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Virginia's Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims

— Seasonally unadjusted weekly initial unemployment insurance claims were essentially unchanged from the previous filing week while continued claims showed little change during that period—

RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced that the number of initial claims filed during the January 30 filing week remained elevated when compared to recent months' levels, according to figures released today.

For the filing week ending January 30, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 18,177. While still elevated compared to recent months' trends, the latest claims figure was a decrease of 135 claimants from the previous week. Elevated levels in recent weeks may have, in part, reflected reapplications for benefits following the government's renewal of supplemental benefits until March 14 as part of the latest stimulus package.

For the most recent filing week, continued weeks claimed totaled 67,337, which was a 0.1% increase from the previous week, but 45,074 higher than the 22,263 continued claims from the comparable week last year. Over half of claims that had a self-reported industry were in the accommodation/food service, administrative and waste services, retail trade, and healthcare/social assistance industries. The continued

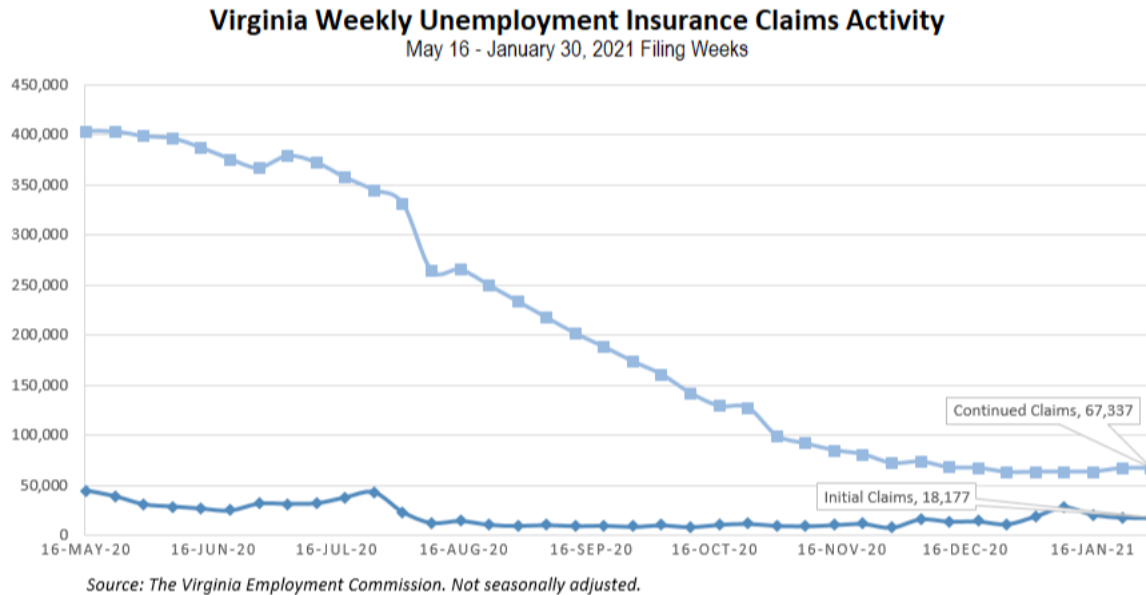
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claims total is mainly comprised of those recent initial claimants who continued to file for unemployment insurance benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

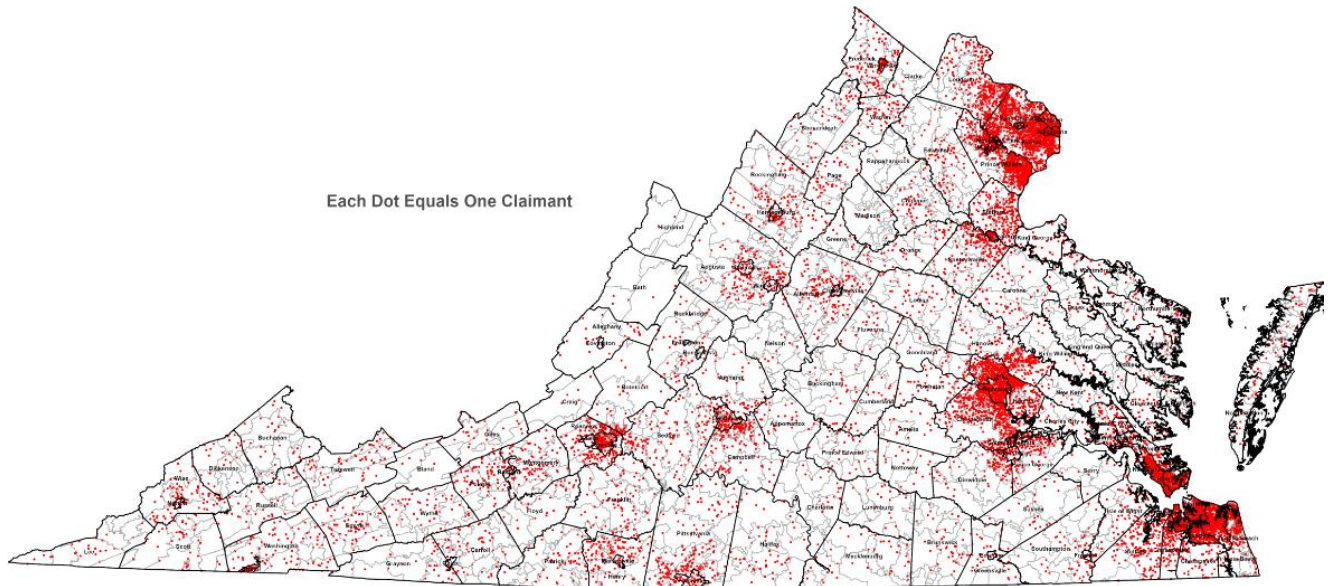
For additional information on who is claiming unemployment insurance in Virginia, access the VEC's [U.I. claims data dashboard](https://www.vec.virginia.gov/ui-claims-dashboard) (<https://www.vec.virginia.gov/ui-claims-dashboard>) that is updated no later than the following Monday after the weekly claims press release.



Nationwide, in the week ending January 30, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 779,000, a decrease of 33,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 35,000 from 847,000 to 812,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 816,247 in the week ending January 30, a decrease of 23,525 (or -2.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 224,664 initial claims in the comparable week in 2020. Looking at preliminary data, most states reported decreases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Illinois's preliminary weekly change (-55,089) was the largest decrease among states. Texas's preliminary weekly change (-8,965) was the second largest decrease. Kansas's preliminary weekly change (-8,532) was the third largest decrease. New Jersey's preliminary weekly change (-4,447) was the fourth largest decrease. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+3,984) was the fifth largest increase.

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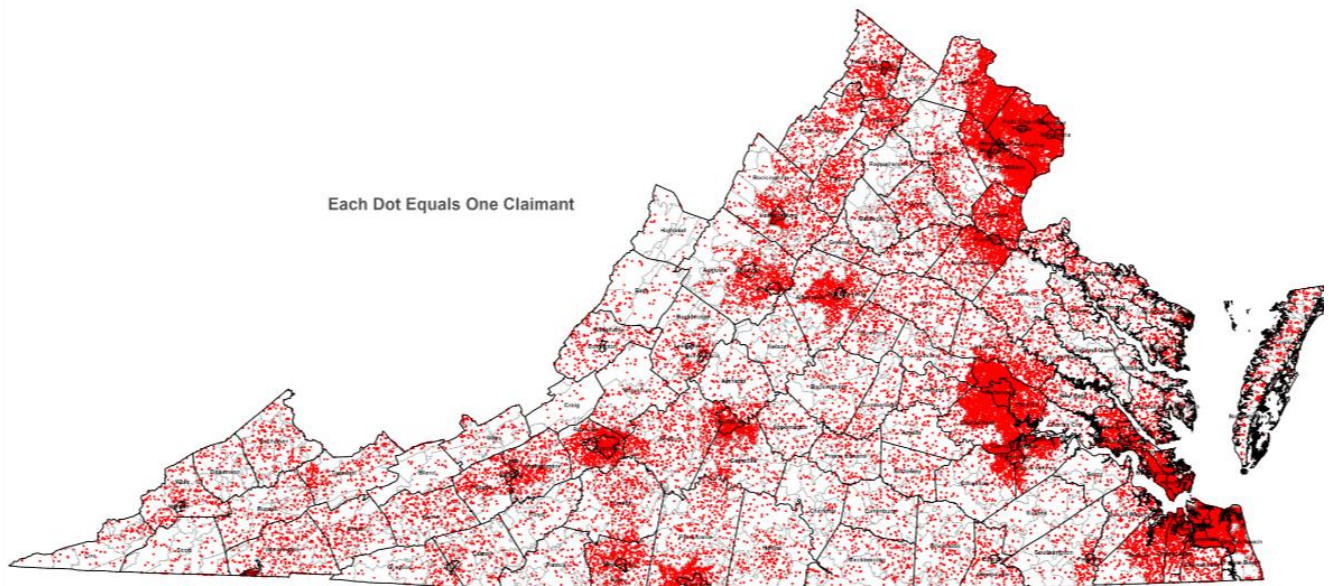
Initial Unemployment Insurance Claimants by Zip Code Area Week Ending January 30, 2021



Initial Unemployment Claims data were summed by zip code area. The dots do not show precise locations within the zip code area.

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Continued Unemployment Insurance Claimants by Zip Code Area Week Ending January 30, 2021

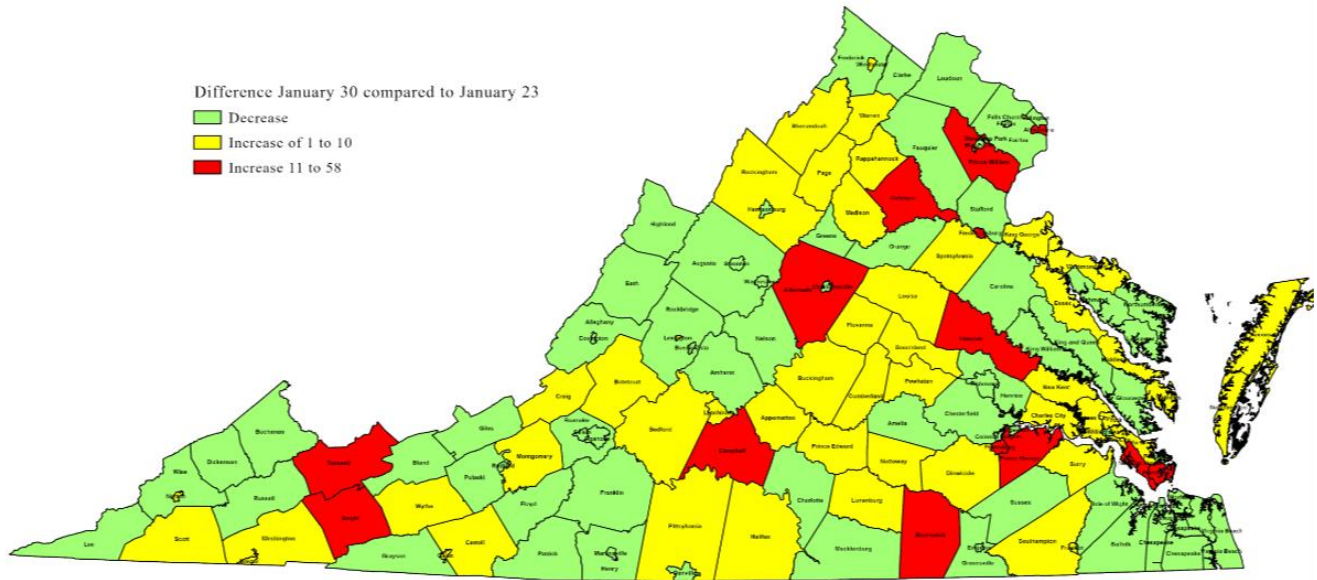


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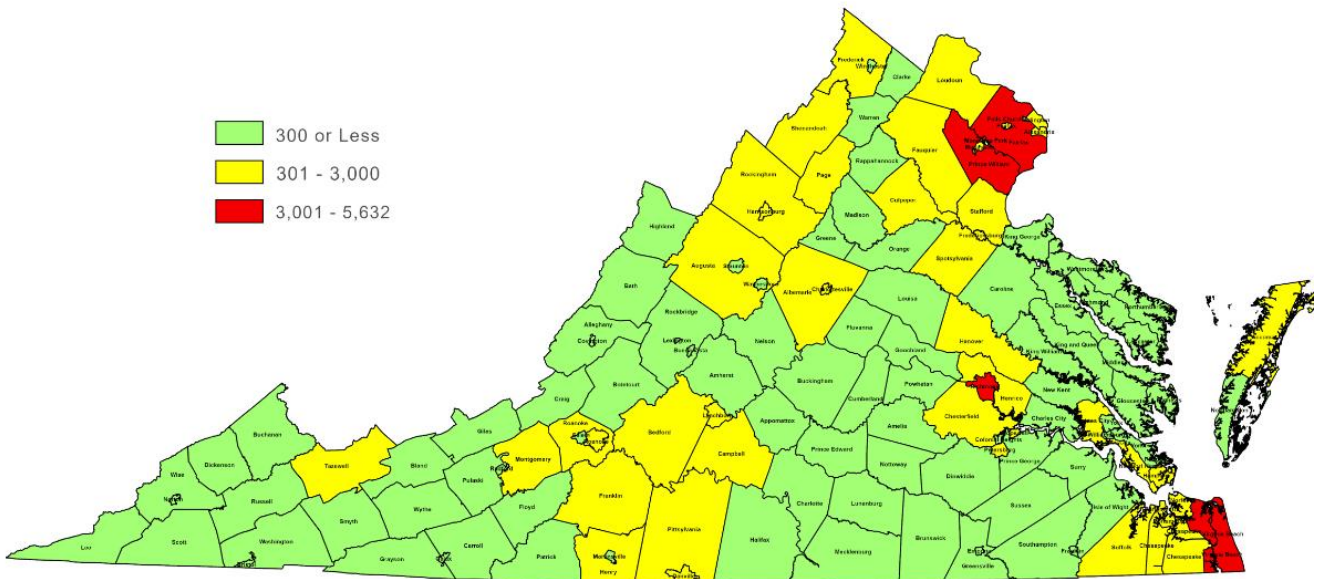
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Initial Unemployment Insurance Claimants by County and City Weeks Ending January 30, 2021 Over January 23, 2021 Change



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