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Initial unemployment insurance claims rise for the week ending January 3

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending January 3, 2026, rose to 1,000 from the week ending December 27, 2025, totaling 862. For a comparison, during the week ending January 4, 2025, 1,333 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,257 from the previous week's average of 1,468.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending January 3, 2026, decreased to 8,046 from the week ending December 27, 2025, totaling 8,061. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 12,793 for the week ending January 4, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 8,262 from the previous week's average of 8,314.

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](#)