

# Weekly Analysis

January 31, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 8,831 last week, an increase of 28.9 percent from the prior week's figure of 6,853 and a 1.5 percent decrease from the January 2025 weekly average of 8,966. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 16. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 65,819 last week, an increase of 0.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 65,349 and a 2.5 percent increase from the January 2025 weekly average of 64,241. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 202. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 14 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average January 2025	Week Ending January 17	Week Ending January 24	Week Ending January 31	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims . . . . .	73,380	73,270	72,426	74,868	3.4	2.0
Initial Claims <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	8,981	6,845	6,868	8,847	28.8	-1.5
Regular Ohio Law . . . . .	8,966	6,833	6,853	8,831	28.9	-1.5
UCFE . . . . .	8	7	3	8	...	...
UCX . . . . .	8	5	12	8	...	...
Continued Claims <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	64,399	66,425	65,558	66,021	0.7	2.5
Regular Ohio Law . . . . .	64,241	66,224	65,349	65,819	0.7	2.5
UCFE . . . . .	74	150	154	145	-5.8	96.8
UCX . . . . .	84	51	55	57	3.6	-32.2

Financial Summary <sup>b</sup>	Number	Percent Change <sup>c</sup>
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	...

<sup>a</sup>Includes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

<sup>d</sup>Regular Ohio Law. <sup>c</sup>From corresponding period, preceding year.

**INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS  
UNDER REGULAR OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW  
BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE  
WEEK ENDING January 31, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>8,831</b>	<b>65,819</b>			
Adams.....	41	266	Lorain.....	332	2,208
Allen.....	50	539	Lucas.....	362	2,558
Ashland.....	43	319	Madison.....	22	171
Ashtabula.....	71	629	Mahoning.....	184	1,824
Athens.....	57	335	Marion.....	24	243
Auglaize.....	14	123	Medina.....	148	941
Belmont.....	67	304	Meigs.....	46	172
Brown.....	65	308	Mercer.....	10	109
Butler.....	181	1,635	Miami.....	67	498
Carroll.....	25	154	Monroe.....	26	76
Champaign.....	25	291	Montgomery.....	296	2,702
Clark.....	73	1,107	Morgan.....	35	147
Clermont.....	165	988	Morrow.....	27	200
Clinton.....	33	215	Muskingum.....	103	587
Columbiana.....	101	527	Noble.....	15	84
Coshocton.....	20	164	Ottawa.....	52	529
Crawford.....	24	237	Paulding.....	7	55
Cuyahoga.....	772	6,707	Perry.....	58	271
Darke.....	51	296	Pickaway.....	39	299
Defiance.....	15	154	Pike.....	36	287
Delaware.....	78	752	Portage.....	138	968
Erie.....	93	707	Preble.....	40	205
Fairfield.....	86	645	Putnam.....	31	162
Fayette.....	20	147	Richland.....	94	735
Franklin.....	645	5,362	Ross.....	63	628
Fulton.....	51	330	Sandusky.....	76	494
Gallia.....	25	138	Scioto.....	79	547
Geauga.....	49	496	Seneca.....	51	276
Greene.....	82	602	Shelby.....	27	179
Guernsey.....	65	297	Stark.....	307	2,208
Hamilton.....	424	3,368	Summit.....	395	3,109
Hancock.....	34	237	Trumbull.....	176	1,811
Hardin.....	21	115	Tuscarawas.....	71	450
Harrison.....	21	75	Union.....	23	221
Henry.....	23	264	Van Wert.....	14	98
Highland.....	69	291	Vinton.....	19	148
Hocking.....	36	210	Warren.....	130	974
Holmes.....	4	78	Washington.....	38	281
Huron.....	92	812	Wayne.....	68	387
Jackson.....	35	308	Williams.....	38	145
Jefferson.....	68	258	Wood.....	107	569
Knox.....	55	280	Wyandot.....	11	90
Lake.....	174	1,613	Out of State .....	420	2,158
Lawrence.....	20	180	Interstate Agent .....	263	1,282
Licking.....	83	671			
Logan.....	17	199	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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