

February
Unemployment Rate
Ohio 3.7%
U.S. 3.9%

## Ohio Jobless Claims, March 17 - March 23, 2024



**Initial Jobless Claims** 

5,034
Unemployment

8-Week Average:

5,284 Initial Claims



50,572
Unemployment



8-Week Average:

56,222 Continued Claims

55,606
Total Claims

**February Labor Force Participation Rate** 

Ohio 61.8% U.S. 62.5%

## Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, March 17, 2024, through Saturday, March 23, 2024

This week, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) provided updated data on unemployment claims filed in Ohio the week of March 17-March 23, 2024. These statistics were shared with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ohioans filed **5,034** initial unemployment claims last week, which was **781** more than the previous week. Approximately **1,192** of those have been flagged for more stringent identity verification, to ensure they are not fraudulent.

Ohioans filed **50,572 continued unemployment claims** last week, which was **1,743 fewer** than the previous week.

The total number of claims filed from March 17-March 23, 2024, was 55,606.

Ohio's unemployment rate in February was **3.7%**. The national unemployment rate in February was **3.9%**. Ohio's labor force participation rate in February was **61.8%**. The national labor force participation rate in February was **62.5%**.

ODJFS works in partnership with local workforce development boards and local staff to provide employment and training services at 88 OhioMeansJobs centers throughout the state. Individuals can visit <a href="OhioMeansJobs.com">OhioMeansJobs.com</a> 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 select "FIND A JOB CENTER" at the bottom of the page.

## **Additional Unemployment Information**

ODJFS urges individuals to file their unemployment claims online, if possible, at unemployment.ohio.gov.

Filing for Unemployment Step-by-Step Guide: <u>ifs.ohio.gov/job-services-and-unemployment/unemployment/for-unemployed-workers/resources/01-quick-tips-and-step-by-step-guide</u>.

Mass-layoff notices are posted at <u>ifs.ohio.gov/job-services-and-unemployment/job-services/job-programs-and-services/submit-a-warn-notice/submit-a-warn-notice-sa-1/submit-a-warn-notice.</u>

Anyone who suspects their identity was compromised and used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim should report it to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services immediately by visiting <u>unemployment.ohio.gov</u>, clicking on "Report ID Theft/Fraud," and then "Individuals: Report Identity Theft/Fraud." As an alternative, individuals also may call (833) 658-0394.