

Weekly Analysis

August 22, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,403 last week, a decrease of 2.2 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,503 and a 12.1 percent decrease from the August 2025 weekly average of 5,007. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 15. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 38,093 last week, a decrease of 3.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 39,564 and a 14.7 percent decrease from the August 2025 weekly average of 44,638. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 133. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 11 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Aug 2025	Week Ending Aug 08	Week Ending Aug 15	Week Ending Aug 22	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	49,877	45,859	44,203	42,644	-3.5	-14.5
Initial Claims ^a	5,026	4,180	4,517	4,418	-2.2	-12.1
Regular Ohio Law	5,007	4,166	4,503	4,403	-2.2	-12.1
UCFE	10	4	5	6	...	...
UCX	9	10	9	9	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	44,851	41,679	39,686	38,226	-3.7	-14.8
Regular Ohio Law	44,638	41,543	39,564	38,093	-3.7	-14.7
UCFE	124	76	61	69	13.1	-44.4
UCX	89	60	61	64	4.9	-27.9

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 22, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,403	38,093			
Adams.....	14	77	Lorain.....	92	1,060
Allen.....	25	265	Lucas.....	474	2,004
Ashland.....	8	90	Madison.....	15	86
Ashtabula.....	28	204	Mahoning.....	105	816
Athens.....	9	105	Marion.....	31	137
Auglaize.....	12	69	Medina.....	46	461
Belmont.....	22	118	Meigs.....	7	46
Brown.....	10	135	Mercer.....	4	36
Butler.....	107	1,221	Miami.....	25	228
Carroll.....	3	49	Monroe.....	4	32
Champaign.....	10	98	Montgomery.....	208	1,787
Clark.....	37	334	Morgan.....	7	35
Clermont.....	63	726	Morrow.....	13	83
Clinton.....	13	95	Muskingum.....	21	216
Columbiana.....	37	227	Noble.....	5	24
Coshocton.....	14	78	Ottawa.....	29	95
Crawford.....	13	110	Paulding.....	4	31
Cuyahoga.....	488	4,850	Perry.....	17	94
Darke.....	9	137	Pickaway.....	23	150
Defiance.....	9	50	Pike.....	4	73
Delaware.....	54	579	Portage.....	53	393
Erie.....	23	237	Preble.....	9	109
Fairfield.....	41	472	Putnam.....	5	60
Fayette.....	5	85	Richland.....	53	290
Franklin.....	454	4,470	Ross.....	21	180
Fulton.....	18	97	Sandusky.....	26	146
Gallia.....	8	47	Scioto.....	42	279
Geauga.....	14	183	Seneca.....	18	123
Greene.....	35	382	Shelby.....	14	93
Guernsey.....	15	99	Stark.....	120	1,109
Hamilton.....	264	3,140	Summit.....	204	1,848
Hancock.....	12	155	Trumbull.....	66	630
Hardin.....	14	55	Tuscarawas.....	13	188
Harrison.....	4	30	Union.....	18	187
Henry.....	6	46	Van Wert.....	9	47
Highland.....	10	146	Vinton.....	2	31
Hocking.....	12	76	Warren.....	53	641
Holmes.....	0	20	Washington.....	16	143
Huron.....	20	171	Wayne.....	29	184
Jackson.....	15	91	Williams.....	4	70
Jefferson.....	26	200	Wood.....	63	336
Knox.....	12	151	Wyandot.....	8	59
Lake.....	70	726	Out of State	178	1,131
Lawrence.....	24	143	Interstate Agent	93	913
Licking.....	53	486			
Logan.....	12	84	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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