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Virginia's Latest Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 2,205; Continued Claims at 16,046

RICHMOND— Virginia Works announced today that 2,205 unemployment insurance weekly **initial claims** were filed during the week ending June 22, 2024, which is 5.2 percent lower than last week's 2,325 claims and 8.2 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (2,038). Nearly 80 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (57 percent) were Administrative and Support and Waste Management (221); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (218); Health Care and Social Assistance (210); Manufacturing (160); and Accommodation and Food Services (158).

Continued weeks claims (16,046) were 0.1 percent higher than last week (16,034) and were 19.9 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (13,381). 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 (2,377); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (2,207); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,574); Retail Trade (1,365); and Accommodation and Food Services (1,332).

Significant Layoffs and Announcements are available at the following websites:

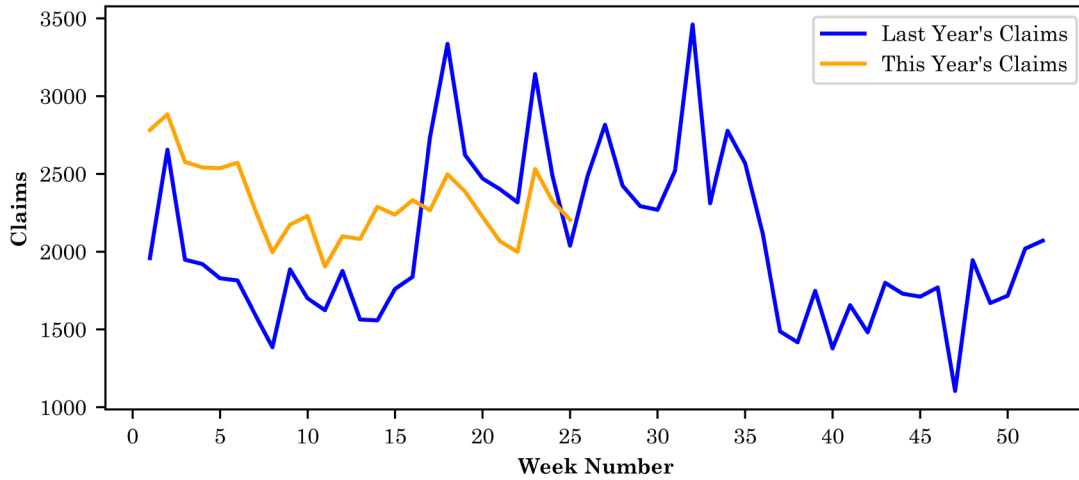
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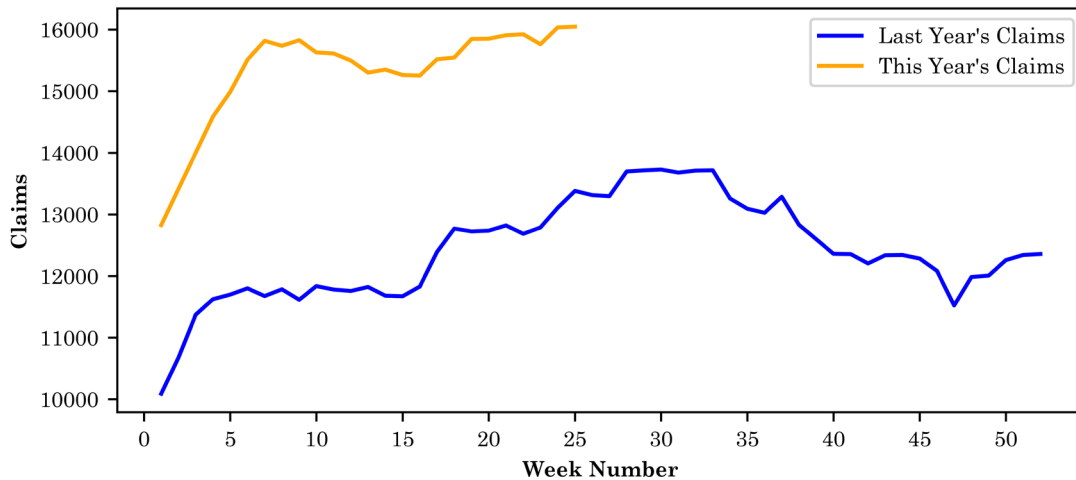
Initial Claims – Comparison of Unemployment Insurance Activity

	Week Ending 06/22/2024	Week Ending 06/15/2024	Week Ending 06/08/2024	Last Year 06/24/2023
Initial Claims	2,205	2,325	2,531	2,038
Initial Change (%)	-120 (-5.2%)	-206 (-8.1%)	+533 (+26.7%)	+167 (+8.2%)
Continued Claims	16,046	16,034	15,761	13,381

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 22, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 233,000, a decrease of 6,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 238,000 to 239,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 224,410 in the week ending June 22, a decrease of 3,570 (or 1.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 2,151 (or 0.9 percent) from the previous week. There were 229,726 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
Minnesota	6,697	9,668	-2,971
Texas	15,672	18,213	-2,541
Pennsylvania	12,533	14,996	-2,463
Illinois	7,859	9,940	-2,081
Michigan	5,975	7,078	-1,103

Initial State Claims (5 largest increases) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
State	Initial Claims (this week)	Initial Claims (prior week)	Change
New Jersey	15,071	9,795	5,276
Massachusetts	8,970	5,226	3,744
Connecticut	6,105	4,783	1,322
Oregon	5,202	4,007	1,195
Rhode Island	1,819	988	831

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.

