

Weekly Analysis

May 2, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,376 last week, an increase of 3.4 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,231 and a 24.9 percent decrease from the May 2025 weekly average of 5,826. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 9. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 41,591 last week, a decrease of 7.4 percent from the prior week's figure of 44,907 and a 4.6 percent decrease from the May 2025 weekly average of 43,597. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 157. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 2 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average May 2025	Week Ending April 18	Week Ending April 25	Week Ending May 02	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	49,590	52,836	49,339	46,133	-6.5	-7.0
Initial Claims ^a	5,844	5,391	4,248	4,385	3.2	-25.0
Regular Ohio Law	5,826	5,377	4,231	4,376	3.4	-24.9
UCFE	10	5	9	6
UCX	8	9	8	3
Continued Claims ^a	43,746	47,445	45,091	41,748	-7.4	-4.6
Regular Ohio Law	43,597	47,249	44,907	41,591	-7.4	-4.6
UCFE	88	112	99	87	-12.1	-1.1
UCX	62	84	85	70	-17.6	13.7

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, March 2026	\$1,877,911	...
Gross Benefits Paid, March 2026	\$121,241,097	3.1
Average Weekly Benefit, March 2026	\$530.33	6.2
Trust Fund Balance as of March 31, 2026	\$1,697,444,475	...

^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 May 02, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,376	41,591			
Adams.....	8	99	Lorain.....	135	1,255
Allen.....	45	346	Lucas.....	184	1,774
Ashland.....	19	115	Madison.....	13	88
Ashtabula.....	84	269	Mahoning.....	68	1,354
Athens.....	17	142	Marion.....	17	147
Auglaize.....	7	85	Medina.....	52	590
Belmont.....	13	132	Meigs.....	7	58
Brown.....	11	140	Mercer.....	2	48
Butler.....	117	1,129	Miami.....	29	261
Carroll.....	9	69	Monroe.....	2	27
Champaign.....	3	83	Montgomery.....	197	1,854
Clark.....	34	428	Morgan.....	4	49
Clermont.....	62	681	Morrow.....	8	107
Clinton.....	15	97	Muskingum.....	38	273
Columbiana.....	32	295	Noble.....	1	25
Coshocton.....	19	101	Ottawa.....	14	197
Crawford.....	14	141	Paulding.....	3	35
Cuyahoga.....	513	5,083	Perry.....	11	114
Darke.....	15	139	Pickaway.....	18	172
Defiance.....	11	77	Pike.....	11	105
Delaware.....	49	577	Portage.....	53	563
Erie.....	108	330	Preble.....	7	101
Fairfield.....	58	444	Putnam.....	10	87
Fayette.....	12	87	Richland.....	32	413
Franklin.....	487	4,553	Ross.....	22	233
Fulton.....	10	143	Sandusky.....	31	216
Gallia.....	13	56	Scioto.....	24	255
Geauga.....	17	240	Seneca.....	24	147
Greene.....	41	416	Shelby.....	10	106
Guernsey.....	13	101	Stark.....	129	1,326
Hamilton.....	301	2,713	Summit.....	177	2,112
Hancock.....	21	147	Trumbull.....	67	1,285
Hardin.....	7	69	Tuscarawas.....	37	233
Harrison.....	8	40	Union.....	13	146
Henry.....	18	75	Van Wert.....	5	50
Highland.....	16	163	Vinton.....	4	39
Hocking.....	4	107	Warren.....	58	736
Holmes.....	3	26	Washington.....	8	134
Huron.....	47	236	Wayne.....	19	224
Jackson.....	11	89	Williams.....	9	91
Jefferson.....	24	160	Wood.....	43	364
Knox.....	9	150	Wyandot.....	4	57
Lake.....	70	779	Out of State	146	1,247
Lawrence.....	22	104	Interstate Agent	169	825
Licking.....	37	510			
Logan.....	7	102	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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