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Initial unemployment insurance claims rise for the week ending February 22

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending February 22, 2025, rose to 1,668 from the week ending February 15, 2025, totaling 1,572. For a comparison, during the week ending February 24, 2024, 1,424 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,644 from the previous week's average of 1,487.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending February 22, 2025 decreased to 11,390 from the week ending February 15, 2025, totaling 11,713. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 11,648 for the week ending February 24, 2024.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 11,855 from the previous week's average of 12,122.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) 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 LWC services.

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Resources and Tools:

[Unemployment Insurance Claims Data for Prior Weeks](#)
[Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Dashboard](#)