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Massachusetts Weekly Unemployment Claimant Data 09-03-20

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MASSACHUSETTS – From August 23 to August 29, a total of 18,043 individuals file an initial claim for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI), the third consecutive week of increases, up 907 over the previous week. Increases in initial claims filings were widespread among all sectors. From March 15 to August 29, a total of 1,226,175 have filed an initial claim for regular UI. For the eleventh week in a row of decreases, continued UI claims for week ending August 29, at 400,316, were down 11,849 or 2.9 percent over the previous week.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the week ending August 29 at 11,032, a decrease of 1,585 over the previous week. Since April 20, 2020, 745,744 claimants have filed an initial claim for the PUA.

The Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which provided up to 13 weeks of extended benefits, was implemented on May 21. From August 23 to August 29, 6,405 PEUC initial claims were filed, 448 higher than the previous week bringing the total of PEUC filings to 107,583 since implementation.

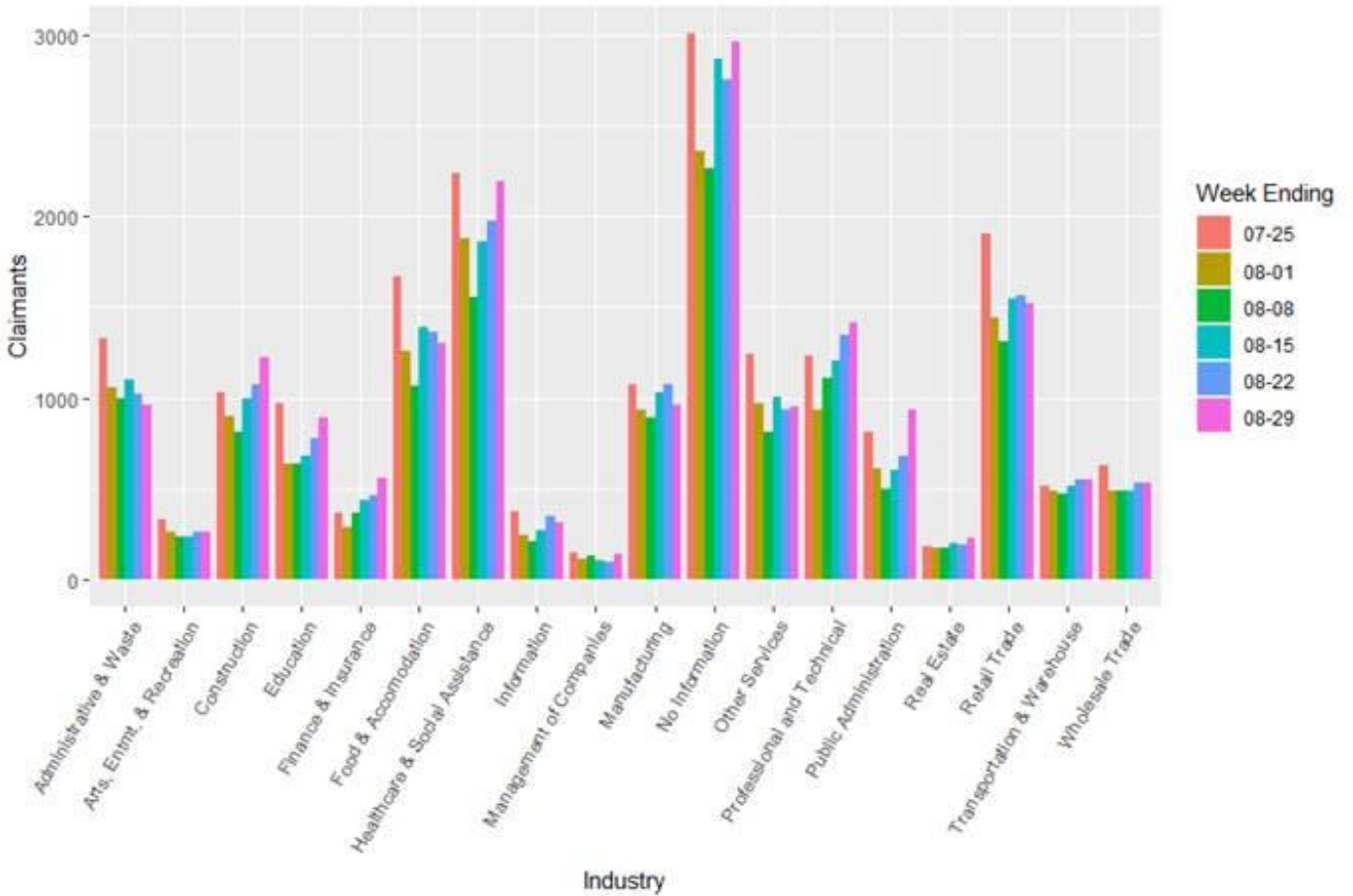
Initial Claims Filed

Industry	Week Ending 8/22	Week Ending 8/29	Change	% Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	78	84	6	7.7%
Mining	4	3	-1	-25.0%
Utilities	35	30	-5	-14.3%

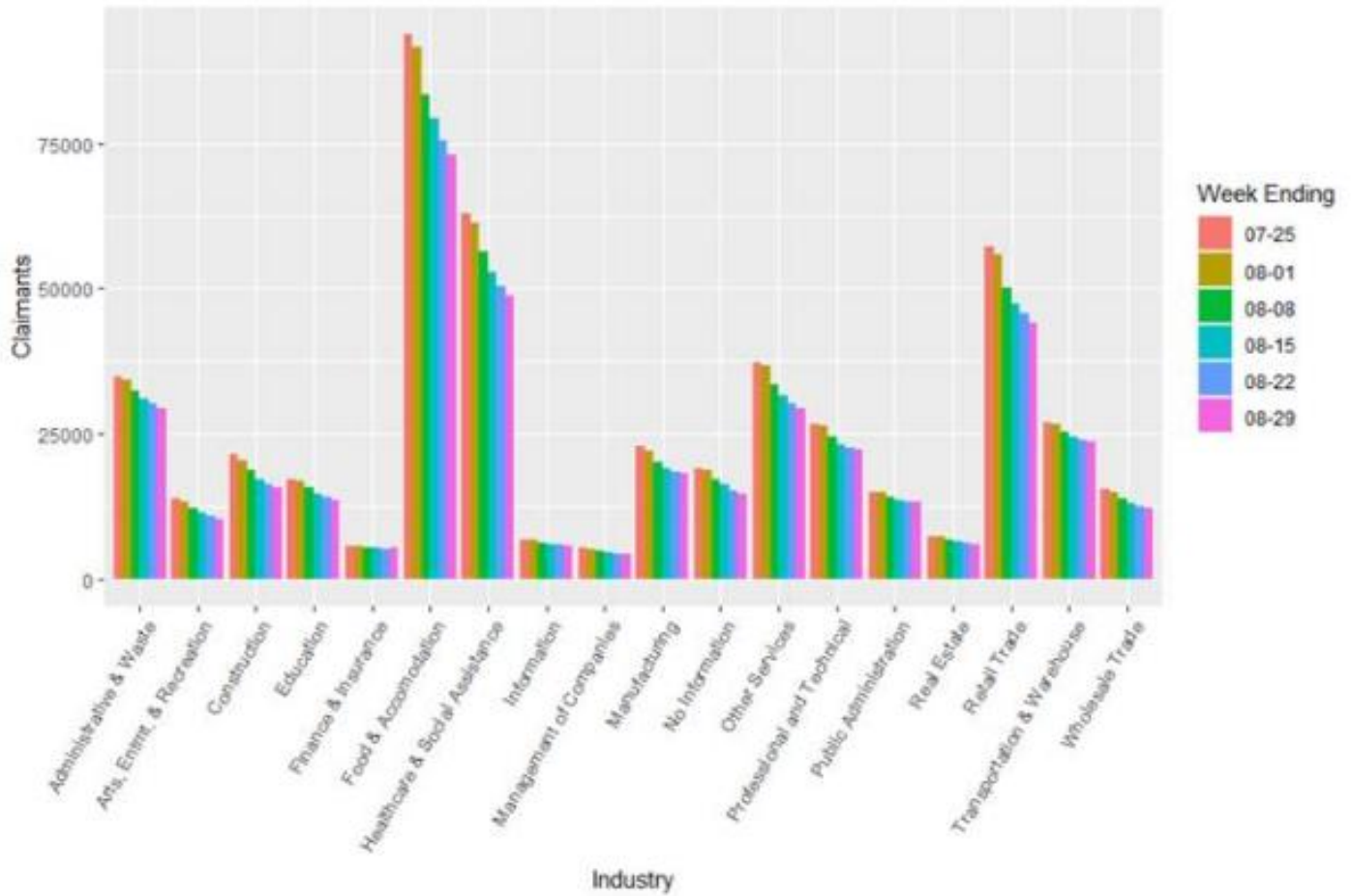
Construction	1071	1228	157	14.7%
Manufacturing	1,077	958	-119	-11.0%
Wholesale Trade	529	530	1	0.2%
Retail Trade	1,565	1,523	-42	-2.7%
Transportation & Warehouse	546	548	2	0.4%
Information	352	313	-39	-11.1%
Finance & Insurance	458	558	100	21.8%
Real Estate	189	228	39	20.6%
Professional and Technical Services	1349	1417	68	5.0%
Management of Companies	97	135	38	39.2%
Administrative & Waste Services	1022	964	-58	-5.7%
Education	774	887	113	14.6%
Health & Social Assistance	1977	2196	219	11.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	258	258	0	0.0%

Food & Accommodation	1367	1303	-64	-4.7%
Other Services	935	952	17	1.8%
Public Administration	679	936	257	37.8%
Information Not Available	2,774	2,992	218	7.9%

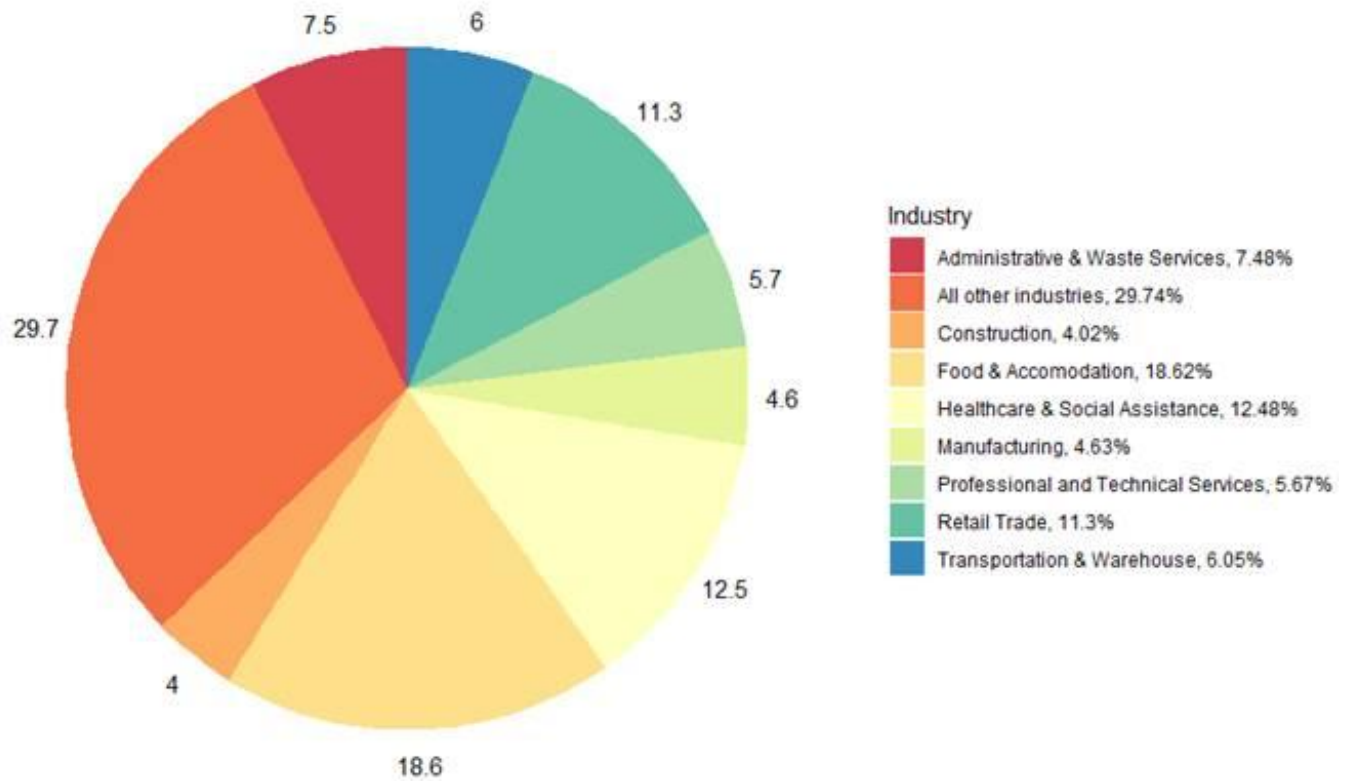
Initial claims by industry



Continued weeks claimed by industry



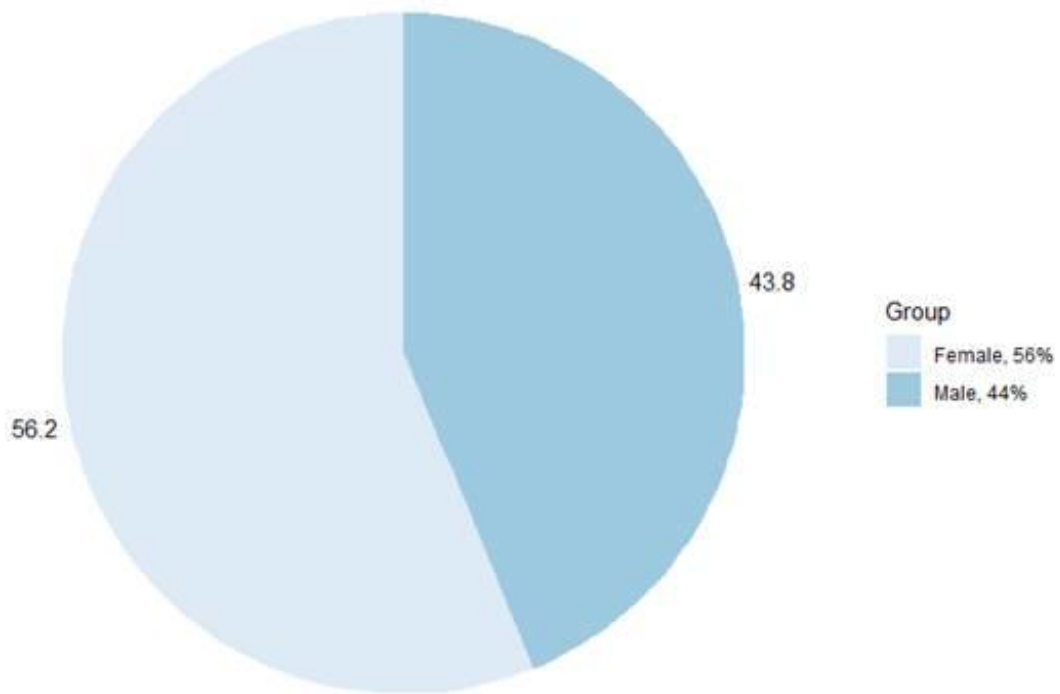
Industry share of CWC in most recent week

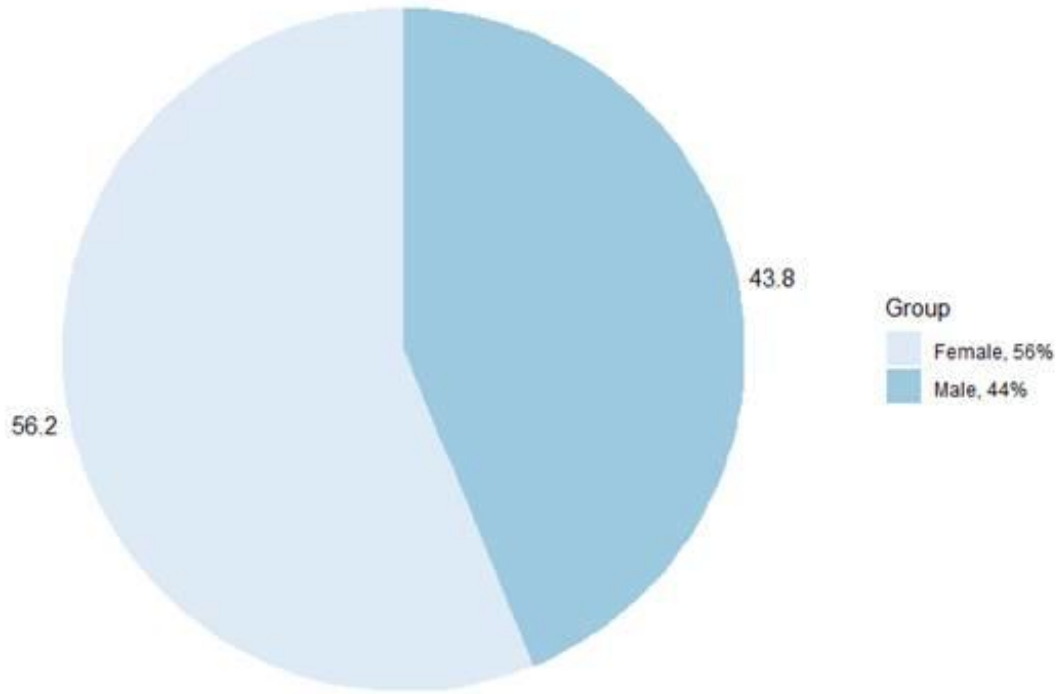


Industry	Percent
Food & Accomodation	18.62%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	12.48%
Retail Trade	11.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	7.48%
Transportation & Warehouse	6.05%
Professional and Technical Services	5.67%
Manufacturing	4.63%
Construction	4.02%
All other industries	29.74%

Below we present demographic statistics on ethnicity, gender, and race for all those claimants who filed for a continued week in the period prior to the above information. This is to say that because of the timing of data availability, the below statistics reflect continued weeks claimed in the week ending August 22nd rather than the week ending August 29th.

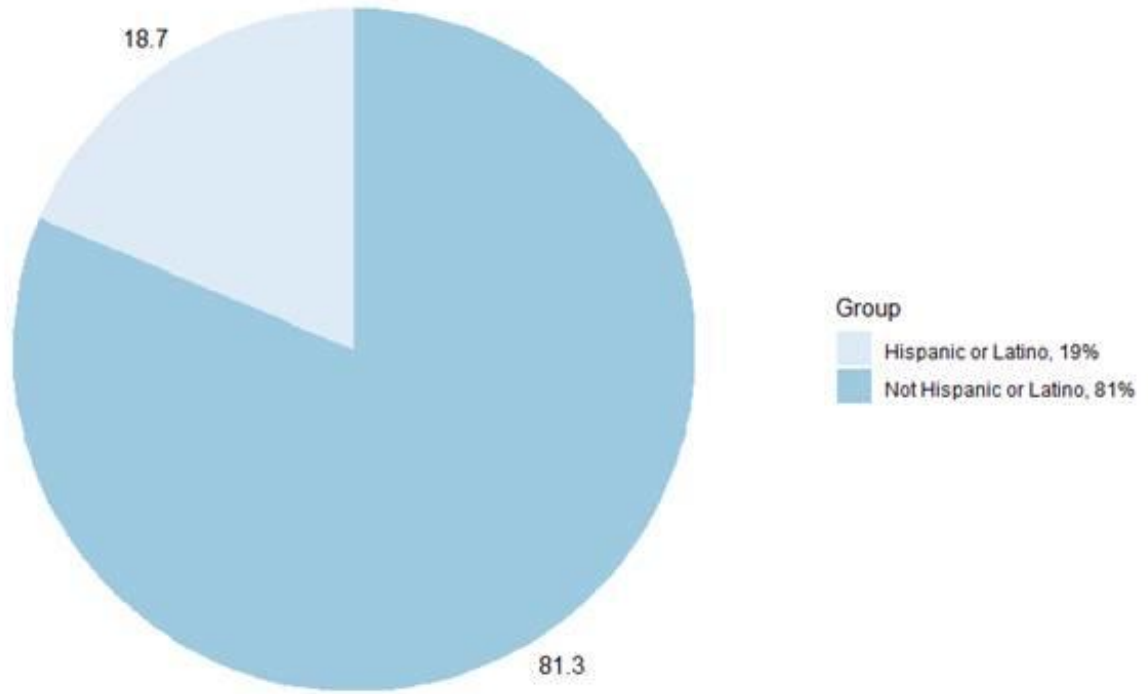
Claimants by Gender





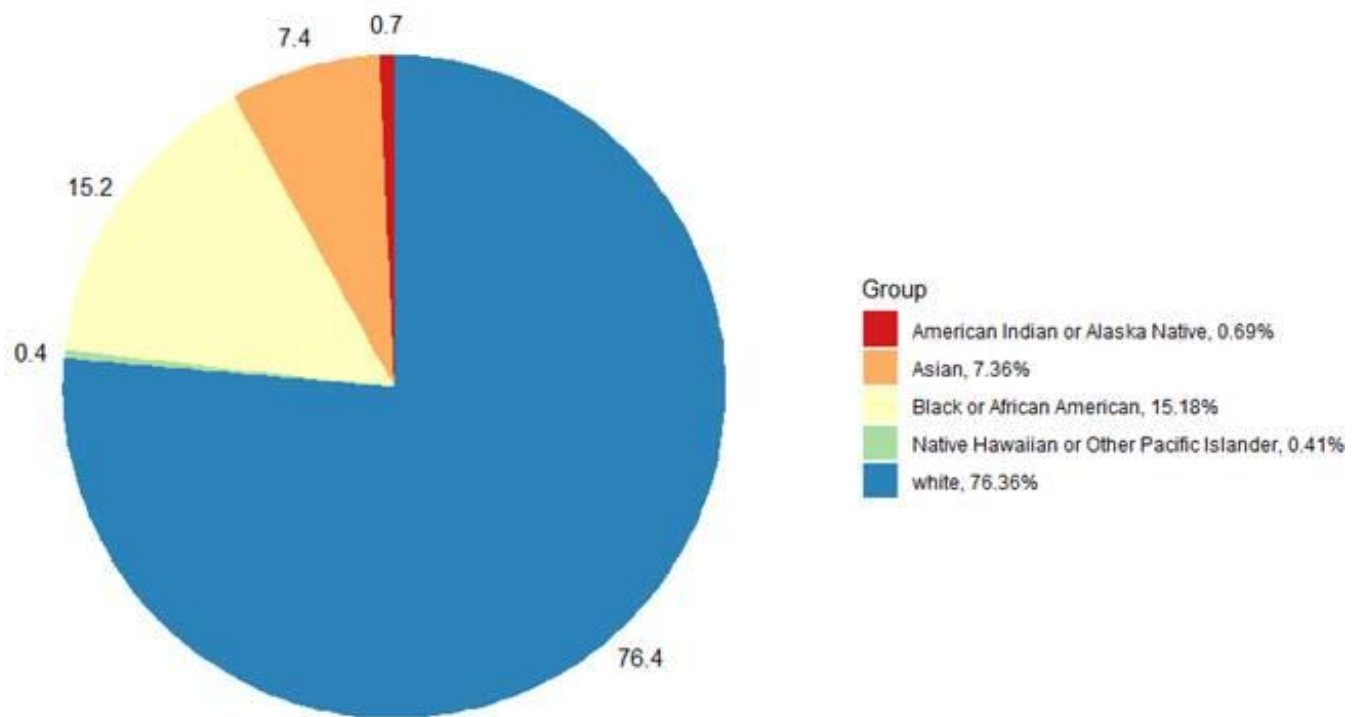
Group	Percent
Female	56.22%
Male	43.78%

Claimants by Ethnicity



Group	Percent
Not Hispanic or Latino	81.31%
Hispanic or Latino	18.69%

Claimants by Race



Group	Percent
white	76.36%
Black or African American	15.18%
Asian	7.36%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.69%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.41%

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