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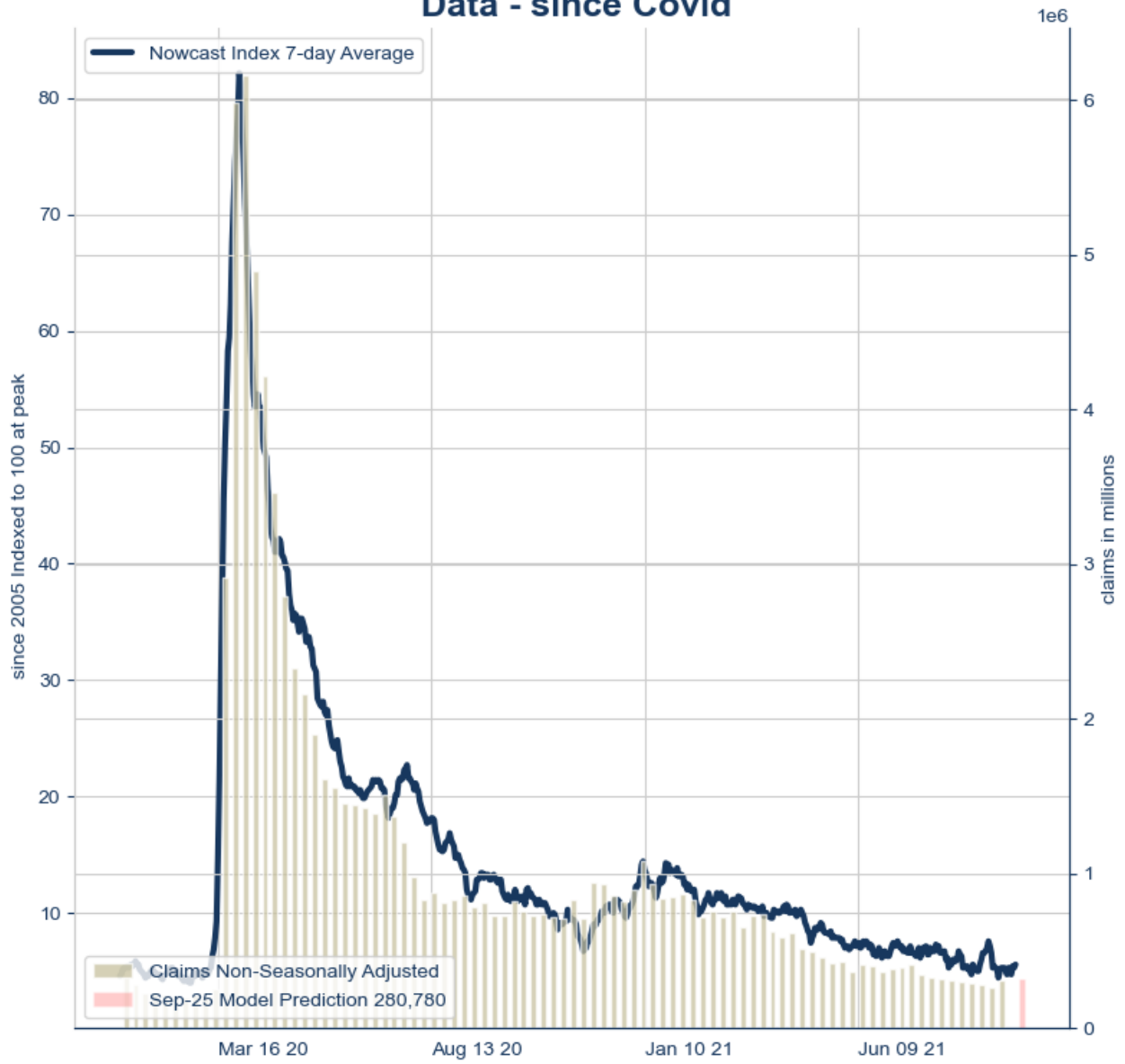
Jobless Claims: Another Surprise Jump

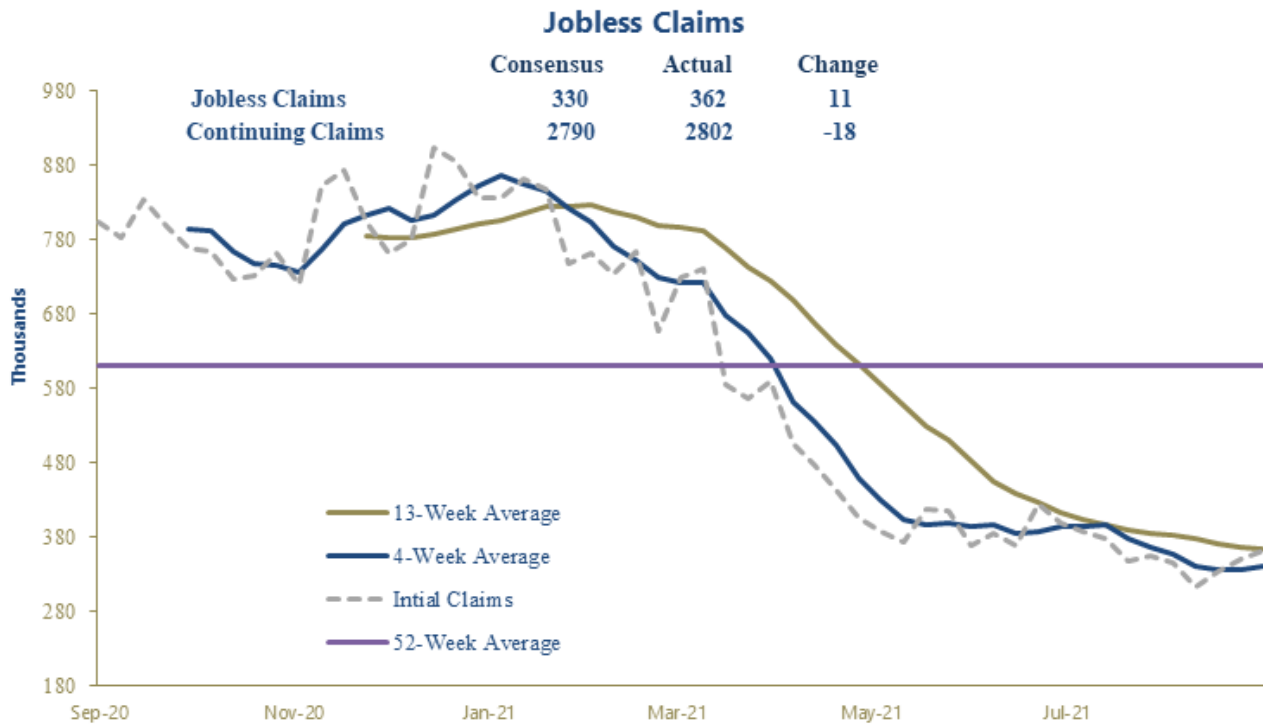
Bottom Line: Jobless claims rose unexpectedly for the third week in a row. The unadjusted tally fell slightly, though, meaning the increase entirely due to the seasonal adjustment. Still, claims should have fallen more, but backlogs remain a significant issue in California, where claims jumped sharply again, and in several other states. Retooling of auto plants has also caused a temporary spike in jobless claims with states like Michigan seeing sharply higher claims. Overall, the jump in claims in the last three weeks bears close watching but is not yet alarming.

Our Nowcast model confirms that the recent jump is likely due to processing anomalies. It suggests the unadjusted claim count is likely closer to 280k and still trending lower.



Claims vs. Nowcast Index Data - since Covid





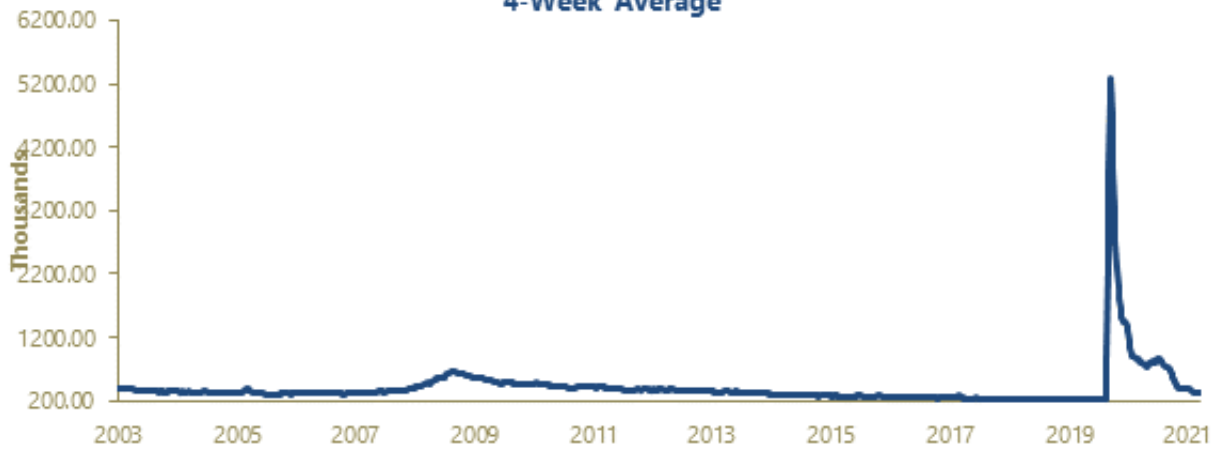
Jobless Claims ROSE by 11k during the week ended September 25th to 362k, compared with market expectations for an increase to 330k. The 4-week average ROSE by 4.3k to 340k and the 13-week average FELL by 0.5k to 365k.

Continuing Claims FELL by 18k during the week ended September 18th to 2,802k, The 4-week average FELL by 1k to 2,797k.

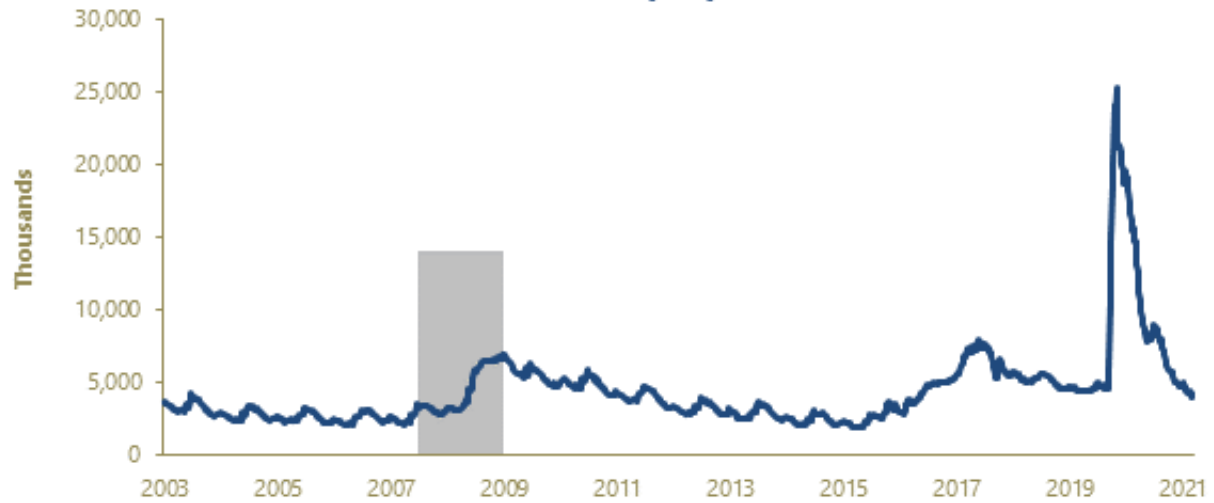
On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Continuing Claims FELL by 49k to 2,461k during the week ended September 11st.

The Insured Jobless Rate FELL by 0.1% to 2.0% during the week ended September 18th. The insured jobless rate only reflects the number of people collecting regular state unemployment insurance.

Initial Claims 4-Week Average



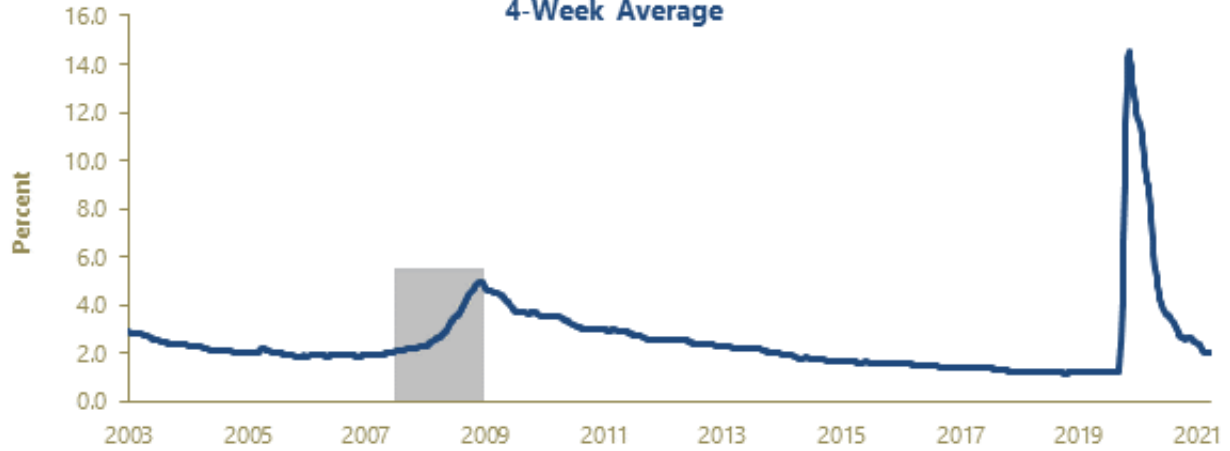
Persons Collecting Unemployment Compensation Not Seasonally Adjusted



Continuing Claims Not Seasonally Adjusted



Insured Jobless Rate 4-Week Average



	25-Sep	18-Sep	11-Sep	4-Sep	28-Aug	21-Aug	14-Aug	7-Aug	31-Jul
Initial Claims (000's)	362	351	335	312	345	354	349	377	387
Weekly Change	11	16	23	-33	-9	5	-28	-10	-12
4-Week Average	340	336	337	340	356	367	378	397	395
Weekly Change	4	-1	-4	-16	-11	-11	-19	2	0
Continuing Claims (000's)		2,802	2,820	2,715	2,852	2,805	2,908	2,865	2,899
Weekly Change		-18	105	-137	47	-103	43	-34	-81
4-Week Average		2,797	2,798	2,820	2,858	2,869	2,913	3,010	3,109
Weekly Change		-1	-22	-38	-12	-44	-97	-99	-92
Insured Jobless Rate (%)		2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1

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

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