

Weekly Analysis

August 1, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,417 last week, a decrease of 12.6 percent from the prior week's figure of 5,055 and a 11.8 percent decrease from the August 2025 weekly average of 5,007. 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 42,262 last week, an increase of 2.5 percent from the prior week's figure of 41,229 and a 5.3 percent decrease from the August 2025 weekly average of 44,638. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 125. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 5 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Aug 2025	Week Ending July 18	Week Ending July 25	Week Ending Aug 01	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	49,877	48,318	46,424	46,817	0.8	-6.1
Initial Claims ^a	5,026	4,438	5,060	4,430	-12.5	-11.9
Regular Ohio Law	5,007	4,425	5,055	4,417	-12.6	-11.8
UCFE	10	5	1	5	...	...
UCX	9	8	4	8	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	44,851	43,880	41,364	42,387	2.5	-5.5
Regular Ohio Law	44,638	43,752	41,229	42,262	2.5	-5.3
UCFE	124	64	67	62	-7.5	-50.0
UCX	89	64	68	63	-7.4	-29.1

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, June 2026	\$4,139,523	...
Gross Benefits Paid, June 2026	\$77,970,916	-1.9
Average Weekly Benefit, June 2026	\$508.59	5.3
Trust Fund Balance as of June 30, 2026	\$2,147,610,903	...

^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 August 01, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,417	42,262			
Adams.....	3	92	Lorain.....	107	1,211
Allen.....	28	276	Lucas.....	482	2,600
Ashland.....	17	92	Madison.....	9	83
Ashtabula.....	26	244	Mahoning.....	166	844
Athens.....	7	120	Marion.....	9	152
Auglaize.....	13	82	Medina.....	50	501
Belmont.....	13	130	Meigs.....	9	61
Brown.....	8	147	Mercer.....	1	41
Butler.....	123	1,496	Miami.....	32	233
Carroll.....	5	61	Monroe.....	2	40
Champaign.....	8	99	Montgomery.....	171	1,955
Clark.....	23	407	Morgan.....	5	43
Clermont.....	47	805	Morrow.....	6	82
Clinton.....	5	106	Muskingum.....	27	241
Columbiana.....	38	266	Noble.....	1	32
Coshocton.....	6	79	Ottawa.....	12	139
Crawford.....	12	136	Paulding.....	0	36
Cuyahoga.....	510	5,105	Perry.....	9	87
Darke.....	8	151	Pickaway.....	12	157
Defiance.....	8	107	Pike.....	9	96
Delaware.....	50	644	Portage.....	39	466
Erie.....	22	253	Preble.....	8	120
Fairfield.....	48	495	Putnam.....	3	84
Fayette.....	4	103	Richland.....	30	312
Franklin.....	486	4,703	Ross.....	12	204
Fulton.....	16	138	Sandusky.....	28	171
Gallia.....	3	68	Scioto.....	30	259
Geauga.....	14	203	Seneca.....	9	147
Greene.....	32	451	Shelby.....	8	95
Guernsey.....	9	122	Stark.....	117	1,181
Hamilton.....	310	3,355	Summit.....	196	2,010
Hancock.....	17	179	Trumbull.....	81	785
Hardin.....	6	71	Tuscarawas.....	17	214
Harrison.....	2	38	Union.....	11	211
Henry.....	6	81	Van Wert.....	9	54
Highland.....	17	175	Vinton.....	0	29
Hocking.....	8	87	Warren.....	49	764
Holmes.....	2	19	Washington.....	27	137
Huron.....	10	186	Wayne.....	16	185
Jackson.....	9	91	Williams.....	6	89
Jefferson.....	21	202	Wood.....	60	467
Knox.....	15	128	Wyandot.....	7	42
Lake.....	71	812	Out of State	194	1,310
Lawrence.....	19	147	Interstate Agent	160	908
Licking.....	65	539			
Logan.....	11	93	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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