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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending March 14

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending March 14, 2026, dropped to 1,232 from the week ending March 7, 2026, totaling 1,240. For a comparison, during the week ending March 15, 2025, 1,524 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,208 from the previous week's average of 1,244.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending March 14, 2026, decreased to 6,260 from the week ending March 7, 2026, totaling 6,356. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 11,091 for the week ending March 15, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 6,507 from the previous week's average of 6,765.

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](#)