

Weekly Analysis

May 9, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,717 last week, an increase of 7.8 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,376 and a 19.0 percent decrease from the May 2025 weekly average of 5,826. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 6. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 40,632 last week, a decrease of 2.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 41,591 and a 6.8 percent decrease from the May 2025 weekly average of 43,597. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 134. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled zero while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average May 2025	Week Ending April 25	Week Ending May 02	Week Ending May 09	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	49,590	49,339	46,133	45,489	-1.4	-8.3
Initial Claims ^a	5,844	4,248	4,385	4,723	7.7	-19.2
Regular Ohio Law	5,826	4,231	4,376	4,717	7.8	-19.0
UCFE	10	9	6	2
UCX	8	8	3	4
Continued Claims ^a	43,746	45,091	41,748	40,766	-2.4	-6.8
Regular Ohio Law	43,597	44,907	41,591	40,632	-2.3	-6.8
UCFE	88	99	87	77	-11.5	-12.5
UCX	62	85	70	57	-18.6	-7.5

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 09, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,717	40,632			
Adams.....	9	90	Lorain.....	113	1,196
Allen.....	31	318	Lucas.....	233	1,653
Ashland.....	18	120	Madison.....	6	84
Ashtabula.....	48	323	Mahoning.....	99	1,325
Athens.....	18	142	Marion.....	16	153
Auglaize.....	9	76	Medina.....	49	568
Belmont.....	19	121	Meigs.....	5	57
Brown.....	20	133	Mercer.....	7	48
Butler.....	129	1,088	Miami.....	41	269
Carroll.....	16	62	Monroe.....	8	22
Champaign.....	9	73	Montgomery.....	270	1,835
Clark.....	51	400	Morgan.....	1	45
Clermont.....	62	674	Morrow.....	4	100
Clinton.....	13	96	Muskingum.....	35	267
Columbiana.....	28	285	Noble.....	2	22
Coshocton.....	10	101	Ottawa.....	14	170
Crawford.....	13	146	Paulding.....	1	35
Cuyahoga.....	478	4,979	Perry.....	10	108
Darke.....	75	135	Pickaway.....	22	191
Defiance.....	19	72	Pike.....	13	97
Delaware.....	63	548	Portage.....	44	521
Erie.....	27	392	Preble.....	27	101
Fairfield.....	36	438	Putnam.....	7	86
Fayette.....	3	99	Richland.....	36	398
Franklin.....	538	4,521	Ross.....	19	210
Fulton.....	27	129	Sandusky.....	27	210
Gallia.....	4	65	Scioto.....	41	239
Geauga.....	35	244	Seneca.....	17	132
Greene.....	63	412	Shelby.....	13	100
Guernsey.....	9	97	Stark.....	141	1,242
Hamilton.....	378	2,735	Summit.....	179	1,981
Hancock.....	41	141	Trumbull.....	71	1,256
Hardin.....	4	78	Tuscarawas.....	25	229
Harrison.....	9	44	Union.....	18	151
Henry.....	13	67	Van Wert.....	8	46
Highland.....	16	170	Vinton.....	5	38
Hocking.....	22	99	Warren.....	67	750
Holmes.....	1	25	Washington.....	16	128
Huron.....	16	216	Wayne.....	29	200
Jackson.....	11	93	Williams.....	16	91
Jefferson.....	30	157	Wood.....	61	347
Knox.....	18	130	Wyandot.....	7	56
Lake.....	86	748	Out of State	164	1,253
Lawrence.....	11	102	Interstate Agent	138	852
Licking.....	47	488			
Logan.....	9	98	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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