

Weekly Analysis

January 24, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 6,853 last week, an increase of 0.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 6,833 and a 23.6 percent decrease from the January 2025 weekly average of 8,966. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 15. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 65,349 last week, a decrease of 1.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 66,224 and a 1.7 percent increase from the January 2025 weekly average of 64,241. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 209. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 12 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average January 2025	Week Ending January 10	Week Ending January 17	Week Ending January 24	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	73,380	78,869	73,270	72,426	-1.2	-1.3
Initial Claims ^a	8,981	11,522	6,845	6,868	0.3	-23.5
Regular Ohio Law	8,966	11,492	6,833	6,853	0.3	-23.6
UCFE	8	12	7	3	...	...
UCX	8	18	5	12	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	64,399	67,347	66,425	65,558	-1.3	1.8
Regular Ohio Law	64,241	67,140	66,224	65,349	-1.3	1.7
UCFE	74	153	150	154	2.7	109.0
UCX	84	54	51	55	7.8	-34.6

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.

^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 24, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	6,853	65,349			
Adams.....	15	272	Lorain.....	236	2,187
Allen.....	50	559	Lucas.....	333	3,207
Ashland.....	24	300	Madison.....	17	178
Ashtabula.....	59	600	Mahoning.....	147	1,836
Athens.....	31	315	Marion.....	27	229
Auglaize.....	10	119	Medina.....	123	889
Belmont.....	41	289	Meigs.....	13	161
Brown.....	27	290	Mercer.....	14	102
Butler.....	155	1,597	Miami.....	43	490
Carroll.....	19	136	Monroe.....	7	79
Champaign.....	21	282	Montgomery.....	284	2,583
Clark.....	86	1,140	Morgan.....	13	147
Clermont.....	103	947	Morrow.....	30	188
Clinton.....	14	221	Muskingum.....	74	554
Columbiana.....	46	485	Noble.....	10	82
Coshocton.....	14	156	Ottawa.....	41	532
Crawford.....	19	230	Paulding.....	8	56
Cuyahoga.....	645	6,561	Perry.....	23	273
Darke.....	70	248	Pickaway.....	29	295
Defiance.....	17	169	Pike.....	13	310
Delaware.....	74	713	Portage.....	89	940
Erie.....	119	675	Preble.....	27	183
Fairfield.....	67	656	Putnam.....	16	164
Fayette.....	14	145	Richland.....	74	710
Franklin.....	655	5,352	Ross.....	28	621
Fulton.....	34	324	Sandusky.....	82	448
Gallia.....	12	138	Scioto.....	56	500
Geauga.....	39	468	Seneca.....	35	281
Greene.....	61	587	Shelby.....	19	176
Guernsey.....	25	277	Stark.....	265	2,120
Hamilton.....	352	3,287	Summit.....	315	3,040
Hancock.....	24	225	Trumbull.....	117	1,774
Hardin.....	11	124	Tuscarawas.....	48	446
Harrison.....	23	63	Union.....	13	240
Henry.....	15	288	Van Wert.....	16	109
Highland.....	23	270	Vinton.....	11	143
Hocking.....	11	197	Warren.....	91	886
Holmes.....	3	84	Washington.....	37	273
Huron.....	77	784	Wayne.....	37	364
Jackson.....	46	276	Williams.....	17	154
Jefferson.....	48	242	Wood.....	76	622
Knox.....	29	250	Wyandot.....	12	94
Lake.....	138	1,551	Out of State	256	2,313
Lawrence.....	17	184	Interstate Agent	161	1,413
Licking.....	66	672			
Logan.....	21	209	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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