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Initial unemployment insurance claims rise for the week ending February 28

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending February 28, 2026, rose to 1,258 from the week ending February 21, 2026, totaling 1,101. For a comparison, during the week ending March 1, 2025, 1,404 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,310 from the previous week's average of 1,303.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending February 28, 2026, decreased to 6,609 from the week ending February 21, 2026, totaling 6,804. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 11,535 for the week ending March 1, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 7,033 from the previous week's average of 7,333.

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](#)