

# Weekly Analysis

April 25, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,231 last week, a decrease of 21.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 5,377 and a 25.7 percent decrease from the April 2025 weekly average of 5,695. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 17. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 44,907 last week, a decrease of 5.0 percent from the prior week's figure of 47,249 and a 9.4 percent decrease from the April 2025 weekly average of 49,561. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 184. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 6 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average April 2025	Week Ending April 11	Week Ending April 18	Week Ending April 25	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims . . . . .	55,428	55,699	52,836	49,339	-6.6	-11.0
Initial Claims <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	5,710	4,900	5,391	4,248	-21.2	-25.6
Regular Ohio Law . . . . .	5,695	4,883	5,377	4,231	-21.3	-25.7
UCFE . . . . .	8	9	5	9	...	...
UCX . . . . .	8	8	9	8	...	...
Continued Claims <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	49,718	50,799	47,445	45,091	-5.0	-9.3
Regular Ohio Law . . . . .	49,561	50,617	47,249	44,907	-5.0	-9.4
UCFE . . . . .	90	125	112	99	-11.6	10.0
UCX . . . . .	67	57	84	85	1.2	27.6

Financial Summary <sup>b</sup>	Number	Percent Change <sup>c</sup>
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	...

<sup>a</sup>Includes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

<sup>b</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 April 25, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>4,231</b>	<b>44,907</b>			
Adams.....	7	119	Lorain.....	118	1,368
Allen.....	32	337	Lucas.....	313	2,605
Ashland.....	11	127	Madison.....	10	97
Ashtabula.....	28	304	Mahoning.....	81	1,434
Athens.....	11	169	Marion.....	9	166
Auglaize.....	12	93	Medina.....	52	591
Belmont.....	14	145	Meigs.....	6	57
Brown.....	23	158	Mercer.....	3	49
Butler.....	118	1,154	Miami.....	23	285
Carroll.....	3	91	Monroe.....	3	29
Champaign.....	7	77	Montgomery.....	214	1,923
Clark.....	47	428	Morgan.....	4	62
Clermont.....	59	691	Morrow.....	6	114
Clinton.....	11	111	Muskingum.....	28	310
Columbiana.....	43	290	Noble.....	4	32
Coshocton.....	7	108	Ottawa.....	9	262
Crawford.....	18	155	Paulding.....	4	38
Cuyahoga.....	535	5,196	Perry.....	5	129
Darke.....	13	160	Pickaway.....	17	174
Defiance.....	5	105	Pike.....	14	117
Delaware.....	62	568	Portage.....	38	633
Erie.....	25	354	Preble.....	11	109
Fairfield.....	47	461	Putnam.....	3	106
Fayette.....	7	103	Richland.....	34	433
Franklin.....	501	4,666	Ross.....	26	246
Fulton.....	12	182	Sandusky.....	23	258
Gallia.....	9	79	Scioto.....	27	283
Geauga.....	13	288	Seneca.....	8	169
Greene.....	31	396	Shelby.....	10	112
Guernsey.....	8	121	Stark.....	137	1,432
Hamilton.....	291	2,786	Summit.....	205	2,189
Hancock.....	9	158	Trumbull.....	60	1,320
Hardin.....	13	78	Tuscarawas.....	24	251
Harrison.....	3	48	Union.....	13	164
Henry.....	4	119	Van Wert.....	5	60
Highland.....	12	181	Vinton.....	3	40
Hocking.....	2	128	Warren.....	64	752
Holmes.....	3	28	Washington.....	18	140
Huron.....	18	283	Wayne.....	19	219
Jackson.....	8	118	Williams.....	8	105
Jefferson.....	19	173	Wood.....	49	458
Knox.....	11	144	Wyandot.....	9	52
Lake.....	78	863	Out of State .....	172	1,510
Lawrence.....	6	125	Interstate Agent .....	84	902
Licking.....	54	528			
Logan.....	8	126	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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