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Jobless Claims: Continue to Inch Higher

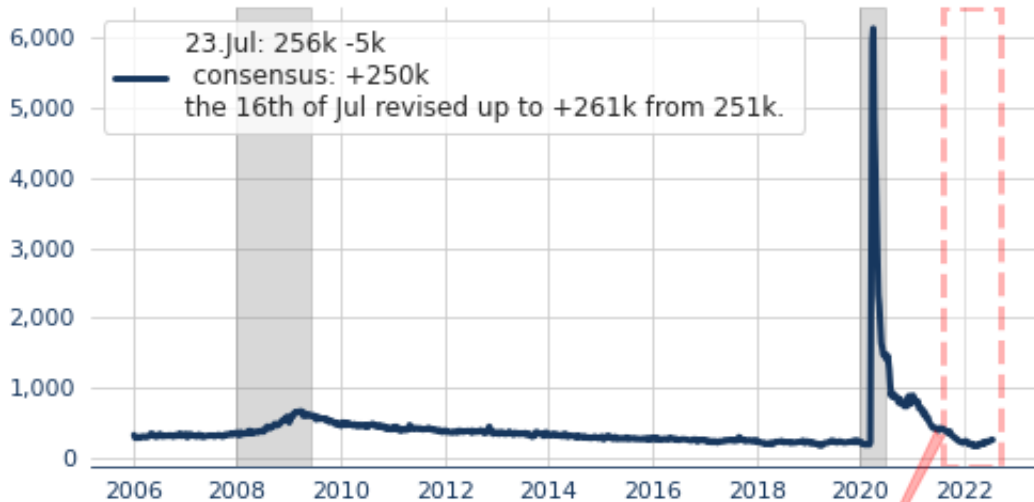
Bottom Line: Claims moved higher again last week, making another marginal new high for the year as the trend continues to creep slowly higher. It was the eighth consecutive week over 220k. The medium-term averages are in a slight uptrend after bottoming in March. The shift in trend is a big concern and bears close watching going forward. The red-hot labor market is finally cooling.

Our Nowcast model is now running only a bit below the reported level of claims, confirming the trend has also turned higher, despite some anomalies in the seasonal adjustments of the reported data.

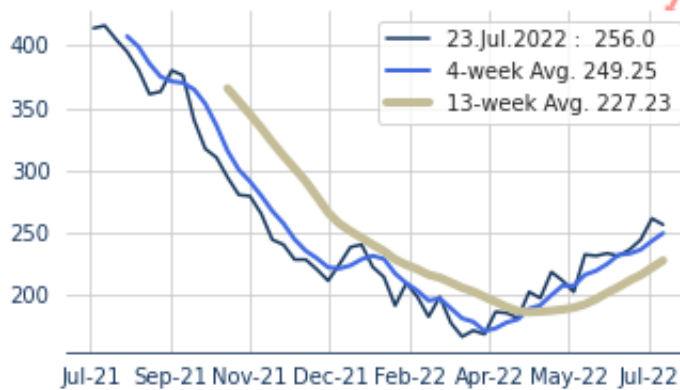
Initial Jobless Claims

23.Jul: 256k -5k

consensus: +250k

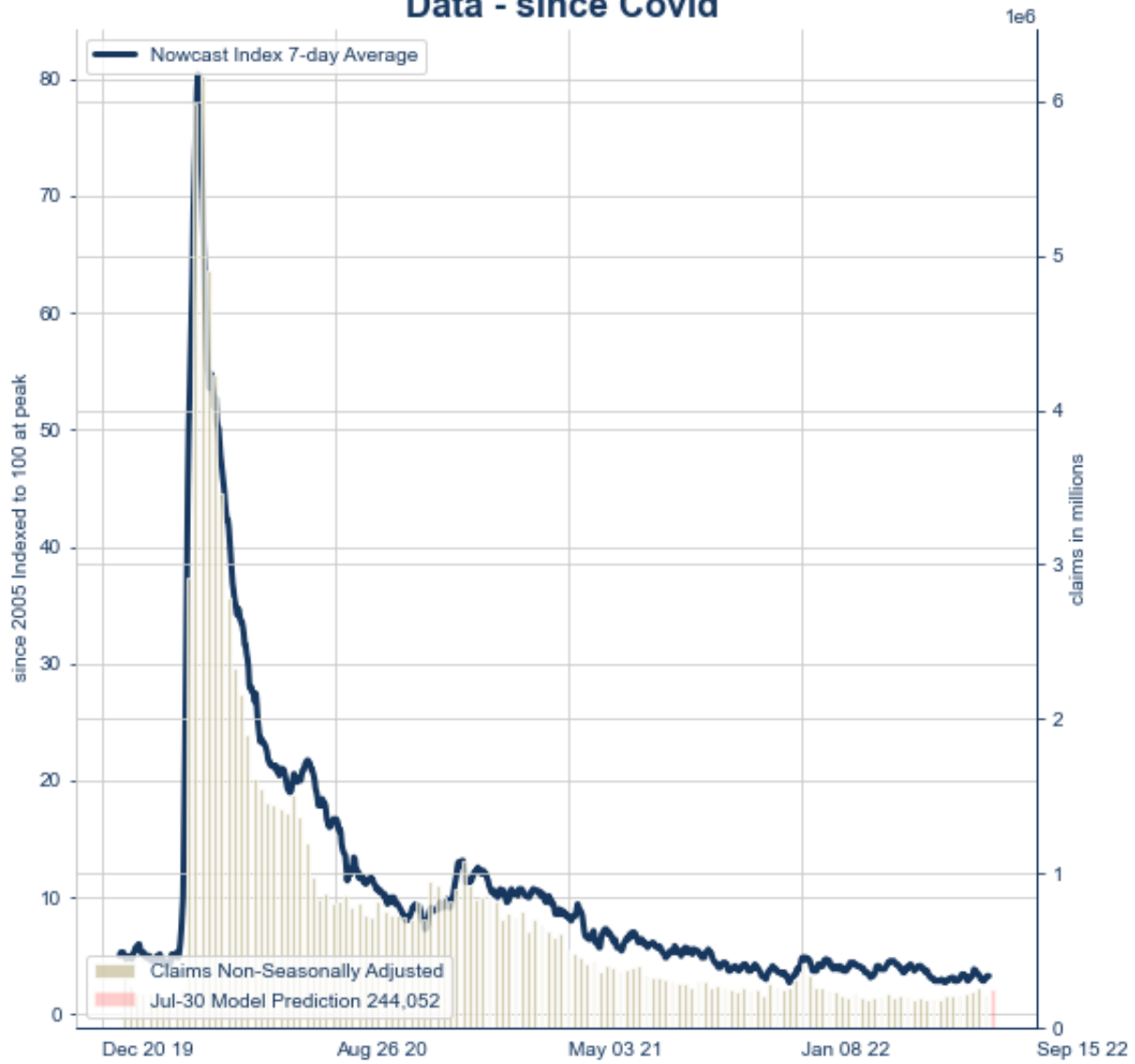


Recent Trends



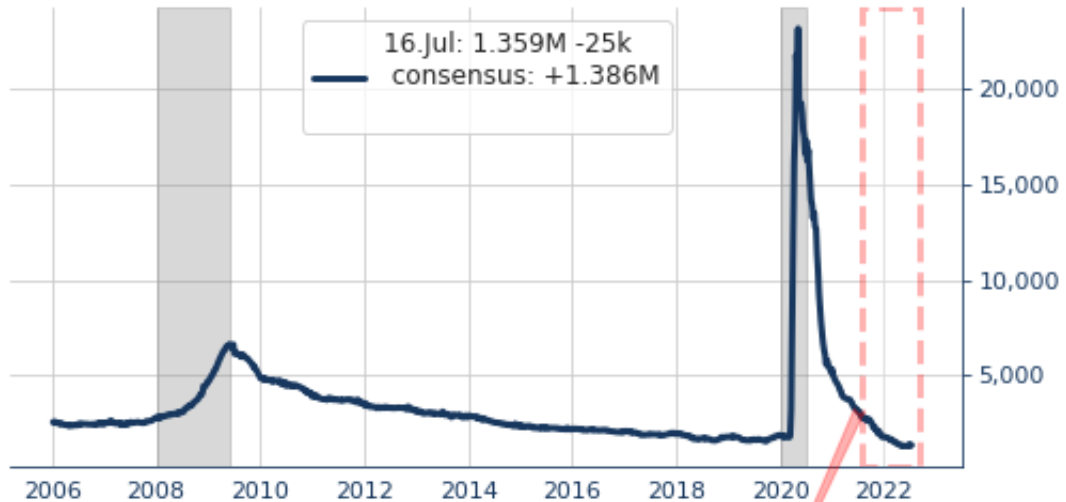


Claims vs. Nowcast Index Data - since Covid

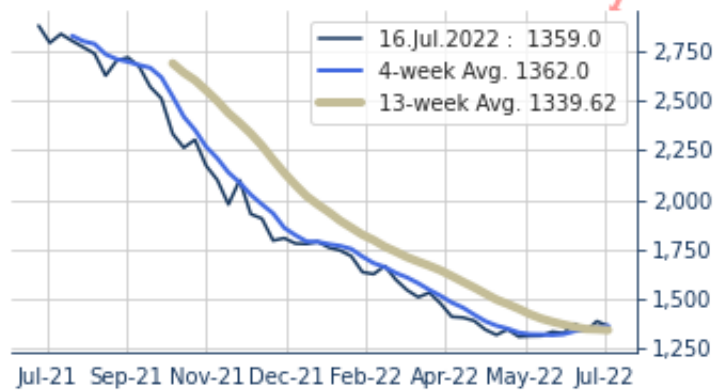


Continuing Claims

16.Jul: 1.359M -25k
consensus: +1.386M



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Contingent Macro Advisors 2022 source: BLS via FRED

Initial Jobless Claims FELL 5k in the week ended July 23rd to 256k, ABOVE the 4-week average of 249.25k, ABOVE the 13-week average of 227.23077k but 155k BELOW the year-ago level. Claims for the 16th of Jul were revised up from +251k to +261k. Non-seasonally adjusted Claims FELL 42.417k

Continuing Claims FELL 25k in the week ended July 16th to 1.359M, BELOW the 4-week average of 1.362M, ABOVE the 13-week average of 1.339615M and 1.723M BELOW the year-ago level.

US Weekly Jobless Claims in 000s	Jul-23	Jul-16	Jul-09	Jul-02	Jun-25	Jun-18	Jun-11	Jun-04
Initial Jobless Claims SA	256.00	261.00	244.00	236.00	231.00	233.00	231.00	232.00
wk chg (SA)	-5.00	17.00	8.00	5.00	-2.00	2.00	-1.00	30.00
Initial Jobless Claims NSA	216.50	258.91	241.14	220.44	207.59	206.36	206.10	186.77

wk chg (NSA)	-42.42	17.77	20.70	12.85	1.23	0.26	19.33	3.17
4-week avg (SA)	249.25	243.00	236.00	232.75	231.75	224.50	219.00	215.75
chg in 4wk avg	6.25	7.00	3.25	1.00	7.25	5.50	3.25	8.75
13-week avg (SA)	227.23	221.46	215.62	211.15	205.92	201.31	196.15	192.00
chg in 13k avg	5.77	5.85	4.46	5.23	4.62	5.15	4.15	2.62
Continuing Claims in 000s (one week lag)	Jul-16	Jul-09	Jul-02	Jun-25	Jun-18	Jun-11	Jun-04	May-28
Continuing Claims SA	1359.00	1384.00	1333.00	1372.00	1324.00	1331.00	1310.00	1309.00
wk chg (SA)	-25.00	51.00	-39.00	48.00	-7.00	21.00	1.00	3.00
Continuing Claims NSA	1437.55	1450.35	1328.56	1374.89	1301.56	1288.70	1270.96	1258.34
wk chg (NSA)	-12.80	121.79	-46.33	73.33	12.86	17.74	12.62	1.65
4-week avg (SA)	1362.00	1353.25	1340.00	1334.25	1318.50	1314.00	1317.00	1318.25
chg in 4wk avg	8.75	13.25	5.75	15.75	4.50	-3.00	-1.25	-8.25
13-week avg (SA)	1339.62	1343.00	1344.77	1355.62	1367.69	1381.69	1397.92	1419.77
chg in 13k avg	-3.38	-1.77	-10.85	-12.08	-14.00	-16.23	-21.85	-27.31

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