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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending March 7

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending March 7, 2026, dropped to 1,240 from the week ending February 28, 2026, totaling 1,258. For a comparison, during the week ending March 8, 2025, 1,419 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,244 from the previous week's average of 1,310.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending March 7, 2026, decreased to 6,356 from the week ending February 28, 2026, totaling 6,609. The continued weeks claimed were below the comparable figure of 11,160 for the week ending March 8, 2025.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 6,765 from the previous week's average of 7,033.

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](#)