Weekly Analysis

October 24, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,852 last week, an increase of 17.3 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,138 and a 5.3 percent decrease from the October 2025 weekly average of 5,123. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 7. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 35,164 last week, a decrease of 7.5 percent from the prior week's figure of 38,029 and a 2.3 percent decrease from the October 2025 weekly average of 35,993. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 146. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled 9 while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Oct 2025	Week Ending Oct 10	Week Ending Oct 17	Week Ending Oct 24	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	41,781	43,340	42,307	40,169	-5.1	-3.9
Initial Claims[a]	5,330	8,636	4,155	4,859	16.9	-8.8
Regular Ohio Law	5,123	8,621	4,138	4,852	17.3	-5.3
UCFE	197	7	8	3	. . .	. . .
UCX	11	8	9	4	. . .	. . .
Continued Claims[a]	36,451	34,704	38,152	35,310	-7.4	-3.1
Regular Ohio Law	35,993	34,580	38,029	35,164	-7.5	-2.3
UCFE	395	60	60	82	36.7	-79.2
UCX	63	64	63	64	1.6	2.2

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 24, 2026

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total	**4,852**	**35,164**			
Adams	7	69	Lorain	99	969
Allen	36	226	Lucas	754	2,081
Ashland	14	81	Madison	11	86
Ashtabula	27	243	Mahoning	80	669
Athens	17	93	Marion	20	147
Auglaize	9	54	Medina	52	460
Belmont	20	109	Meigs	10	35
Brown	10	101	Mercer	14	44
Butler	91	994	Miami	38	225
Carroll	9	44	Monroe	3	26
Champaign	10	230	Montgomery	197	1,780
Clark	57	915	Morgan	11	36
Clermont	76	556	Morrow	7	73
Clinton	7	107	Muskingum	29	219
Columbiana	25	209	Noble	0	29
Coshocton	9	62	Ottawa	49	127
Crawford	16	126	Paulding	5	27
Cuyahoga	485	4,383	Perry	11	107
Darke	11	92	Pickaway	11	136
Defiance	11	63	Pike	13	55
Delaware	53	609	Portage	49	371
Erie	30	205	Preble	9	92
Fairfield	44	418	Putnam	4	46
Fayette	5	58	Richland	42	343
Franklin	419	4,045	Ross	19	163
Fulton	21	90	Sandusky	43	129
Gallia	6	42	Scioto	32	201
Geauga	11	156	Seneca	27	142
Greene	39	358	Shelby	22	76
Guernsey	12	103	Stark	132	959
Hamilton	251	2,525	Summit	169	1,666
Hancock	23	119	Trumbull	65	528
Hardin	13	47	Tuscarawas	15	172
Harrison	11	29	Union	20	153
Henry	12	47	Van Wert	10	39
Highland	10	128	Vinton	7	20
Hocking	17	72	Warren	59	600
Holmes	3	15	Washington	22	99
Huron	25	283	Wayne	16	180
Jackson	11	73	Williams	6	55
Jefferson	24	140	Wood	128	327
Knox	15	92	Wyandot	23	46
Lake	70	658	Out of State	289	977
Lawrence	12	87	Interstate Agent	89	770
Licking	50	436			
Logan	7	87	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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