

Weekly Analysis

July 18, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,425 last week, a decrease of 22.9 percent from the prior week's figure of 5,743 and a 19.1 percent decrease from the July 2025 weekly average of 5,473. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 13. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 43,752 last week, a decrease of 1.5 percent from the prior week's figure of 44,401 and a 2.4 percent decrease from the July 2025 weekly average of 44,845. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 128. 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 July 2025	Week Ending July 04	Week Ending July 11	Week Ending July 18	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	50,495	48,459	50,276	48,318	-3.9	-4.3
Initial Claims ^a	5,490	6,200	5,759	4,438	-22.9	-19.2
Regular Ohio Law	5,473	6,184	5,743	4,425	-22.9	-19.1
UCFE	10	5	6	5	...	...
UCX	7	11	10	8	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	45,006	42,259	44,517	43,880	-1.4	-2.5
Regular Ohio Law	44,845	42,130	44,401	43,752	-1.5	-2.4
UCFE	92	75	64	64	0.0	-30.2
UCX	69	54	52	64	23.1	-7.1

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, May 2026	\$43,515,794	...
Gross Benefits Paid, June 2026	\$77,970,916	-1.9
Average Weekly Benefit, June 2026	\$508.59	5.3
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 18, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,425	43,752			
Adams.....	5	99	Lorain.....	114	1,169
Allen.....	33	420	Lucas.....	356	2,386
Ashland.....	8	98	Madison.....	3	91
Ashtabula.....	30	294	Mahoning.....	95	1,262
Athens.....	8	123	Marion.....	15	146
Auglaize.....	11	113	Medina.....	43	478
Belmont.....	13	129	Meigs.....	11	60
Brown.....	15	142	Mercer.....	3	56
Butler.....	132	1,457	Miami.....	14	240
Carroll.....	5	56	Monroe.....	2	38
Champaign.....	14	110	Montgomery.....	199	1,974
Clark.....	51	423	Morgan.....	3	50
Clermont.....	65	815	Morrow.....	8	85
Clinton.....	9	99	Muskingum.....	45	309
Columbiana.....	24	306	Noble.....	3	29
Coshocton.....	14	83	Ottawa.....	22	138
Crawford.....	8	165	Paulding.....	2	39
Cuyahoga.....	531	5,051	Perry.....	9	105
Darke.....	14	159	Pickaway.....	14	181
Defiance.....	17	171	Pike.....	7	89
Delaware.....	53	610	Portage.....	46	469
Erie.....	32	254	Preble.....	11	121
Fairfield.....	45	462	Putnam.....	5	124
Fayette.....	9	105	Richland.....	35	352
Franklin.....	463	4,643	Ross.....	16	216
Fulton.....	33	181	Sandusky.....	20	199
Gallia.....	10	74	Scioto.....	21	282
Geauga.....	16	194	Seneca.....	25	182
Greene.....	50	445	Shelby.....	14	101
Guernsey.....	12	135	Stark.....	113	1,156
Hamilton.....	333	3,366	Summit.....	188	1,965
Hancock.....	25	254	Trumbull.....	87	1,338
Hardin.....	10	98	Tuscarawas.....	23	210
Harrison.....	6	45	Union.....	20	192
Henry.....	11	117	Van Wert.....	6	78
Highland.....	7	179	Vinton.....	4	30
Hocking.....	10	90	Warren.....	73	744
Holmes.....	3	23	Washington.....	15	148
Huron.....	19	314	Wayne.....	19	194
Jackson.....	12	114	Williams.....	15	121
Jefferson.....	36	188	Wood.....	70	474
Knox.....	12	146	Wyandot.....	8	60
Lake.....	67	828	Out of State	162	1,243
Lawrence.....	11	163	Interstate Agent	101	873
Licking.....	58	511			
Logan.....	10	103	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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