

Weekly Analysis

May 23, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,754 last week, a decrease of 15.9 percent from the prior week's figure of 5,654 and a 18.4 percent decrease from the May 2025 weekly average of 5,826. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 19. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 40,551 last week, an increase of 1.8 percent from the prior week's figure of 39,840 and a 7.0 percent decrease from the May 2025 weekly average of 43,597. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 138. 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 May 2025	Week Ending May 09	Week Ending May 16	Week Ending May 23	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	49,590	45,489	45,638	45,462	-0.4	-8.3
Initial Claims ^a	5,844	4,723	5,666	4,773	-15.8	-18.3
Regular Ohio Law	5,826	4,717	5,654	4,754	-15.9	-18.4
UCFE	10	2	4	12
UCX	8	4	8	7
Continued Claims ^a	43,746	40,766	39,972	40,689	1.8	-7.0
Regular Ohio Law	43,597	40,632	39,840	40,551	1.8	-7.0
UCFE	88	77	78	81	3.8	-7.9
UCX	62	57	54	57	5.6	-7.5

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, March 2026	\$1,877,911	...
Gross Benefits Paid, April 2026	\$79,696,328	-12.4
Average Weekly Benefit, April 2026	\$524.36	5.8
Trust Fund Balance as of March 31, 2026	\$1,697,444,475	...

^aIncludes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

^dRegular Ohio Law. ^cFrom corresponding period, preceding year.

**INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS
UNDER REGULAR OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW
BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING May 23, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,754	40,551			
Adams.....	13	85	Lorain.....	102	1,088
Allen.....	38	299	Lucas.....	346	2,515
Ashland.....	10	121	Madison.....	11	91
Ashtabula.....	24	245	Mahoning.....	71	1,274
Athens.....	15	137	Marion.....	25	136
Auglaize.....	8	69	Medina.....	53	532
Belmont.....	23	120	Meigs.....	10	46
Brown.....	18	143	Mercer.....	5	49
Butler.....	142	1,108	Miami.....	29	274
Carroll.....	7	74	Monroe.....	3	31
Champaign.....	11	85	Montgomery.....	238	1,865
Clark.....	59	413	Morgan.....	10	37
Clermont.....	81	654	Morrow.....	8	82
Clinton.....	14	103	Muskingum.....	25	238
Columbiana.....	26	284	Noble.....	5	21
Coshocton.....	16	95	Ottawa.....	15	144
Crawford.....	14	114	Paulding.....	6	31
Cuyahoga.....	538	4,761	Perry.....	15	99
Darke.....	22	202	Pickaway.....	22	160
Defiance.....	30	79	Pike.....	24	79
Delaware.....	48	561	Portage.....	48	486
Erie.....	27	247	Preble.....	12	107
Fairfield.....	53	444	Putnam.....	10	67
Fayette.....	14	84	Richland.....	21	348
Franklin.....	505	4,530	Ross.....	27	198
Fulton.....	39	136	Sandusky.....	17	204
Gallia.....	15	56	Scioto.....	48	245
Geauga.....	11	210	Seneca.....	19	127
Greene.....	62	404	Shelby.....	14	100
Guernsey.....	24	91	Stark.....	113	1,195
Hamilton.....	314	2,831	Summit.....	204	1,894
Hancock.....	23	161	Trumbull.....	84	1,221
Hardin.....	19	64	Tuscarawas.....	21	204
Harrison.....	6	33	Union.....	15	143
Henry.....	10	71	Van Wert.....	6	49
Highland.....	17	162	Vinton.....	3	31
Hocking.....	6	110	Warren.....	65	675
Holmes.....	5	22	Washington.....	27	134
Huron.....	9	176	Wayne.....	17	185
Jackson.....	11	82	Williams.....	35	83
Jefferson.....	35	189	Wood.....	59	455
Knox.....	34	122	Wyandot.....	5	50
Lake.....	70	720	Out of State	195	1,353
Lawrence.....	29	101	Interstate Agent	103	806
Licking.....	59	511			
Logan.....	9	90	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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