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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending March 21

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending March 21, 2026, dropped to 1,212 from the week ending March 14, 2026, totaling 1,232. For a comparison, during the week ending March 22, 2025, 1,502 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,236 from the previous week's average of 1,208.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending March 21, 2026, decreased to 6,082 from the week ending March 14, 2026, totaling 6,260. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 10,991 for the week ending March 22, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 6,327 from the previous week's average of 6,507.

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](#)