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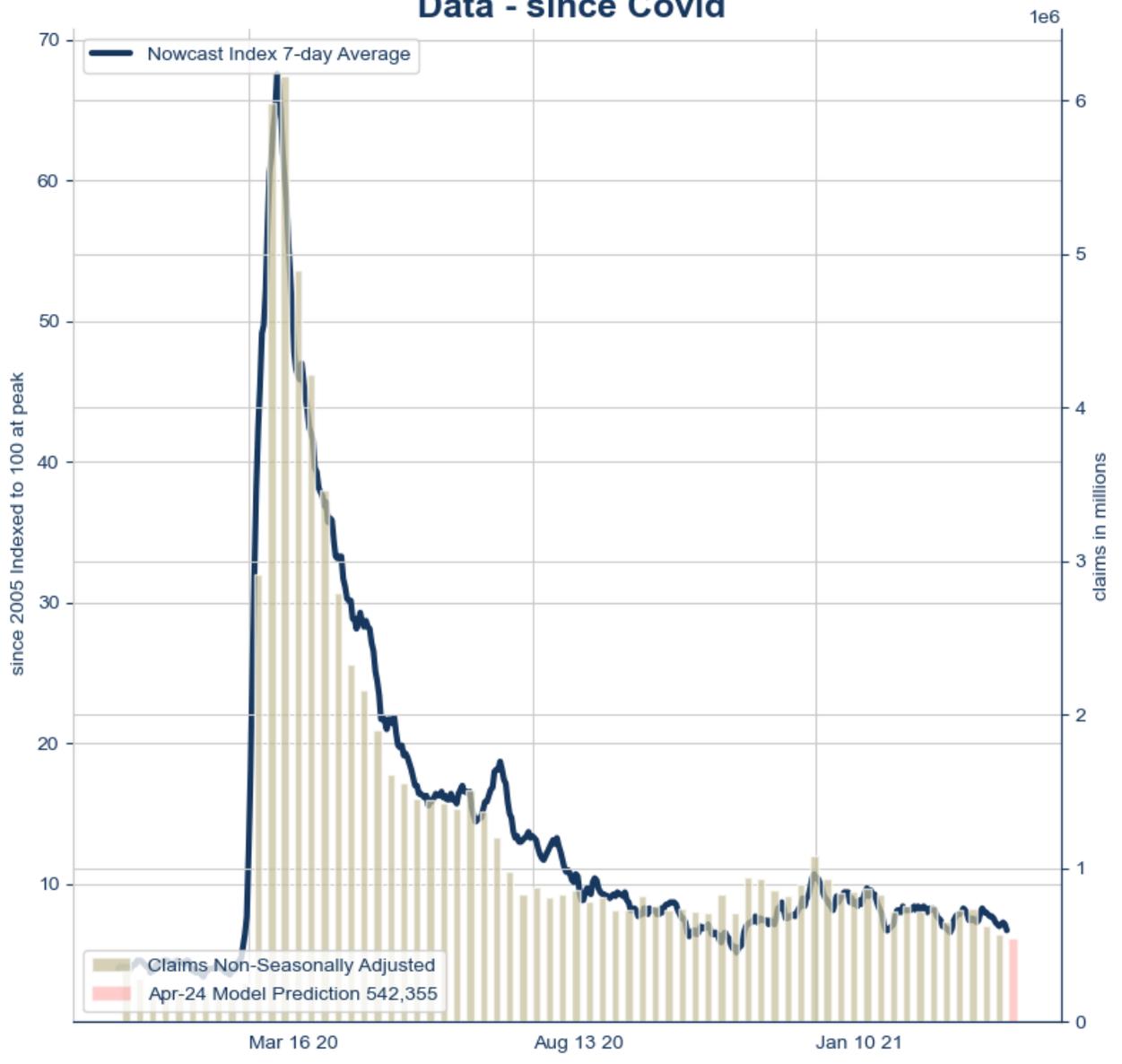
Jobless Claims: Below 550k

Bottom Line: Claims fell sharply for the second week in a row, dropping below 550k for the first time since the pandemic. The rebound in some of the states, like California, where processing appeared to have been impacted by the Easter holiday, was much smaller than expected. Moreover, seasonal adjustments were modest. While there could still be some upward volatility due to processing, the pace of improvement in the labor market has clearly accelerated.

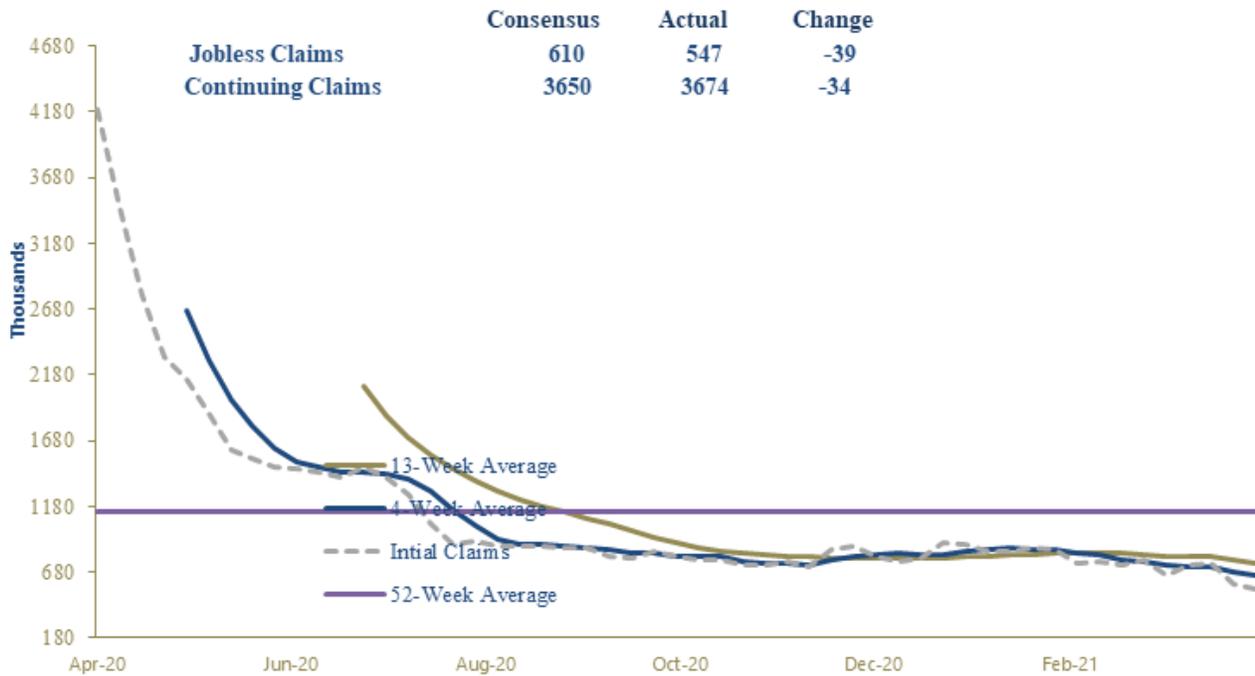
Our Nowcasting model suggests claims will stay below 550k this week.



Claims vs. Nowcast Index Data - since Covid



Jobless Claims



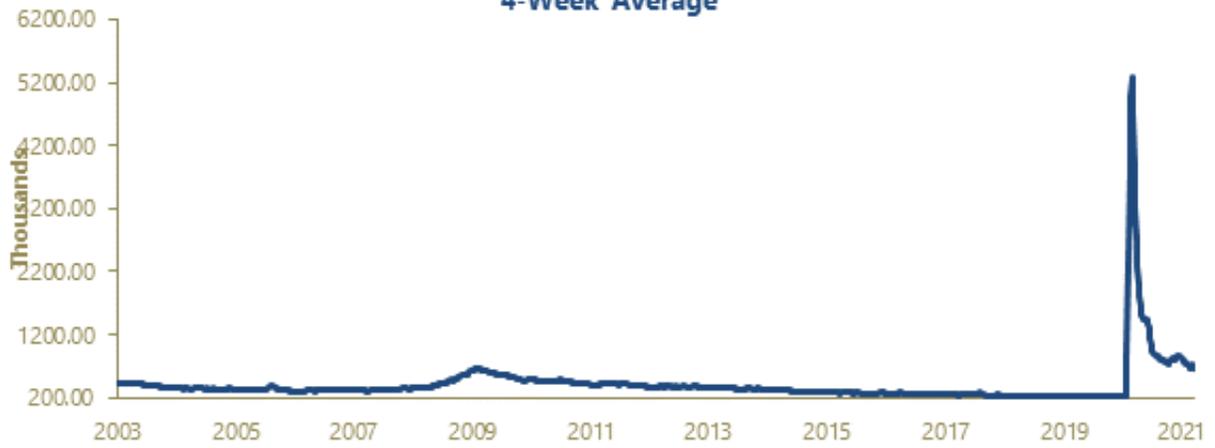
Jobless Claims FELL by 39k during the week ended April 17th to 547k, compared with market expectations for an increase to 610k. The 4-week average FELL by 27.8k to 651k and the 13 week average FELL by 26.1k to 742k.

Continuing Claims FELL by 34k during the week ended April 10th to 3,674k, The 4-week average FELL by 42k to 3,713k.

On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Continuing Claims FELL by 51k to 3,863k during the week ended April 3rd.

The Insured Jobless Rate FELL by 0.1% to 2.6% during the week ended April 10th. 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



	17-Apr	10-Apr	3-Apr	27-Mar	20-Mar	13-Mar	6-Mar	27-Feb	20-Feb
Initial Claims (000's)	547	586	742	729	658	765	734	761	747
Weekly Change	-39	-156	13	71	-107	31	-27	14	-100
4-Week Average	651	679	724	722	730	752	772	805	824
Weekly Change	-28	-45	2	-8	-22	-21	-32	-19	-22
Continuing Claims (000's)		3,674	3,708	3,717	3,753	3,841	4,123	4,157	4,383
Weekly Change		-34	-9	-36	-88	-282	-34	-226	-86
4-Week Average		3,713	3,755	3,859	3,969	4,126	4,283	4,400	4,525
Weekly Change		-42	-104	-110	-158	-157	-117	-125	-102
Insured Jobless Rate (%)		2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.1

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

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