

Weekly Analysis

February 14, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 6,905 last week, a decrease of 13.2 percent from the prior week's figure of 7,956 and a 7.7 percent increase from the February 2025 weekly average of 6,413. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 19. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 66,797 last week, a decrease of 1.6 percent from the prior week's figure of 67,866 and a 3.4 percent decrease from the February 2025 weekly average of 69,153. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 233. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 9 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average February 2025	Week Ending January 31	Week Ending February 07	Week Ending February 14	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	75,765	74,868	76,035	73,954	-2.7	-2.4
Initial Claims ^a	6,439	8,847	7,979	6,924	-13.2	7.5
Regular Ohio Law	6,413	8,831	7,956	6,905	-13.2	7.7
UCFE	18	8	16	7
UCX	8	8	7	12
Continued Claims ^a	69,326	66,021	68,056	67,030	-1.5	-3.3
Regular Ohio Law	69,153	65,819	67,866	66,797	-1.6	-3.4
UCFE	89	145	133	171	28.6	91.6
UCX	84	57	57	62	8.8	-25.7

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, December 2025	\$4,999,672	...
Gross Benefits Paid, January 2026	\$105,170,749	-7.4
Average Weekly Benefit, January 2026	\$522.77	5.2
Trust Fund Balance as of December 31, 2025	\$1,913,025,704	...

^aIncludes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

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

**INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS
UNDER REGULAR OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW
BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING February 14, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	6,905	66,797			
Adams.....	15	311	Lorain.....	1,046	2,265
Allen.....	49	560	Lucas.....	260	2,469
Ashland.....	18	336	Madison.....	13	175
Ashtabula.....	43	629	Mahoning.....	133	1,938
Athens.....	34	354	Marion.....	21	248
Auglaize.....	15	131	Medina.....	96	942
Belmont.....	32	310	Meigs.....	14	205
Brown.....	14	336	Mercer.....	7	107
Butler.....	152	1,681	Miami.....	42	505
Carroll.....	15	168	Monroe.....	8	105
Champaign.....	7	160	Montgomery.....	206	2,653
Clark.....	42	654	Morgan.....	7	176
Clermont.....	87	1,048	Morrow.....	12	211
Clinton.....	7	221	Muskingum.....	53	649
Columbiana.....	47	545	Noble.....	2	91
Coshocton.....	12	159	Ottawa.....	20	545
Crawford.....	15	265	Paulding.....	9	48
Cuyahoga.....	693	6,732	Perry.....	17	305
Darke.....	34	335	Pickaway.....	24	332
Defiance.....	18	162	Pike.....	33	304
Delaware.....	43	772	Portage.....	80	1,003
Erie.....	164	643	Preble.....	14	200
Fairfield.....	55	686	Putnam.....	21	186
Fayette.....	15	160	Richland.....	54	753
Franklin.....	599	5,432	Ross.....	37	622
Fulton.....	30	392	Sandusky.....	30	435
Gallia.....	41	140	Scioto.....	55	523
Geauga.....	26	504	Seneca.....	15	284
Greene.....	51	621	Shelby.....	20	173
Guernsey.....	11	351	Stark.....	170	2,263
Hamilton.....	365	3,417	Summit.....	233	3,169
Hancock.....	22	236	Trumbull.....	98	1,797
Hardin.....	12	137	Tuscarawas.....	38	478
Harrison.....	9	82	Union.....	18	234
Henry.....	10	249	Van Wert.....	9	101
Highland.....	17	285	Vinton.....	43	146
Hocking.....	7	244	Warren.....	58	971
Holmes.....	1	75	Washington.....	35	289
Huron.....	49	796	Wayne.....	48	404
Jackson.....	162	281	Williams.....	19	164
Jefferson.....	21	297	Wood.....	52	596
Knox.....	24	291	Wyandot.....	9	91
Lake.....	88	1,585	Out of State	217	2,357
Lawrence.....	22	179	Interstate Agent	246	1,429
Licking.....	59	716			
Logan.....	11	188	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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