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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending April 4

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending April 4, 2026, dropped to 910 from the week ending March 28, 2026, totaling 1,225. For a comparison, during the week ending April 5, 2025, 1,508 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,145 from the previous week's average of 1,227.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending April 4, 2026, decreased to 5,966 from the week ending March 28, 2026, totaling 6,077. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 10,783 for the week ending April 5, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 6,096 from the previous week's average of 6,194.

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](#)