

Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

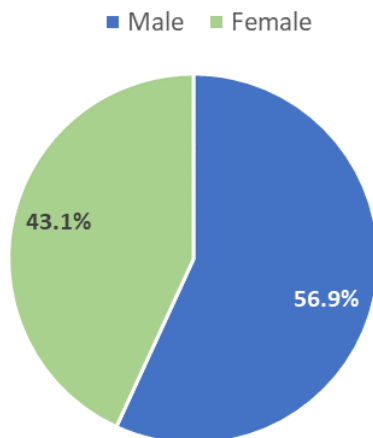
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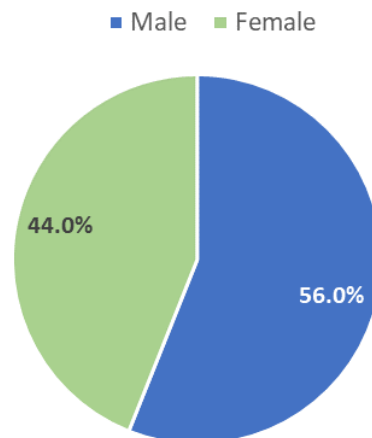
The week of February 7th – 13th marks the 48th week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 14,901 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, an increase of 4.9% compared to the week prior. This is the first week that initial claims has increased since the week ending January 9th, 2021. 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 54.1% of initial claims while females have made up 45.9%. 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 34 weeks that have followed.

2/7 - 2/13 Claims by Gender



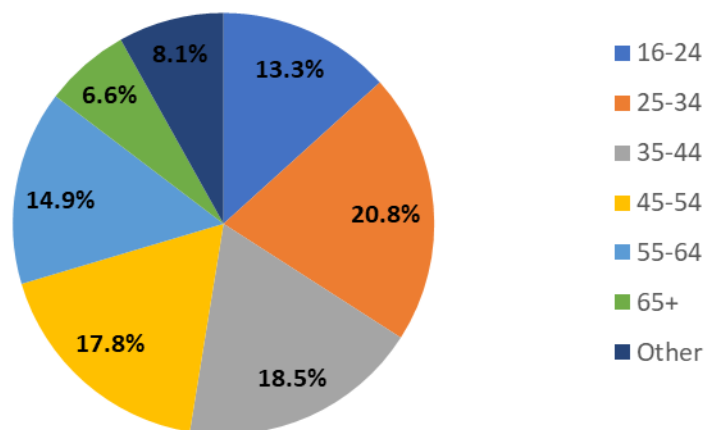
1/31 - 2/6 Claims by Gender



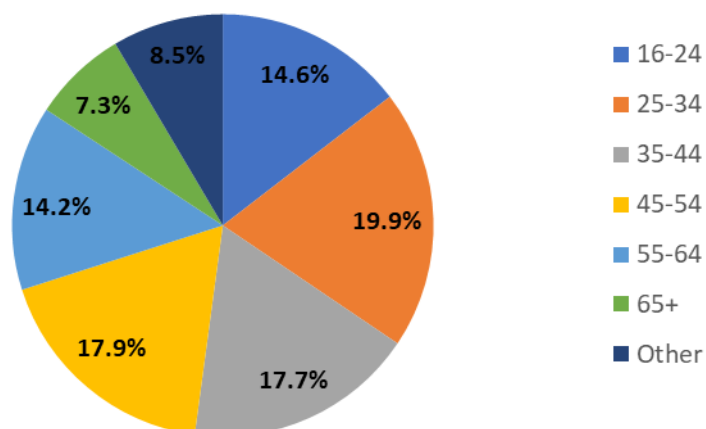
¹ When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

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 42.6% 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 35.5% 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.

2/7 - 2/13 Claims by Age



1/31 - 2/6 Claims by Age



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Richmond City which saw 684 initial filings. Virginia Beach City and Norfolk City followed with 649 and 628 initial claims respectively. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth, 74 localities saw an increase in the number of filings this week compared to the week before. The locality with the largest increase was Richmond City which had 80 more 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	52	-12	0.37%	0.32%
Albemarle County	48	15	0.34%	0.08%
Alexandria City	363	23	2.58%	0.35%
Alleghany County	11	-1	0.08%	0.16%
Amelia County	10	-1	0.07%	0.16%
Amherst County	34	8	0.24%	0.23%
Appomattox County	17	-1	0.12%	0.24%
Arlington County	149	-17	1.06%	0.09%
Augusta County	83	35	0.59%	0.22%
Bath County	8	4	0.06%	0.31%
Bedford County	63	-3	0.45%	0.16%
Bland County	1	0	0.01%	0.04%
Botetourt County	20	-7	0.14%	0.11%
Bristol City	42	1	0.30%	0.58%
Brunswick County	37	2	0.26%	0.61%
Buchanan County	27	14	0.19%	0.40%
Buckingham County	17	-6	0.12%	0.26%
Buena Vista City	17	6	0.12%	0.46%
Campbell County	41	-7	0.29%	0.16%
Caroline County	54	15	0.38%	0.35%
Carroll County	32	-4	0.23%	0.24%
Charles City County	13	6	0.09%	0.35%
Charlotte County	13	0	0.09%	0.25%
Charlottesville City	96	26	0.68%	0.36%
Chesapeake City	378	-10	2.68%	0.31%
Chesterfield County	303	10	2.15%	0.16%
Clarke County	7	0	0.05%	0.09%
Colonial Heights City	22	-3	0.16%	0.25%
Covington City	20	6	0.14%	0.82%
Craig County	7	4	0.05%	0.30%
Culpeper County	52	16	0.37%	0.21%
Cumberland County	20	13	0.14%	0.43%

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
Danville City	96	18	0.68%	0.50%
Dickenson County	18	11	0.13%	0.37%
Dinwiddie County	35	6	0.25%	0.25%
Emporia City	31	5	0.22%	1.36%
Essex County	19	3	0.13%	0.34%
Fairfax City	114	-18	0.81%	0.83%
Fairfax County	589	-31	4.18%	0.09%
Falls Church City	51	3	0.36%	0.58%
Fauquier County	52	17	0.37%	0.14%
Floyd County	13	-5	0.09%	0.16%
Fluvanna County	13	-9	0.09%	0.09%
Franklin City	34	14	0.24%	0.95%
Franklin County	54	12	0.38%	0.20%
Frederick County	60	13	0.43%	0.12%
Fredericksburg City	162	22	1.15%	1.12%
Galax City	19	3	0.13%	0.65%
Giles County	12	-6	0.09%	0.15%
Gloucester County	41	-2	0.29%	0.21%
Goochland County	20	10	0.14%	0.18%
Grayson County	20	-8	0.14%	0.24%
Greene County	13	-4	0.09%	0.12%
Greensville County	8	-9	0.06%	0.19%
Halifax County	64	-38	0.45%	0.41%
Hampton City	297	-5	2.11%	0.46%
Hanover County	127	49	0.90%	0.21%
Harrisonburg City	46	10	0.33%	0.18%
Henrico County	308	26	2.19%	0.17%
Henry County	56	-10	0.40%	0.23%
Highland County	3	2	0.02%	0.24%
Hopewell City	45	-11	0.32%	0.45%
Isle of Wight County	24	2	0.17%	0.12%
James City County	30	10	0.21%	0.08%
King and Queen County	9	1	0.06%	0.23%
King George County	26	7	0.18%	0.19%
King William County	23	7	0.16%	0.25%
Lancaster County	22	-6	0.16%	0.40%
Lee County	22	2	0.16%	0.26%
Lexington City	9	5	0.06%	0.43%
Loudoun County	209	-38	1.48%	0.09%
Louisa County	36	0	0.26%	0.18%

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
Lunenburg County	10	4	0.07%	0.19%
Lynchburg City	145	3	1.03%	0.40%
Madison County	7	2	0.05%	0.09%
Manassas City	87	2	0.62%	0.39%
Manassas Park City	26	7	0.18%	0.27%
Martinsville City	46	-1	0.33%	0.83%
Mathews County	9	4	0.06%	0.22%
Mecklenburg County	57	16	0.40%	0.46%
Middlesex County	9	-3	0.06%	0.17%
Montgomery County	55	-6	0.39%	0.11%
Nelson County	13	-1	0.09%	0.18%
New Kent County	16	1	0.11%	0.13%
Newport News City	369	17	2.62%	0.43%
Norfolk City	628	-43	4.46%	0.58%
Northampton County	28	7	0.20%	0.55%
Northumberland County	18	-12	0.13%	0.34%
Norton City	13	-1	0.09%	0.81%
Nottoway County	24	6	0.17%	0.33%
Orange County	18	-9	0.13%	0.11%
Page County	25	-16	0.18%	0.22%
Patrick County	23	7	0.16%	0.34%
Petersburg City	139	5	0.99%	1.11%
Pittsylvania County	49	-7	0.35%	0.17%
Poquoson City	9	-3	0.06%	0.14%
Portsmouth City	326	-64	2.31%	0.76%
Powhatan County	22	9	0.16%	0.16%
Prince Edward County	23	2	0.16%	0.23%
Prince George County	46	5	0.33%	0.31%
Prince William County	437	-39	3.10%	0.18%
Pulaski County	41	-3	0.29%	0.27%
Radford City	15	-8	0.11%	0.18%
Rappahannock County	5	1	0.04%	0.14%
Richmond City	684	80	4.86%	0.59%
Richmond County	48	9	0.34%	1.21%
Roanoke City	210	34	1.49%	0.44%
Roanoke County	73	16	0.52%	0.15%
Rockbridge County	19	-1	0.13%	0.18%
Rockingham County	65	12	0.46%	0.15%
Russell County	32	4	0.23%	0.30%
Salem City	27	-11	0.19%	0.21%

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
Scott County	14	5	0.10%	0.16%
Shenandoah County	59	21	0.42%	0.27%
Smyth County	41	0	0.29%	0.31%
Southampton County	13	0	0.09%	0.15%
Spotsylvania County	76	-25	0.54%	0.11%
Stafford County	102	19	0.72%	0.14%
Staunton City	25	-9	0.18%	0.21%
Suffolk City	145	-27	1.03%	0.33%
Surry County	12	4	0.09%	0.34%
Sussex County	24	0	0.17%	0.65%
Tazewell County	42	-2	0.30%	0.28%
Virginia Beach City	649	-72	4.61%	0.28%
Warren County	35	6	0.25%	0.17%
Washington County	71	24	0.50%	0.27%
Waynesboro City	29	-1	0.21%	0.27%
Westmoreland County	41	24	0.29%	0.45%
Williamsburg City	57	-3	0.40%	0.88%
Winchester City	50	12	0.35%	0.34%
Wise County	61	13	0.43%	0.48%
Wythe County	36	17	0.26%	0.27%
York County	42	-3	0.30%	0.13%
Other	3,680	366	26.12%	N/A

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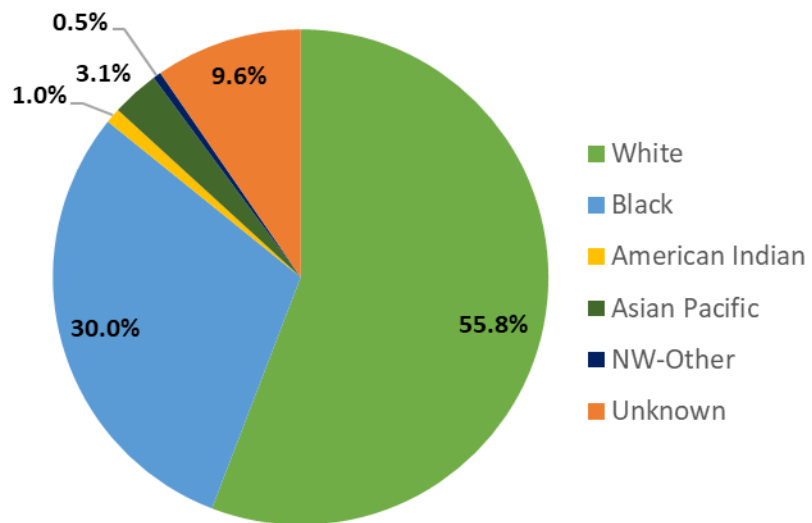
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code			
SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
11-0000	1,268	163	9.00%
13-0000	508	73	3.61%
15-0000	233	16	1.65%
17-0000	246	57	1.75%
19-0000	53	6	0.38%
21-0000	86	1	0.61%
23-0000	63	-19	0.45%
25-0000	264	76	1.87%
27-0000	307	-14	2.18%
29-0000	292	59	2.07%
31-0000	409	-7	2.90%
33-0000	139	20	0.99%
35-0000	1,068	8	7.58%
37-0000	617	36	4.38%
39-0000	907	-34	6.44%
41-0000	1,792	-107	12.72%
43-0000	1,171	31	8.31%
45-0000	100	-37	0.71%
47-0000	1,165	32	8.27%
49-0000	454	110	3.22%
51-0000	703	87	4.99%
53-0000	842	-46	5.98%
55-0000	41	4	0.29%
Unknown	1,359	69	9.65%

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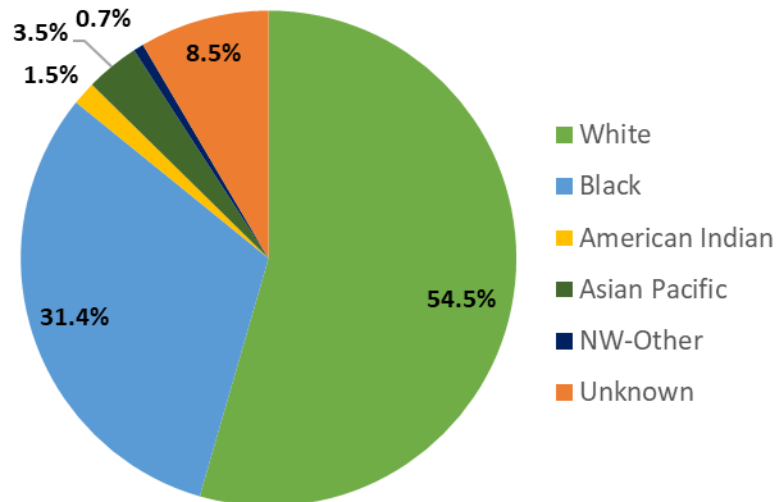
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
Citizen	13,751	618	97.61%	94.23%
Non-citizen	336	-34	2.39%	5.77%

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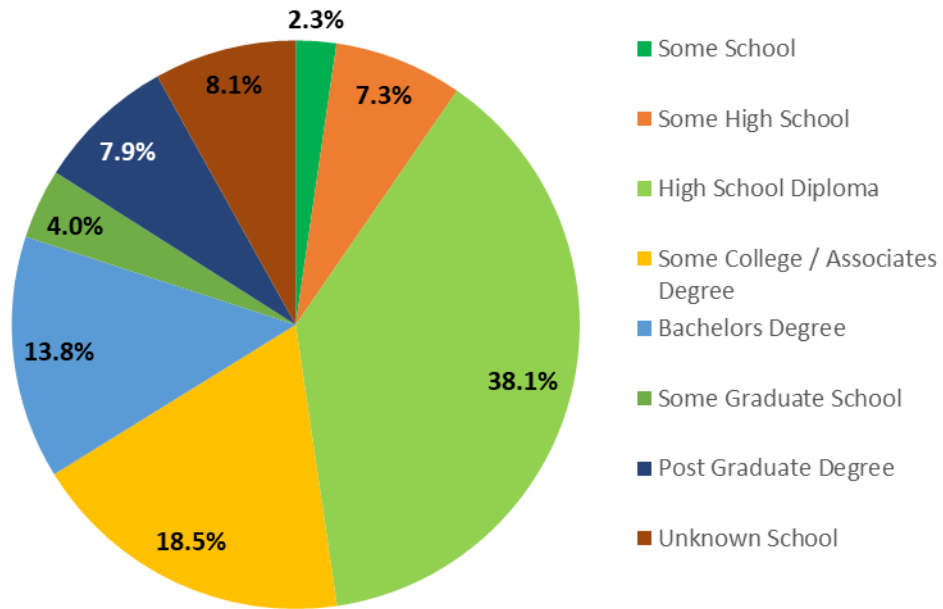
2/7 - 2/13 Claims by Race



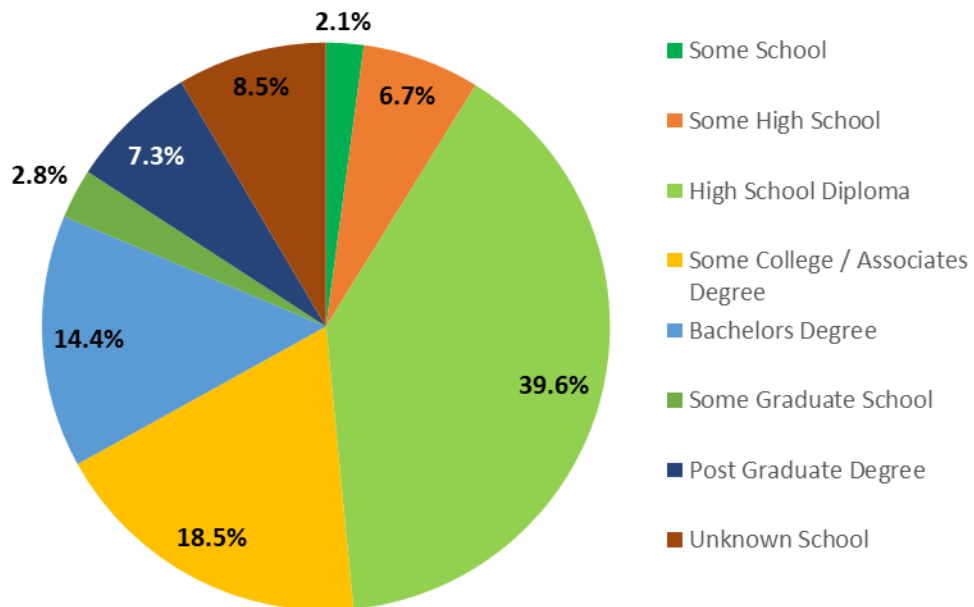
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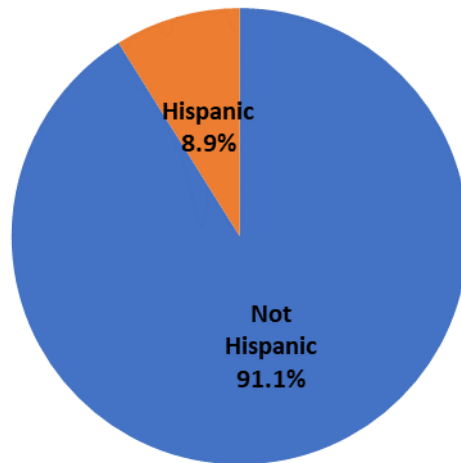
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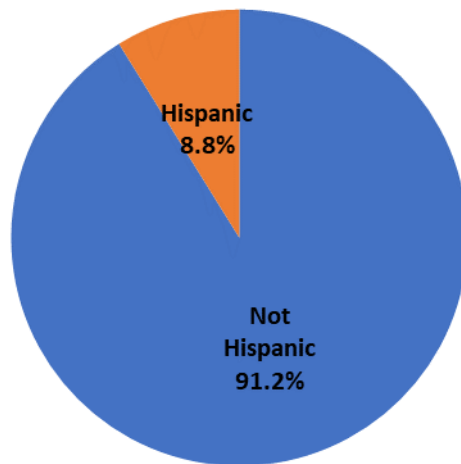
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2/7 - 2/13 Claims by Ethnicity

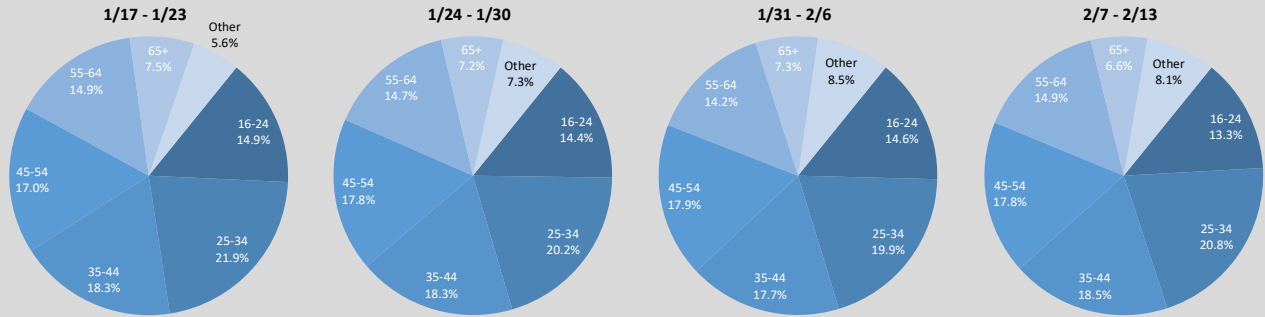


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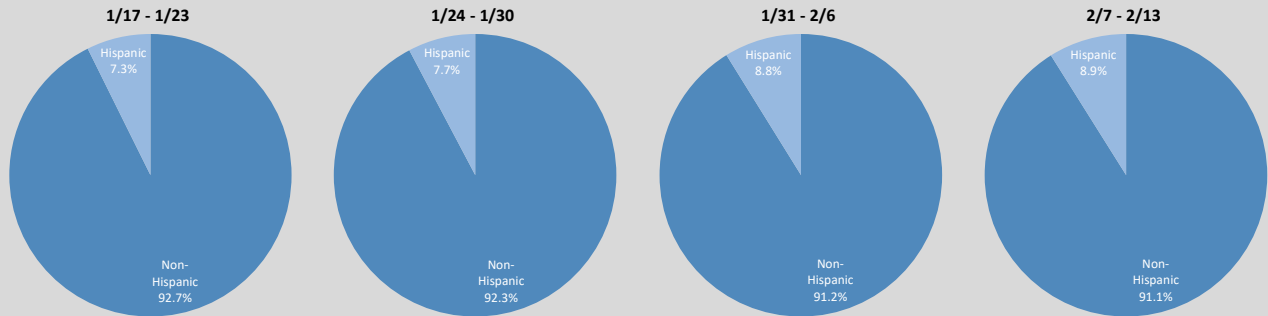
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Age



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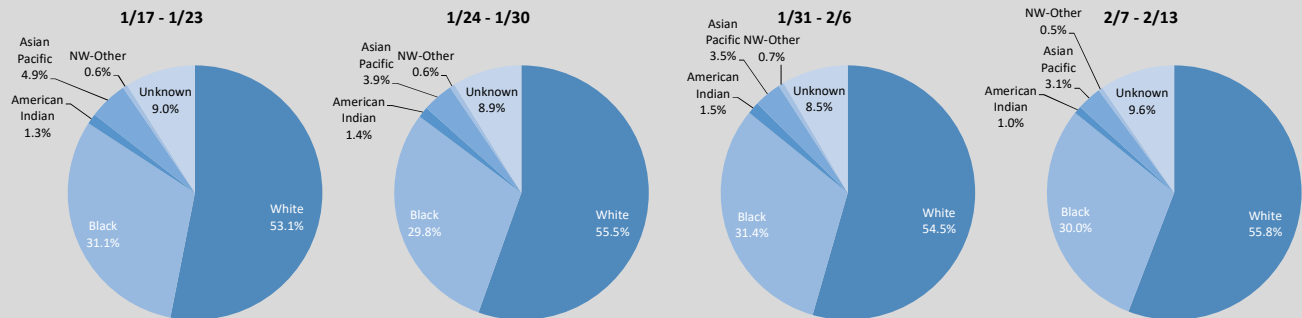
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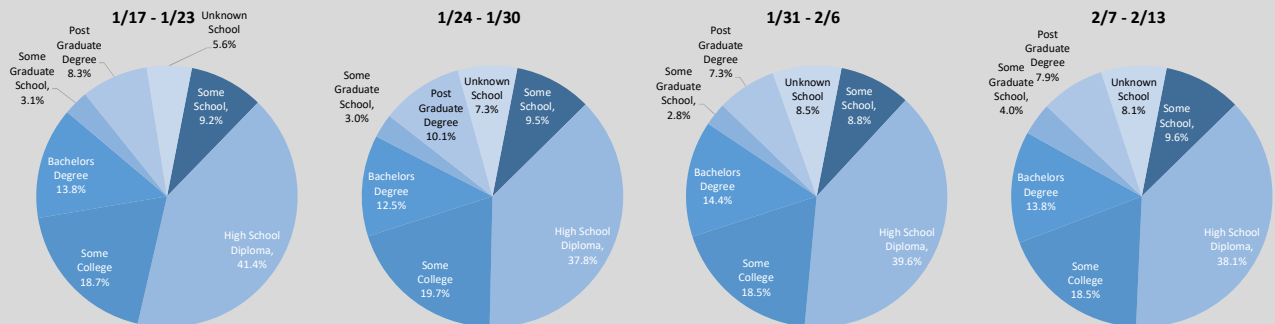
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Race Composition



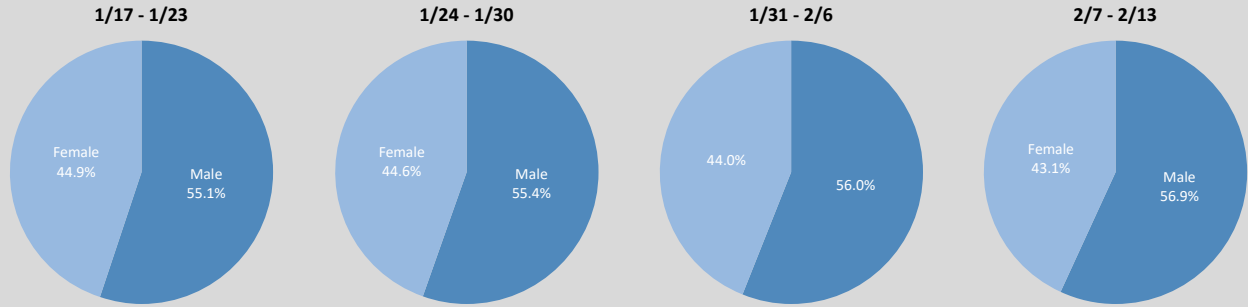
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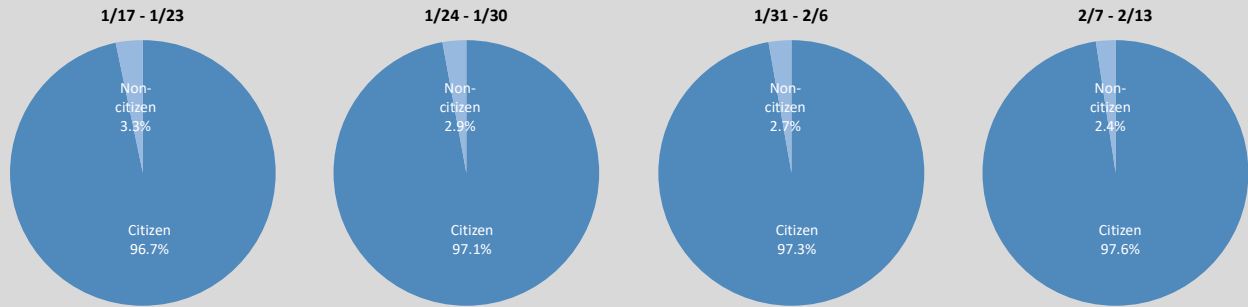
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Gender Composition



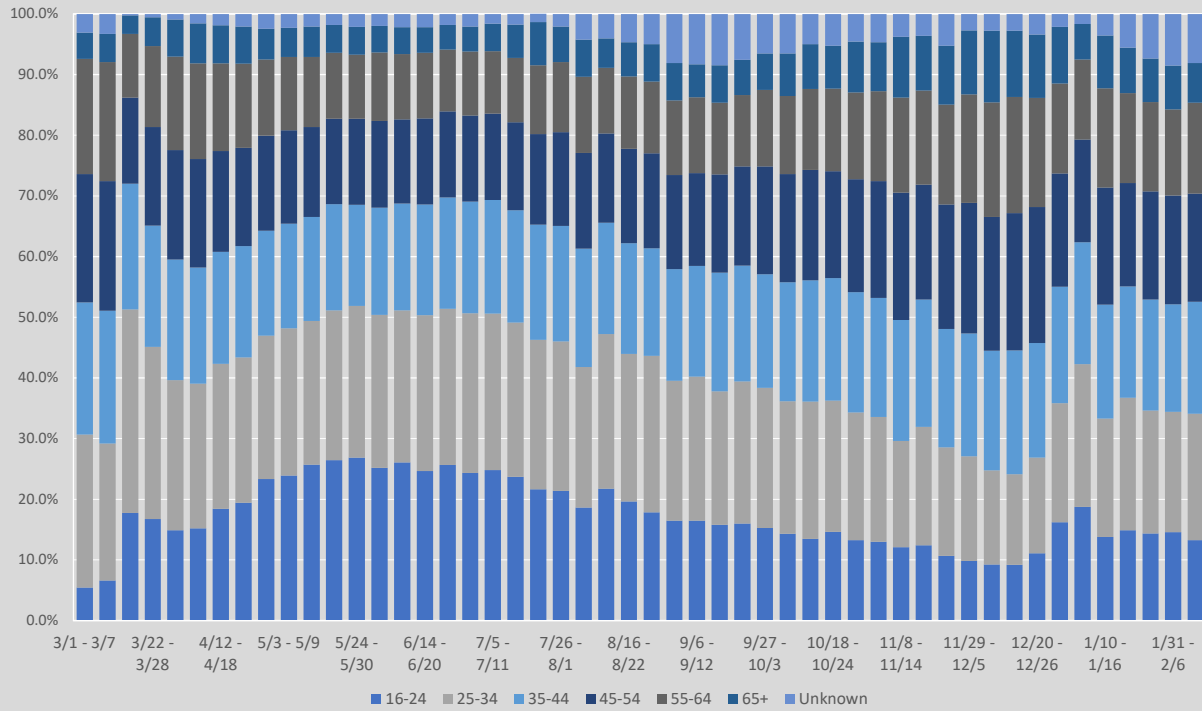
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status



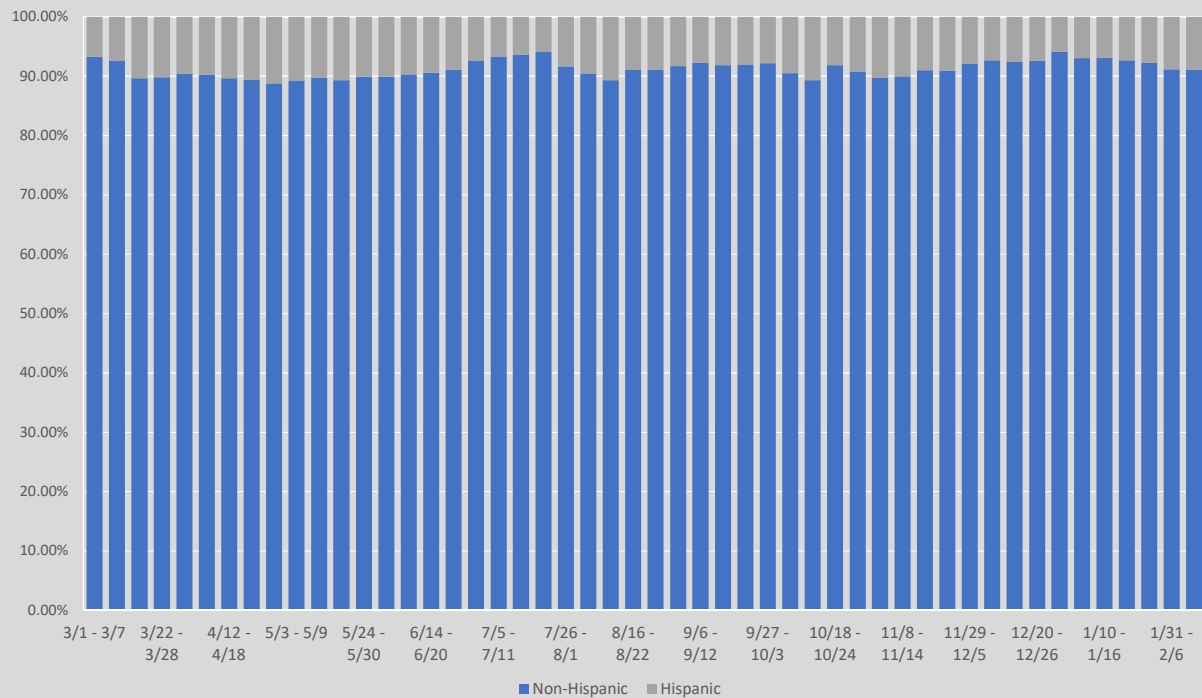
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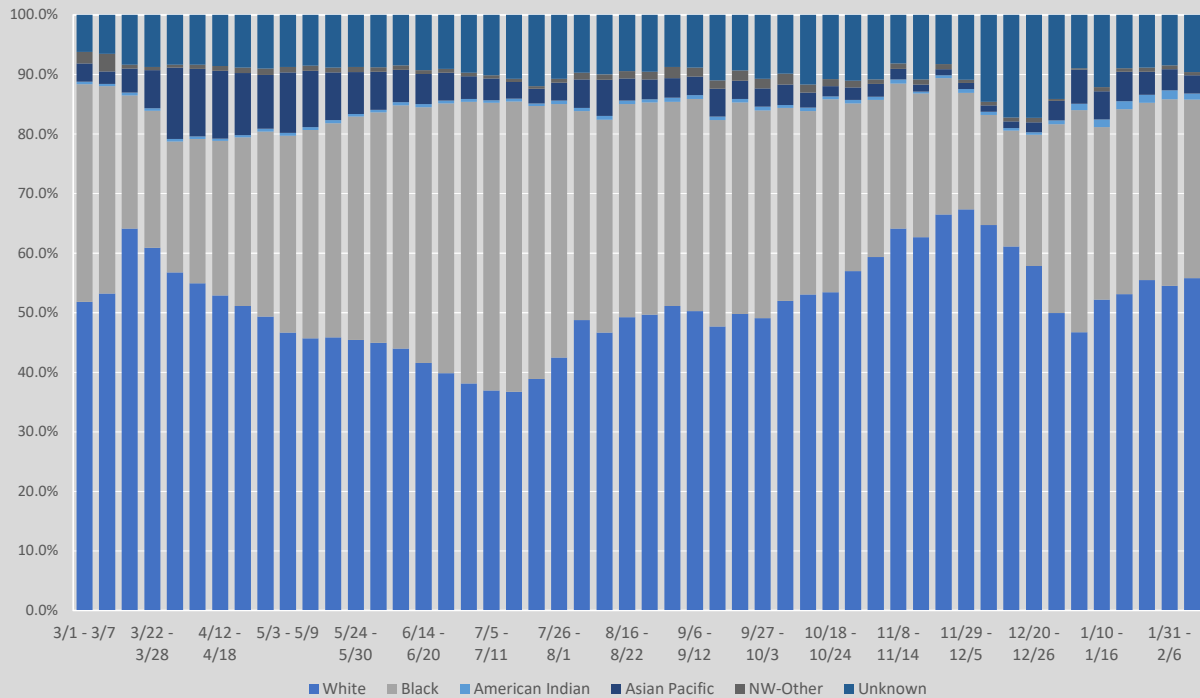
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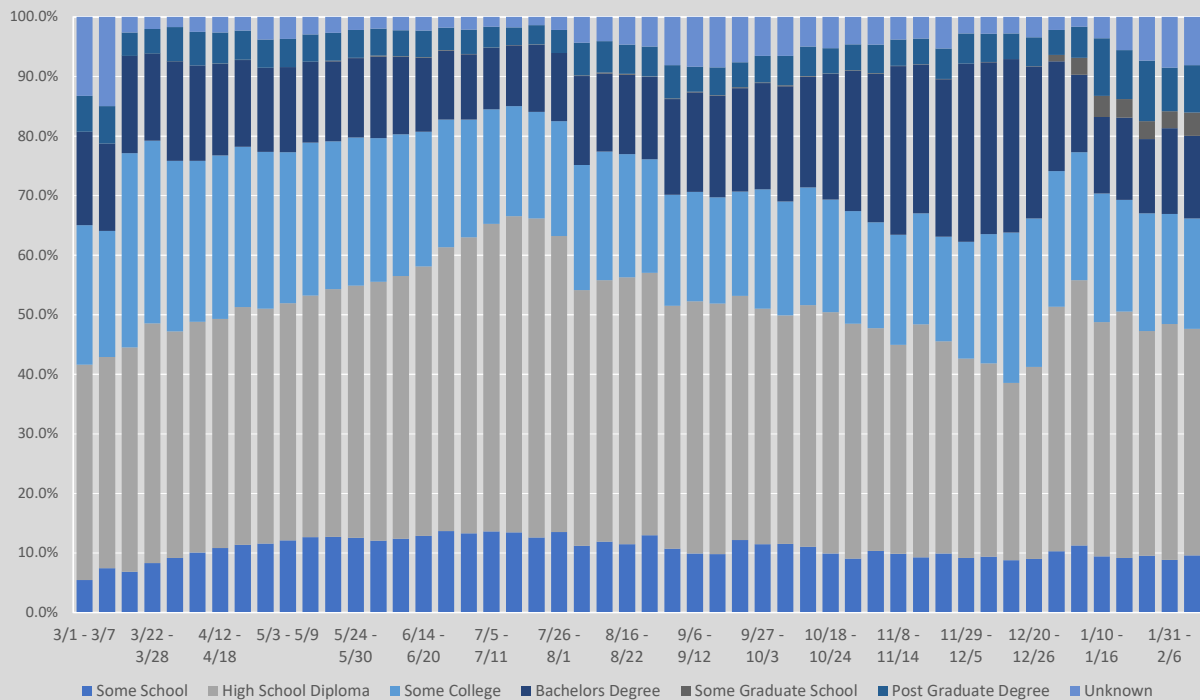
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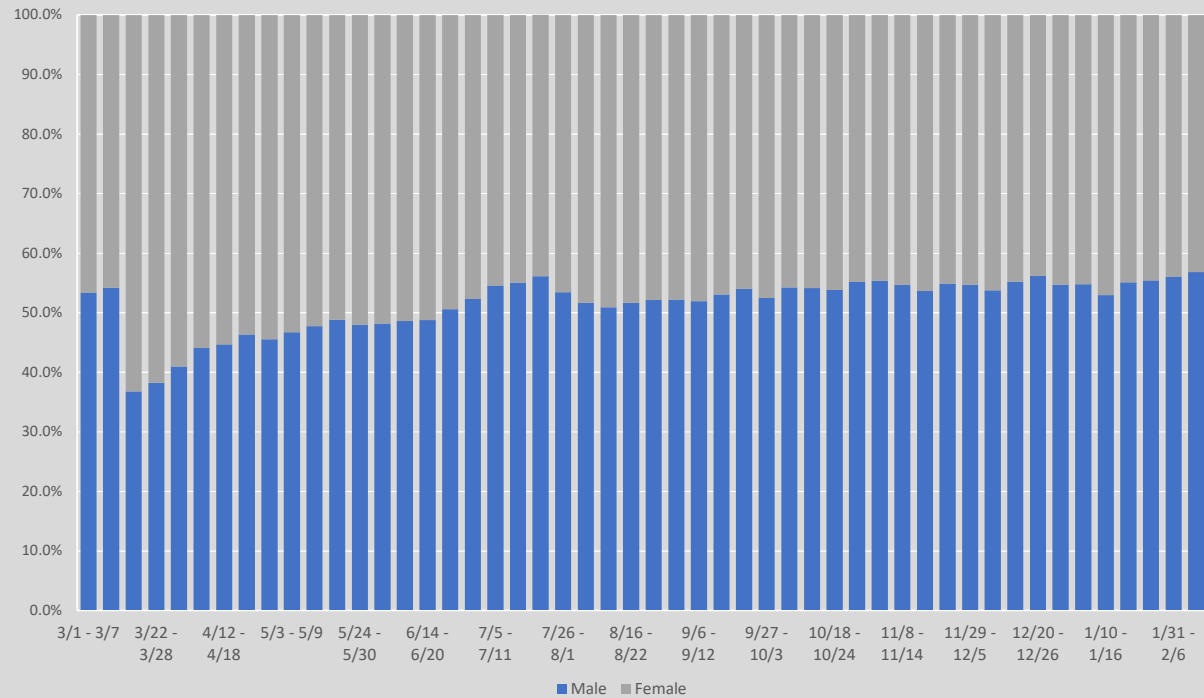
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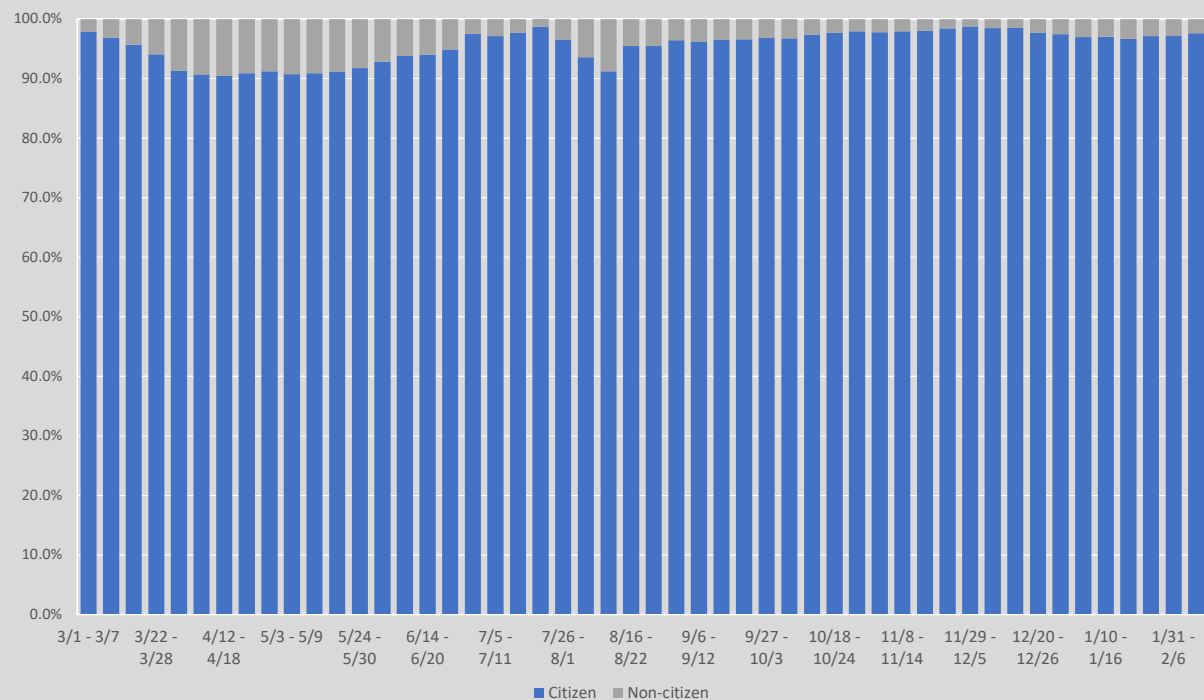
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