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## Virginia's Latest Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 2,764; Continued Claims at 15,318

**RICHMOND**— Virginia Works announced today that 2,764 unemployment insurance weekly **initial claims** were filed during the week ending December 07, 2024, which is 115.3 percent higher than last week's 1,284 claims and 65.6 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (1,669). Nearly 73 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (57 percent) were Administrative and Support and Waste Management (313); Manufacturing (226); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (225); Health Care and Social Assistance (198); and Construction (183).

**Continued weeks claims** (15,318) were 1.6 percent higher than last week (15,070) and were 27.6 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (12,007). Nearly 92 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (59 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (2,474); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (1,963); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,393); Manufacturing (1,360); and Retail Trade (1,206).

**Significant Layoffs and Announcements are available at the following websites:**

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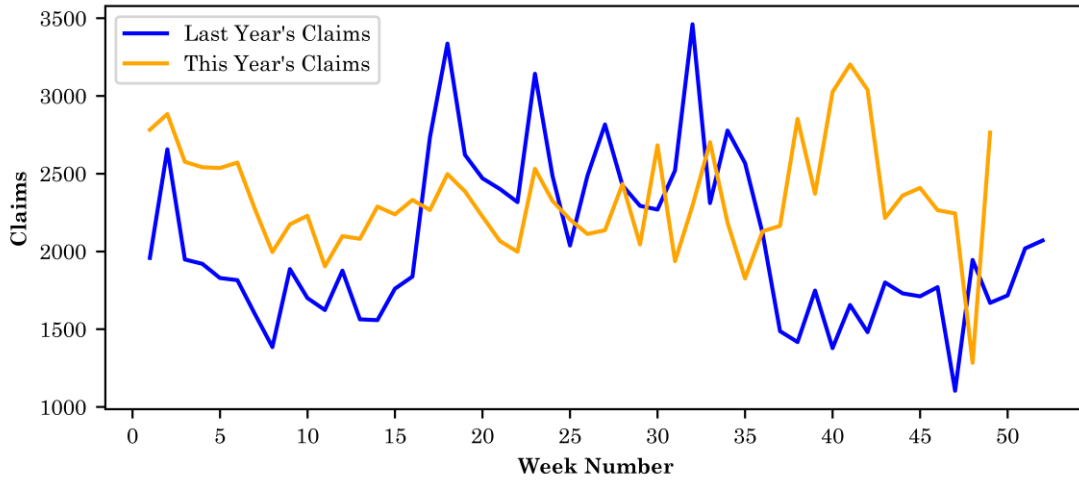
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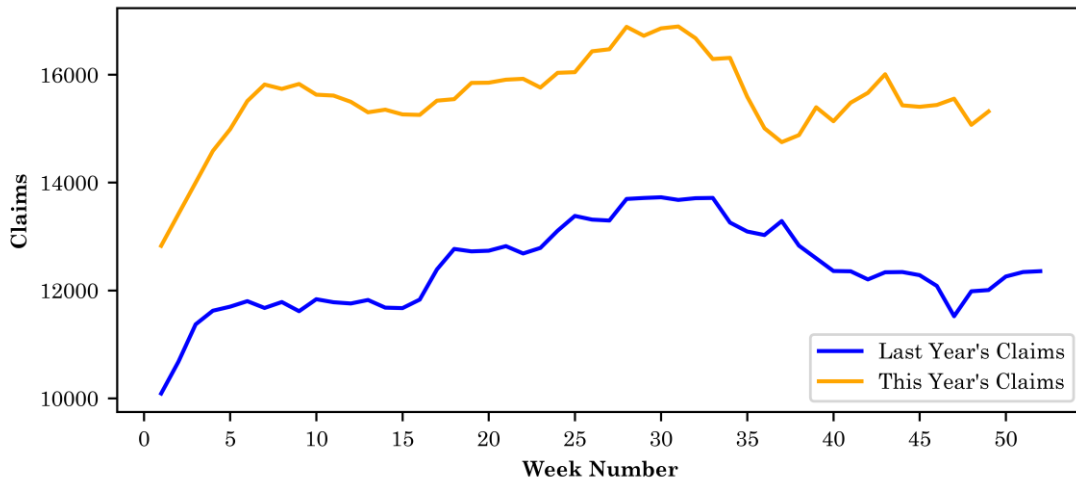
### Initial Claims – Comparison of Unemployment Insurance Activity

	Week Ending 12/07/2024	Week Ending 11/30/2024	Week Ending 11/23/2024	Last Year 12/09/2023
Initial Claims	2,764	1,284	2,244	1,669
Initial Change (%)	+1,480 (+115.3%)	-960 (-42.8%)	-21 (-0.9%)	+1,095 (+65.6%)
Continued Claims	15,318	15,070	15,554	12,007

**Virginia Initial Claims by Week: Previous and Current year**



**Virginia Continued Claims by Week: Previous and Current year**

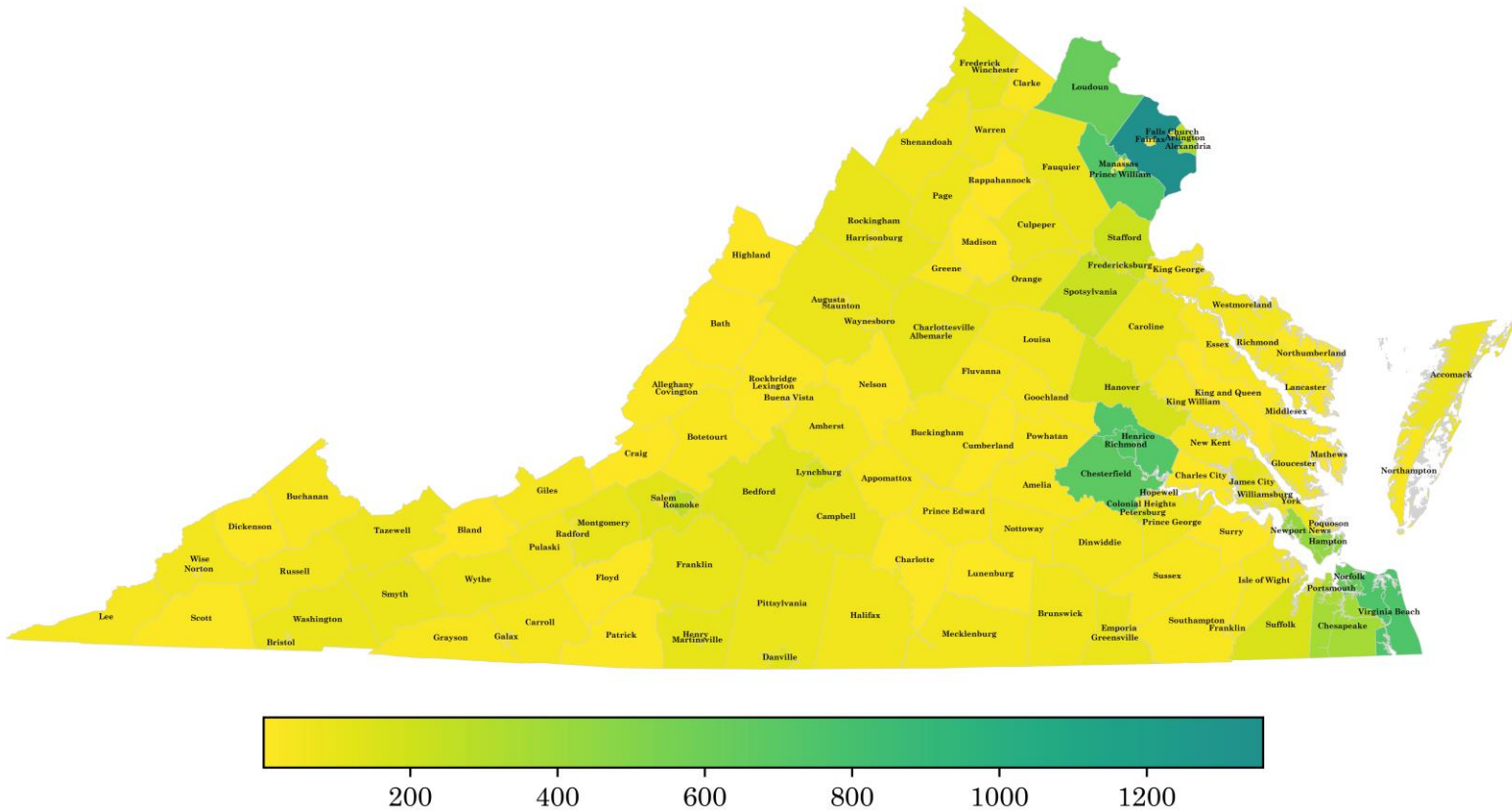


# Virginia Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. On a weekly basis, continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits, and are a good indicator of labor market conditions. While continued claims are not a leading indicator, they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the economy.

The color-coded map below shows the distribution of this week's continued claims for Virginia's counties and cities.

Yellow represents low numbers, while progressively darker shades transitioning from yellow to green and dark green signify increasing numbers of continued claims. The legend located at the bottom provides the color spectrum and its corresponding count of continued claims.



### Initial Claims for All States

In the week ending December 7, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 242,000, an increase of 17,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 224,000 to 225,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 310,366 in the week ending December 7, an increase of 99,140 (or 46.9 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 76,932 (or 36.4 percent) from the previous week. There were 249,090 initial claims in the comparable week in 2023.

<b>Initial State Claims (5 largest decreases)</b> (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
<b>State</b>	<b>Initial Claims (this week)</b>	<b>Initial Claims (prior week)</b>	<b>Change</b>
North Dakota	1,183	1,863	-680
Delaware	293	463	-170
Virgin Islands	23	29	-6
New Hampshire	421	423	-2
Vermont	601	599	2

<b>Initial State Claims (5 largest increases)</b> (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
<b>State</b>	<b>Initial Claims (this week)</b>	<b>Initial Claims (prior week)</b>	<b>Change</b>
California	52,784	37,957	14,827
Texas	20,420	10,940	9,480
New York	23,618	14,462	9,156
Illinois	18,863	11,351	7,512
Georgia	9,446	3,598	5,848

## 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.

