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| **[COVID 19 UPDATE - VIRGINIA NEWS](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fboard%2Fcontent%2Fenterprise%2Fvccscovid19update%2Ftag%2F4b9f3c4c-42b4-42bf-9934-1de381779cfa&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958785176%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=touxE4lb77hdYD4e10NEt9M8Rt784AyPtJeyMsQAcNk%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank)** |  |

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| [**Virginia Dec. 17 COVID-19 update: 3,853 cases, 45 deaths, 50 new hospitalizations**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17671ead0f9%3A69e0d9%3Acec458ec&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958835145%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=8Mz2heDMmNoS%2BChF3xnzYLL6dJJXMEVQl7ouBuyqbII%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [WAVY.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wavy.com%2Fnews%2Fhealth%2Fcoronavirus%2Fvirginia-dec-17-covid-19-update-3853-cases-45-deaths-50-new-hospitalizations%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958835145%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=j%2Bs5A4HScpt5L4L88fp9PJQylKddbnwMnTPZ%2Bd2hiLQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * While the case average trend in Virginia has stalled somewhat this week in the 3,500-4,000 range, which could be due to weekend/early week reporting, hospitalizations and deaths are still rising overall, with more than 30 deaths reported each day on average currently.
* (WAVY) — Virginia reported 3,853 new coronavirus cases, 45 new COVID-19 deaths and 50 new current COVID-19 hospitalizations on Thursday.
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| [**Virginia Employment Commission**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17671e2bb70%3A6b49cc%3Abea6564a&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958845143%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WU1Xo4q9TitW6Va%2FoJae3rWmFIsIZ%2FiSXTMH3NaPprY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vec.virginia.gov%2FUI-press-release&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958845143%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MFpIWiiaKv8JnGkIjvW5nq4xv8GN1SQLXwF%2FoJGMfes%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * For the filing week ending December 12, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 14,509.
* The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 935,138 in the week ending December 12, a decrease of 21,335 (or -2.2 percent) from the previous week.
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| [**Governor Northam Presents Budget Amendments to Restore Progressive Agenda, Provide Relief to Virginians, and Bolster Economic Recovery**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1766d02f888%3A18454c%3A3be8d5e2&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958855136%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2fXN%2BNyyHIIR8RV4ZGa%2Fs%2BVYqgpBN90YwnPM8nKl4rE%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2020%2Fdecember%2Fheadline-886272-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958855136%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=R6F2RUCz%2B4eYCyuIssuCS2VjLzWaqq0IW9%2BWSXfcdJM%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The Governor’s budget delivers on his signature priorities by making key investments to support early childhood, K-12, and higher education; boost funding for historically black colleges and universities; increase access to quality, affordable housing; transform African American historical and cultural sites; expand high-speed broadband; and reform the criminal justice system.
* We’ve seen small business support programs, hazard pay for health and public safety workers, technology investments, and a thousand other ways to help Virginians navigate this pandemic.
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| [**First COVID-19 vaccine arrives in Virginia: 'A glimpse of the light at the end of this really long tunnel'**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_17666c00e8b%3Abcdf09%3Ad00d0446&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958865132%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=TPFbL77YZYeXDFvMiACMKAw0qxm39h22tLJulFTNBMY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [WTVR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wtvr.com%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus%2Ffirst-covid-19-vaccine-arrives-in-virginia-a-glimpse-of-the-light-at-the-end-of-this-really-long-tunnel&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958875127%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Q%2BleDNaDF2jOAWM1AoGCUsg9%2B7oULf1Hc4SkoIoJoDA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) said 18 healthcare systems, three on Monday and 15 on Tuesday, around the Commonwealth will received shipments.
* Both Bon Secours, which serves the Richmond-area, and Sentara Healthcare, which services Williamsburg and Hampton Roads, released pictures and videos of its facilities receiving a shipment of the vaccine.
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| [**Va. Dept. of Education releases annual report on state’s public schools**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_176622de2d2%3A703b08%3Ad00d0446&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958875127%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Za1ojlgdBVM8YtIT8La4MHc54qUadr5R5mlDyhoT1us%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [https://www.whsv.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whsv.com%2F2020%2F12%2F10%2Fva-dept-of-education-releases-annual-report-on-states-public-schools%2F%3Futm_source%3DECS%2BSubscribers%26utm_campaign%3D0d50690ea3-ED_CLIPS_12_11_2020%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_term%3D0_1a2b00b930-0d50690ea3-231976318&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958885120%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qfqnwdMK6gRZEwG9PMMqQHcDi0Ziz2SXghwOuk%2FgmYU%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * (WHSV) — The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has released its annual report on the condition and needs of the state’s public schools.
* According to the release, four factors impacted the hybrid and virtual formats of schooling during the pandemic: A lack of broadband infrastructure and access for all students, a lack of devices for each student, a lack of capacity of school divisions and professional development for educators and an inadequacy of virtual instruction to meet the needs of students with disabilities and young learners.
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| [**Community College Data Collection Aims to Boost Employment**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_176622ca166%3A6f83b2%3A7b145951&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958885120%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kX%2FMTyfLgL6Otbm3qrhXoi20M6J1g3oU%2FruuCBTwTJg%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Public News Service](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.publicnewsservice.org%2F2020-12-10%2Feducation%2Fcommunity-college-data-collection-aims-to-boost-employment%2Fa72404-1&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958895115%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=em3ejhg83LbZlM8O0qXa%2Fc2%2BEI5WNMcHn6hGjCSOvS4%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Steve Partridge, vice president for strategic partnerships and workforce innovation for Northern Virginia Community College , which is participating in the survey, said the results will be essential to the economic recovery since most folks want to get back to work quickly and be sure training will help them get the jobs they're after.
* Tamar Jacoby, president of Opportunity America , which is co-sponsoring the survey along with national education groups and government agencies, said she hopes state lawmakers will use the data to fund more career education programs in their budgets.
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| [**Virginia says it will stop cutting off unemployment benefits without investigations**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FZlfaun7gHjf%2BezBb4FuuczpsZ%2FrJH5fsT39QwuFW9Bk%3D_17652715601%3A17ec8e5%3A995acef7&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958895115%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ouvK6m3Arr14g3p%2FhAwZ0CcI32ckROJxvnWQ3mIkjK0%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2020%2F12%2F11%2Fvirginia-says-it-will-stop-cutting-off-unemployment-benefits-without-investigations%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958905114%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=c%2FyJmuutNFyBdKQkEnxL%2BxEuF5lUuX5RAsCGGorXmYs%3D&reserved=0) |
| * Facing the threat of a class-action lawsuit, Virginia officials said this week they will stop halting unemployment benefits after they’ve been started without first conducting a review.
* “The policy until now has been that a mere report by a former employer would trigger the Virginia Employment Commission to cut off someone’s benefits,” said Pat Levy-Lavelle, a lawyer with the center that has been representing people seeking jobless benefits.
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| [**Virginia leads nation in COVID-19 app use**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FPJWScc%2F4lkEqQ6JyrrO1ZjVBLh6YO03KX5MqTz5ah0A%3D_17653db35ac%3A1a7eb45%3A83b8064d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958905114%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tFY2Cdftz5iEknwSRL2FkZT8K9K55zBHnkrs%2BynxFhQ%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Virginia Business](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiabusiness.com%2Farticle%2Fvirginia-leads-nation-in-covid-19-app-use%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958915101%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VlJJXk5W1E2mlGE9UGK6vQYg7w4z9E4MEgCpBQtvHo8%3D&reserved=0) |
| * According to a Dec. 7 report from The New York Times , a higher percentage of Virginians have downloaded the state’s COVIDWISE coronavirus exposure app , compared with apps offered by other states.
* Amid grim headlines related to the coronavirus, Virginia has one piece of bright news — it leads the nation in the percentage of citizens that have downloaded a COVID-19 app to alert users about possible instances of exposure to the coronavirus.
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| [**Student Ratings On Quality Of Education During Covid Are Telling**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17671843e69%3A6229cb%3A9c1901a4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958685236%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7%2BcgpkQ69%2B8S9nD8fuWGOPyHIIxVJVfeMEB7LU4LaJw%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Forbes](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.forbes.com%2Fsites%2Fbrandonbusteed%2F2020%2F12%2F15%2Fcollege-student-grades-on-quality-of-education-during-covid-are-intriguing-on-many-levels%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958685236%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DEeDEY0lPk9OrdFyfaTpwgX6%2B1vgbd9eWB90YYKMkzk%3D&reserved=0) |
| * Overall, students who are engaged in entirely in-person education this year give the highest quality ratings with 85% saying their education is “excellent” or “very good.”
* If you think colleges improved their online learning from the spring to fall or that for-profit universities receive the lowest quality grades, well – you’re in for a surprise.
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| [**A 'skills revolution' is key for the future, says World Economic Forum leader**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1767180f544%3A631c96%3A307d1df0&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958685236%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JycO2Jh%2Fv3K5DtjwSrCkWJZ42KVAUjpk7QMXKEykkqo%3D&reserved=0) |
| [HR Dive](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hrdive.com%2Fnews%2Fa-global-skills-revolution-is-pivotal-for-the-future-says-world-economic%2F592168%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958695230%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7tQuyKdPXDojHjKen6AxeGE6H%2FdK61VP7YI6tC9YlW0%3D&reserved=0) |
| * WEF and AWS have worked together "to make sure we're looking for new ways to train and certify individuals around the world with expanded job skills," Carlson said.
* But a company that truly seeks transformation will need to embrace reinvention and prioritize workforce training needs, Schwab said.
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| [**Increasing Opportunity for All, During the Pandemic and Beyond**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2F3uK26bUqwQjkM%2BhpjmfJi1%2FP5ac%2FLFTdVLSf6VTCDWQ%3D_176710d3816%3Abb78f6%3A5242d0b1&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958695230%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=A8Ba%2BWqQsfsPUDrRp7vdHq8B083vhbkP2%2Byht3cSRt4%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Strada Education Network](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.stradaeducation.org%2Funcategorized%2Fincreasing-opportunity-for-all-during-the-pandemic-and-beyond%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958705223%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=L%2BC1se0k8UXLLgjfOkf4OJaeM6bkB9F%2BpmJe3ELm%2F64%3D&reserved=0) |
| * Collins said he worries that low-income Black and Latino workers will be steered toward lateral career moves and short-term skills training while more affluent white learners continue to pursue bachelor’s degrees, increasing both their income and their future career opportunities.
* When it comes to postpandemic economic recovery, Michael Collins, a vice president at JFF, warns against creating a two-tiered education and training system that further marginalizes people from low-income families and communities of color.
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| [**Weekly initial jobless claims rose to 885,000 last week**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fezz8A7EWGAHy1UC0ms%2Fm0qRAagR5Qp4dpGm%2Fx4aLZpc%3D_17670f29f15%3Ace18f3%3A83b8064d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958705223%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=U5Iln7Fm6r%2BoNA14xKtTqG1SzOEhyX4HNO9EhdW7OpY%3D&reserved=0) |
| [NBC News Top Stories](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nbcnews.com%2Fbusiness%2Feconomy%2Fweekly-initial-jobless-claims-rose-again-fell-000-000-last-n1251459&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958715218%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=TLXh0Ck1183ZdIttKPVm6XWv2ov8wdGg4SdxlfBr4cY%3D&reserved=0) |
| * Initial weekly jobless claims rose to 885,000 reflecting the escalating economic toll of cities and states struggling to contain surging Covid-19 numbers — and prompting starkly worded calls for Congress to pass another round of fiscal stimulus to help keep millions of Americans financially solvent.
* The latest number, an increase of 23,000 from the previous week's revised levels, does little to allay economists’ concerns about the combination of renewed business closures and lockdowns, weakening retail spending and the looming cutoff of federal financial support programs for borrowers and unemployed workers.
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| [**Fall's Enrollment Decline Now Has a Final Tally. Here's What's Behind It.**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FpJObj60hhd4Ufvbp8Z4fAm4U%2BG1RmbCaFfwanQquVGk%3D_1766f1f1822%3A9aaa5a%3A83b8064d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958715218%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ZiTWscY9FmxDm8qfkXAe%2BQRigrVM9eorOUPg0%2Bj7m5U%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [The Chronicle of Higher Education | News, Opinion, Advice about Higher Education](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.chronicle.com%2Farticle%2Ffalls-enrollment-decline-now-has-a-final-tally-heres-whats-behind-it&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958725212%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KG4oufWpN5Mw34tXVFh5TtAt6aPRBonIPUYSjjefSjg%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Enrollment at for-profit four-year colleges, after fluctuating according to previous reports, rose 5.3 percent, though it reflected a smaller group of students overall — an increase to 789,888 from 749,885.
* Public four-year institutions, which experienced a 4.6-percent increase in graduate enrollment, accounted for the majority of this growth.
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| [**The human costs of the pandemic: Is it time to prioritize well-being?**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1766c8c964c%3A10d928%3Ac6b2f3a4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958725212%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=i4wRG2SPtUXtYGSSnkZ37qviJSjaDFkrUadvJMyoZN4%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Brookings](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.brookings.edu%2Fresearch%2Fthe-human-costs-of-the-pandemic-is-it-time-to-prioritize-well-being%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958735206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=3RUuvMccpbriJkrAZLPJKq6HY%2FEfOWWc0JLk5hiPRGM%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Yet the characteristics of vulnerable groups differ, and the trends were less likely to be associated with deaths of despair as they are in the U.S. In the U.K., for example, Asians, Muslims, and other minorities report disproportionately high levels of anxiety 8 compared to whites during COVID-19.
* Our analyses suggest that the emotional costs of the pandemic are much higher for the poor and vulnerable than they are for the rich, heightening deep pre-existing inequities in well-being in the U.S and many other countries.
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| [**Professor Bruce D. Meyer, Colleagues Release Real-time Poverty Estimates During the COVID-19 Pandemic through October 2020**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1766c73fadf%3Ae8f71%3Aaf6bebaa&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958735206%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=F4MeIJKpAYUWukpDj12XdBbWjLaCbz8wVjuPOGNBdzk%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fharris.uchicago.edu%2Fnews-events%2Fnews%2Fprofessor-bruce-d-meyer-colleagues-release-real-time-poverty-estimates-during&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958745201%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=w%2BxWbQaNU1X25eRUsrDyxy6wbvHDo3H0%2FklJngj9C6I%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Early on in the pandemic the federal government offered a relief package that included large, one-time stimulus payments to households and greatly expanded unemployment insurance benefits.
* Schaefer College Professor of Economics and co-founder of the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities ( LEO ) at the University of Notre Dame; Bruce Meyer , the McCormick Foundation Professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy; and Jeehoon Han , an economist at Zhejiang University, have constructed a new poverty measure that provides near-real-time poverty estimates using U.S. Census Bureau data.
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| [**College and University Presidents Respond to COVID-19: 2020 Fall Term Survey, Part II**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1766c395248%3A8c08c%3A7edf6590&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958745201%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=79x5BB%2FJjXSzoS%2FyO4Z4pEmIVqHyLpa4JLGzGxIwuwQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Education](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.acenet.edu%2FResearch-Insights%2FPages%2FSenior-Leaders%2FCollege-and-University-Presidents-Respond-to-COVID-19-2020-Fall-Term-Part-Two.aspx&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958745201%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9YFmU%2FOx3iEaU745UR8fsy9wUvUnxqQXvMgG%2FNFP4Gw%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * In this second survey of the fall 2020 term, 268 presidents\* responded to share their most pressing concerns, how the pandemic has affected their fall enrollment and financial health, plans for the spring 2021 term, efforts to support student, faculty, and staff mental health, and strategies for internationalization.
* The survey also captures college and university efforts to promote civic engagement and student voting in the last election, as well as presidents' thoughts on the level of priority the incoming Biden administration should place on some key higher education-related policy topics.
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| [**Ten Observations on COVID-19 and Higher Ed**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_1766741954a%3A3dc830%3A995acef7&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958755198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=838hpwk11sraEHYCih%2Fetgo0C4o%2BwaQczyRunguRkwE%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Inside Higher Ed](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fblogs%2Fleadership-higher-education%2Ften-observations-covid-19-and-higher-ed&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958755198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=AdweiU4N6t4oPxGgXjXpgxUMlQM3%2BbvCiMNOMkKOu%2Fg%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank) |  |
| * Given the important role colleges play in spread of the virus, I would not be surprised to see the new Biden team establish some new universal federal requirements for higher education institutions.
* 7. In contrast to community colleges, private for-profit institutions are seeing enrollment increases.
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| [**Will they stay or will they go? A new poll reveals college students’ concerns amid the pandemic**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17667098b9d%3Ac2413f%3A61efd783&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958765194%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lHtnsg%2BMZIE%2FsvRXSHyH%2FK2%2BuU13%2BODk5gIKNfUg2W4%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Lumina Foundation](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.luminafoundation.org%2Fnews-and-views%2Fwill-they-stay-or-will-they-go-a-new-poll-reveals-college-students-concerns-amid-the-pandemic%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958765194%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=SlrHL9Fvfna97rhYKj08mNTGXF6MxM1pnS0GgmupxYY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * A new Gallup poll of U.S. college students offers an insightful – and sobering – glimpse into how the pandemic is disrupting students’ plans to stay in college, learn online, and earn their degrees.
* About half of students seeking bachelor’s (49%) and associate degrees (56%) are “very likely” or “likely” to stop their college careers, due to the pandemic and financial and emotional stress.
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| [**The Demographic Cliff: 5 Findings From New Projections of High-School Graduates**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FpJObj60hhd4Ufvbp8Z4fAm4U%2BG1RmbCaFfwanQquVGk%3D_17664d2b679%3Afdec5%3A5242d0b1&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958775185%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EGJrPQHCVXLmmddDhSR%2B1XK3E467UqC%2B6blrIp8yyOI%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [The Chronicle of Higher Education | News, Opinion, Advice about Higher Education](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.chronicle.com%2Farticle%2Fthe-demographic-cliff-5-findings-from-new-projections-of-high-school-graduates&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C5520f31521ee4c58069308d8a2be6653%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637438285958775185%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2Bikzrum%2FdJJPL2%2BE0pkAmIwmw%2Fsj8vnQna0texYAuPA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * To understand what the future holds for higher education, it’s not enough to just look at the projected number of high-school graduates.
* Its latest projections, published on Tuesday, provide a crucial glimpse of the number of high-school graduates that higher education can expect to see.
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