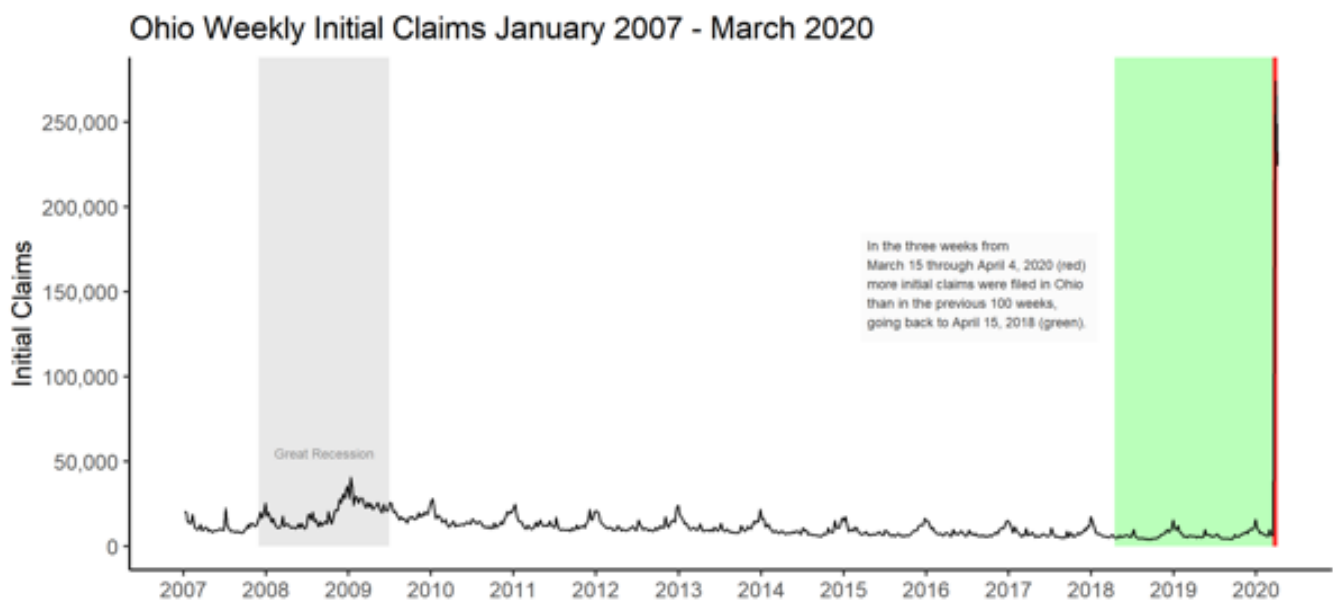




## Ohio Experienced the Largest Single One Month Increase in Unemployment Claims Ever in March 2020

### OVERVIEW

Ohio experienced a dramatic increase in unemployment claims in 2020. In March of 2019 there were 16,496 new claims. In comparison in March 2020 there were approximately 285,000 new claims. The one month total is the highest it has ever been.

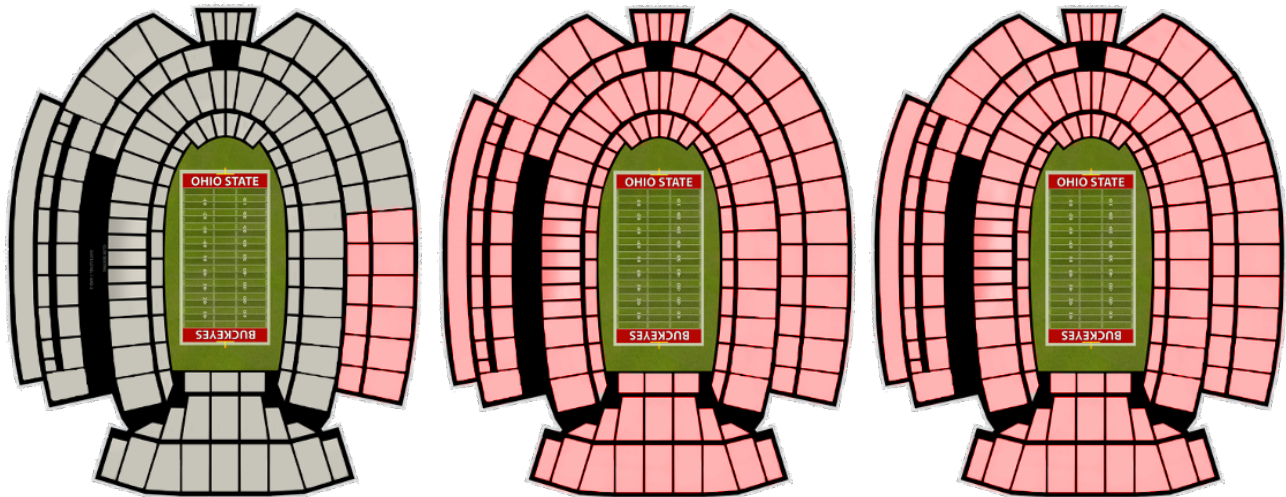


Source: U.S. Department of Labor

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The massive increase in claims is **over two times the number of people that can sit in the Ohio Stadium** for any game.



The number of new claims in March 2020 represents a major challenge to the workforce system. Ohio's unemployment claims filing system made very rapid changes to accommodate the dramatic increases in new claims. The Department of Job and Family Services added staff, technology and services to meet the dramatic increases in demand. The government (both state and federal) made policy changes in March to the eligibility for unemployment. (<https://oerc.osu.edu/blog-ui-eligibility>)

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