

Weekly Analysis

July 4, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 6,184 last week, an increase of 42.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,345 and a 13.0 percent increase from the July 2025 weekly average of 5,473. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 16. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 42,130 last week, a decrease of 0.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 42,276 and a 6.1 percent decrease from the July 2025 weekly average of 44,845. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 129. 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 July 2025	Week Ending June 20	Week Ending June 27	Week Ending July 04	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	50,495	46,249	46,765	48,459	3.6	-4.0
Initial Claims ^a	5,490	4,135	4,358	6,200	42.3	12.9
Regular Ohio Law	5,473	4,124	4,345	6,184	42.3	13.0
UCFE	10	5	7	5	...	...
UCX	7	6	6	11	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	45,006	42,114	42,407	42,259	-0.3	-6.1
Regular Ohio Law	44,845	41,994	42,276	42,130	-0.3	-6.1
UCFE	92	60	68	75	10.3	-18.2
UCX	69	60	63	54	-14.3	-21.6

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, May 2026	\$43,515,794	...
Gross Benefits Paid, May 2026	\$64,802,729	-10.3
Average Weekly Benefit, May 2026	\$521.65	5.6
Trust Fund Balance as of May 31, 2026	\$2,204,389,379	...

^aIncludes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

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

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**INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS
UNDER REGULAR OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW
BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING July 04, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	6,184	42,130			
Adams.....	9	100	Lorain.....	152	1,177
Allen.....	148	322	Lucas.....	618	1,687
Ashland.....	15	89	Madison.....	10	91
Ashtabula.....	108	275	Mahoning.....	78	1,296
Athens.....	16	119	Marion.....	22	160
Auglaize.....	61	89	Medina.....	43	504
Belmont.....	22	138	Meigs.....	19	54
Brown.....	16	141	Mercer.....	29	43
Butler.....	121	1,457	Miami.....	36	256
Carroll.....	9	53	Monroe.....	4	39
Champaign.....	8	102	Montgomery.....	246	1,923
Clark.....	36	410	Morgan.....	8	45
Clermont.....	58	832	Morrow.....	8	74
Clinton.....	11	95	Muskingum.....	35	225
Columbiana.....	30	331	Noble.....	3	25
Coshocton.....	7	83	Ottawa.....	35	104
Crawford.....	49	135	Paulding.....	12	31
Cuyahoga.....	588	5,016	Perry.....	11	101
Darke.....	56	149	Pickaway.....	18	155
Defiance.....	35	113	Pike.....	19	90
Delaware.....	50	594	Portage.....	50	542
Erie.....	99	236	Preble.....	14	116
Fairfield.....	38	479	Putnam.....	40	110
Fayette.....	17	98	Richland.....	105	296
Franklin.....	478	4,670	Ross.....	21	216
Fulton.....	27	131	Sandusky.....	62	174
Gallia.....	24	80	Scioto.....	37	266
Geauga.....	20	198	Seneca.....	36	161
Greene.....	47	451	Shelby.....	22	101
Guernsey.....	11	122	Stark.....	162	1,207
Hamilton.....	386	3,300	Summit.....	194	2,043
Hancock.....	26	227	Trumbull.....	74	1,291
Hardin.....	32	65	Tuscarawas.....	25	223
Harrison.....	4	42	Union.....	23	193
Henry.....	56	108	Van Wert.....	33	44
Highland.....	23	176	Vinton.....	18	37
Hocking.....	11	85	Warren.....	63	765
Holmes.....	0	23	Washington.....	13	154
Huron.....	197	155	Wayne.....	22	197
Jackson.....	77	103	Williams.....	19	80
Jefferson.....	21	215	Wood.....	72	398
Knox.....	27	136	Wyandot.....	6	47
Lake.....	116	803	Out of State	208	1,192
Lawrence.....	12	155	Interstate Agent	194	885
Licking.....	52	512			
Logan.....	11	99	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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