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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending February 21

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending February 21, 2026, dropped to 1,101 from the week ending February 14, 2026, totaling 1,377. For a comparison, during the week ending February 22, 2025, 1,668 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,303 from the previous week's average of 1,378.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending February 21, 2026, decreased to 6,804 from the week ending February 14, 2026, totaling 7,289. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 11,390 for the week ending February 22, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 7,333 from the previous week's average of 7,656.

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](#)