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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for the week ending March 1

BATON ROUGE, LA – The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending March 1, 2025, dropped to 1,404 from the week ending February 22, 2025, totaling 1,668. For a comparison, during the week ending March 2, 2024, 1,551 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,573 from the previous week's average of 1,644.

The unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed for the week ending March 1, 2025, increased to 11,535 from the week ending February 22, 2025, totaling 11,390. The continued weeks claimed were above the comparable figure of 11,249 for the week ending March 2, 2024.

The four-week moving average of continued weeks decreased to 11,625 from the previous week's average of 11,855.

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](#)