Weekly Analysis

October 31, 2026

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 4,850 last week, a decrease of 0.0 percent from the prior week's figure of 4,852 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 17. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero .

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 35,550 last week, an increase of 1.1 percent from the prior week's figure of 35,164 and a 1.2 percent decrease from the October 2025 weekly average of 35,993. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 130. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) continued claims totaled zero while PUA continued claims totaled zero. Extended Benefits (EB) continued claims totaled zero.

Category	Weekly Average Oct 2025	Week Ending Oct 17	Week Ending Oct 24	Week Ending Oct 31	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	41,781	42,307	40,169	40,547	0.9	-3.0
Initial Claims[a]	5,330	4,155	4,859	4,867	0.2	-8.7
Regular Ohio Law	5,123	4,138	4,852	4,850	0.0	-5.3
UCFE	197	8	3	10	. . .	. . .
UCX	11	9	4	7	. . .	. . .
Continued Claims[a]	36,451	38,152	35,310	35,680	1.0	-2.1
Regular Ohio Law	35,993	38,029	35,164	35,550	1.1	-1.2
UCFE	395	60	82	72	-12.2	-81.8
UCX	63	63	64	58	-9.4	-7.4

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 31, 2026

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total	**4,850**	**35,550**			
Adams	9	71	Lorain	178	964
Allen	42	268	Lucas	464	2,492
Ashland	10	83	Madison	10	92
Ashtabula	38	216	Mahoning	92	687
Athens	12	97	Marion	15	141
Auglaize	9	67	Medina	45	451
Belmont	28	107	Meigs	7	34
Brown	9	97	Mercer	8	41
Butler	104	988	Miami	34	216
Carroll	9	47	Monroe	1	22
Champaign	12	227	Montgomery	215	1,698
Clark	61	901	Morgan	10	36
Clermont	69	574	Morrow	12	71
Clinton	9	96	Muskingum	42	229
Columbiana	28	203	Noble	5	24
Coshocton	9	57	Ottawa	56	164
Crawford	12	99	Paulding	8	32
Cuyahoga	507	4,295	Perry	14	96
Darke	17	102	Pickaway	9	134
Defiance	13	59	Pike	11	56
Delaware	51	640	Portage	56	359
Erie	37	204	Preble	13	84
Fairfield	39	404	Putnam	6	37
Fayette	8	60	Richland	44	322
Franklin	456	3,933	Ross	26	168
Fulton	21	99	Sandusky	27	147
Gallia	12	36	Scioto	37	199
Geauga	32	136	Seneca	19	119
Greene	43	362	Shelby	7	79
Guernsey	16	123	Stark	185	961
Hamilton	251	2,577	Summit	208	1,641
Hancock	12	127	Trumbull	80	525
Hardin	11	58	Tuscarawas	35	193
Harrison	6	36	Union	17	155
Henry	11	51	Van Wert	8	42
Highland	14	119	Vinton	9	30
Hocking	11	81	Warren	63	613
Holmes	2	18	Washington	15	114
Huron	19	129	Wayne	23	170
Jackson	8	69	Williams	9	63
Jefferson	15	133	Wood	76	390
Knox	13	95	Wyandot	11	58
Lake	74	654	Out of State	236	1,126
Lawrence	15	85	Interstate Agent	171	860
Licking	36	436			
Logan	13	96	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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