

## Ohio Initial Jobless Claims for Sunday, April 26, through Saturday, May 2, 2020

For the week ending May 2, 2020, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported 61,083 initial jobless claims to the U.S. Dept. of Labor. The number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last seven weeks (1,118,569) is 1,112 more than the combined total of 1,117,457 for the last three years.

Over these last seven weeks, ODJFS has distributed more than \$1.9 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 536,000 Ohioans.

ODJFS urges individuals to file their claims online, if possible, at [unemployment.ohio.gov](https://unemployment.ohio.gov).

Each claim is important to us, and we recognize the hardship that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on many Ohio families. We are expanding staff support, working longer hours and adding more technological capacity so that we can serve Ohioans as quickly as possible.

All eligible Ohioans will receive their unemployment benefits – and any delays in processing their claims will not reduce the amount received. ODJFS will not rest until all eligible Ohioans are served.

### Helpful FAQs

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

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

New federal Pandemic Unemployment Programs: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocomm/pdf/CARES-ACT.pdf>

### Expanded Call Center Hours

Those without internet access can call 1-877-644-6562 (OHIO-JOB) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

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