

Weekly Analysis

April 18, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 5,377 last week, an increase of 10.1 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,883 and a 5.6 percent decrease from the April 2025 weekly average of 5,695. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 14. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 47,249 last week, a decrease of 6.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 50,617 and a 4.7 percent decrease from the April 2025 weekly average of 49,561. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 196. 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 April 2025	Week Ending April 04	Week Ending April 11	Week Ending April 18	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	55,428	57,891	55,699	52,836	-5.1	-4.7
Initial Claims ^a	5,710	5,390	4,900	5,391	10.0	-5.6
Regular Ohio Law	5,695	5,372	4,883	5,377	10.1	-5.6
UCFE	8	5	9	5
UCX	8	13	8	9
Continued Claims ^a	49,718	52,501	50,799	47,445	-6.6	-4.6
Regular Ohio Law	49,561	52,321	50,617	47,249	-6.7	-4.7
UCFE	90	122	125	112	-10.4	24.4
UCX	67	58	57	84	47.4	26.1

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, February 2026	\$63,081,930	...
Gross Benefits Paid, March 2026	\$121,241,097	3.1
Average Weekly Benefit, March 2026	\$530.33	6.2
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 18, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	5,377	47,249			
Adams.....	6	149	Lorain.....	153	1,547
Allen.....	39	394	Lucas.....	998	2,001
Ashland.....	7	152	Madison.....	12	114
Ashtabula.....	43	369	Mahoning.....	79	1,495
Athens.....	25	196	Marion.....	16	176
Auglaize.....	7	98	Medina.....	56	664
Belmont.....	14	167	Meigs.....	11	97
Brown.....	17	169	Mercer.....	4	57
Butler.....	116	1,166	Miami.....	23	323
Carroll.....	4	98	Monroe.....	4	31
Champaign.....	3	93	Montgomery.....	195	2,009
Clark.....	51	420	Morgan.....	8	73
Clermont.....	78	738	Morrow.....	9	122
Clinton.....	7	121	Muskingum.....	24	334
Columbiana.....	36	297	Noble.....	4	43
Coshocton.....	16	112	Ottawa.....	28	304
Crawford.....	18	157	Paulding.....	6	41
Cuyahoga.....	513	5,463	Perry.....	6	140
Darke.....	15	182	Pickaway.....	15	195
Defiance.....	9	104	Pike.....	10	159
Delaware.....	48	576	Portage.....	49	660
Erie.....	21	419	Preble.....	5	122
Fairfield.....	63	502	Putnam.....	14	115
Fayette.....	13	116	Richland.....	29	469
Franklin.....	497	4,778	Ross.....	25	294
Fulton.....	15	199	Sandusky.....	41	261
Gallia.....	14	107	Scioto.....	27	318
Geauga.....	19	323	Seneca.....	11	196
Greene.....	35	411	Shelby.....	11	136
Guernsey.....	8	153	Stark.....	143	1,512
Hamilton.....	280	2,902	Summit.....	210	2,381
Hancock.....	29	165	Trumbull.....	74	1,396
Hardin.....	6	71	Tuscarawas.....	29	287
Harrison.....	7	52	Union.....	16	182
Henry.....	9	147	Van Wert.....	7	67
Highland.....	7	211	Vinton.....	5	89
Hocking.....	5	145	Warren.....	72	795
Holmes.....	1	35	Washington.....	7	163
Huron.....	22	353	Wayne.....	26	246
Jackson.....	20	267	Williams.....	11	111
Jefferson.....	14	184	Wood.....	125	433
Knox.....	15	170	Wyandot.....	8	61
Lake.....	87	961	Out of State	327	1,442
Lawrence.....	15	127	Interstate Agent	105	897
Licking.....	59	534			
Logan.....	6	138	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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