Weekly Analysis

October 3, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,703 last week, an increase of 8.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,326 and a 8.2 percent decrease from the October 2025 weekly average of 5,123. 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 33,675 last week, a decrease of 0.6 percent from the prior week's figure of 33,893 and a 6.4 percent decrease from the October 2025 weekly average of 35,993. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 128. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 7 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Oct 2025	Week Ending Sep 19	Week Ending Sep 26	Week Ending Oct 03	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	41,781	39,282	38,359	38,523	0.4	-7.8
Initial Claims[a]	5,330	4,442	4,336	4,720	8.9	-11.5
Regular Ohio Law	5,123	4,433	4,326	4,703	8.7	-8.2
UCFE	197	5	6	10	...	...
UCX	11	4	4	7	...	...
Continued Claims[a]	36,451	34,840	34,023	33,803	-0.6	-7.3
Regular Ohio Law	35,993	34,715	33,893	33,675	-0.6	-6.4
UCFE	395	57	60	66	10.0	-83.3
UCX	63	68	70	62	-11.4	-1.0

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	...

[a]Includes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

[b]Regular Ohio Law. [c]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 October 03, 2026

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total	**4,703**	**33,675**			
Adams	5	68	Lorain	111	909
Allen	37	253	Lucas	677	1,888
Ashland	8	75	Madison	6	83
Ashtabula	68	186	Mahoning	73	689
Athens	6	81	Marion	22	129
Auglaize	6	52	Medina	54	446
Belmont	16	102	Meigs	5	35
Brown	10	98	Mercer	5	42
Butler	126	1,004	Miami	20	216
Carroll	6	43	Monroe	3	22
Champaign	16	95	Montgomery	170	1,663
Clark	67	281	Morgan	4	36
Clermont	63	575	Morrow	8	84
Clinton	12	106	Muskingum	37	200
Columbiana	31	192	Noble	2	20
Coshocton	7	67	Ottawa	21	107
Crawford	11	99	Paulding	0	32
Cuyahoga	430	4,383	Perry	15	87
Darke	9	99	Pickaway	16	129
Defiance	14	61	Pike	11	53
Delaware	46	586	Portage	46	373
Erie	108	229	Preble	11	101
Fairfield	43	405	Putnam	5	42
Fayette	7	62	Richland	46	290
Franklin	424	4,105	Ross	14	190
Fulton	9	86	Sandusky	39	148
Gallia	8	49	Scioto	39	191
Geauga	18	152	Seneca	17	114
Greene	40	315	Shelby	8	79
Guernsey	11	85	Stark	112	981
Hamilton	275	2,557	Summit	187	1,637
Hancock	16	127	Trumbull	95	534
Hardin	6	53	Tuscarawas	24	188
Harrison	5	30	Union	7	164
Henry	7	57	Van Wert	3	41
Highland	6	126	Vinton	3	33
Hocking	15	79	Warren	55	580
Holmes	1	17	Washington	16	98
Huron	43	111	Wayne	21	169
Jackson	16	115	Williams	5	56
Jefferson	20	154	Wood	91	311
Knox	11	104	Wyandot	1	46
Lake	72	657	Out of State	233	938
Lawrence	14	97	Interstate Agent	147	755
Licking	40	400			
Logan	9	68	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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