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Virginia's Latest Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 1,826; Continued Claims at 15,589

RICHMOND— Virginia Works announced today that 1,826 unemployment insurance weekly **initial claims** were filed during the week ending August 31, 2024, which is 16.4 percent lower than last week's 2,185 claims and 28.9 percent lower than the comparable week of last year (2,568). Nearly 83 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (60 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (232); Retail Trade (191); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (173); Health Care and Social Assistance (171); and Manufacturing (147).

Continued weeks claims (15,589) were 4.4 percent lower than last week (16,311) and were 19.1 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (13,092). 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 (2,496); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (2,178); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,490); Retail Trade (1,248); and Manufacturing (1,151).

Significant Layoffs and Announcements are available at the following websites:

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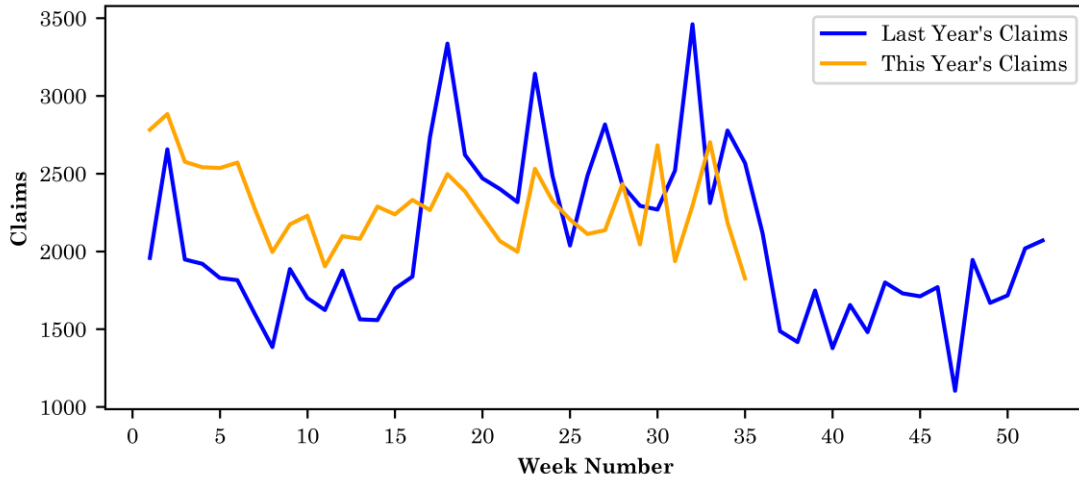
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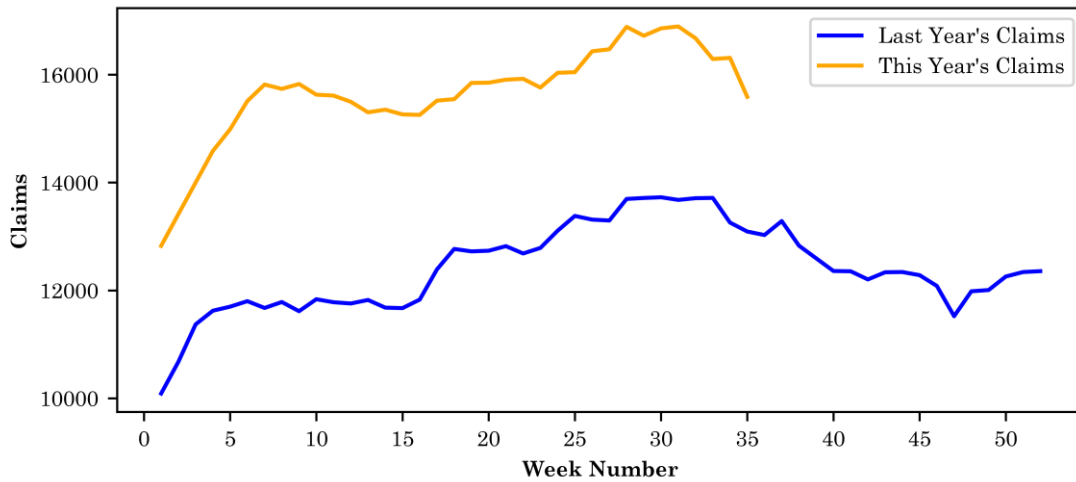
Initial Claims – Comparison of Unemployment Insurance Activity

	Week Ending 08/31/2024	Week Ending 08/24/2024	Week Ending 08/17/2024	Last Year 09/02/2023
Initial Claims	1,826	2,185	2,702	2,568
Initial Change (%)	-359 (-16.4%)	-517 (-19.1%)	+408 (+17.8%)	-742 (-28.9%)
Continued Claims	15,589	16,311	16,290	13,092

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 August 31, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 227,000, a decrease of 5,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 231,000 to 232,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 189,389 in the week ending August 31, a decrease of 3,352 (or 1.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 1,627 (or 0.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 191,353 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
Texas	13,499	14,993	-1,494
New York	15,184	16,296	-1,112
North Dakota	409	1,313	-904
Georgia	4,987	5,806	-819
New Jersey	8,016	8,814	-798

Initial State Claims (5 largest increases) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
State	Initial Claims (this week)	Initial Claims (prior week)	Change
Massachusetts	7,951	5,783	2,168
Wisconsin	3,968	3,152	816
Pennsylvania	9,507	8,807	700
Ohio	5,467	4,808	659
Washington	4,609	4,208	401

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.

