

Weekly Analysis

September 12, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,019 last week, a decrease of 6.8 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,314 and a 12.9 percent decrease from the September 2025 weekly average of 4,612. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 7. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 33,978 last week, a decrease of 3.4 percent from the prior week's figure of 35,187 and a 15.7 percent decrease from the September 2025 weekly average of 40,298. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 111. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 6 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Sep 2025	Week Ending Aug 29	Week Ending Sep 05	Week Ending Sep 12	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	45,112	40,928	39,647	38,115	-3.9	-15.5
Initial Claims ^a	4,629	3,878	4,331	4,026	-7.0	-13.0
Regular Ohio Law	4,612	3,859	4,314	4,019	-6.8	-12.9
UCFE	10	4	4	2	...	...
UCX	6	15	13	5	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	40,483	37,050	35,316	34,089	-3.5	-15.8
Regular Ohio Law	40,298	36,928	35,187	33,978	-3.4	-15.7
UCFE	114	62	69	49	-29.0	-56.9
UCX	72	60	60	62	3.3	-13.7

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, July 2026	\$126,898,439	...
Gross Benefits Paid, August 2026	\$68,996,074	-2.6
Average Weekly Benefit, August 2026	\$508.01	4.2
Trust Fund Balance as of July 31, 2026	\$2,132,209,536	...

^aIncludes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

^dRegular 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 12, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,019	33,978			
Adams.....	11	72	Lorain.....	94	923
Allen.....	40	240	Lucas.....	165	1,455
Ashland.....	12	87	Madison.....	8	83
Ashtabula.....	23	167	Mahoning.....	64	725
Athens.....	9	87	Marion.....	17	129
Auglaize.....	14	62	Medina.....	57	446
Belmont.....	17	107	Meigs.....	3	39
Brown.....	12	94	Mercer.....	18	36
Butler.....	96	1,033	Miami.....	23	225
Carroll.....	9	40	Monroe.....	3	22
Champaign.....	6	87	Montgomery.....	162	1,714
Clark.....	23	299	Morgan.....	11	37
Clermont.....	57	588	Morrow.....	10	69
Clinton.....	9	94	Muskingum.....	104	199
Columbiana.....	29	210	Noble.....	1	22
Coshocton.....	14	70	Ottawa.....	18	103
Crawford.....	14	113	Paulding.....	5	33
Cuyahoga.....	453	4,415	Perry.....	14	81
Darke.....	34	112	Pickaway.....	8	149
Defiance.....	23	65	Pike.....	7	55
Delaware.....	53	587	Portage.....	44	381
Erie.....	40	201	Preble.....	11	114
Fairfield.....	40	420	Putnam.....	1	49
Fayette.....	7	74	Richland.....	52	295
Franklin.....	409	4,171	Ross.....	20	178
Fulton.....	10	81	Sandusky.....	137	126
Gallia.....	8	45	Scioto.....	31	228
Geauga.....	18	175	Seneca.....	15	108
Greene.....	42	315	Shelby.....	5	76
Guernsey.....	19	97	Stark.....	170	976
Hamilton.....	248	2,707	Summit.....	192	1,685
Hancock.....	20	138	Trumbull.....	65	531
Hardin.....	4	57	Tuscarawas.....	35	165
Harrison.....	6	28	Union.....	8	170
Henry.....	10	44	Van Wert.....	7	37
Highland.....	14	128	Vinton.....	3	21
Hocking.....	9	73	Warren.....	44	635
Holmes.....	3	21	Washington.....	12	117
Huron.....	42	158	Wayne.....	18	190
Jackson.....	6	80	Williams.....	32	62
Jefferson.....	28	150	Wood.....	37	279
Knox.....	10	114	Wyandot.....	2	46
Lake.....	66	664	Out of State	122	974
Lawrence.....	15	119	Interstate Agent	80	804
Licking.....	44	427			
Logan.....	8	70	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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