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Virginia's Latest Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 2,531; Continued Claims at 15,761

RICHMOND— Virginia Works announced today that 2,531 unemployment insurance weekly **initial claims** were filed during the week ending June 08, 2024, which is 26.7 percent higher than last week's 1,998 claims and 19.4 percent lower than the comparable week of last year (3,142). Nearly 77 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (59 percent) were Administrative and Support and Waste Management (256); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (233); Accommodation and Food Services (214); Health Care and Social Assistance (209); and Retail Trade (167).

Continued weeks claims (15,761) were 1.0 percent lower than last week (15,923) and were 23.2 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (12,788). Nearly 93 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (58 percent) were Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (2,388); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (2,139); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,524); Retail Trade (1,309); and Accommodation and Food Services (1,228).

Significant Layoffs and Announcements are available at the following websites:

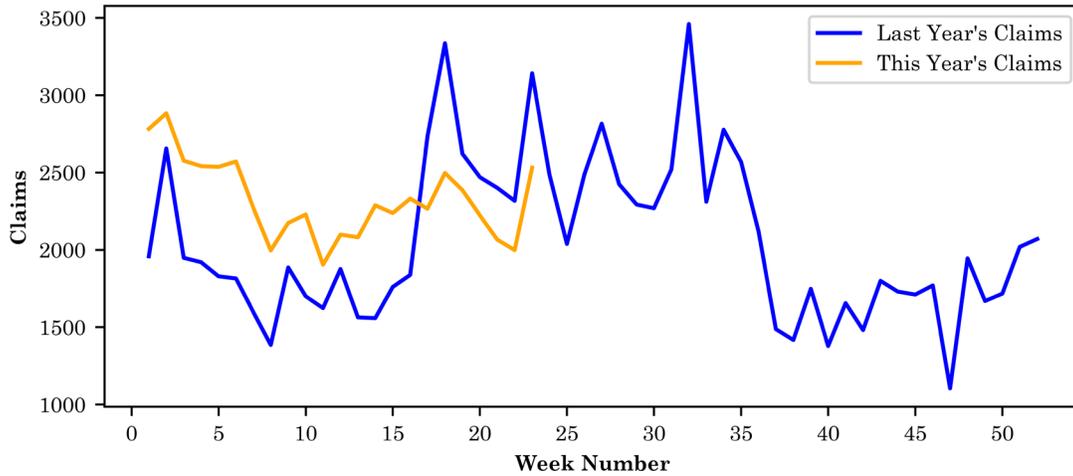
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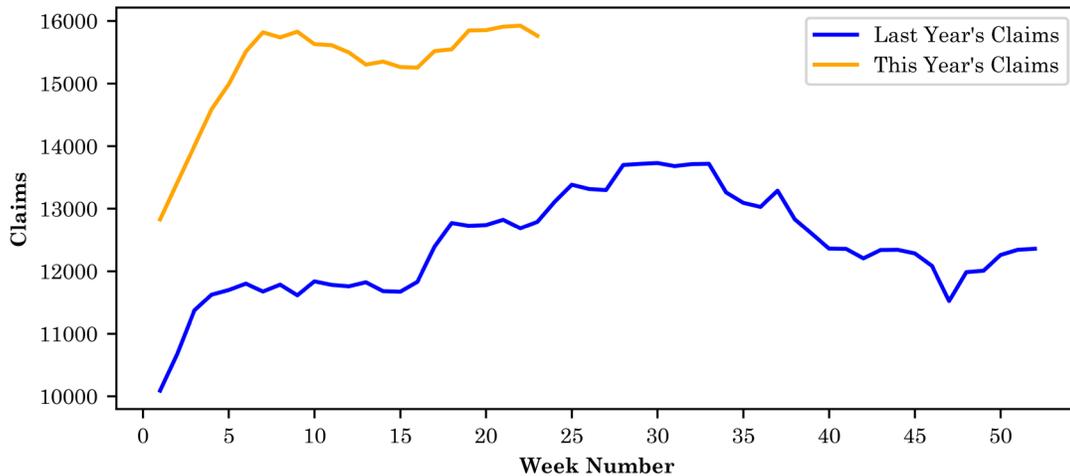
Initial Claims – Comparison of Unemployment Insurance Activity

	Week Ending 06/08/2024	Week Ending 06/01/2024	Week Ending 05/25/2024	Last Year 06/10/2023
Initial Claims	2,531	1,998	2,066	3,142
Initial Change (%)	+533 (+26.7%)	-68 (-3.3%)	-158 (-7.1%)	-611 (-19.4%)
Continued Claims	15,761	15,923	15,907	12,788

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 8, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 242,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 229,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 234,707 in the week ending June 8, an increase of 38,530 (or 19.6 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 26,616 (or 13.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 250,795 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
North Dakota	529	1,264	-735
Missouri	3,293	3,924	-631
Tennessee	3,429	3,703	-274
Kansas	1,254	1,520	-266
Alabama	2,377	2,586	-209

Initial State Claims (5 largest increases) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
State	Initial Claims (this week)	Initial Claims (prior week)	Change
California	51,110	40,799	10,311
Minnesota	11,087	6,745	4,342
Pennsylvania	15,214	11,080	4,134
Illinois	11,435	9,141	2,294
Texas	17,093	14,887	2,206

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.

