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Virginia's Latest Unemployment Insurance Weekly Initial Claims at 2,112; Continued Claims at 16,433

RICHMOND— Virginia Works announced today that 2,112 unemployment insurance weekly **initial claims** were filed during the week ending June 29, 2024, which is 4.2 percent lower than last week's 2,205 claims and 15.1 percent lower than the comparable week of last year (2,487). Nearly 83 percent of claimants self-reported an associated industry; of those reported, the top five industries (56 percent) were Administrative and Support and Waste Management (215); Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (211); Health Care and Social Assistance (195); Retail Trade (160); and Accommodation and Food Services (136).

Continued weeks claims (16,433) were 2.4 percent higher than last week (16,046) and were 23.4 percent higher than the comparable week of last year (13,313). 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 (2,429); Administrative and Support and Waste Management (2,240); Health Care and Social Assistance (1,637); Accommodation and Food Services (1,379); and Retail Trade (1,376).

Significant Layoffs and Announcements are available at the following websites:

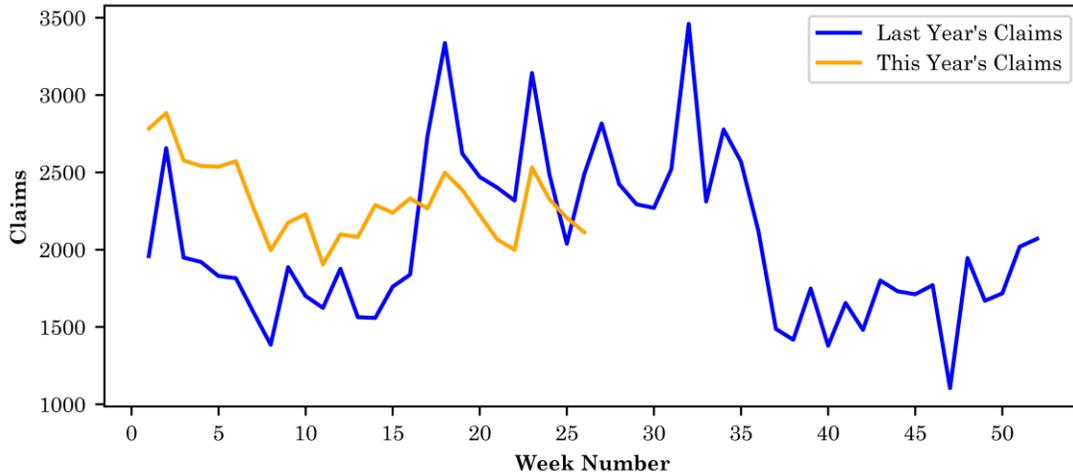
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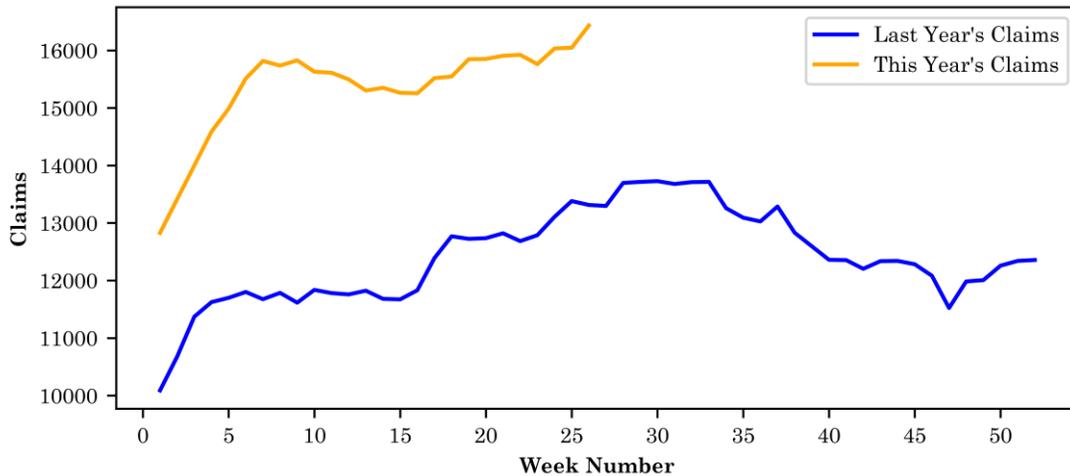
Initial Claims – Comparison of Unemployment Insurance Activity

	Week Ending 06/29/2024	Week Ending 06/22/2024	Week Ending 06/15/2024	Last Year 07/01/2023
Initial Claims	2,112	2,205	2,325	2,487
Initial Change (%)	-93 (-4.2%)	-120 (-5.2%)	-206 (-8.1%)	-375 (-15.1%)
Continued Claims	16,433	16,046	16,034	13,313

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 29, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 238,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 233,000 to 234,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 238,149 in the week ending June 29, an increase of 13,049 (or 5.8 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 8,649 (or 3.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 251,705 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
Connecticut	4,287	6,026	-1,739
Maryland	2,470	3,471	-1,001
Wisconsin	3,905	4,787	-882
Minnesota	5,963	6,675	-712
Florida	6,749	7,307	-558

Initial State Claims (5 largest increases) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
State	Initial Claims (this week)	Initial Claims (prior week)	Change
New York	16,066	11,557	4,509
New Jersey	17,401	15,166	2,235
California	47,213	45,068	2,145
Georgia	6,644	5,004	1,640
Iowa	3,236	1,807	1,429

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.

