



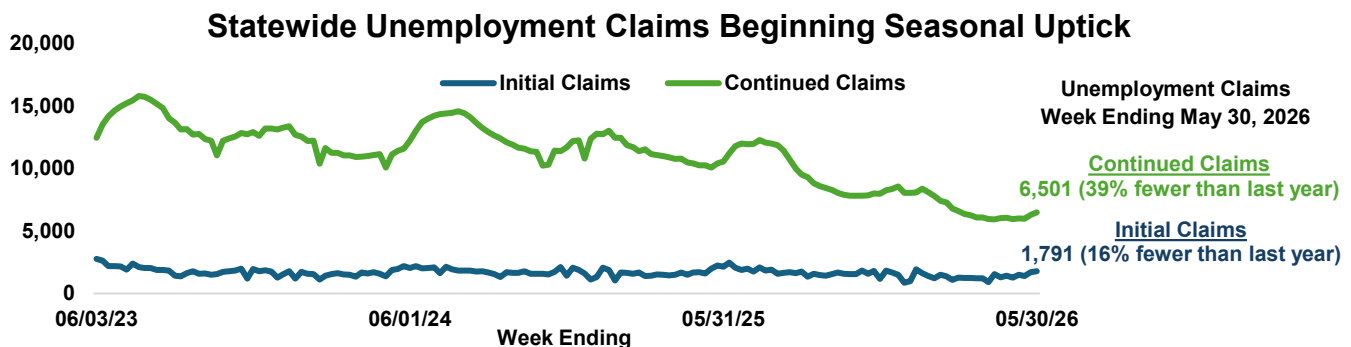
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Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims Rise for Week Ending May 30

BATON ROUGE, LA – Initial unemployment insurance claims in Louisiana increased to 1,791 for the week ending May 30, 2026, up from 1,694 the previous week. Initial claims remained below the comparable week last year, when 2,131 claims were filed. The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,592 from the previous week's average of 1,465.

Unemployment insurance claims typically increase in the early summer months due to seasonal employment fluctuations. While that uptick is visible, initial claims are between 12% and 35% lower than comparable weeks dating back to 2023.



The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending May 30, 2026, increased to 6,501 from the week ending May 23, 2026, totaling 6,290. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 10,569 for the week ending May 31, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks increased to 6,196 from the previous week's average of 6,059.

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](#)