



Rapides Workforce Development Board e-Bulletin



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Initial unemployment insurance claims drop for week ending February 25

The initial unemployment insurance claims for the week ending February 25, 2023, dropped to 1,374 from the week ending February 18, 2023, a total of 1,576. For a comparison, during the week ending February 26, 2022, 1,327 initial claims were filed.

The four-week moving average of initial claims decreased to 1,661 from the previous week's average of 1,778.

The unemployment insurance continued claims for the week ending February 25, 2023, decreased to 11,757 from the week ending February 18, 2023, a total of 12,054. The continued claims were below the comparable figure of 13,085 for the week ending February 26, 2022. The four-week moving average of continued claims decreased to 12,057 from the previous week's average of 12,206.

[full story here](#)

Upcoming Career Fairs

REGIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER FAIR

MARCH 8, 2023 | 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

VETERANS TO RECEIVE PRIORITY OF SERVICE FROM 11 AM - 11:30 AM

ALEXANDRIA CONVENTION HALL
915 THIRD STREET



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Explore career opportunities with recruiters from federal, state, parish, and local municipal agencies. Regional Public Service Career Fair is hosted by the Louisiana Workforce Commission and its partner agencies.

Civil Service Representatives will be on site to answer application questions. Mobile Workforce Center will also be available to help with online applications and content.

For more information, you may contact Eric Irby at (318) 487-5547 or jirby@lwc.la.gov.

ELEVATE YOUR FUTURE JOB FAIR

March 30, 2023
8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Alexandria Mega Shelter
8125 US-71
Alexandria, La. 71302

For more information or to inquire
about sponsorships, please contact
LaRunda Pierce at
larunda.pierce@rpsb.us



Rapides Parish School Board will hold an "Elevate Your Future Job fair" on March 30, 2023, from 8 am to 1:30 pm at the Alexandria Mega Shelter. You may contact LaRunda Pierce at larunda.pierce@rpsb.us for more information.

THE CENTER FOR Calling & Career LOUISIANA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR



THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH
10AM-2PM

GRANBERRY CONFERENCE CENTER



Please save this date and RSVP now to hold your table!
Email meredith.rennier@lcuniversity.edu for any question.



Join Louisiana Christian University for their Career Fair on March 16th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the LCU Granberry Conference Center. You may send an email to meredith.rennier@lcuniversity.edu for more information.

Job Opportunities

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Salaries Negotiable Based on Experience

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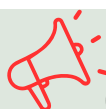
For more information contact: (318) 484-6200

Learn more and apply by visiting:
governmentjobs.com/careers/Louisiana/Ldh



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LRS Alexandria

(Louisiana Rehabilitation Services)

is currently looking for a

Rehab Counselor. [Apply here!](#)

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May 15 – August 17

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Get paid.
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- ✓ Skills training

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Central Louisiana
318-445-2773



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Current Opportunities

- Electrical Process Control Engineer - Chopin, LA
- Production Team Member (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Production Team Member (Weekend Only; Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Production Team Member (Weekend Only; Part Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Electrician (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Millwright (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Supervisor (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- 2023 Summer Internship Program

If you are interested in any of these positions, scan the QR code below to apply.



SCAN ME



DCFS SNAP Benefits Update



With SNAP COVID extra benefits ending, here are some things you can do ...

1) Verify your regular SNAP benefit amount

- Check the EBT card balance through CAFE (www.dcfslouisiana.gov/CAFE), the LifeinCheck mobile app or by calling 1-888-LAHelp-U (1-888-524-3578)
- Review customized letters from DCFS that contain benefit information

2) Review your info in case you're eligible for more benefits

- Has your household size increased?
- Are you facing higher costs for shelter, child care or court-ordered child support?
- Has your income decreased?
- Are you elderly or disabled with changes in your medical expenses?

Report any changes to DCFS immediately at www.dcfslouisiana.gov/cafe, at 1-888-LAHelp-U (1-888-524-3578) or by visiting a DCFS Office.

3) Consider additional means of assistance

- You may be eligible for the WIC Program. Apply at www.LouisianaWIC.org.
- Visit your local food pantry.
- Contact 211 and faith-based partners to find out about resources near you.
- Visit www.dcfslouisiana.gov for additional resources.

February is the final month of SNAP COVID extra benefits DCFS has been issuing since March 2020. The federal spending bill passed by Congress and signed by President Biden did not fund these COVID-related benefits.

Scan here to visit us online



March is the first month in three years that Louisiana SNAP recipients will receive their regular benefit amount without the pandemic-related extra benefits they have received since March 2020.

Building Stronger Families



Building Stronger Families provides equal opportunity to build skills in the areas of financial stability, education, and health. This new instructional program, offered by United Way of Central Louisiana, is ten skill building courses that meets every other Thursday and shares guidance, instruction, and resources so

families can grow and become financially empowered.

The goal of the Stronger Families program is to provide a hand up in the areas in which your family wants to see improvement. The program also offers financial incentives per class attended as well as a savings match for eligible participants. We want to equip the families as well as help them build an emergency fund for the future.

Please sign up [here](#) or email help@uwcl.org with questions about upcoming classes.

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