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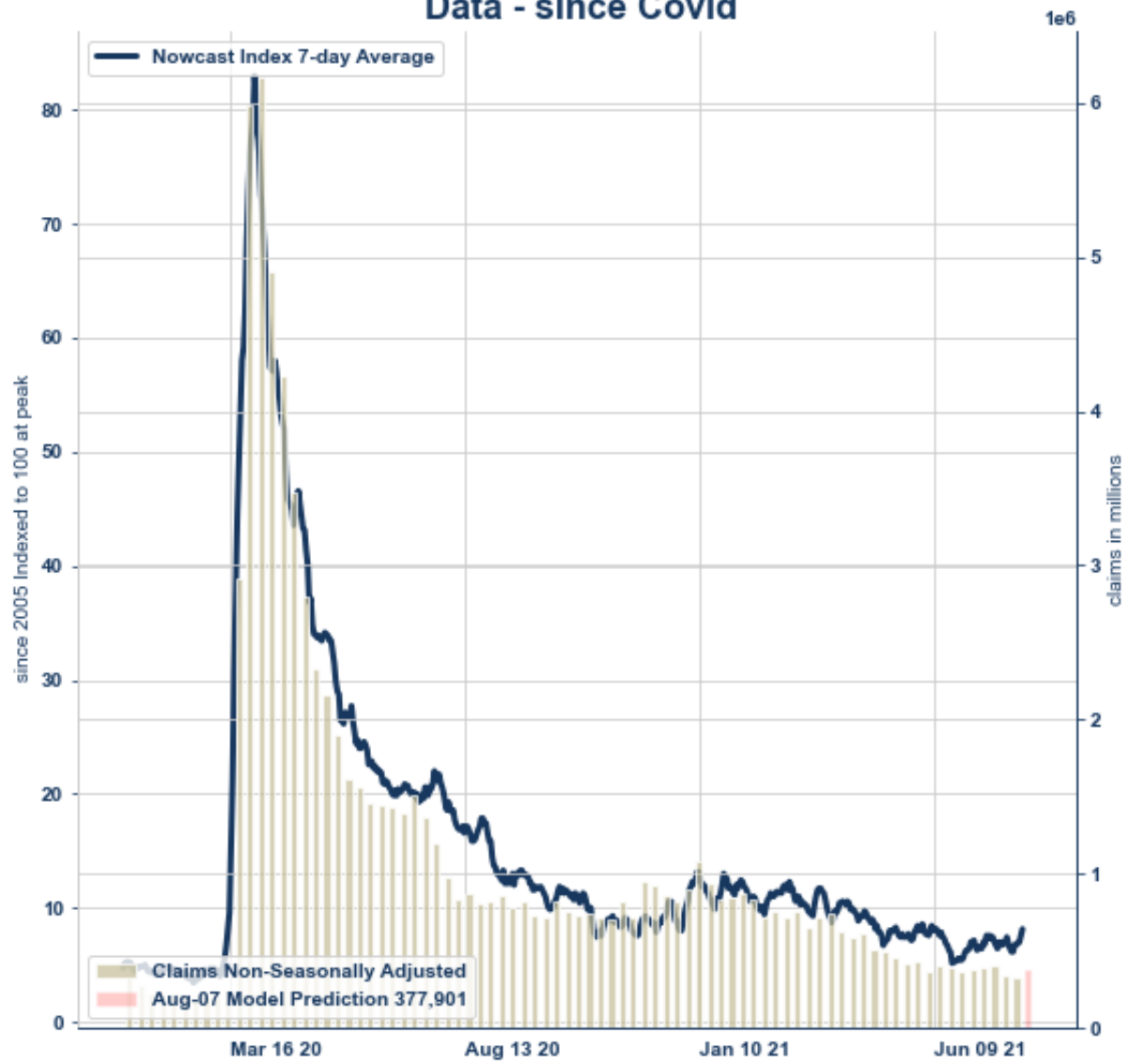
Jobless Claims: Trend Still Lower For Now

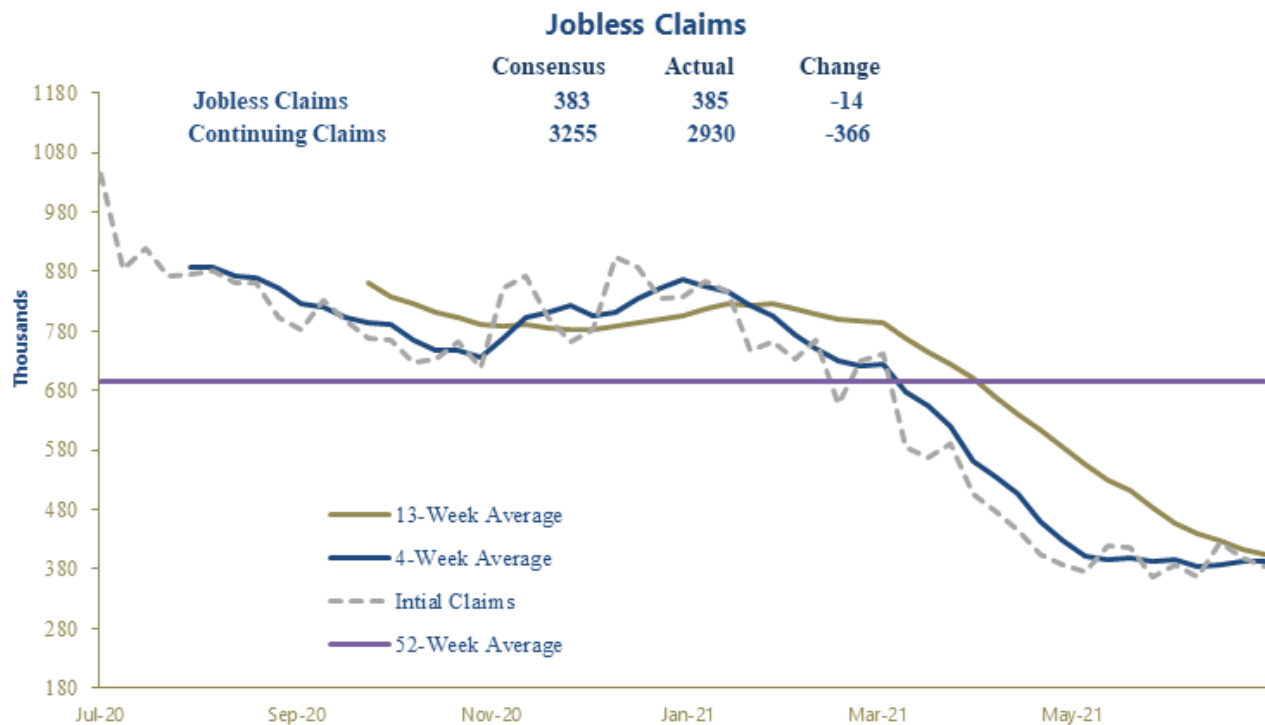
Bottom Line: Initial jobless claims fell for the second week in a row, dropping back below 400k again. The 4-week average was at 394k, below the 13-week average of 404k, indicating the labor market trends are still improving modestly, despite the recent volatility. The surge in Covid cases related to the delta variant is unlikely to cause a renewed spike in joblessness as there have been few shutdowns so far, but it will likely hinder further labor improvement for at least the next month.

Our Nowcast model suggests claims were running nearly unchanged this week.



Claims vs. Nowcast Index Data - since Covid





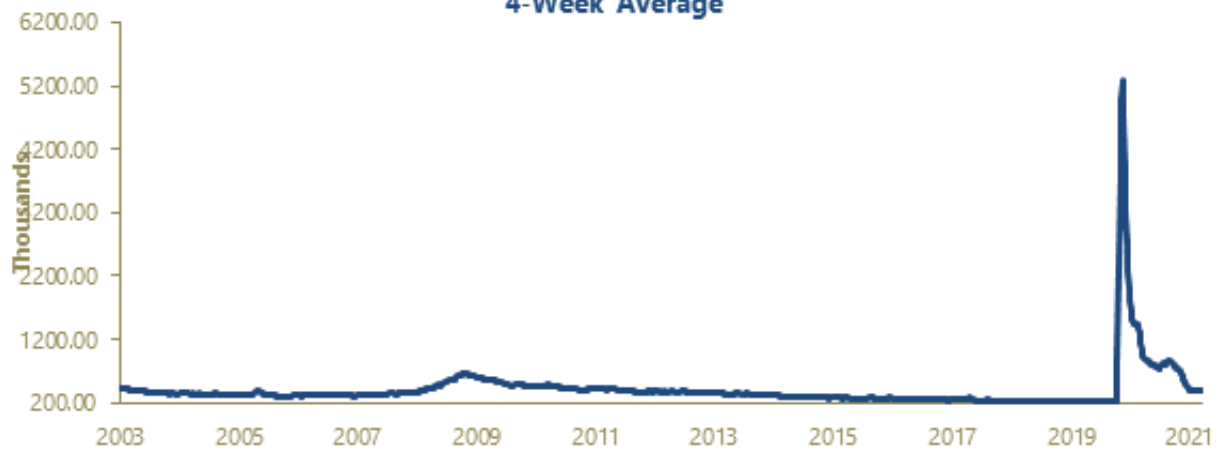
Jobless Claims FELL by 14k during the week ended July 31st to 385k, compared with market expectations for an increase to 383k. The 4-week average FELL by 0.3k to 394k and the 13 week average FELL by 9.4k to 404k.

Continuing Claims FELL by 366k during the week ended July 24th to 2,930k, The 4-week average FELL by 109k to 3,188k.

On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Continuing Claims FELL by 393k to 2,881k during the week ended July 17th.

The Insured Jobless Rate FELL by 0.3% to 2.1% during the week ended July 24th. The insured jobless rate only reflects the number of people collecting regular state unemployment insurance.

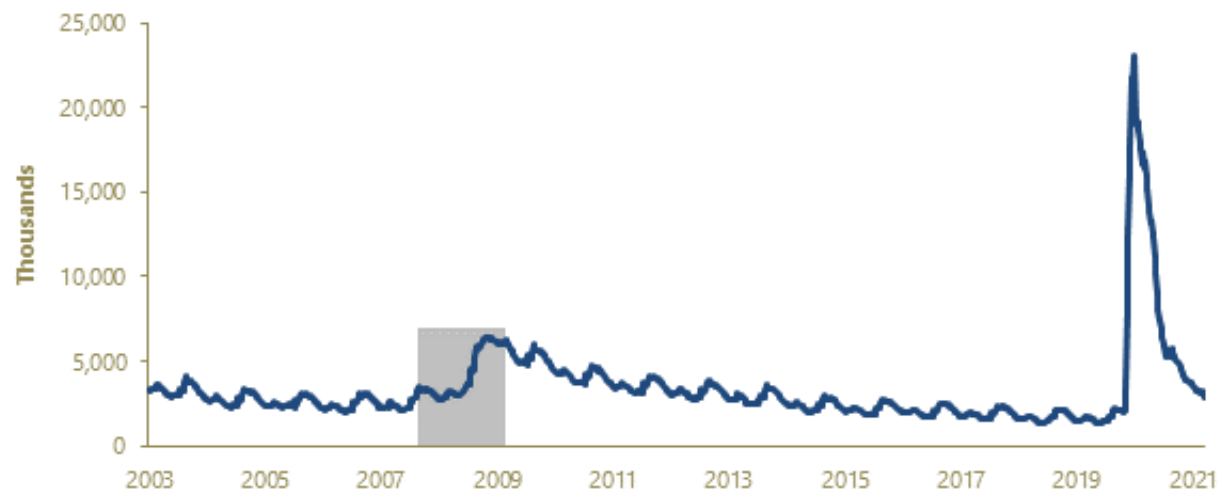
Initial Claims
4-Week Average



Persons Collecting Unemployment Compensation
Not Seasonally Adjusted

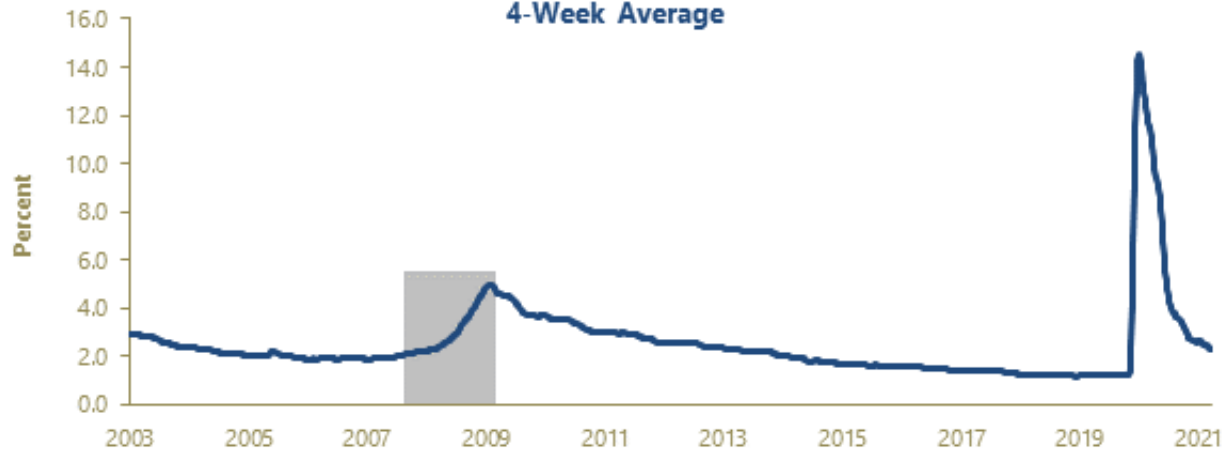


Continuing Claims
Not Seasonally Adjusted



Insured Jobless Rate

4-Week Average



	31-Jul	24-Jul	17-Jul	10-Jul	3-Jul	26-Jun	19-Jun	12-Jun	5-Jun
Initial Claims (000's)	385	399	424	368	386	368	416	418	374
Weekly Change	-14	-25	56	-18	18	-48	-2	44	-14
4-Week Average	394	394	387	385	397	394	399	396	403
Weekly Change	0	8	2	-13	3	-5	3	-7	-26
Continuing Claims (000's)		2,930	3,296	3,262	3,265	3,367	3,484	3,412	3,528
Weekly Change		-366	34	-3	-102	-117	72	-116	11
4-Week Average		3,188	3,298	3,345	3,382	3,448	3,485	3,557	3,606
Weekly Change		-109	-47	-38	-66	-38	-71	-50	-53
Insured Jobless Rate (%)		2.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5
Source: <i>Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor via Bloomberg. Our calculations.</i>									
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