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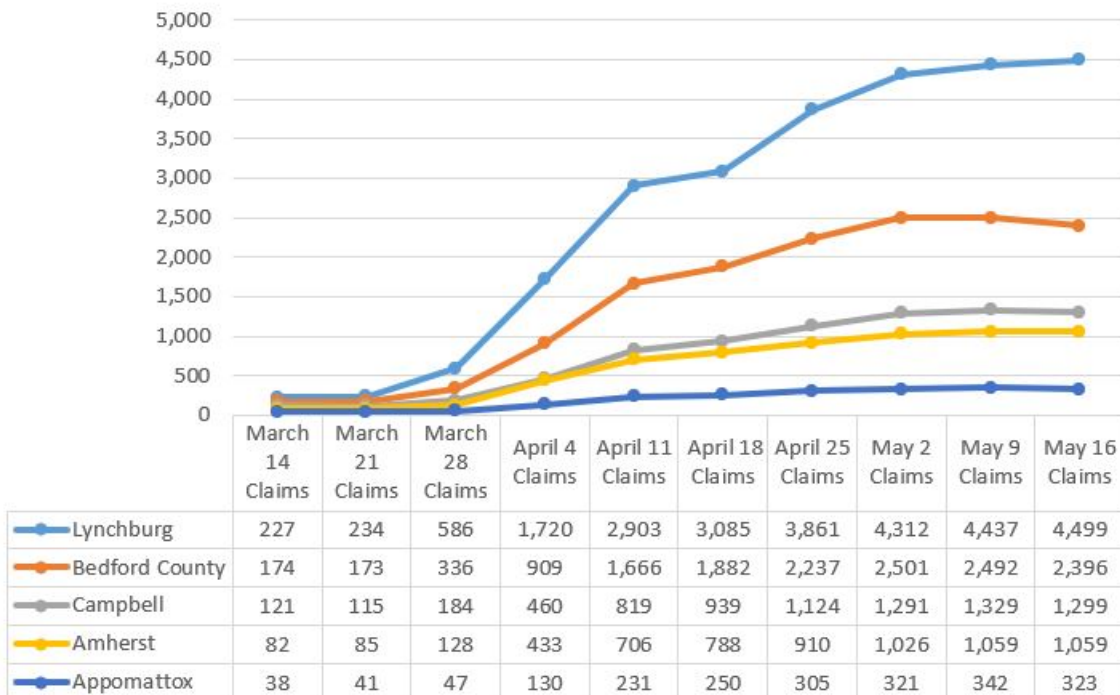
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While remaining at a high number, continued claims for unemployment insurance in the greater Lynchburg area saw their first weekly decrease in two months according to the latest figures reported by the Virginia Employment Commission.

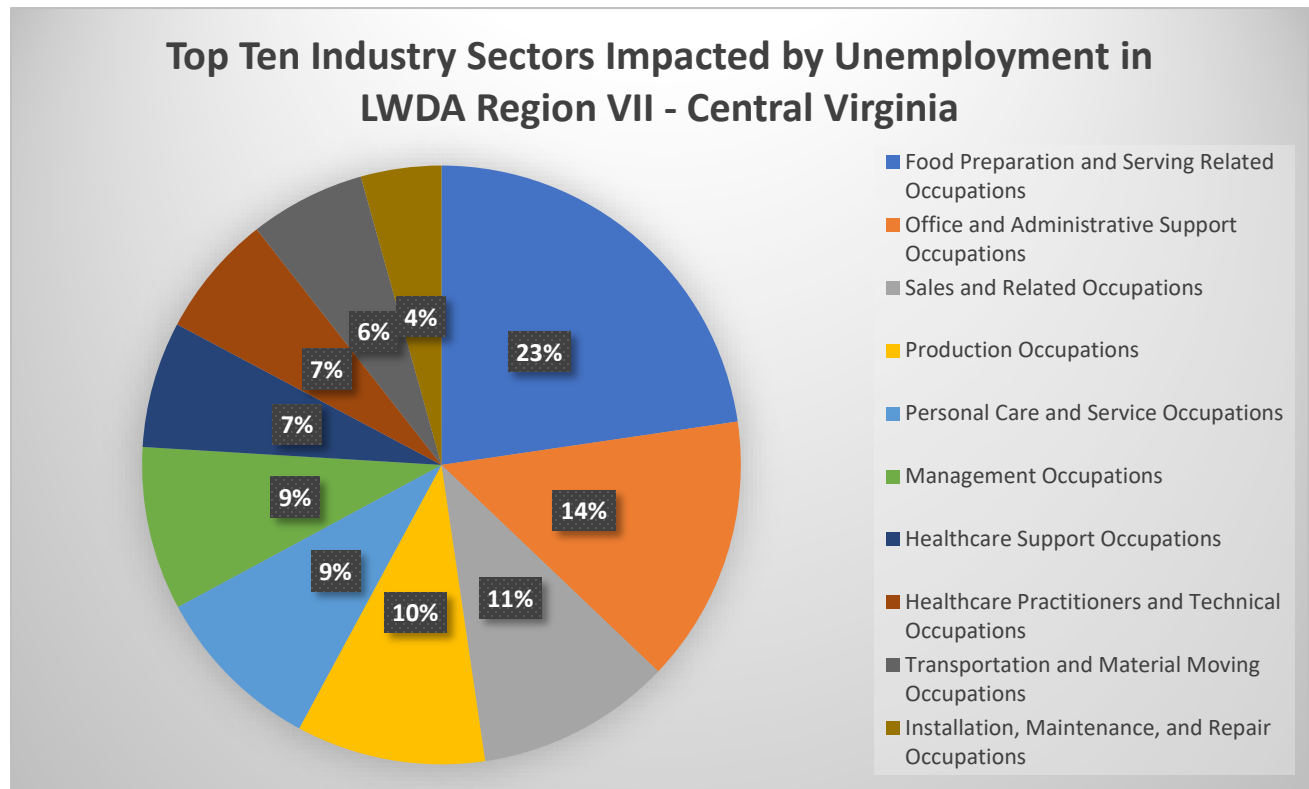
Data reported Thursday indicates 9,576 people in the Central Virginia Workforce Development Area filed continued claims for unemployment insurance during the week of May 16, 2020, a decrease of 0.8% from the 9,659 who filed continued claims during the previous week. Continued claims are made by individuals who have filed an initial claim for unemployment and are now making weekly claims to continue receiving benefits. The Central Virginia Workforce Development area includes the city of Lynchburg, along with the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell. Total employment for the Central Virginia Workforce Development Area was 108,959 in the fourth quarter of 2019.

While the number of continued claims filed in all of the workforce area counties were either down or flat for the week, continued claims filed in the city of Lynchburg increased 1.3%.

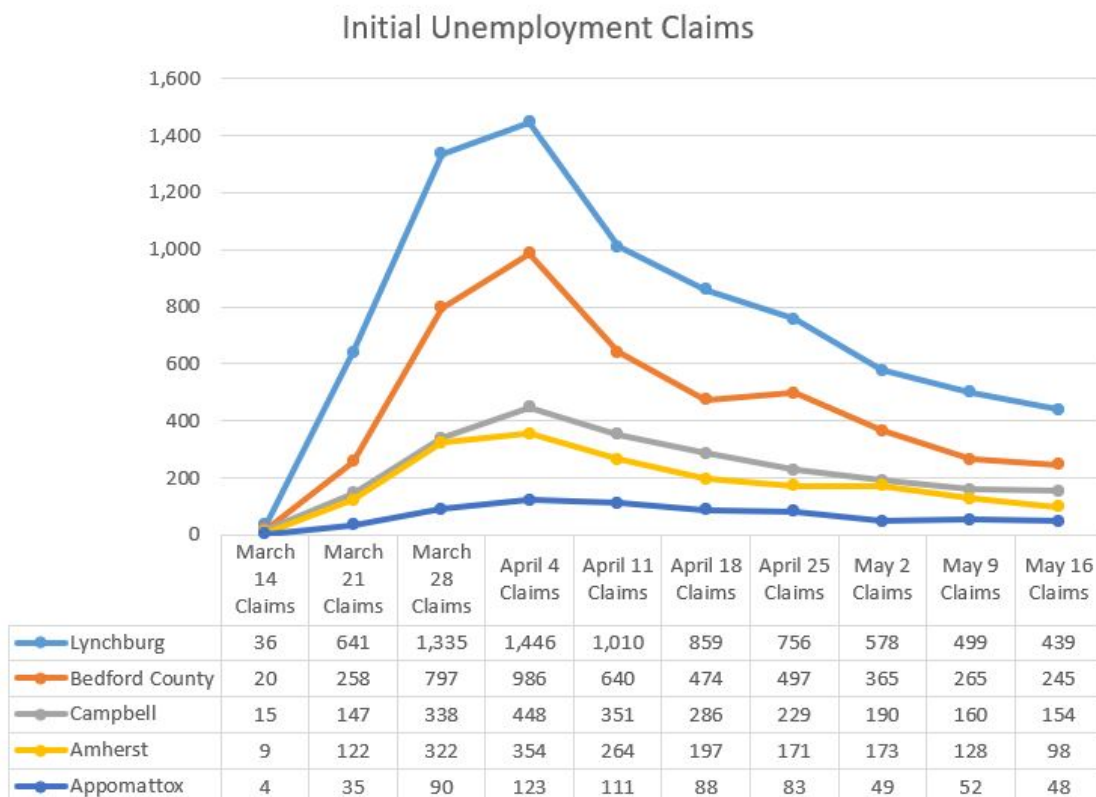
Continued Unemployment Claims



Of the ten industry sectors most impacted by unemployment in the Central Virginia Workforce Development Area, food service and office/administrative support occupations remain at the top of the list.



Mirroring a statewide trend, initial claims filed for unemployment insurance in the Central Virginia Workforce Development Area decreased by more than 10% for the week of May 16.



ABOUT VIRGINIA CAREER WORKS – CENTRAL REGION

The Central Virginia Workforce Development Board (WDB) is the designated regional convener and administrative entity that coordinates workforce training and career services through federal funding from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). We are charged with overseeing and implementing workforce development initiatives and activities throughout the Virginia Career Works – Central Region. Activities of Virginia Career Works - Central Region are supported in part with funds the from U. S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) award (#: AA-32183-18-55-A-51) awarded to the City of Lynchburg on behalf of the Central Virginia Workforce Development Board.