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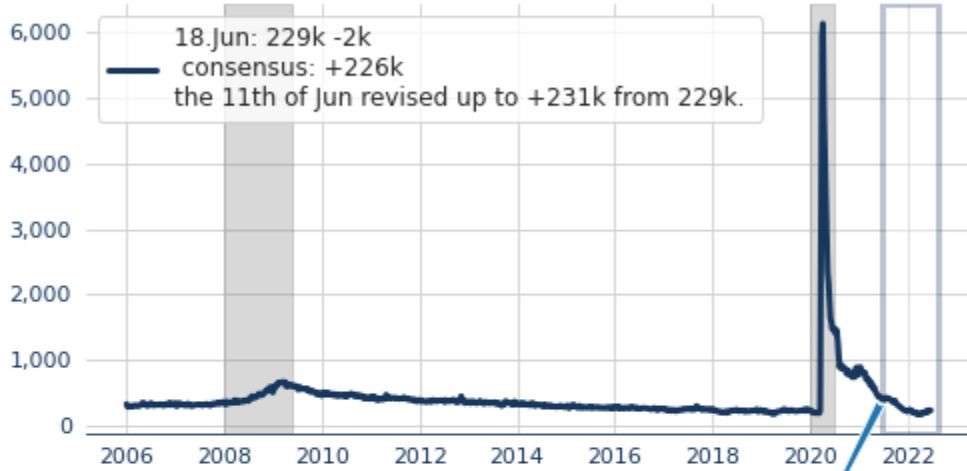
Jobless Claims: Flashing Warning Signs

Bottom Line: Claims fell less than expected last week with the medium-term averages in a slight uptrend after bottoming in March. This was the third week over 220k. While historically still low, the shift in trend is a big concern and bears close watching going forward. It appears the red-hot labor market is finally cooling.

Our Nowcast model is still running a bit below the reported level of claims, suggesting we are unlikely to see a sharp spark in claims, but its trend has also turned modestly higher.

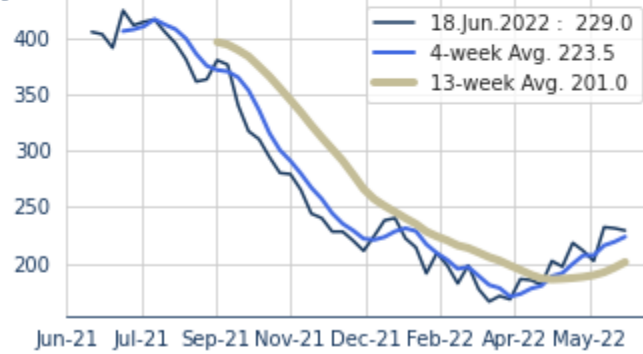
Initial Jobless Claims

18.Jun: 229k -2k
consensus: +226k



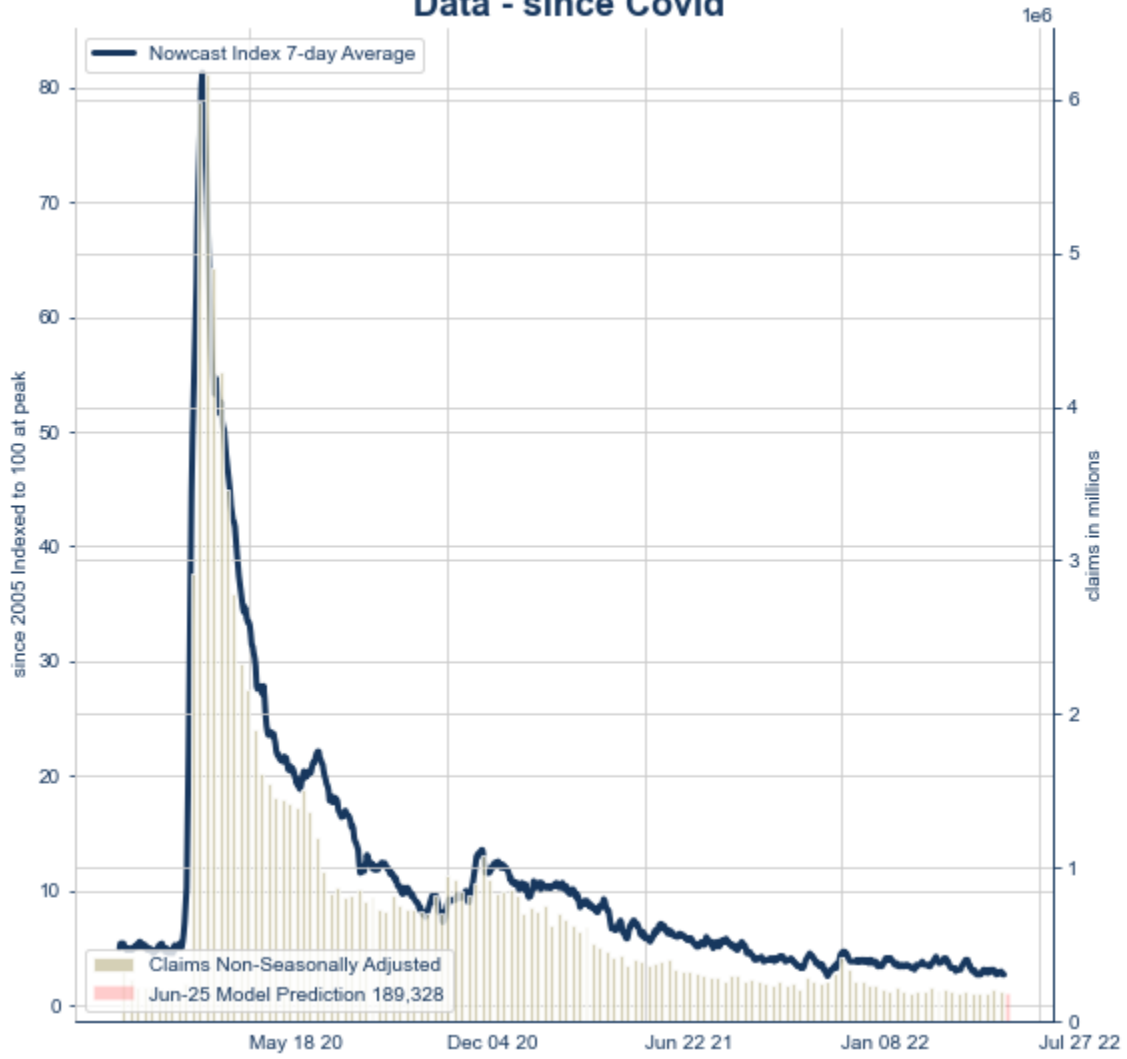
Recent Trends

Contingent Macro Advisors 2022 source: BLS via FRED



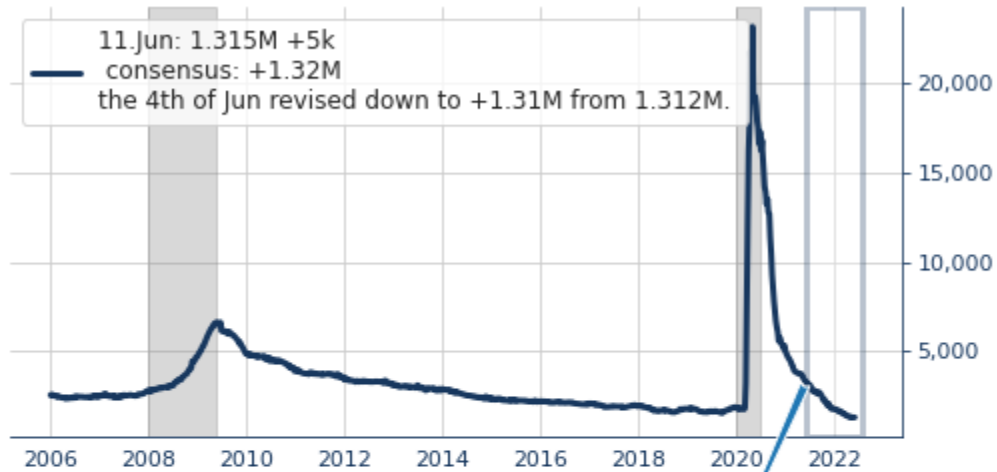


Claims vs. Nowcast Index Data - since Covid

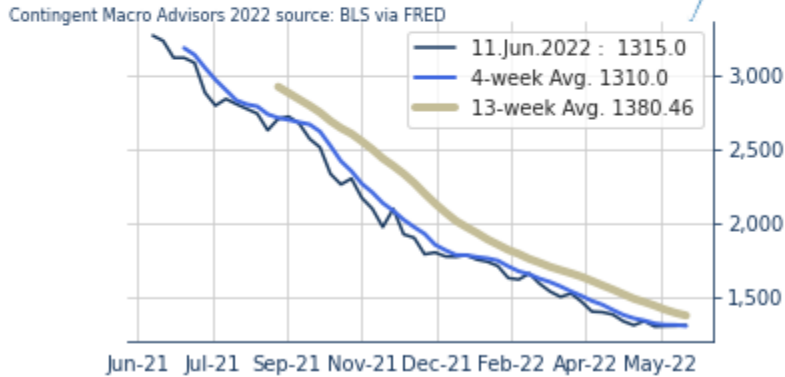


Continuing Claims

11.Jun: 1.315M +5k consensus: +1.32M



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Initial Jobless Claims FELL 2k in the week ended June 18th to 229k, ABOVE the 4-week average of 223.5k, ABOVE the 13-week average of 201k but 195k BELOW the year-ago level. Claims for the 11th of Jun were revised up from +229k to +231k. Non-seasonally adjusted Claims FELL 3.255k.

Continuing Claims were nearly unchanged in the week ended June 11th, 5k to 1.315M, ABOVE the 4-week average of 1.31M, BELOW the 13-week average of 1.380462M but 1.956M BELOW the year-ago level. Continuing Claims for the 4th of Jun were revised down from +1.312M to +1.31M.

US Weekly Jobless Claims in 000s	Jun-18	Jun-11	Jun-04	May-28	May-21	May-14	May-07	Apr-30
Initial Jobless Claims SA	229.00	231.00	232.00	202.00	211.00	218.00	197.00	202.00
wk chg (SA)	-2.00	-1.00	30.00	-9.00	-7.00	21.00	-5.00	21.00
Initial Jobless Claims NSA	202.84	206.10	186.77	183.60	185.25	198.46	185.90	198.36
wk chg (NSA)	-3.25	19.33	3.17	-1.65	-13.21	12.56	-12.46	-5.77

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4-week avg (SA)	223.50	219.00	215.75	207.00	207.00	199.50	191.25	188.50
chg in 4wk avg	4.50	3.25	8.75	0.00	7.50	8.25	2.75	8.50
13-week avg (SA)	201.00	196.15	192.00	189.38	187.85	186.85	186.15	185.69
chg in 13k avg	4.85	4.15	2.62	1.54	1.00	0.69	0.46	-0.92
Continuing Claims in 000s (one week lag)	Jun-11	Jun-04	May-28	May-21	May-14	May-07	Apr-30	Apr-23
Continuing Claims SA	1315.00	1310.00	1309.00	1306.00	1343.00	1315.00	1342.00	1387.00
wk chg (SA)	5.00	1.00	3.00	-37.00	28.00	-27.00	-45.00	-16.00
Continuing Claims NSA	1272.75	1270.96	1258.34	1256.69	1290.39	1283.46	1333.57	1405.95
wk chg (NSA)	1.80	12.62	1.65	-33.70	6.93	-50.10	-72.39	-36.61
4-week avg (SA)	1310.00	1317.00	1318.25	1326.50	1346.75	1361.75	1384.75	1417.75
chg in 4wk avg	-7.00	-1.25	-8.25	-20.25	-15.00	-23.00	-33.00	-35.50
13-week avg (SA)	1380.46	1397.92	1419.77	1447.08	1471.46	1493.77	1524.46	1555.31
chg in 13k avg	-17.46	-21.85	-27.31	-24.38	-22.31	-30.69	-30.85	-28.46

source: Bureau of Labor Statistics via St. Louis Fed FRED

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