

Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

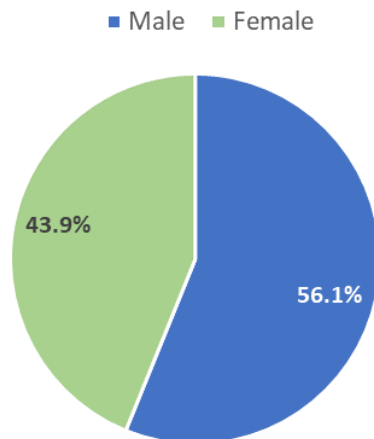
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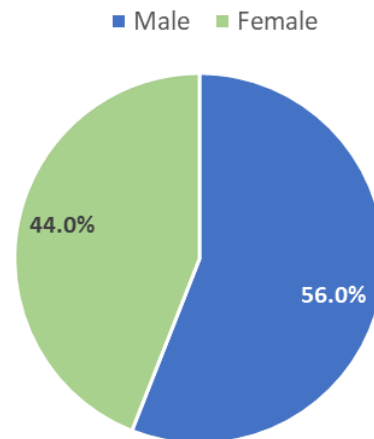
The week of February 28th – March 6th marks the 51st week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 13,736 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, a 13.0% increase compared to the week prior. This is the second consecutive week of increasing initial claims, although claims numbers have been on a downward trend since the last peak in 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 54.2% 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 37 weeks that have followed.

2/28 - 3/6 Claims by Gender



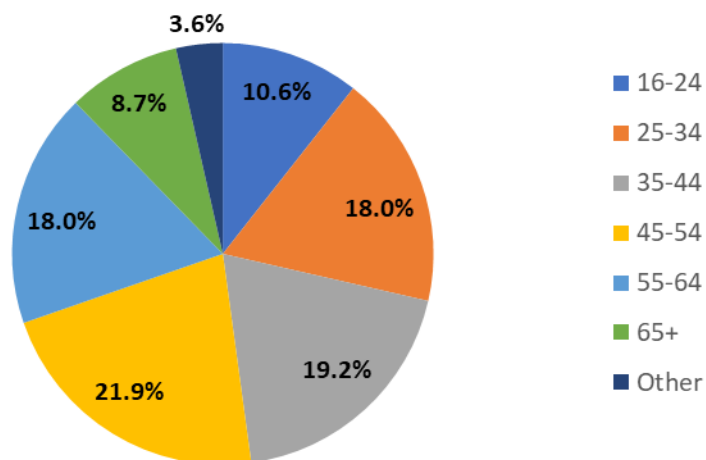
2/21 - 2/27 Claims by Gender



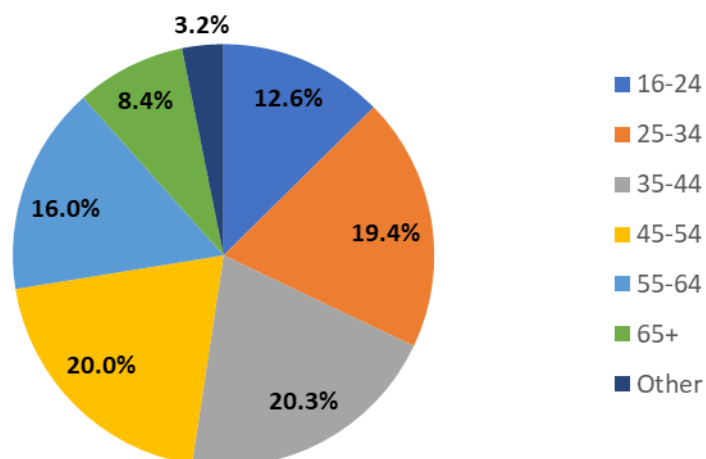
¹ When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

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 42.3% 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.

2/28 - 3/6 Claims by Age



2/21 - 2/27 Claims by Age



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Norfolk City which saw 634 initial filings. Richmond City and Virginia Beach City followed with 597 and 583 initial claims respectively. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth, 86 localities saw an increase in the number of filings this week compared to the week before. The locality with the largest change was Alexandria City which had 170 more 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	40	-5	0.25%	0.24%
Albemarle County	45	3	0.29%	0.08%
Alexandria City	447	170	2.85%	0.43%
Alleghany County	11	1	0.07%	0.16%
Amelia County	13	8	0.08%	0.20%
Amherst County	18	-9	0.11%	0.12%
Appomattox County	7	-6	0.04%	0.10%
Arlington County	187	57	1.19%	0.12%
Augusta County	48	4	0.31%	0.13%
Bath County	3	0	0.02%	0.12%
Bedford County	59	20	0.38%	0.15%
Bland County	3	-3	0.02%	0.11%
Botetourt County	26	4	0.17%	0.15%
Bristol City	48	-10	0.31%	0.66%
Brunswick County	20	10	0.13%	0.33%
Buchanan County	26	2	0.17%	0.38%
Buckingham County	17	2	0.11%	0.26%
Buena Vista City	7	1	0.04%	0.19%
Campbell County	47	8	0.30%	0.18%
Caroline County	36	5	0.23%	0.23%
Carroll County	18	0	0.11%	0.14%
Charles City County	6	-2	0.04%	0.16%
Charlotte County	14	6	0.09%	0.26%
Charlottesville City	117	60	0.75%	0.44%
Chesapeake City	300	2	1.91%	0.24%
Chesterfield County	306	22	1.95%	0.16%
Clarke County	4	3	0.03%	0.05%
Colonial Heights City	55	41	0.35%	0.61%
Covington City	16	5	0.10%	0.66%
Craig County	5	0	0.03%	0.22%
Culpeper County	45	5	0.29%	0.18%
Cumberland County	8	3	0.05%	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
Danville City	86	8	0.55%	0.44%
Dickenson County	13	1	0.08%	0.27%
Dinwiddie County	28	1	0.18%	0.20%
Emporia City	29	10	0.18%	1.27%
Essex County	12	0	0.08%	0.22%
Fairfax City	128	39	0.82%	0.93%
Fairfax County	551	45	3.51%	0.09%
Falls Church City	58	13	0.37%	0.66%
Fauquier County	33	-3	0.21%	0.09%
Floyd County	11	1	0.07%	0.14%
Fluvanna County	15	5	0.10%	0.11%
Franklin City	23	-5	0.15%	0.64%
Franklin County	31	-4	0.20%	0.12%
Frederick County	65	1	0.41%	0.13%
Fredericksburg City	155	40	0.99%	1.08%
Galax City	19	3	0.12%	0.65%
Giles County	15	-2	0.10%	0.19%
Gloucester County	40	8	0.25%	0.20%
Goochland County	10	1	0.06%	0.09%
Grayson County	15	6	0.10%	0.18%
Greene County	12	0	0.08%	0.11%
Greensville County	12	4	0.08%	0.28%
Halifax County	60	24	0.38%	0.38%
Hampton City	283	20	1.80%	0.44%
Hanover County	53	5	0.34%	0.09%
Harrisonburg City	54	18	0.34%	0.21%
Henrico County	282	96	1.80%	0.15%
Henry County	51	-5	0.32%	0.21%
Highland County	0	-4	0.00%	0.00%
Hopewell City	54	7	0.34%	0.55%
Isle of Wight County	49	-2	0.31%	0.25%
James City County	20	-2	0.13%	0.05%
King and Queen County	8	4	0.05%	0.21%
King George County	24	9	0.15%	0.17%
King William County	14	1	0.09%	0.15%
Lancaster County	16	8	0.10%	0.29%
Lee County	16	-5	0.10%	0.19%
Lexington City	0	-4	0.00%	0.00%
Loudoun County	225	32	1.43%	0.10%
Louisa County	30	14	0.19%	0.15%

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	12	6	0.08%	0.22%
Lynchburg City	158	-11	1.01%	0.43%
Madison County	7	-1	0.04%	0.09%
Manassas City	72	11	0.46%	0.32%
Manassas Park City	16	4	0.10%	0.17%
Martinsville City	45	-4	0.29%	0.81%
Mathews County	10	3	0.06%	0.24%
Mecklenburg County	42	19	0.27%	0.34%
Middlesex County	7	-7	0.04%	0.13%
Montgomery County	60	11	0.38%	0.12%
Nelson County	15	-3	0.10%	0.20%
New Kent County	18	11	0.11%	0.15%
Newport News City	320	5	2.04%	0.37%
Norfolk City	634	166	4.04%	0.59%
Northampton County	24	0	0.15%	0.47%
Northumberland County	6	-16	0.04%	0.11%
Norton City	14	-5	0.09%	0.87%
Nottoway County	18	2	0.11%	0.25%
Orange County	20	-6	0.13%	0.12%
Page County	25	9	0.16%	0.22%
Patrick County	19	-4	0.12%	0.28%
Petersburg City	148	33	0.94%	1.18%
Pittsylvania County	59	3	0.38%	0.20%
Poquoson City	14	10	0.09%	0.22%
Portsmouth City	256	0	1.63%	0.60%
Powhatan County	8	-2	0.05%	0.06%
Prince Edward County	18	-4	0.11%	0.18%
Prince George County	20	-2	0.13%	0.13%
Prince William County	380	30	2.42%	0.16%
Pulaski County	38	6	0.24%	0.25%
Radford City	15	1	0.10%	0.18%
Rappahannock County	5	2	0.03%	0.14%
Richmond City	597	8	3.80%	0.51%
Richmond County	95	49	0.60%	2.39%
Roanoke City	197	25	1.25%	0.41%
Roanoke County	56	-9	0.36%	0.12%
Rockbridge County	16	7	0.10%	0.15%
Rockingham County	45	-4	0.29%	0.11%
Russell County	23	8	0.15%	0.21%
Salem City	25	-8	0.16%	0.20%

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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
Scott County	36	17	0.23%	0.40%
Shenandoah County	28	-9	0.18%	0.13%
Smyth County	34	10	0.22%	0.26%
Southampton County	9	-10	0.06%	0.10%
Spotsylvania County	83	10	0.53%	0.13%
Stafford County	94	11	0.60%	0.13%
Staunton City	31	1	0.20%	0.26%
Suffolk City	123	-19	0.78%	0.28%
Surry County	6	0	0.04%	0.17%
Sussex County	15	9	0.10%	0.41%
Tazewell County	39	5	0.25%	0.26%
Virginia Beach City	583	66	3.71%	0.26%
Warren County	35	-5	0.22%	0.17%
Washington County	41	-5	0.26%	0.16%
Waynesboro City	38	-4	0.24%	0.36%
Westmoreland County	14	-5	0.09%	0.15%
Williamsburg City	61	10	0.39%	0.94%
Winchester City	58	3	0.37%	0.40%
Wise County	47	-4	0.30%	0.37%
Wythe County	30	4	0.19%	0.23%
York County	118	79	0.75%	0.37%
Other	6,022	1,424	38.35%	N/A

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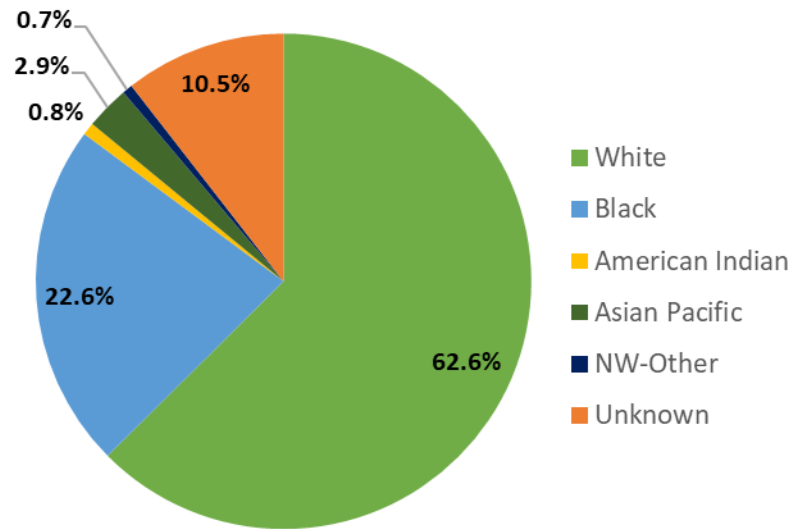
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code			
SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
11-0000	2,312	503	14.72%
13-0000	732	144	4.66%
15-0000	269	72	1.71%
17-0000	315	83	2.01%
19-0000	56	22	0.36%
21-0000	120	38	0.76%
23-0000	75	18	0.48%
25-0000	304	32	1.94%
27-0000	411	110	2.62%
29-0000	418	123	2.66%
31-0000	523	85	3.33%
33-0000	170	22	1.08%
35-0000	1,038	115	6.61%
37-0000	499	5	3.18%
39-0000	951	125	6.06%
41-0000	2,192	505	13.96%
43-0000	1,350	283	8.60%
45-0000	128	14	0.82%
47-0000	994	73	6.33%
49-0000	428	10	2.73%
51-0000	639	-13	4.07%
53-0000	757	-26	4.82%
55-0000	35	-4	0.22%
Unknown	988	387	6.29%

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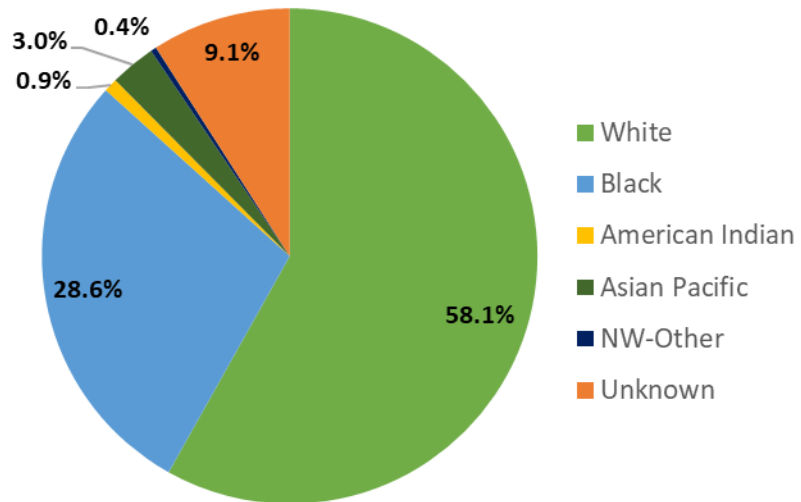
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
Citizen	15,421	2,732	98.20%	94.23%
Non-citizen	283	-6	1.80%	5.77%

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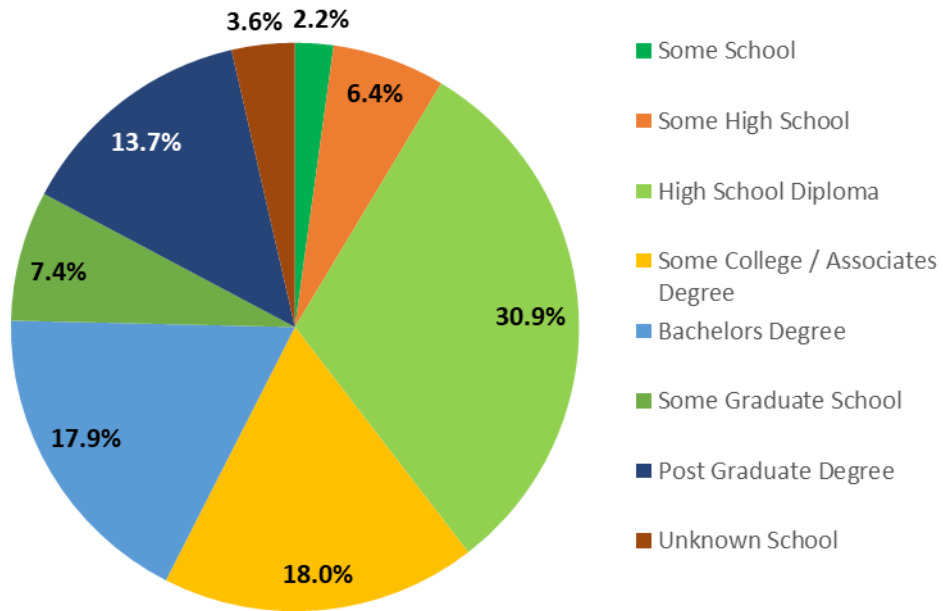
2/28 - 3/6 Claims by Race



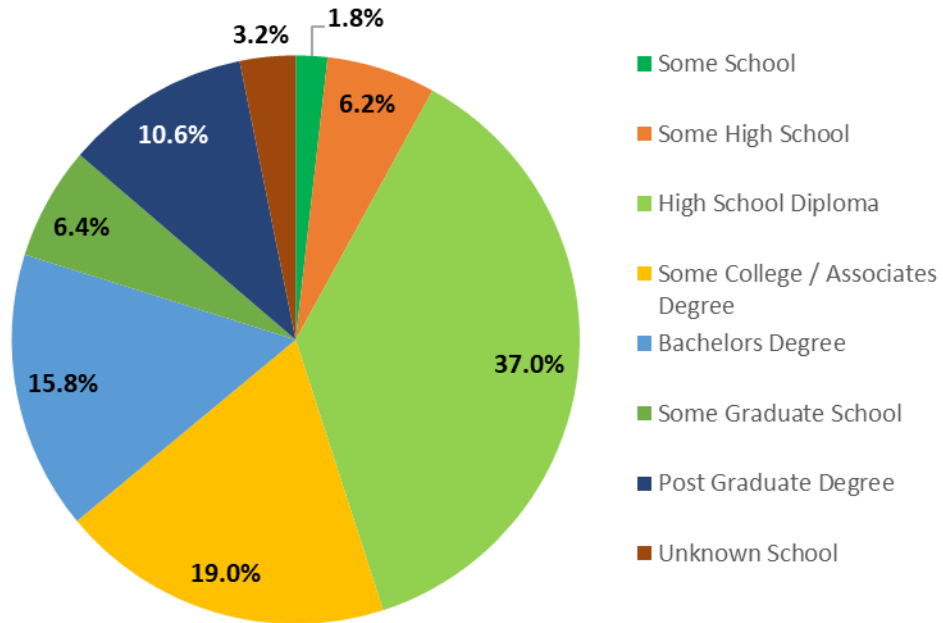
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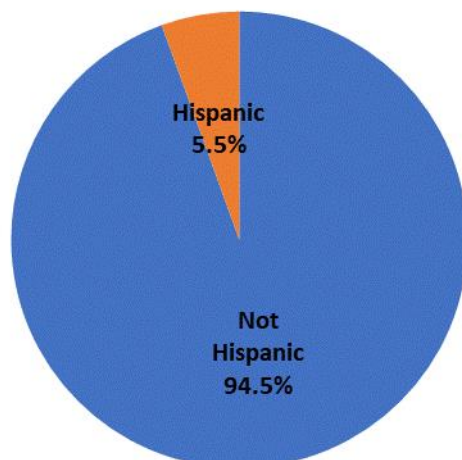
2/28 - 3/6 Claims by Education Level



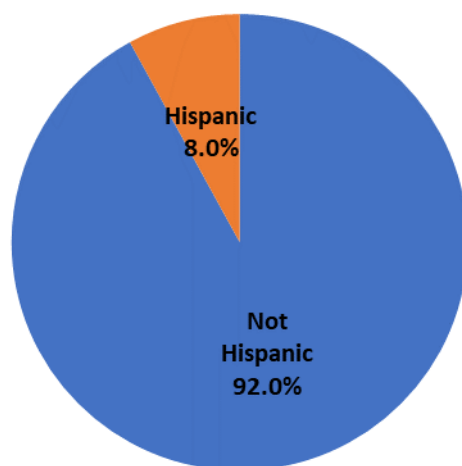
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2/28 - 3/6 Claims by Ethnicity



2/21 - 2/27 Claims by Ethnicity



*The collection process for ethnicity data has changed. This data may be subject to revisions while we evaluate alternative options