

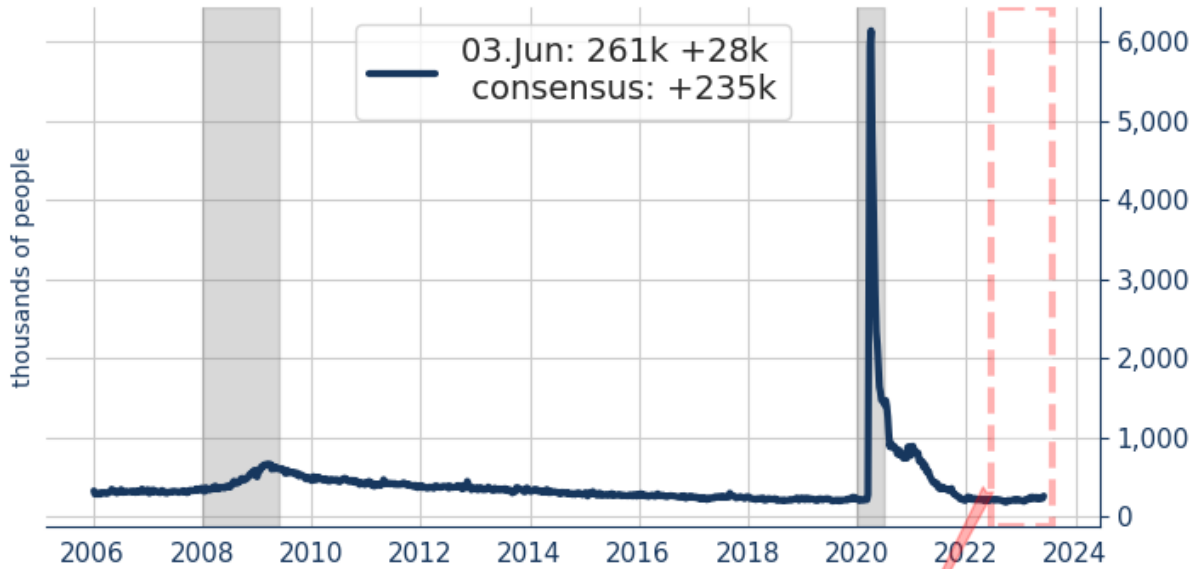
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Jobless Claims: Sharp Increase

Bottom Line: Claims were sharply higher than expected at 261k, the highest since October 30, 2021. Claims in Ohio jumped over 60%, accounting for over 25% of the total increase in the week. While volatility in an individual state is not unusual, especially one with many jobs in manufacturing related to the auto industry, it bears close watching in the coming week. For now, the sharp increase does not appear to be due to fraud, like the increases we saw in Massachusetts in April and May. **Overall, claims are trending slowly higher, suggesting a very slow slackening in a historically very tight labor market. But these latest tallies have us on high alert for an acceleration in the pace of claims -- for now, it is too early to make that claim. That said, our Nowcast model continues to run modestly above the reported level of claims.**

Initial Jobless Claims

03.Jun: 261k +28k consensus: +235k



Recent Trends



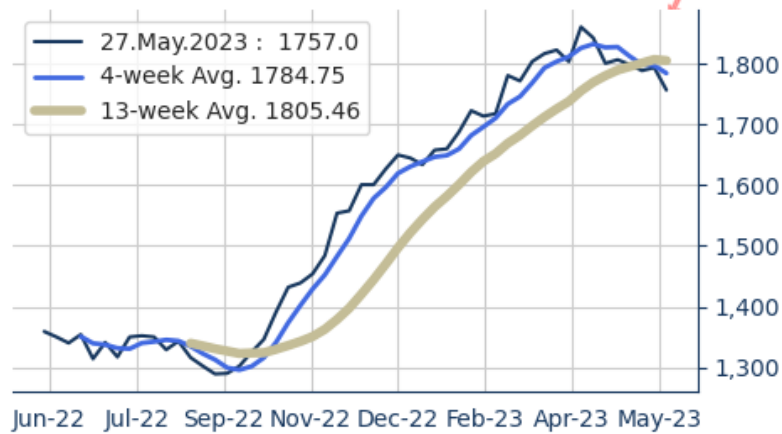
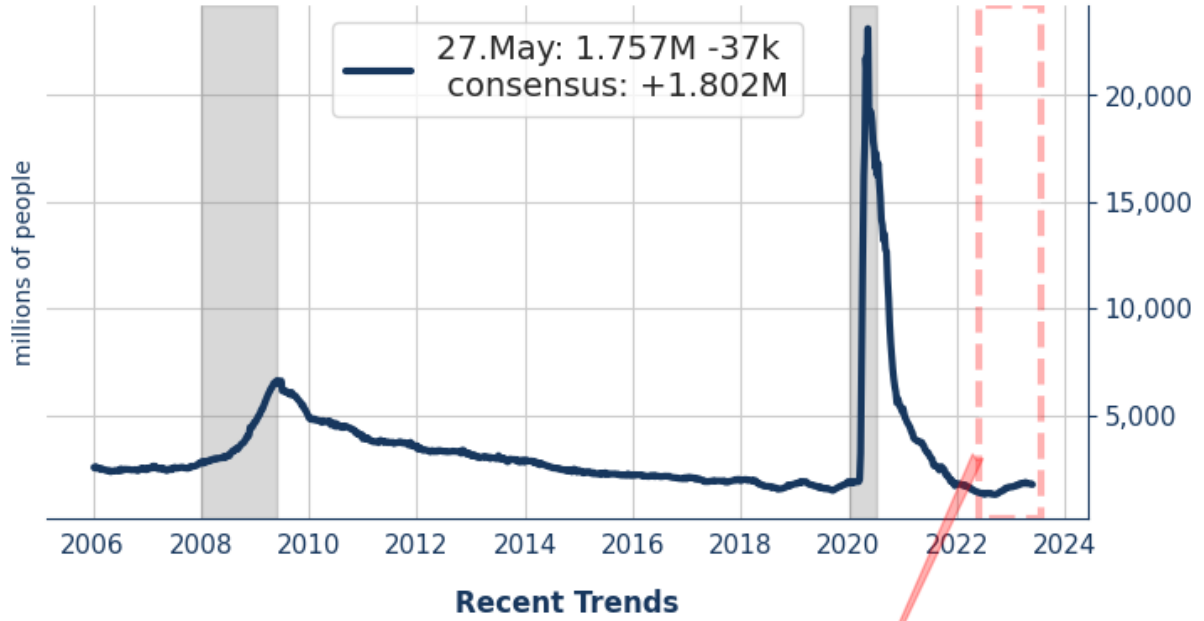
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Initial Jobless Claims ROSE 28k in the week ended June 3rd to 261k, ABOVE the 4-week average of 237k, ABOVE the 13-week average of 238k, and 40k ABOVE the year-ago level. Non-seasonally adjusted Claims ROSE 10.535k,

Continuing Claims FELL -37k in the week ended May 27th to 1.757M, BELOW the 4-week average of 1.78475M, BELOW the 13-week average of 1.805462M but 375k ABOVE the year-ago level.

Continuing Claims

Uptrend since revisions in late 1st Quarter '23 has lost momentum.



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US Weekly Jobless Claims in 000s	Jun-03	May-27	May-20	May-13	May-06	Apr-29	Apr-22	Apr-15
Initial Jobless Claims SA	261	233	230	225	231	242	229	246
wk chg (SA)	28	3	5	-6	-11	13	-17	6
Initial Jobless Claims NSA	219	209	203	201	205	220	225	229
wk chg (NSA)	11	6	2	-4	-15	-5	-4	-6
4-week avg (SA)	237	230	232	232	237	239	236	240
chg in 4wk avg	8	-2	0	-5	-2	4	-4	-0
13-week avg (SA)	238	236	235	234	234	233	230	227
chg in 13k avg	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	4
Continuing Claims in 000s (one	May-27	May-20	May-13	May-06	Apr-29	Apr-22	Apr-15	Apr-08

week lag)								
Continuing Claims SA	1757	1794	1789	1799	1807	1801	1843	1861
wk chg (SA)	-37	5	-10	-8	6	-42	-18	57
Continuing Claims NSA	1597	1610	1612	1612	1660	1689	1753	1789
wk chg (NSA)	-12	-3	0	-48	-29	-63	-36	-7
4-week avg (SA)	1785	1797	1799	1812	1828	1827	1833	1826
chg in 4wk avg	-12	-2	-14	-16	1	-6	6	14
13-week avg (SA)	1805	1807	1801	1796	1790	1781	1770	1756
chg in 13k avg	-2	6	6	6	9	11	14	17

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