Weekly Analysis

October 10, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 8,621 last week, an increase of 83.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,703 and a 68.3 percent increase from the October 2025 weekly average of 5,123. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 15. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 34,580 last week, an increase of 2.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 33,675 and a 3.9 percent decrease from the October 2025 weekly average of 35,993. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 124. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 11 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Oct 2025	Week Ending Sep 26	Week Ending Oct 03	Week Ending Oct 10	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	41,781	38,359	38,523	43,340	12.5	3.7
Initial Claims[a]	5,330	4,336	4,720	8,636	83.0	62.0
Regular Ohio Law	5,123	4,326	4,703	8,621	83.3	68.3
UCFE	197	6	10	7	...	...
UCX	11	4	7	8	...	...
Continued Claims[a]	36,451	34,023	33,803	34,704	2.7	-4.8
Regular Ohio Law	35,993	33,893	33,675	34,580	2.7	-3.9
UCFE	395	60	66	60	-9.1	-84.8
UCX	63	70	62	64	3.2	2.2

Financial Summary[b]	**Number**	**Percent Change[c]**
Collections, August 2026	$20,897,407	...
Gross Benefits Paid, August 2026	$68,996,074	-2.6
Average Weekly Benefit, August 2026	$508.01	4.2
Trust Fund Balance as of August 31, 2026	$2,168,412,237	...

[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 10, 2026

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total	**8,621**	**34,580**			
Adams	8	65	Lorain	125	956
Allen	29	240	Lucas	2,583	2,369
Ashland	15	83	Madison	17	76
Ashtabula	32	223	Mahoning	84	711
Athens	16	72	Marion	19	145
Auglaize	11	59	Medina	48	430
Belmont	10	106	Meigs	5	36
Brown	11	106	Mercer	4	40
Butler	112	1,013	Miami	47	214
Carroll	7	45	Monroe	5	24
Champaign	145	100	Montgomery	265	1,621
Clark	607	327	Morgan	9	29
Clermont	64	562	Morrow	8	82
Clinton	15	102	Muskingum	22	204
Columbiana	34	202	Noble	5	20
Coshocton	7	63	Ottawa	72	125
Crawford	46	105	Paulding	5	32
Cuyahoga	495	4,409	Perry	19	93
Darke	8	104	Pickaway	21	138
Defiance	10	66	Pike	16	51
Delaware	48	608	Portage	42	369
Erie	33	271	Preble	15	98
Fairfield	31	436	Putnam	5	49
Fayette	4	63	Richland	92	289
Franklin	452	4,094	Ross	15	185
Fulton	45	87	Sandusky	48	156
Gallia	7	36	Scioto	35	211
Geauga	15	165	Seneca	30	114
Greene	74	331	Shelby	12	65
Guernsey	14	90	Stark	106	1,000
Hamilton	284	2,549	Summit	167	1,684
Hancock	24	124	Trumbull	75	509
Hardin	5	56	Tuscarawas	37	176
Harrison	1	34	Union	23	156
Henry	14	42	Van Wert	3	40
Highland	9	124	Vinton	6	21
Hocking	4	74	Warren	69	597
Holmes	2	17	Washington	16	99
Huron	193	131	Wayne	22	173
Jackson	7	74	Williams	11	56
Jefferson	14	144	Wood	273	383
Knox	13	106	Wyandot	7	42
Lake	67	656	Out of State	888	1,023
Lawrence	6	89	Interstate Agent	132	745
Licking	39	420			
Logan	26	71	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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