

## Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

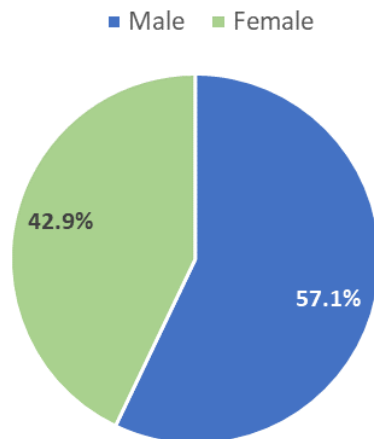
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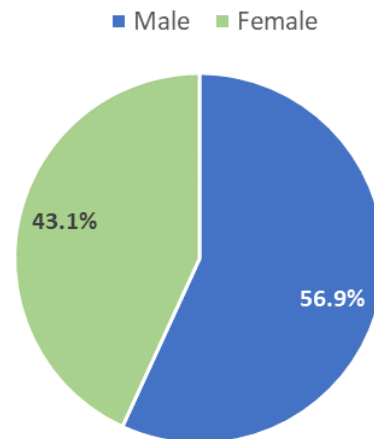
The week of February 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> marks the 49<sup>th</sup> week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 11,944 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, a decrease of 19.8% compared to the week prior. We have seen a decrease in weekly initial claims in five out of the last six weeks. Overall, initial claims numbers have decreased 57.7% from the previous peak of 28,227 initial claims in the week ending January 9, 2021. 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%. 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 35 weeks that have followed.

2/14 - 2/20 Claims by Gender



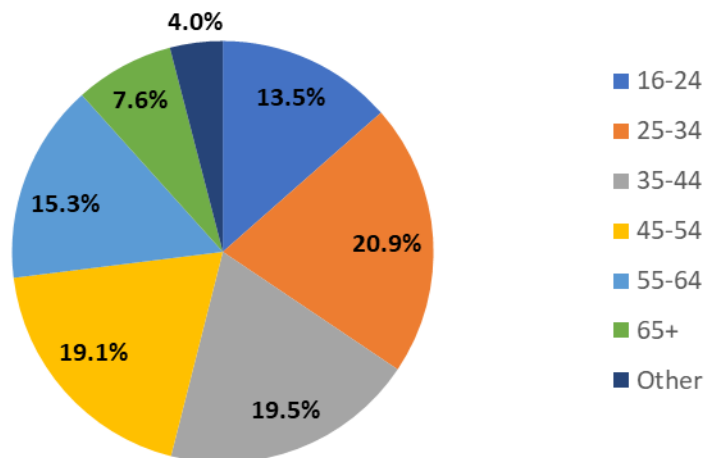
2/7 - 2/13 Claims by Gender



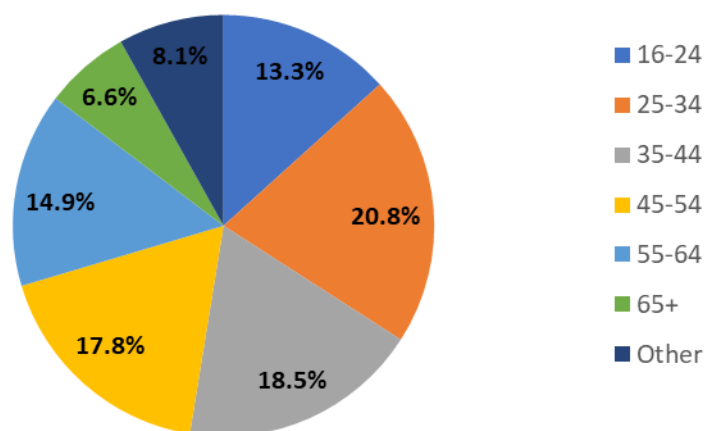
<sup>1</sup> When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

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 42.6% 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 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.

2/14 - 2/20 Claims by Age



2/7 - 2/13 Claims by Age



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Virginia Beach City which saw 511 initial filings. Richmond City and Norfolk City followed with 505 and 480 initial claims respectively. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth, 117 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 179 fewer initial claims compared to the prior 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	53	1	0.45%	0.32%
Albemarle County	41	-7	0.35%	0.07%
Alexandria City	257	-106	2.18%	0.25%
Alleghany County	10	-1	0.08%	0.14%
Amelia County	6	-4	0.05%	0.09%
Amherst County	23	-11	0.20%	0.15%
Appomattox County	14	-3	0.12%	0.19%
Arlington County	127	-22	1.08%	0.08%
Augusta County	53	-30	0.45%	0.14%
Bath County	5	-3	0.04%	0.20%
Bedford County	60	-3	0.51%	0.16%
Bland County	3	2	0.03%	0.11%
Botetourt County	20	0	0.17%	0.11%
Bristol City	36	-6	0.31%	0.49%
Brunswick County	12	-25	0.10%	0.20%
Buchanan County	18	-9	0.15%	0.26%
Buckingham County	12	-5	0.10%	0.18%
Buena Vista City	34	17	0.29%	0.92%
Campbell County	45	4	0.38%	0.17%
Caroline County	43	-11	0.37%	0.28%
Carroll County	21	-11	0.18%	0.16%
Charles City County	8	-5	0.07%	0.21%
Charlotte County	11	-2	0.09%	0.21%
Charlottesville City	57	-39	0.48%	0.21%
Chesapeake City	275	-103	2.34%	0.22%
Chesterfield County	217	-86	1.84%	0.11%
Clarke County	4	-3	0.03%	0.05%
Colonial Heights City	26	4	0.22%	0.29%
Covington City	17	-3	0.14%	0.70%
Craig County	5	-2	0.04%	0.22%
Culpeper County	37	-15	0.31%	0.15%
Cumberland County	6	-14	0.05%	0.13%

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	72	-24	0.61%	0.37%
Dickenson County	16	-2	0.14%	0.33%
Dinwiddie County	22	-13	0.19%	0.16%
Emporia City	19	-12	0.16%	0.83%
Essex County	16	-3	0.14%	0.29%
Fairfax City	101	-13	0.86%	0.74%
Fairfax County	464	-125	3.94%	0.07%
Falls Church City	33	-18	0.28%	0.38%
Fauquier County	36	-16	0.31%	0.09%
Floyd County	3	-10	0.03%	0.04%
Fluvanna County	18	5	0.15%	0.13%
Franklin City	18	-16	0.15%	0.50%
Franklin County	54	0	0.46%	0.20%
Frederick County	52	-8	0.44%	0.11%
Fredericksburg City	144	-18	1.22%	1.00%
Galax City	11	-8	0.09%	0.38%
Giles County	5	-7	0.04%	0.06%
Gloucester County	36	-5	0.31%	0.18%
Goochland County	10	-10	0.08%	0.09%
Grayson County	14	-6	0.12%	0.17%
Greene County	8	-5	0.07%	0.08%
Greensville County	7	-1	0.06%	0.16%
Halifax County	37	-27	0.31%	0.24%
Hampton City	226	-71	1.92%	0.35%
Hanover County	55	-72	0.47%	0.09%
Harrisonburg City	46	0	0.39%	0.18%
Henrico County	212	-96	1.80%	0.11%
Henry County	52	-4	0.44%	0.22%
Highland County	2	-1	0.02%	0.16%
Hopewell City	48	3	0.41%	0.48%
Isle of Wight County	29	5	0.25%	0.15%
James City County	22	-8	0.19%	0.06%
King and Queen County	5	-4	0.04%	0.13%
King George County	22	-4	0.19%	0.16%
King William County	14	-9	0.12%	0.15%
Lancaster County	10	-12	0.08%	0.18%
Lee County	14	-8	0.12%	0.17%
Lexington City	9	0	0.08%	0.43%
Loudoun County	179	-30	1.52%	0.08%
Louisa County	32	-4	0.27%	0.16%

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	11	1	0.09%	0.20%
Lynchburg City	142	-3	1.21%	0.39%
Madison County	6	-1	0.05%	0.08%
Manassas City	63	-24	0.54%	0.28%
Manassas Park City	18	-8	0.15%	0.19%
Martinsville City	43	-3	0.37%	0.78%
Mathews County	6	-3	0.05%	0.14%
Mecklenburg County	28	-29	0.24%	0.23%
Middlesex County	8	-1	0.07%	0.15%
Montgomery County	45	-10	0.38%	0.09%
Nelson County	10	-3	0.08%	0.14%
New Kent County	6	-10	0.05%	0.05%
Newport News City	282	-87	2.40%	0.33%
Norfolk City	480	-148	4.08%	0.44%
Northampton County	18	-10	0.15%	0.35%
Northumberland County	7	-11	0.06%	0.13%
Norton City	8	-5	0.07%	0.50%
Nottoway County	20	-4	0.17%	0.28%
Orange County	31	13	0.26%	0.18%
Page County	29	4	0.25%	0.25%
Patrick County	19	-4	0.16%	0.28%
Petersburg City	125	-14	1.06%	1.00%
Pittsylvania County	52	3	0.44%	0.18%
Poquoson City	10	1	0.08%	0.16%
Portsmouth City	238	-88	2.02%	0.56%
Powhatan County	15	-7	0.13%	0.11%
Prince Edward County	12	-11	0.10%	0.12%
Prince George County	30	-16	0.25%	0.20%
Prince William County	344	-93	2.92%	0.14%
Pulaski County	17	-24	0.14%	0.11%
Radford City	13	-2	0.11%	0.16%
Rappahannock County	8	3	0.07%	0.22%
Richmond City	505	-179	4.29%	0.43%
Richmond County	55	7	0.47%	1.39%
Roanoke City	180	-30	1.53%	0.38%
Roanoke County	39	-34	0.33%	0.08%
Rockbridge County	9	-10	0.08%	0.09%
Rockingham County	53	-12	0.45%	0.13%
Russell County	20	-12	0.17%	0.18%
Salem City	22	-5	0.19%	0.17%

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	0	0.12%	0.16%
Shenandoah County	35	-24	0.30%	0.16%
Smyth County	39	-2	0.33%	0.29%
Southampton County	12	-1	0.10%	0.14%
Spotsylvania County	62	-14	0.53%	0.09%
Stafford County	79	-23	0.67%	0.11%
Staunton City	35	10	0.30%	0.29%
Suffolk City	100	-45	0.85%	0.23%
Surry County	8	-4	0.07%	0.23%
Sussex County	9	-15	0.08%	0.24%
Tazewell County	30	-12	0.25%	0.20%
Virginia Beach City	511	-138	4.34%	0.22%
Warren County	30	-5	0.25%	0.15%
Washington County	38	-33	0.32%	0.15%
Waynesboro City	23	-6	0.20%	0.22%
Westmoreland County	21	-20	0.18%	0.23%
Williamsburg City	51	-6	0.43%	0.79%
Winchester City	36	-14	0.31%	0.25%
Wise County	41	-20	0.35%	0.32%
Wythe County	19	-17	0.16%	0.14%
York County	34	-8	0.29%	0.11%
Other	3,790	110	32.19%	N/A

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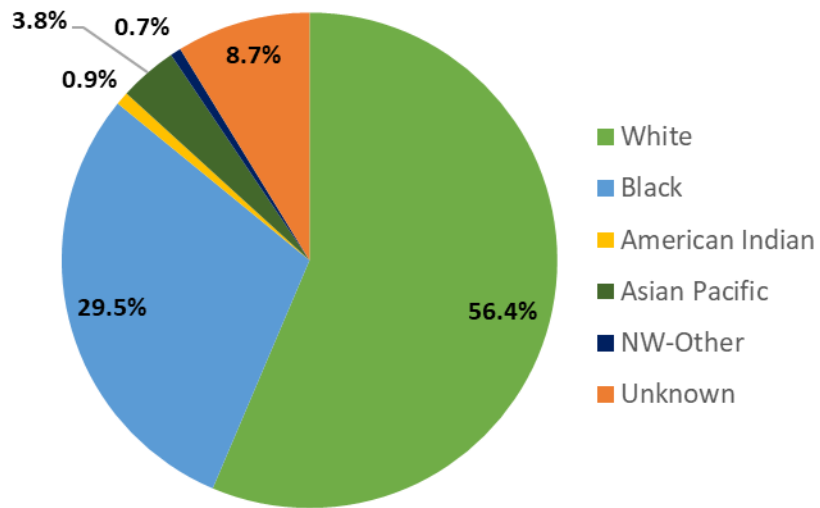
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code			
SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
<b>11-0000</b>	1,216	-52	10.33%
<b>13-0000</b>	460	-48	3.91%
<b>15-0000</b>	172	-61	1.46%
<b>17-0000</b>	187	-59	1.59%
<b>19-0000</b>	53	0	0.45%
<b>21-0000</b>	85	-1	0.72%
<b>23-0000</b>	38	-25	0.32%
<b>25-0000</b>	213	-51	1.81%
<b>27-0000</b>	275	-32	2.34%
<b>29-0000</b>	252	-40	2.14%
<b>31-0000</b>	372	-37	3.16%
<b>33-0000</b>	110	-29	0.93%
<b>35-0000</b>	893	-175	7.59%
<b>37-0000</b>	495	-122	4.20%
<b>39-0000</b>	881	-26	7.48%
<b>41-0000</b>	1,537	-255	13.06%
<b>43-0000</b>	927	-244	7.87%
<b>45-0000</b>	91	-9	0.77%
<b>47-0000</b>	1,021	-144	8.67%
<b>49-0000</b>	375	-79	3.19%
<b>51-0000</b>	646	-57	5.49%
<b>53-0000</b>	773	-69	6.57%
<b>55-0000</b>	36	-5	0.31%
<b>Unknown</b>	665	-694	5.65%

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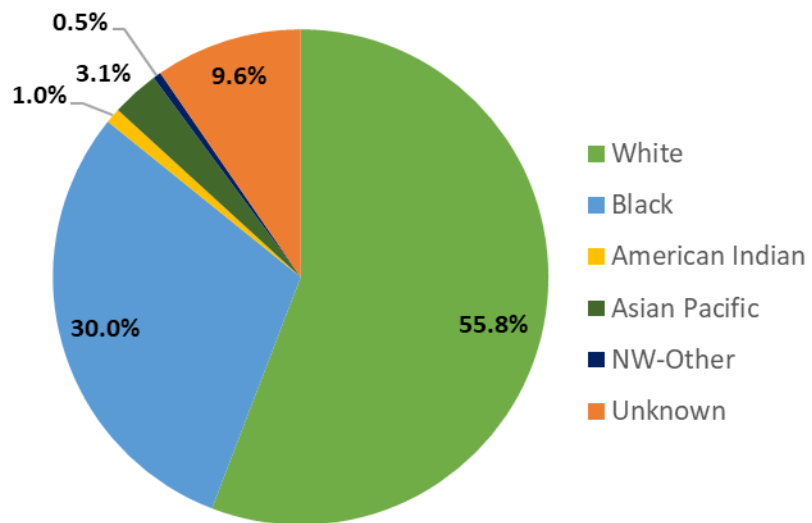
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
<b>Citizen</b>	11,475	-2,276	97.47%	94.23%
<b>Non-citizen</b>	298	-38	2.53%	5.77%

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2/14 - 2/20 Claims by Race

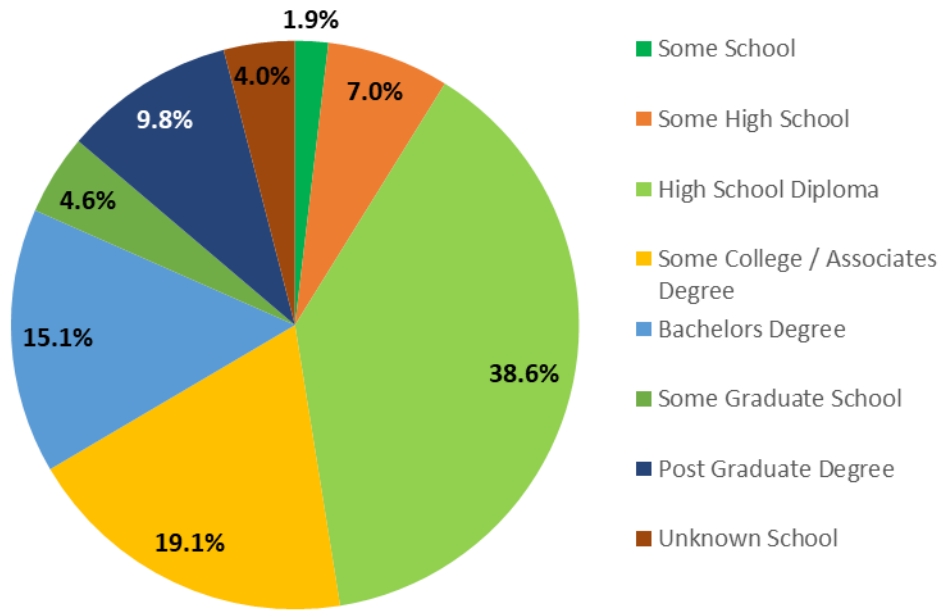


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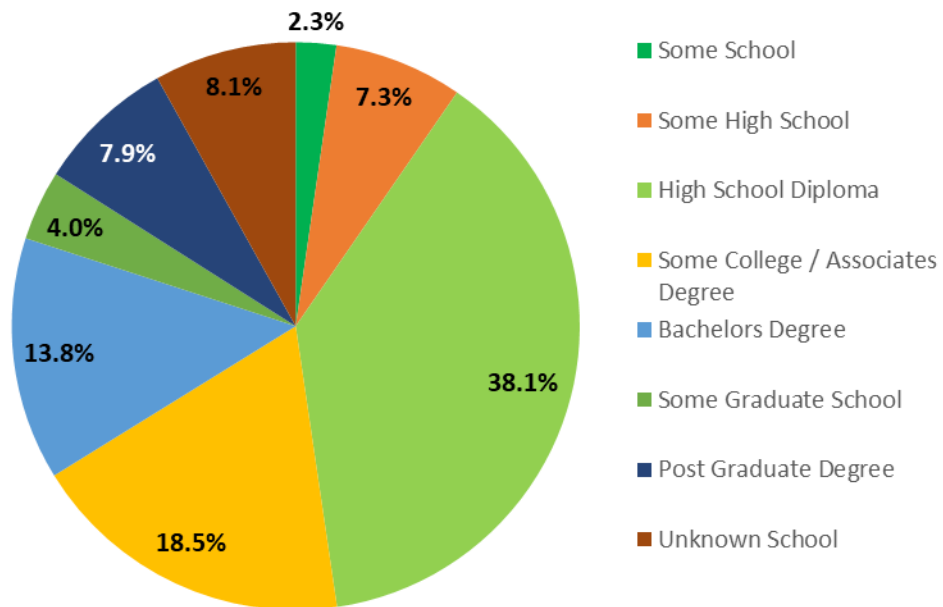




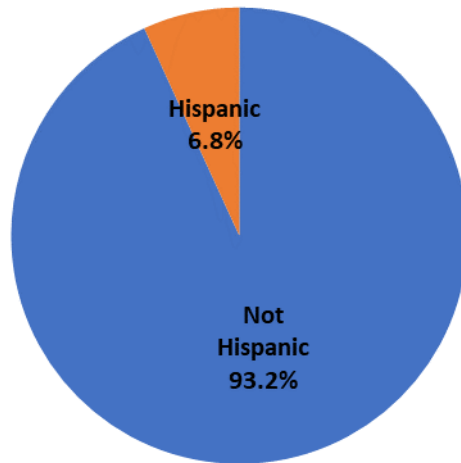
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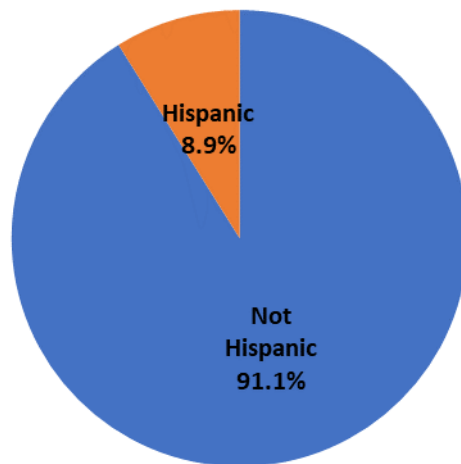
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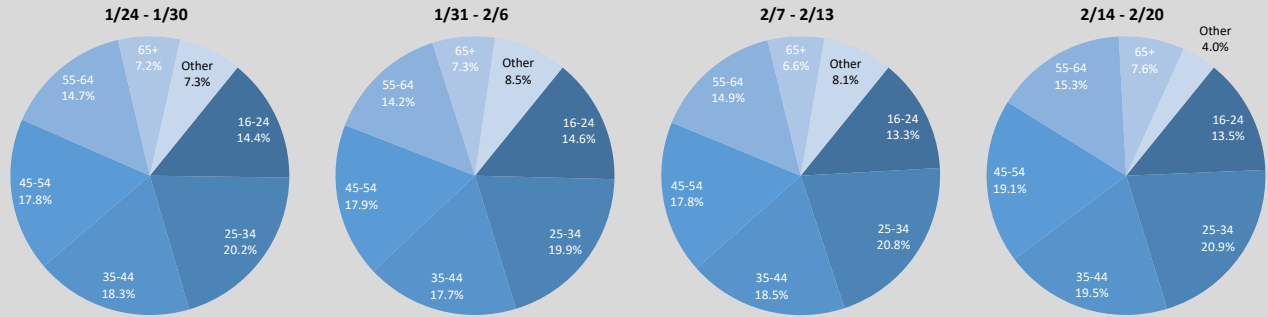


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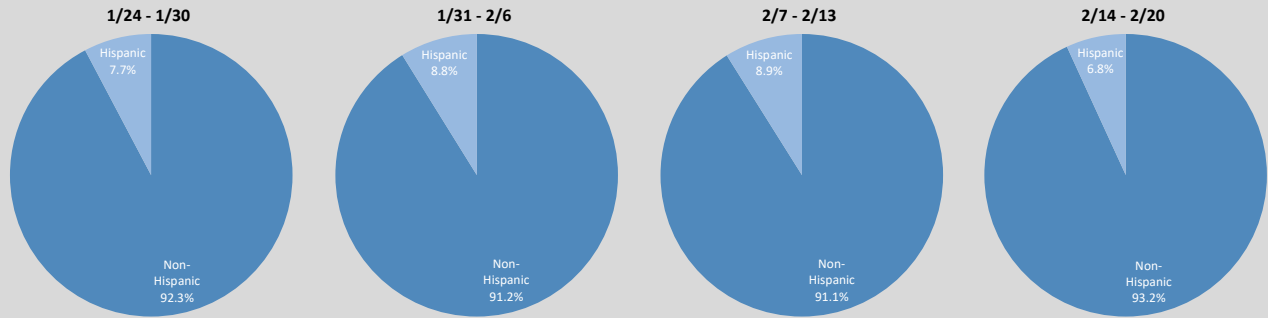
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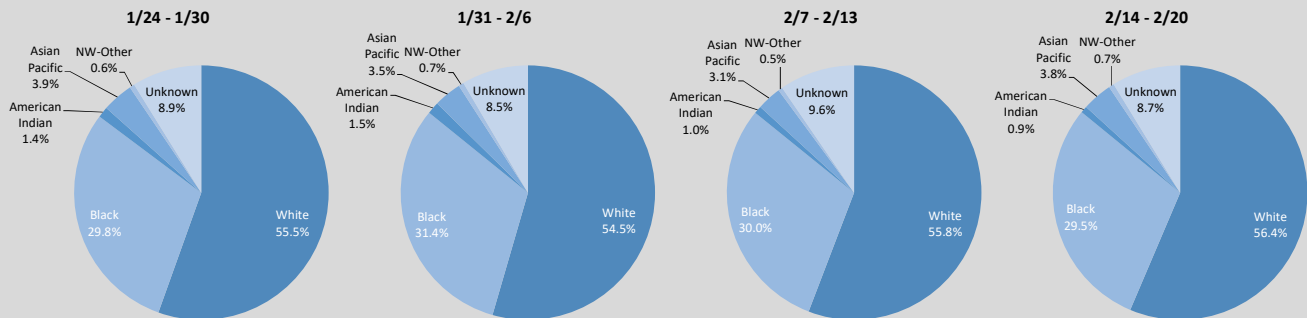
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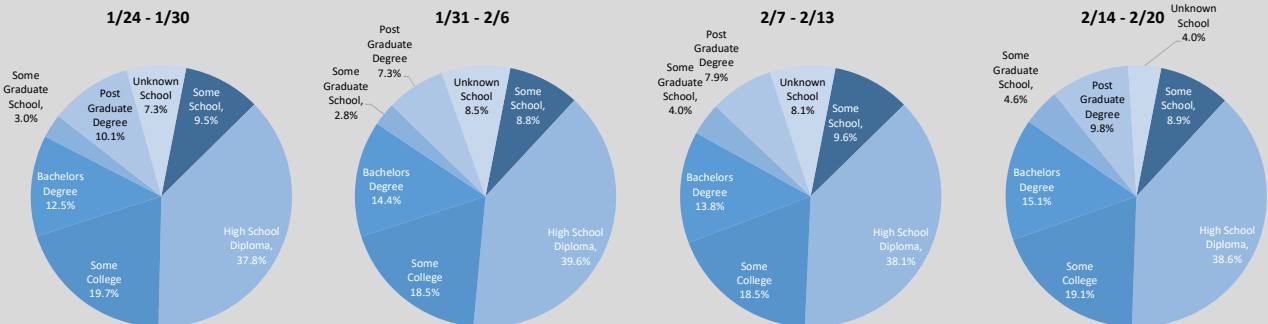
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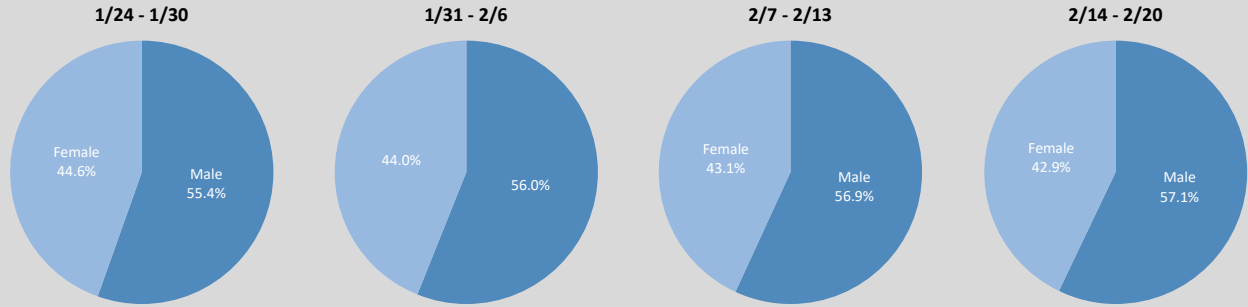
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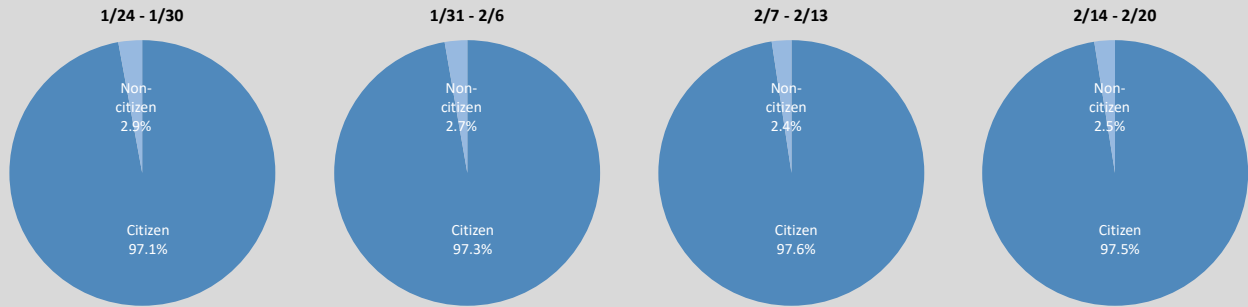
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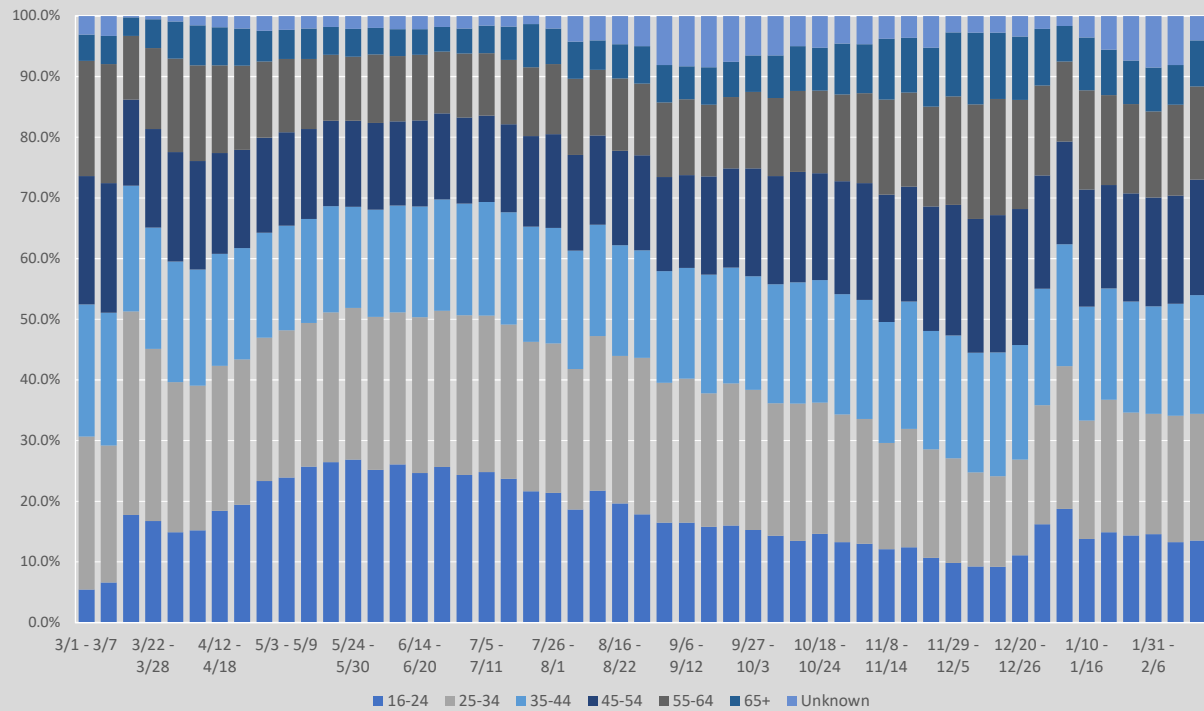
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### Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status



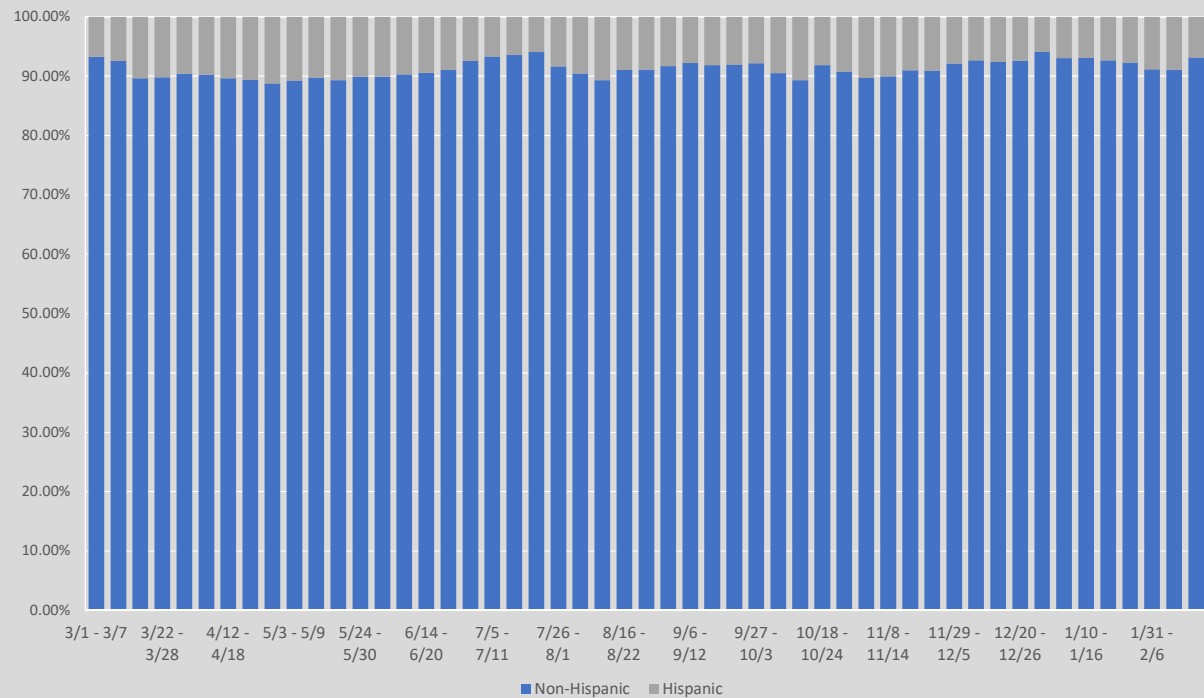
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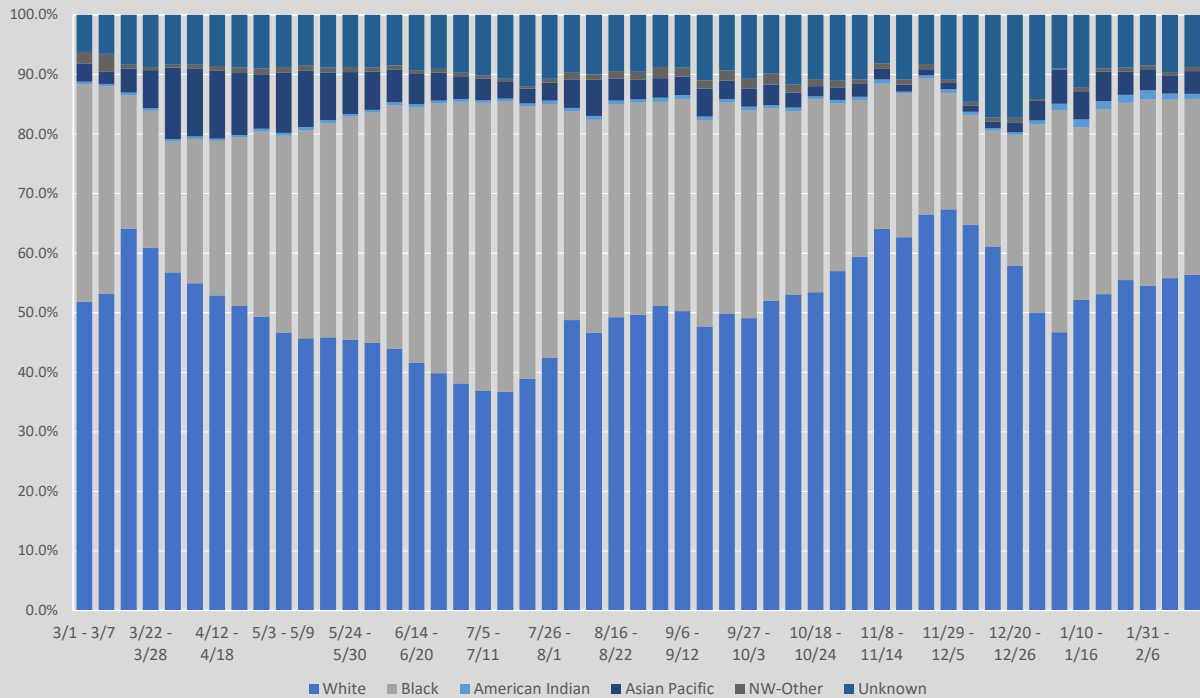
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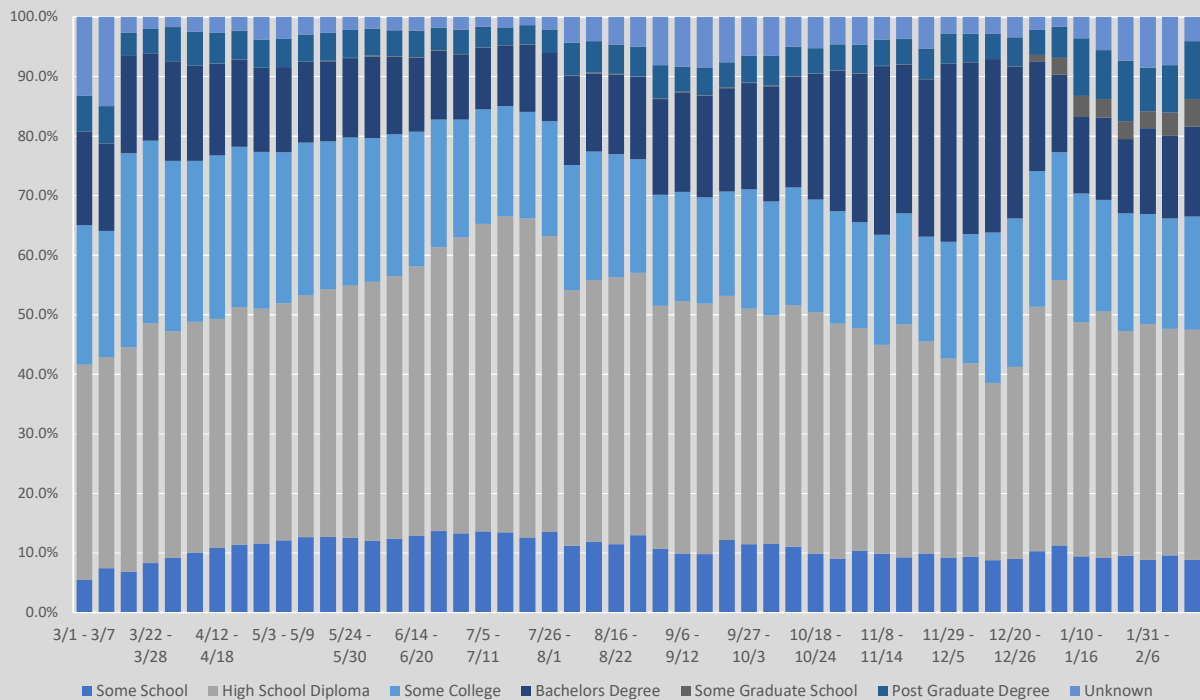
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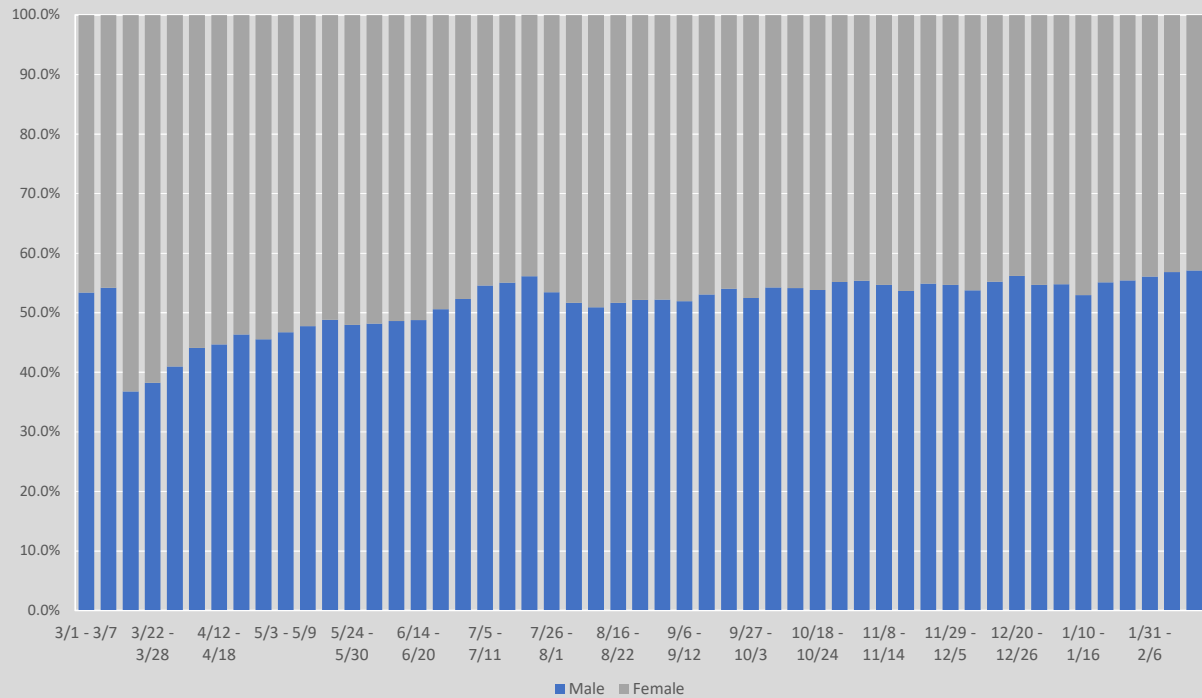
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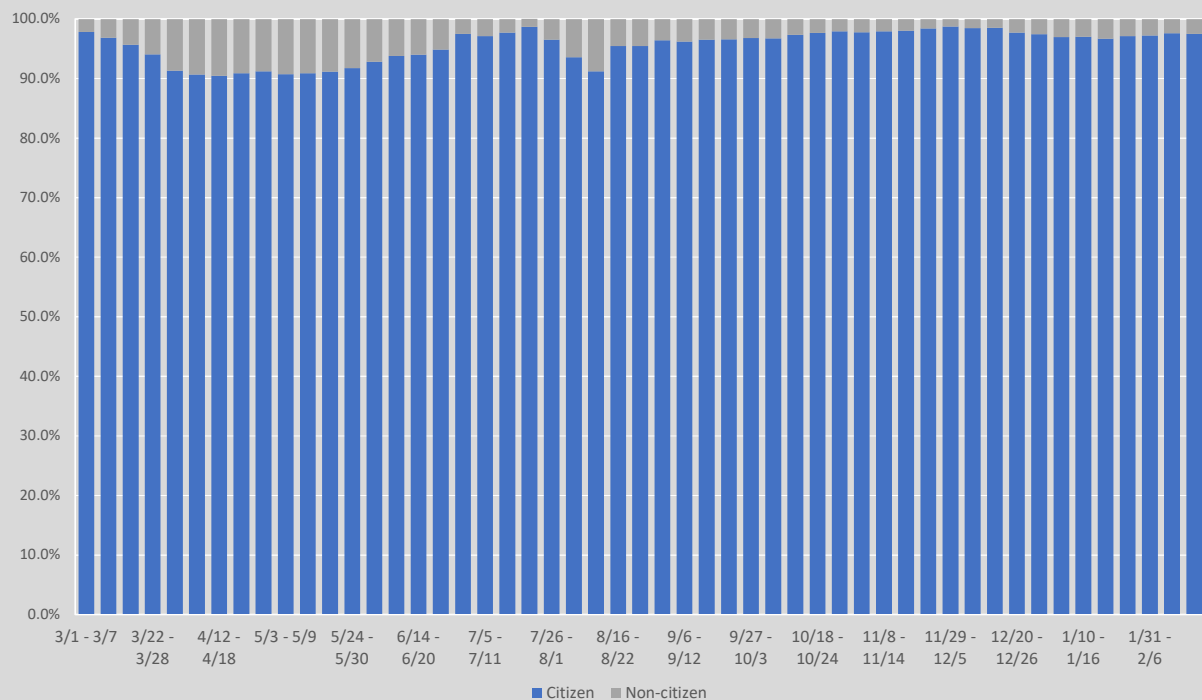
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