

Weekly Analysis

August 15, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,503 last week, an increase of 8.1 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,166 and a 10.1 percent decrease from the August 2025 weekly average of 5,007. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 14. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 39,564 last week, a decrease of 4.8 percent from the prior week's figure of 41,543 and a 11.4 percent decrease from the August 2025 weekly average of 44,638. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 122. 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 Aug 2025	Week Ending Aug 01	Week Ending Aug 08	Week Ending Aug 15	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	49,877	46,817	45,859	44,203	-3.6	-11.4
Initial Claims ^a	5,026	4,430	4,180	4,517	8.1	-10.1
Regular Ohio Law	5,007	4,417	4,166	4,503	8.1	-10.1
UCFE	10	5	4	5	...	...
UCX	9	8	10	9	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	44,851	42,387	41,679	39,686	-4.8	-11.5
Regular Ohio Law	44,638	42,262	41,543	39,564	-4.8	-11.4
UCFE	124	62	76	61	-19.7	-50.8
UCX	89	63	60	61	1.7	-31.3

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, June 2026	\$4,139,523	...
Gross Benefits Paid, July 2026	\$68,860,240	-16.5
Average Weekly Benefit, July 2026	\$500.19	4.2
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 15, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,503	39,564			
Adams.....	8	80	Lorain.....	104	1,145
Allen.....	26	283	Lucas.....	547	1,700
Ashland.....	10	87	Madison.....	11	86
Ashtabula.....	18	225	Mahoning.....	91	891
Athens.....	14	100	Marion.....	21	140
Auglaize.....	4	79	Medina.....	38	479
Belmont.....	20	116	Meigs.....	13	42
Brown.....	19	130	Mercer.....	8	38
Butler.....	132	1,419	Miami.....	28	224
Carroll.....	3	60	Monroe.....	5	46
Champaign.....	6	107	Montgomery.....	179	1,860
Clark.....	30	351	Morgan.....	6	36
Clermont.....	75	753	Morrow.....	14	73
Clinton.....	8	100	Muskingum.....	29	243
Columbiana.....	24	247	Noble.....	2	26
Coshocton.....	9	83	Ottawa.....	16	110
Crawford.....	9	113	Paulding.....	5	27
Cuyahoga.....	499	5,045	Perry.....	18	96
Darke.....	8	147	Pickaway.....	15	153
Defiance.....	4	59	Pike.....	8	77
Delaware.....	43	598	Portage.....	44	425
Erie.....	25	250	Preble.....	11	122
Fairfield.....	45	493	Putnam.....	5	57
Fayette.....	4	103	Richland.....	36	302
Franklin.....	523	4,641	Ross.....	18	199
Fulton.....	17	96	Sandusky.....	27	151
Gallia.....	7	58	Scioto.....	52	250
Geauga.....	18	197	Seneca.....	19	132
Greene.....	38	415	Shelby.....	10	91
Guernsey.....	13	115	Stark.....	137	1,114
Hamilton.....	304	3,283	Summit.....	176	1,892
Hancock.....	24	165	Trumbull.....	60	689
Hardin.....	6	62	Tuscarawas.....	23	221
Harrison.....	3	37	Union.....	11	205
Henry.....	9	52	Van Wert.....	4	63
Highland.....	17	154	Vinton.....	6	28
Hocking.....	3	87	Warren.....	58	711
Holmes.....	4	19	Washington.....	17	143
Huron.....	12	177	Wayne.....	17	196
Jackson.....	14	93	Williams.....	8	73
Jefferson.....	22	194	Wood.....	55	359
Knox.....	21	139	Wyandot.....	6	48
Lake.....	86	803	Out of State	197	1,105
Lawrence.....	20	147	Interstate Agent	87	897
Licking.....	49	549			
Logan.....	8	88	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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