

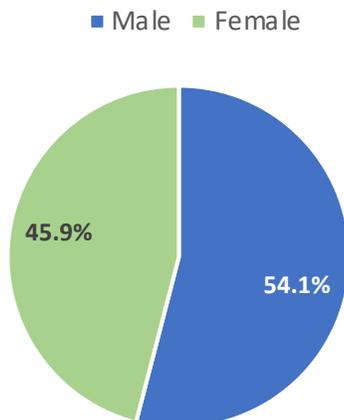
## Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

Week Ending September 26, 2020  
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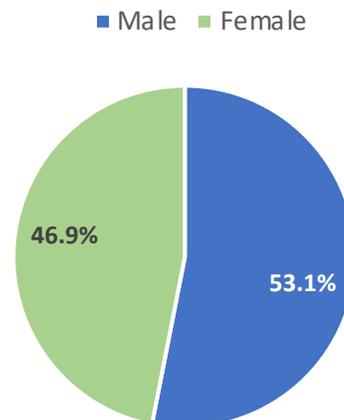
The week of September 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> marks the 28<sup>th</sup> week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 9,377 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, down 11.4% compared to the previous week. Following 22 weeks of unpredictable initial claims numbers, filings have leveled off in recent weeks. The 9,377 initial claims this week is the lowest number of claims in any week since the crisis began in the week ending March 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 14 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 weeks, however, the effect became more equal over the next 14 weeks.

9/20 - 9/26 Claims by Gender



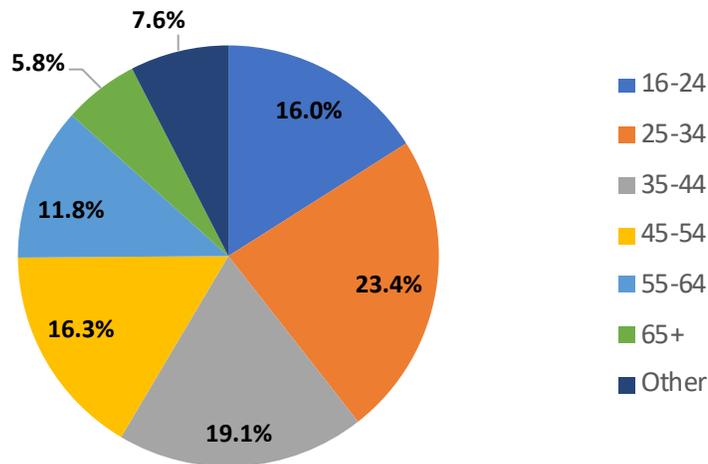
9/13 - 9/19 Claims by Gender



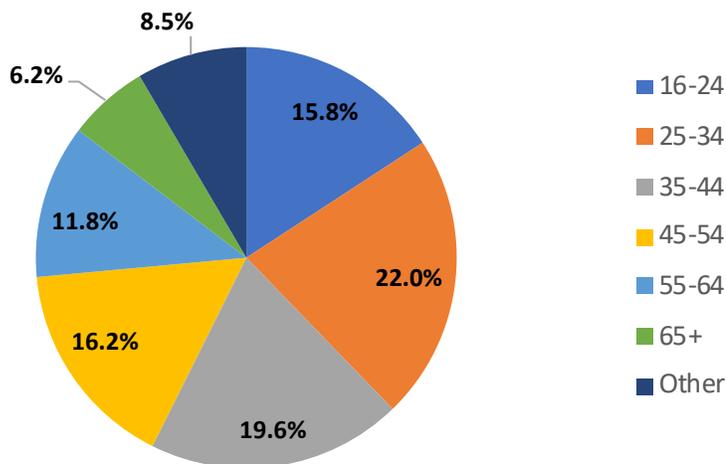
<sup>1</sup> When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

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.

9/20 - 9/26 Claims by Age

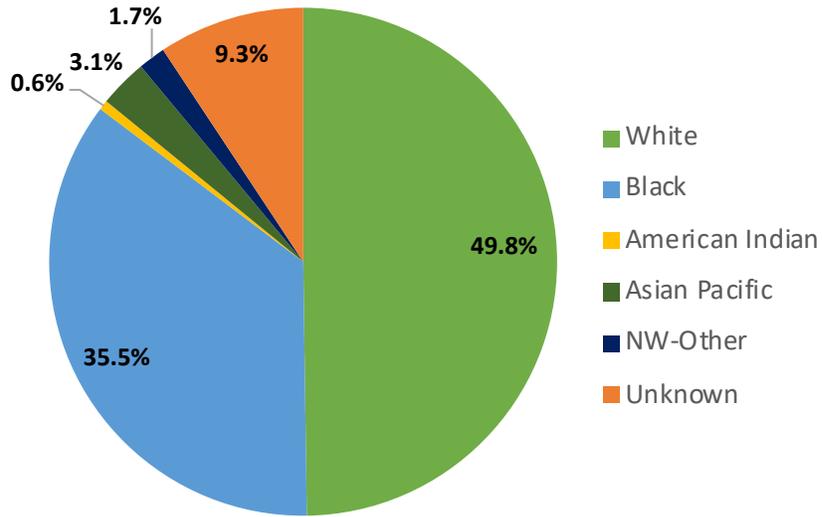


9/13 - 9/19 Claims by Age

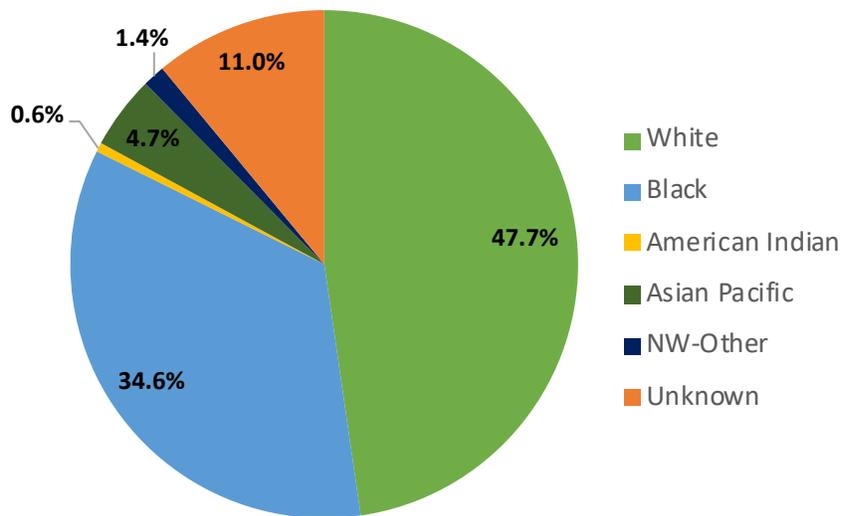


The share of initial claimants who identified as white rose 2.1 percentage points compared to the week prior, from 47.7% last week to 49.8% this week. The share of claimants identifying as black also saw a slight increase of 0.9 percentage points from a week earlier, rising from 34.6% to 35.5% this week.

9/20 - 9/26 Claims by Race



9/13 - 9/19 Claims by Race



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Fairfax County which saw 597 initial filings. Virginia Beach City and Richmond City followed with 479 and 419 initial claims respectively. Out of all 133 localities in the Commonwealth, 89 saw either 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	26	-2	0.28%	0.16%
Albemarle County	48	2	0.51%	0.08%
Alexandria City	114	-23	1.22%	0.11%
Alleghany County	2	-3	0.02%	0.03%
Amelia County	17	3	0.18%	0.27%
Amherst County	21	0	0.23%	0.14%
Appomattox County	11	3	0.12%	0.15%
Arlington County	113	-21	1.21%	0.07%
Augusta County	38	4	0.41%	0.10%
Bath County	2	-1	0.02%	0.08%
Bedford County	28	-18	0.30%	0.07%
Bland County	2	-4	0.02%	0.07%
Botetourt County	18	1	0.19%	0.10%
Bristol City	19	-4	0.20%	0.26%
Brunswick County	16	2	0.17%	0.26%
Buchanan County	12	-6	0.13%	0.18%
Buckingham County	9	-8	0.10%	0.14%
Buena Vista City	3	-1	0.03%	0.08%
Campbell County	31	15	0.33%	0.12%
Caroline County	18	-4	0.19%	0.12%
Carroll County	22	-7	0.24%	0.17%
Charles City County	6	-9	0.06%	0.16%
Charlotte County	10	-1	0.11%	0.19%
Charlottesville City	47	9	0.50%	0.18%
Chesapeake City	222	-45	2.38%	0.18%
Chesterfield County	221	-68	2.37%	0.12%
Clarke County	9	3	0.10%	0.12%
Colonial Heights City	26	3	0.28%	0.29%
Covington City	6	-3	0.06%	0.25%
Craig County	4	3	0.04%	0.17%
Culpeper County	26	4	0.28%	0.10%
Cumberland County	5	-9	0.05%	0.11%
Danville City	81	7	0.87%	0.42%

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
Dickenson County	12	6	0.13%	0.25%
Dinwiddie County	8	-4	0.09%	0.06%
Emporia City	5	-1	0.05%	0.22%
Essex County	7	3	0.08%	0.13%
Fairfax City	7	-7	0.08%	0.05%
Fairfax County	597	-67	6.40%	0.09%
Falls Church City	6	-10	0.06%	0.07%
Fauquier County	38	3	0.41%	0.10%
Floyd County	6	-3	0.06%	0.07%
Fluvanna County	6	0	0.06%	0.04%
Franklin City	14	1	0.15%	0.39%
Franklin County	30	-28	0.32%	0.11%
Frederick County	38	0	0.41%	0.08%
Fredericksburg City	32	-2	0.34%	0.22%
Galax City	4	4	0.04%	0.14%
Giles County	15	5	0.16%	0.19%
Gloucester County	24	2	0.26%	0.12%
Goochland County	7	0	0.08%	0.06%
Grayson County	14	-10	0.15%	0.17%
Greene County	6	0	0.06%	0.06%
Greensville County	16	-16	0.17%	0.37%
Halifax County	28	-7	0.30%	0.18%
Hampton City	180	-21	1.93%	0.28%
Hanover County	27	-39	0.29%	0.04%
Harrisonburg City	50	-4	0.54%	0.19%
Henrico County	240	-46	2.57%	0.13%
Henry County	59	8	0.63%	0.25%
Highland County	3	0	0.03%	0.24%
Hopewell City	40	-8	0.43%	0.40%
Isle of Wight County	23	-2	0.25%	0.12%
James City County	41	-14	0.44%	0.11%
King and Queen County	27	21	0.29%	0.69%
King George County	9	-7	0.10%	0.07%
King William County	15	3	0.16%	0.16%
Lancaster County	5	-11	0.05%	0.09%
Lee County	14	-4	0.15%	0.17%
Lexington City	1	0	0.01%	0.05%
Loudoun County	176	-21	1.89%	0.08%
Louisa County	22	3	0.24%	0.11%
Lunenburg County	5	-3	0.05%	0.09%

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
Lynchburg City	85	-19	0.91%	0.23%
Madison County	4	2	0.04%	0.05%
Manassas City	33	-7	0.35%	0.15%
Manassas Park City	1	1	0.01%	0.01%
Martinsville City	11	1	0.12%	0.20%
Mathews County	13	9	0.14%	0.31%
Mecklenburg County	41	2	0.44%	0.33%
Middlesex County	2	-2	0.02%	0.04%
Montgomery County	32	-34	0.34%	0.06%
Nelson County	7	0	0.08%	0.10%
New Kent County	13	-3	0.14%	0.10%
Newport News City	219	-30	2.35%	0.25%
Norfolk City	401	-137	4.30%	0.37%
Northampton County	11	-8	0.12%	0.22%
Northumberland County	6	-7	0.06%	0.11%
Norton City	4	-4	0.04%	0.25%
Nottoway County	15	3	0.16%	0.21%
Orange County	37	17	0.40%	0.22%
Page County	16	3	0.17%	0.14%
Patrick County	4	-8	0.04%	0.06%
Petersburg City	108	-17	1.16%	0.86%
Pittsylvania County	23	-11	0.25%	0.08%
Poquoson City	3	-3	0.03%	0.05%
Portsmouth City	291	-9	3.12%	0.68%
Powhatan County	12	-4	0.13%	0.09%
Prince Edward County	12	-5	0.13%	0.12%
Prince George County	27	6	0.29%	0.18%
Prince William County	351	-87	3.76%	0.14%
Pulaski County	34	11	0.36%	0.22%
Radford City	20	-3	0.21%	0.24%
Rappahannock County	2	-2	0.02%	0.05%
Richmond City	419	-40	4.49%	0.36%
Richmond County	12	1	0.13%	0.30%
Roanoke City	104	-3	1.11%	0.22%
Roanoke County	41	-17	0.44%	0.08%
Rockbridge County	13	2	0.14%	0.12%
Rockingham County	34	0	0.36%	0.08%
Russell County	12	2	0.13%	0.11%
Salem City	27	-2	0.29%	0.21%
Scott County	21	10	0.23%	0.24%

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Shenandoah County	27	7	0.29%	0.12%
Smyth County	25	-6	0.27%	0.19%
Southampton County	9	-2	0.10%	0.10%
Spotsylvania County	69	-18	0.74%	0.10%
Stafford County	99	7	1.06%	0.14%
Staunton City	21	-9	0.23%	0.17%
Suffolk City	95	-6	1.02%	0.22%
Surry County	1	-7	0.01%	0.03%
Sussex County	5	-4	0.05%	0.14%
Tazewell County	38	-3	0.41%	0.25%
Virginia Beach City	479	-150	5.13%	0.21%
Warren County	30	9	0.32%	0.15%
Washington County	26	-18	0.28%	0.10%
Waynesboro City	30	7	0.32%	0.28%
Westmoreland County	8	-10	0.09%	0.09%
Williamsburg City	9	0	0.10%	0.14%
Winchester City	30	7	0.32%	0.21%
Wise County	25	1	0.27%	0.20%
Wythe County	23	-7	0.25%	0.17%
York County	17	-21	0.18%	0.05%
Other	2,653	-123	28.44%	N/A

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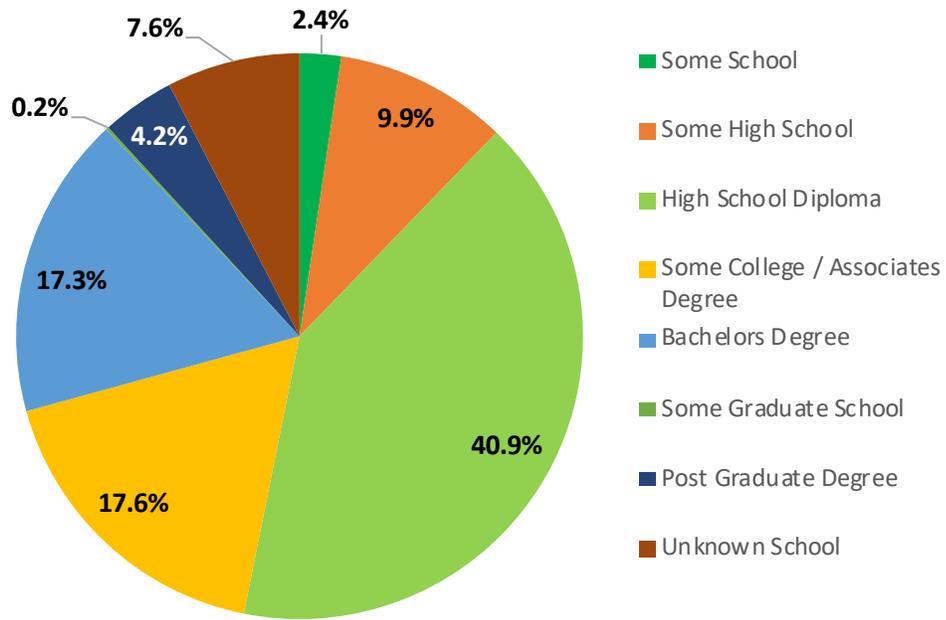
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SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
11-0000	899	-41	9.64%
13-0000	239	-69	2.56%
15-0000	207	-25	2.22%
17-0000	241	18	2.58%
19-0000	51	-3	0.55%
21-0000	81	-2	0.87%
23-0000	39	7	0.42%
25-0000	145	-65	1.55%
27-0000	371	-13	3.98%
29-0000	176	-50	1.89%
31-0000	264	-69	2.83%
33-0000	97	-23	1.04%
35-0000	599	-122	6.42%
37-0000	387	-41	4.15%
39-0000	690	-12	7.40%
41-0000	938	-131	10.05%
43-0000	942	-103	10.10%
45-0000	28	-11	0.30%
47-0000	534	-87	5.72%
49-0000	296	-4	3.17%
51-0000	430	23	4.61%
53-0000	655	-94	7.02%
55-0000	9	-3	0.10%
Unknown	1,012	-272	10.85%

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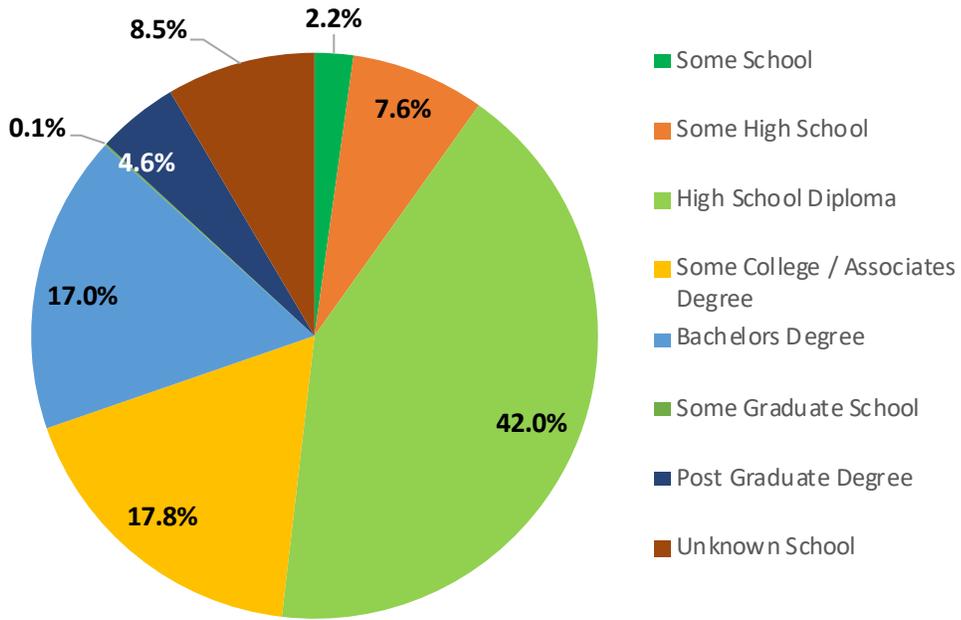
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
Citizen	9,011	-1,148	96.58%	94.23%
Non-citizen	319	-44	3.42%	5.77%

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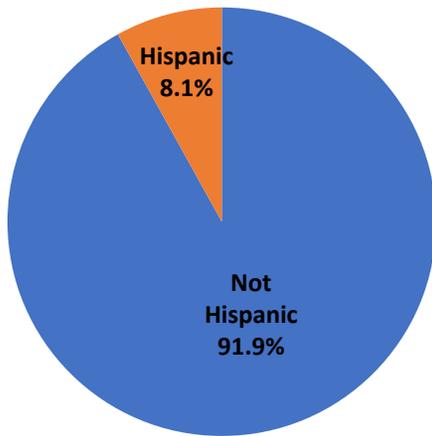
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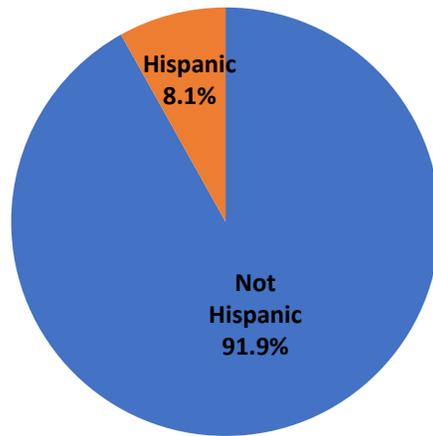
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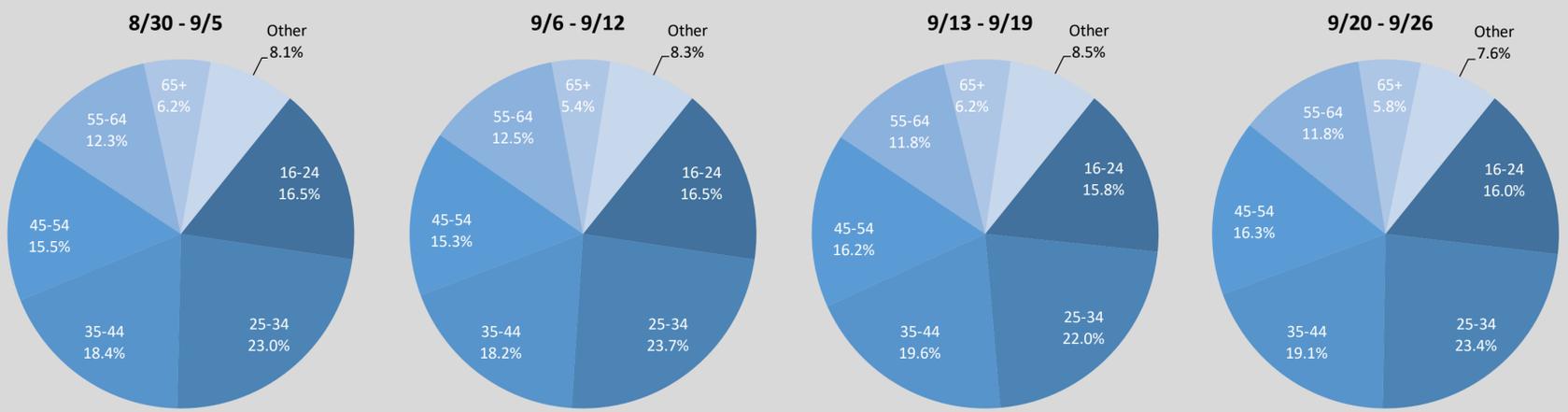
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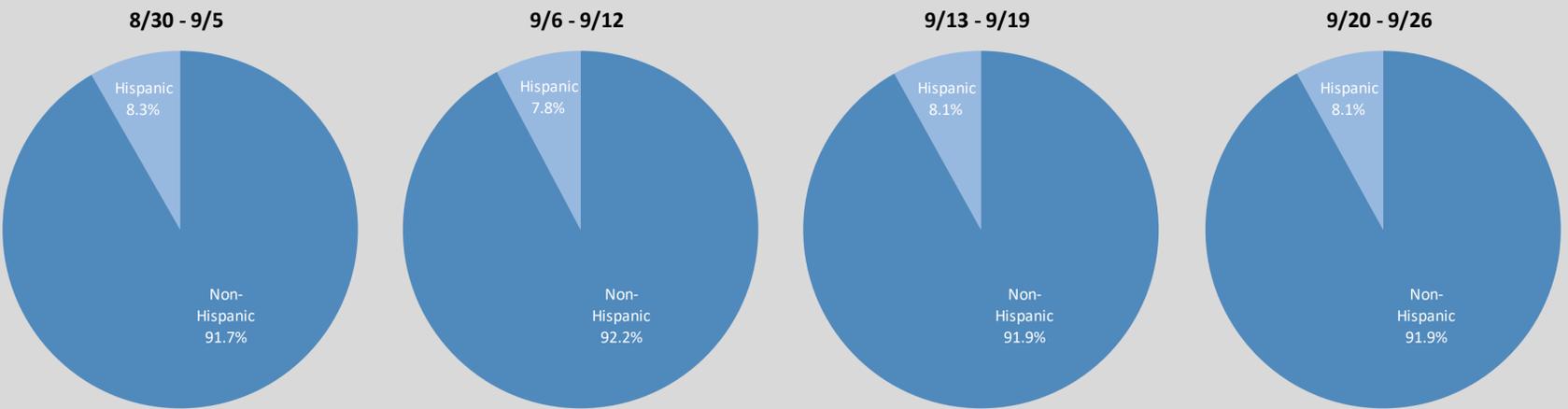


## Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Age



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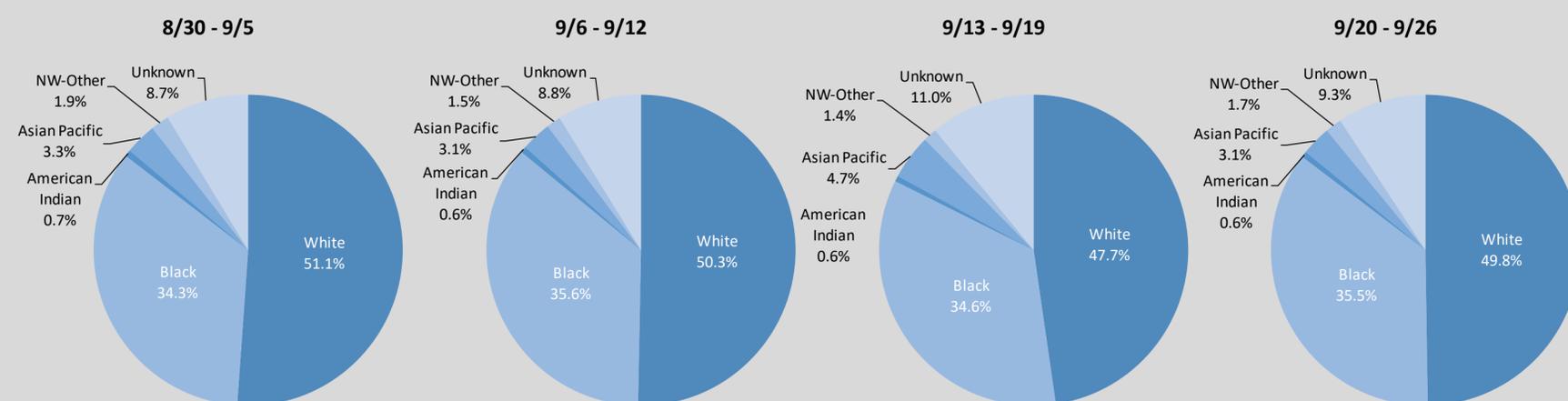
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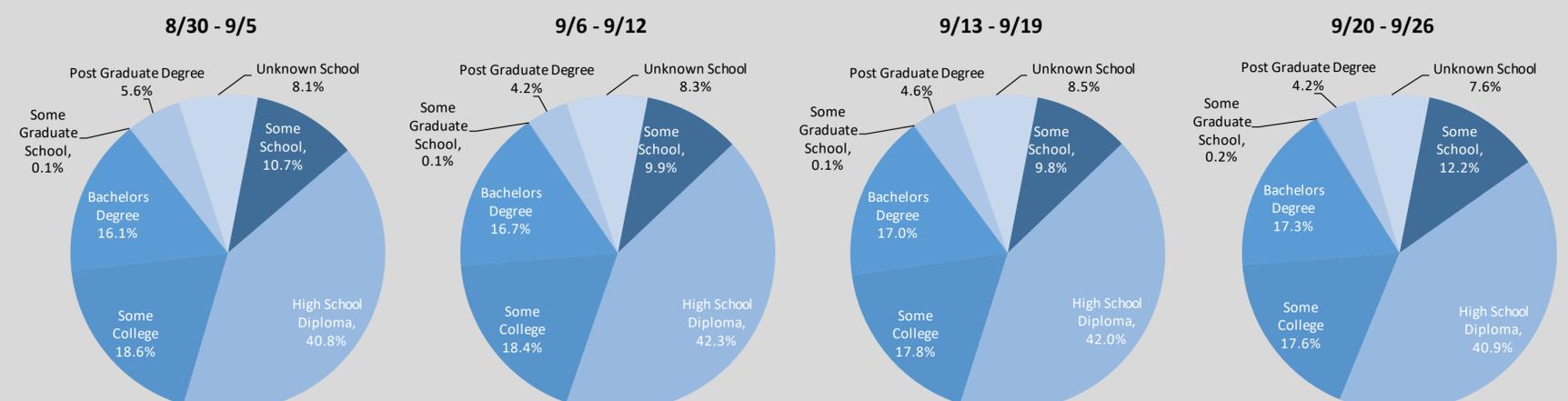
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## Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Race Composition



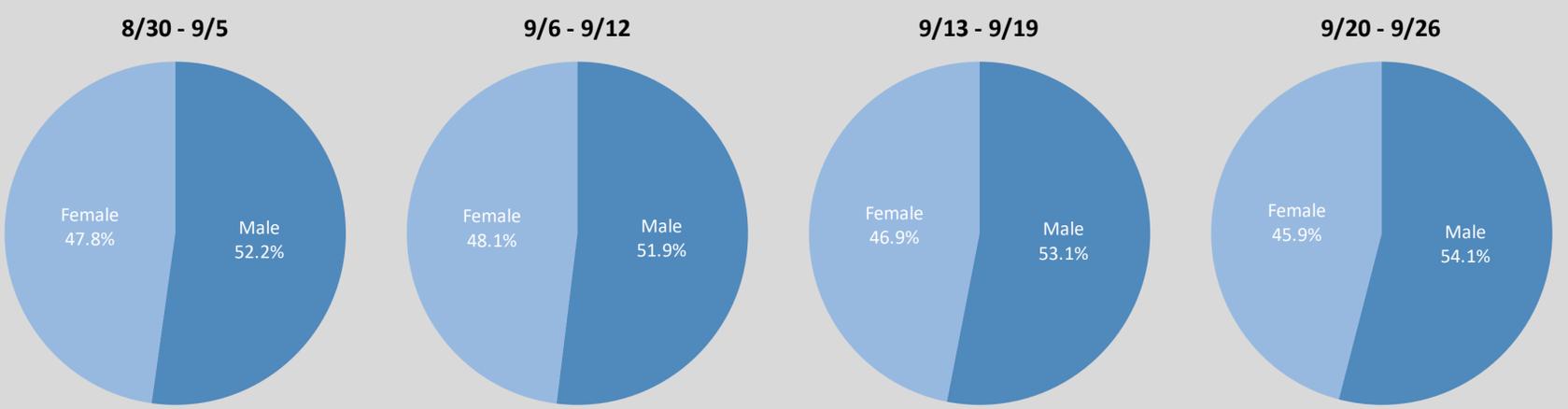
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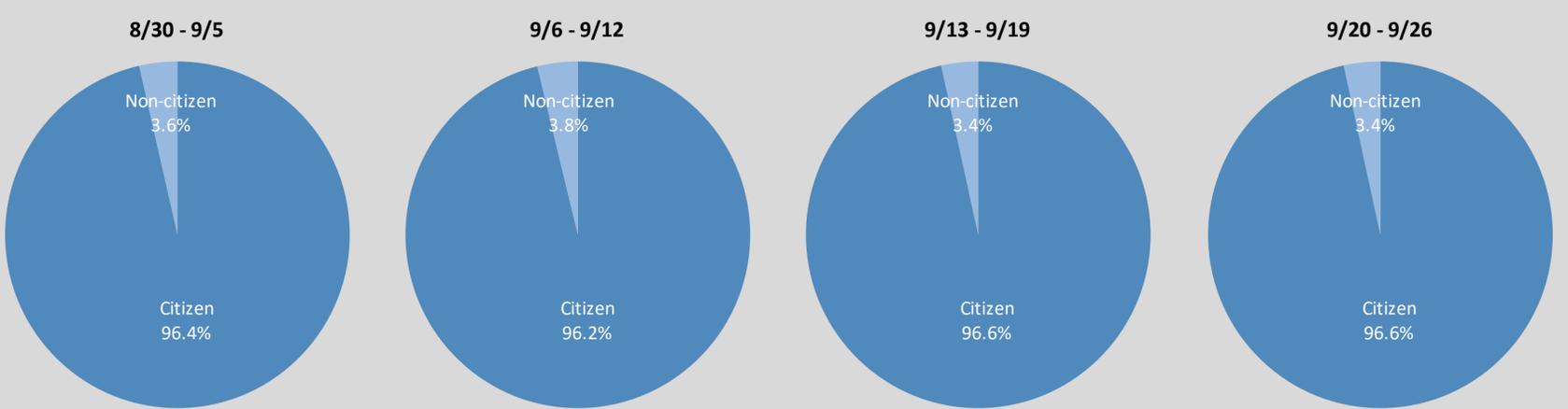
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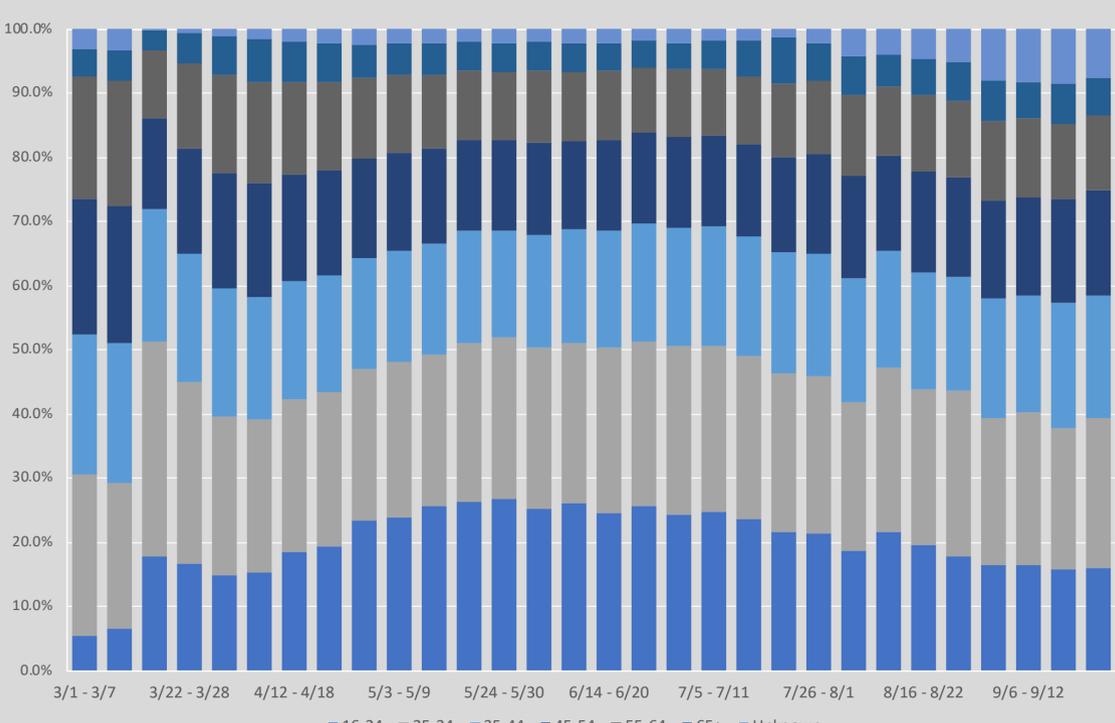
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## Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status



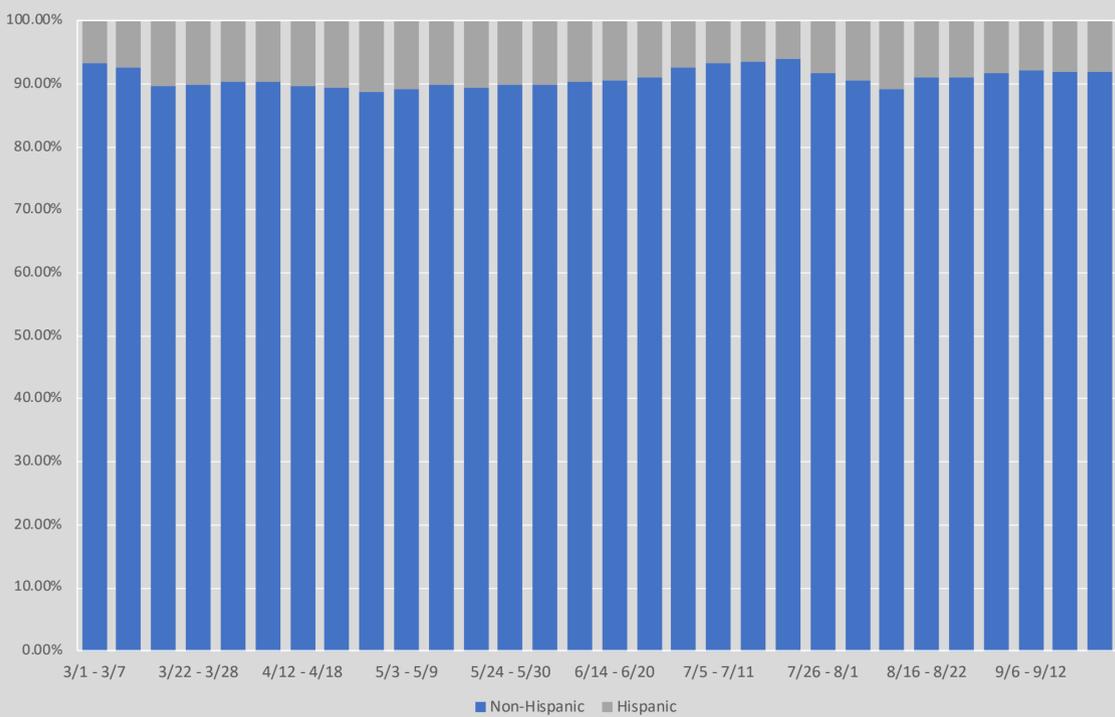
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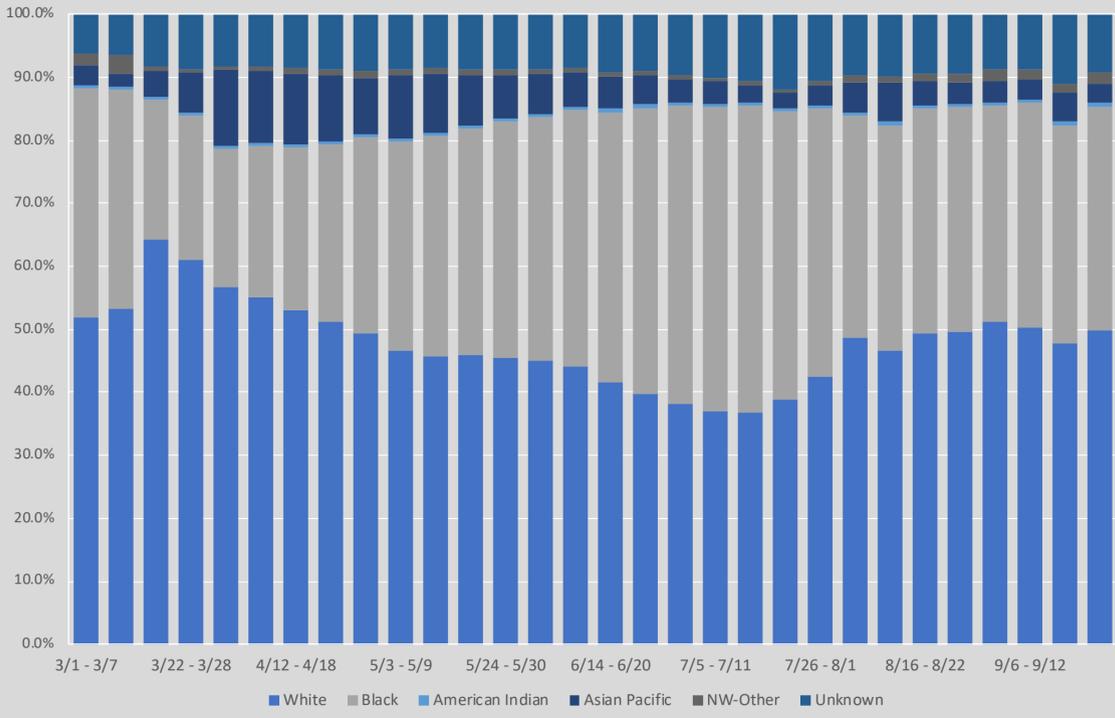
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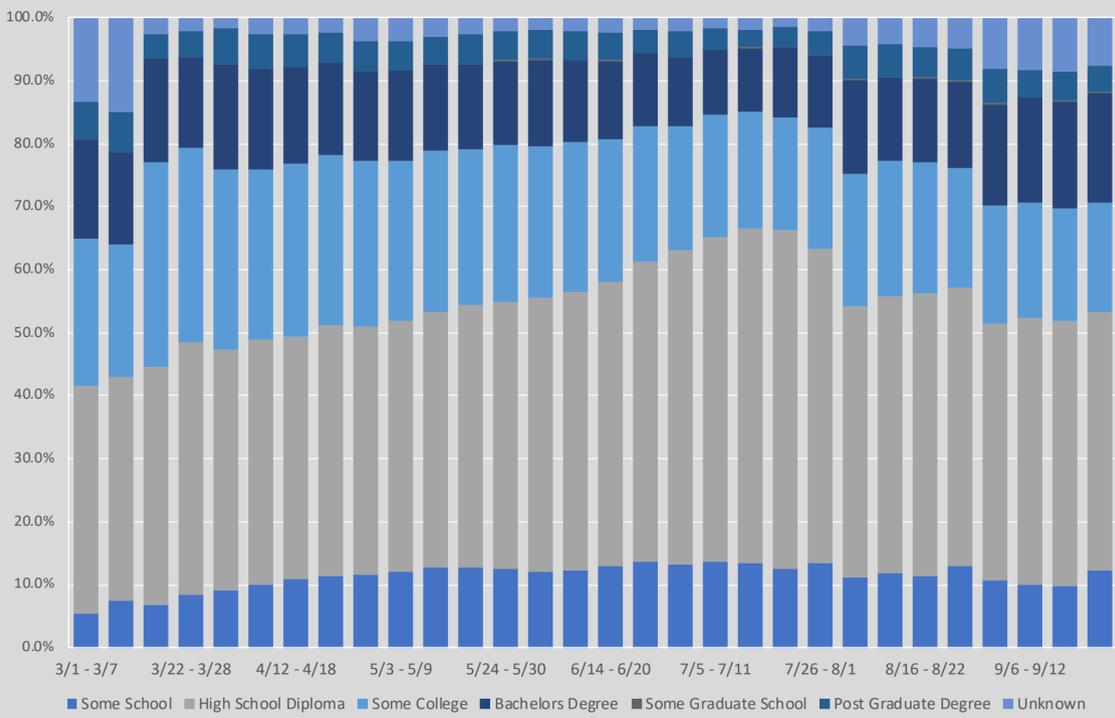
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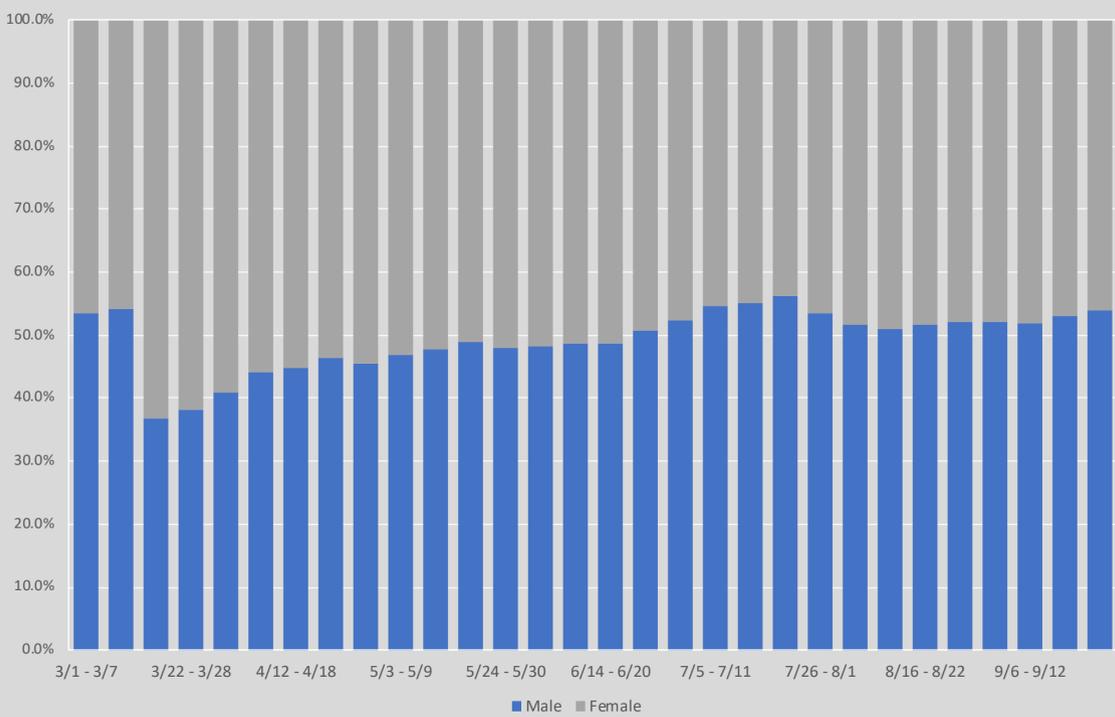
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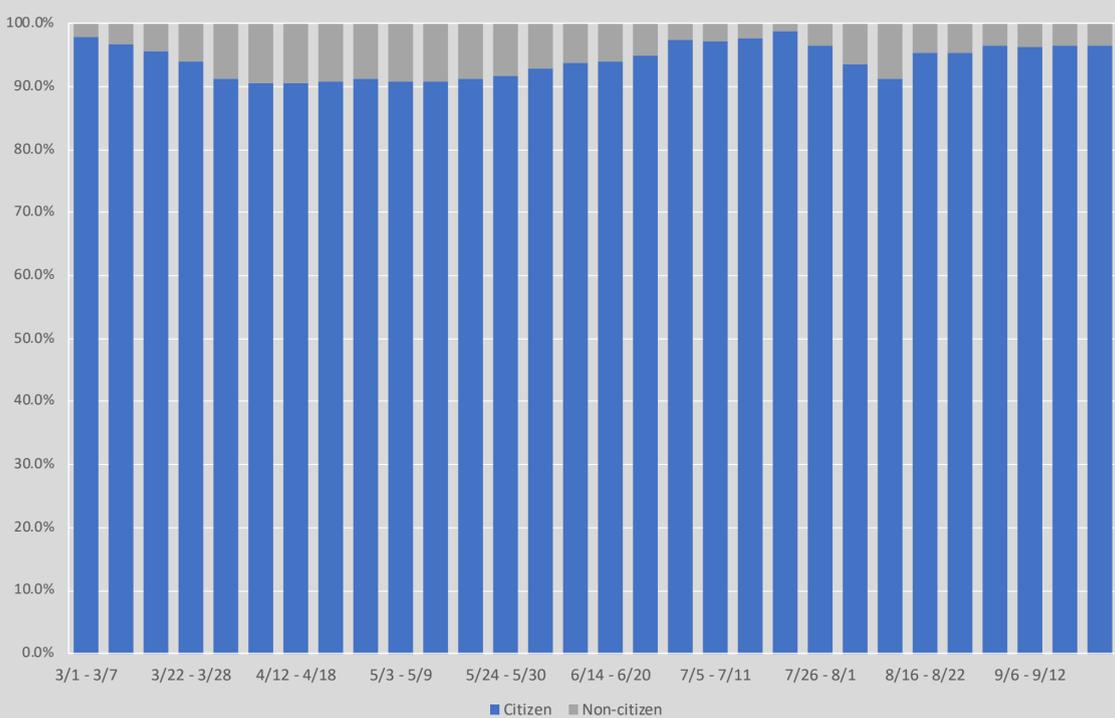
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