

Weekly Analysis

May 17, 2025

Ohio Law initial claims, representing newly unemployed persons, totaled 5,314 last week, a decrease of 3.4 percent from the prior week's figure of 5,503 and a 0.2 percent increase from the May 2024 weekly average of 5,302. Initial claims under Title 5 of the U.S. Code (UCFE & UCX) totaled 23. Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUA) initial claims totaled zero.

Ohio Law continued claims, representing persons unemployed one week or more, totaled 48,134 last week, a decrease of 1.7 percent from the prior week's figure of 48,966 and a 42.1 percent increase from the May 2024 weekly average of 33,877. Continued claims under Title 5 totaled 159. 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 May 2024	Week Ending May 03	Week Ending May 10	Week Ending May 17	Percent Change	
					Previous Week	Average of Last Year
All Claims	39,317	56,917	54,646	53,630	-1.9	36.4
Initial Claims ^a	5,317	6,370	5,517	5,337	-3.3	0.4
Regular Ohio Law	5,302	6,357	5,503	5,314	-3.4	0.2
UCFE	8	8	9	11	...	...
UCX	7	5	5	12	...	...
Continued Claims ^a	34,000	50,547	49,129	48,293	-1.7	42.0
Regular Ohio Law	33,877	50,381	48,966	48,134	-1.7	42.1
UCFE	58	97	95	90	-5.3	55.6
UCX	65	69	68	69	1.5	6.2

Financial Summary ^b	Number	Percent Change ^c
Collections, March 2025	\$2,032,563	...
Gross Benefits Paid, April 2025	\$91,017,689	14.1
Average Weekly Benefit, April 2025	\$495.65	2.5
Trust Fund Balance as of March 31, 2025	\$1,714,583,992	...

^aIncludes agent-state claims, excludes transitionals.

^dRegular Ohio Law. ^cFrom corresponding period, preceding year.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Office of Unemployment Insurance Operations
Central Administration, Finance
5/21/2025

**INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS
UNDER REGULAR OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW
BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING May 17, 2025**

County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims	County	Initial* Claims	Continued Claims
Total.....	5,314	48,134			
Adams.....	5	115	Lorain.....	177	1,382
Allen.....	40	356	Lucas.....	295	3,079
Ashland.....	14	117	Madison.....	9	106
Ashtabula.....	31	367	Mahoning.....	107	911
Athens.....	17	137	Marion.....	11	177
Auglaize.....	13	92	Medina.....	61	620
Belmont.....	16	198	Meigs.....	19	63
Brown.....	15	143	Mercer.....	5	72
Butler.....	97	1,224	Miami.....	30	344
Carroll.....	7	87	Monroe.....	4	39
Champaign.....	9	130	Montgomery.....	255	2,255
Clark.....	43	480	Morgan.....	11	56
Clermont.....	79	728	Morrow.....	14	89
Clinton.....	14	112	Muskingum.....	40	278
Columbiana.....	33	289	Noble.....	1	43
Coshocton.....	12	121	Ottawa.....	12	190
Crawford.....	16	146	Paulding.....	8	47
Cuyahoga.....	680	5,755	Perry.....	18	146
Darke.....	16	125	Pickaway.....	18	178
Defiance.....	25	136	Pike.....	8	160
Delaware.....	79	641	Portage.....	64	577
Erie.....	34	349	Preble.....	9	111
Fairfield.....	41	529	Putnam.....	8	71
Fayette.....	9	101	Richland.....	36	401
Franklin.....	566	5,651	Ross.....	28	237
Fulton.....	15	158	Sandusky.....	24	330
Gallia.....	21	96	Scioto.....	52	386
Geauga.....	13	259	Seneca.....	27	205
Greene.....	74	496	Shelby.....	17	137
Guernsey.....	17	134	Stark.....	137	1,362
Hamilton.....	401	3,162	Summit.....	290	2,334
Hancock.....	34	238	Trumbull.....	80	1,085
Hardin.....	12	84	Tuscarawas.....	32	316
Harrison.....	6	51	Union.....	38	178
Henry.....	11	112	Van Wert.....	14	85
Highland.....	12	144	Vinton.....	13	66
Hocking.....	6	75	Warren.....	51	698
Holmes.....	2	30	Washington.....	13	136
Huron.....	19	175	Wayne.....	28	234
Jackson.....	35	173	Williams.....	16	92
Jefferson.....	56	216	Wood.....	55	519
Knox.....	15	150	Wyandot.....	9	59
Lake.....	91	893	Out of State	205	1,698
Lawrence.....	14	125	Interstate Agent	130	1,001
Licking.....	55	581			
Logan.....	15	100	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.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
OUJO - Central Administration, Finance
Columbus, Ohio 05/21/2025 UC 236.CW