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### **Initial unemployment insurance claims rise for the week ending February 7**

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending February 7, 2026, rose to 1,503 from the week ending January 31, 2026, totaling 1,230. For a comparison, during the week ending February 8, 2025, 1,647 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,443 from the previous week's average of 1,549.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending February 7, 2026, decreased to 7,429 from the week ending January 31, 2026, totaling 7,808. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 11,861 for the week ending February 8, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 7,932 from the previous week's average of 8,093.

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](#)