

Weekly Analysis

March 21, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,686 last week, a decrease of 20.5 percent from the prior week's figure of 5,894 and a 21.7 percent decrease from the March 2025 weekly average of 5,985. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 22. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 58,055 last week, a decrease of 3.5 percent from the prior week's figure of 60,145 and a 19.7 percent decrease from the March 2025 weekly average of 72,254. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 190. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 11 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average March 2025	Week Ending March 07	Week Ending March 14	Week Ending March 21	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	78,483	65,974	66,238	62,953	-5.0	-19.8
Initial Claims ^a	6,004	5,636	5,911	4,708	-20.4	-21.6
Regular Ohio Law	5,985	5,611	5,894	4,686	-20.5	-21.7
UCFE	11	11	6	9
UCX	8	14	11	13
Continued Claims ^a	72,479	60,338	60,327	58,245	-3.5	-19.6
Regular Ohio Law	72,254	60,146	60,145	58,055	-3.5	-19.7
UCFE	128	136	130	134	3.1	4.4
UCX	97	56	52	56	7.7	-42.1

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
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	...

^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 March 21, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,686	58,055			
Adams.....	13	213	Lorain.....	129	1,861
Allen.....	32	444	Lucas.....	410	2,993
Ashland.....	32	241	Madison.....	10	150
Ashtabula.....	26	500	Mahoning.....	84	1,721
Athens.....	19	268	Marion.....	23	208
Auglaize.....	10	113	Medina.....	62	798
Belmont.....	16	256	Meigs.....	10	124
Brown.....	11	243	Mercer.....	8	94
Butler.....	113	1,361	Miami.....	24	453
Carroll.....	5	137	Monroe.....	3	63
Champaign.....	9	131	Montgomery.....	193	2,307
Clark.....	51	563	Morgan.....	4	119
Clermont.....	69	935	Morrow.....	13	166
Clinton.....	9	204	Muskingum.....	24	499
Columbiana.....	21	412	Noble.....	5	66
Coshocton.....	11	152	Ottawa.....	18	467
Crawford.....	9	205	Paulding.....	7	55
Cuyahoga.....	521	6,162	Perry.....	10	215
Darke.....	12	251	Pickaway.....	13	273
Defiance.....	11	123	Pike.....	17	215
Delaware.....	43	688	Portage.....	65	860
Erie.....	55	682	Preble.....	10	171
Fairfield.....	47	637	Putnam.....	12	167
Fayette.....	9	128	Richland.....	51	628
Franklin.....	485	5,120	Ross.....	25	405
Fulton.....	13	313	Sandusky.....	26	373
Gallia.....	9	119	Scioto.....	40	421
Geauga.....	19	422	Seneca.....	22	247
Greene.....	38	510	Shelby.....	9	163
Guernsey.....	14	236	Stark.....	134	1,889
Hamilton.....	343	3,075	Summit.....	215	2,840
Hancock.....	15	193	Trumbull.....	73	1,586
Hardin.....	5	103	Tuscarawas.....	38	358
Harrison.....	6	67	Union.....	13	216
Henry.....	8	186	Van Wert.....	8	84
Highland.....	25	234	Vinton.....	5	97
Hocking.....	3	191	Warren.....	63	874
Holmes.....	1	68	Washington.....	23	216
Huron.....	22	641	Wayne.....	27	313
Jackson.....	11	180	Williams.....	11	131
Jefferson.....	18	239	Wood.....	72	582
Knox.....	13	254	Wyandot.....	7	90
Lake.....	92	1,311	Out of State	181	1,940
Lawrence.....	19	147	Interstate Agent	100	1,100
Licking.....	71	624			
Logan.....	5	175	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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