

# The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

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# About BWC

- We are one of only four in the country that, by law, is the exclusive provider of workers' compensation coverage for employers in their states.
- Nearly 1,600 employees across Ohio.
- Funded by premiums Ohio's private and public employers pay for coverage.



# Ohio by the Numbers

- Ohio is already home to one of the top workforces in the nation:
  - #10 in the competitive labor environment.
  - #3 manufacturing workforce in the U.S.
  - #1 in plastic and rubber manufacturing.
  - #4 in active apprentices in US.
- Ohio's injury rate at 2.4 injuries per 100 workers in calendar year 2020.

# Policies and Claims

- We cover approximately 249,000 private and public employers.
- We manage 206,808 active claims.

# Working during COVID-19

- Issued three dividends totaling nearly \$8 billion.
  - \$5 billion dividend in December 2020.
  - At Governor DeWine's request, BWC's Board has authorized more than \$9.2 billion in dividends to Ohio employers since 2019.

# COVID-19 Claims

- Special team to handle newly filed COVID-19 claims to provide them with careful attention.
- COVID-19 claims: 3,632.
  - Accepted 1,397.



# From our Customers

“Ohio small business owners cannot thank the DeWine Administration and the Ohio BWC enough for returning an additional five billion dollars back to Ohio employers as they continue to be weighed down by this pandemic. This administration has pulled out all the stops to keep Ohio's economic engine, small business, afloat. This goes a long way to assisting them retaining employees, paying utilities and rent, and keeping the doors open.” – Roger Geiger, Executive Director, NFIB.

# From our Customers

“This year has placed enormous pressure on businesses throughout Ohio. Jergens Inc. has experienced many challenges in its 78 years, but nothing like those of the current pandemic. We greatly appreciate the dividends we’ve received this year and all the support BWC and Governor DeWine have offered to get Ohio businesses through these difficult times.” – Jack Schron, President, Jergens, Inc.



# Safety and Health



- We support Ohio businesses with grants, consultation services, and other measures to reduce workplace injuries and save lives.
- We offer \$35 million in grants to help employers invest in equipment that reduces the risk of workplace injury and illness.

# Workforce Safety Innovation Center

- Offer \$30 million in grants for research and development of personal protective equipment.
- Encourage relationships among higher education institutions, research organizations, and industries.



**Workforce Safety**  
Innovation Center

# The Future of Ohio and BWC

- Our aim is to increase the capabilities of our agency to provide the best service for our customers already in Ohio and those that are coming.

# Questions?

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