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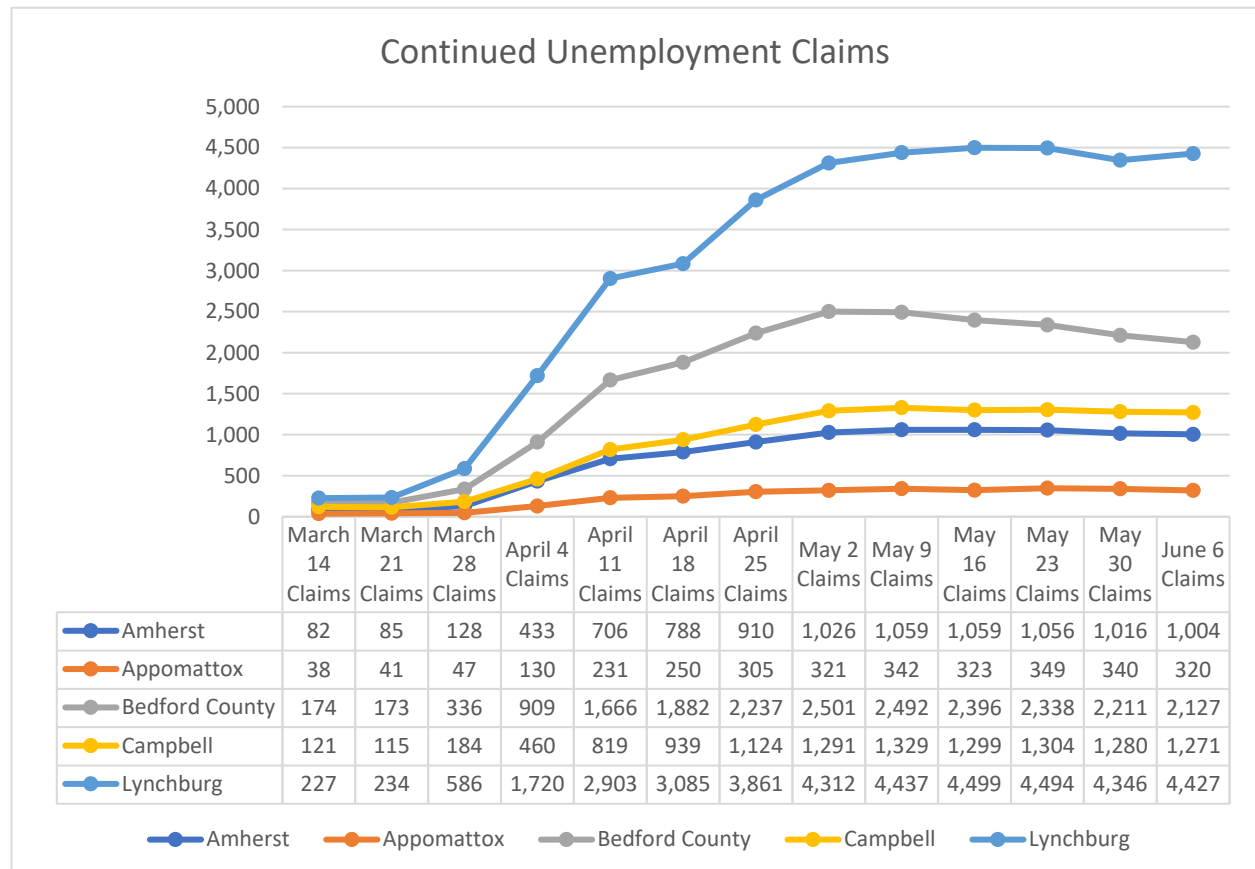
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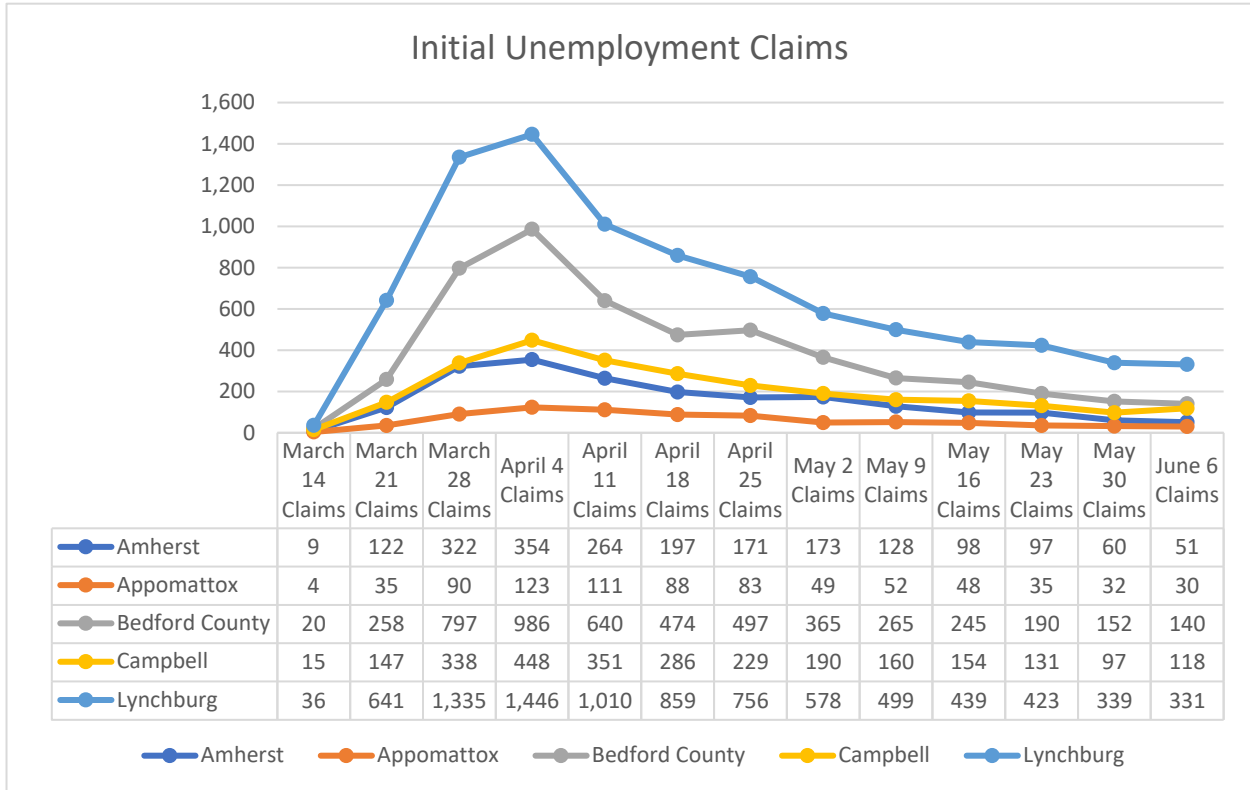
**Unemployment Figures Remain Flat Week-To-Week in Central Virginia Workforce Area**

The two broadest measurements of unemployment claims in the greater Lynchburg area were mostly flat week to week, while remaining on a slight downward trend according to the latest figures from the Virginia Employment Commission.

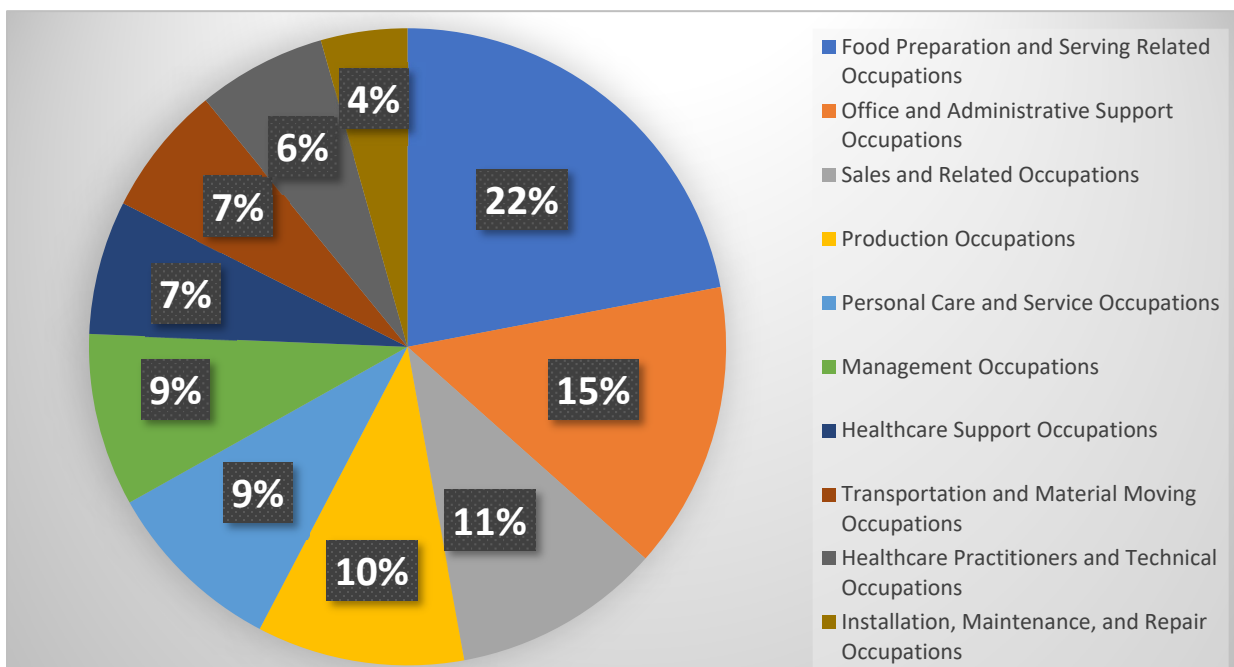
9,149 continued unemployment claims were filed in the Central Virginia Workforce Development Area during the week of June 6, according to VEC data released Thursday, June 11. The current figure represents a week-to-week drop in continued unemployment claims of 0.5%. Continued claims are made by individuals 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. This area was estimated to have an available civilian labor force of 115,434 as of April, 2020.



Initial unemployment insurance claims for the Central Virginia Workforce Development Area continue to trend down, but by a much smaller number than previous weeks. 670 initial unemployment insurance claims were filed in the Central Virginia Workforce Development Area during the week of June 6, representing a 1.5% decrease from the 680 initial claims filed during the week of May 30.



Industries impacted by unemployment in the greater Lynchburg area, based on initial claims, remain mostly unchanged since last week. Workers in the **Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations** industry sector continue to account for nearly a quarter of all weekly claims filed since March 1.



## **ABOUT THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

*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. The Central Virginia Workforce Development Board is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD-VA Relay 711.*

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