

Weekly Analysis

August 29, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 3,859 last week, a decrease of 12.4 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,403 and a 22.9 percent decrease from the August 2025 weekly average of 5,007. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 19. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 36,928 last week, a decrease of 3.1 percent from the prior week's figure of 38,093 and a 17.3 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 10 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Aug 2025	Week Ending Aug 15	Week Ending Aug 22	Week Ending Aug 29	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	49,877	44,203	42,644	40,928	-4.0	-17.9
Initial Claims ^a	5,026	4,517	4,418	3,878	-12.2	-22.8
Regular Ohio Law	5,007	4,503	4,403	3,859	-12.4	-22.9
UCFE	10	5	6	4	...	...
UCX	9	9	9	15	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	44,851	39,686	38,226	37,050	-3.1	-17.4
Regular Ohio Law	44,638	39,564	38,093	36,928	-3.1	-17.3
UCFE	124	61	69	62	-10.1	-50.0
UCX	89	61	64	60	-6.3	-32.4

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 29, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	3,859	36,928			
Adams.....	6	87	Lorain.....	108	998
Allen.....	38	261	Lucas.....	193	1,974
Ashland.....	9	87	Madison.....	12	85
Ashtabula.....	22	193	Mahoning.....	79	820
Athens.....	12	94	Marion.....	17	162
Auglaize.....	10	70	Medina.....	57	442
Belmont.....	18	115	Meigs.....	7	41
Brown.....	5	136	Mercer.....	8	48
Butler.....	98	1,131	Miami.....	33	215
Carroll.....	7	44	Monroe.....	2	36
Champaign.....	8	93	Montgomery.....	198	1,784
Clark.....	32	328	Morgan.....	7	42
Clermont.....	70	610	Morrow.....	8	78
Clinton.....	7	95	Muskingum.....	26	226
Columbiana.....	21	221	Noble.....	4	22
Coshocton.....	5	82	Ottawa.....	16	102
Crawford.....	11	100	Paulding.....	3	32
Cuyahoga.....	477	4,770	Perry.....	10	88
Darke.....	16	122	Pickaway.....	14	134
Defiance.....	8	51	Pike.....	9	59
Delaware.....	56	591	Portage.....	37	418
Erie.....	26	214	Preble.....	14	112
Fairfield.....	49	442	Putnam.....	12	47
Fayette.....	3	77	Richland.....	41	322
Franklin.....	467	4,383	Ross.....	21	173
Fulton.....	10	86	Sandusky.....	17	134
Gallia.....	5	54	Scioto.....	29	255
Geauga.....	18	194	Seneca.....	16	114
Greene.....	33	356	Shelby.....	7	88
Guernsey.....	16	98	Stark.....	105	1,008
Hamilton.....	252	3,003	Summit.....	181	1,799
Hancock.....	19	145	Trumbull.....	79	576
Hardin.....	13	58	Tuscarawas.....	12	172
Harrison.....	3	33	Union.....	10	174
Henry.....	10	46	Van Wert.....	6	41
Highland.....	8	146	Vinton.....	3	25
Hocking.....	8	82	Warren.....	49	645
Holmes.....	7	15	Washington.....	8	127
Huron.....	24	155	Wayne.....	21	188
Jackson.....	15	87	Williams.....	9	66
Jefferson.....	27	183	Wood.....	44	348
Knox.....	12	136	Wyandot.....	2	55
Lake.....	87	721	Out of State	135	1,114
Lawrence.....	7	151	Interstate Agent	79	840
Licking.....	51	470			
Logan.....	5	83	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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