

Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

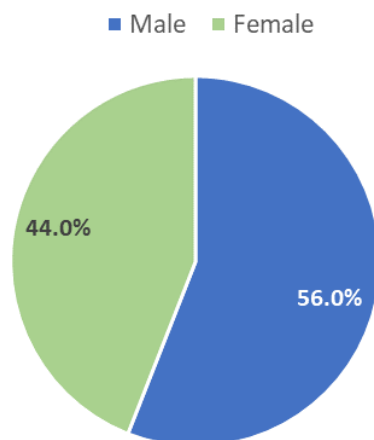
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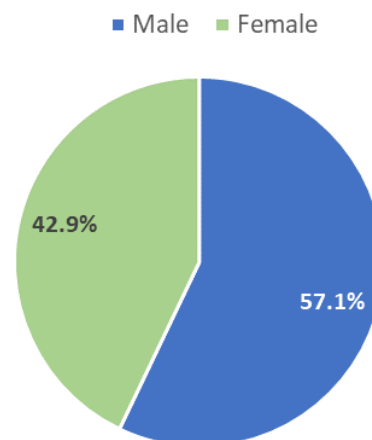
The week of February 21st – 27th marks the 50th week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 12,155 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, a 1.8% increase compared to the week prior. Over the past 7 weeks, initial unemployment claims have been trending downward, down 56.9% 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 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 54.2% of initial claims while females have made up 45.8%. 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 36 weeks that have followed.

2/21 - 2/27 Claims by Gender



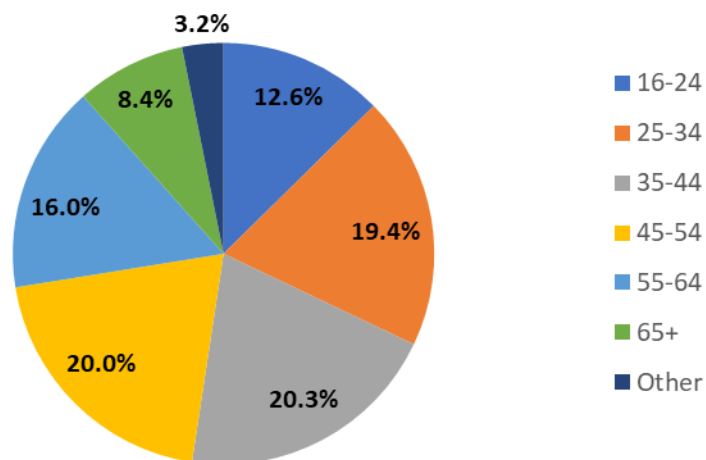
2/14 - 2/20 Claims by Gender



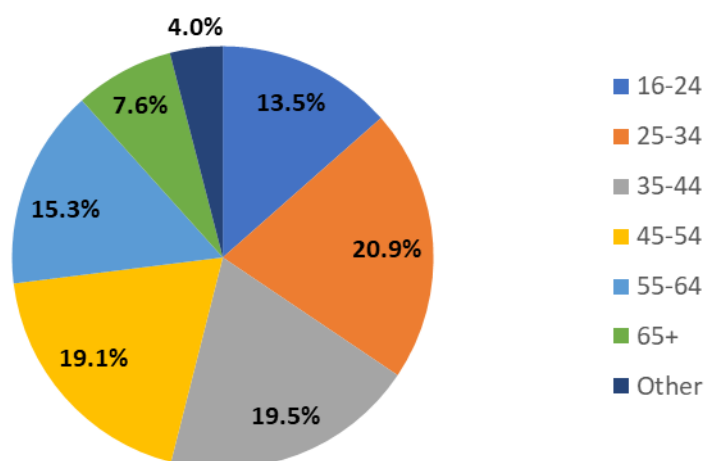
¹ When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

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 42.5% 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 35.6% 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 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.

2/21 - 2/27 Claims by Age



2/14 - 2/20 Claims by Age



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Richmond City which saw 589 initial filings. Virginia Beach City and Fairfax County followed with 517 and 506 initial claims respectively. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth, 67 localities saw either a decrease or no change in the number of filings this week compared to the week before. On the contrary, 66 localities saw an increase in initial claims, week over week. The locality with the largest change was Richmond City which had an additional 84 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 | 45 | -8 | 0.35% | 0.27% |
| Albemarle County | 42 | 1 | 0.32% | 0.07% |
| Alexandria City | 277 | 20 | 2.13% | 0.27% |
| Alleghany County | 10 | 0 | 0.08% | 0.14% |
| Amelia County | 5 | -1 | 0.04% | 0.08% |
| Amherst County | 27 | 4 | 0.21% | 0.18% |
| Appomattox County | 13 | -1 | 0.10% | 0.18% |
| Arlington County | 130 | 3 | 1.00% | 0.08% |
| Augusta County | 44 | -9 | 0.34% | 0.11% |
| Bath County | 3 | -2 | 0.02% | 0.12% |
| Bedford County | 39 | -21 | 0.30% | 0.10% |
| Bland County | 6 | 3 | 0.05% | 0.21% |
| Botetourt County | 22 | 2 | 0.17% | 0.13% |
| Bristol City | 58 | 22 | 0.45% | 0.80% |
| Brunswick County | 10 | -2 | 0.08% | 0.17% |
| Buchanan County | 24 | 6 | 0.18% | 0.35% |
| Buckingham County | 15 | 3 | 0.12% | 0.23% |
| Buena Vista City | 6 | -28 | 0.05% | 0.16% |
| Campbell County | 39 | -6 | 0.30% | 0.15% |
| Caroline County | 31 | -12 | 0.24% | 0.20% |
| Carroll County | 18 | -3 | 0.14% | 0.14% |
| Charles City County | 8 | 0 | 0.06% | 0.21% |
| Charlotte County | 8 | -3 | 0.06% | 0.15% |
| Charlottesville City | 57 | 0 | 0.44% | 0.21% |
| Chesapeake City | 298 | 23 | 2.30% | 0.24% |
| Chesterfield County | 284 | 67 | 2.19% | 0.15% |
| Clarke County | 1 | -3 | 0.01% | 0.01% |
| Colonial Heights City | 14 | -12 | 0.11% | 0.16% |
| Covington City | 11 | -6 | 0.08% | 0.45% |
| Craig County | 5 | 0 | 0.04% | 0.22% |
| Culpeper County | 40 | 3 | 0.31% | 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 |
| Cumberland County | 5 | -1 | 0.04% | 0.11% |
| Danville City | 78 | 6 | 0.60% | 0.40% |
| Dickenson County | 12 | -4 | 0.09% | 0.25% |
| Dinwiddie County | 27 | 5 | 0.21% | 0.19% |
| Emporia City | 19 | 0 | 0.15% | 0.83% |
| Essex County | 12 | -4 | 0.09% | 0.22% |
| Fairfax City | 89 | -12 | 0.69% | 0.65% |
| Fairfax County | 506 | 42 | 3.90% | 0.08% |
| Falls Church City | 45 | 12 | 0.35% | 0.51% |
| Fauquier County | 36 | 0 | 0.28% | 0.09% |
| Floyd County | 10 | 7 | 0.08% | 0.12% |
| Fluvanna County | 10 | -8 | 0.08% | 0.07% |
| Franklin City | 28 | 10 | 0.22% | 0.78% |
| Franklin County | 35 | -19 | 0.27% | 0.13% |
| Frederick County | 64 | 12 | 0.49% | 0.13% |
| Fredericksburg City | 115 | -29 | 0.89% | 0.80% |
| Galax City | 16 | 5 | 0.12% | 0.55% |
| Giles County | 17 | 12 | 0.13% | 0.22% |
| Gloucester County | 32 | -4 | 0.25% | 0.16% |
| Goochland County | 9 | -1 | 0.07% | 0.08% |
| Grayson County | 9 | -5 | 0.07% | 0.11% |
| Greene County | 12 | 4 | 0.09% | 0.11% |
| Greensville County | 8 | 1 | 0.06% | 0.19% |
| Halifax County | 36 | -1 | 0.28% | 0.23% |
| Hampton City | 263 | 37 | 2.03% | 0.41% |
| Hanover County | 48 | -7 | 0.37% | 0.08% |
| Harrisonburg City | 36 | -10 | 0.28% | 0.14% |
| Henrico County | 186 | -26 | 1.43% | 0.10% |
| Henry County | 56 | 4 | 0.43% | 0.23% |
| Highland County | 4 | 2 | 0.03% | 0.33% |
| Hopewell City | 47 | -1 | 0.36% | 0.47% |
| Isle of Wight County | 51 | 22 | 0.39% | 0.26% |
| James City County | 22 | 0 | 0.17% | 0.06% |
| King and Queen County | 4 | -1 | 0.03% | 0.10% |
| King George County | 15 | -7 | 0.12% | 0.11% |
| King William County | 13 | -1 | 0.10% | 0.14% |
| Lancaster County | 8 | -2 | 0.06% | 0.14% |
| Lee County | 21 | 7 | 0.16% | 0.25% |
| Lexington City | 4 | -5 | 0.03% | 0.19% |
| Loudoun County | 193 | 14 | 1.49% | 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 |
| Louisa County | 16 | -16 | 0.12% | 0.08% |
| Lunenburg County | 6 | -5 | 0.05% | 0.11% |
| Lynchburg City | 169 | 27 | 1.30% | 0.46% |
| Madison County | 8 | 2 | 0.06% | 0.11% |
| Manassas City | 61 | -2 | 0.47% | 0.27% |
| Manassas Park City | 12 | -6 | 0.09% | 0.13% |
| Martinsville City | 49 | 6 | 0.38% | 0.88% |
| Mathews County | 7 | 1 | 0.05% | 0.17% |
| Mecklenburg County | 23 | -5 | 0.18% | 0.19% |
| Middlesex County | 14 | 6 | 0.11% | 0.26% |
| Montgomery County | 49 | 4 | 0.38% | 0.10% |
| Nelson County | 18 | 8 | 0.14% | 0.25% |
| New Kent County | 7 | 1 | 0.05% | 0.06% |
| Newport News City | 315 | 33 | 2.43% | 0.37% |
| Norfolk City | 468 | -12 | 3.61% | 0.43% |
| Northampton County | 24 | 6 | 0.18% | 0.47% |
| Northumberland County | 22 | 15 | 0.17% | 0.41% |
| Norton City | 19 | 11 | 0.15% | 1.18% |
| Nottoway County | 16 | -4 | 0.12% | 0.22% |
| Orange County | 26 | -5 | 0.20% | 0.15% |
| Page County | 16 | -13 | 0.12% | 0.14% |
| Patrick County | 23 | 4 | 0.18% | 0.34% |
| Petersburg City | 115 | -10 | 0.89% | 0.92% |
| Pittsylvania County | 56 | 4 | 0.43% | 0.19% |
| Poquoson City | 4 | -6 | 0.03% | 0.06% |
| Portsmouth City | 256 | 18 | 1.97% | 0.60% |
| Powhatan County | 10 | -5 | 0.08% | 0.07% |
| Prince Edward County | 22 | 10 | 0.17% | 0.22% |
| Prince George County | 22 | -8 | 0.17% | 0.15% |
| Prince William County | 350 | 6 | 2.70% | 0.14% |
| Pulaski County | 32 | 15 | 0.25% | 0.21% |
| Radford City | 14 | 1 | 0.11% | 0.17% |
| Rappahannock County | 3 | -5 | 0.02% | 0.08% |
| Richmond City | 589 | 84 | 4.54% | 0.51% |
| Richmond County | 46 | -9 | 0.35% | 1.16% |
| Roanoke City | 172 | -8 | 1.33% | 0.36% |
| Roanoke County | 65 | 26 | 0.50% | 0.13% |
| Rockbridge County | 9 | 0 | 0.07% | 0.09% |
| Rockingham County | 49 | -4 | 0.38% | 0.12% |
| Russell County | 15 | -5 | 0.12% | 0.14% |

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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 |
| Salem City | 33 | 11 | 0.25% | 0.26% |
| Scott County | 19 | 5 | 0.15% | 0.21% |
| Shenandoah County | 37 | 2 | 0.29% | 0.17% |
| Smyth County | 24 | -15 | 0.18% | 0.18% |
| Southampton County | 19 | 7 | 0.15% | 0.21% |
| Spotsylvania County | 73 | 11 | 0.56% | 0.11% |
| Stafford County | 83 | 4 | 0.64% | 0.12% |
| Staunton City | 30 | -5 | 0.23% | 0.25% |
| Suffolk City | 142 | 42 | 1.09% | 0.33% |
| Surry County | 6 | -2 | 0.05% | 0.17% |
| Sussex County | 6 | -3 | 0.05% | 0.16% |
| Tazewell County | 34 | 4 | 0.26% | 0.23% |
| Virginia Beach City | 517 | 6 | 3.98% | 0.23% |
| Warren County | 40 | 10 | 0.31% | 0.20% |
| Washington County | 46 | 8 | 0.35% | 0.18% |
| Waynesboro City | 42 | 19 | 0.32% | 0.40% |
| Westmoreland County | 19 | -2 | 0.15% | 0.21% |
| Williamsburg City | 51 | 0 | 0.39% | 0.79% |
| Winchester City | 55 | 19 | 0.42% | 0.38% |
| Wise County | 51 | 10 | 0.39% | 0.40% |
| Wythe County | 26 | 7 | 0.20% | 0.20% |
| York County | 39 | 5 | 0.30% | 0.12% |
| Other | 4598 | 808 | 35.43% | N/A |

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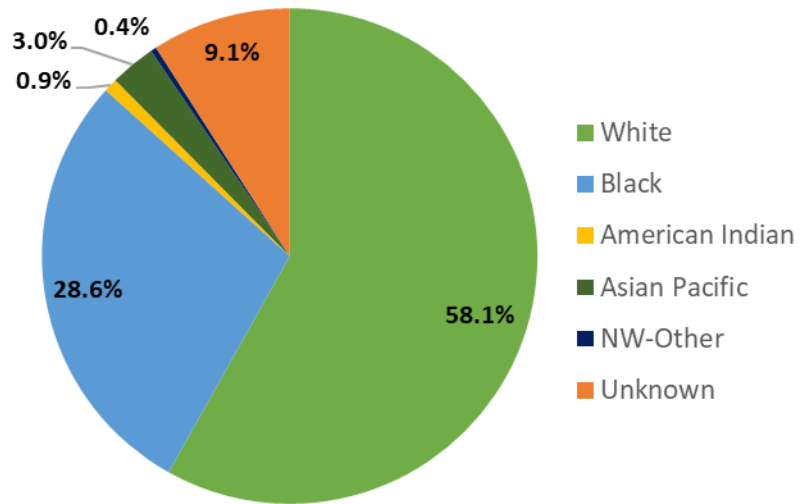
| Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code | | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SOC Code | Number of Claims | Change from the previous week | Percentage of Initial Claims |
| 11-0000 | 1,809 | 593 | 13.94% |
| 13-0000 | 588 | 128 | 4.53% |
| 15-0000 | 197 | 25 | 1.52% |
| 17-0000 | 232 | 45 | 1.79% |
| 19-0000 | 34 | -19 | 0.26% |
| 21-0000 | 82 | -3 | 0.63% |
| 23-0000 | 57 | 19 | 0.44% |
| 25-0000 | 272 | 59 | 2.10% |
| 27-0000 | 301 | 26 | 2.32% |
| 29-0000 | 295 | 43 | 2.27% |
| 31-0000 | 438 | 66 | 3.37% |
| 33-0000 | 148 | 38 | 1.14% |
| 35-0000 | 923 | 30 | 7.11% |
| 37-0000 | 494 | -1 | 3.81% |
| 39-0000 | 826 | -55 | 6.36% |
| 41-0000 | 1,687 | 150 | 13.00% |
| 43-0000 | 1,067 | 140 | 8.22% |
| 45-0000 | 114 | 23 | 0.88% |
| 47-0000 | 921 | -100 | 7.10% |
| 49-0000 | 418 | 43 | 3.22% |
| 51-0000 | 652 | 6 | 5.02% |
| 53-0000 | 783 | 10 | 6.03% |
| 55-0000 | 39 | 3 | 0.30% |
| Unknown | 601 | -64 | 4.63% |

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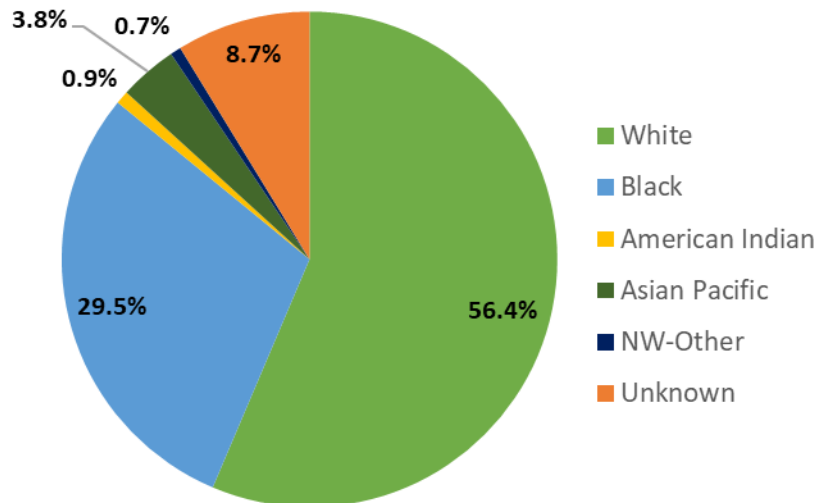
| Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status | | | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Citizenship Status | Number of Claims | Change from the previous week | Percentage of Initial Claims | Percentage of Population (ACS) |
| Citizen | 12,689 | 1,214 | 97.77% | 94.23% |
| Non-citizen | 289 | -9 | 2.23% | 5.77% |

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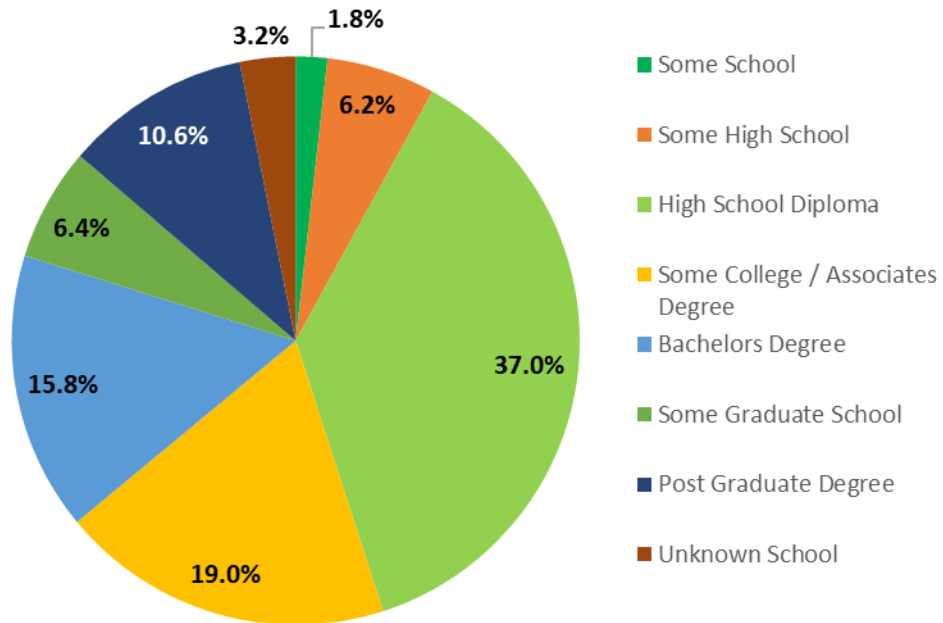
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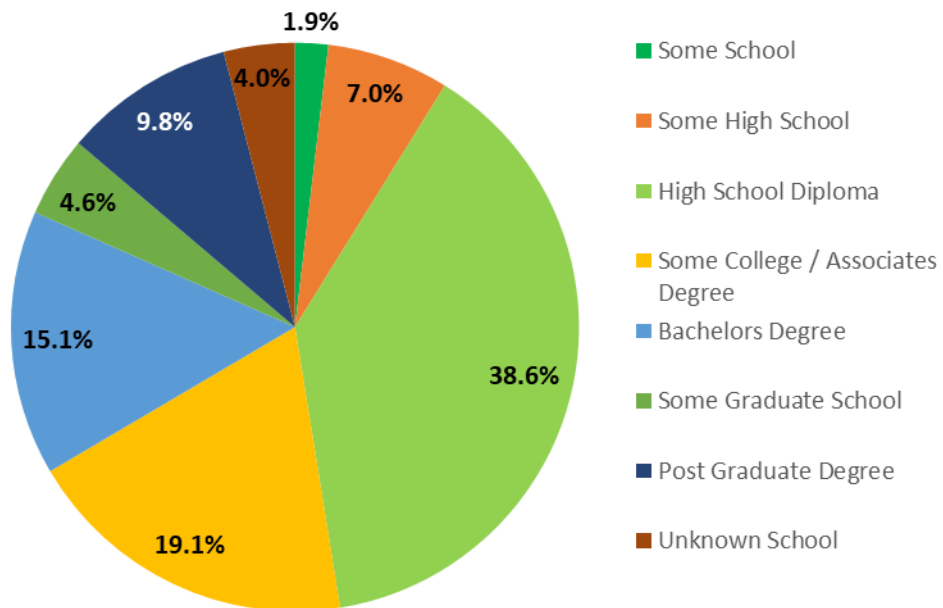
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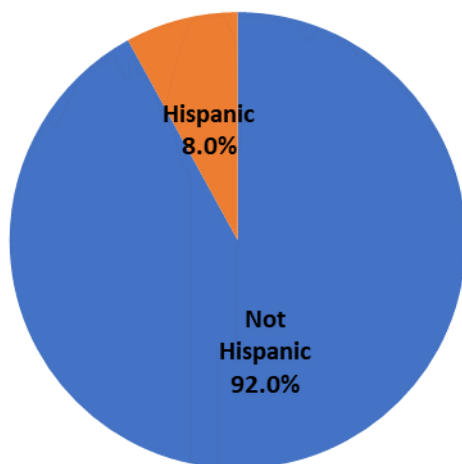
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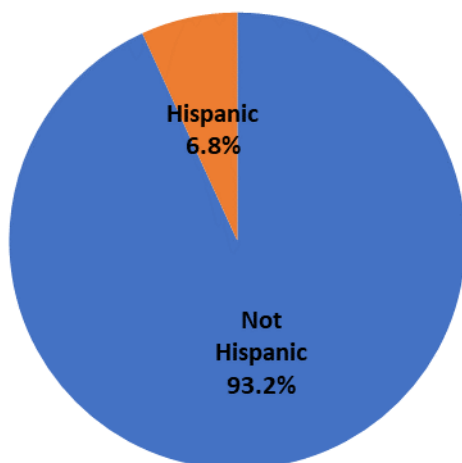
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2/21 - 2/27 Claims by Ethnicity

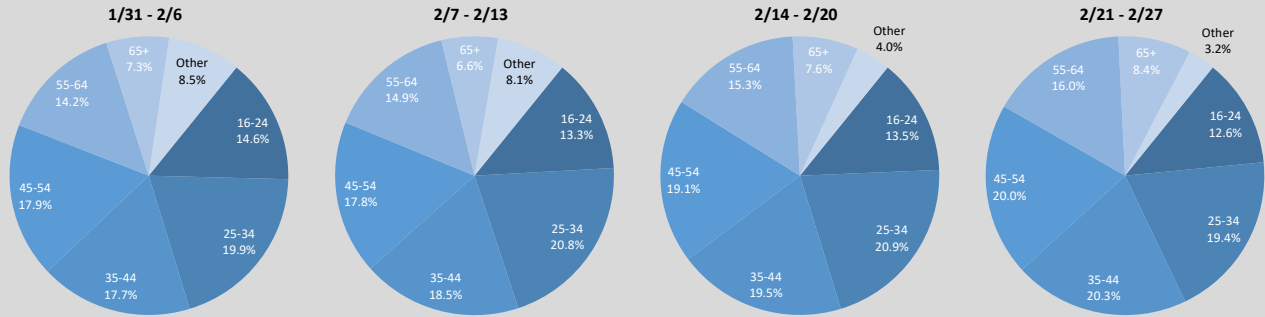


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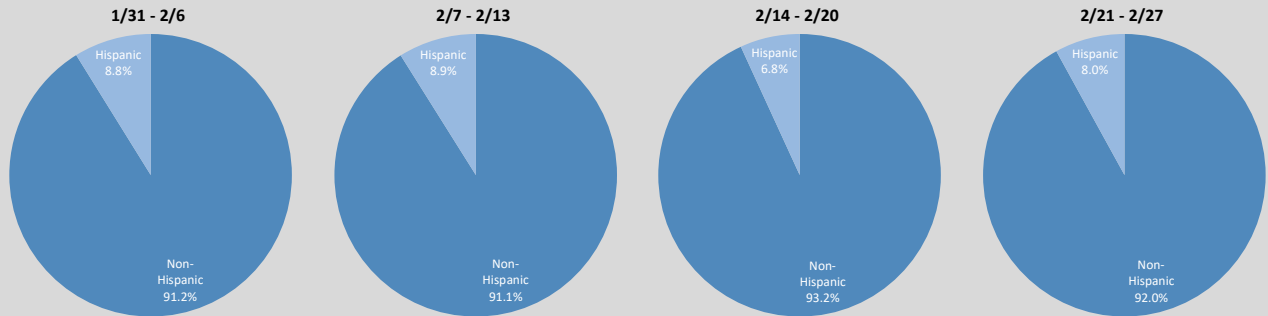
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Age



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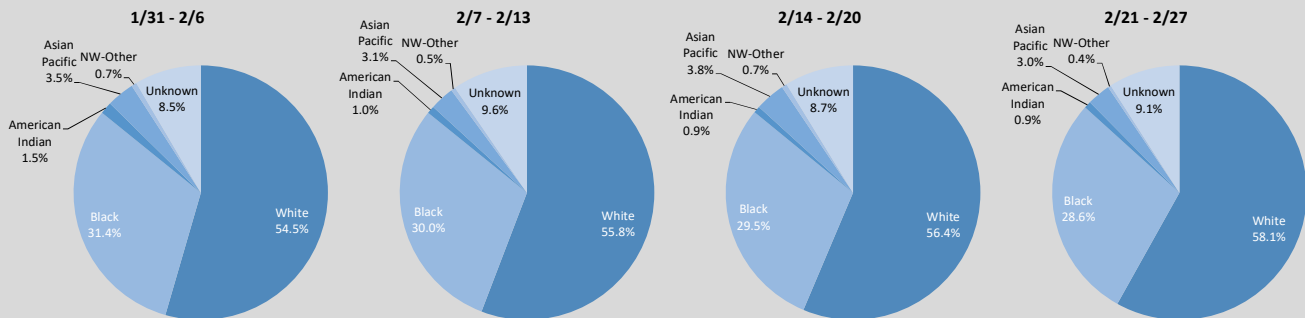
Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Ethnicity Composition



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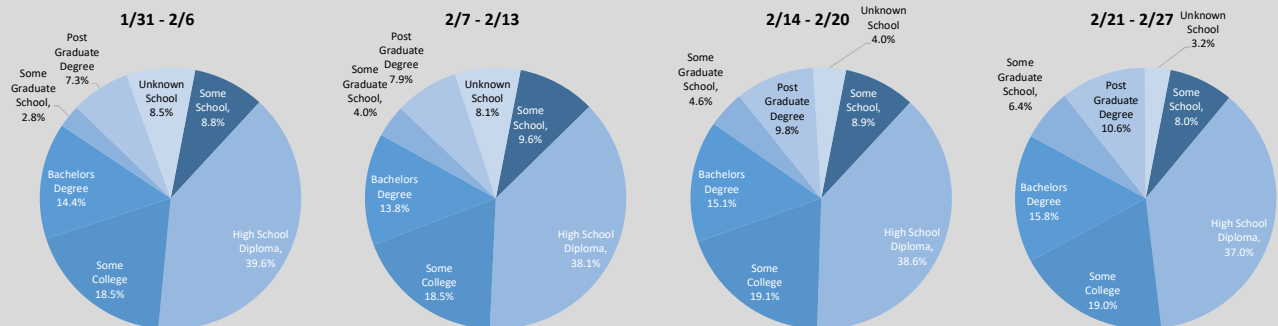
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Race Composition



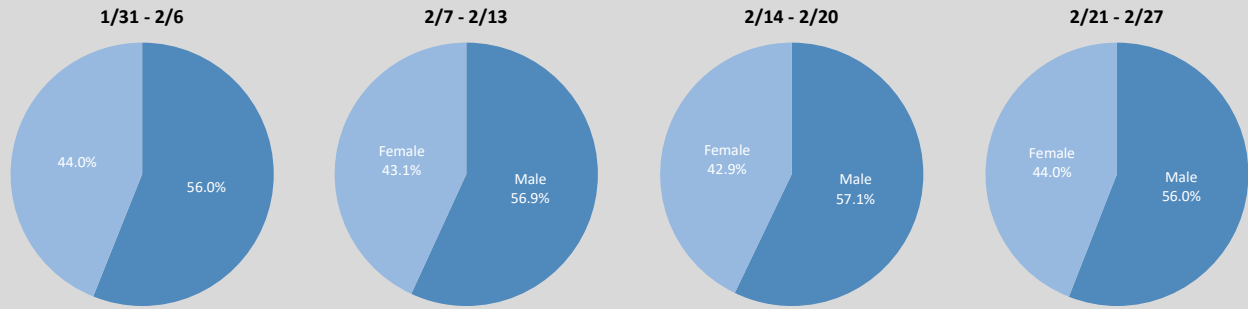
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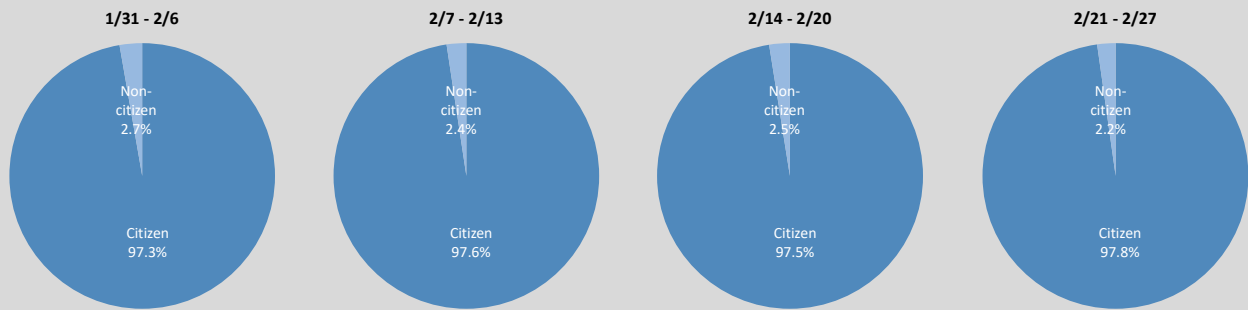
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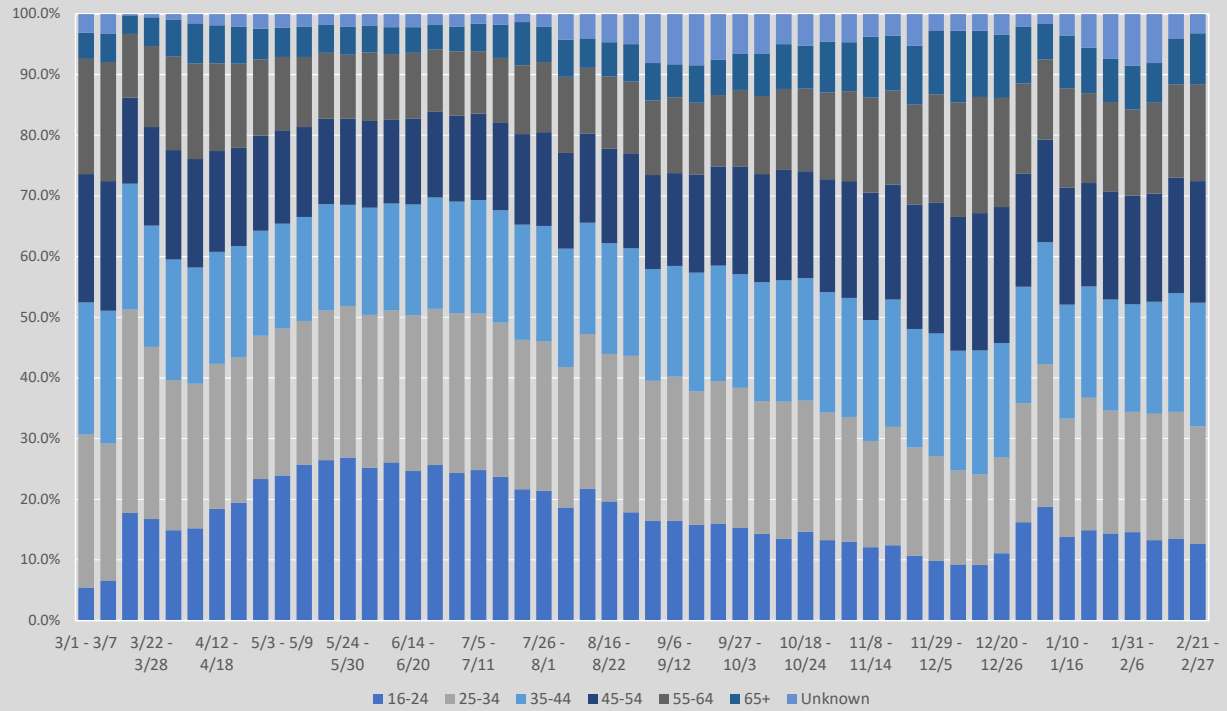
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Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status



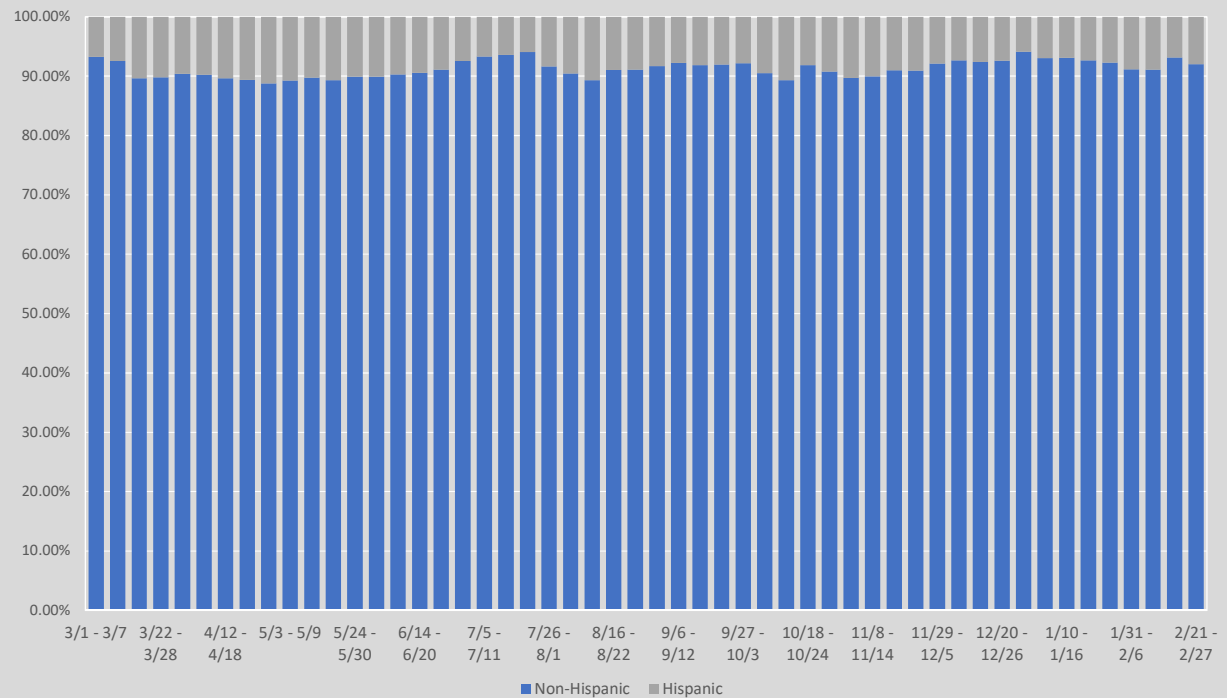
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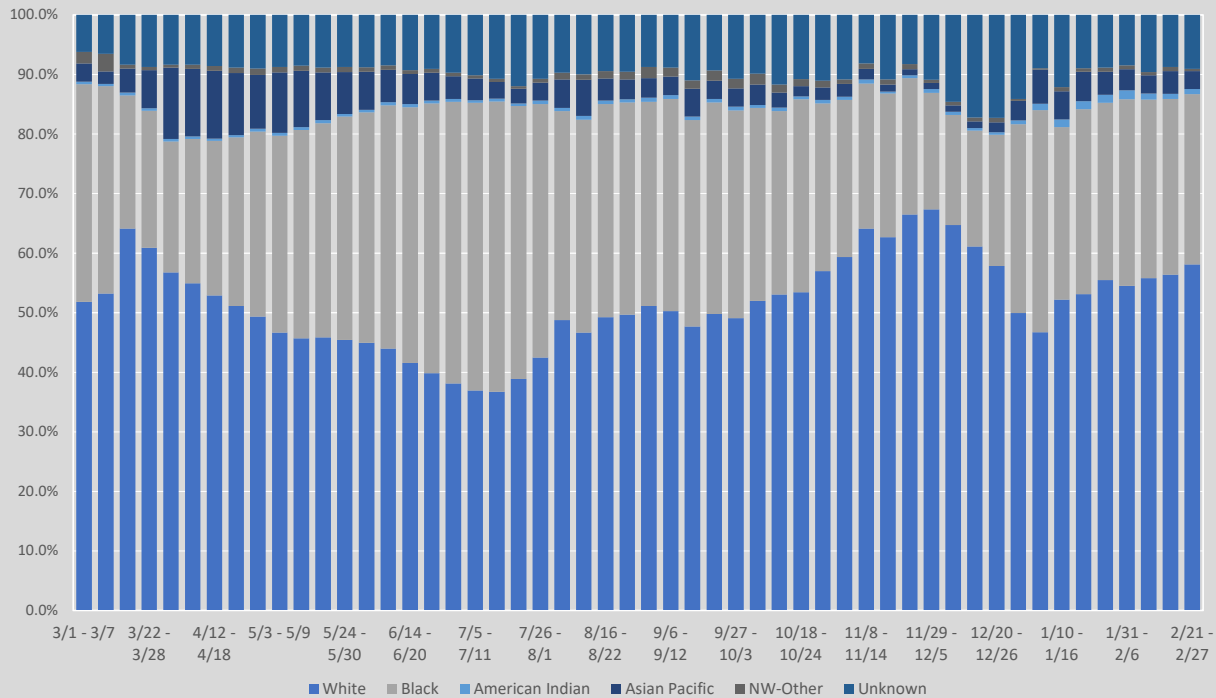
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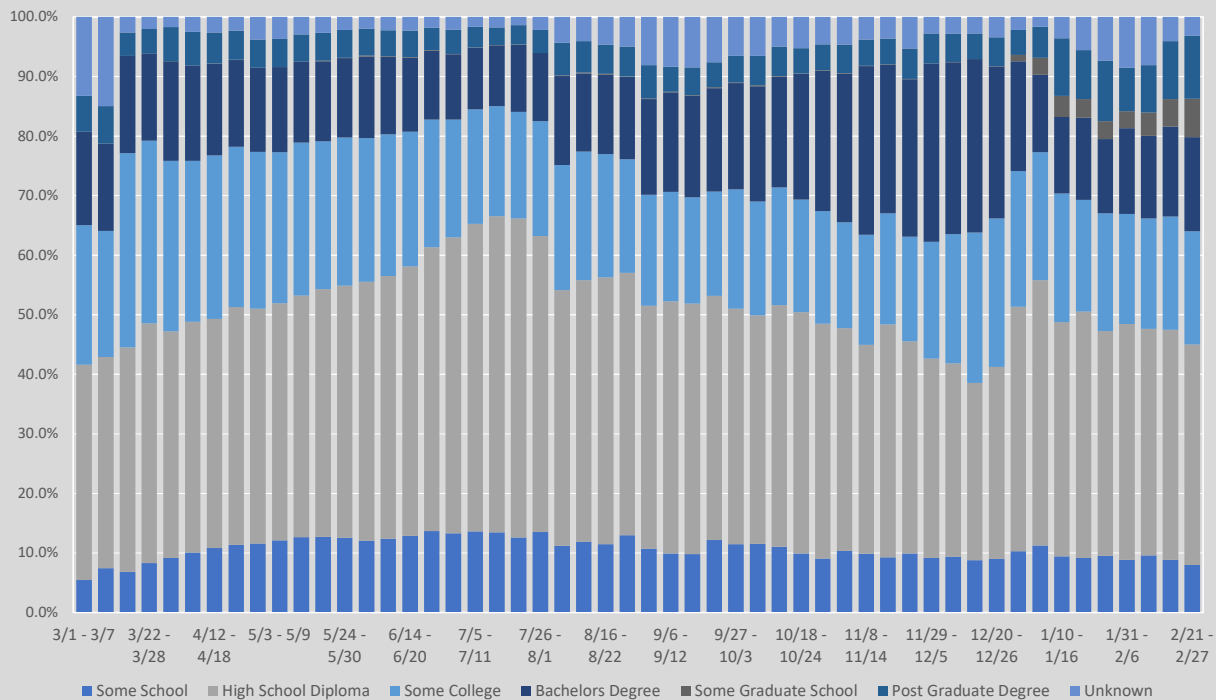
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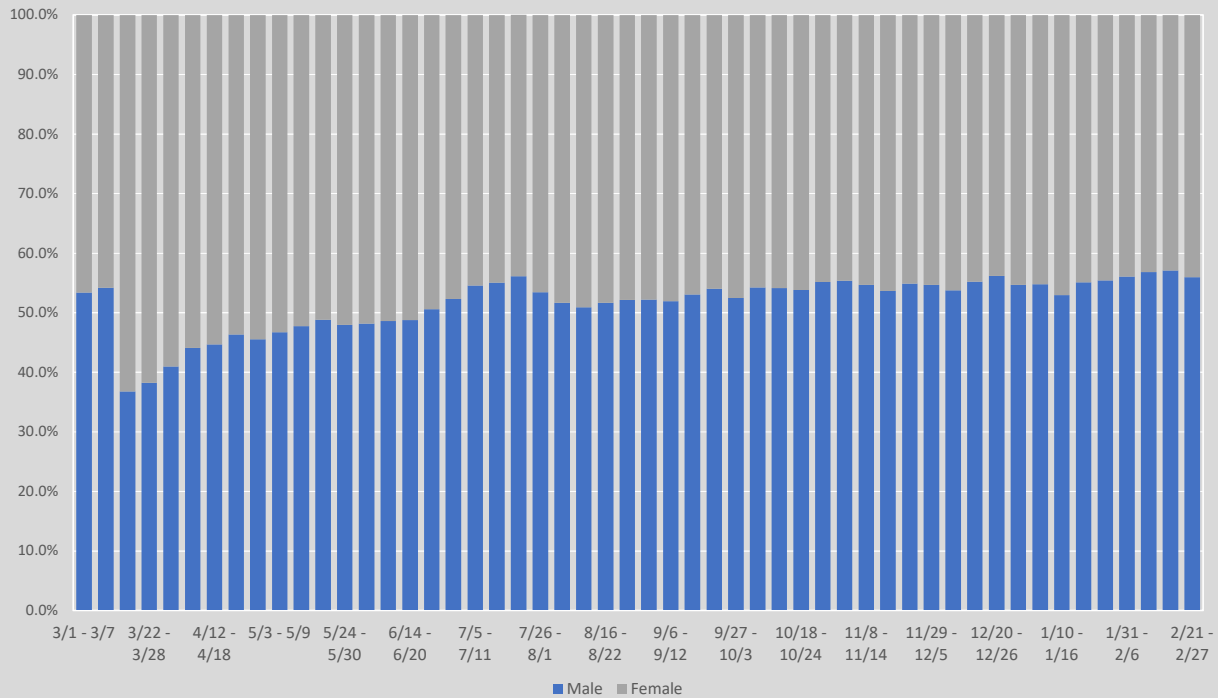
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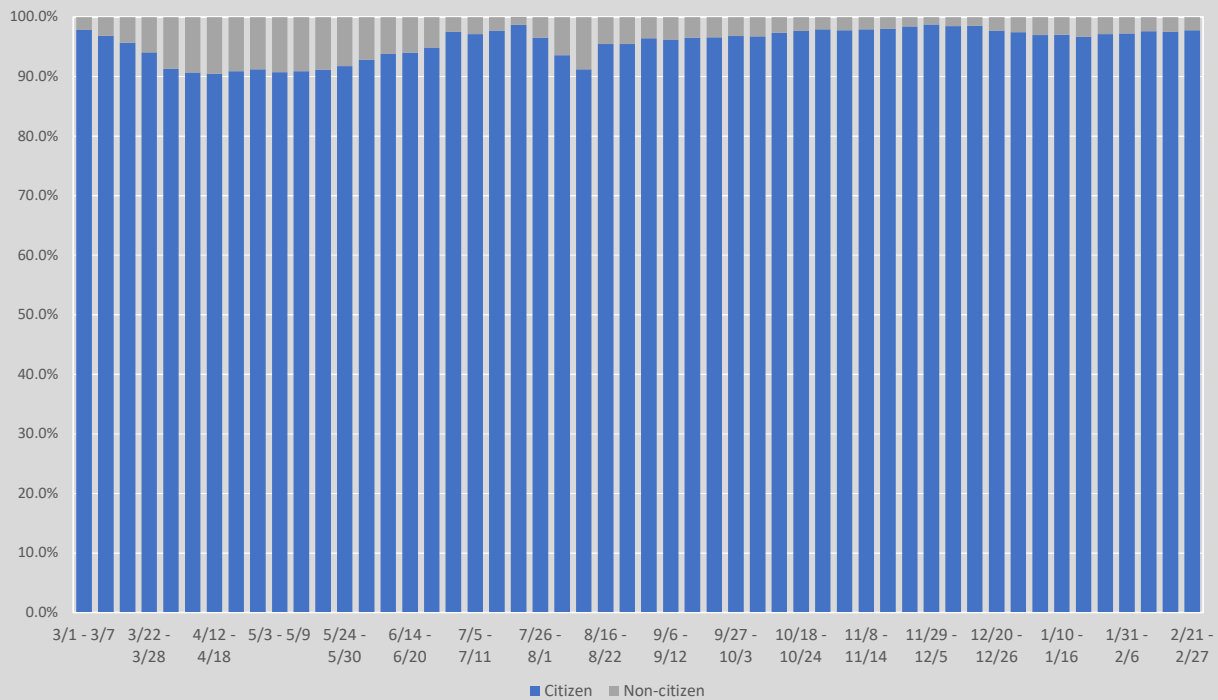
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