

Weekly Analysis

January 3, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 8,464 last week, a decrease of 19.1 percent from the prior week's figure of 10,463 and a 5.6 percent decrease from the January 2025 weekly average of 8,966. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 13. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 63,292 last week, an increase of 14.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 55,170 and a 1.5 percent decrease from the January 2025 weekly average of 64,241. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 211. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 4 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average January 2025	Week Ending December 20	Week Ending December 27	Week Ending January 03	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	73,380	61,814	65,853	71,980	9.3	-1.9
Initial Claims ^a	8,981	8,264	10,477	8,477	-19.1	-5.6
Regular Ohio Law	8,966	8,251	10,463	8,464	-19.1	-5.6
UCFE	8	4	6	6	...	...
UCX	8	9	8	7	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	64,399	53,550	55,376	63,503	14.7	-1.4
Regular Ohio Law	64,241	53,316	55,170	63,292	14.7	-1.5
UCFE	74	178	155	153	-1.3	107.6
UCX	84	56	51	58	13.7	-31.1

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, November 2025	\$16,101,135	...
Gross Benefits Paid, November 2025	\$63,235,759	-6.9
Average Weekly Benefit, November 2025	\$504.57	3.4
Trust Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025	\$1,996,640,635	...

^aIncludes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

^bRegular Ohio Law. ^cFrom corresponding period, preceding year.

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**INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS
UNDER REGULAR OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW
BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING January 03, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	8,464	63,292			
Adams.....	33	266	Lorain.....	347	2,203
Allen.....	55	598	Lucas.....	482	2,431
Ashland.....	46	302	Madison.....	23	170
Ashtabula.....	70	653	Mahoning.....	168	1,255
Athens.....	55	295	Marion.....	20	205
Auglaize.....	13	129	Medina.....	106	828
Belmont.....	62	264	Meigs.....	37	171
Brown.....	45	296	Mercer.....	9	84
Butler.....	181	1,815	Miami.....	61	449
Carroll.....	25	133	Monroe.....	14	79
Champaign.....	19	151	Montgomery.....	298	2,523
Clark.....	92	576	Morgan.....	24	149
Clermont.....	141	1,058	Morrow.....	22	194
Clinton.....	27	229	Muskingum.....	90	618
Columbiana.....	61	450	Noble.....	7	85
Coshocton.....	33	175	Ottawa.....	50	515
Crawford.....	43	254	Paulding.....	11	69
Cuyahoga.....	688	6,358	Perry.....	46	264
Darke.....	26	238	Pickaway.....	23	282
Defiance.....	34	203	Pike.....	34	297
Delaware.....	60	721	Portage.....	102	904
Erie.....	130	817	Preble.....	32	196
Fairfield.....	75	679	Putnam.....	27	145
Fayette.....	19	163	Richland.....	116	748
Franklin.....	642	5,182	Ross.....	57	631
Fulton.....	55	361	Sandusky.....	88	601
Gallia.....	54	154	Scioto.....	83	524
Geauga.....	39	463	Seneca.....	52	328
Greene.....	66	601	Shelby.....	40	177
Guernsey.....	39	296	Stark.....	279	2,127
Hamilton.....	447	3,596	Summit.....	341	2,999
Hancock.....	37	248	Trumbull.....	159	1,147
Hardin.....	20	124	Tuscarawas.....	40	457
Harrison.....	8	68	Union.....	31	217
Henry.....	37	294	Van Wert.....	17	102
Highland.....	25	260	Vinton.....	35	161
Hocking.....	29	222	Warren.....	86	911
Holmes.....	7	64	Washington.....	41	268
Huron.....	150	880	Wayne.....	39	357
Jackson.....	109	396	Williams.....	48	245
Jefferson.....	41	247	Wood.....	86	582
Knox.....	37	289	Wyandot.....	8	91
Lake.....	157	1,597	Out of State	310	2,050
Lawrence.....	22	168	Interstate Agent	292	1,233
Licking.....	114	681			
Logan.....	15	206	Interstate Liable.....	185	1,658

*Transitional claims are excluded from the count of initial claims.

Note: Interstate Liable counts not included in totals.
Source: Weekly Claims file.

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