

## Virginia Unemployment Claims Data Demographics

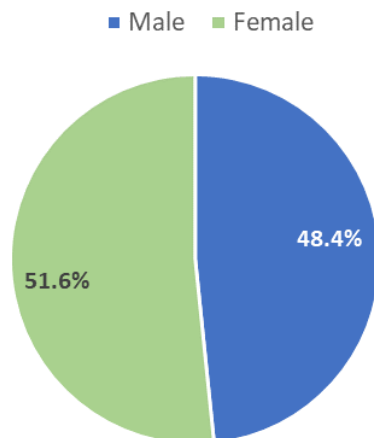
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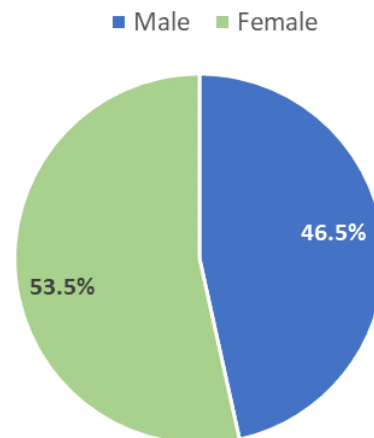
The week of August 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> marks the 73<sup>rd</sup> week since the COVID-19 crisis began in the Commonwealth. There were 10,226 initial unemployment benefit claims this week, a 69.6% increase compared to the week prior. This is the largest change, week-to-week, since initial claims increased 171.7% between the weeks ending April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 three distinct phases during the COVID-19 crisis. During the first 14 weeks of the crisis, between the weeks ending March 21<sup>st</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, female claimants made up 56.2% of all initial claims. Throughout the next 44 weeks, until the week ending April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, male claimants made up the majority of initial claims, accounting for 54.7% of all initial claims filed during that time period. The third phase has once again seen female claimants file the majority of the initial claims. Over the last 15 weeks, 53.6% of all initial claimants have been female. For reference, the BLS estimates that approximately 53.0% of Virginia's workforce is Male and 47.0% is female.

8/1 - 8/7 Claims by Gender



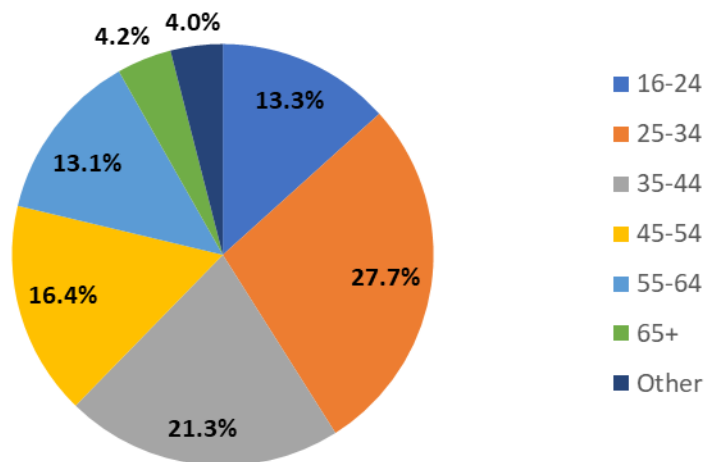
7/25 - 7/31 Claims by Gender



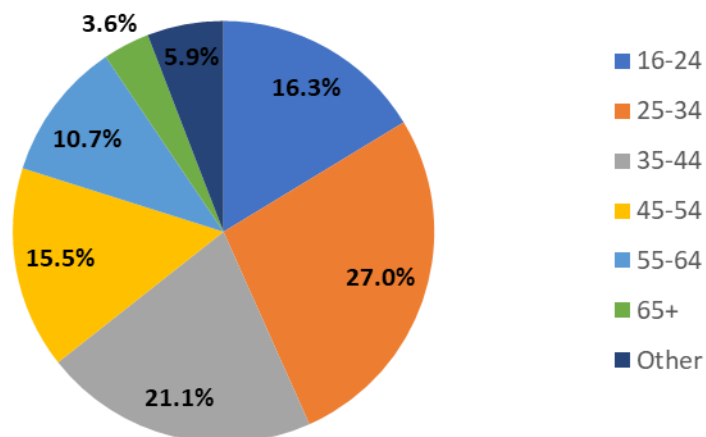
<sup>1</sup> When a participant is enrolled, they might receive benefits from a different location than that which is providing them with assistance. Those intermediary claims are considered agent claims.

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 39.3% 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 36.9% 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.

8/1 - 8/7 Claims by Age



7/25 - 7/31 Claims by Age



The locality with the most initial unemployment claims this week was Norfolk City which had 481 initial filings. Alexandria City and Richmond City followed with 440 and 394 initial claims respectively. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in the Commonwealth, 119 saw an increase in the number of filings this week compared to the week before. The locality with the largest increase was Alexandria City which had 313 additional 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	26	0	0.31%	0.16%
Albemarle County	33	17	0.39%	0.06%
Alexandria City	440	313	5.17%	0.43%
Alleghany County	6	0	0.07%	0.09%
Amelia County	8	-4	0.09%	0.12%
Amherst County	16	4	0.19%	0.11%
Appomattox County	10	4	0.12%	0.14%
Arlington County	91	23	1.07%	0.06%
Augusta County	33	19	0.39%	0.09%
Bath County	7	6	0.08%	0.27%
Bedford County	47	16	0.55%	0.12%
Bland County	9	7	0.11%	0.32%
Botetourt County	19	13	0.22%	0.11%
Bristol City	57	46	0.67%	0.78%
Brunswick County	16	2	0.19%	0.26%
Buchanan County	8	0	0.09%	0.12%
Buckingham County	10	5	0.12%	0.15%
Buena Vista City	5	3	0.06%	0.14%
Campbell County	50	30	0.59%	0.19%
Caroline County	27	7	0.32%	0.17%
Carroll County	16	5	0.19%	0.12%
Charles City County	8	1	0.09%	0.21%
Charlotte County	24	23	0.28%	0.45%
Charlottesville City	118	87	1.39%	0.44%
Chesapeake City	262	102	3.08%	0.21%
Chesterfield County	193	89	2.27%	0.10%
Clarke County	4	1	0.05%	0.05%
Colonial Heights City	28	16	0.33%	0.31%
Covington City	23	17	0.27%	0.94%
Craig County	3	-1	0.04%	0.13%
Culpeper County	16	2	0.19%	0.06%
Cumberland County	2	-2	0.02%	0.04%

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	92	40	1.08%	0.48%
Dickenson County	6	3	0.07%	0.12%
Dinwiddie County	15	5	0.18%	0.11%
Emporia City	28	20	0.33%	1.23%
Essex County	7	6	0.08%	0.13%
Fairfax City	103	56	1.21%	0.75%
Fairfax County	370	165	4.35%	0.06%
Falls Church City	52	39	0.61%	0.59%
Fauquier County	35	16	0.41%	0.09%
Floyd County	9	4	0.11%	0.11%
Fluvanna County	18	7	0.21%	0.13%
Franklin City	24	7	0.28%	0.67%
Franklin County	30	13	0.35%	0.11%
Frederick County	25	6	0.29%	0.05%
Fredericksburg City	214	153	2.52%	1.48%
Galax City	50	42	0.59%	1.71%
Giles County	14	8	0.16%	0.18%
Gloucester County	23	10	0.27%	0.12%
Goochland County	11	6	0.13%	0.10%
Grayson County	8	1	0.09%	0.10%
Greene County	9	8	0.11%	0.08%
Greensville County	3	1	0.04%	0.07%
Halifax County	39	24	0.46%	0.25%
Hampton City	305	155	3.59%	0.47%
Hanover County	50	27	0.59%	0.08%
Harrisonburg City	50	26	0.59%	0.19%
Henrico County	190	75	2.23%	0.10%
Henry County	54	21	0.63%	0.22%
Highland County	3	3	0.04%	0.24%
Hopewell City	40	13	0.47%	0.40%
Isle of Wight County	27	17	0.32%	0.14%
James City County	24	12	0.28%	0.07%
King and Queen County	3	0	0.04%	0.08%
King George County	19	17	0.22%	0.14%
King William County	9	1	0.11%	0.10%
Lancaster County	7	0	0.08%	0.13%
Lee County	11	6	0.13%	0.13%
Lexington City	30	30	0.35%	1.42%
Loudoun County	151	75	1.78%	0.07%
Louisa County	21	4	0.25%	0.10%

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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
Lunenburg County	8	4	0.09%	0.15%
Lynchburg City	147	101	1.73%	0.40%
Madison County	8	6	0.09%	0.11%
Manassas City	79	41	0.93%	0.35%
Manassas Park City	4	-3	0.05%	0.04%
Martinsville City	57	28	0.67%	1.03%
Mathews County	7	4	0.08%	0.17%
Mecklenburg County	28	12	0.33%	0.23%
Middlesex County	9	4	0.11%	0.17%
Montgomery County	30	8	0.35%	0.06%
Nelson County	7	2	0.08%	0.10%
New Kent County	24	20	0.28%	0.19%
Newport News City	267	74	3.14%	0.31%
Norfolk City	481	158	5.65%	0.44%
Northampton County	22	17	0.26%	0.43%
Northumberland County	1	-4	0.01%	0.02%
Norton City	10	7	0.12%	0.62%
Nottoway County	13	8	0.15%	0.18%
Orange County	17	7	0.20%	0.10%
Page County	30	19	0.35%	0.26%
Patrick County	11	1	0.13%	0.16%
Petersburg City	126	67	1.48%	1.01%
Pittsylvania County	43	14	0.51%	0.15%
Poquoson City	13	10	0.15%	0.21%
Portsmouth City	290	128	3.41%	0.68%
Powhatan County	14	12	0.16%	0.10%
Prince Edward County	27	12	0.32%	0.28%
Prince George County	16	-6	0.19%	0.11%
Prince William County	269	102	3.16%	0.11%
Pulaski County	38	19	0.45%	0.25%
Radford City	37	26	0.43%	0.45%
Rappahannock County	7	7	0.08%	0.19%
Richmond City	394	99	4.63%	0.34%
Richmond County	36	28	0.42%	0.91%
Roanoke City	189	100	2.22%	0.39%
Roanoke County	58	37	0.68%	0.12%
Rockbridge County	7	0	0.08%	0.07%
Rockingham County	30	11	0.35%	0.07%
Russell County	18	10	0.21%	0.17%
Salem City	26	19	0.31%	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	5	0	0.06%	0.06%
Shenandoah County	24	11	0.28%	0.11%
Smyth County	32	17	0.38%	0.24%
Southampton County	7	-1	0.08%	0.08%
Spotsylvania County	51	23	0.60%	0.08%
Stafford County	64	30	0.75%	0.09%
Staunton City	22	13	0.26%	0.18%
Suffolk City	118	53	1.39%	0.27%
Surry County	6	3	0.07%	0.17%
Sussex County	15	9	0.18%	0.41%
Tazewell County	22	13	0.26%	0.15%
Virginia Beach City	376	117	4.42%	0.17%
Warren County	22	6	0.26%	0.11%
Washington County	25	6	0.29%	0.10%
Waynesboro City	29	19	0.34%	0.27%
Westmoreland County	19	11	0.22%	0.21%
Williamsburg City	50	30	0.59%	0.77%
Winchester City	54	38	0.63%	0.37%
Wise County	29	13	0.34%	0.23%
Wythe County	26	8	0.31%	0.20%
York County	24	7	0.28%	0.07%
Other	794	149	9.33%	N/A

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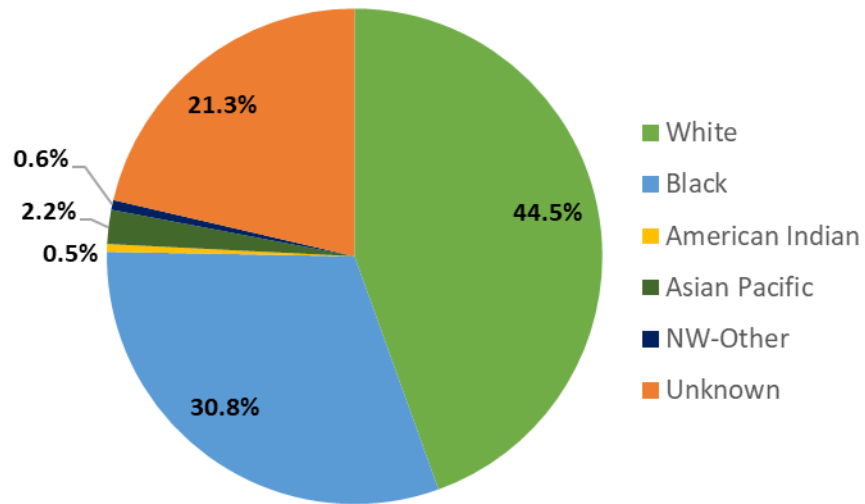
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Major SOC Code			
SOC Code	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims
11-0000	467	199	5.49%
13-0000	293	150	3.44%
15-0000	261	166	3.07%
17-0000	88	14	1.03%
19-0000	30	18	0.35%
21-0000	113	68	1.33%
23-0000	37	18	0.43%
25-0000	211	46	2.48%
27-0000	444	347	5.22%
29-0000	536	434	6.30%
31-0000	249	28	2.93%
33-0000	128	61	1.50%
35-0000	549	186	6.45%
37-0000	248	31	2.92%
39-0000	494	211	5.81%
41-0000	858	399	10.09%
43-0000	856	200	10.06%
45-0000	59	28	0.69%
47-0000	752	447	8.84%
49-0000	202	79	2.37%
51-0000	742	408	8.72%
53-0000	473	166	5.56%
55-0000	27	7	0.32%
Unknown	389	46	4.57%

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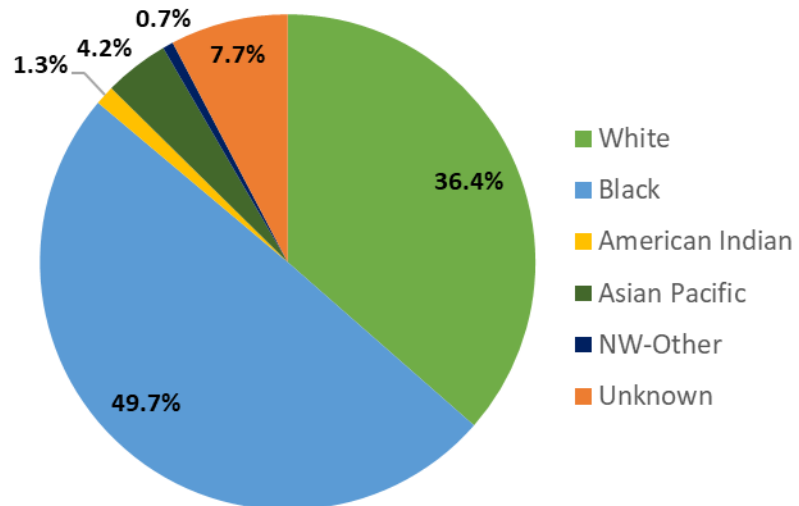
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Citizenship Status				
Citizenship Status	Number of Claims	Change from the previous week	Percentage of Initial Claims	Percentage of Population (ACS)
Citizen	8,381	3,759	98.53%	94.23%
Non-citizen	125	-2	1.47%	5.77%

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8/1 - 8/7 Claims by Race

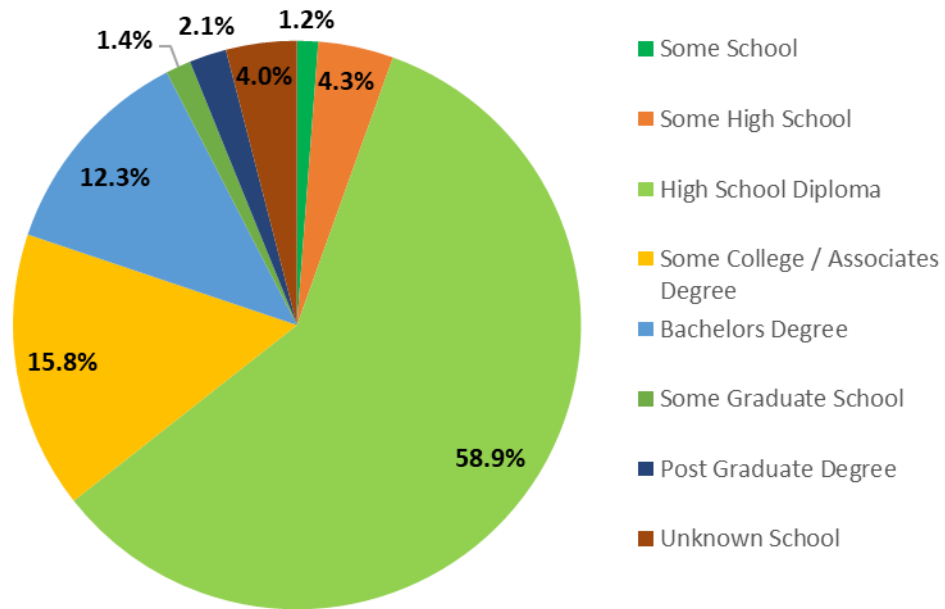


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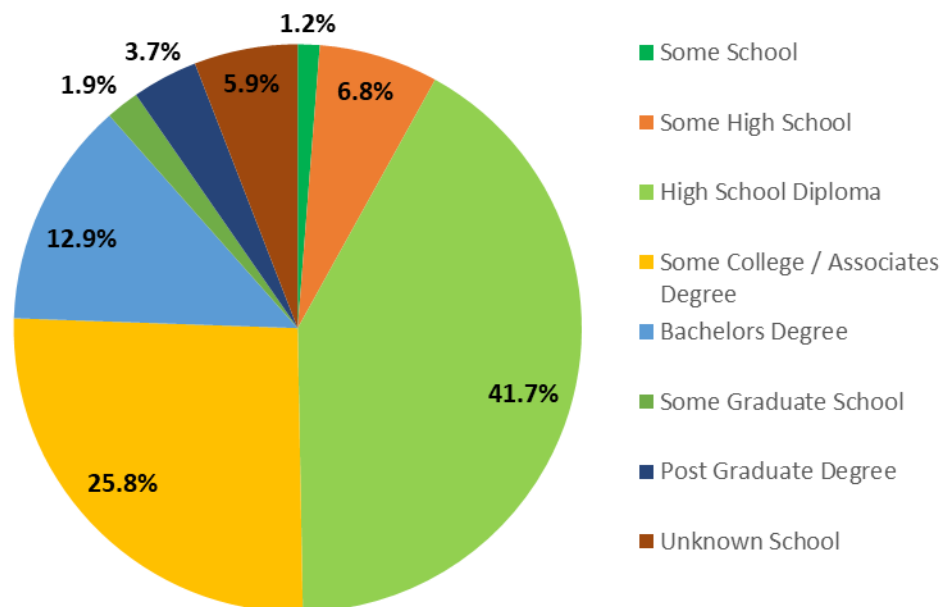




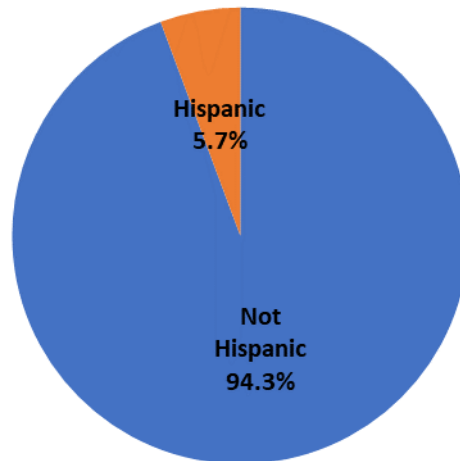
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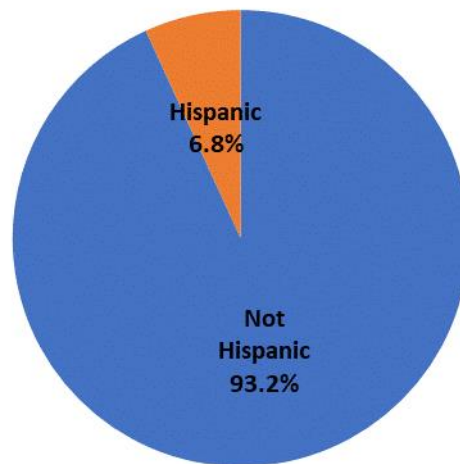
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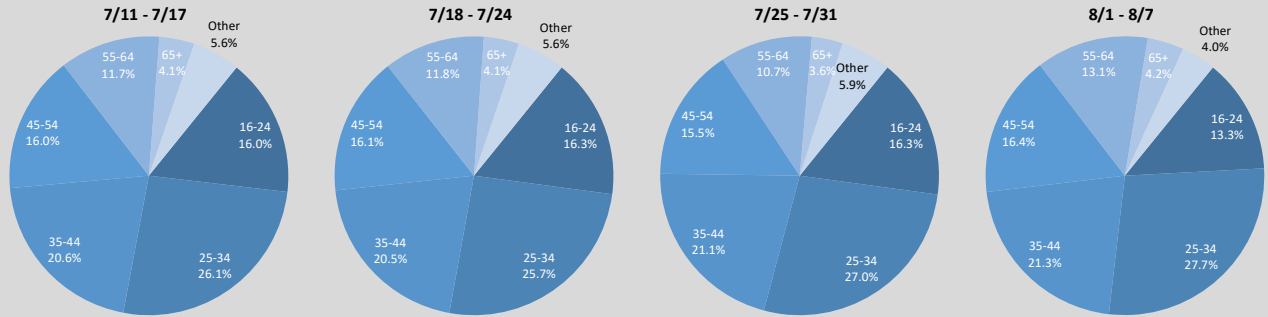


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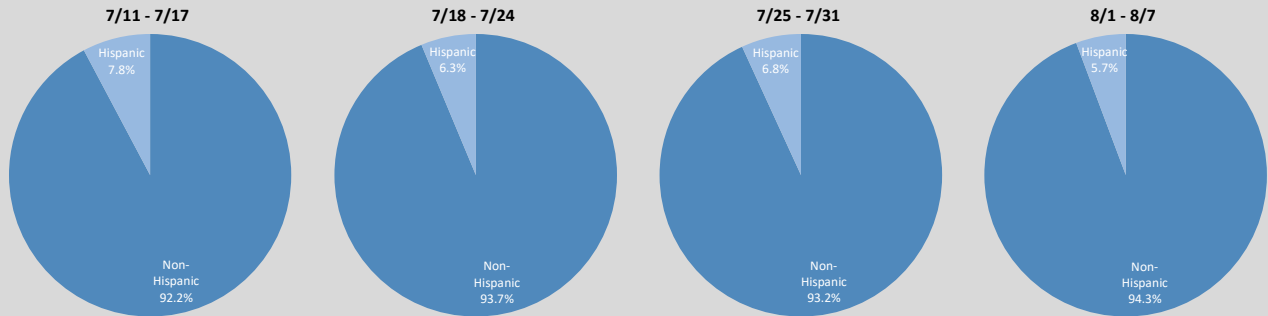
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### Virginia Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance: Age



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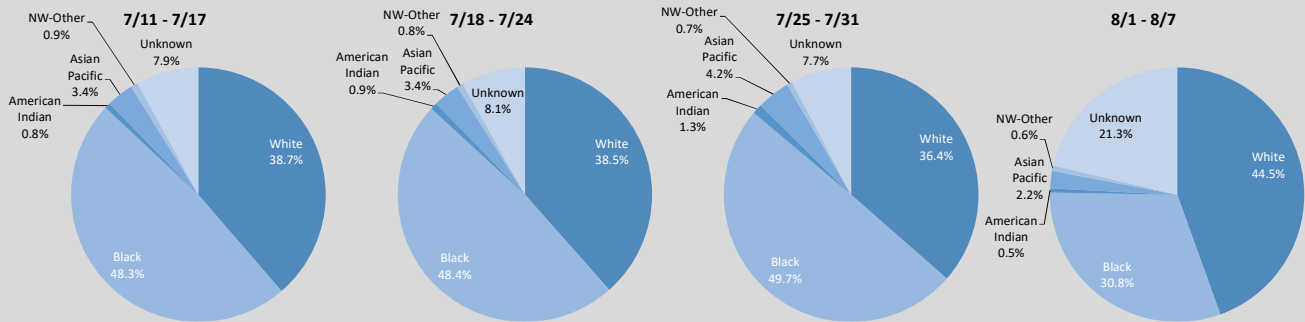
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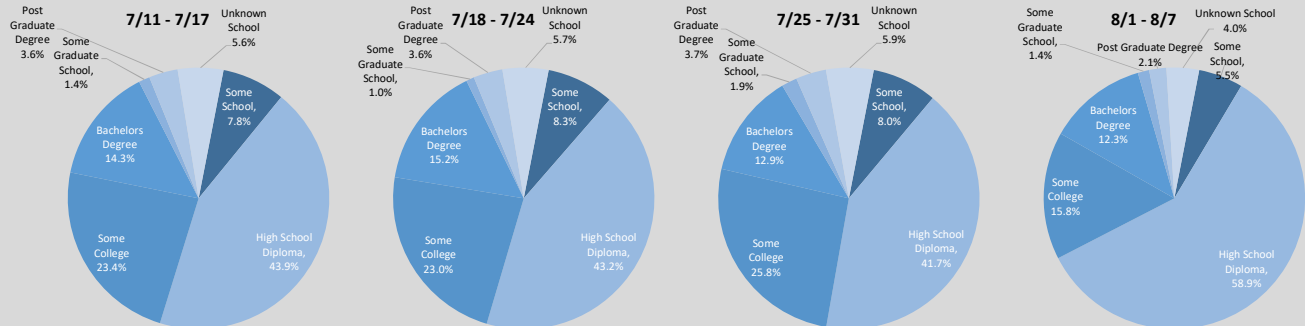
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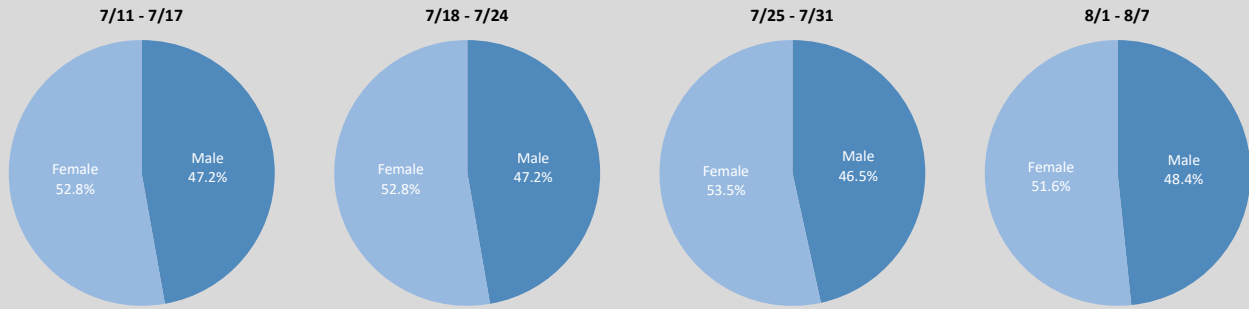
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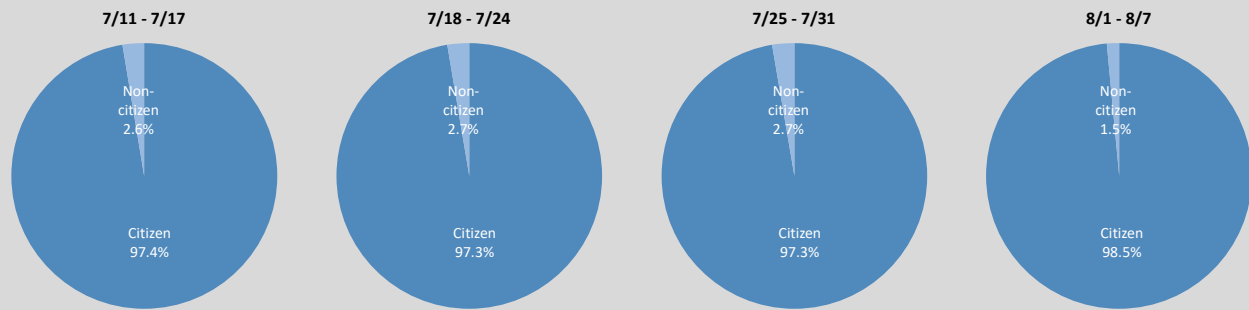
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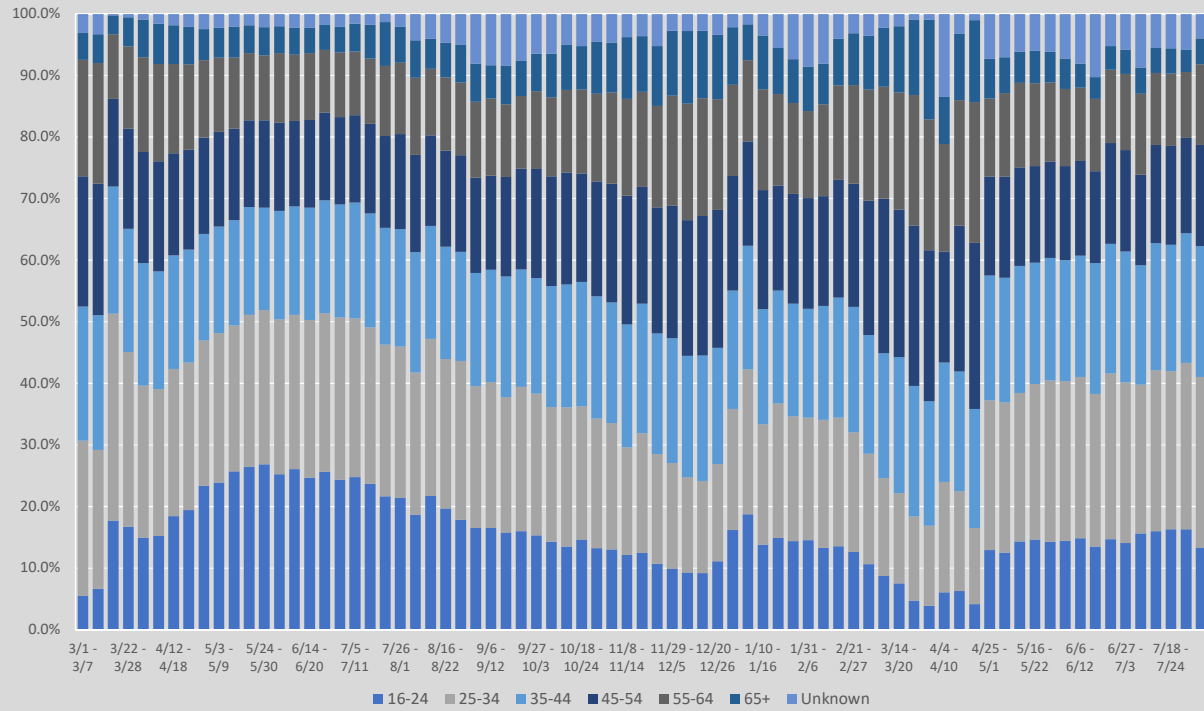
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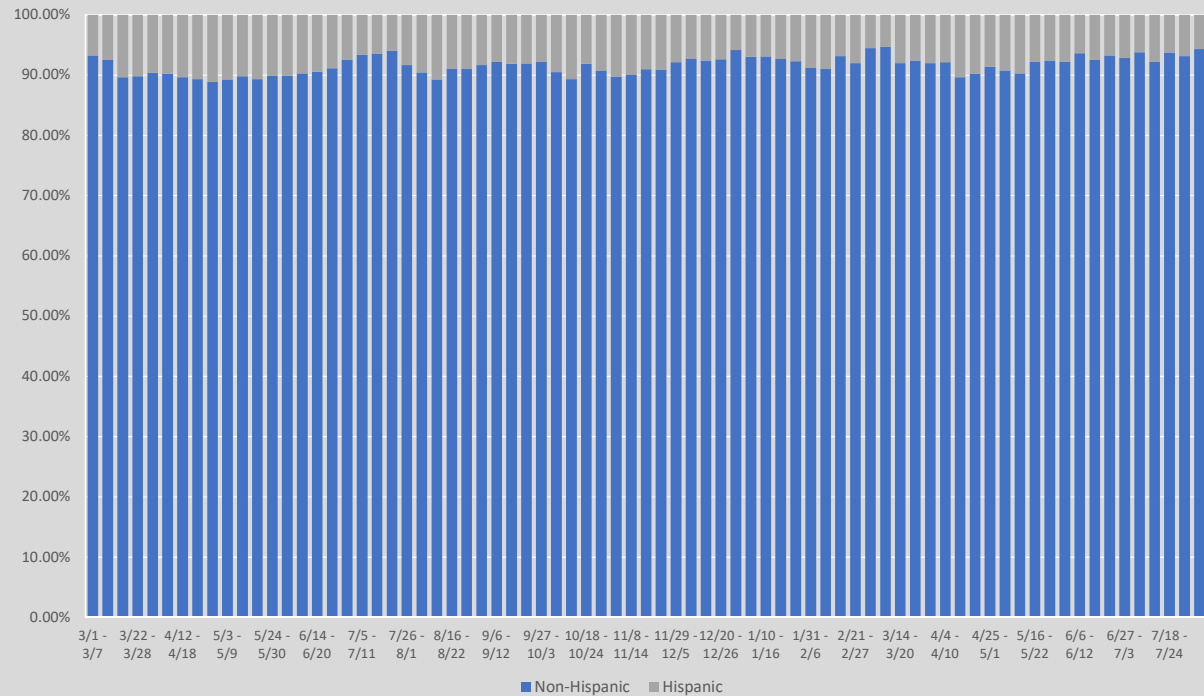
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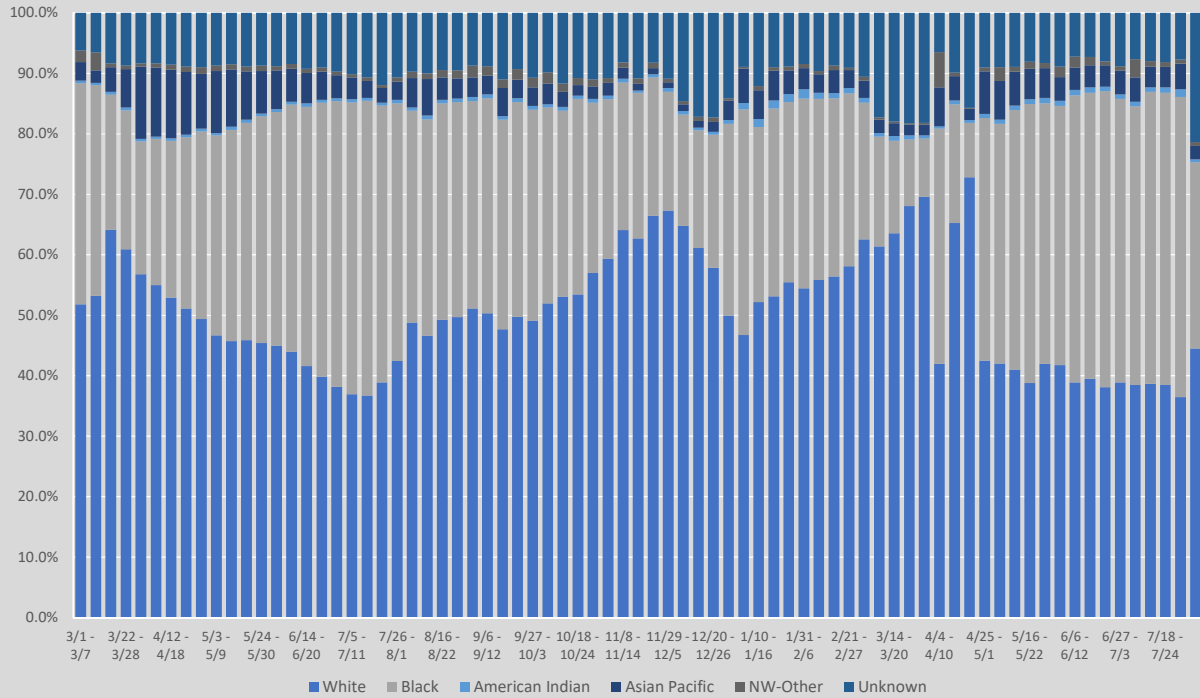
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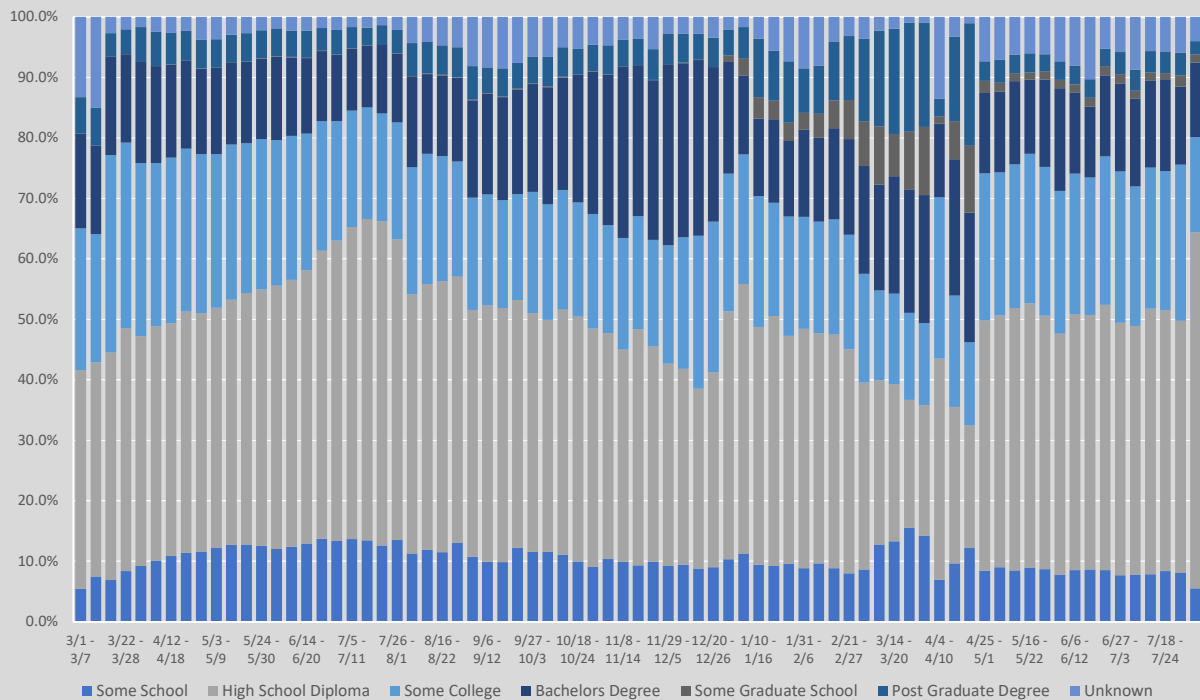
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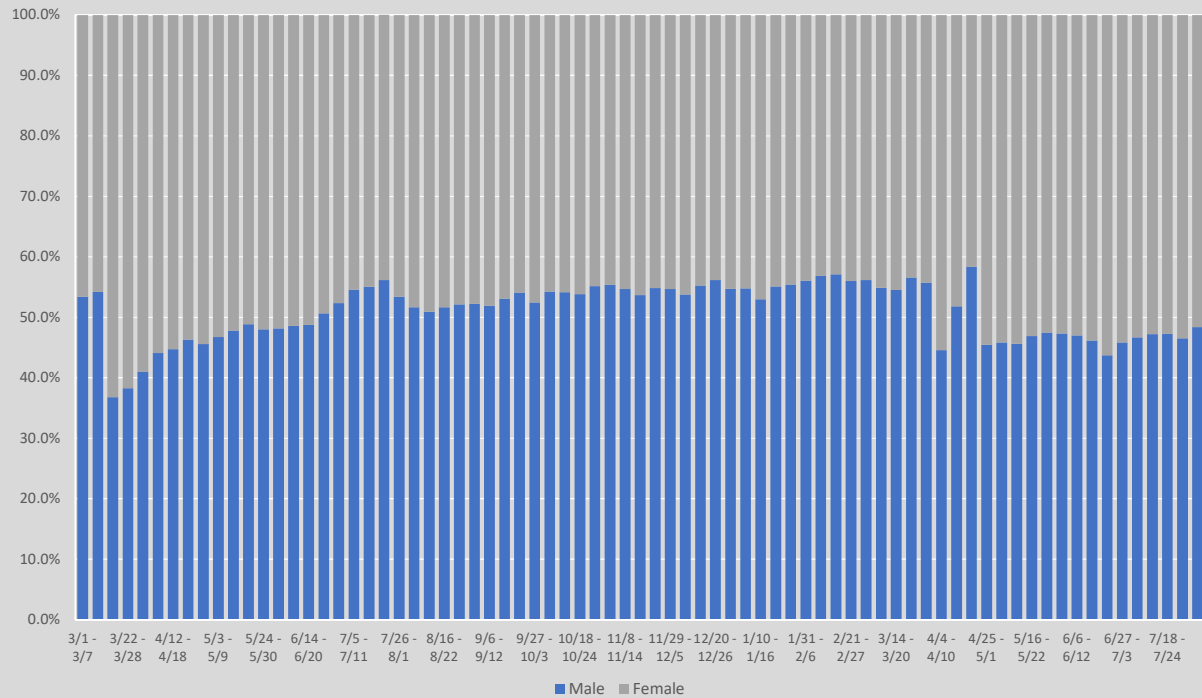
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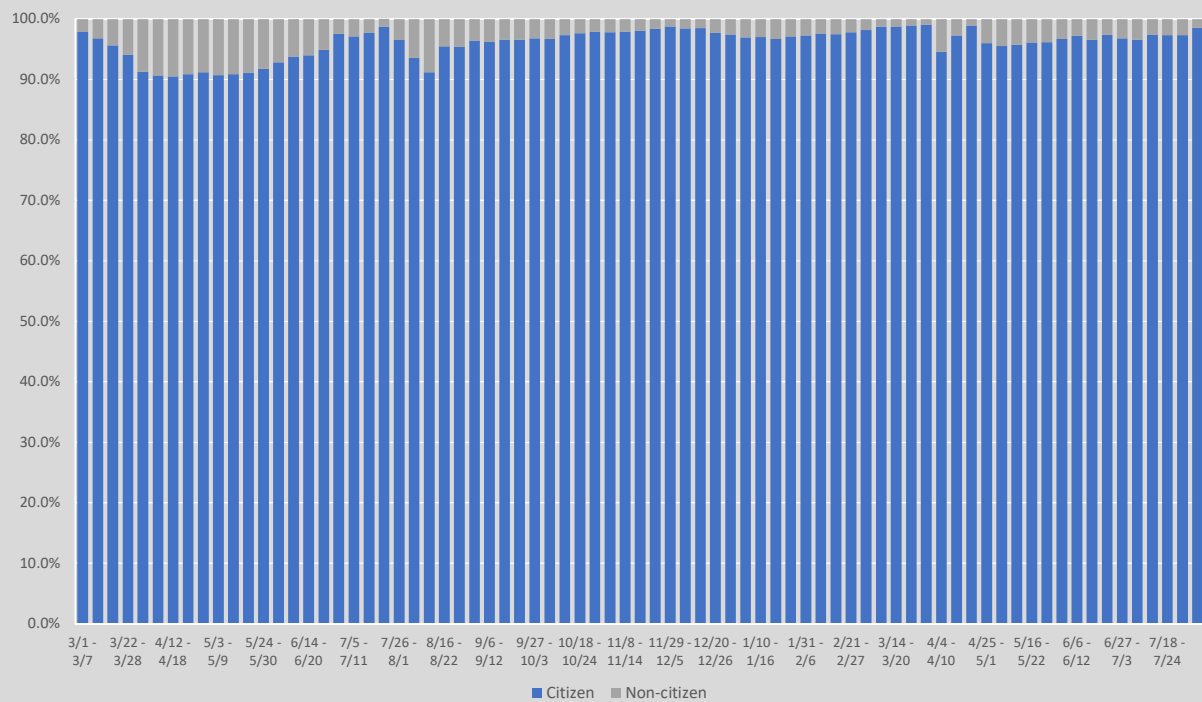
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