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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending January 31

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending January 31, 2026, dropped to 1,230 from the week ending January 24, 2026, totaling 1,400. For a comparison, during the week ending February 1, 2025, 1,689 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,549 from the previous week's average of 1,491.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending January 31, 2026, decreased to 7,808 from the week ending January 24, 2026, totaling 8,096. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 12,457 for the week ending February 1, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 8,093 from the previous week's average of 8,153.

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](#)