

Weekly Analysis

February 28, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,898 last week, a decrease of 0.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,911 and a 23.6 percent decrease from the February 2025 weekly average of 6,413. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 14. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 62,104 last week, a decrease of 6.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 66,250 and a 10.2 percent decrease from the February 2025 weekly average of 69,153. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 209. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 22 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average February 2025	Week Ending February 14	Week Ending February 21	Week Ending February 28	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	75,765	73,954	71,391	67,225	-5.8	-11.3
Initial Claims ^a	6,439	6,924	4,926	4,912	-0.3	-23.7
Regular Ohio Law	6,413	6,905	4,911	4,898	-0.3	-23.6
UCFE	18	7	6	8
UCX	8	12	9	6
Continued Claims ^a	69,326	67,030	66,465	62,313	-6.2	-10.1
Regular Ohio Law	69,153	66,797	66,250	62,104	-6.3	-10.2
UCFE	89	171	149	130	-12.8	45.7
UCX	84	62	66	79	19.7	-5.4

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 28, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,898	62,104			
Adams.....	9	262	Lorain.....	155	2,089
Allen.....	60	501	Lucas.....	229	2,333
Ashland.....	16	293	Madison.....	14	156
Ashtabula.....	32	556	Mahoning.....	112	1,843
Athens.....	17	320	Marion.....	18	227
Auglaize.....	9	119	Medina.....	56	908
Belmont.....	25	278	Meigs.....	6	161
Brown.....	25	298	Mercer.....	2	104
Butler.....	116	1,504	Miami.....	38	477
Carroll.....	10	153	Monroe.....	2	87
Champaign.....	6	144	Montgomery.....	187	2,515
Clark.....	41	569	Morgan.....	5	147
Clermont.....	84	971	Morrow.....	10	187
Clinton.....	10	217	Muskingum.....	36	604
Columbiana.....	32	491	Noble.....	5	75
Coshocton.....	20	148	Ottawa.....	12	497
Crawford.....	15	216	Paulding.....	8	60
Cuyahoga.....	550	6,328	Perry.....	9	249
Darke.....	18	326	Pickaway.....	12	294
Defiance.....	15	149	Pike.....	13	267
Delaware.....	52	719	Portage.....	59	952
Erie.....	31	623	Preble.....	13	189
Fairfield.....	46	629	Putnam.....	21	163
Fayette.....	13	150	Richland.....	38	686
Franklin.....	563	5,320	Ross.....	27	518
Fulton.....	19	354	Sandusky.....	27	390
Gallia.....	8	124	Scioto.....	41	500
Geauga.....	24	472	Seneca.....	24	259
Greene.....	48	566	Shelby.....	20	178
Guernsey.....	14	306	Stark.....	155	2,116
Hamilton.....	298	3,249	Summit.....	235	3,017
Hancock.....	26	211	Trumbull.....	54	1,733
Hardin.....	11	124	Tuscarawas.....	28	441
Harrison.....	12	71	Union.....	22	218
Henry.....	20	221	Van Wert.....	8	90
Highland.....	9	261	Vinton.....	4	117
Hocking.....	5	212	Warren.....	66	924
Holmes.....	3	70	Washington.....	26	286
Huron.....	29	728	Wayne.....	23	363
Jackson.....	10	250	Williams.....	25	162
Jefferson.....	27	278	Wood.....	53	524
Knox.....	22	248	Wyandot.....	4	95
Lake.....	67	1,504	Out of State	164	2,047
Lawrence.....	29	162	Interstate Agent	270	1,314
Licking.....	46	674			
Logan.....	20	173	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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