

Weekly Analysis

September 26, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,326 last week, a decrease of 2.4 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,433 and a 6.2 percent decrease from the September 2025 weekly average of 4,612. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 10. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 33,893 last week, a decrease of 2.4 percent from the prior week's figure of 34,715 and a 15.9 percent decrease from the September 2025 weekly average of 40,298. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 130. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 13 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Sep 2025	Week Ending Sep 12	Week Ending Sep 19	Week Ending Sep 26	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	45,112	38,115	39,282	38,359	-2.3	-15.0
Initial Claims ^a	4,629	4,026	4,442	4,336	-2.4	-6.3
Regular Ohio Law	4,612	4,019	4,433	4,326	-2.4	-6.2
UCFE	10	2	5	6	...	...
UCX	6	5	4	4	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	40,483	34,089	34,840	34,023	-2.3	-16.0
Regular Ohio Law	40,298	33,978	34,715	33,893	-2.4	-15.9
UCFE	114	49	57	60	5.3	-47.2
UCX	72	62	68	70	2.9	-2.5

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.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Office of Unemployment Insurance Operations
Central Administration, Finance
9/30/2026

**INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS
UNDER REGULAR OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW
BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING September 26, 2026**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	4,326	33,893			
Adams.....	11	65	Lorain.....	103	900
Allen.....	28	257	Lucas.....	620	1,884
Ashland.....	6	79	Madison.....	10	93
Ashtabula.....	19	198	Mahoning.....	73	694
Athens.....	11	87	Marion.....	13	136
Auglaize.....	5	58	Medina.....	46	441
Belmont.....	17	102	Meigs.....	13	29
Brown.....	15	94	Mercer.....	6	44
Butler.....	87	1,020	Miami.....	27	211
Carroll.....	7	42	Monroe.....	3	22
Champaign.....	21	89	Montgomery.....	172	1,657
Clark.....	46	283	Morgan.....	8	36
Clermont.....	68	563	Morrow.....	6	77
Clinton.....	6	102	Muskingum.....	30	198
Columbiana.....	26	203	Noble.....	1	20
Coshocton.....	12	63	Ottawa.....	27	104
Crawford.....	16	95	Paulding.....	8	32
Cuyahoga.....	467	4,394	Perry.....	17	79
Darke.....	8	115	Pickaway.....	7	127
Defiance.....	7	68	Pike.....	9	58
Delaware.....	40	594	Portage.....	52	355
Erie.....	31	218	Preble.....	8	104
Fairfield.....	36	418	Putnam.....	11	41
Fayette.....	7	63	Richland.....	46	300
Franklin.....	413	4,133	Ross.....	23	183
Fulton.....	17	82	Sandusky.....	33	244
Gallia.....	17	43	Scioto.....	29	215
Geauga.....	14	161	Seneca.....	14	114
Greene.....	33	321	Shelby.....	14	78
Guernsey.....	13	91	Stark.....	113	977
Hamilton.....	236	2,573	Summit.....	178	1,621
Hancock.....	12	143	Trumbull.....	59	506
Hardin.....	2	65	Tuscarawas.....	23	184
Harrison.....	4	36	Union.....	20	161
Henry.....	9	46	Van Wert.....	10	36
Highland.....	13	130	Vinton.....	17	19
Hocking.....	7	79	Warren.....	35	617
Holmes.....	5	20	Washington.....	15	105
Huron.....	12	107	Wayne.....	15	178
Jackson.....	54	74	Williams.....	5	70
Jefferson.....	20	153	Wood.....	83	329
Knox.....	12	115	Wyandot.....	6	45
Lake.....	58	646	Out of State	218	929
Lawrence.....	8	97	Interstate Agent	82	764
Licking.....	55	424			
Logan.....	7	67	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.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
OUJO - Central Administration, Finance
Columbus, Ohio 09/30/2026 UC 236.CW