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Virginia's Latest Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 1,468; Continued Claims at 15,712

RICHMOND— Virginia Works announced today that 1,468 unemployment insurance weekly **initial claims** were filed during the week ending December 28, 2024, which is 34.2 percent lower than last week's 2,230 claims and 29.1 percent lower than the comparable week of last year (2,070). Nearly 74 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (64 percent) were Manufacturing (174); Construction (168); Accommodation and Food Services (140); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (115); and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (82).

Continued weeks claims (15,712) were 2.4 percent lower than last week (16,104) and were 27.2 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (12,357). Nearly 92 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (57 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (2,350); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (1,996); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,396); Manufacturing (1,353); and Retail Trade (1,166).

Significant Layoffs and Announcements are available at the following websites:

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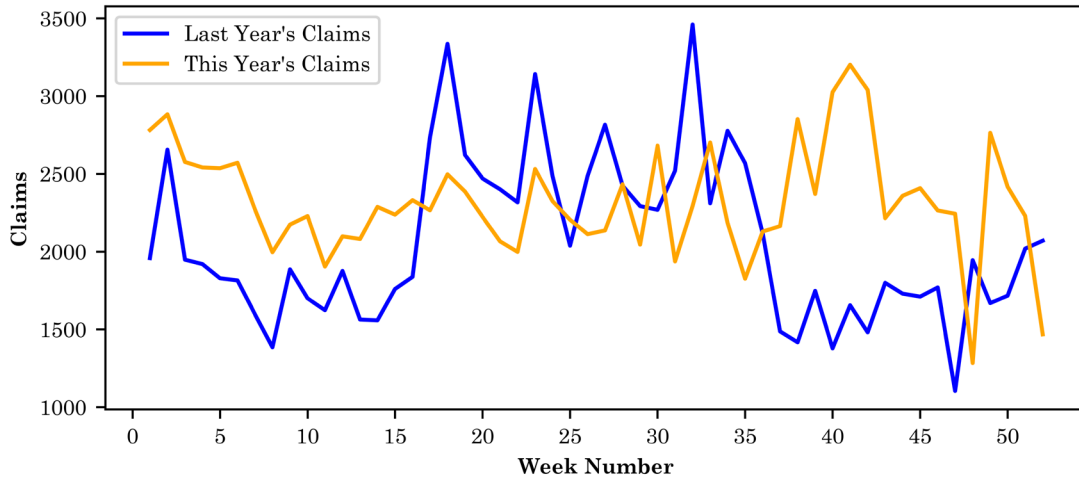
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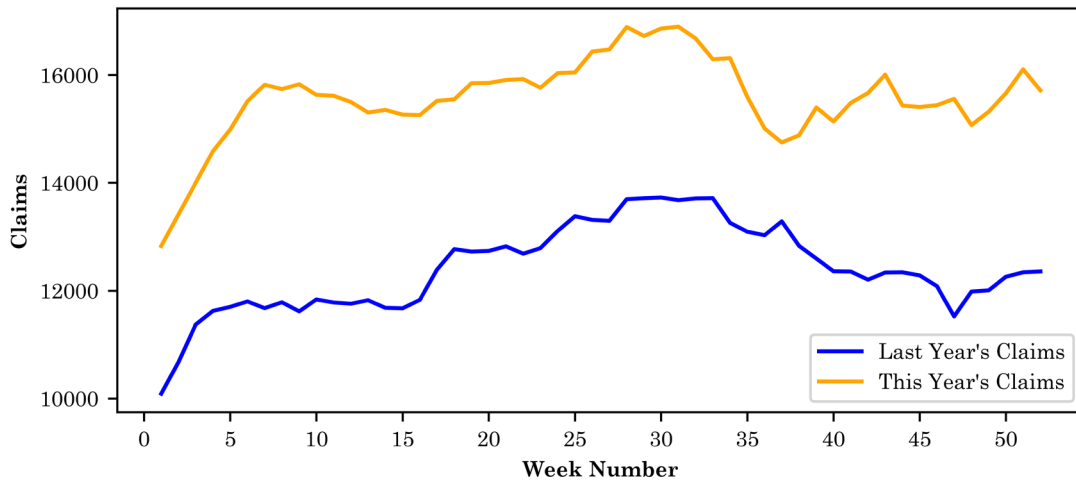
Initial Claims – Comparison of Unemployment Insurance Activity

	Week Ending 12/28/2024	Week Ending 12/21/2024	Week Ending 12/14/2024	Last Year 12/30/2023
Initial Claims	1,468	2,230	2,417	2,070
Initial Change (%)	-762 (-34.2%)	-187 (-7.7%)	-347 (-12.6%)	-602 (-29.1%)
Continued Claims	15,712	16,104	15,657	12,357

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 December 28, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 211,000, a decrease of 9,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 219,000 to 220,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 282,998 in the week ending December 28, an increase of 7,441 (or 2.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 20,249 (or 7.3 percent) from the previous week. There were 269,409 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
California	40,036	48,883	-8,847
Texas	6,712	15,338	-8,626
Florida	3,323	5,166	-1,843
North Carolina	2,075	3,559	-1,484
Tennessee	3,732	5,142	-1,410

Initial State Claims (5 largest increases) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
State	Initial Claims (this week)	Initial Claims (prior week)	Change
Michigan	19,349	11,539	7,810
New Jersey	20,482	14,845	5,637
Pennsylvania	21,211	15,880	5,331
Massachusetts	14,205	10,663	3,542
Connecticut	9,261	5,787	3,474

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.

