Weekly Analysis

October 17, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,138 last week, a decrease of 52.0 percent from the prior week's figure of 8,621 and a 19.2 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 38,029 last week, an increase of 10.0 percent from the prior week's figure of 34,580 and a 5.7 percent increase from the October 2025 weekly average of 35,993. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 123. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 3 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Oct 2025	Week Ending Oct 03	Week Ending Oct 10	Week Ending Oct 17	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	41,781	38,523	43,340	42,307	-2.4	1.3
Initial Claims[a]	5,330	4,720	8,636	4,155	-51.9	-22.1
Regular Ohio Law	5,123	4,703	8,621	4,138	-52.0	-19.2
UCFE	197	10	7	8	. . .	. . .
UCX	11	7	8	9	. . .	. . .
Continued Claims[a]	36,451	33,803	34,704	38,152	9.9	4.7
Regular Ohio Law	35,993	33,675	34,580	38,029	10.0	5.7
UCFE	395	66	60	60	0.0	-84.8
UCX	63	62	64	63	-1.6	0.6

Financial Summary[b]	**Number**	**Percent Change[c]**
Collections, August 2026	$20,897,407	. . .
Gross Benefits Paid, September 2026	$59,598,831	-23.5
Average Weekly Benefit, September 2026	$522.81	4.4
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 17, 2026

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total	**4,138**	**38,029**
Adams	9	65
Allen	30	239
Ashland	11	83
Ashtabula	37	230
Athens	20	81
Auglaize	11	54
Belmont	15	102
Brown	7	113
Butler	82	1,012
Carroll	6	46
Champaign	11	236
Clark	96	868
Clermont	50	563
Clinton	8	105
Columbiana	25	201
Coshocton	9	65
Crawford	14	134
Cuyahoga	476	4,303
Darke	12	99
Defiance	13	71
Delaware	42	577
Erie	26	193
Fairfield	48	410
Fayette	1	68
Franklin	427	4,014
Fulton	12	120
Gallia	8	37
Geauga	15	144
Greene	47	378
Guernsey	25	93
Hamilton	261	2,539
Hancock	12	134
Hardin	8	51
Harrison	5	30
Henry	5	53
Highland	10	130
Hocking	5	76
Holmes	2	20
Huron	41	277
Jackson	9	71
Jefferson	31	136
Knox	13	93
Lake	64	640
Lawrence	15	81
Licking	43	410
Logan	10	91
Lorain	105	928
Lucas	362	4,203
Madison	10	88
Mahoning	86	670
Marion	12	140
Medina	51	421
Meigs	6	34
Mercer	10	43
Miami	21	238
Monroe	4	28
Montgomery	180	1,708
Morgan	2	35
Morrow	10	74
Muskingum	44	207
Noble	6	24
Ottawa	19	163
Paulding	3	41
Perry	15	116
Pickaway	14	148
Pike	11	66
Portage	44	371
Preble	9	98
Putnam	8	42
Richland	49	338
Ross	21	170
Sandusky	18	157
Scioto	33	208
Seneca	20	141
Shelby	11	70
Stark	108	965
Summit	199	1,662
Trumbull	62	548
Tuscarawas	24	183
Union	15	161
Van Wert	7	36
Vinton	7	18
Warren	50	619
Washington	17	103
Wayne	22	164
Williams	9	62
Wood	44	574
Wyandot	8	46
Out of State	175	1,637
Interstate Agent	80	745
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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