

Weekly Analysis

March 28, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,858 last week, an increase of 3.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,686 and a 18.8 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 55,844 last week, a decrease of 3.8 percent from the prior week's figure of 58,055 and a 22.7 percent decrease from the March 2025 weekly average of 72,254. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 186. 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 March 14	Week Ending March 21	Week Ending March 28	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	78,483	66,238	62,953	60,905	-3.3	-22.4
Initial Claims ^a	6,004	5,911	4,708	4,875	3.5	-18.8
Regular Ohio Law	5,985	5,894	4,686	4,858	3.7	-18.8
UCFE	11	6	9	6
UCX	8	11	13	11
Continued Claims ^a	72,479	60,327	58,245	56,030	-3.8	-22.7
Regular Ohio Law	72,254	60,145	58,055	55,844	-3.8	-22.7
UCFE	128	130	134	126	-6.0	-1.8
UCX	97	52	56	60	7.1	-37.9

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.

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

**INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS
UNDER REGULAR OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW
BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING March 28, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,858	55,844			
Adams.....	15	207	Lorain.....	132	1,762
Allen.....	34	428	Lucas.....	272	3,022
Ashland.....	5	264	Madison.....	7	165
Ashtabula.....	32	465	Mahoning.....	87	1,659
Athens.....	19	263	Marion.....	125	184
Auglaize.....	12	101	Medina.....	57	792
Belmont.....	16	235	Meigs.....	10	119
Brown.....	14	224	Mercer.....	4	76
Butler.....	111	1,340	Miami.....	29	432
Carroll.....	7	131	Monroe.....	5	63
Champaign.....	11	122	Montgomery.....	210	2,235
Clark.....	33	529	Morgan.....	8	100
Clermont.....	51	904	Morrow.....	10	154
Clinton.....	13	181	Muskingum.....	18	445
Columbiana.....	31	380	Noble.....	7	64
Coshocton.....	10	152	Ottawa.....	13	447
Crawford.....	27	201	Paulding.....	2	51
Cuyahoga.....	516	5,981	Perry.....	13	216
Darke.....	19	250	Pickaway.....	21	245
Defiance.....	20	121	Pike.....	8	197
Delaware.....	48	645	Portage.....	70	827
Erie.....	32	539	Preble.....	12	150
Fairfield.....	49	570	Putnam.....	6	154
Fayette.....	18	118	Richland.....	23	606
Franklin.....	495	5,076	Ross.....	25	373
Fulton.....	8	311	Sandusky.....	27	331
Gallia.....	8	106	Scioto.....	33	398
Geauga.....	25	401	Seneca.....	18	243
Greene.....	48	482	Shelby.....	22	161
Guernsey.....	9	230	Stark.....	139	1,783
Hamilton.....	465	3,043	Summit.....	255	2,726
Hancock.....	16	180	Trumbull.....	87	1,548
Hardin.....	9	90	Tuscarawas.....	21	359
Harrison.....	3	55	Union.....	19	200
Henry.....	4	185	Van Wert.....	5	76
Highland.....	63	228	Vinton.....	3	79
Hocking.....	5	178	Warren.....	66	819
Holmes.....	0	58	Washington.....	12	199
Huron.....	27	591	Wayne.....	21	300
Jackson.....	9	167	Williams.....	14	123
Jefferson.....	27	214	Wood.....	43	569
Knox.....	13	200	Wyandot.....	10	78
Lake.....	142	1,282	Out of State	172	1,858
Lawrence.....	15	150	Interstate Agent	113	1,094
Licking.....	56	626			
Logan.....	14	158	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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