

Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

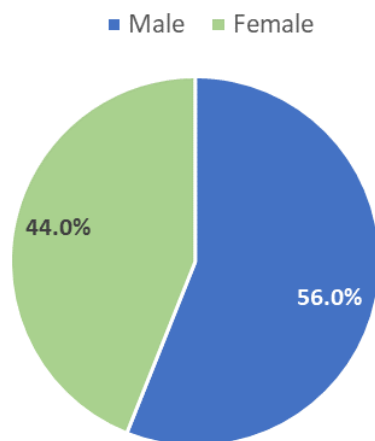
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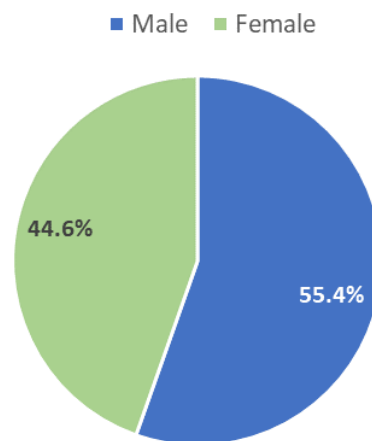
The week of January 31st – February 6th marks the 47th week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 14,203 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, a decrease of 21.9% compared to the week prior. This is the fourth consecutive week of decreasing initial claims, the first time that this has happened since May and June 2020. The following analysis was completed using intrastate and interstate claims data, but not agent claims¹; 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 21st until the week ending June 20th, female claimants accounted for 56.2% of all initial claims while males accounted for 43.8%. However, in the weeks that followed, male claimants have made up 54.0% of initial claims while females have made up 46.0%. 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, although the disparity has shrunk over the 33 weeks that have followed.

1/31 - 2/6 Claims by Gender



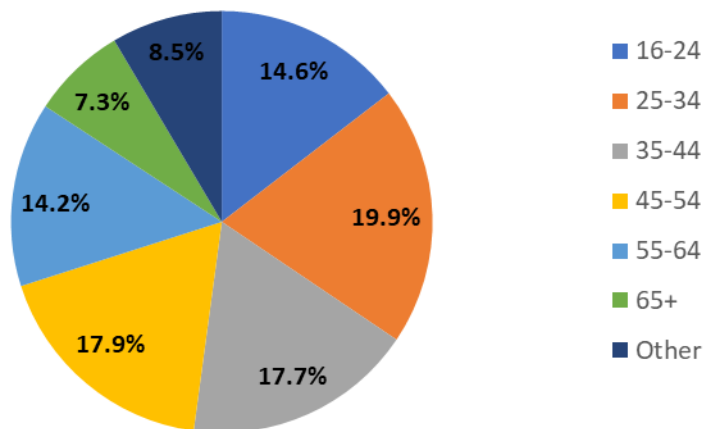
1/24 - 1/30 Claims by Gender



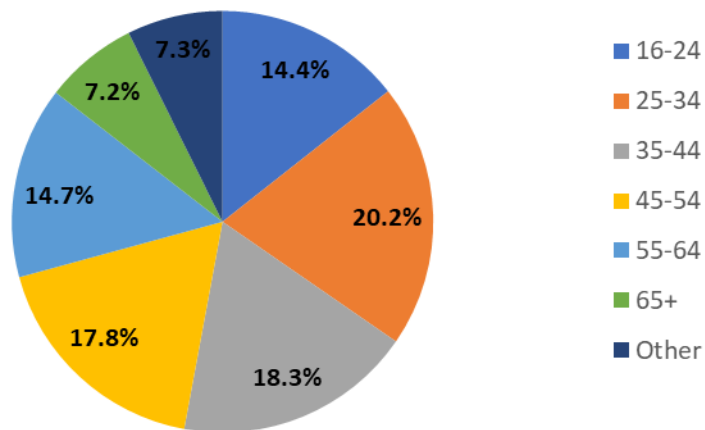
¹ When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

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 42.7% of all initial claims since the week ending March 21st. For comparison, workers in the next two cohorts, ages 35-44 and 45-54, have made up 35.4% 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 and 34 and 41.0% of workers are between the ages of 35 and 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.

1/31 - 2/6 Claims by Age



1/24 - 1/30 Claims by Age



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Virginia Beach City which saw 721 initial filings. Norfolk City and Fairfax County followed with 671 and 620 initial claims respectively. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth, 113 localities saw either a decrease or no change in the number of filings this week compared to the week before. The locality with the largest decrease was Richmond City which had 272 fewer initial claims compared to the previous week.

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	64	-11	0.47%	0.39%
Albemarle County	33	-40	0.24%	0.06%
Alexandria City	340	-149	2.52%	0.33%
Alleghany County	12	-3	0.09%	0.17%
Amelia County	11	-8	0.08%	0.17%
Amherst County	26	-9	0.19%	0.17%
Appomattox County	18	-11	0.13%	0.25%
Arlington County	166	-42	1.23%	0.11%
Augusta County	48	-42	0.36%	0.13%
Bath County	4	2	0.03%	0.16%
Bedford County	66	-13	0.49%	0.17%
Bland County	1	-4	0.01%	0.04%
Botetourt County	27	1	0.20%	0.15%
Bristol City	41	-32	0.30%	0.56%
Brunswick County	35	-1	0.26%	0.58%
Buchanan County	13	-18	0.10%	0.19%
Buckingham County	23	-2	0.17%	0.35%
Buena Vista City	11	3	0.08%	0.30%
Campbell County	48	-26	0.36%	0.18%
Caroline County	39	-7	0.29%	0.25%
Carroll County	36	4	0.27%	0.27%
Charles City County	7	-7	0.05%	0.19%
Charlotte County	13	3	0.10%	0.25%
Charlottesville City	70	-9	0.52%	0.26%
Chesapeake City	388	-82	2.87%	0.31%
Chesterfield County	293	-6	2.17%	0.15%
Clarke County	7	0	0.05%	0.09%
Colonial Heights City	25	-7	0.19%	0.28%
Covington City	14	-4	0.10%	0.57%
Craig County	3	-6	0.02%	0.13%
Culpeper County	36	-24	0.27%	0.14%
Cumberland County	7	-6	0.05%	0.15%
Danville City	78	-72	0.58%	0.40%

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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
Dickenson County	7	-8	0.05%	0.14%
Dinwiddie County	29	-20	0.21%	0.21%
Emporia City	26	-2	0.19%	1.14%
Essex County	16	0	0.12%	0.29%
Fairfax City	132	-39	0.98%	0.96%
Fairfax County	620	-253	4.59%	0.10%
Falls Church City	48	-41	0.36%	0.55%
Fauquier County	35	-11	0.26%	0.09%
Floyd County	18	6	0.13%	0.22%
Fluvanna County	22	-9	0.16%	0.16%
Franklin City	20	-15	0.15%	0.56%
Franklin County	42	-4	0.31%	0.16%
Frederick County	47	-8	0.35%	0.10%
Fredericksburg City	140	-105	1.04%	0.97%
Galax City	16	-10	0.12%	0.55%
Giles County	18	2	0.13%	0.23%
Gloucester County	43	3	0.32%	0.22%
Goochland County	10	-7	0.07%	0.09%
Grayson County	28	10	0.21%	0.34%
Greene County	17	1	0.13%	0.16%
Greensville County	17	-2	0.13%	0.40%
Halifax County	102	43	0.76%	0.65%
Hampton City	302	-83	2.24%	0.47%
Hanover County	78	-8	0.58%	0.13%
Harrisonburg City	36	-29	0.27%	0.14%
Henrico County	282	-152	2.09%	0.15%
Henry County	66	-11	0.49%	0.27%
Highland County	1	-1	0.01%	0.08%
Hopewell City	56	-6	0.41%	0.57%
Isle of Wight County	22	-6	0.16%	0.11%
James City County	20	-28	0.15%	0.05%
King and Queen County	8	-2	0.06%	0.21%
King George County	19	-12	0.14%	0.14%
King William County	16	-2	0.12%	0.17%
Lancaster County	28	4	0.21%	0.51%
Lee County	20	-16	0.15%	0.24%
Lexington City	4	-8	0.03%	0.19%
Loudoun County	247	-54	1.83%	0.11%
Louisa County	36	-14	0.27%	0.18%
Lunenburg County	6	-11	0.04%	0.11%
Lynchburg City	142	-20	1.05%	0.39%

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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	5	-10	0.04%	0.07%
Manassas City	85	-28	0.63%	0.38%
Manassas Park City	19	-5	0.14%	0.20%
Martinsville City	47	-17	0.35%	0.85%
Mathews County	5	-10	0.04%	0.12%
Mecklenburg County	41	-15	0.30%	0.33%
Middlesex County	12	-1	0.09%	0.22%
Montgomery County	61	-17	0.45%	0.12%
Nelson County	14	-3	0.10%	0.19%
New Kent County	15	-7	0.11%	0.12%
Newport News City	352	-100	2.61%	0.41%
Norfolk City	671	-147	4.97%	0.62%
Northampton County	21	-17	0.16%	0.41%
Northumberland County	30	14	0.22%	0.56%
Norton City	14	5	0.10%	0.87%
Nottoway County	18	-3	0.13%	0.25%
Orange County	27	-15	0.20%	0.16%
Page County	41	2	0.30%	0.36%
Patrick County	16	-3	0.12%	0.23%
Petersburg City	134	-32	0.99%	1.07%
Pittsylvania County	56	-21	0.41%	0.19%
Poquoson City	12	3	0.09%	0.19%
Portsmouth City	390	-11	2.89%	0.91%
Powhatan County	13	-12	0.10%	0.09%
Prince Edward County	21	-9	0.16%	0.21%
Prince George County	41	-13	0.30%	0.28%
Prince William County	476	-228	3.53%	0.20%
Pulaski County	44	-10	0.33%	0.29%
Radford City	23	-8	0.17%	0.28%
Rappahannock County	4	-8	0.03%	0.11%
Richmond City	604	-272	4.47%	0.52%
Richmond County	39	-24	0.29%	0.98%
Roanoke City	176	-35	1.30%	0.37%
Roanoke County	57	-30	0.42%	0.12%
Rockbridge County	20	5	0.15%	0.19%
Rockingham County	53	-25	0.39%	0.13%
Russell County	28	-5	0.21%	0.26%
Salem City	38	3	0.28%	0.30%
Scott County	9	-16	0.07%	0.10%
Shenandoah County	38	-16	0.28%	0.17%
Smyth County	41	-10	0.30%	0.31%

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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
Southampton County	13	-12	0.10%	0.15%
Spotsylvania County	101	0	0.75%	0.15%
Stafford County	83	-28	0.61%	0.12%
Staunton City	34	-13	0.25%	0.28%
Suffolk City	172	-22	1.27%	0.40%
Surry County	8	-5	0.06%	0.23%
Sussex County	24	8	0.18%	0.65%
Tazewell County	44	-31	0.33%	0.29%
Virginia Beach City	721	-129	5.34%	0.32%
Warren County	29	-34	0.21%	0.14%
Washington County	47	-25	0.35%	0.18%
Waynesboro City	30	-20	0.22%	0.28%
Westmoreland County	17	-13	0.13%	0.19%
Williamsburg City	60	5	0.44%	0.93%
Winchester City	38	-28	0.28%	0.26%
Wise County	48	-7	0.36%	0.38%
Wythe County	19	-26	0.14%	0.14%
York County	45	-12	0.33%	0.14%
Other	3,314	-1,536	24.54%	N/A

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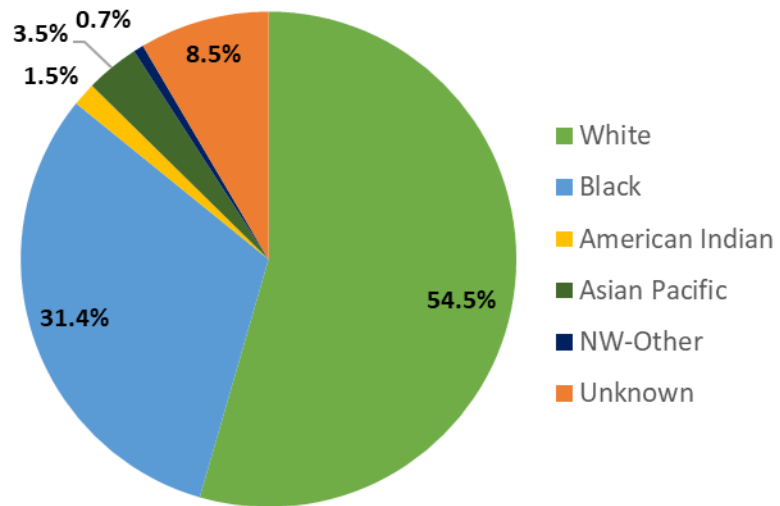
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code			
SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
11-0000	1,105	-536	8.18%
13-0000	435	-101	3.22%
15-0000	217	-17	1.61%
17-0000	189	-99	1.40%
19-0000	47	-3	0.35%
21-0000	85	-38	0.63%
23-0000	82	12	0.61%
25-0000	188	-131	1.39%
27-0000	321	-173	2.38%
29-0000	233	-87	1.73%
31-0000	416	-143	3.08%
33-0000	119	-52	0.88%
35-0000	1,060	-475	7.85%
37-0000	581	-220	4.30%
39-0000	941	-358	6.97%
41-0000	1,899	-609	14.06%
43-0000	1,140	-410	8.44%
45-0000	137	-32	1.01%
47-0000	1,133	-265	8.39%
49-0000	344	-154	2.55%
51-0000	616	-267	4.56%
53-0000	888	-314	6.58%
55-0000	37	0	0.27%
Unknown	1,290	-163	9.55%

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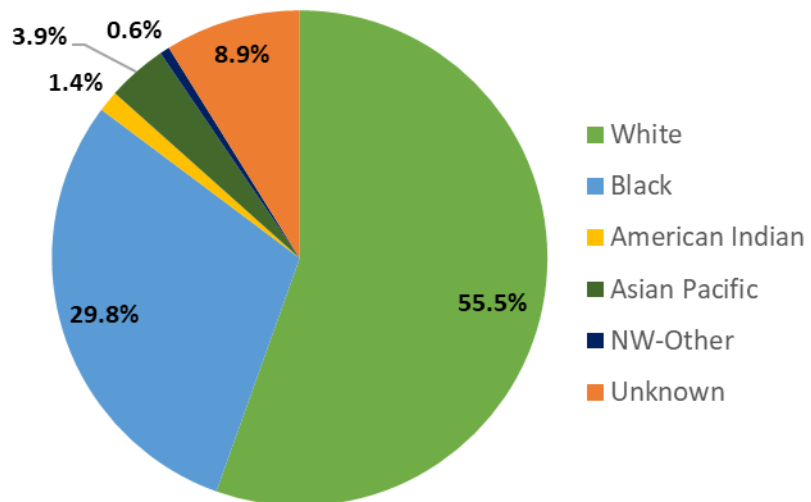
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
Citizen	13,133	-4,481	97.26%	94.23%
Non-citizen	370	-154	2.74%	5.77%

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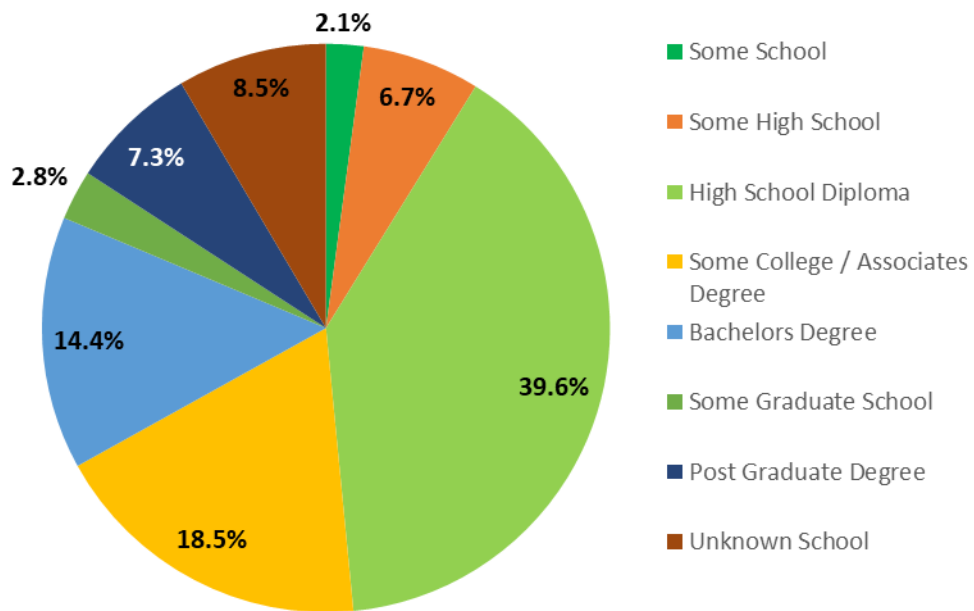
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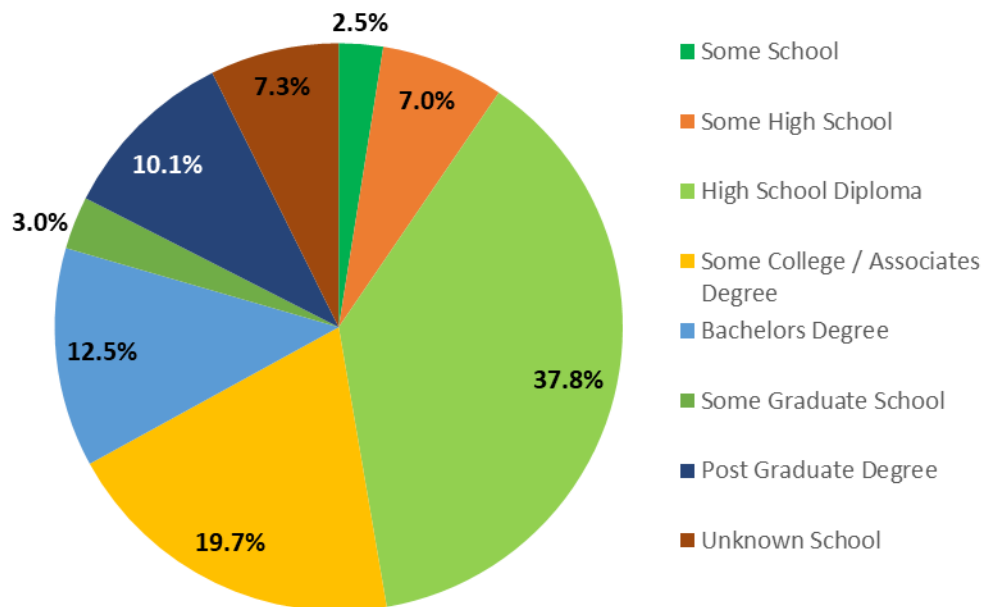
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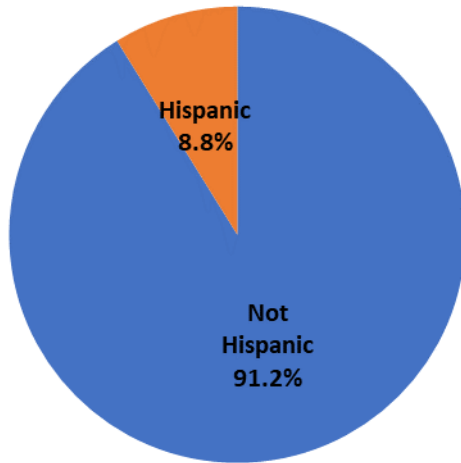
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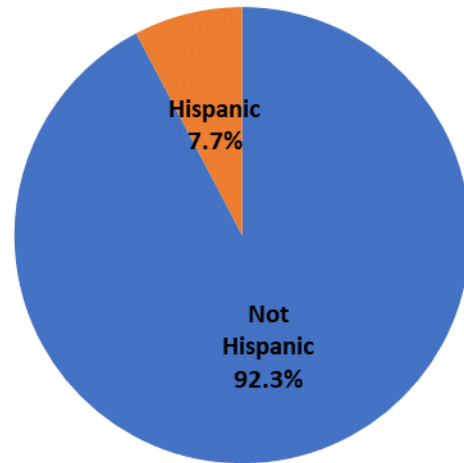
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1/31 - 2/6 Claims by Ethnicity

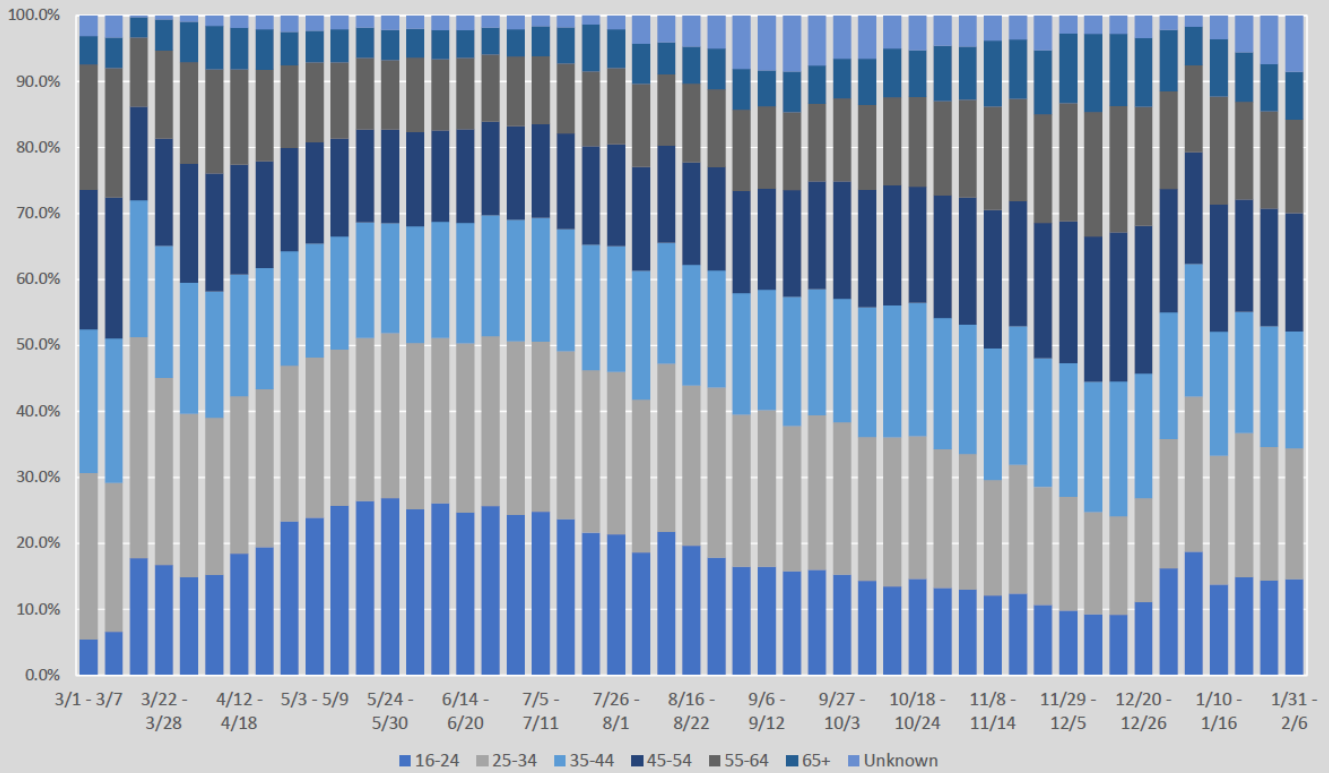


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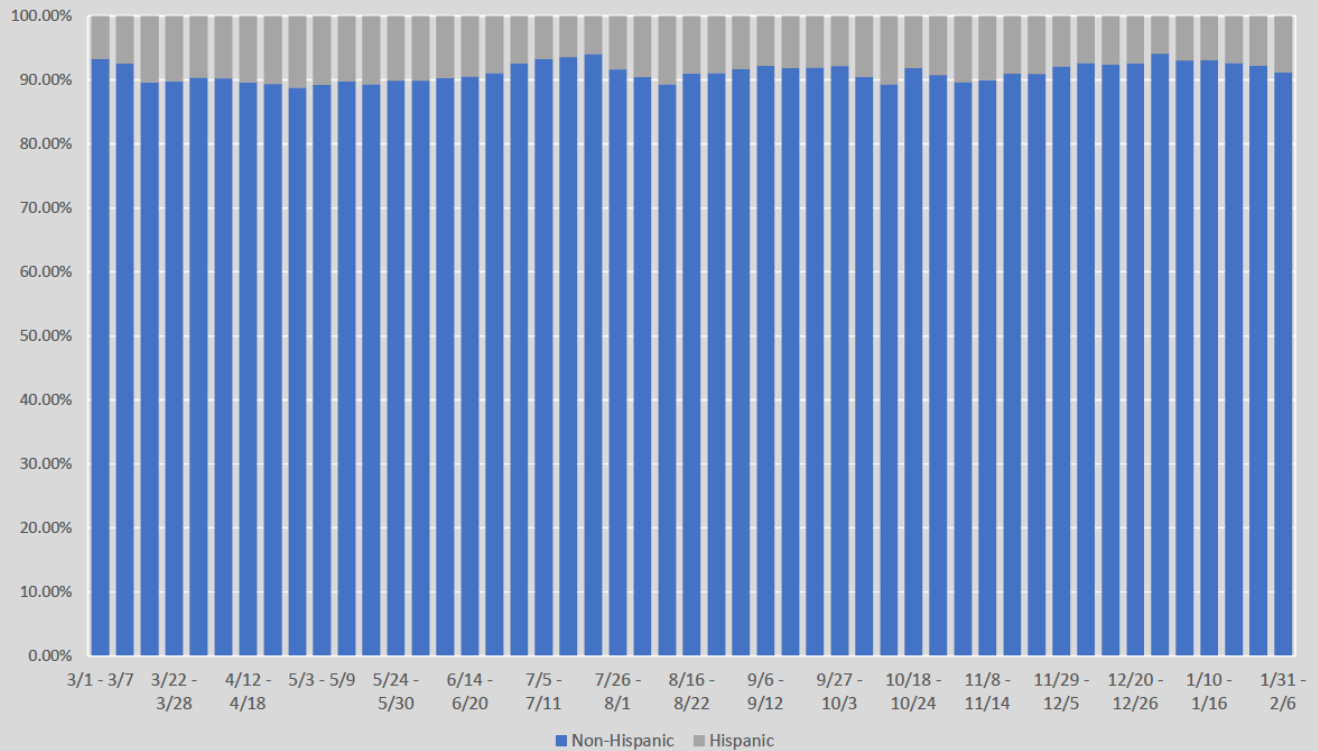
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Age



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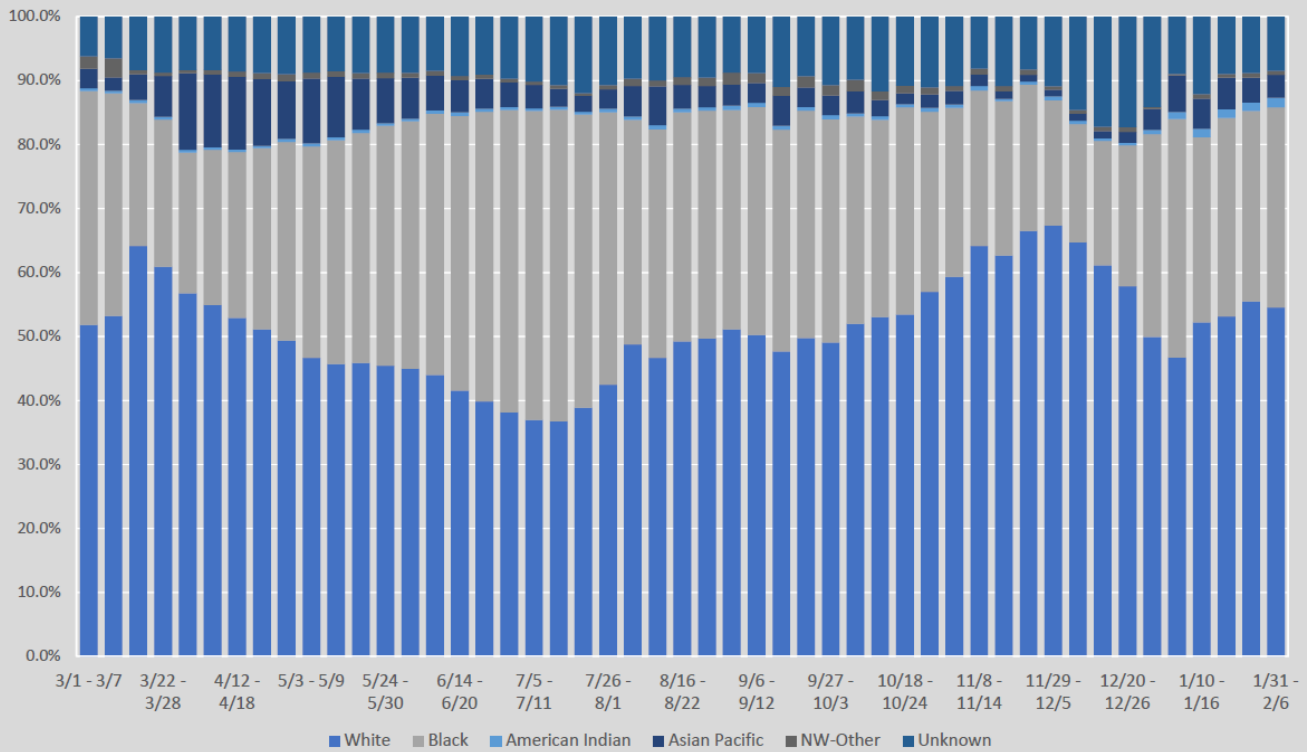
Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Ethnicity Composition



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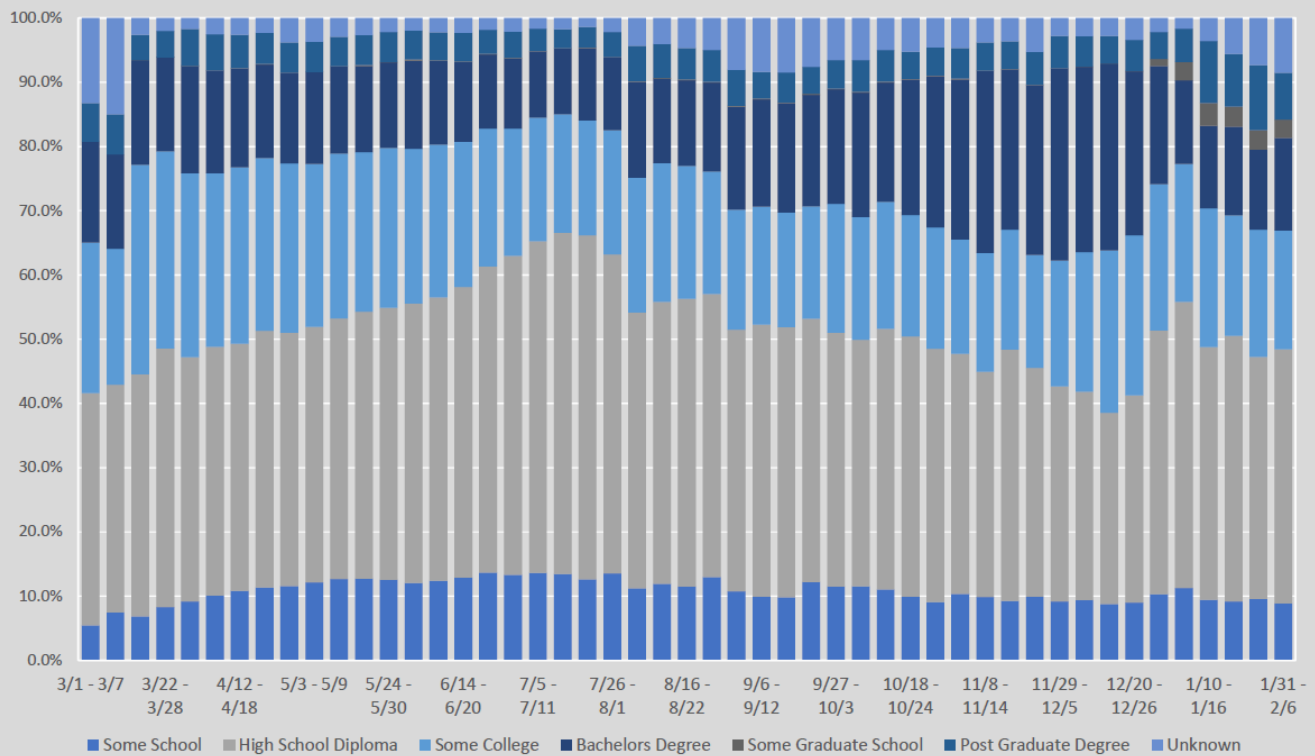
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Race Composition



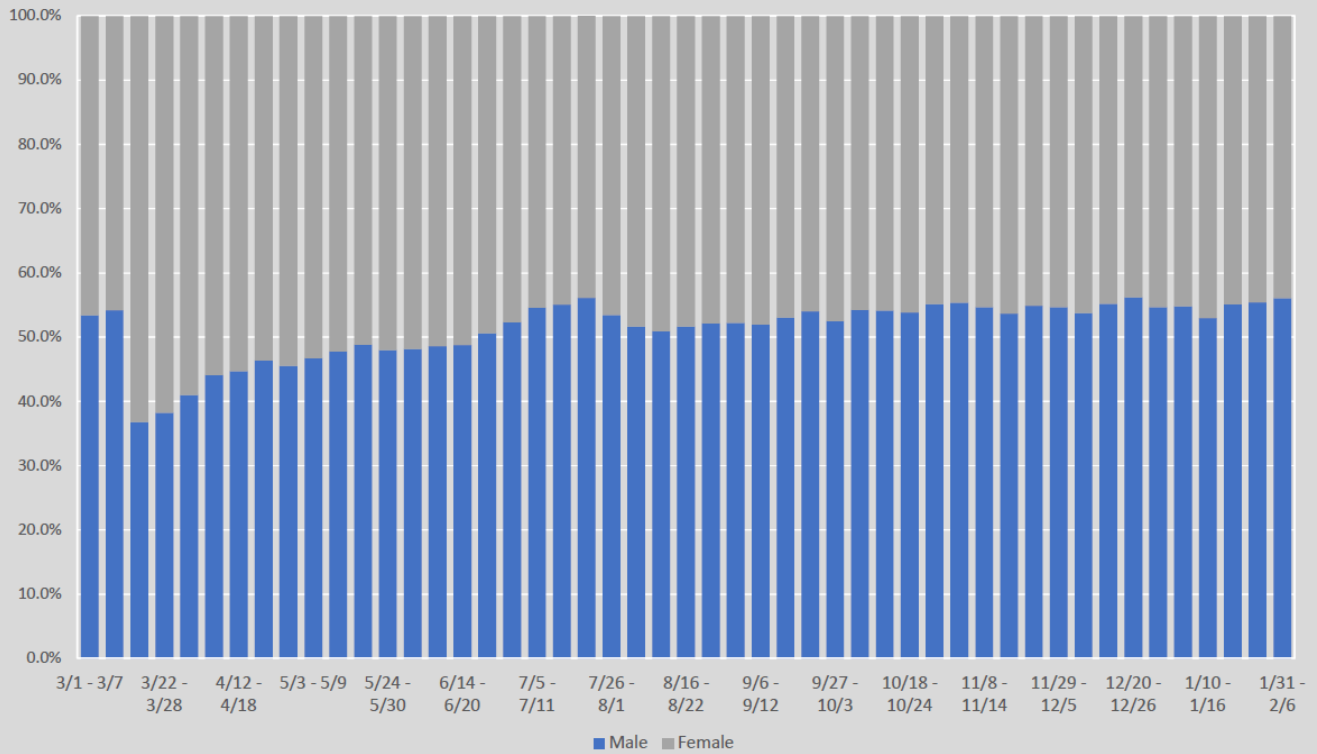
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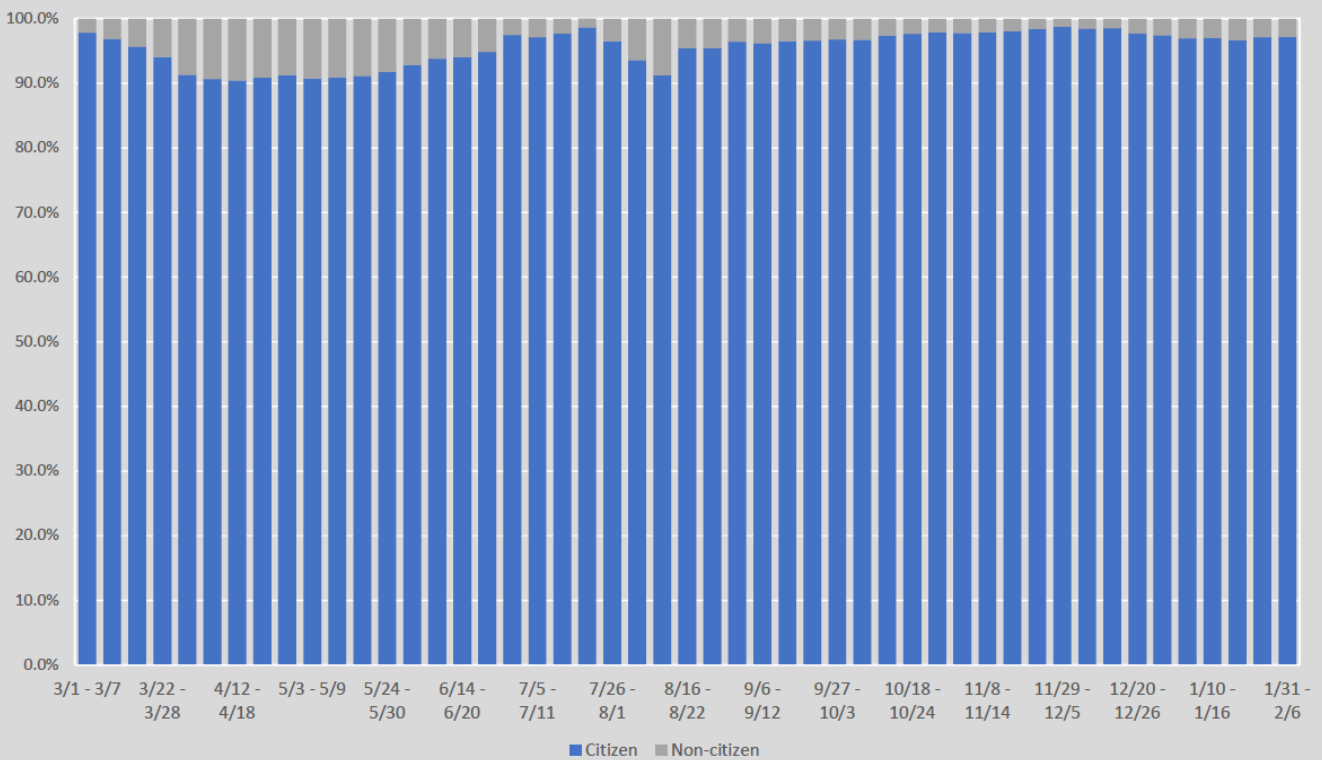
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Gender Composition



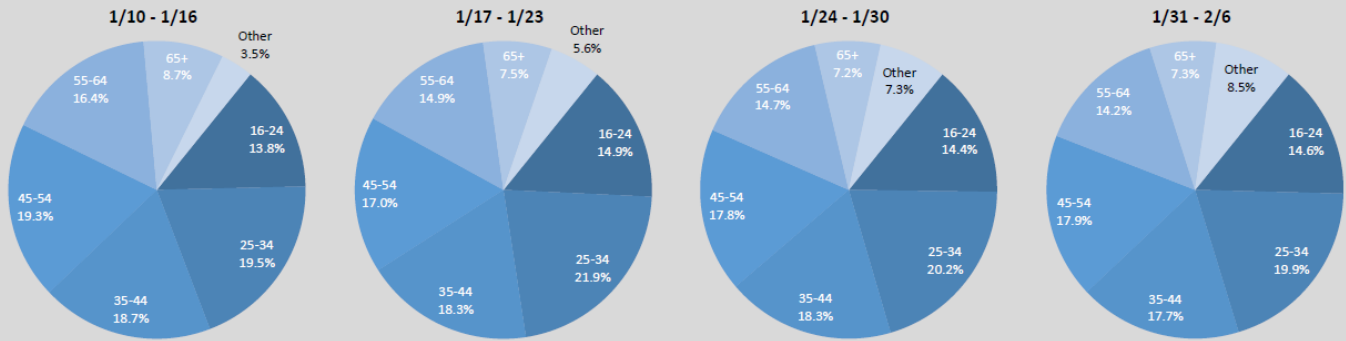
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status



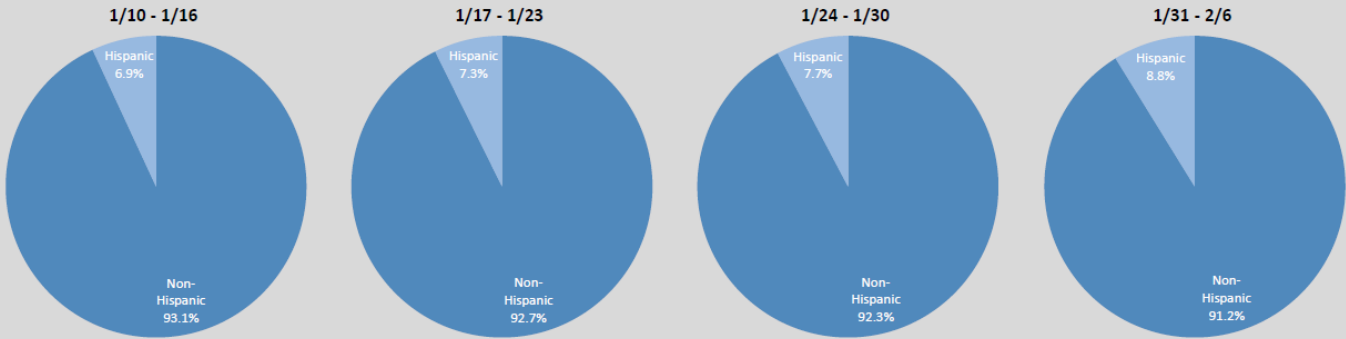
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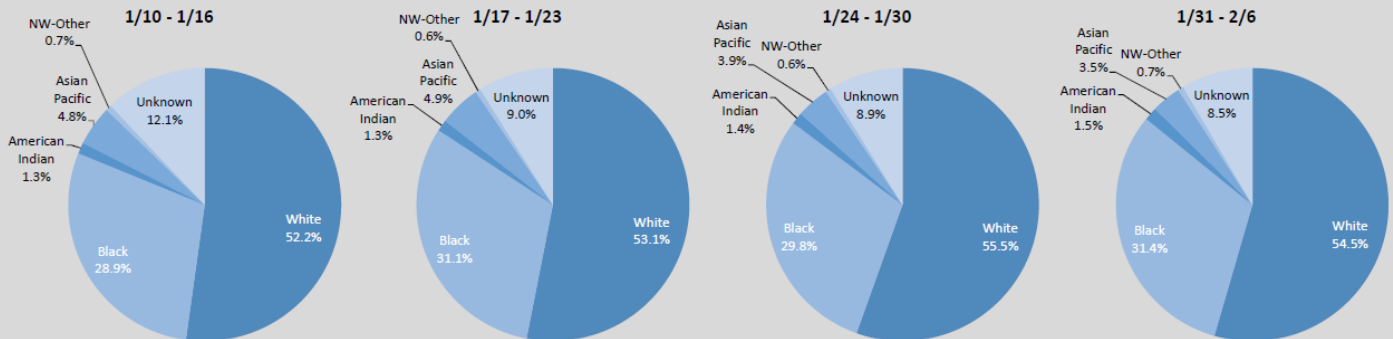
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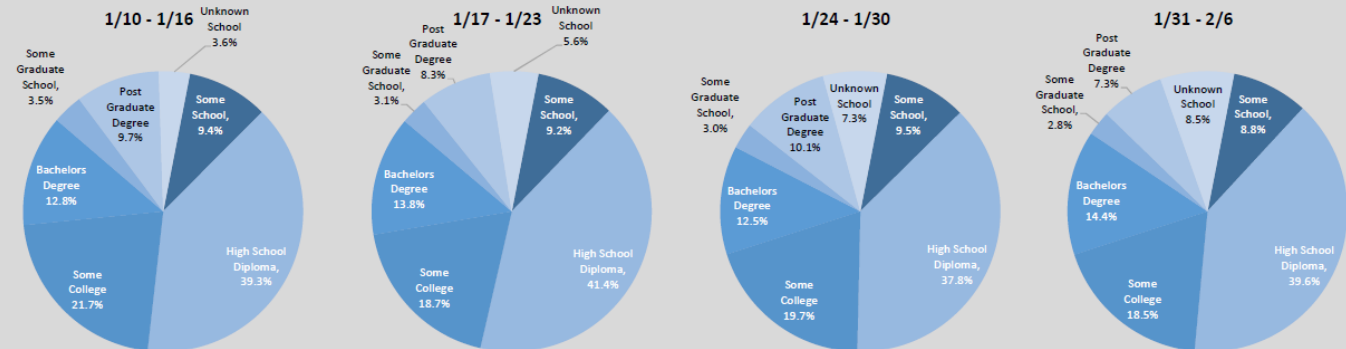
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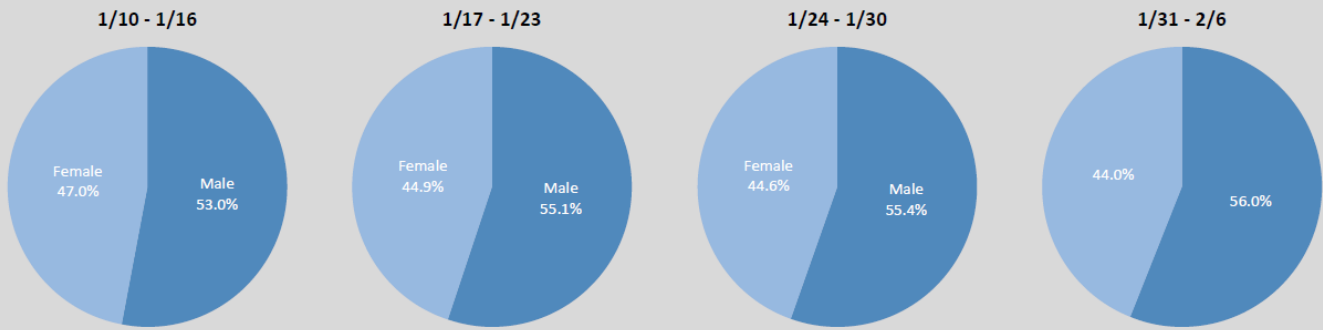
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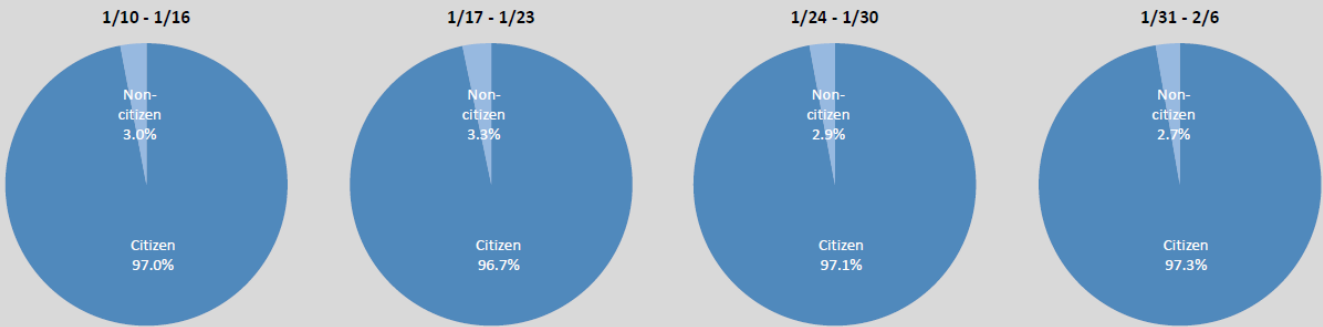
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