

## Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

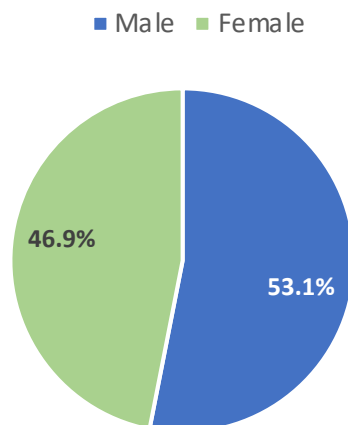
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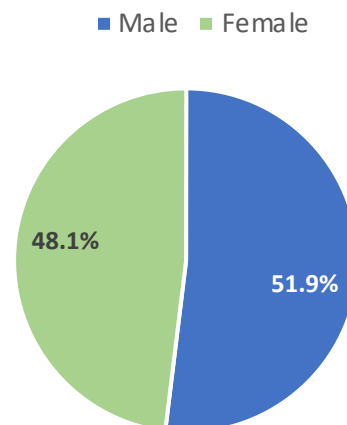
The week of September 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> marks the 27<sup>th</sup> week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 10,582 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, up 4.8% compared to the previous week. Following 22 weeks of unpredictable initial claims numbers, filings have leveled off in recent weeks. Since the week ending August 22<sup>nd</sup> the number of initial claims filings has remained steadily between 10,000 and 11,000 initial claims. The following analysis was completed using intrastate and interstate claims data, but not agent claims<sup>1</sup>; therefore, the totals below will not match the state totals when aggregated.

The gender breakdown of initial claims has experienced two distinct phases during the COVID-19 crisis. During the first 14 weeks of the crisis, from the week ending March 21<sup>st</sup> until the week ending June 20<sup>th</sup>, female claimants accounted for 56.2% of all initial claims while males accounted for 43.8%. In the weeks that followed, however, male claimants have made up 53.4% of initial claims while females have made up 46.6%. The BLS estimates that 53.0% of Virginia's workforce is male while 47.0% is female. This leads us to believe that female workers were more negatively affected by the crisis for the first 14 week. However, the effect became more equal over the next 13 weeks.

9/13 - 9/19 Claims by Gender



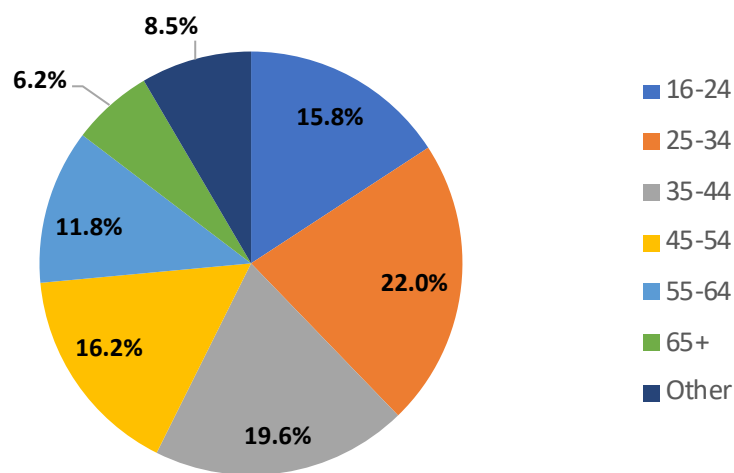
9/6 - 9/12 Claims by Gender



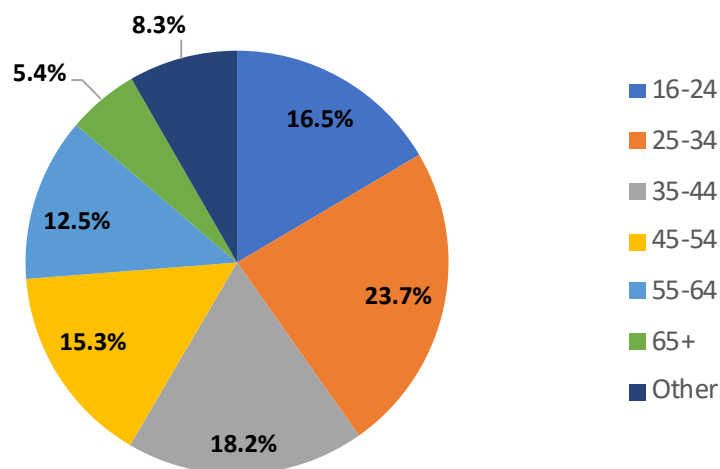
<sup>1</sup> When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

To analyze the age of initial claimants we first break them up into age cohorts. Since the beginning of the crisis workers in the first two cohorts, ages 16-24 and 25-34, have accounted for the largest amount of initial unemployment benefit claims. Workers in these two cohorts have filed roughly 45.3% of all initial claims since the week ending March 21<sup>st</sup>. For comparison, workers in the next two cohorts, ages 35-44 and 45-54, have made up 34.6% of initial filings during the same time period. According to a BLS survey of the Virginia workforce, 33.8% of workers are between the ages of 16-34 and 41.0% of workers are between the ages of 35-54. This disparity between the BLS estimates and the age breakdown of claims leads us to believe that younger workers have been more negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis than older workers.

9/13 - 9/19 Claims by Age

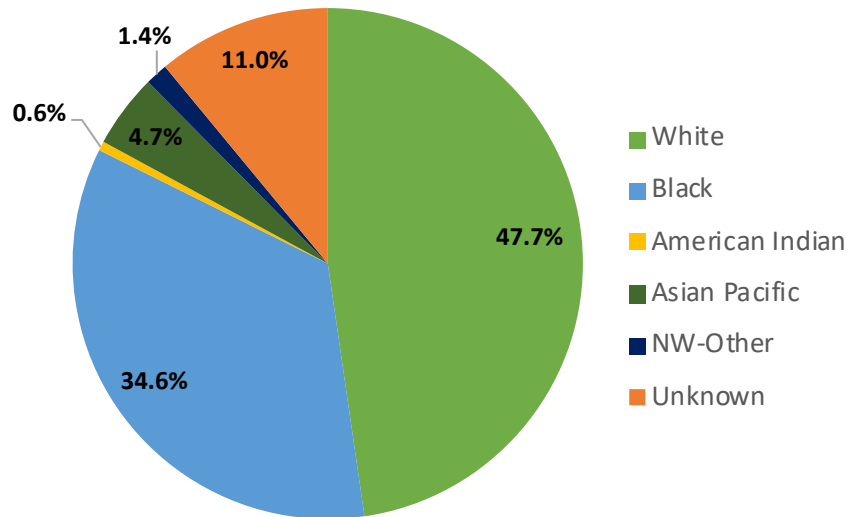


9/6 - 9/12 Claims by Age

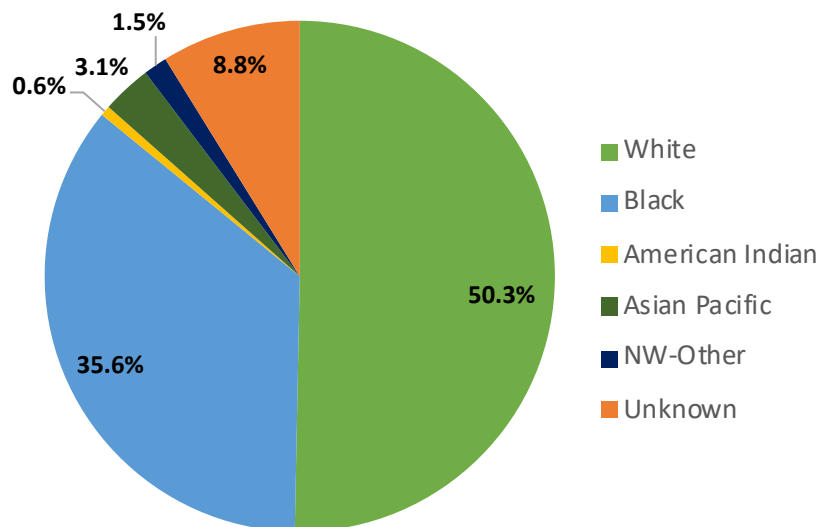


The share of initial claimants who identified as white fell 2.6 percentage points compared to the week prior, from 50.3% last week to 47.7% this week. The share of claimants identifying as black also fell 1.0 percentage points from the week prior, from 35.6% to 34.6% this week.

9/13 - 9/19 Claims by Race



9/6 - 9/12 Claims by Race



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Fairfax County which saw 664 initial filings. Virginia Beach City and Norfolk City followed with 629 and 538 initial claims respectively. Out of all 133 localities in the Commonwealth, only 58 saw a decrease or no change in the number of initial claims filings compared to the week before.

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Accomack County	28	1	0.27%	0.17%
Albemarle County	46	12	0.44%	0.08%
Alexandria City	137	9	1.30%	0.13%
Alleghany County	5	-2	0.05%	0.07%
Amelia County	14	4	0.13%	0.22%
Amherst County	21	0	0.20%	0.14%
Appomattox County	8	2	0.08%	0.11%
Arlington County	134	0	1.27%	0.09%
Augusta County	34	-2	0.32%	0.09%
Bath County	3	0	0.03%	0.12%
Bedford County	46	1	0.44%	0.12%
Bland County	6	4	0.06%	0.21%
Botetourt County	17	4	0.16%	0.10%
Bristol City	23	-1	0.22%	0.32%
Brunswick County	14	-5	0.13%	0.23%
Buchanan County	18	10	0.17%	0.26%
Buckingham County	17	10	0.16%	0.26%
Buena Vista City	4	0	0.04%	0.11%
Campbell County	16	-1	0.15%	0.06%
Caroline County	22	-3	0.21%	0.14%
Carroll County	29	7	0.28%	0.22%
Charles City County	15	7	0.14%	0.40%
Charlotte County	11	2	0.10%	0.21%
Charlottesville City	38	2	0.36%	0.14%
Chesapeake City	267	52	2.54%	0.22%
Chesterfield County	289	22	2.75%	0.15%
Clarke County	6	4	0.06%	0.08%
Colonial Heights City	23	4	0.22%	0.26%
Covington City	9	1	0.09%	0.37%
Craig County	1	-2	0.01%	0.04%
Culpeper County	22	-7	0.21%	0.09%
Cumberland County	14	8	0.13%	0.30%
Danville City	74	-13	0.70%	0.38%
Dickenson County	6	-2	0.06%	0.12%

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: County or Independent City				
County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Dinwiddie County	12	4	0.11%	0.09%
Emporia City	6	4	0.06%	0.26%
Essex County	4	0	0.04%	0.07%
Fairfax City	14	4	0.13%	0.10%
Fairfax County	664	40	6.31%	0.10%
Falls Church City	16	2	0.15%	0.18%
Fauquier County	35	-2	0.33%	0.09%
Floyd County	9	0	0.09%	0.11%
Fluvanna County	6	-5	0.06%	0.04%
Franklin City	13	3	0.12%	0.36%
Franklin County	58	20	0.55%	0.22%
Frederick County	38	0	0.36%	0.08%
Fredericksburg City	34	-6	0.32%	0.24%
Galax City	0	-4	0.00%	0.00%
Giles County	10	-6	0.10%	0.13%
Gloucester County	22	-3	0.21%	0.11%
Goochland County	7	1	0.07%	0.06%
Grayson County	24	6	0.23%	0.29%
Greene County	6	-4	0.06%	0.06%
Greensville County	32	10	0.30%	0.75%
Halifax County	35	3	0.33%	0.22%
Hampton City	201	-14	1.91%	0.31%
Hanover County	66	2	0.63%	0.11%
Harrisonburg City	54	2	0.51%	0.21%
Henrico County	286	21	2.72%	0.15%
Henry County	51	-18	0.48%	0.21%
Highland County	3	2	0.03%	0.24%
Hopewell City	48	3	0.46%	0.48%
Isle of Wight County	25	0	0.24%	0.13%
James City County	55	-5	0.52%	0.15%
King and Queen County	6	0	0.06%	0.15%
King George County	16	4	0.15%	0.12%
King William County	12	5	0.11%	0.13%
Lancaster County	16	13	0.15%	0.29%
Lee County	18	1	0.17%	0.22%
Lexington City	1	0	0.01%	0.05%
Loudoun County	197	-30	1.87%	0.09%
Louisa County	19	3	0.18%	0.09%
Lunenburg County	8	0	0.08%	0.15%
Lynchburg City	104	21	0.99%	0.29%

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County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
Madison County	2	0	0.02%	0.03%
Manassas City	40	5	0.38%	0.18%
Manassas Park City	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Martinsville City	10	1	0.10%	0.18%
Mathews County	4	-6	0.04%	0.10%
Mecklenburg County	39	13	0.37%	0.31%
Middlesex County	4	-4	0.04%	0.07%
Montgomery County	66	17	0.63%	0.13%
Nelson County	7	-6	0.07%	0.10%
New Kent County	16	-4	0.15%	0.13%
Newport News City	249	-1	2.37%	0.29%
Norfolk City	538	31	5.11%	0.50%
Northampton County	19	5	0.18%	0.37%
Northumberland County	13	2	0.12%	0.24%
Norton City	8	3	0.08%	0.50%
Nottoway County	12	-4	0.11%	0.17%
Orange County	20	-3	0.19%	0.12%
Page County	13	-6	0.12%	0.11%
Patrick County	12	4	0.11%	0.18%
Petersburg City	125	31	1.19%	1.00%
Pittsylvania County	34	2	0.32%	0.12%
Poquoson City	6	1	0.06%	0.10%
Portsmouth City	300	31	2.85%	0.70%
Powhatan County	16	8	0.15%	0.11%
Prince Edward County	17	0	0.16%	0.17%
Prince George County	21	-7	0.20%	0.14%
Prince William County	438	29	4.16%	0.18%
Pulaski County	23	1	0.22%	0.15%
Radford City	23	2	0.22%	0.28%
Rappahannock County	4	1	0.04%	0.11%
Richmond City	459	15	4.36%	0.39%
Richmond County	11	0	0.10%	0.28%
Roanoke City	107	-16	1.02%	0.22%
Roanoke County	58	5	0.55%	0.12%
Rockbridge County	11	-7	0.10%	0.11%
Rockingham County	34	-2	0.32%	0.08%
Russell County	10	-21	0.10%	0.09%
Salem City	29	13	0.28%	0.23%
Scott County	11	-1	0.10%	0.12%
Shenandoah County	20	-7	0.19%	0.09%

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County/City	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Claims as a percentage of labor force
<b>Smyth County</b>	31	12	0.29%	0.23%
<b>Southampton County</b>	11	3	0.10%	0.12%
<b>Spotsylvania County</b>	87	10	0.83%	0.13%
<b>Stafford County</b>	92	-16	0.87%	0.13%
<b>Staunton City</b>	30	2	0.29%	0.25%
<b>Suffolk City</b>	101	-10	0.96%	0.23%
<b>Surry County</b>	8	4	0.08%	0.23%
<b>Sussex County</b>	9	0	0.09%	0.24%
<b>Tazewell County</b>	41	3	0.39%	0.27%
<b>Virginia Beach City</b>	629	169	5.98%	0.28%
<b>Warren County</b>	21	-4	0.20%	0.10%
<b>Washington County</b>	44	1	0.42%	0.17%
<b>Waynesboro City</b>	23	4	0.22%	0.22%
<b>Westmoreland County</b>	18	7	0.17%	0.20%
<b>Williamsburg City</b>	9	5	0.09%	0.14%
<b>Winchester City</b>	23	-6	0.22%	0.16%
<b>Wise County</b>	24	-5	0.23%	0.19%
<b>Wythe County</b>	30	0	0.29%	0.23%
<b>York County</b>	38	18	0.36%	0.12%
<b>Other</b>	2,776	449	26.38%	N/A

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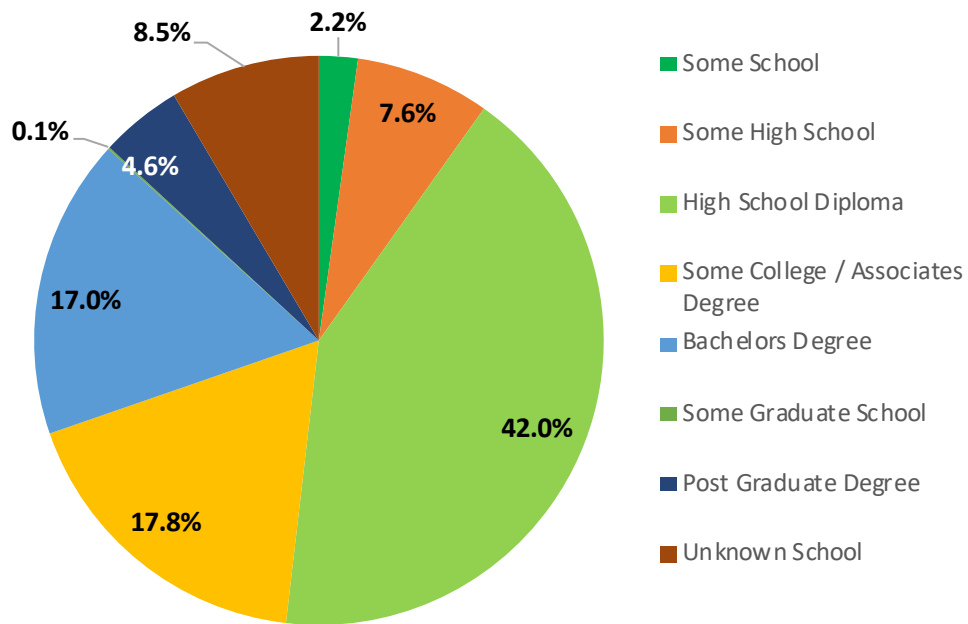
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code			
SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
<b>11-0000</b>	940	174	8.93%
<b>13-0000</b>	308	11	2.93%
<b>15-0000</b>	232	-29	2.20%
<b>17-0000</b>	223	62	2.12%
<b>19-0000</b>	54	-2	0.51%
<b>21-0000</b>	83	-27	0.79%
<b>23-0000</b>	32	7	0.30%
<b>25-0000</b>	210	23	2.00%
<b>27-0000</b>	384	56	3.65%
<b>29-0000</b>	226	-7	2.15%
<b>31-0000</b>	333	69	3.16%
<b>33-0000</b>	120	-7	1.14%
<b>35-0000</b>	721	97	6.85%
<b>37-0000</b>	428	31	4.07%
<b>39-0000</b>	702	53	6.67%
<b>41-0000</b>	1,069	130	10.16%
<b>43-0000</b>	1,045	88	9.93%
<b>45-0000</b>	39	15	0.37%
<b>47-0000</b>	621	54	5.90%
<b>49-0000</b>	300	-10	2.85%
<b>51-0000</b>	407	-8	3.87%
<b>53-0000</b>	749	66	7.12%
<b>55-0000</b>	12	1	0.11%
<b>Unknown</b>	1,284	129	12.20%

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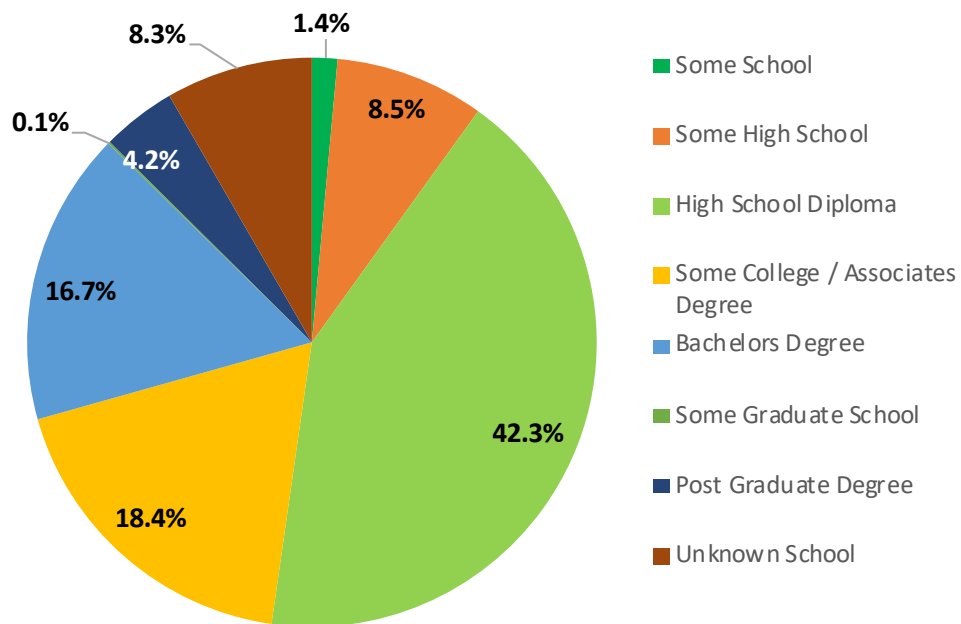
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
<b>Citizen</b>	10,159	975	96.55%	94.23%
<b>Non-citizen</b>	363	1	3.45%	5.77%

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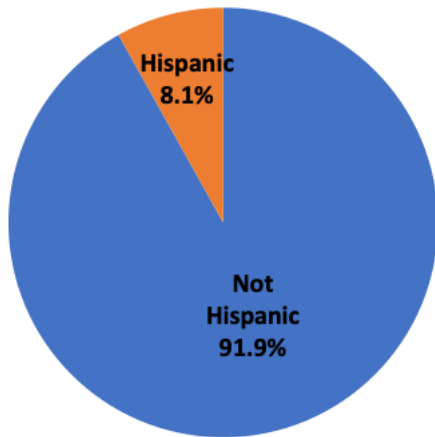
9/13 - 9/19 Claims by Education Level



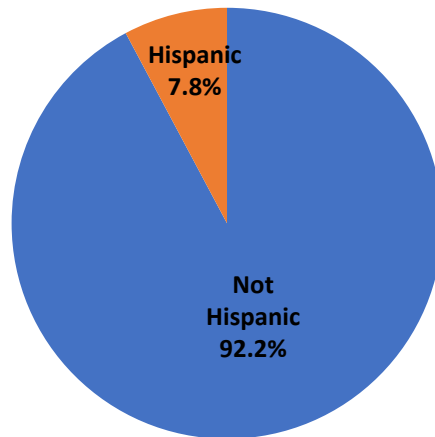
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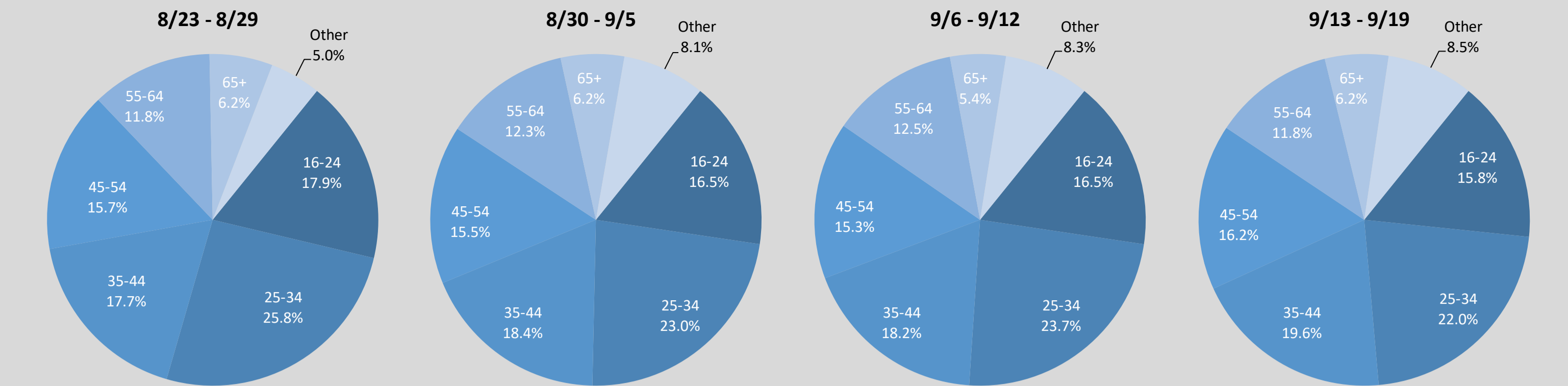
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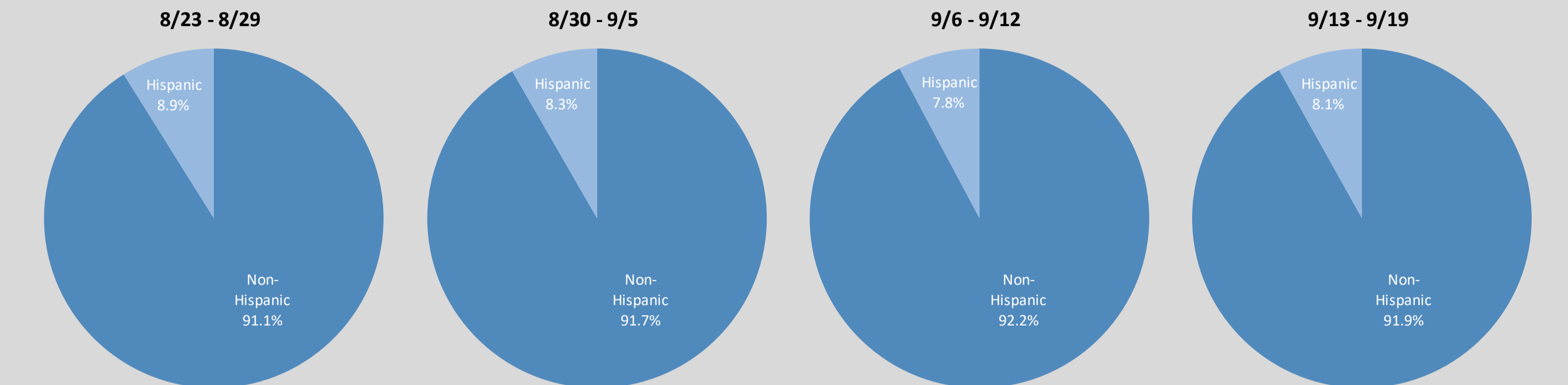


Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Age



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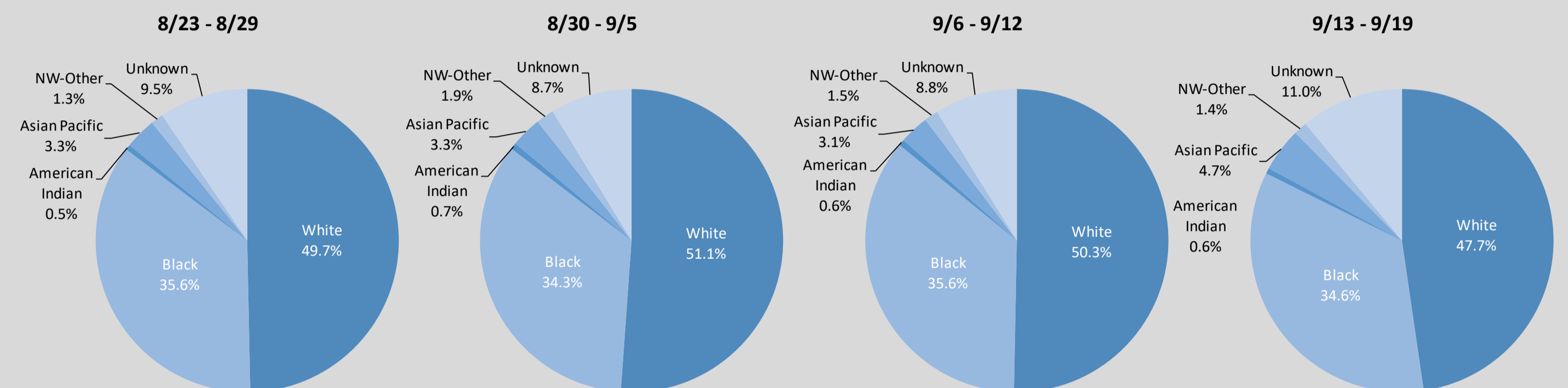
Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Ethnicity Composition



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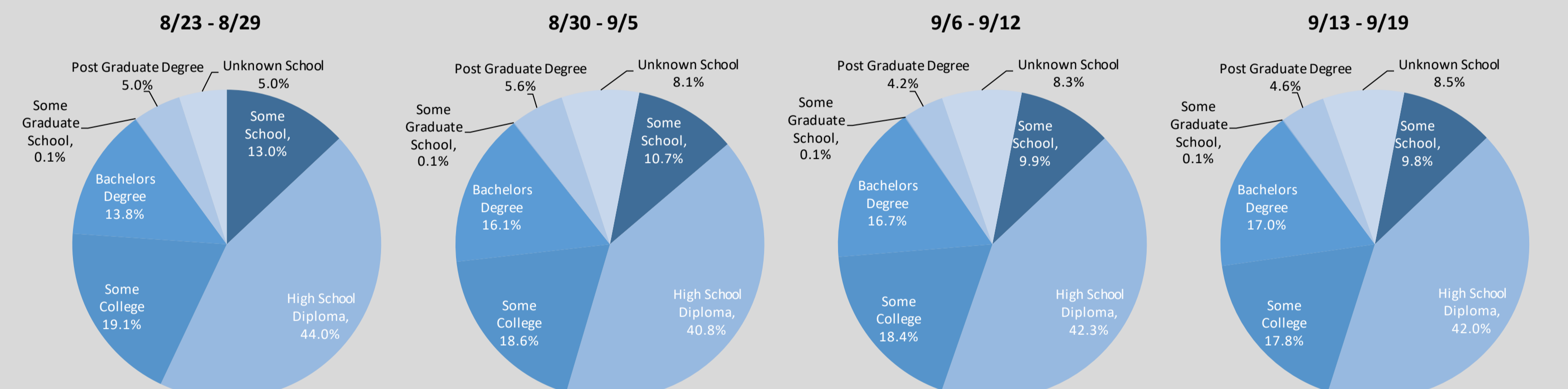
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Race Composition



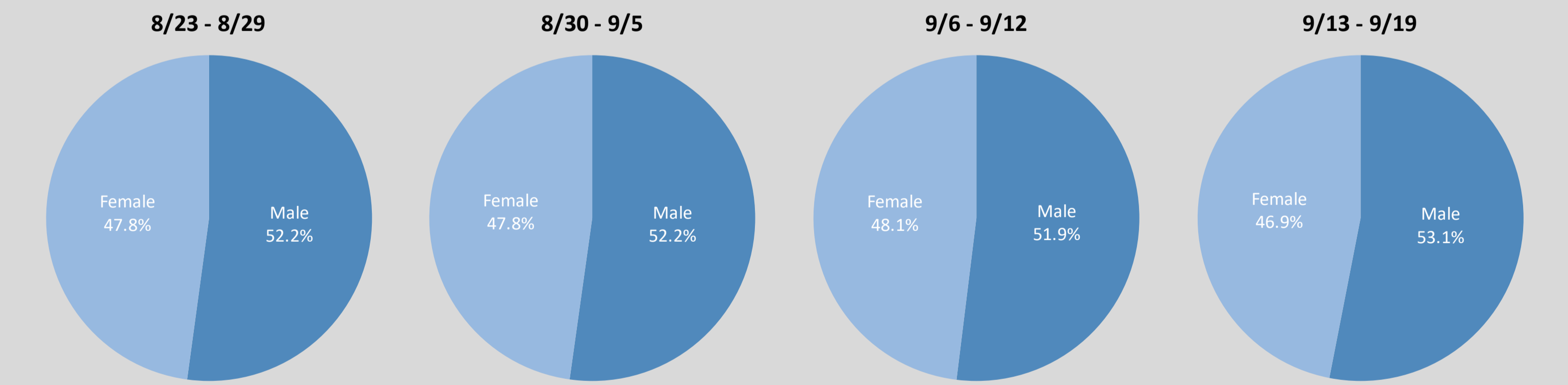
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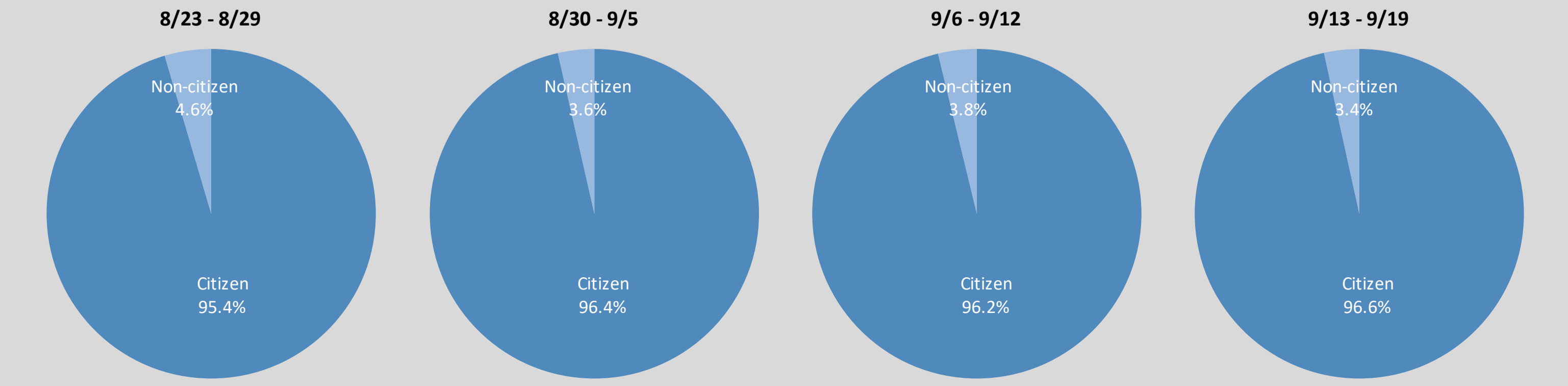
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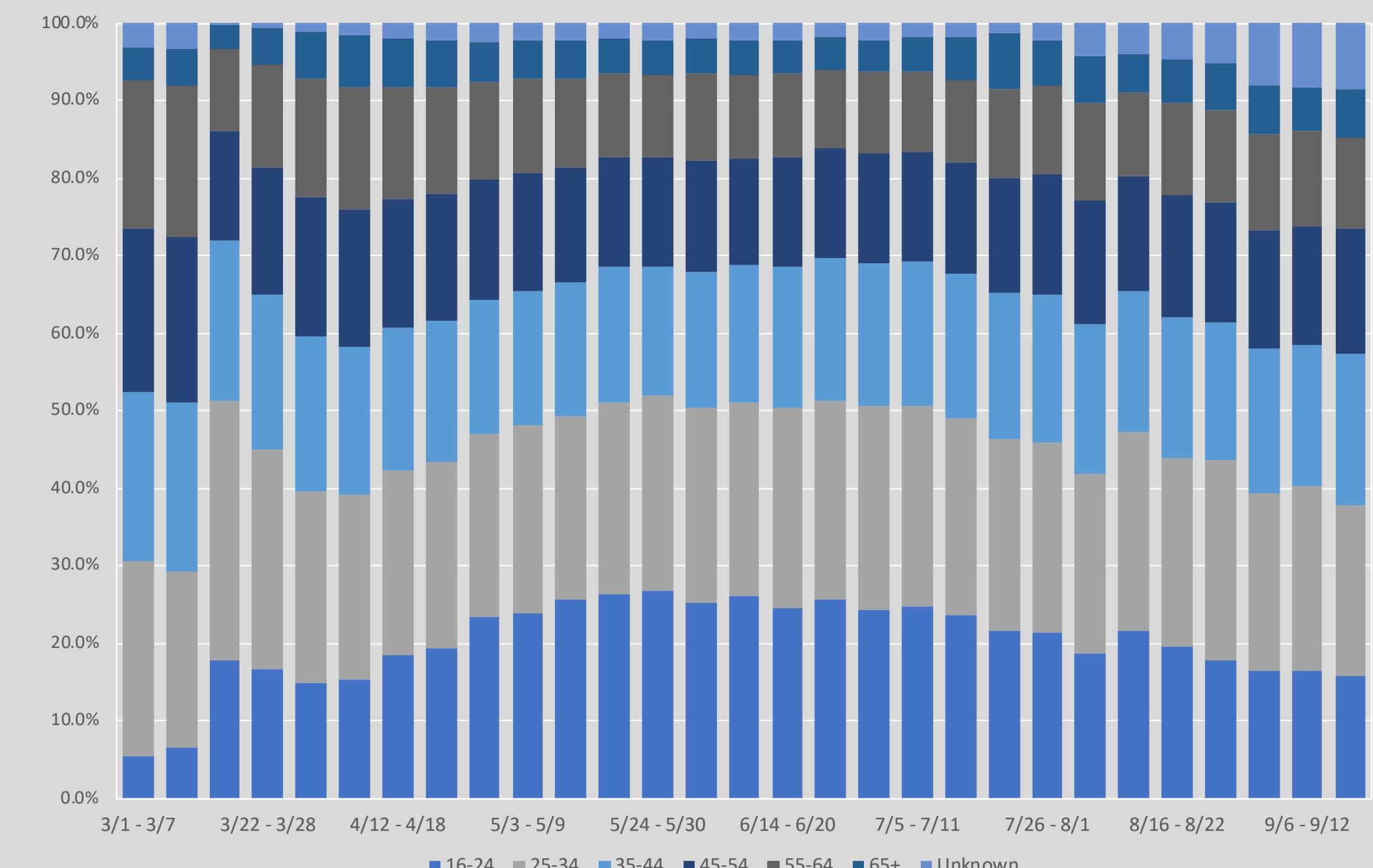
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status



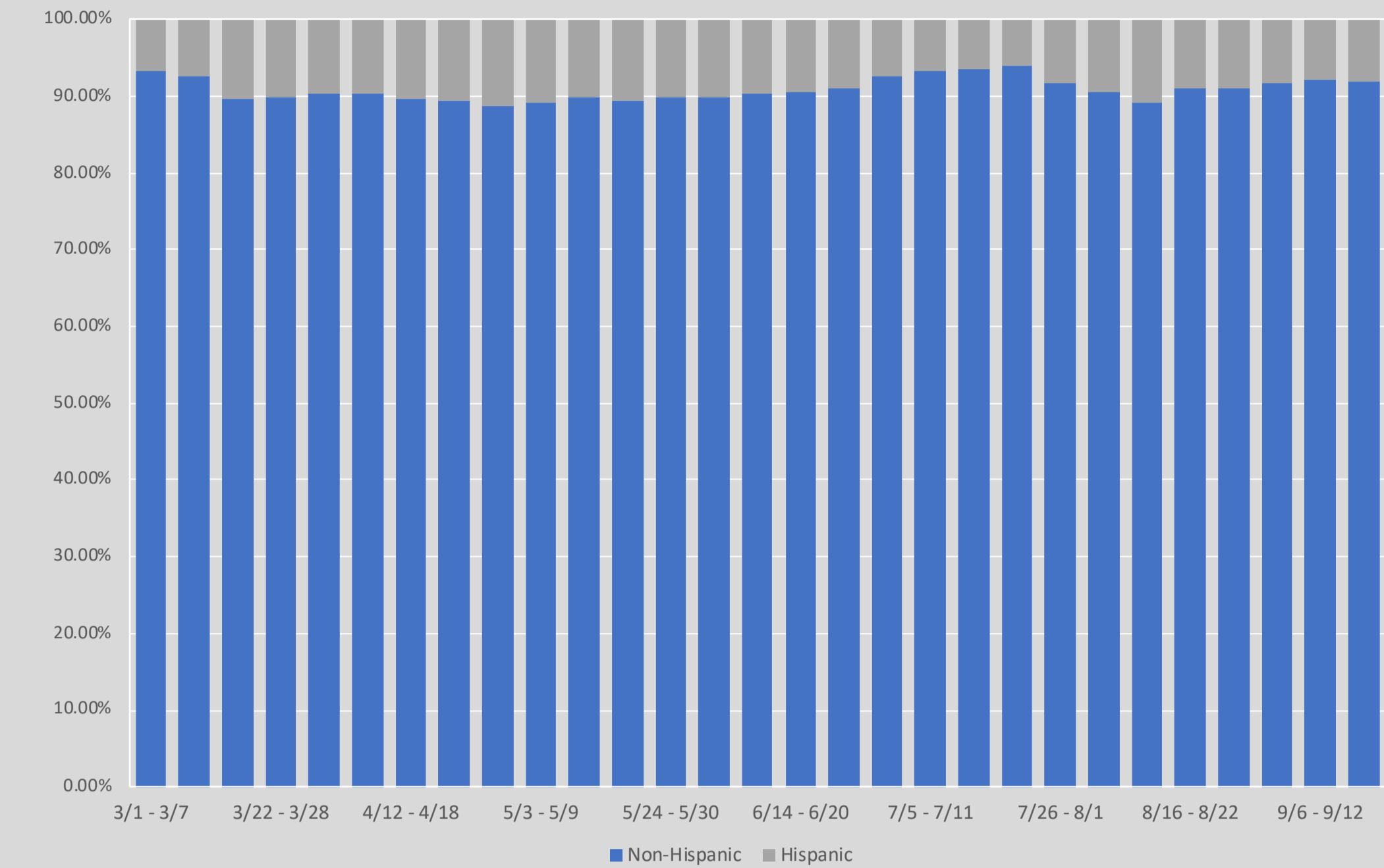
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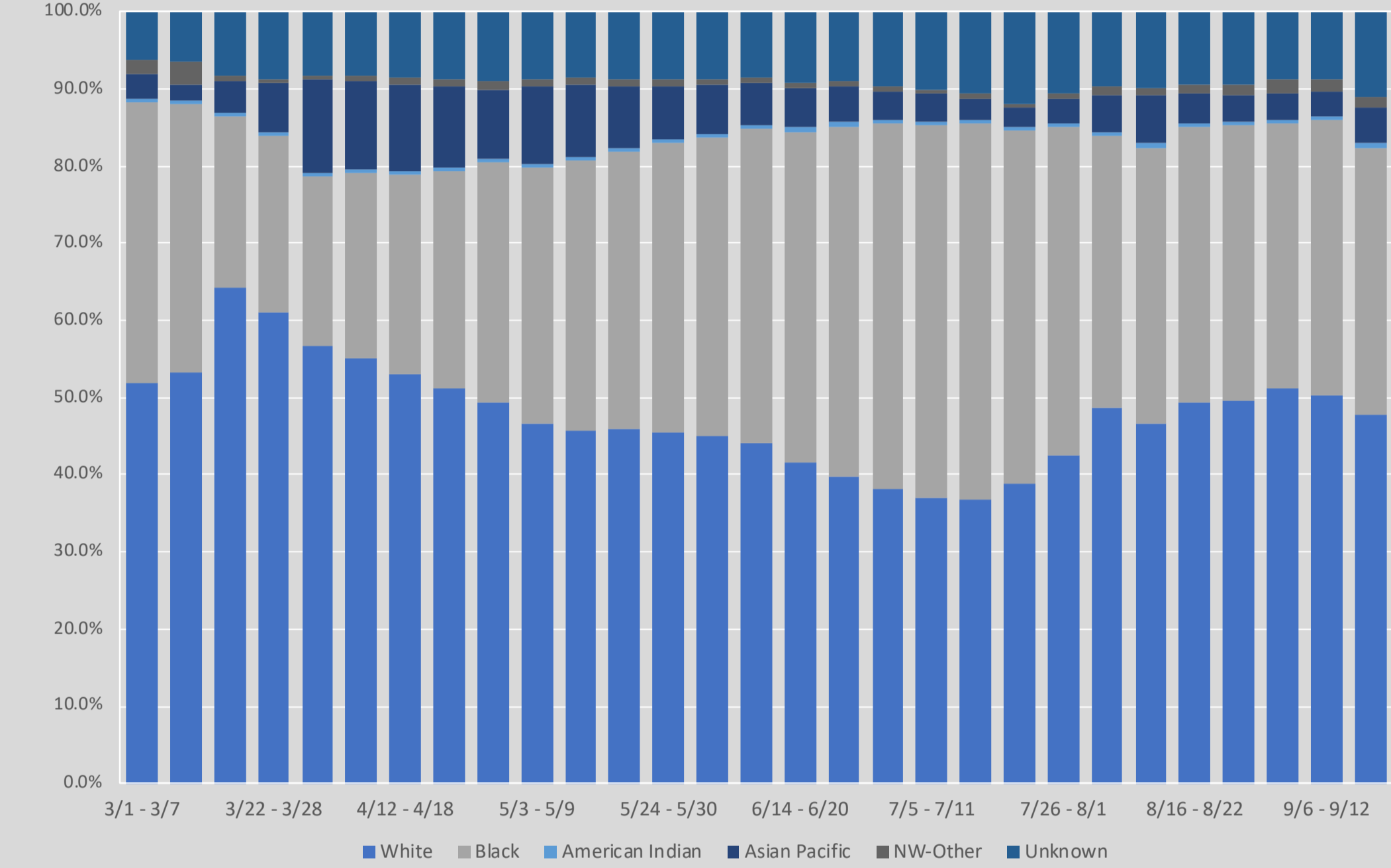
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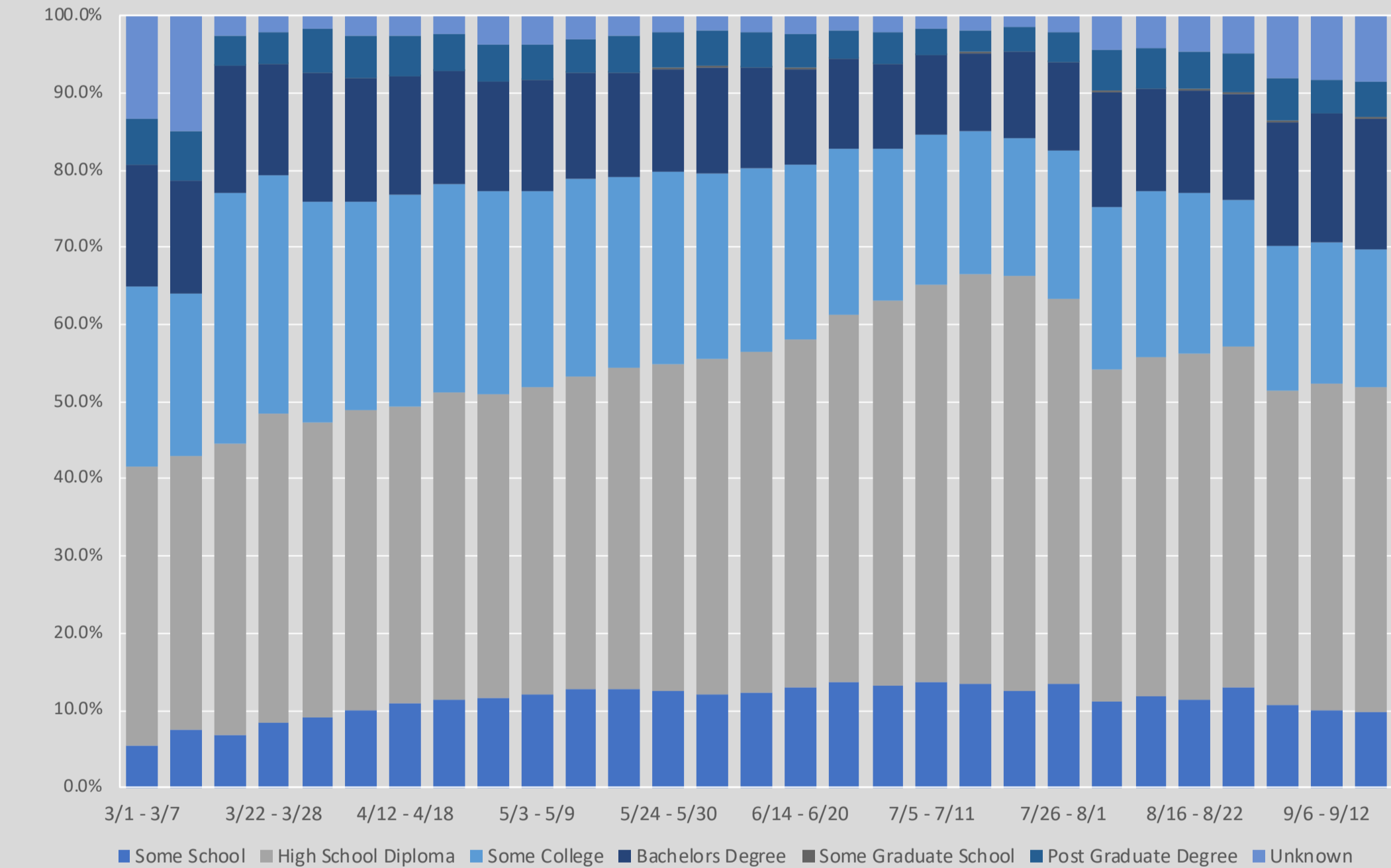
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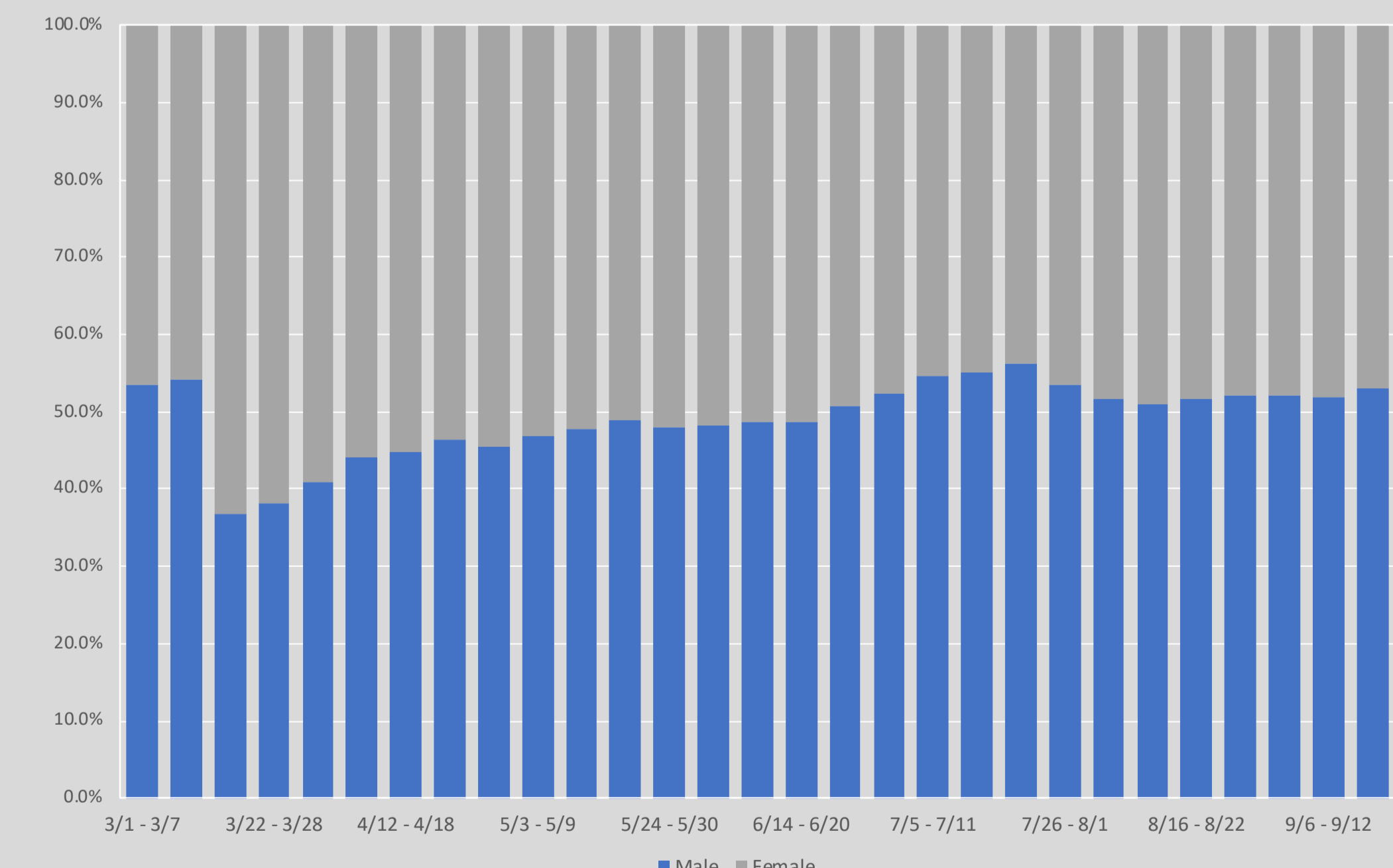
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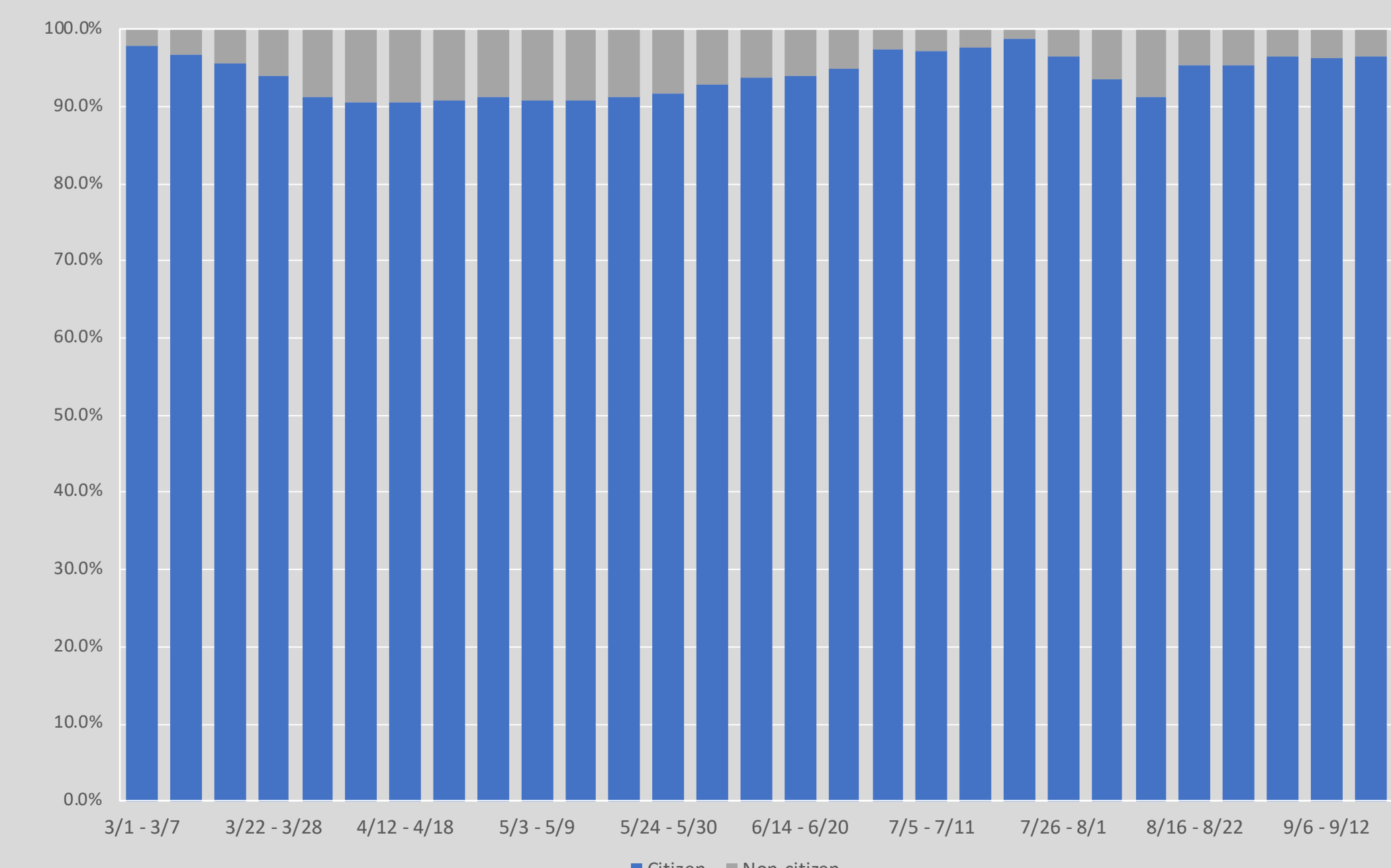
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