

Weekly Analysis

January 17, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 6,833 last week, a decrease of 40.5 percent from the prior week's figure of 11,492 and a 23.8 percent decrease from the January 2025 weekly average of 8,966. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 12. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 66,224 last week, a decrease of 1.4 percent from the prior week's figure of 67,140 and a 3.1 percent increase from the January 2025 weekly average of 64,241. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 201. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 7 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average January 2025	Week Ending January 03	Week Ending January 10	Week Ending January 17	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	73,380	71,980	78,869	73,270	-7.1	-0.1
Initial Claims ^a	8,981	8,477	11,522	6,845	-40.6	-23.8
Regular Ohio Law	8,966	8,464	11,492	6,833	-40.5	-23.8
UCFE	8	6	12	7	...	...
UCX	8	7	18	5	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	64,399	63,503	67,347	66,425	-1.4	3.1
Regular Ohio Law	64,241	63,292	67,140	66,224	-1.4	3.1
UCFE	74	153	153	150	-2.0	103.5
UCX	84	58	54	51	-5.6	-39.4

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, November 2025	\$16,101,135	...
Gross Benefits Paid, December 2025	\$98,076,264	0.4
Average Weekly Benefit, December 2025	\$514.31	4.8
Trust Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025	\$1,996,640,635	...

^aIncludes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

^dRegular 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 17, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	6,833	66,224			
Adams.....	16	256	Lorain.....	238	2,159
Allen.....	45	562	Lucas.....	372	3,289
Ashland.....	31	311	Madison.....	15	168
Ashtabula.....	56	685	Mahoning.....	165	1,820
Athens.....	34	315	Marion.....	28	218
Auglaize.....	11	125	Medina.....	96	863
Belmont.....	33	282	Meigs.....	21	172
Brown.....	24	284	Mercer.....	5	93
Butler.....	169	1,642	Miami.....	48	477
Carroll.....	13	143	Monroe.....	6	82
Champaign.....	26	287	Montgomery.....	275	2,615
Clark.....	90	1,150	Morgan.....	10	163
Clermont.....	109	992	Morrow.....	10	213
Clinton.....	18	226	Muskingum.....	60	585
Columbiana.....	49	493	Noble.....	9	77
Coshocton.....	19	166	Ottawa.....	31	562
Crawford.....	21	252	Paulding.....	4	66
Cuyahoga.....	747	6,512	Perry.....	25	285
Darke.....	28	264	Pickaway.....	36	286
Defiance.....	27	188	Pike.....	28	319
Delaware.....	70	730	Portage.....	95	916
Erie.....	86	657	Preble.....	21	189
Fairfield.....	61	644	Putnam.....	14	175
Fayette.....	11	148	Richland.....	71	725
Franklin.....	643	5,290	Ross.....	27	634
Fulton.....	24	367	Sandusky.....	60	451
Gallia.....	10	136	Scioto.....	52	529
Geauga.....	38	478	Seneca.....	19	282
Greene.....	73	596	Shelby.....	23	168
Guernsey.....	25	300	Stark.....	211	2,141
Hamilton.....	383	3,403	Summit.....	302	3,056
Hancock.....	27	248	Trumbull.....	154	1,750
Hardin.....	7	124	Tuscarawas.....	50	434
Harrison.....	12	62	Union.....	24	247
Henry.....	21	357	Van Wert.....	7	106
Highland.....	19	286	Vinton.....	12	139
Hocking.....	9	216	Warren.....	96	898
Holmes.....	6	67	Washington.....	34	275
Huron.....	70	795	Wayne.....	39	374
Jackson.....	26	287	Williams.....	11	177
Jefferson.....	28	248	Wood.....	80	635
Knox.....	23	283	Wyandot.....	8	100
Lake.....	135	1,570	Out of State	264	2,353
Lawrence.....	24	176	Interstate Agent	196	1,438
Licking.....	69	694			
Logan.....	15	223	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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