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Initial unemployment insurance claims rose for week ending January 4

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending January 4, 2025, rose to 1,333 from the week ending December 28, 2024, totaling 1,106. For a comparison, during the week ending January 6, 2024, 1,562 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,477 from the previous week's average of 1,663.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending January 4, 2025 increased to 12,793 from the week ending December 28, 2024, totaling 12,384. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 13,292 for the week ending January 6, 2024.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks increased to 12,060 from the previous week's average of 11,915.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) 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 LWC services.

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Resources and Tools:

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

[Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Dashboard](#)