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Virginia's Latest Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 1,998; Continued Claims at 15,923

RICHMOND— Virginia Works announced today that 1,998 unemployment insurance weekly **initial claims** were filed during the week ending June 01, 2024, which is 3.3 percent lower than last week's 2,066 claims and 13.8 percent lower than the comparable week of last year (2,317). Nearly 82 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (63 percent) were Accommodation and Food Services (213); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (193); Health Care and Social Assistance (182); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (165); and Retail Trade (143).

Continued weeks claims (15,923) were 0.1 percent higher than last week (15,907) and were 25.5 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (12,685). Nearly 93 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (59 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (2,410); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (2,188); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,489); Retail Trade (1,335); and Manufacturing (1,293).

Significant Layoffs and Announcements are available at the following websites:

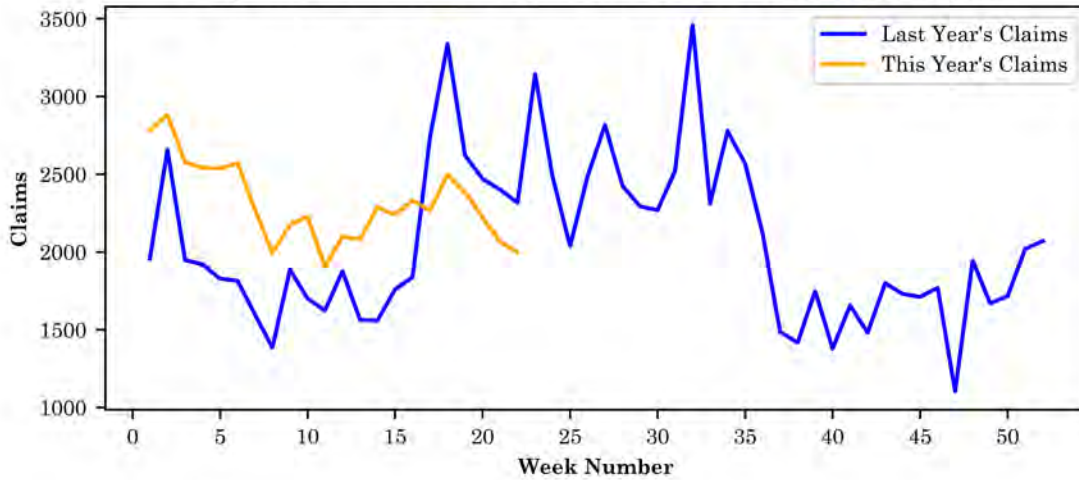
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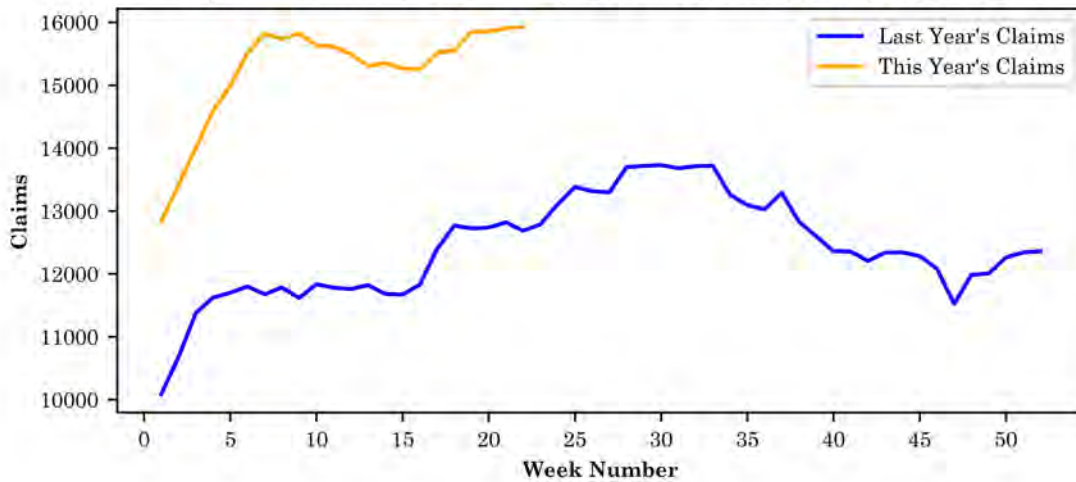
Initial Claims – Comparison of Unemployment Insurance Activity

	Week Ending 06/01/2024	Week Ending 05/25/2024	Week Ending 05/18/2024	Last Year 06/03/2023
Initial Claims	1,998	2,066	2,224	2,317
Initial Change (%)	-68 (-3.3%)	-158 (-7.1%)	-162 (-6.8%)	-319 (-13.8%)
Continued Claims	15,923	15,907	15,851	12,685

Virginia Initial Claims by Week: Previous and Current year



Virginia Continued Claims by Week: Previous and Current year



Initial Claims for All States

In the week ending June 1, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 229,000, an increase of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 2,000 from 219,000 to 221,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 195,430 in the week ending June 1, a decrease of 1,734 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 8,178 (or 4.1 percent) from the previous week. There were 219,975 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

Initial State Claims (5 largest decreases) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
State	Initial Claims (this week)	Initial Claims (prior week)	Change
Michigan	4,606	7,348	-2,742
Texas	14,878	16,709	-1,831
Tennessee	3,765	4,998	-1,233
New Jersey	7,432	8,504	-1,072
Georgia	3,260	4,238	-978

Initial State Claims (5 largest increases) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
State	Initial Claims (this week)	Initial Claims (prior week)	Change
Minnesota	6,737	3,957	2,780
California	41,233	38,825	2,408
Pennsylvania	11,077	9,514	1,563
Ohio	6,187	4,648	1,539
North Dakota	1,281	484	797

All States Initial Weeks Claimed

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country.

Below is a color-coded map illustrating the percentage change in initial claims from last week to this week across all states nationwide, derived from the latest U.S Department of Labor Weekly Claims News Release (<https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>). Green denotes a reduction in continued claims from last week, thus showing improvement, with progressively darker shades of green signifying greater improvement. Purple denotes an increase in continued claims from last week, thus showing deterioration, with progressively darker shades of purple signifying greater deterioration. Very light green, purple or white indicates minimal change from last week. The legend at the bottom provides the color spectrum along with its corresponding percentage value.

