

Weekly Analysis

September 5, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,314 last week, an increase of 11.8 percent from the prior week's figure of 3,859 and a 6.5 percent decrease from the September 2025 weekly average of 4,612. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 17. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 35,187 last week, a decrease of 4.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 36,928 and a 12.7 percent decrease from the September 2025 weekly average of 40,298. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 129. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 4 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Sep 2025	Week Ending Aug 22	Week Ending Aug 29	Week Ending Sep 05	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	45,112	42,644	40,928	39,647	-3.1	-12.1
Initial Claims ^a	4,629	4,418	3,878	4,331	11.7	-6.4
Regular Ohio Law	4,612	4,403	3,859	4,314	11.8	-6.5
UCFE	10	6	4	4	...	...
UCX	6	9	15	13	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	40,483	38,226	37,050	35,316	-4.7	-12.8
Regular Ohio Law	40,298	38,093	36,928	35,187	-4.7	-12.7
UCFE	114	69	62	69	11.3	-39.3
UCX	72	64	60	60	0.0	-16.5

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 September 05, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,314	35,187			
Adams.....	5	77	Lorain.....	120	962
Allen.....	30	262	Lucas.....	211	1,559
Ashland.....	14	80	Madison.....	7	86
Ashtabula.....	30	187	Mahoning.....	87	757
Athens.....	11	80	Marion.....	18	136
Auglaize.....	8	65	Medina.....	45	457
Belmont.....	17	103	Meigs.....	4	39
Brown.....	8	114	Mercer.....	3	47
Butler.....	105	1,069	Miami.....	19	249
Carroll.....	7	45	Monroe.....	2	31
Champaign.....	8	90	Montgomery.....	186	1,761
Clark.....	34	322	Morgan.....	3	36
Clermont.....	69	597	Morrow.....	5	83
Clinton.....	11	102	Muskingum.....	28	202
Columbiana.....	29	203	Noble.....	3	26
Coshocton.....	4	81	Ottawa.....	14	103
Crawford.....	34	97	Paulding.....	6	35
Cuyahoga.....	534	4,657	Perry.....	14	74
Darke.....	8	115	Pickaway.....	18	145
Defiance.....	18	57	Pike.....	16	54
Delaware.....	57	591	Portage.....	52	382
Erie.....	25	215	Preble.....	10	104
Fairfield.....	53	442	Putnam.....	7	55
Fayette.....	6	70	Richland.....	54	290
Franklin.....	485	4,277	Ross.....	24	175
Fulton.....	10	87	Sandusky.....	18	145
Gallia.....	7	50	Scioto.....	41	260
Geauga.....	13	179	Seneca.....	17	99
Greene.....	41	344	Shelby.....	12	81
Guernsey.....	18	87	Stark.....	144	1,001
Hamilton.....	311	2,688	Summit.....	227	1,711
Hancock.....	27	148	Trumbull.....	57	575
Hardin.....	6	68	Tuscarawas.....	33	164
Harrison.....	4	32	Union.....	20	162
Henry.....	8	51	Van Wert.....	4	40
Highland.....	9	133	Vinton.....	2	20
Hocking.....	5	80	Warren.....	54	633
Holmes.....	2	21	Washington.....	18	122
Huron.....	52	142	Wayne.....	21	189
Jackson.....	11	88	Williams.....	19	58
Jefferson.....	25	170	Wood.....	45	321
Knox.....	15	120	Wyandot.....	3	54
Lake.....	85	695	Out of State	145	1,016
Lawrence.....	18	146	Interstate Agent	152	836
Licking.....	39	448			
Logan.....	10	77	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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