

# Weekly Analysis

September 19, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,433 last week, an increase of 10.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,019 and a 3.9 percent decrease from the September 2025 weekly average of 4,612. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 9. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 34,715 last week, an increase of 2.2 percent from the prior week's figure of 33,978 and a 13.9 percent decrease from the September 2025 weekly average of 40,298. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 125. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 1 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

| Category                                | Weekly<br>Average<br>Sep 2025 | Week<br>Ending<br>Sep 05 | Week<br>Ending<br>Sep 12 | Week<br>Ending<br>Sep 19 | Percent Change   |                         |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                         |                               |                          |                          |                          | Previous<br>Week | Average of<br>Last Year |
| All Claims . . . . .                    | 45,112                        | 39,647                   | 38,115                   | 39,282                   | 3.1              | -12.9                   |
| Initial Claims <sup>a</sup> . . . . .   | 4,629                         | 4,331                    | 4,026                    | 4,442                    | 10.3             | -4.0                    |
| Regular Ohio Law . . . . .              | 4,612                         | 4,314                    | 4,019                    | 4,433                    | 10.3             | -3.9                    |
| UCFE . . . . .                          | 10                            | 4                        | 2                        | 5                        | ...              | ...                     |
| UCX . . . . .                           | 6                             | 13                       | 5                        | 4                        | ...              | ...                     |
| Continued Claims <sup>a</sup> . . . . . | 40,483                        | 35,316                   | 34,089                   | 34,840                   | 2.2              | -13.9                   |
| Regular Ohio Law . . . . .              | 40,298                        | 35,187                   | 33,978                   | 34,715                   | 2.2              | -13.9                   |
| UCFE . . . . .                          | 114                           | 69                       | 49                       | 57                       | 16.3             | -49.8                   |
| UCX . . . . .                           | 72                            | 60                       | 62                       | 68                       | 9.7              | -5.3                    |

| Financial Summary <sup>b</sup>                   | Number          | Percent<br>Change <sup>c</sup> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 | ...                            |

<sup>a</sup>Includes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

<sup>b</sup>Regular Ohio Law. <sup>c</sup>From 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 19, 2026**

| County            | Initial*<br>Claims | Continued<br>Claims | County                 | Initial*<br>Claims | Continued<br>Claims |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total.....</b> | <b>4,433</b>       | <b>34,715</b>       |                        |                    |                     |
| Adams.....        | 6                  | 73                  | Lorain.....            | 97                 | 954                 |
| Allen.....        | 35                 | 248                 | Lucas.....             | 560                | 1,479               |
| Ashland.....      | 12                 | 84                  | Madison.....           | 13                 | 78                  |
| Ashtabula.....    | 34                 | 195                 | Mahoning.....          | 84                 | 743                 |
| Athens.....       | 15                 | 103                 | Marion.....            | 22                 | 150                 |
| Auglaize.....     | 12                 | 66                  | Medina.....            | 50                 | 437                 |
| Belmont.....      | 16                 | 98                  | Meigs.....             | 7                  | 34                  |
| Brown.....        | 6                  | 96                  | Mercer.....            | 8                  | 47                  |
| Butler.....       | 106                | 1,022               | Miami.....             | 29                 | 229                 |
| Carroll.....      | 5                  | 42                  | Monroe.....            | 5                  | 25                  |
| Champaign.....    | 10                 | 92                  | Montgomery.....        | 185                | 1,727               |
| Clark.....        | 37                 | 294                 | Morgan.....            | 3                  | 37                  |
| Clermont.....     | 67                 | 569                 | Morrow.....            | 12                 | 73                  |
| Clinton.....      | 12                 | 117                 | Muskingum.....         | 28                 | 252                 |
| Columbiana.....   | 31                 | 203                 | Noble.....             | 1                  | 20                  |
| Coshocton.....    | 10                 | 70                  | Ottawa.....            | 16                 | 107                 |
| Crawford.....     | 16                 | 109                 | Paulding.....          | 5                  | 33                  |
| Cuyahoga.....     | 475                | 4,524               | Perry.....             | 11                 | 88                  |
| Darke.....        | 22                 | 138                 | Pickaway.....          | 15                 | 138                 |
| Defiance.....     | 7                  | 80                  | Pike.....              | 7                  | 51                  |
| Delaware.....     | 58                 | 609                 | Portage.....           | 37                 | 381                 |
| Erie.....         | 40                 | 224                 | Preble.....            | 5                  | 105                 |
| Fairfield.....    | 49                 | 429                 | Putnam.....            | 9                  | 40                  |
| Fayette.....      | 3                  | 71                  | Richland.....          | 34                 | 290                 |
| Franklin.....     | 467                | 4,223               | Ross.....              | 31                 | 191                 |
| Fulton.....       | 20                 | 88                  | Sandusky.....          | 42                 | 256                 |
| Gallia.....       | 5                  | 50                  | Scioto.....            | 28                 | 230                 |
| Geauga.....       | 9                  | 173                 | Seneca.....            | 25                 | 96                  |
| Greene.....       | 47                 | 331                 | Shelby.....            | 12                 | 82                  |
| Guernsey.....     | 9                  | 91                  | Stark.....             | 121                | 1,066               |
| Hamilton.....     | 264                | 2,650               | Summit.....            | 191                | 1,699               |
| Hancock.....      | 18                 | 139                 | Trumbull.....          | 67                 | 530                 |
| Hardin.....       | 6                  | 62                  | Tuscarawas.....        | 30                 | 181                 |
| Harrison.....     | 6                  | 35                  | Union.....             | 13                 | 171                 |
| Henry.....        | 13                 | 49                  | Van Wert.....          | 8                  | 38                  |
| Highland.....     | 8                  | 141                 | Vinton.....            | 3                  | 22                  |
| Hocking.....      | 10                 | 69                  | Warren.....            | 43                 | 636                 |
| Holmes.....       | 3                  | 19                  | Washington.....        | 10                 | 122                 |
| Huron.....        | 12                 | 132                 | Wayne.....             | 17                 | 176                 |
| Jackson.....      | 9                  | 85                  | Williams.....          | 10                 | 81                  |
| Jefferson.....    | 27                 | 159                 | Wood.....              | 79                 | 287                 |
| Knox.....         | 11                 | 121                 | Wyandot.....           | 3                  | 45                  |
| Lake.....         | 63                 | 679                 | Out of State .....     | 190                | 992                 |
| Lawrence.....     | 14                 | 110                 | Interstate Agent ..... | 108                | 828                 |
| Licking.....      | 41                 | 431                 |                        |                    |                     |
| Logan.....        | 13                 | 75                  | 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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