

Weekly Analysis

April 4, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 5,372 last week, an increase of 10.6 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,858 and a 5.7 percent decrease from the April 2025 weekly average of 5,695. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 18. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 52,321 last week, a decrease of 6.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 55,844 and a 5.6 percent increase from the April 2025 weekly average of 49,561. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 180. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 14 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average April 2025	Week Ending March 21	Week Ending March 28	Week Ending April 04	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	55,428	62,953	60,905	57,891	-4.9	4.4
Initial Claims ^a	5,710	4,708	4,875	5,390	10.6	-5.6
Regular Ohio Law	5,695	4,686	4,858	5,372	10.6	-5.7
UCFE	8	9	6	5
UCX	8	13	11	13
Continued Claims ^a	49,718	58,245	56,030	52,501	-6.3	5.6
Regular Ohio Law	49,561	58,055	55,844	52,321	-6.3	5.6
UCFE	90	134	126	122	-3.2	35.6
UCX	67	56	60	58	-3.3	-12.9

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, February 2026	\$63,081,930	...
Gross Benefits Paid, February 2026	\$111,959,731	-0.9
Average Weekly Benefit, February 2026	\$532.49	6.4
Trust Fund Balance as of February 28, 2026	\$1,817,872,615	...

^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 April 04, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	5,372	52,321			
Adams.....	6	191	Lorain.....	157	1,647
Allen.....	41	406	Lucas.....	206	2,120
Ashland.....	13	221	Madison.....	3	149
Ashtabula.....	24	422	Mahoning.....	90	1,602
Athens.....	15	244	Marion.....	38	225
Auglaize.....	12	104	Medina.....	59	701
Belmont.....	10	221	Meigs.....	6	111
Brown.....	21	204	Mercer.....	5	70
Butler.....	357	1,283	Miami.....	19	382
Carroll.....	11	115	Monroe.....	3	52
Champaign.....	11	109	Montgomery.....	229	2,148
Clark.....	36	478	Morgan.....	5	92
Clermont.....	162	849	Morrow.....	9	148
Clinton.....	18	169	Muskingum.....	86	413
Columbiana.....	28	364	Noble.....	3	61
Coshocton.....	17	136	Ottawa.....	14	383
Crawford.....	16	201	Paulding.....	7	44
Cuyahoga.....	531	5,815	Perry.....	13	186
Darke.....	9	220	Pickaway.....	21	244
Defiance.....	27	143	Pike.....	6	177
Delaware.....	46	616	Portage.....	63	786
Erie.....	34	469	Preble.....	19	140
Fairfield.....	86	551	Putnam.....	8	140
Fayette.....	11	124	Richland.....	34	554
Franklin.....	577	5,074	Ross.....	30	335
Fulton.....	24	260	Sandusky.....	23	296
Gallia.....	16	93	Scioto.....	32	359
Geauga.....	15	377	Seneca.....	17	240
Greene.....	62	479	Shelby.....	17	151
Guernsey.....	12	194	Stark.....	184	1,720
Hamilton.....	379	3,189	Summit.....	240	2,641
Hancock.....	39	157	Trumbull.....	75	1,482
Hardin.....	15	85	Tuscarawas.....	33	322
Harrison.....	5	55	Union.....	14	192
Henry.....	37	166	Van Wert.....	3	74
Highland.....	21	263	Vinton.....	5	60
Hocking.....	12	166	Warren.....	110	818
Holmes.....	2	53	Washington.....	18	178
Huron.....	27	473	Wayne.....	15	289
Jackson.....	29	148	Williams.....	12	121
Jefferson.....	23	209	Wood.....	61	446
Knox.....	19	185	Wyandot.....	13	73
Lake.....	95	1,226	Out of State	145	1,629
Lawrence.....	8	151	Interstate Agent	186	898
Licking.....	60	608			
Logan.....	17	156	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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