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Initial unemployment insurance claims rise for the week ending April 11

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending April 11, 2026, rose to 1,540 from the week ending April 4, 2026, totaling 910. For a comparison, during the week ending April 12, 2025, 1,687 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,222 from the previous week's average of 1,145.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending April 11, 2026, decreased to 5,935 from the week ending April 4, 2026, totaling 5,966. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 10,810 for the week ending April 12, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 6,015 from the previous week's average of 6,096.

Louisiana Works offers countless tools, both in person and online, to help claimants file and process their claims. These resources include those at the agency's [American Job Centers](#), job fairs, training programs, apprenticeship opportunities, and numerous other Louisiana Works services.

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Resources and Tools:

[Unemployment Insurance Claims Data for Prior Weeks](#)

[Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Dashboard](#)