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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending January 24

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending January 24, 2026, dropped to 1,400 from the week ending January 17, 2026, totaling 1,638. For a comparison, during the week ending January 25, 2025, 1,039 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims increased to 1,491 from the previous week's average of 1,357.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending January 24, 2026, decreased to 8,096 from the week ending January 17, 2026, totaling 8,393. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 12,456 for the week ending January 25, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks increased to 8,153 from the previous week's average of 8,144.

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](#)