



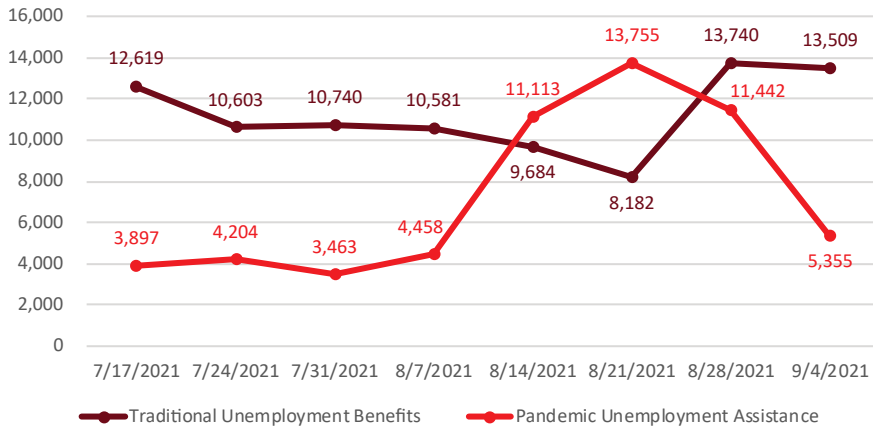
Department of
Job and Family Services

July Unemployment Rate

Ohio 5.4%
U.S. 5.4%

Ohio Jobless Claims, August 29 - September 4

Initial Claims



Initial Jobless Claims

13,509
Traditional Unemployment
5,355
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

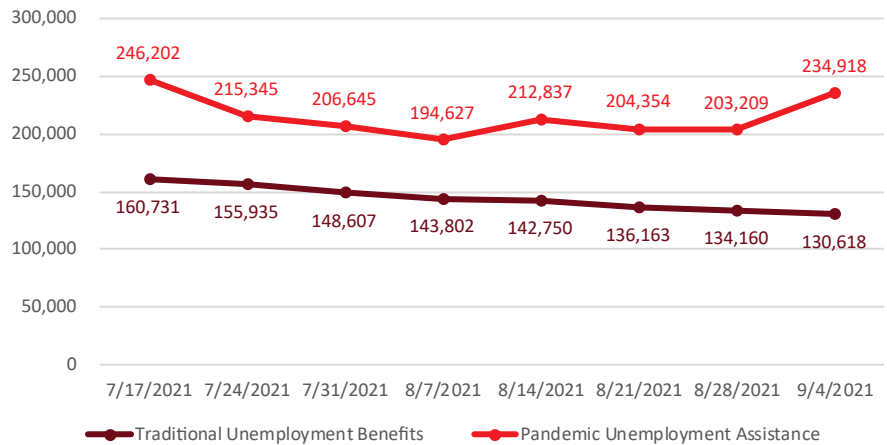
8-Week Average:

11,207 Traditional Unemployment
7,211 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

Continued Jobless Claims

130,618
Traditional Unemployment
234,918
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

Continued Claims



8-Week Average:

144,096 Traditional Unemployment
214,767 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

384,400
Total Claims

July Labor Force Participation Rate

Ohio **60.5%**
U.S. **61.7%**

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, August 29, 2021, through Saturday, September 4, 2021

This week, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) provided updated data on unemployment claims filed in Ohio the week of August 29-September 4, 2021. These statistics were shared with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ohioans filed **13,509 initial traditional unemployment claims** last week, which was **231 fewer** than the previous week.

Ohioans filed **130,618 continued traditional unemployment claims** last week, which was **3,542 fewer** than the previous week.

Ohioans filed **5,355 initial Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims** last week, which was **6,087 fewer** than the previous week. *Initial claims include claims that have been flagged for potential fraud. Of the 5,355 initial PUA claims filed last week, 1,943 have been flagged for potential fraud. All initial unemployment applications are thoroughly reviewed before they are either approved for payment or denied.*

Ohioans filed **234,918 continued PUA claims** last week, which was **31,709 more** than the previous week.

The total number of claims filed from August 29 through September 4, 2021, was **384,400**.

Ohio's unemployment rate in July was **5.4%**. The national unemployment rate in July also was **5.4%**. Ohio's labor force participation rate in July was **60.5%**. The national labor force participation rate in July was **61.7%**.

Over the last 77 weeks, ODJFS has distributed over \$12.6 billion in unemployment compensation payments to over 1 million Ohioans. In addition, ODJFS has issued more than \$11 billion in PUA payments to over 1.2 million Ohioans.

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, an \$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 88 OhioMeansJobs centers throughout the state. Individuals can visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://ohiojobs.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](https://ohiojobs.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. All eligible Ohioans will receive their unemployment benefits retroactive to when they first applied.

Information about Unemployment Benefits: unemployment.ohio.gov

Updates on the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Programs: jfs.ohio.gov/caa

Filing for Unemployment Step-by-Step Guide: jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/pdf/QuickTipsAndStepByStepGuide.pdf

As a reminder, mass layoff notices are posted at jfs.ohio.gov/warn/current.stm.