

Ohio Hosting Regional Virtual Job Fairs

As part of its effort to better connect employers and job seekers, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has begun hosting virtual job fairs.

“We often hear from employers that they need skilled workers, and virtual job fairs are an excellent way for them to find great candidates,” Damschroder said. “Through these job fairs, more than 100 employers from a wide range of industries are able to consider candidates on the spot for jobs they’re looking to fill now.”

Last summer, ODJFS hosted a statewide virtual jobs fair targeted specifically toward the skilled trades. Job seekers were able to apply for numerous open positions in communities across the state, including as welders, mechanics, carpenters, electricians, tool and die makers, plumbers, insulators, programmers, and more. And in November, the agency is hosting simultaneous job fairs for all four regions of the state. More than 100 employers from numerous industries signed up to participate.

Job seekers attending virtual job fairs are able to upload their resumes in advance and specify what industry they’re interested in, increasing the likelihood they will be contacted by employers looking to schedule an interview. Both audio and video interview options are available during the fairs. Attendees also will be able to send chat messages to employers.

The job fairs are just one of many services offered by ODJFS and its Office of Workforce Development. Ohioans looking for work can visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://ohiojobs.com) or their local OhioMeansJobs Center for a variety of free employment services. On either the website or at a center, they can find and apply for job openings, take skill and career interest assessments, create or improve their resumes, practice interviewing, find other career fairs and hiring events, and more.