

Weekly Analysis

March 7, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 5,611 last week, an increase of 14.6 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,898 and a 6.2 percent decrease from the March 2025 weekly average of 5,985. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 25. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 60,146 last week, a decrease of 3.2 percent from the prior week's figure of 62,104 and a 16.8 percent decrease from the March 2025 weekly average of 72,254. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 192. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 1 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average March 2025	Week Ending February 21	Week Ending February 28	Week Ending March 07	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	78,483	71,391	67,225	65,974	-1.9	-15.9
Initial Claims ^a	6,004	4,926	4,912	5,636	14.7	-6.1
Regular Ohio Law	5,985	4,911	4,898	5,611	14.6	-6.2
UCFE	11	6	8	11
UCX	8	9	6	14
Continued Claims ^a	72,479	66,465	62,313	60,338	-3.2	-16.8
Regular Ohio Law	72,254	66,250	62,104	60,146	-3.2	-16.8
UCFE	128	149	130	136	4.6	6.0
UCX	97	66	79	56	-29.1	-42.1

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, January 2026	\$30,581,814	...
Gross Benefits Paid, January 2026	\$105,170,749	-7.4
Average Weekly Benefit, January 2026	\$522.77	5.2
Trust Fund Balance as of January 31, 2026	\$1,828,097,661	...

^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 March 07, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	5,611	60,146			
Adams.....	18	247	Lorain.....	168	2,025
Allen.....	42	524	Lucas.....	198	2,280
Ashland.....	18	277	Madison.....	11	165
Ashtabula.....	45	562	Mahoning.....	94	1,768
Athens.....	22	290	Marion.....	24	209
Auglaize.....	9	105	Medina.....	76	861
Belmont.....	33	291	Meigs.....	13	146
Brown.....	24	278	Mercer.....	1	101
Butler.....	158	1,440	Miami.....	49	471
Carroll.....	16	148	Monroe.....	7	82
Champaign.....	62	144	Montgomery.....	294	2,425
Clark.....	259	557	Morgan.....	13	136
Clermont.....	77	955	Morrow.....	15	182
Clinton.....	32	190	Muskingum.....	31	560
Columbiana.....	33	461	Noble.....	5	67
Coshocton.....	13	151	Ottawa.....	19	480
Crawford.....	15	205	Paulding.....	6	54
Cuyahoga.....	617	6,289	Perry.....	21	237
Darke.....	26	294	Pickaway.....	25	279
Defiance.....	16	161	Pike.....	9	252
Delaware.....	72	727	Portage.....	66	898
Erie.....	39	577	Preble.....	29	185
Fairfield.....	79	588	Putnam.....	13	175
Fayette.....	11	140	Richland.....	48	666
Franklin.....	549	5,356	Ross.....	29	481
Fulton.....	9	357	Sandusky.....	45	351
Gallia.....	11	136	Scioto.....	42	491
Geauga.....	27	441	Seneca.....	22	264
Greene.....	67	520	Shelby.....	14	168
Guernsey.....	12	280	Stark.....	163	2,018
Hamilton.....	332	3,106	Summit.....	257	2,966
Hancock.....	23	223	Trumbull.....	90	1,687
Hardin.....	8	114	Tuscarawas.....	24	419
Harrison.....	10	70	Union.....	24	239
Henry.....	13	217	Van Wert.....	8	89
Highland.....	13	247	Vinton.....	10	115
Hocking.....	8	197	Warren.....	91	905
Holmes.....	1	75	Washington.....	26	255
Huron.....	41	666	Wayne.....	32	363
Jackson.....	15	216	Williams.....	12	161
Jefferson.....	32	251	Wood.....	61	508
Knox.....	32	234	Wyandot.....	9	97
Lake.....	89	1,390	Out of State	174	1,976
Lawrence.....	14	170	Interstate Agent	117	1,187
Licking.....	66	661			
Logan.....	18	174	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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