carpenters, brick and block masons, and plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters.

Ohio ranks third in the nation and first in the Midwest in the number of apprentices, with more than 21,000 enrolled. ApprenticeOhio programs offer a combination of paid on-the-job training, related technical instruction, and mentoring for skilled occupations. Apprentices earn while they





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learn, avoid student loan debt and, when they complete their programs, earn an average of \$72,000 a year. To learn more, visit [Apprentice.Ohio.gov](https://www.apprentice.ohio.gov).

To search for manufacturing jobs or to research manufacturing careers in Ohio, visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://www.ohioMeansJobs.com) or your local [OhioMeansJobs Center](#). For a list of Manufacturing Day events around Ohio, visit [mfgday.com](https://www.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.*

