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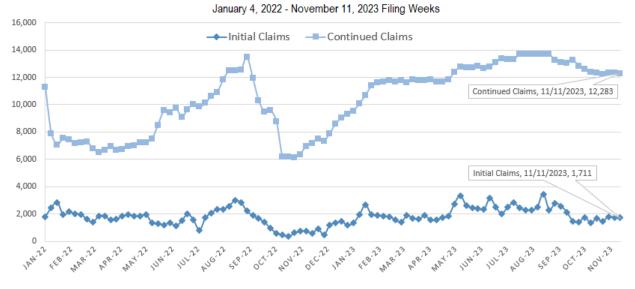
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Virginia Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 1,711; Administrative and Support and Waste Management Leading Industry for Claims

— Seasonally unadjusted weekly initial unemployment insurance little changed from the previous filing week, with continued claims also little changed over that period —

RICHMOND—The Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA) announced today that the number of initial unemployment insurance claims edged lower in the latest filing week to 1,711 and remained at typical pre-pandemic volumes experienced in 2019.

For the filing week ending November 11, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims for unemployment insurance in Virginia was 1,711, which was a decrease of 19 claimants from the previous week. Continued weeks claimed totaled 12,283, which was little changed from the previous week but an increase of 72% from the 7,158 continued claims from the comparable week last year. An industry was reported for ninety-three percent of continued claims. Of those, over half (53 percent) of continued claims were from professional, scientific, and technical services (1,834), administrative and support and waste management (1,744), manufacturing (1,364), and health care and social assistance (1,121). 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.



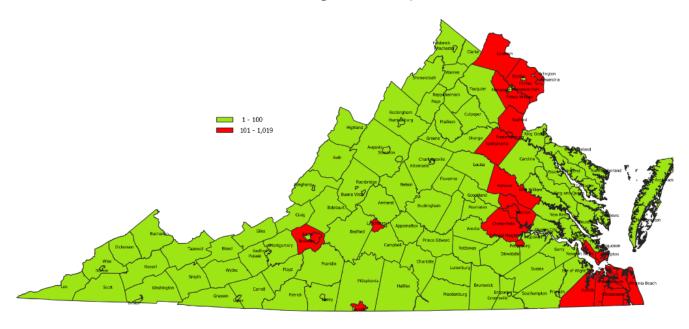
Virginia Weekly Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

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Source: The Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement. Not seasonally adjusted.

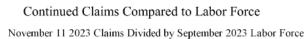
In the week ending November 11, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 231,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 217,000 to 218,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 215,874 in the week ending November 11, an increase of 1,713 (or 0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 200,237 initial claims in the comparable week in 2022.

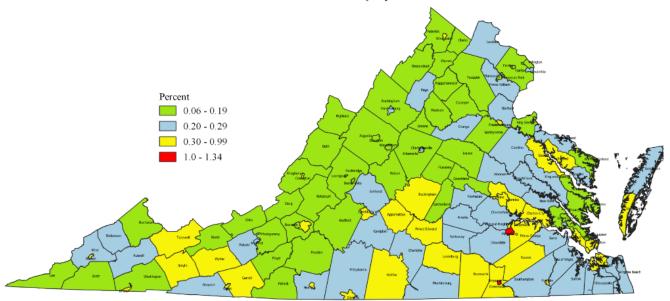
Looking at preliminary data, most U.S. states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Oregon's preliminary weekly change (-1,364) was the largest decrease. Georgia's preliminary weekly change (-1,221) was the second largest decrease. Pennsylvania's preliminary weekly change (-737) was the third largest decrease. Illinois's preliminary weekly change (-603) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia had the 17th largest decrease (-224).



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County and City Week Ending November 11, 2023

source: Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement [DWDA] Economic Information & Analytics Division, November 2023





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