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Virginia's Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims

— Seasonally unadjusted weekly initial unemployment insurance claims decreased from the previous filing week as continued claims rose during that period—

RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced that the number of initial claims fell toward more typical pre-Pandemic levels during the most recent filing week.

For the filing week ending November 27—amid processing system changes in recent weeks—the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 6,546. The latest claims figure was a decrease of 6,548 claimants from the previous week. 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.

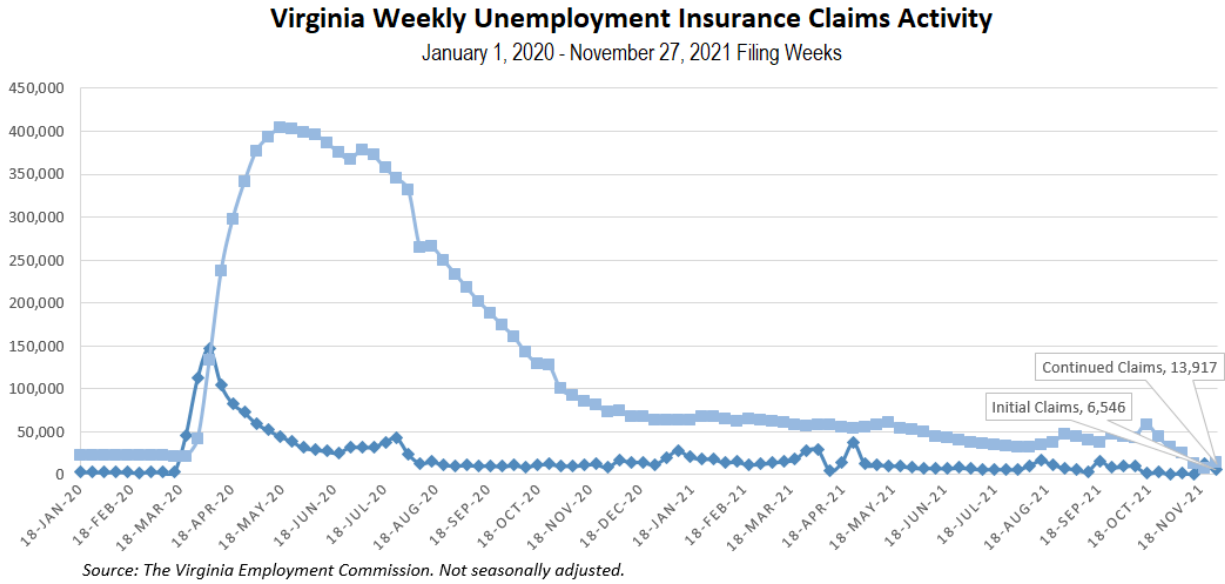
For the most recent filing week, continued weeks claimed totaled 13,917, which was an increase of 6,605 claims from the previous week and 81% lower than the 72,305 continued claims from the comparable week last year. Over half of claims that had a self-reported industry were in the health care and social assistance industries, professional and business services, administrative and waste services, retail trade, and manufacturing industries. The continued claims total is mainly comprised of those recent initial claimants who continued to file for unemployment insurance benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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For additional information on who is claiming unemployment insurance in Virginia, access the VEC's [U.I. claims data dashboard](https://www.vec.virginia.gov/ui-claims-dashboard) (<https://www.vec.virginia.gov/ui-claims-dashboard>) that is updated no later than the following Monday after the weekly claims press release.



Nationwide, in the week ending November 27, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 222,000, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 5,000 from 199,000 to 194,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 211,896 in the week ending November 27, a decrease of 41,622 (or -16.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 711,416 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. Looking at preliminary data, more states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (-9,128) was the largest decrease. Texas's preliminary weekly change (-5,991) was the second largest decrease. California's preliminary weekly change (-4,568) was the third largest decrease. Michigan's weekly change (-2,739) was the fourth largest decrease.