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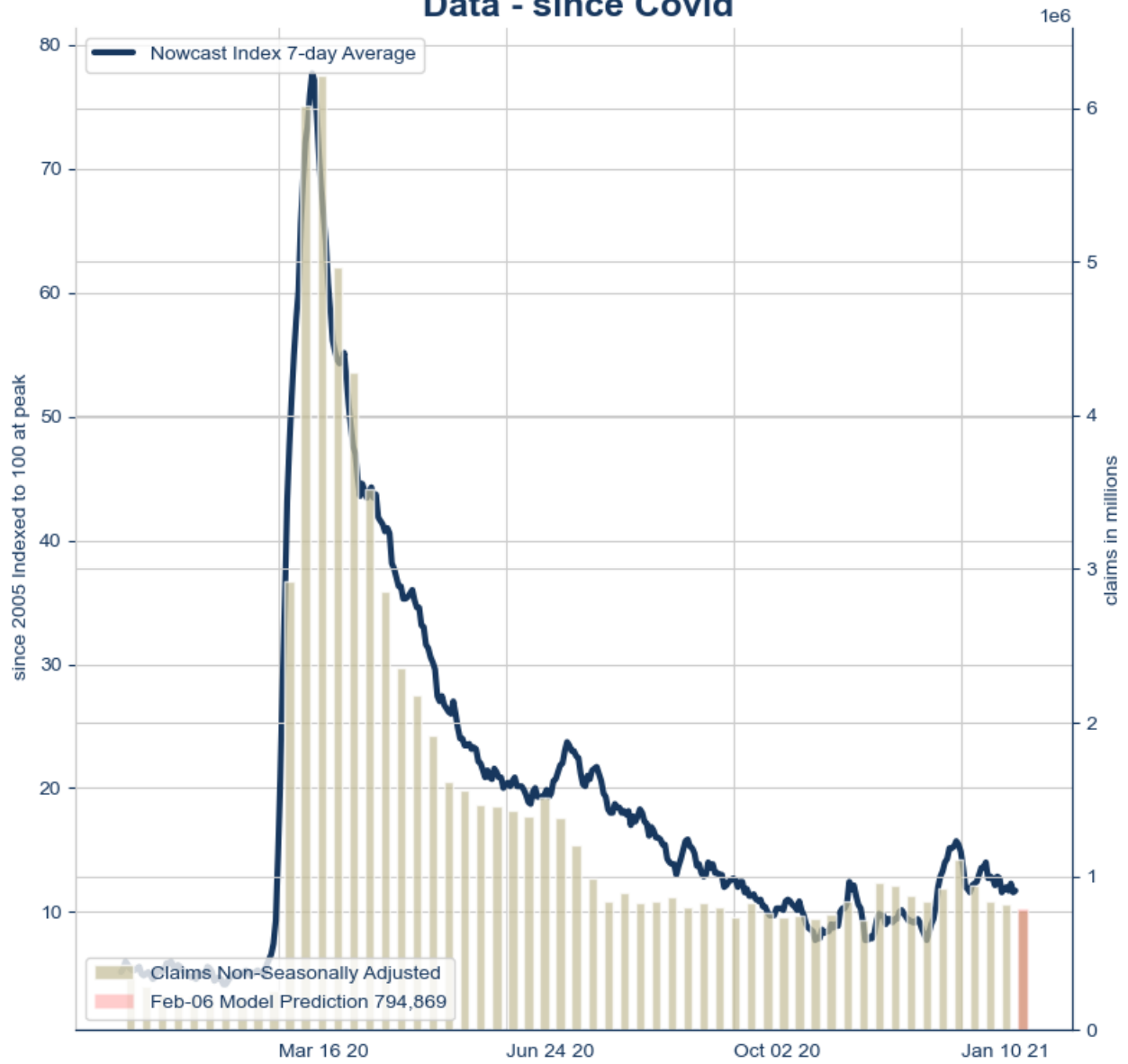
## **Jobless Claims: Another Swift Decline**

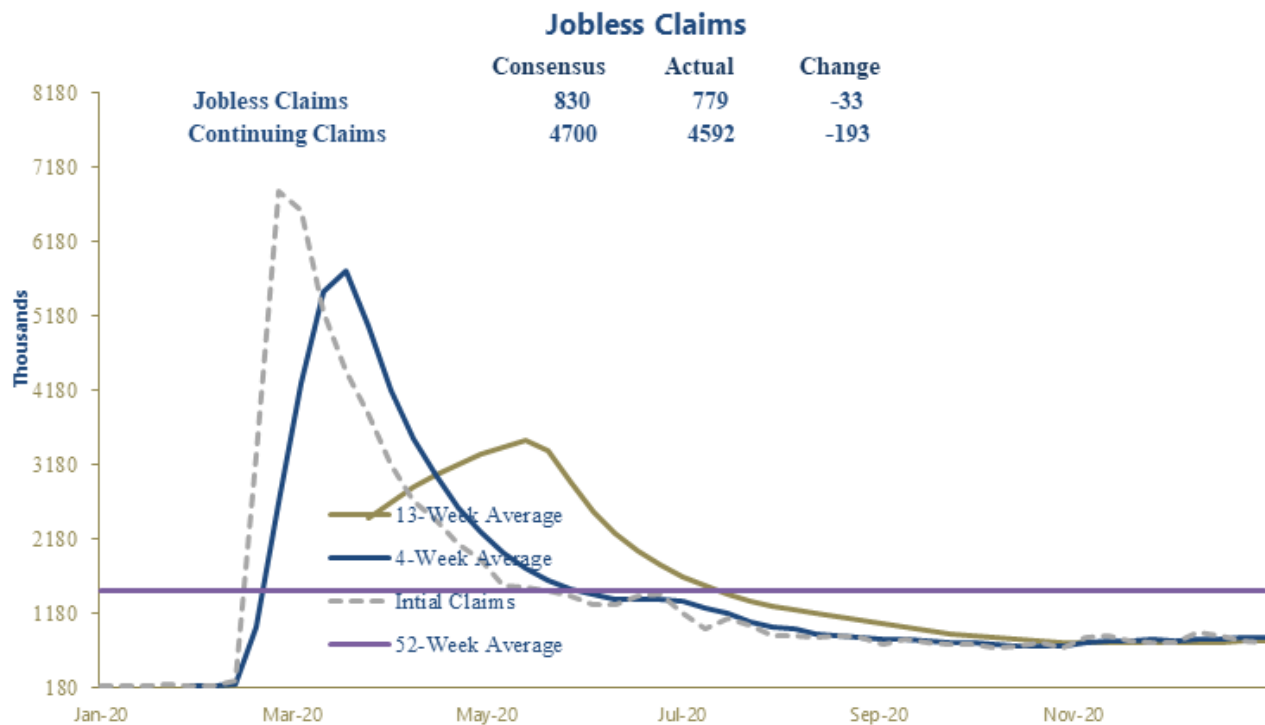
**Bottom Line:** As shutdowns ended in many parts of the country, jobless claims declined. Seasonal adjustments declined and severe states like California and Illinois corrected anomalous readings from prior, net revising down their previous tallies of claims. The trend, as measured by the 4-week average vs. the 13-week average is still up, but the shorter average is finally converging towards the long-term average. Overall, labor markets are slowly improving again after the winter shutdowns for the virus.

Our Nowcasting model forecast a decline to 805k for non-seasonally adjusted claims, just a touch below the actual reading of 816k. The model suggests claims have fallen even further this week, dropping below 800k, to be reported next Thursday.



## Claims vs. Nowcast Index Data - since Covid





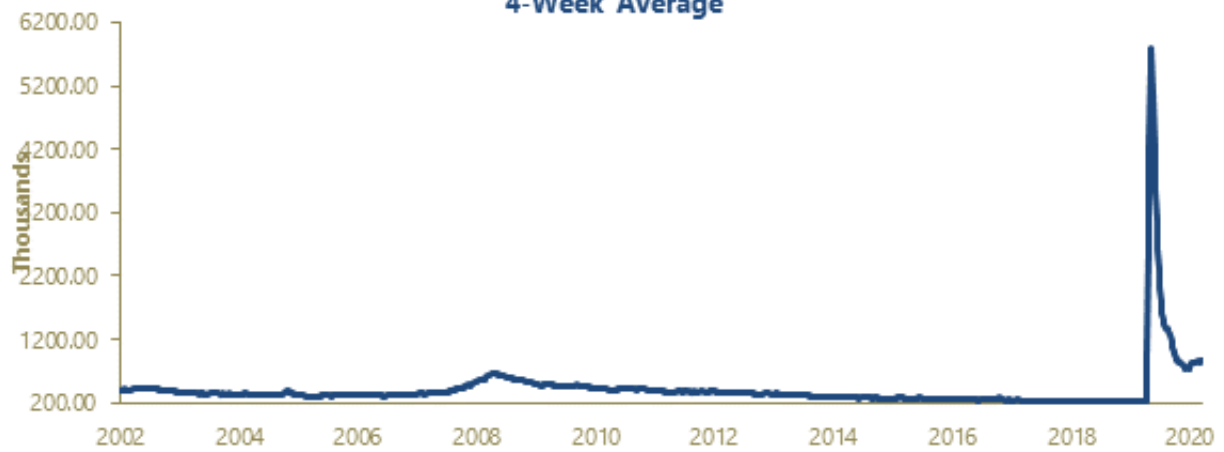
**Jobless Claims** FELL by 33k during the week ended January 30th to 779k, compared with market expectations for an increase to 830k. The 4-week average FELL by 1.3k to 848k and the 13-week average ROSE by 1.7k to 806k.

**Continuing Claims** FELL by 193k during the week ended January 23th to 4,592k, The 4-week average FELL by 120k to 4,882k.

On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Continuing Claims FELL by 128k to 5,095k during the week ended January 16th.

**The Insured Jobless Rate** FELL by 0.2% to 3.2% during the week ended January 23th. The insured jobless rate only reflects the number of people collecting regular state unemployment insurance.

**Initial Claims**  
**4-Week Average**



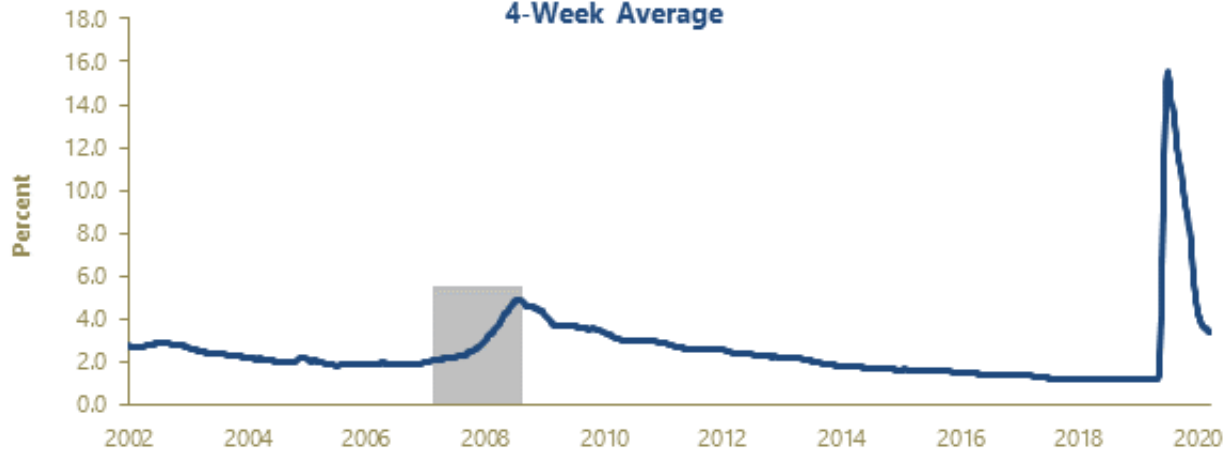
**Persons Collecting Unemployment Compensation**  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted**



**Continuing Claims**  
**Not Seasonally Adjusted**



## Insured Jobless Rate 4-Week Average



	30-Jan	23-Jan	16-Jan	9-Jan	2-Jan	26-Dec	19-Dec	12-Dec	5-Dec
<b>Initial Claims (000's)</b>	779	812	875	927	784	782	806	892	862
<b>Weekly Change</b>	-33	-63	-52	143	2	-24	-86	30	146
<b>4-Week Average</b>	848	850	842	825	816	836	819	814	778
<b>Weekly Change</b>	-1	8	17	9	-20	17	5	36	38
<b>Continuing Claims (000's)</b>		4,592	4,785	4,975	5,175	5,072	5,198	5,322	5,507
<b>Weekly Change</b>		-193	-190	-200	103	-126	-124	-185	-274
<b>4-Week Average</b>		4,882	5,002	5,105	5,192	5,275	5,452	5,534	5,726
<b>Weekly Change</b>		-120	-103	-87	-83	-177	-82	-192	-216
<b>Insured Jobless Rate (%)</b>		3.2	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.8
<i>Source: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor via Bloomberg. Our calculations.</i>									
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