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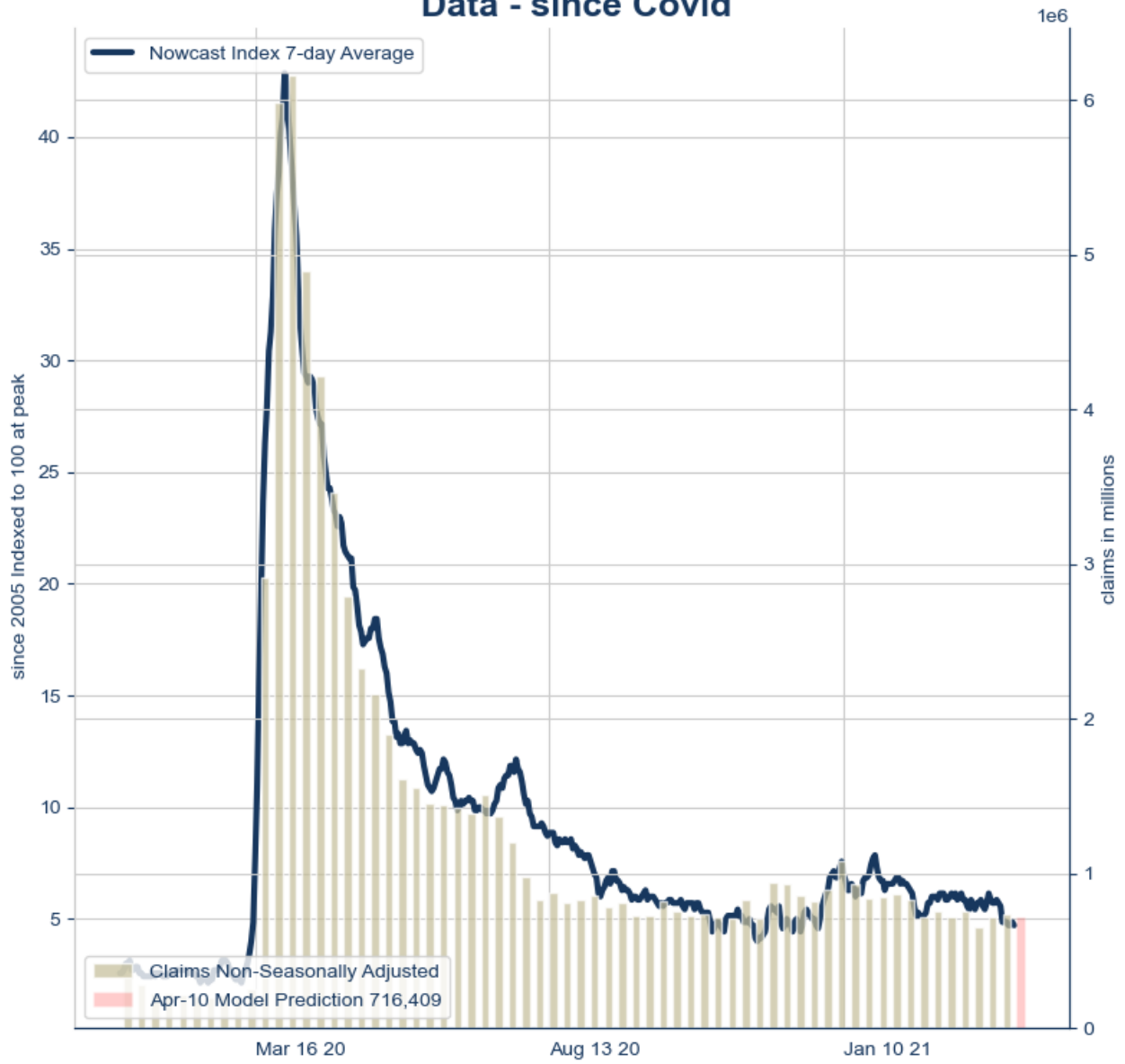
Jobless Claims: Surprise Bounce Ahead of Holiday Weekend

Bottom Line: Claims rose more than expected in the week that included the Good Friday holiday. California employment offices processed a large batch of claims that accounted for much of the upside surprise. Moreover, the two weeks around the Easter holiday can often create some difficult seasonal adjustments. Looking through the one-off batches and seasonal volatility, the trend remains modestly lower, suggesting steady improvement in labor markets.

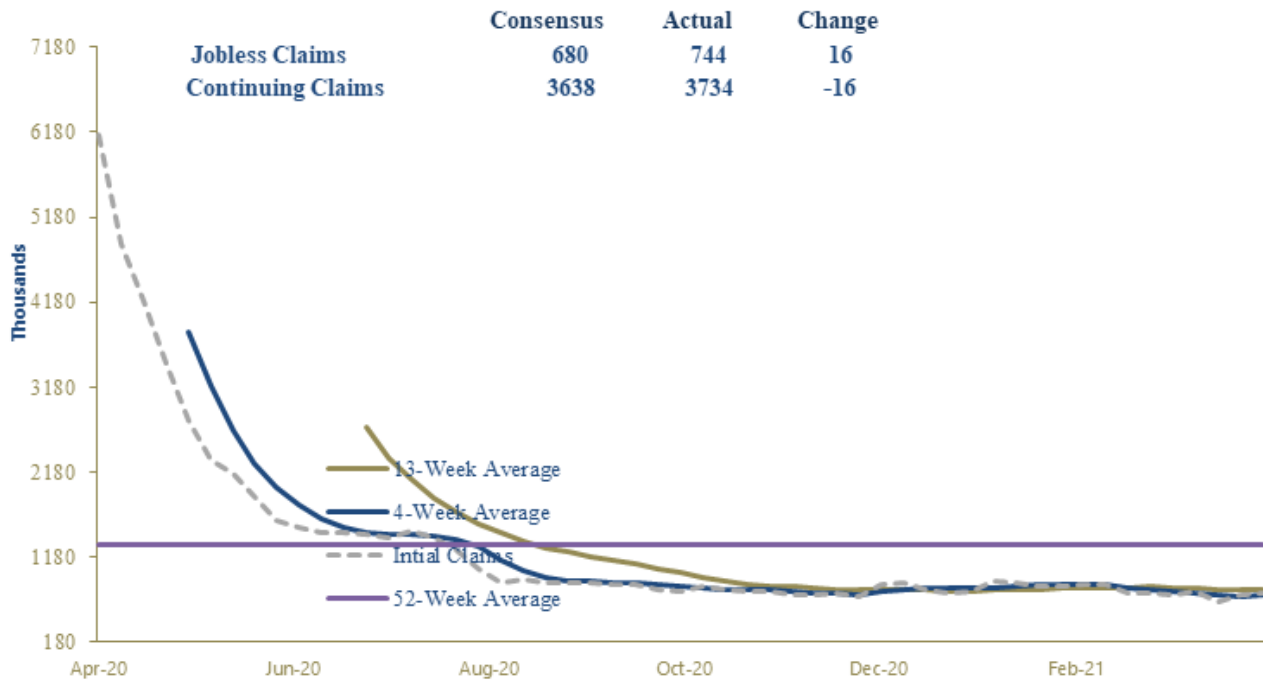
Our Nowcasting model predicted the potential for a one-off upside in claims last week but now suggests the downtrend should resume with claims likely dropping back towards 700k this week.



Claims vs. Nowcast Index Data - since Covid



Jobless Claims



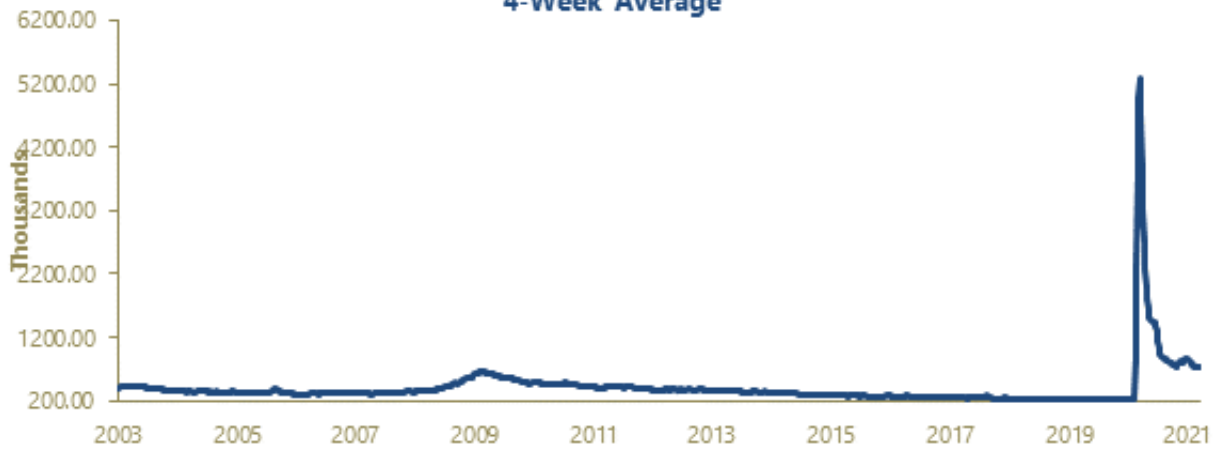
Jobless Claims ROSE by 16k during the week ended April 3rd to 744k, compared with market expectations for a drop to 680k. The 4-week average ROSE by 2.5k to 724k and the 13-week average FELL by 2.8k to 793k.

Continuing Claims FELL by 16k during the week ended March 27th to 3,734k, The 4-week average FELL by 106k to 3,862k.

On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Continuing Claims FELL by 68k to 4,032k during the week ended March 20th.

The Insured Jobless Rate STAYED at 2.6% during the week ended March 27th. The insured jobless rate only reflects the number of people collecting regular state unemployment insurance.

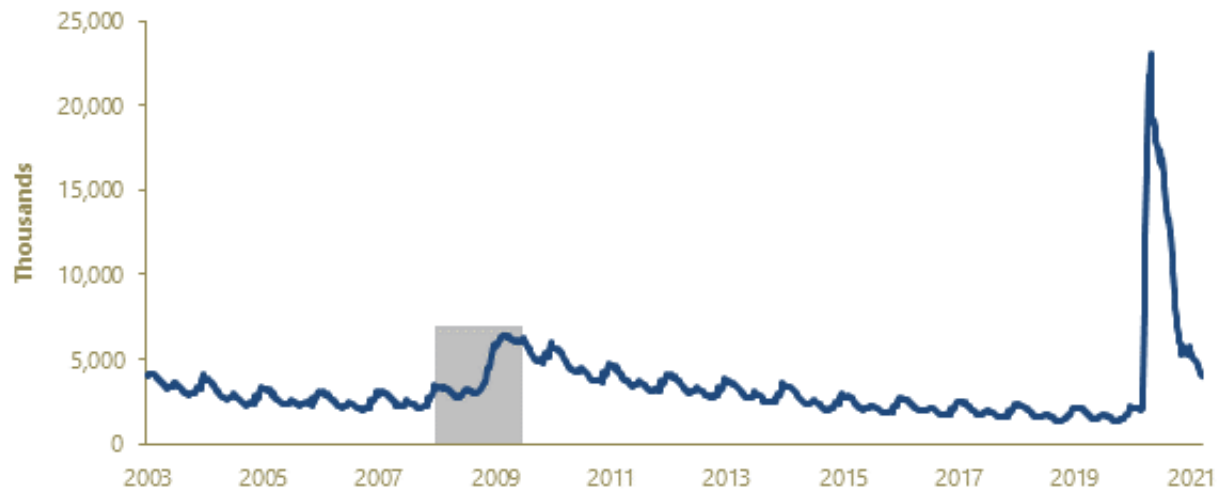
Initial Claims 4-Week Average



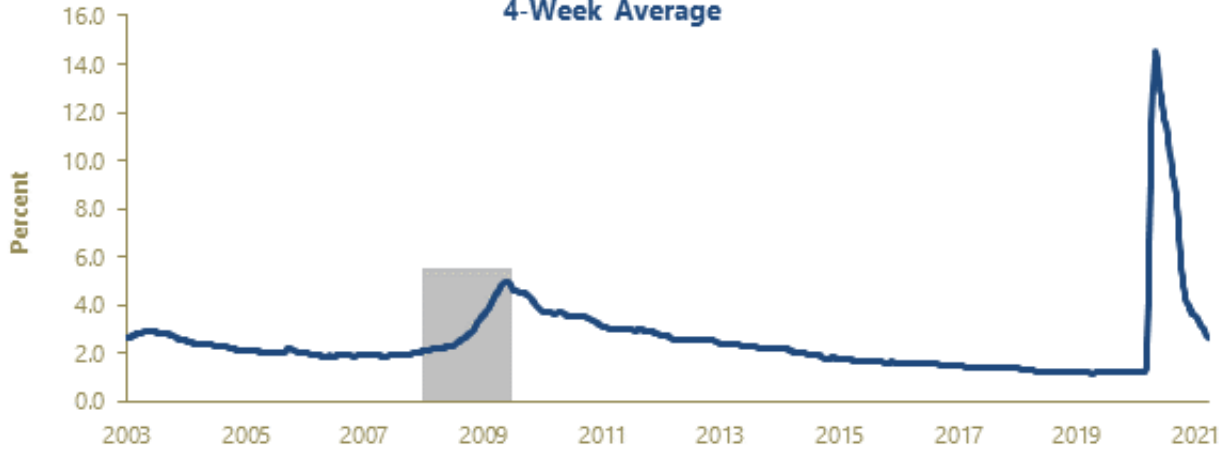
Persons Collecting Unemployment Compensation Not Seasonally Adjusted



Continuing Claims Not Seasonally Adjusted



Insured Jobless Rate 4-Week Average



	3-Apr	27-Mar	20-Mar	13-Mar	6-Mar	27-Feb	20-Feb	13-Feb	6-Feb
Initial Claims (000's)	744	728	658	765	734	761	747	847	863
Weekly Change	16	70	-107	31	-27	14	-100	-16	26
4-Week Average	724	721	730	752	772	805	824	846	856
Weekly Change	3	-8	-22	-21	-32	-19	-22	-10	-10
Continuing Claims (000's)		3,734	3,750	3,841	4,123	4,157	4,383	4,469	4,592
Weekly Change		-16	-91	-282	-34	-226	-86	-123	-63
4-Week Average		3,862	3,968	4,126	4,283	4,400	4,525	4,627	4,729
Weekly Change		-106	-158	-157	-117	-125	-102	-102	-117
Insured Jobless Rate (%)		2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2

Source: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor via Bloomberg. Our calculations.

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