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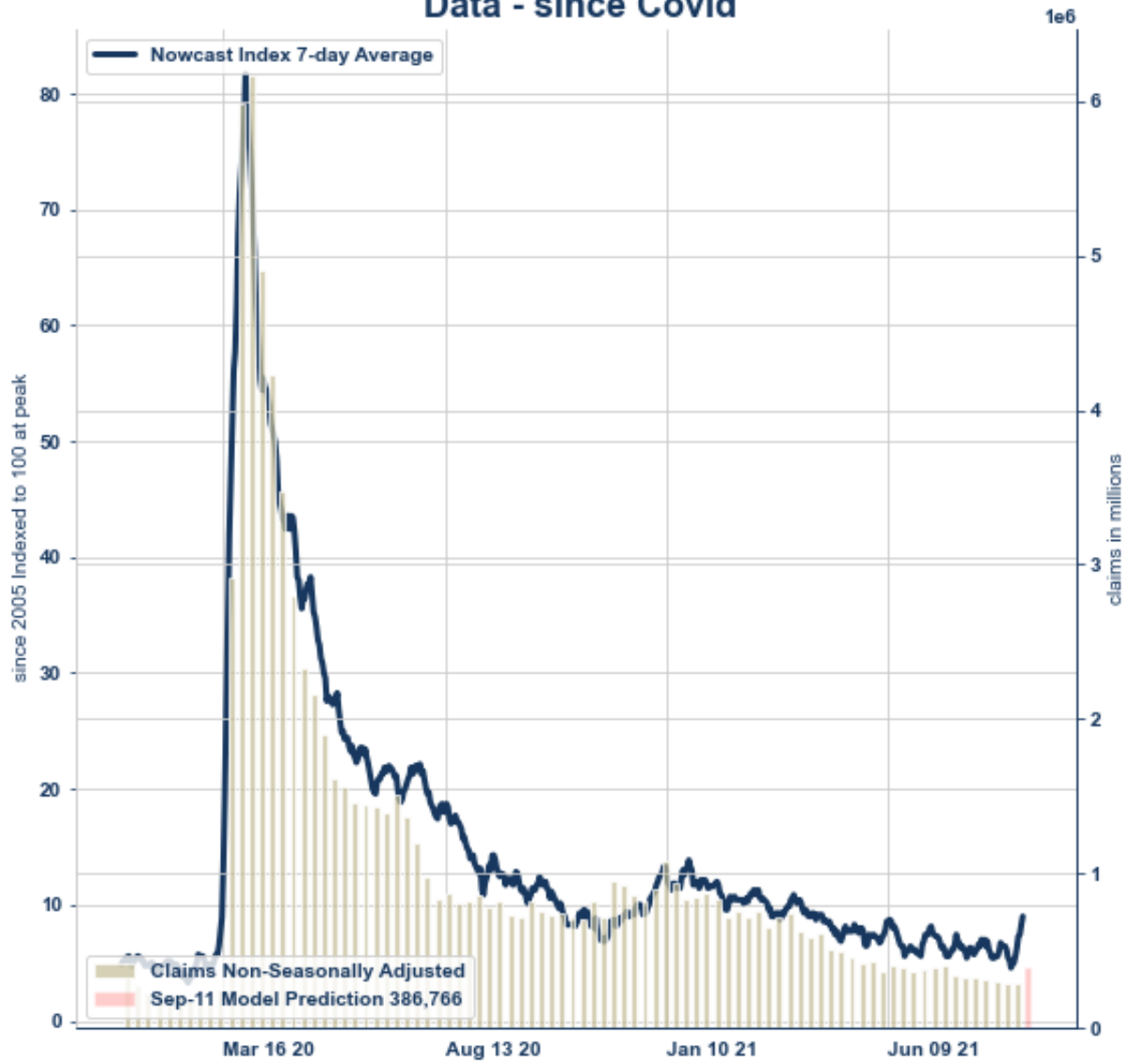
Jobless Claims: Further Declines, Approaching 300k

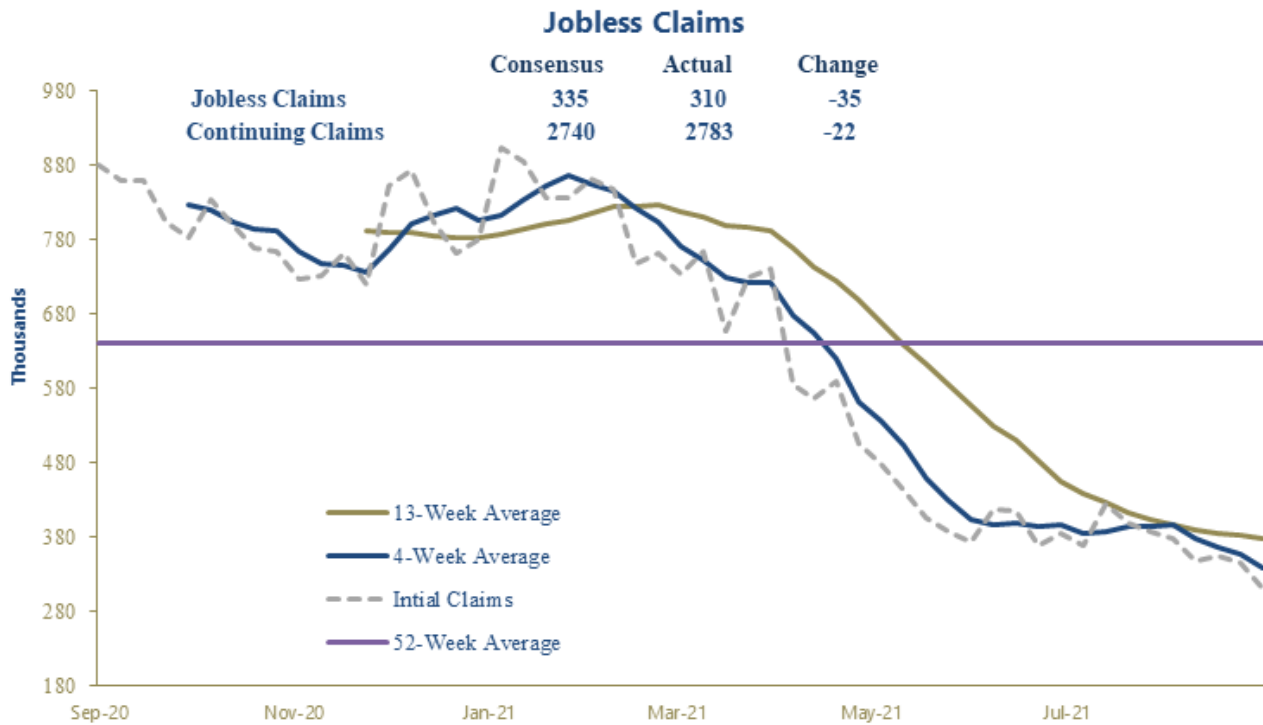
Bottom Line: Claims fell sharply heading in the Labor Day holiday weekend, hitting 310k. While about 2/3rds of the decline was due to difficult seasonal adjustments around the Labor Day holiday, the trend remains slowly in the right direction.

Our Nowcast model suggests there could be a sharp increase in claims following the holiday-shortened week. We expect more volatility in the coming weeks, in part due to auto plant shutdowns, as well as difficult seasonal adjustments.



Claims vs. Nowcast Index Data - since Covid





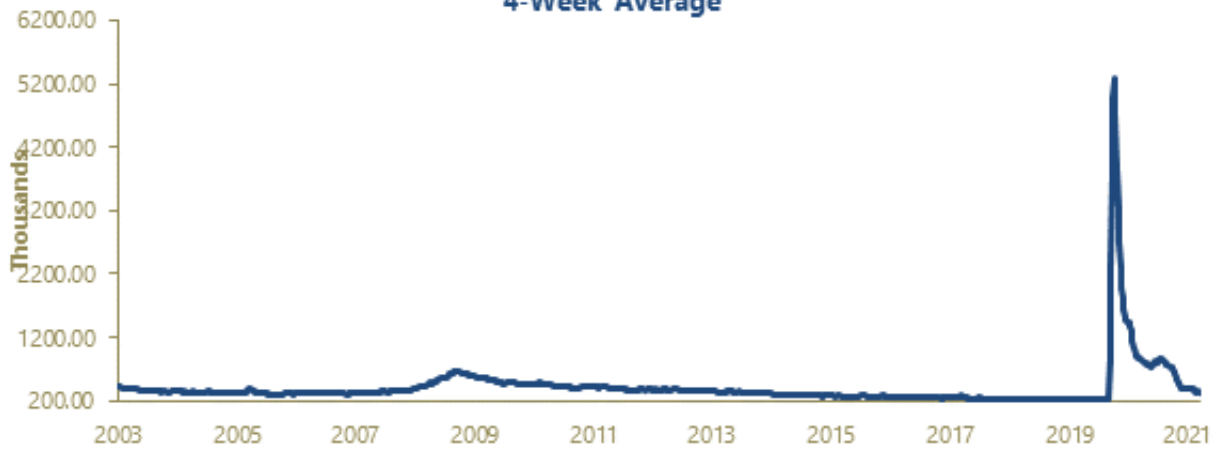
Jobless Claims FELL by 35k during the week ended September 4th to 310k, compared with market expectations for an increase to 335k. The 4-week average FELL by 16.8k to 340k and the 13 week average FELL by 4.9k to 377k.

Continuing Claims FELL by 22k during the week ended August 28th to 2,783k, The 4-week average FELL by 29k to 2,840k.

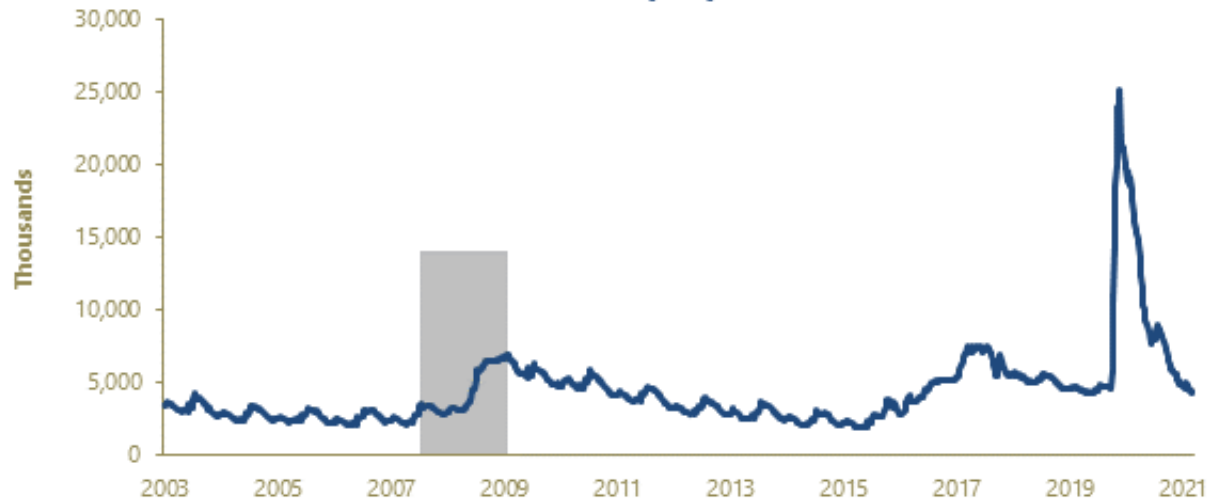
On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, Continuing Claims FELL by 75k to 2,600k during the week ended August 21st.

The Insured Jobless Rate STAYED at 2.0% during the week ended August 28th. The insured jobless rate only reflects the number of people collecting regular state unemployment insurance.

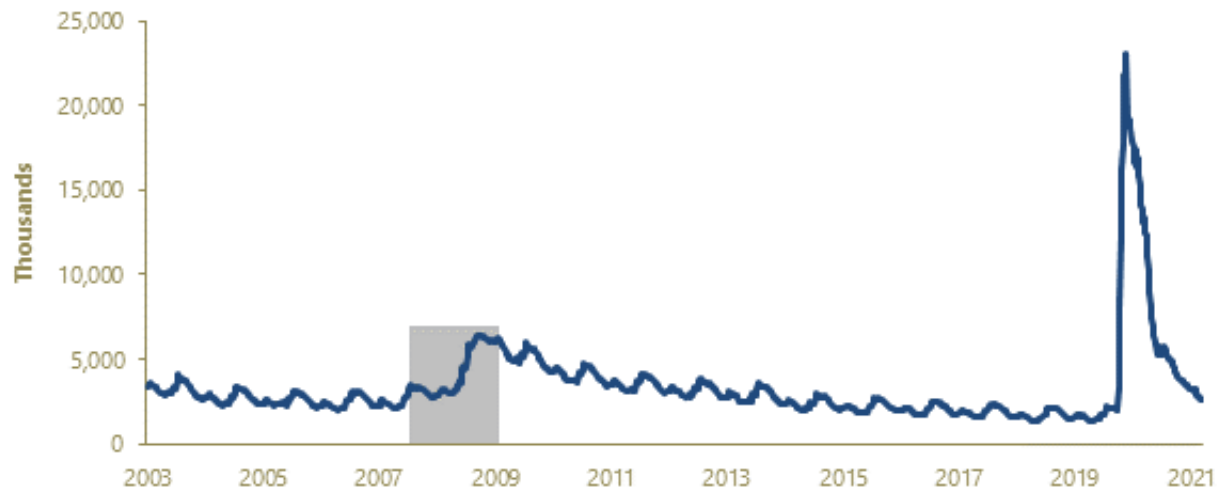
Initial Claims 4-Week Average



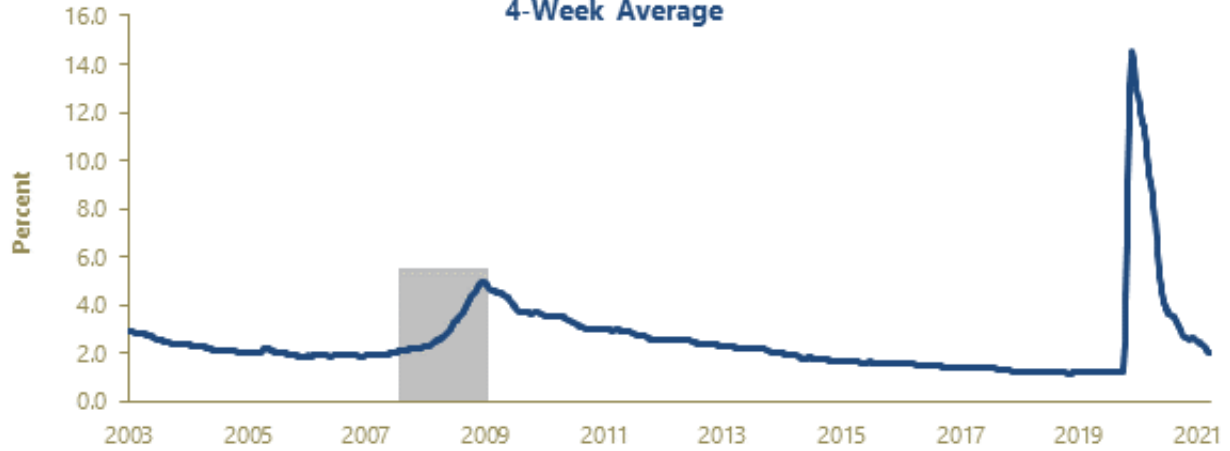
Persons Collecting Unemployment Compensation Not Seasonally Adjusted



Continuing Claims Not Seasonally Adjusted



Insured Jobless Rate 4-Week Average



| | 4-Sep | 28-Aug | 21-Aug | 14-Aug | 7-Aug | 31-Jul | 24-Jul | 17-Jul | 10-Jul |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Initial Claims (000's) | 310 | 345 | 354 | 349 | 377 | 387 | 399 | 424 | 368 |
| Weekly Change | -35 | -9 | 5 | -28 | -10 | -12 | -25 | 56 | -18 |
| 4-Week Average | 340 | 356 | 367 | 378 | 397 | 395 | 394 | 387 | 385 |
| Weekly Change | -17 | -11 | -11 | -19 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 2 | -13 |
| Continuing Claims (000's) | | 2,783 | 2,805 | 2,908 | 2,865 | 2,899 | 2,980 | 3,296 | 3,262 |
| Weekly Change | | -22 | -103 | 43 | -34 | -81 | -316 | 34 | -3 |
| 4-Week Average | | 2,840 | 2,869 | 2,913 | 3,010 | 3,109 | 3,201 | 3,298 | 3,345 |
| Weekly Change | | -29 | -44 | -97 | -99 | -92 | -97 | -47 | -38 |
| Insured Jobless Rate (%) | | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 |

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

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