

Ohio's Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims

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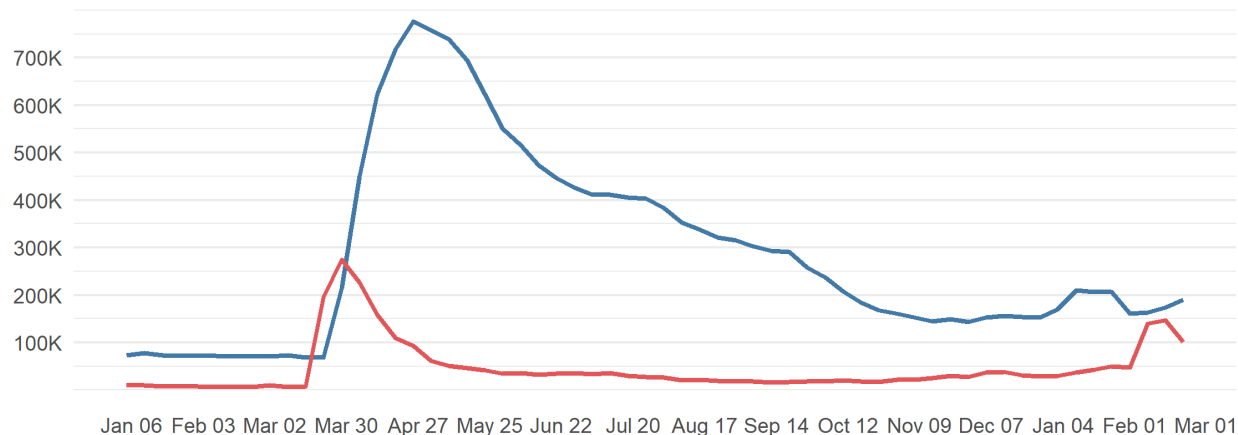
Seasonally unadjusted weekly initial unemployment insurance claims fell by 30.7% from the previous filing week as continued claims rose by 9.9% during that period.

In the week ending February 20, 2021, the statewide initial claims total in Ohio was 101,705. The latest total initial claims figure decreased by 44,995 claims from last week's total. The initial claims total includes the number of unique claims filed by Ohio residents requesting a determination of eligibility for UI benefits.

NOTE: The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services announced that an increase in initial traditional unemployment claims beginning with the week ending February 6, 2021 is suspected to be the result of fraudulent activity. Click [here](#) for more information.

Continued claims for the most recent filing week totaled 190,333, up 17,105 from the previous week. A downward trend is observed in the last month, with total continued claims falling to their lowest levels since March during the most recent filing week. The continued claims total includes the total number of unique claims that result in UI benefits receipt for people who are active in the UI system. This graph shows the trends of both initial and continued claims filed during the period from January 4, 2020 to February 20, 2021.

Week ending February 20, 2021: **101,705** initial claims **190,333** continued claims



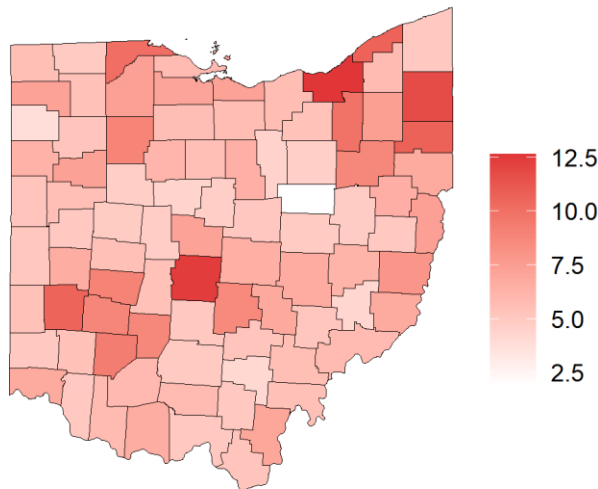
For the week the highest number of initial claims per 1000 people were for residents of Cuyahoga (12.63), Franklin (12.38), Trumbull (11.75), Mahoning (10.7), and Lake (10.68) counties. The highest continued claims per 1000 people were in Ottawa (27.09), Morgan (24.68), Huron (23.68), Clinton (21.97), and Erie (21.07). Of the 101,705 people filing initial claims, 21.2% were women.

Throughout the state, the top five industries whose workers filed the highest number of initial claims in this week were Professional, Scientific, Technical Services, Construction, Health Care and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, and Educational Services. The top five industries whose workers filed the highest number of continued claims this week were Construction, Admin./Support/Waste

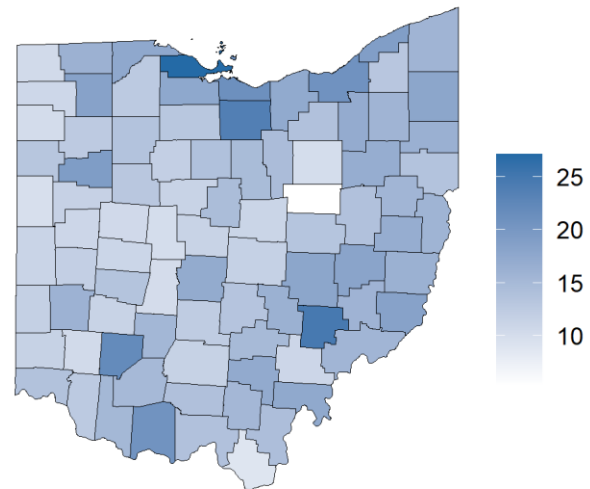
Mgmt/Remediation Services, Health Care and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, and Accommodation and Food Services.

The top five occupations having the highest number of initial claims in the past week were Sales and Related, Management, Construction and Extraction, Business and Financial Operations, and Computer and Mathematical. The top five occupations with the highest number of continued claims this week were Construction and Extraction, Sales and Related, Production, Management, and Food Preparation and Serving Related.

Initial claims



Continued claims



Initial and continued claims by county per 1,000 population for the week ending February 20, 2021

Data Details

The information in this brief is compiled by the Ohio Education Research Center (OERC) using Unemployment Insurance Claims (UI Claims) data from the Ohio Longitudinal Data Archive (OLDA), as collected by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. The reported counts are the total number of UI claims in Ohio, excluding out-of-state residents. Counts represent the number of claims, i.e. multiple claims per person appear as multiple counts. To avoid re-identification, the OERC only reports results derived from 10 or more individuals. If only one category results in a count of less than 10, a secondary suppression rule is applied to the next smallest category. Initial claims refer to the newly filed claims recorded for each reported time period. Continued claims indicate the cumulative number of claims that are eligible for benefit receipt and continued to be collected by the beneficiaries. We estimate missing industry codes from supplementary employment data in the OLDA for records that are missing information about the separating employer. These reports are continually updated as new data become available. Information displayed in this report may differ from information contained in federal or state reports due to variations in reporting metrics and data preparation procedures. If you have any questions about this report, please contact uiclaims@chrr.osu.edu.