



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Virginia Employment Commission

Carrie Roth
Commissioner
Advisor to the Governor for Strategic Initiatives

Post Office Box 26441
Richmond, VA 23261-6441

For Release: February 9, 2023

Contact: Timothy Aylor, Senior Economist
Economic Information & Analytics Division
(804) 786-3976 or (804) 786-7496

Follow us on Twitter: @VirginiaLMI

Virginia Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 1,829; Administrative Support and Waste Management Leading Industry for Claims

— Seasonally unadjusted weekly initial unemployment insurance claims down slightly from the previous filing week, with continued claims essentially unchanged over that period —

RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced today that the number of initial claims edged slightly lower in the latest filing week to 1,829 and remained at levels typically seen over the last twelve months.

For the filing week ending February 4, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,829, which was a decrease of 91 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims with a self-reported industry were from administrative and support and waste management; professional, scientific, and technical services; construction; retail trade; and health care and social assistance. Continued weeks claimed totaled 11,699, which was an increase of 75 claims from the previous week and an increase of 63% from the 7,180 continued claims from the comparable week last year.

Eligibility for benefits is determined on a weekly basis, and so not all weekly claims filed result in a benefit payment. This is because the initial claims numbers represent claim applications; claims are then reviewed for eligibility and legitimacy.

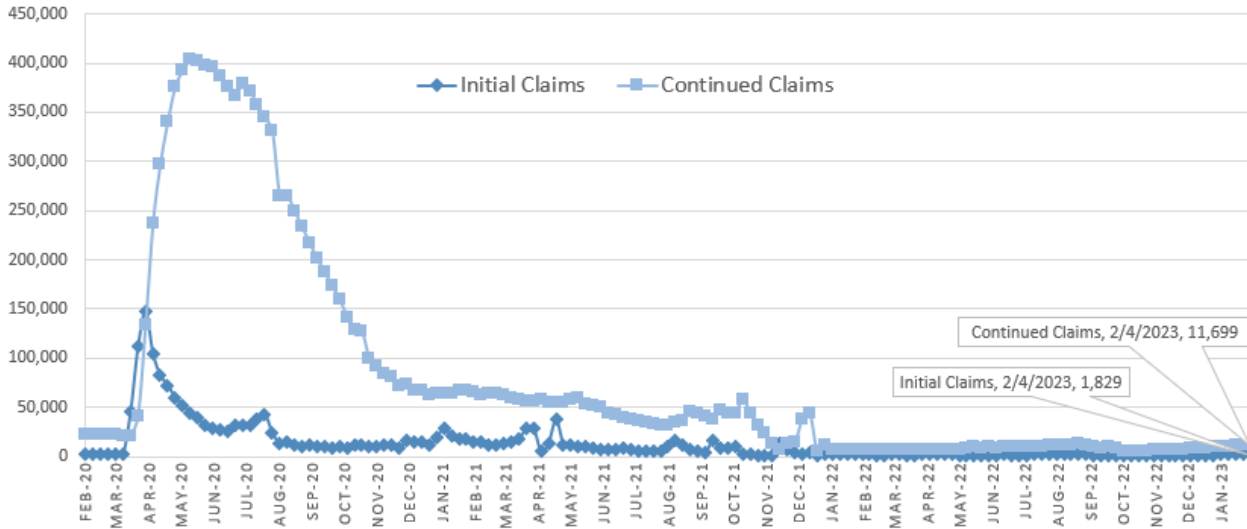
(more)

Toll Free: 1 (866) 832-2363
E-Mail: customerservice@vec.virginia.gov

VRC/TDD VA Relay 711
Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

Virginia Weekly Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

February 1, 2020 - February 4, 2023 Filing Weeks



Source: The Virginia Employment Commission. Not seasonally adjusted.

In the week ending February 4, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 196,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 183,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 234,654 in the week ending February 4, an increase of 9,628 (or 4.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 230,740 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Georgia's preliminary weekly change (-1,665) was the largest decrease. New Jersey's weekly change (-1,440) was the second largest decrease. Texas's preliminary weekly change (-1,062) was the third largest decrease. Arkansas's weekly change (-772) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+154) was the 16th largest increase.

(more)

