



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: April 20, 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 1,760;
Administrative and Support and Waste Management Services Leading Industry
for Claims**

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

RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced today that the number of initial claims rose in the latest filing week to 1,760 but remained at levels typically seen over the last twelve months.

For the filing week ending April 15, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,760, which was an increase of 202 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, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, and retail trade. Continued weeks claimed totaled 11,672, which was essentially unchanged from the previous week but an increase of 66% from the 7,030 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.

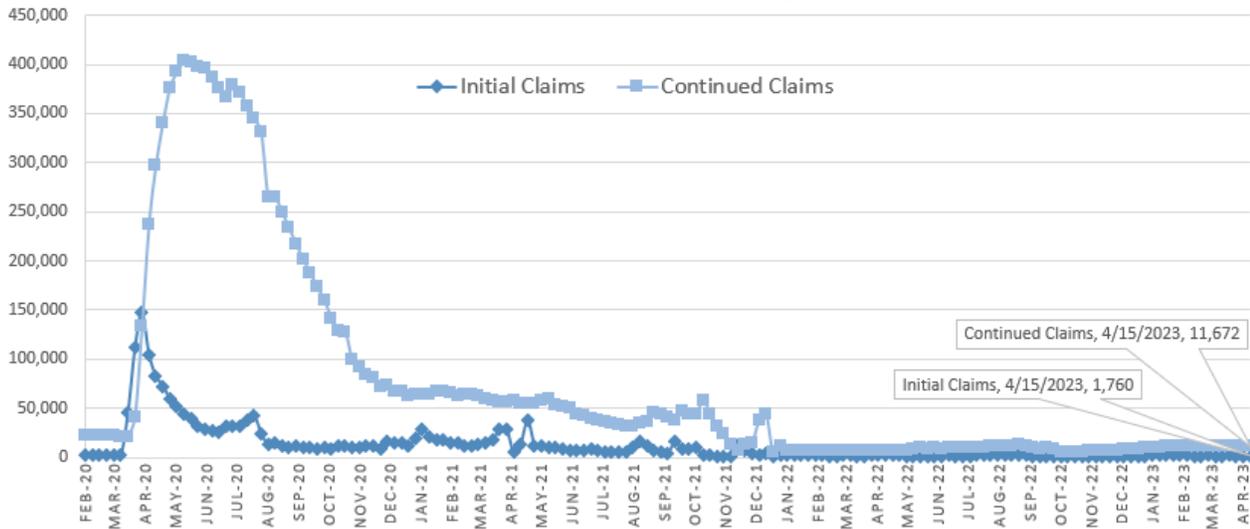
(more)

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 - April 15, 2023 Filing Weeks



Source: The Virginia Employment Commission. Not seasonally adjusted.

In the week ending April 15, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted¹ initial claims was 245,000, an increase of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 239,000 to 240,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 228,216 in the week ending April 15, a decrease of 7,021 (or -3.0 percent) from the previous week. There were 197,219 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022. Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. California's preliminary weekly change (-3,732) was the largest decrease. Texas's weekly change (-2,988) was the second largest decrease. Pennsylvania's preliminary weekly change (-1,866) was the third largest decrease. Indiana's weekly change (-1,446) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+411) was the sixth largest increase.

¹ Revision to U.S. Seasonal Adjustment Factors. Beginning with the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Weekly Claims News Release issued Thursday, April 6, 2023, the methodology used to seasonally adjust the national initial claims and continued claims reflects a change in the estimation of the models. For further questions on the seasonal adjustment methodology, please see the [official release page for the UI claims seasonal adjustment factors](#) or contact BLS directly through the [Local Area Unemployment Statistics web contact form](#).

(more)

