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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending March 28

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending February 14, 2026, dropped to 1,377 from the week ending February 7, 2026, totaling 1,503. For a comparison, during the week ending February 15, 2025, 1,572 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,227 from the previous week's average of 1,236.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending March 28, 2026, decreased to 6,077 from the week ending March 21, 2026, totaling 6,082. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 10,902 for the week ending March 29, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 6,194 from the previous week's average of 6,327.

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](#)