

# Weekly Analysis

March 14, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 5,894 last week, an increase of 5.0 percent from the prior week's figure of 5,611 and a 1.5 percent decrease from the March 2025 weekly average of 5,985. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 17. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 60,145 last week, a decrease of 0.0 percent from the prior week's figure of 60,146 and a 16.8 percent decrease from the March 2025 weekly average of 72,254. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 182. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 2 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average March 2025	Week Ending February 28	Week Ending March 07	Week Ending March 14	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims . . . . .	78,483	67,225	65,974	66,238	0.4	-15.6
Initial Claims <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	6,004	4,912	5,636	5,911	4.9	-1.5
Regular Ohio Law . . . . .	5,985	4,898	5,611	5,894	5.0	-1.5
UCFE . . . . .	11	8	11	6	...	...
UCX . . . . .	8	6	14	11	...	...
Continued Claims <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	72,479	62,313	60,338	60,327	0.0	-16.8
Regular Ohio Law . . . . .	72,254	62,104	60,146	60,145	0.0	-16.8
UCFE . . . . .	128	130	136	130	-4.4	1.3
UCX . . . . .	97	79	56	52	-7.1	-46.2

Financial Summary <sup>b</sup>	Number	Percent Change <sup>c</sup>
Collections, January 2026 . . . . .	\$30,581,814	...
Gross Benefits Paid, February 2026 . . . . .	\$111,959,731	-0.9
Average Weekly Benefit, February 2026 . . . . .	\$532.49	6.4
Trust Fund Balance as of January 31, 2026 . . . . .	\$1,828,097,661	...

<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 March 14, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>5,894</b>	<b>60,145</b>			
Adams.....	11	245	Lorain.....	139	1,968
Allen.....	25	498	Lucas.....	1,018	2,270
Ashland.....	24	259	Madison.....	22	156
Ashtabula.....	27	519	Mahoning.....	89	1,752
Athens.....	22	285	Marion.....	19	204
Auglaize.....	9	118	Medina.....	69	827
Belmont.....	20	278	Meigs.....	10	149
Brown.....	24	282	Mercer.....	13	81
Butler.....	127	1,483	Miami.....	29	469
Carroll.....	11	149	Monroe.....	3	70
Champaign.....	15	180	Montgomery.....	211	2,449
Clark.....	78	774	Morgan.....	11	137
Clermont.....	93	994	Morrow.....	7	181
Clinton.....	9	209	Muskingum.....	30	545
Columbiana.....	27	439	Noble.....	1	75
Coshocton.....	14	149	Ottawa.....	31	476
Crawford.....	15	221	Paulding.....	7	53
Cuyahoga.....	536	6,348	Perry.....	13	247
Darke.....	16	293	Pickaway.....	19	274
Defiance.....	17	132	Pike.....	13	237
Delaware.....	47	706	Portage.....	51	925
Erie.....	178	582	Preble.....	12	190
Fairfield.....	60	634	Putnam.....	8	175
Fayette.....	8	141	Richland.....	47	650
Franklin.....	493	5,270	Ross.....	23	459
Fulton.....	44	336	Sandusky.....	66	361
Gallia.....	8	131	Scioto.....	32	448
Geauga.....	17	442	Seneca.....	33	259
Greene.....	58	555	Shelby.....	17	171
Guernsey.....	7	270	Stark.....	132	2,024
Hamilton.....	297	3,217	Summit.....	201	2,968
Hancock.....	22	212	Trumbull.....	83	1,671
Hardin.....	8	116	Tuscarawas.....	26	393
Harrison.....	8	74	Union.....	20	223
Henry.....	18	215	Van Wert.....	7	85
Highland.....	11	240	Vinton.....	2	103
Hocking.....	8	200	Warren.....	73	937
Holmes.....	1	68	Washington.....	14	255
Huron.....	63	633	Wayne.....	16	359
Jackson.....	10	206	Williams.....	13	155
Jefferson.....	24	254	Wood.....	129	513
Knox.....	20	241	Wyandot.....	7	88
Lake.....	74	1,425	Out of State .....	337	1,892
Lawrence.....	17	178	Interstate Agent .....	99	1,204
Licking.....	62	634			
Logan.....	9	182	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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