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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS PRESS RELEASE

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**Claims activity mixed over the week;
increases in State Extended Benefits claims continue**

CARSON CITY, NV - For the week ending January 2, initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) totaled 8,461, up 1,252 claims, or 17.4%, compared to the previous week's total of 7,209 claims, according to data from the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR). Since the week ending March 14, 2020, the first week Nevada saw claims increase due to the pandemic, there have been a total of 794,227 initial claims filed.

It should be noted that due to the delay in the passage of HB 133, many of the benefit programs enacted during the pandemic expired for a short period of time. This programmatic lapse may have introduced some variability in the data.

Continued claims, which represent the current number of insured unemployed workers filing weekly for unemployment insurance benefits, totaled 77,383 claims, a decrease of 991 claims, or 1.3%, from the previous week's total of 78,374. Decreases in regular continued claims have been recorded in 20 of the past 22 weeks, due in part to claimants exhausting their benefit weeks and moving to other benefit programs.

Nevada's Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program, which originally provided up to 13 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits, saw 86,101 claims filed in the week, a decline of 9,338 claims from last week's total of 95,439. The passage of HB 133 updated this provision; starting the week ending January 2, claimants may be eligible for up to an additional 11 weeks of PEUC in certain circumstances.

Nevada's State Extended Benefit (SEB) program provides up to 20 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted both their regular and PEUC program benefits. Nevada saw 34,516 claims filed in the week, an increase of 10,543 claims from a week ago. New guidance from the Department of Labor may require DETR to change the sequence of applying and paying out benefits.

The insured unemployment rate for the regular UI program, which is the ratio of regular continued claims in a week to the total number of jobs covered by the unemployment insurance system (also known as covered employment), fell 0.1 percentage points to 5.5%. Including claimants in the benefit extension programs, the rate, more appropriately called the extended insured unemployment rate, was 14.2%, unchanged from last week. It should be noted that the calculation of the insured unemployment rate is different from that of the state's total unemployment rate.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program, which provides benefits for self-employed, 1099 contract workers, and gig workers saw 1,116 initial claims filed in the week ending January 2, a decline of 3,930 claims, or 77.9%, from last week's total of 5,046. Since the start of the PUA program, there have been a total of 785,665 PUA initial claims filed.

There were 78,770 PUA continued claims filed in the week ending January 2, a decrease of 5,698 claims, or 6.7%, from the previous week's revised total of 84,468. This is the ninth consecutive week of declines in PUA continued claims, and the lowest reading for any week since the start of the program.

State level data from the U.S. Department of Labor can be found here [[DOL Weekly Claims Report](#)]. View the state level unemployment insurance claims report for the week ending January 2 here [[Weekly Report](#)]. A dashboard for Nevada weekly claims can be found here [[Weekly Dashboard](#)]. A page for Nevada weekly claims characteristics by program can be viewed here [[Weekly Claims Characteristics](#)]. A monthly claims dashboard can be found here [[Monthly Dashboard](#)] and a monthly claims demographic page can be found here [[Monthly Demographics](#)]. See weekly county claims trends here [[Weekly by County](#)]. Dashboards are interactive reports that allow for deeper analysis of the data.

To file for unemployment in the State of Nevada, please use the online application available 24/7 at <http://ui.nv.gov/css.html>. People unable to file online may file via telephone by calling a UI Claims Call Center between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday between 8 a.m. and noon. Northern UI Call Center: (775) 684-0350; Southern UI Call Center: (702) 486-0350; Rural areas and Out-of-State: (888) 890-8211. Claimants are encouraged to use the internet to file their UI claims, as it is the fastest and most convenient way to file and reserves the phone lines for individuals who are not able to file online. Online filing during non-peak hours, such as early mornings, at night or weekends is also highly recommended. To continue to receive benefits, claimants must file weekly.

DETR is actively working with law enforcement entities and the Department of Labor to detect, prevent and address unemployment fraud. Employers and individuals who believe they have been a victim of unemployment fraud, can file a report with the agency by visiting www.detr.nv.gov and selecting the [Unemployment Fraud tab](#) on the left under "Quick links" and clicking on "Report Fraud to DETR." Once a report is filed with the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), nothing else is required by the reporting party. DETR will flag the account so payments are not issued. If needed, the Department may reach out for additional information. To view what additional steps individuals and employers can take if they believe a fraudulent claim has been filed, review DETR's [fraud flyer](#) located on the Bulletin Board at www.detr.nv.gov.

For Nevada workers who are self-employed, 1099 contract workers, and gig workers, Nevada's Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program (PUA) is available. For further information regarding the PUA program visit, detr.nv.gov/pua#. Individuals will be able to file online at www.employnv.gov or call the PUA Call Center at (800) 603-9681 or 775-298-6007 or 702-329-6699 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday between 8 a.m. and noon.

Claimants are encouraged to visit <http://ui.nv.gov/css.html> and detr.nv.gov/coronavirus to view important announcements and access essential resources. Online tutorial videos are also available in both English and Spanish and can be viewed on the [Nevada Unemployment Insurance](#) YouTube page.

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ABOUT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS BUREAU

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS

INITIAL CLAIMS:

8,461 REGULAR + 1,116 PUA

Regular initial claims up 1,252 claims, or 17.4%, compared to the previous week.

PUA initial claims down 3,930, or 77.9%, compared to the previous week.

CONTINUED CLAIMS:

**77,383 REGULAR + 78,770 PUA +
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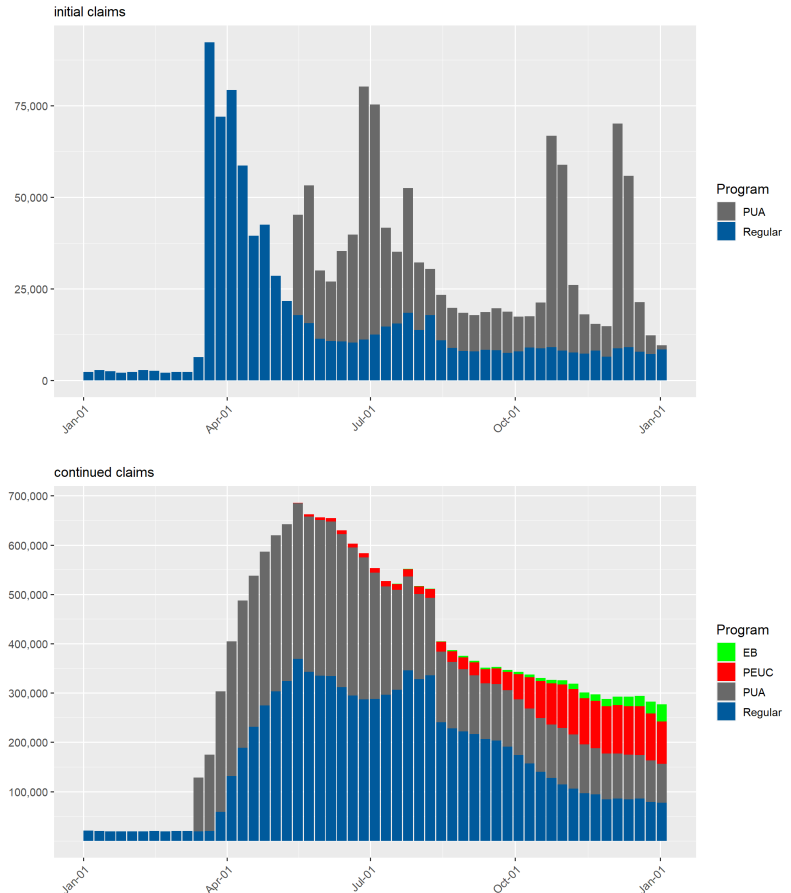
PEUC continued claims down 9,338 claims, or 9.8%, compared to the previous week.

SEB continued claims up 10,543 claims, or 44.0%, compared to the previous week.

PEUC and SEB claims levels are rising as many claimants exhaust the 26 weeks of regular program benefits and move into the extension programs.

Across all programs, there were a total of 276,770 claims filed in the week.

State of Nevada Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance
weekly totals since start of 2020



Source: ETA 539



State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Claims

Filing Statistics for Week Ending 1/2/2021

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Weekly Federal UI Claim Statistics

UI Initial Claims by Week

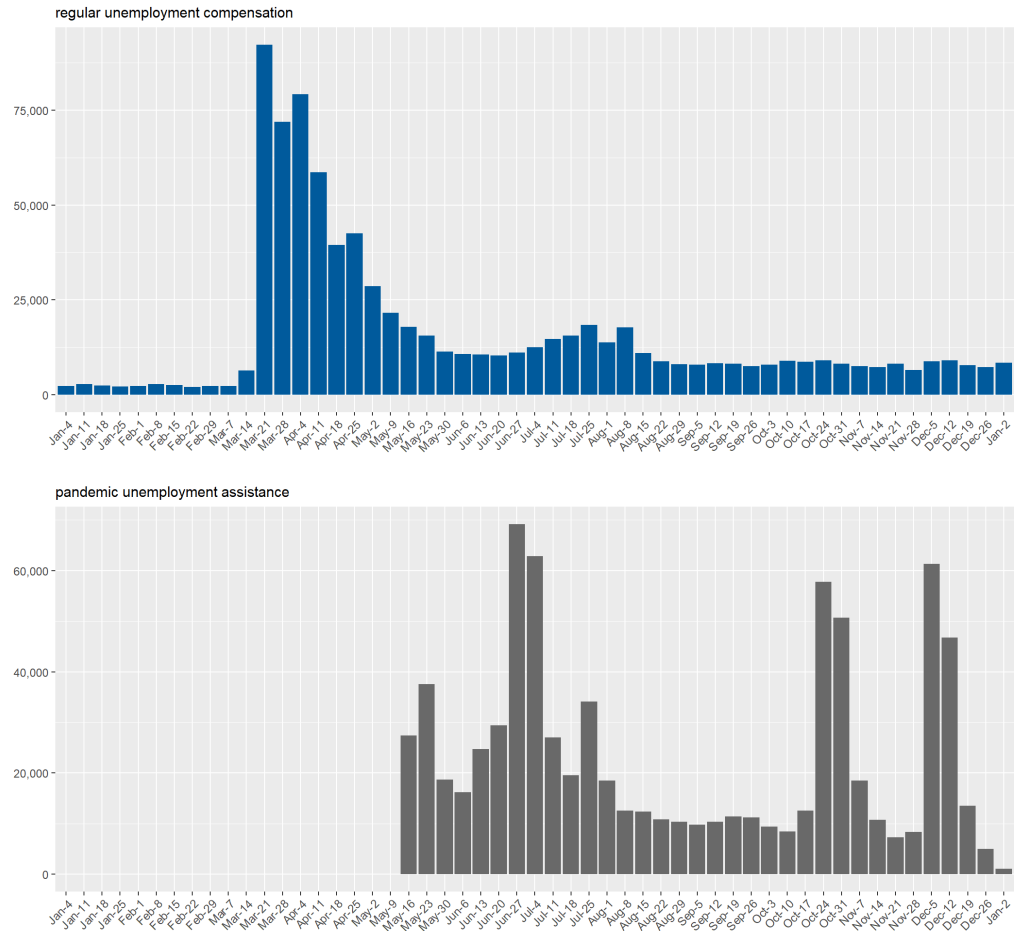
Final initial claims totals for week ending 01/02/2021 (ETA 539).

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A claimant may have filed BOTH a regular initial claim and a PUA initial claim.

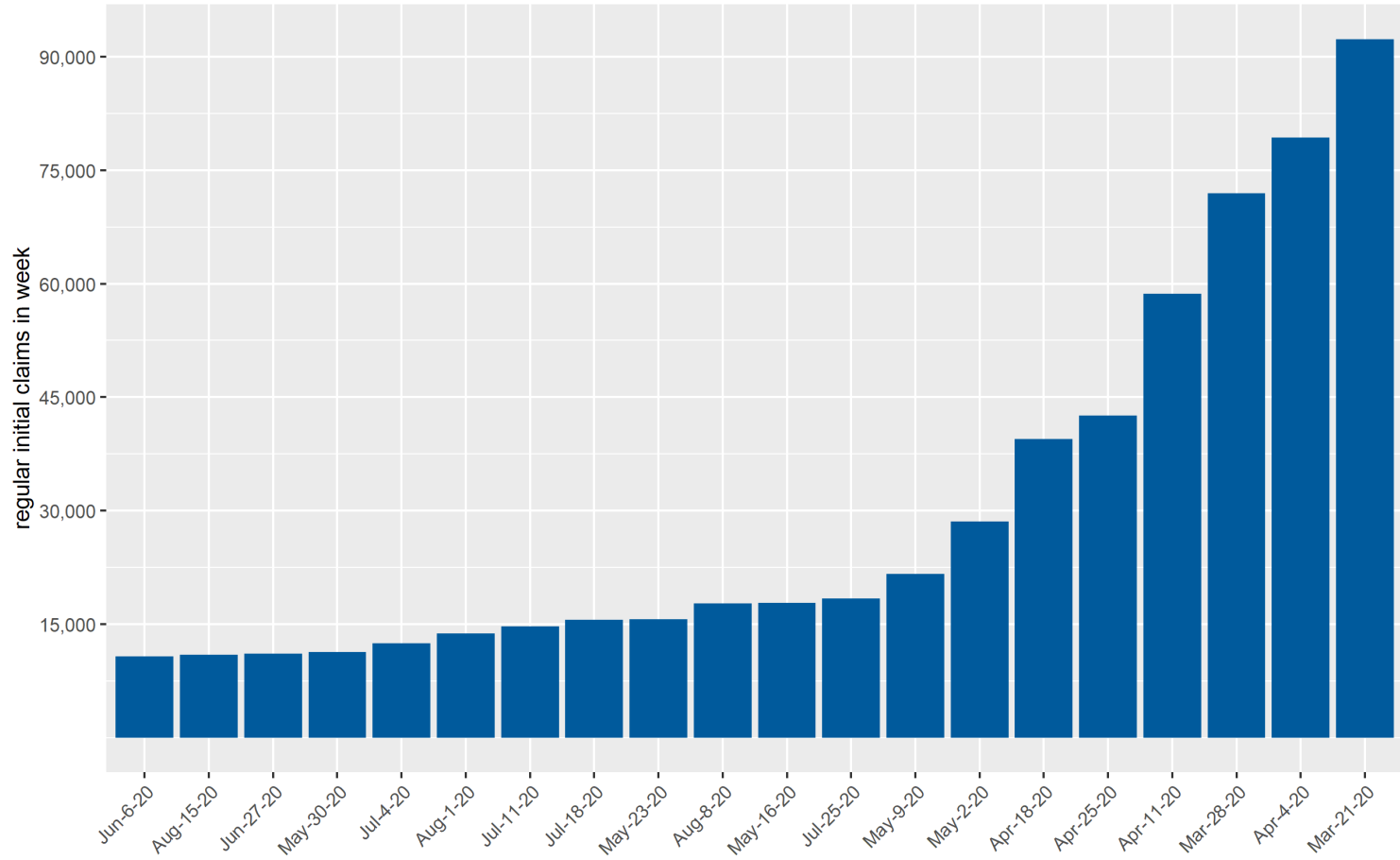
State of Nevada Weekly Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance by program



Source: ETA 539

State of Nevada Initial Claims All-Time Weekly Highs

State of Nevada Weekly Initial Claims
highest 20 weeks in state history



Source: ETA 539

UI Continued Claims by Week

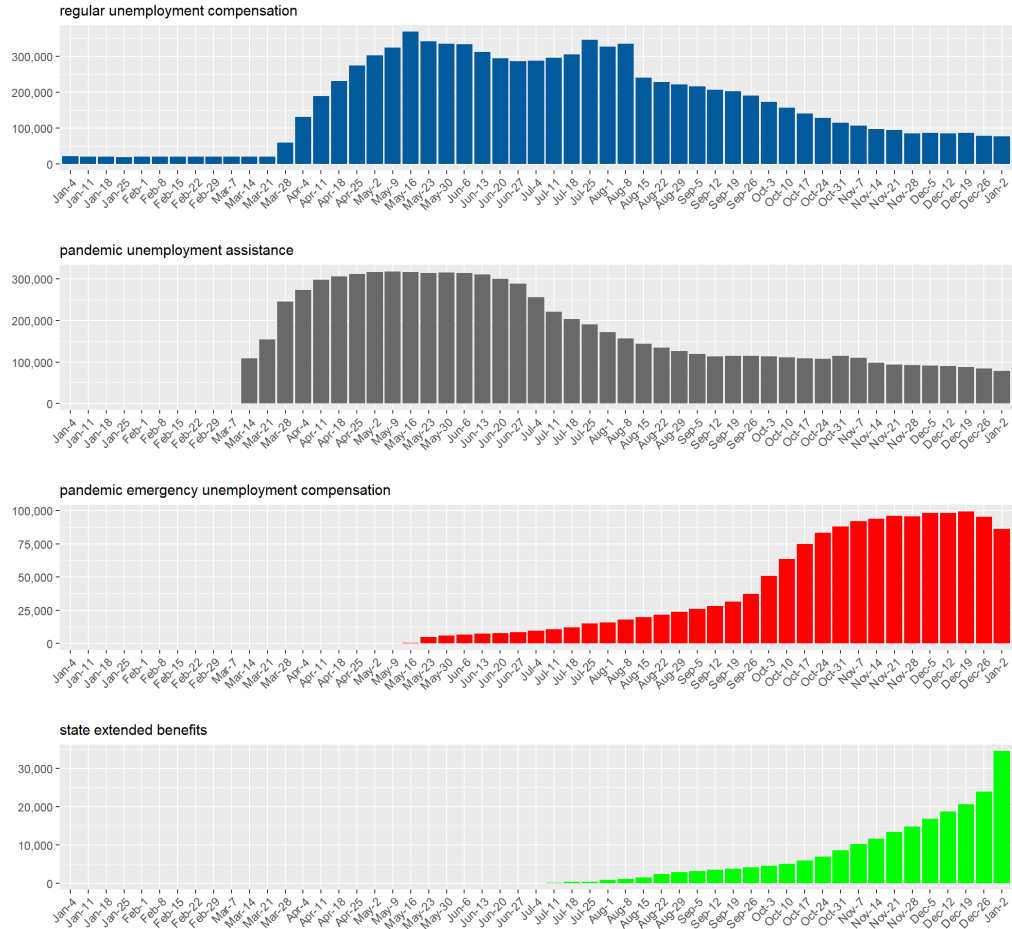
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Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation claims totaled 86,101 in the week, down 9,338 claims, or 9.8%, compared to the previous week.

State Extended Benefit claims totaled 34,516 in the week, up 10,543 claims, or 44.0%, compared to the previous week.

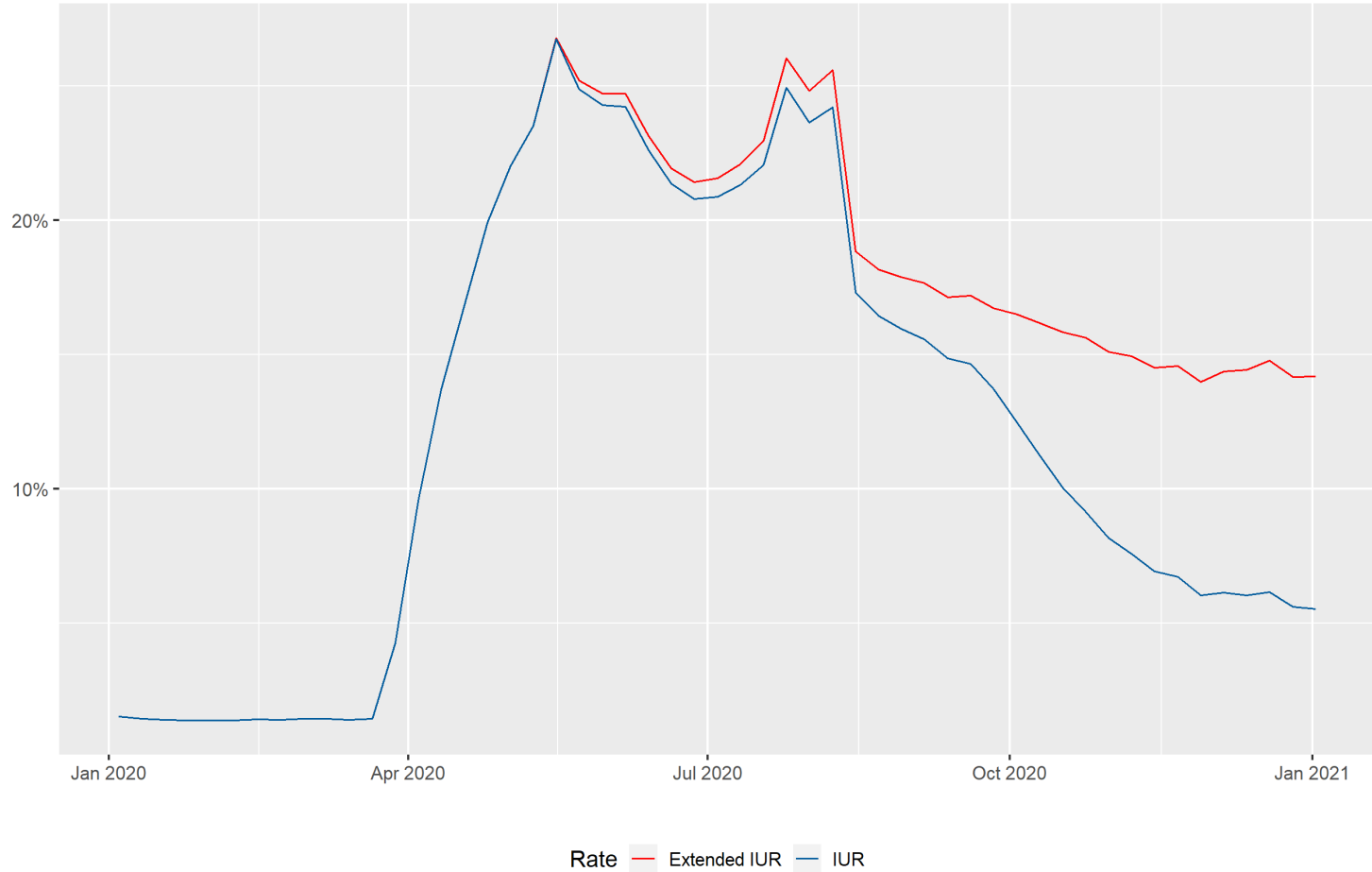
State of Nevada Weekly Continued Claims for Unemployment Insurance by program



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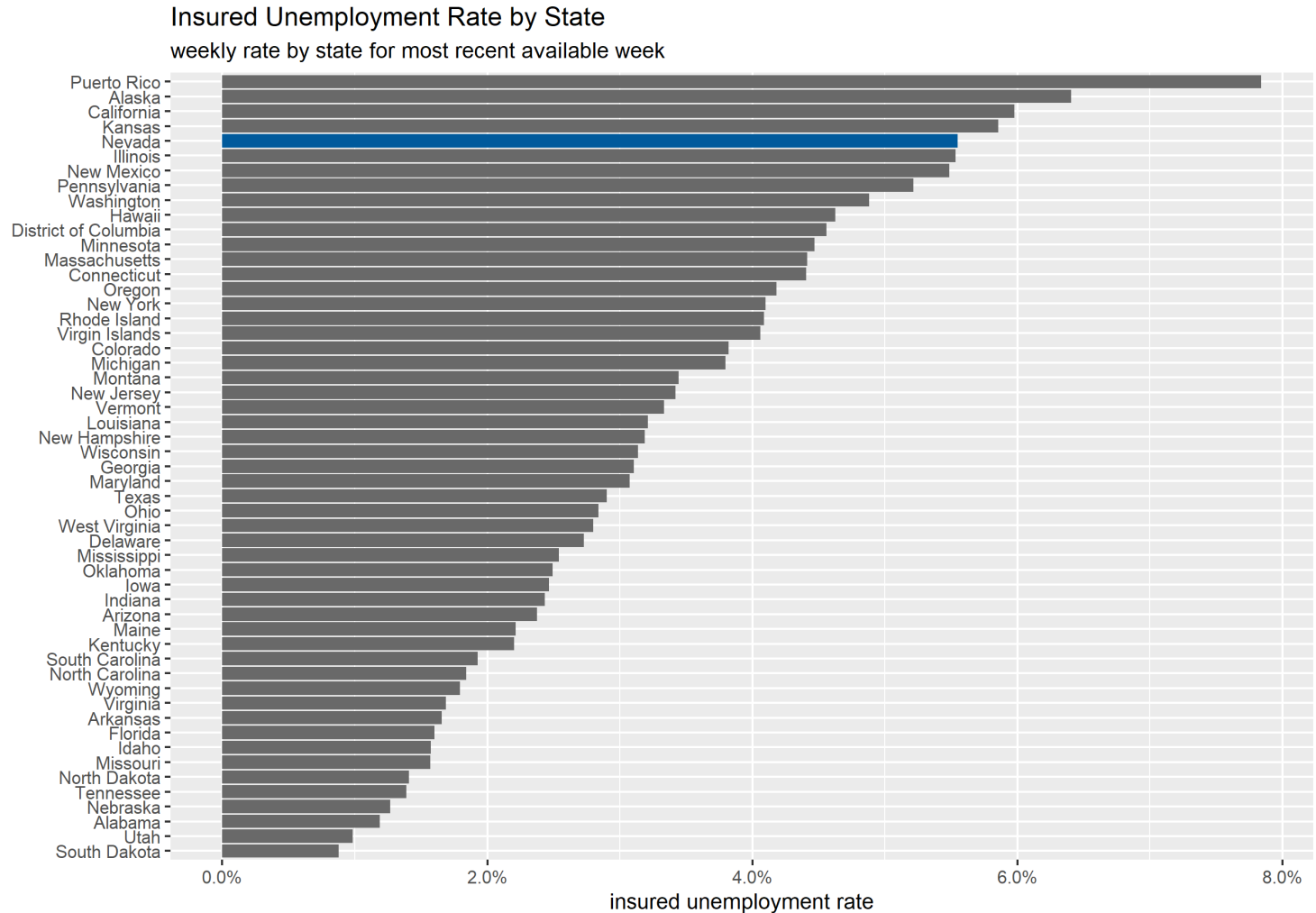
Insured Unemployment Rate

State of Nevada Insured Unemployment Rate
weekly rate for regular and extension programs



Source: ETA 539

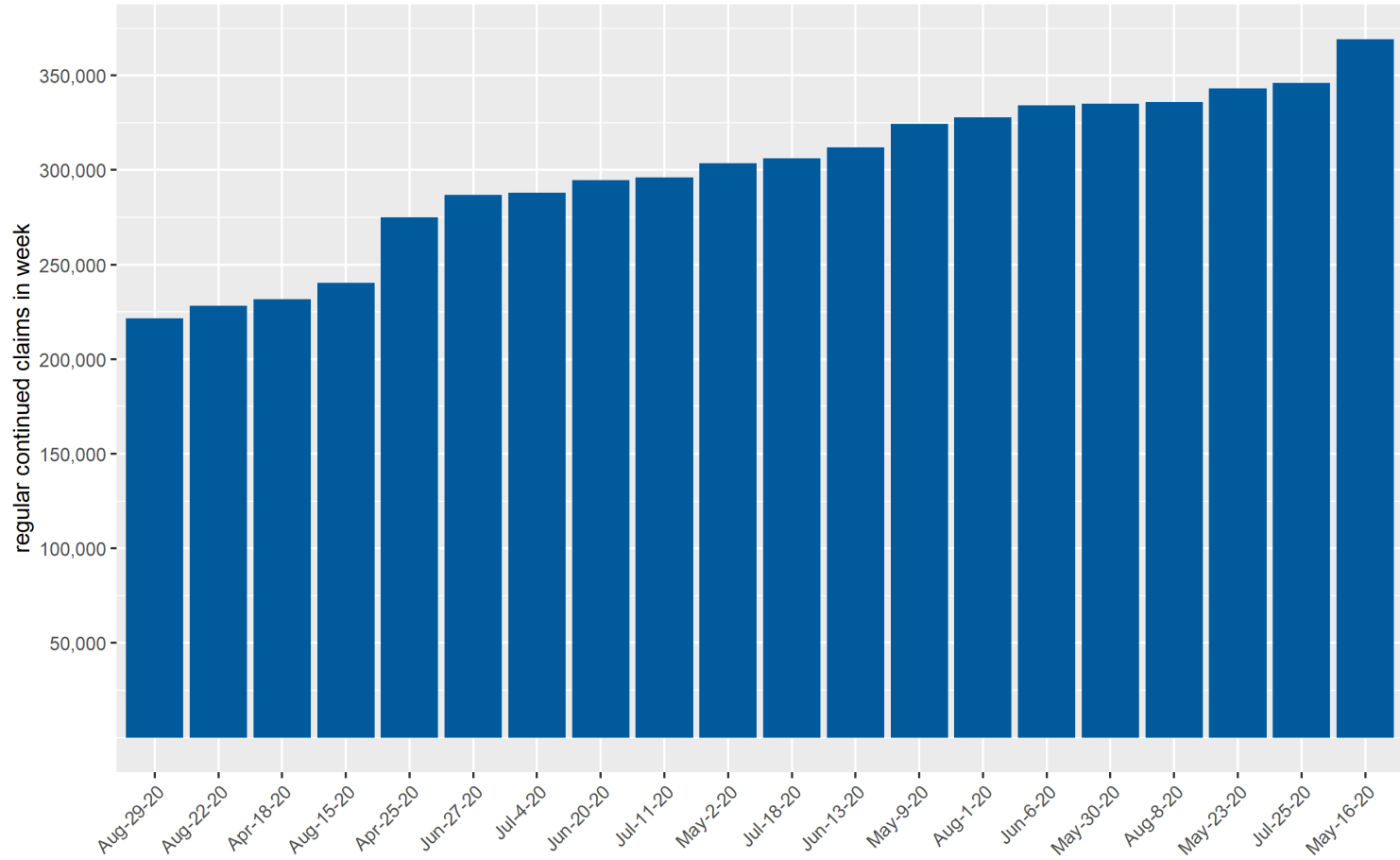
Insured Unemployment Rate by State



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State of Nevada Continued Claims All-Time Weekly Highs

State of Nevada Weekly Continued Claims
highest 20 weeks in state history



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UI Trust Fund Status

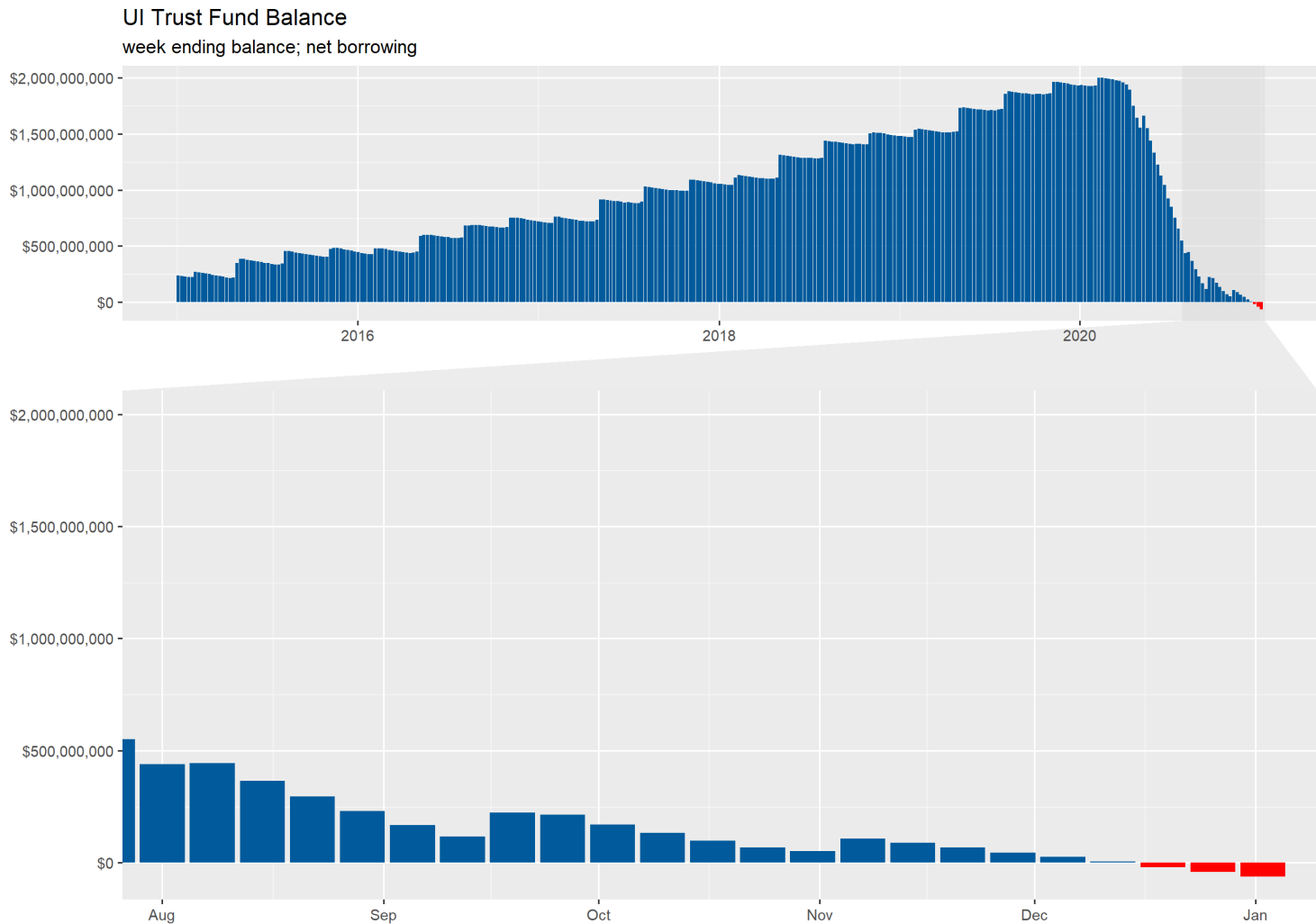
UI Trust Fund Balance & Payment Activity

Reported totals and amounts for week ending 01/02/2021

The Trust Fund Balance is the end of week balance from DETR Financial Management reports less Federal Unemployment Account loans. Due to lags in reporting of transactions and adjustments, week-to-week totals may change. Weeks of benefits remaining is no longer being reported.

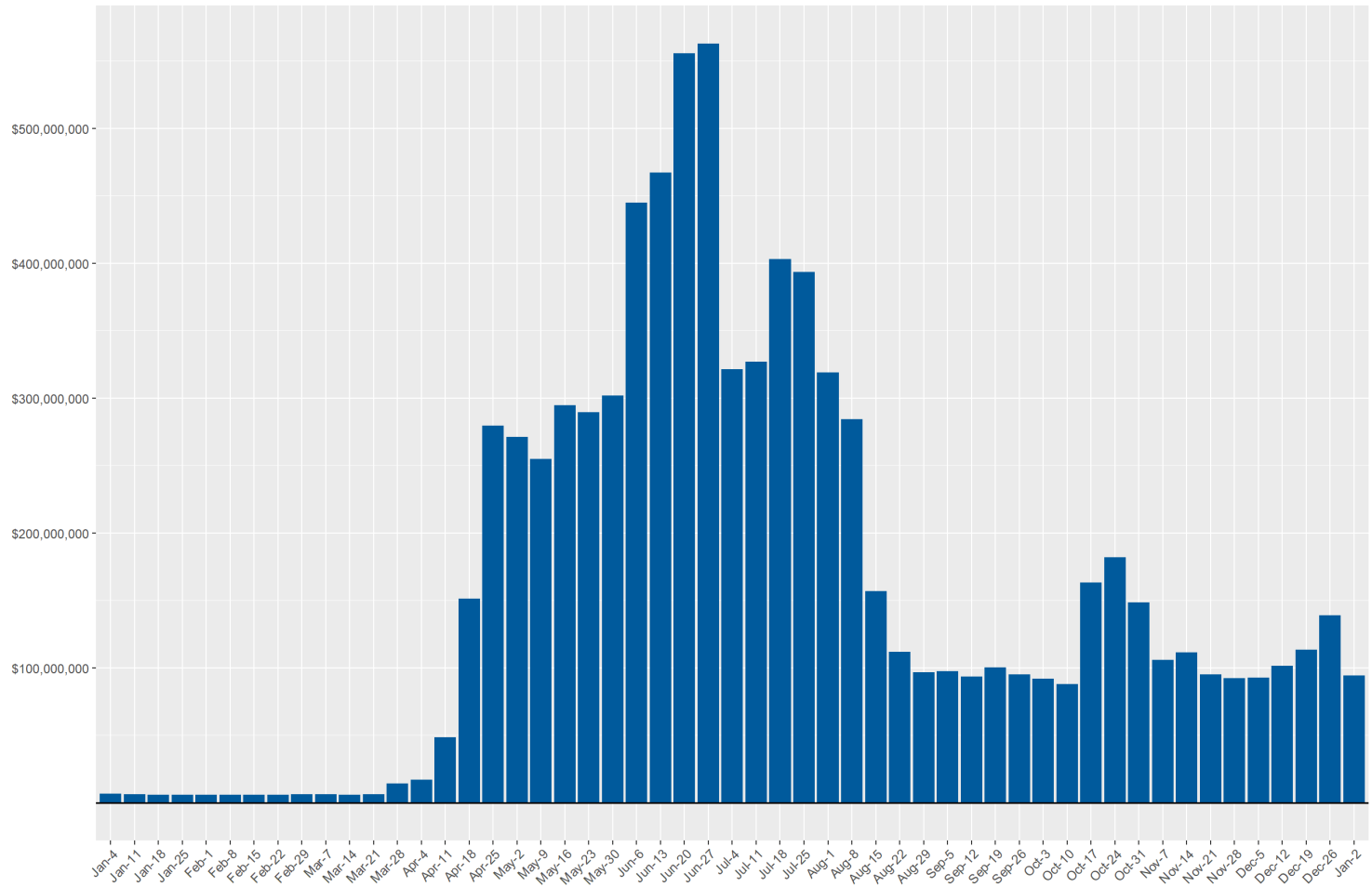
Measure	Current Week	Previous Week	Change from Previous Week	Year-to-Date
Trust Fund Balance (Net Borrowing)	-\$61,949,411	-\$40,665,796	-\$21,283,616	-
FUA Borrowing	\$21,283,616	\$21,375,779	-\$92,163	\$21,283,616
Regular UI Payments	\$25,669,600	\$28,271,445	-\$2,601,845	\$25,669,600
Regular-FPUC Payments	\$2,264,700	\$3,089,880	-\$825,180	\$2,264,700
PEUC Payments	\$25,543,635	\$29,516,400	-\$3,972,765	\$25,543,635
PUA Payments	\$16,508,657	\$31,280,760	-\$14,772,102	\$16,508,657
PUA-FPUC Payments	\$4,198,080	\$15,334,456	-\$11,136,376	\$4,198,080
SEB Payments	\$6,071,648	\$4,907,259	\$1,164,388	\$6,071,648
LWA Payments	\$12,849,060	\$20,563,380	-\$7,714,320	\$12,849,060
LWA-PUA Payments	\$979,890	\$6,105,300	-\$5,125,410	\$979,890
All Programs	\$94,085,269	\$139,068,880	-\$44,983,610	\$94,085,269

Trust Fund Balance



Weekly Payments

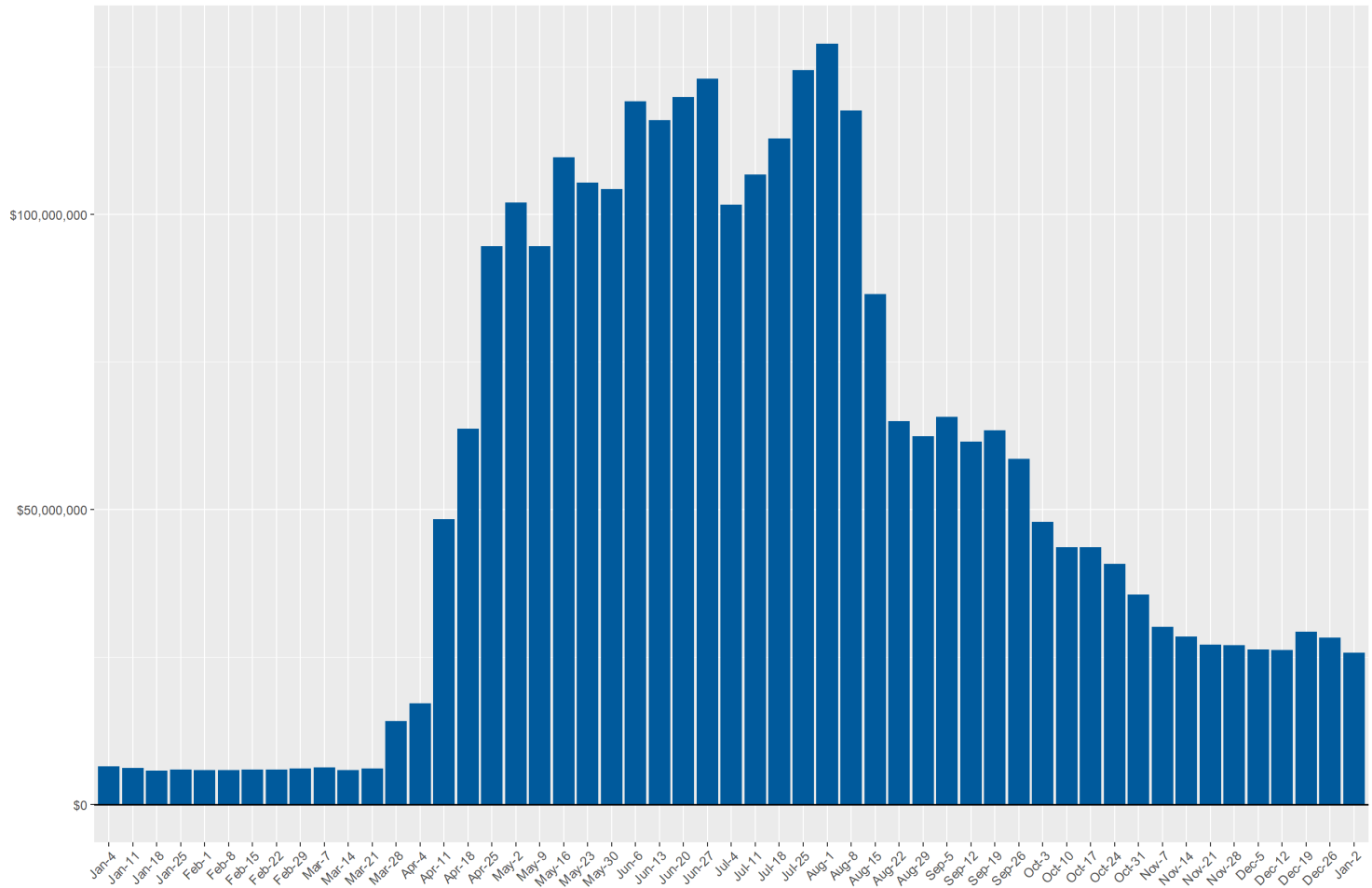
Unemployment Insurance Weekly Payments
compensation total for all programs



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Weekly Payments by Program (Regular UI)

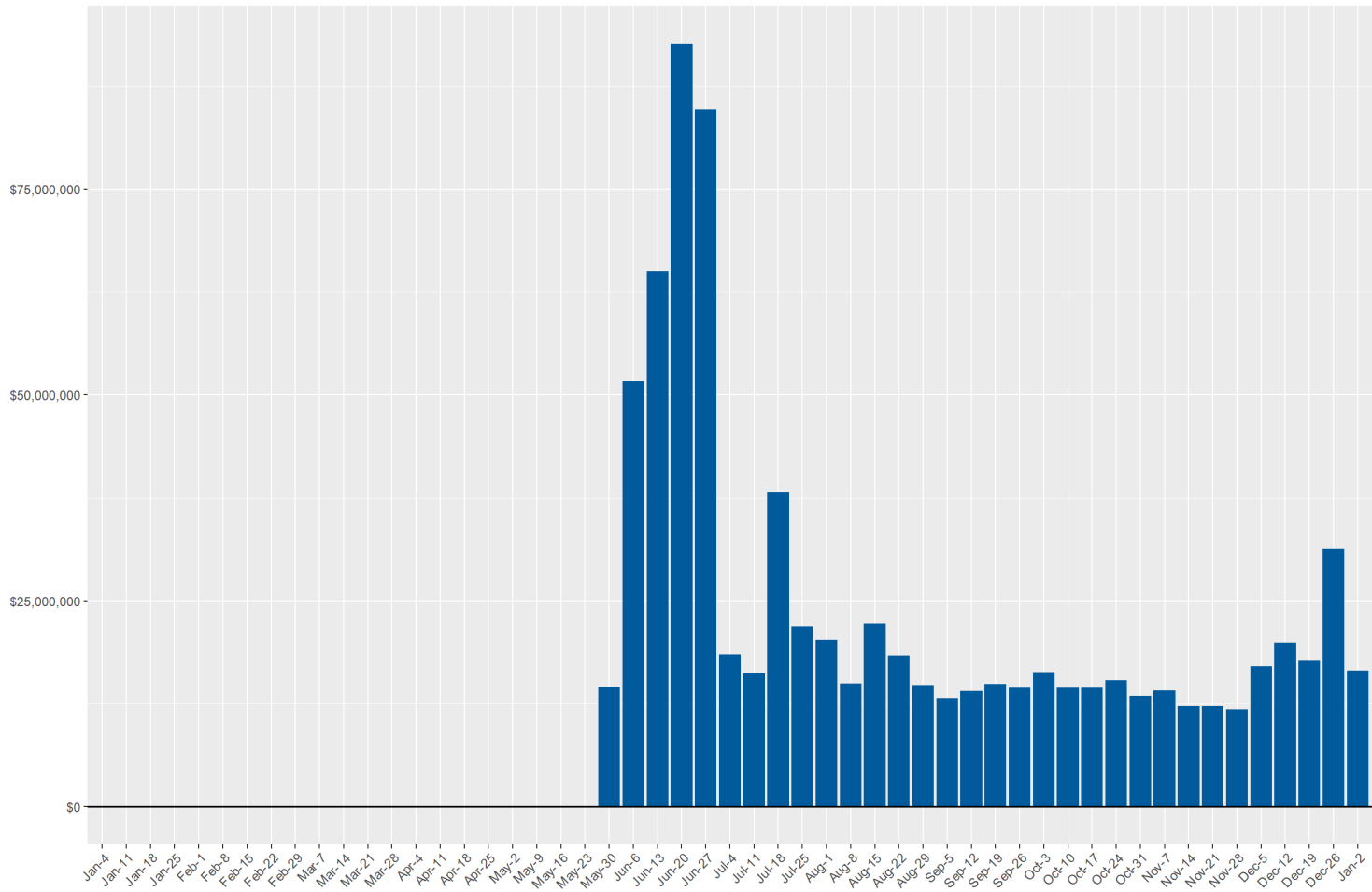
Unemployment Insurance Weekly Payments
regular unemployment insurance compensation



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Weekly Payments by Program (PUA)

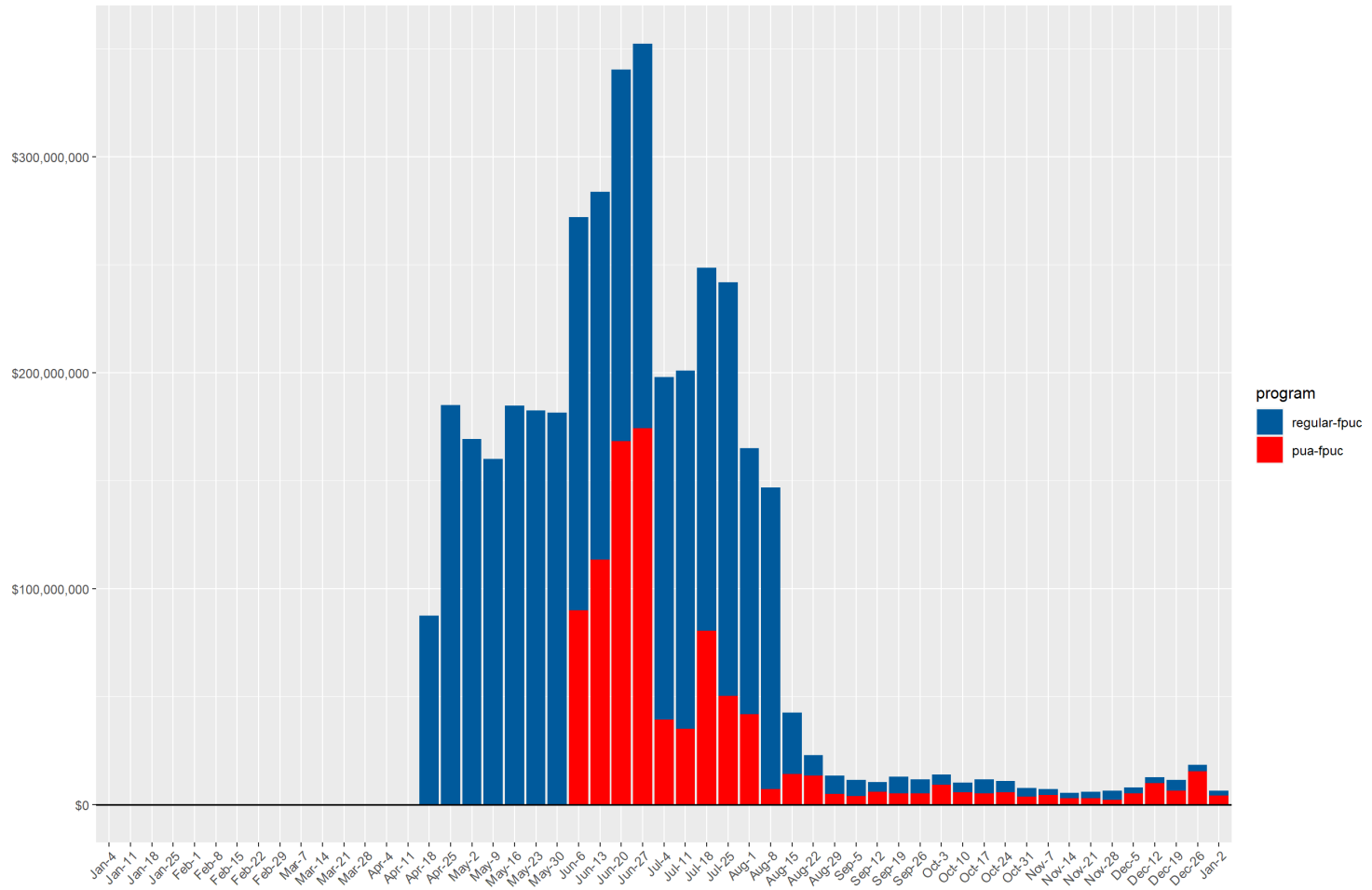
Unemployment Insurance Weekly Payments
pandemic unemployment assistance compensation



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Weekly Payments by Program (FPUC)

Unemployment Insurance Weekly Payments
federal pandemic unemployment compensation

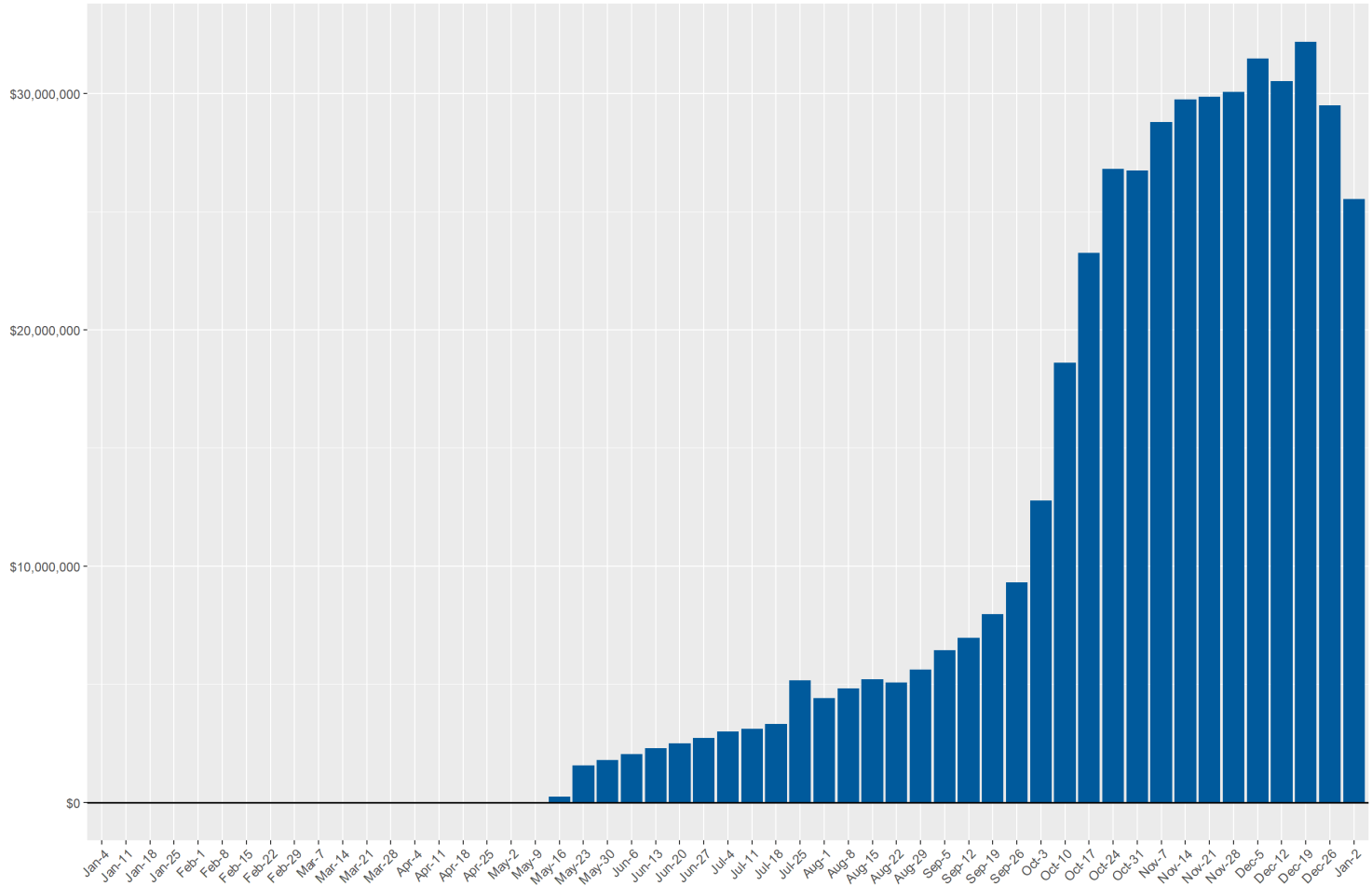


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Weekly Payments by Program (PEUC)

Unemployment Insurance Weekly Payments

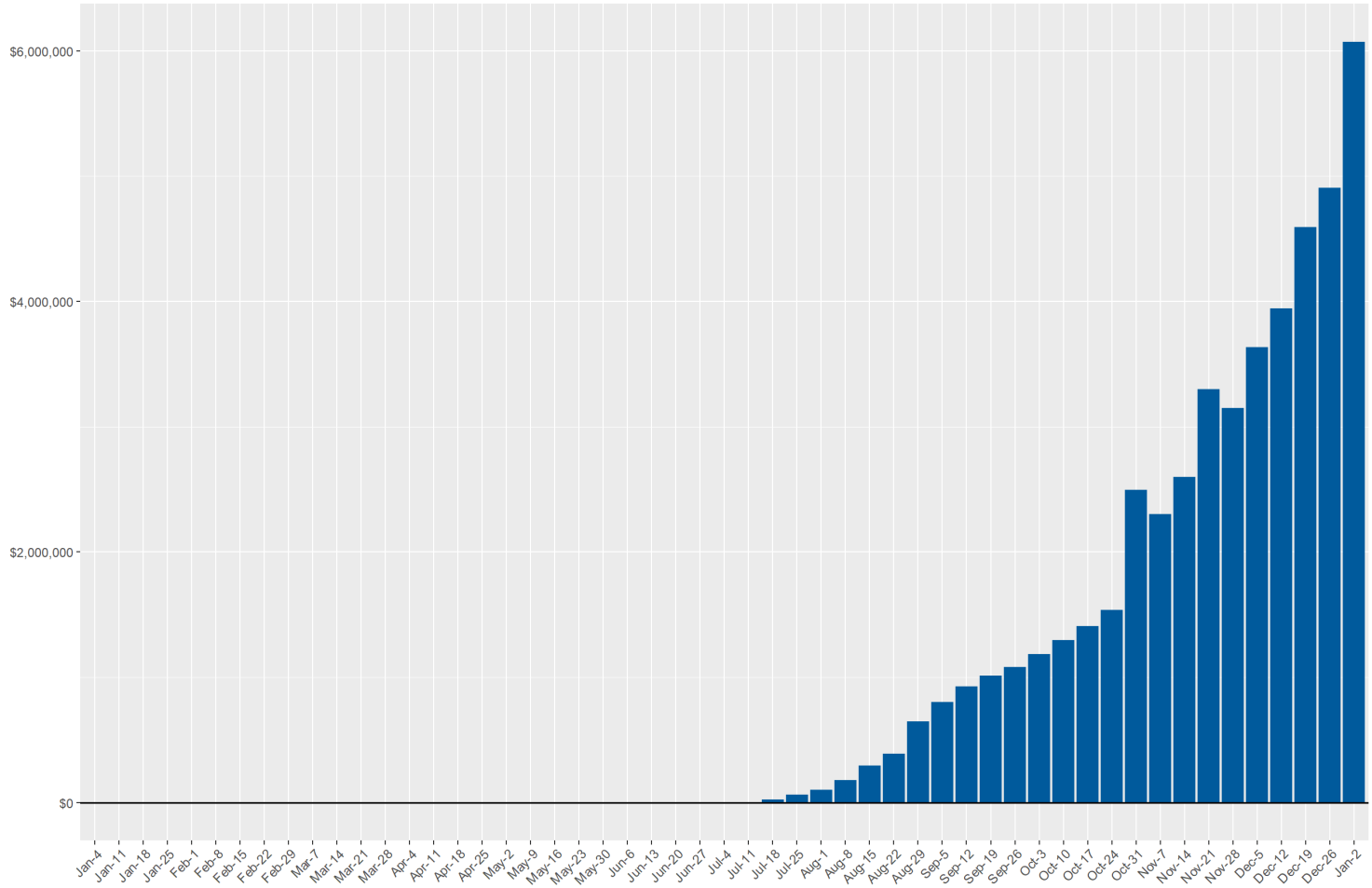
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Weekly Payments by Program (SEB)

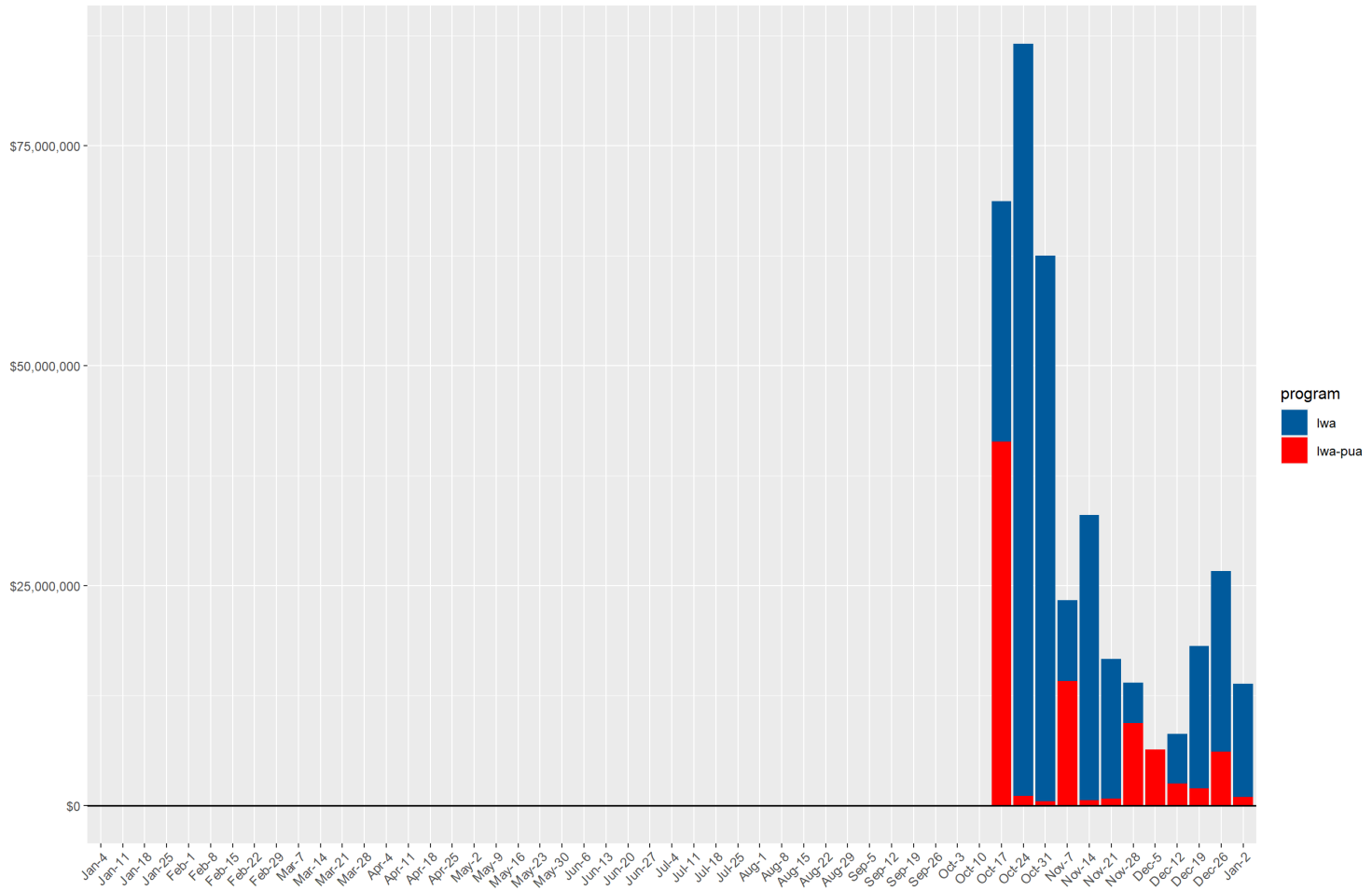
Unemployment Insurance Weekly Payments
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Weekly Payments by Program (LWA)

Unemployment Insurance Weekly Payments
lost wages assistance compensation

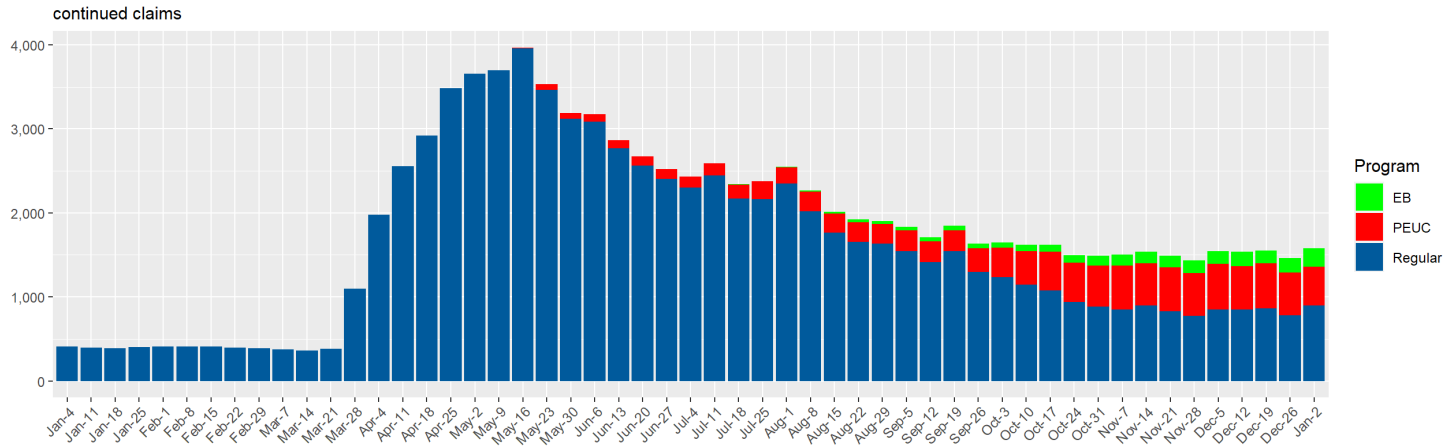
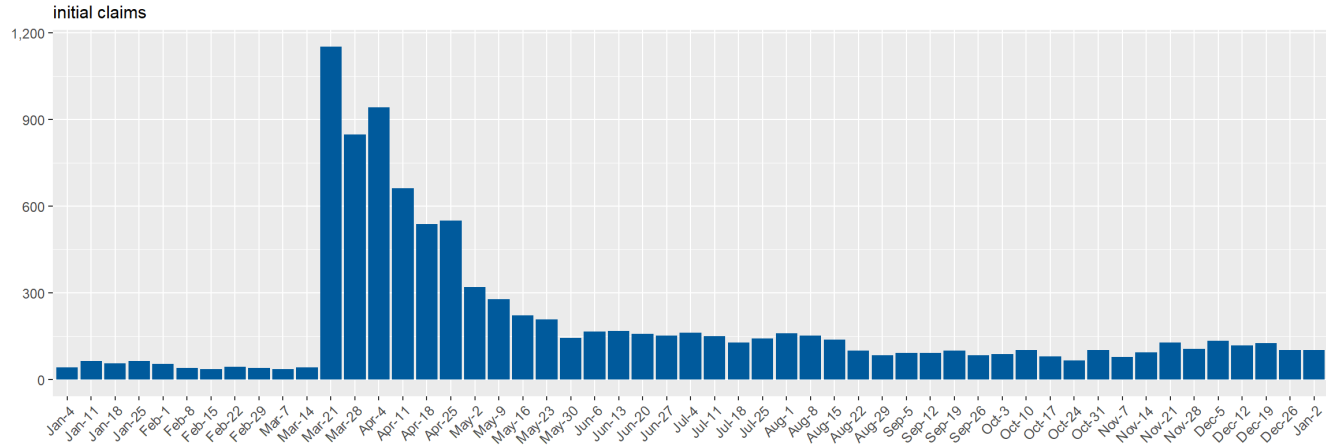


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Claims by County

UI Claims for Carson City

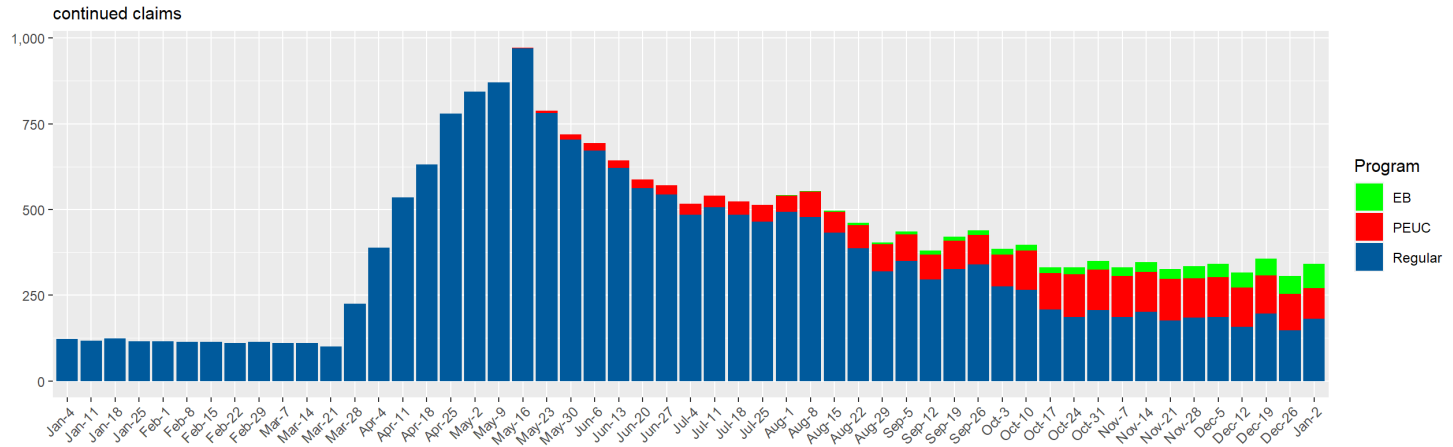
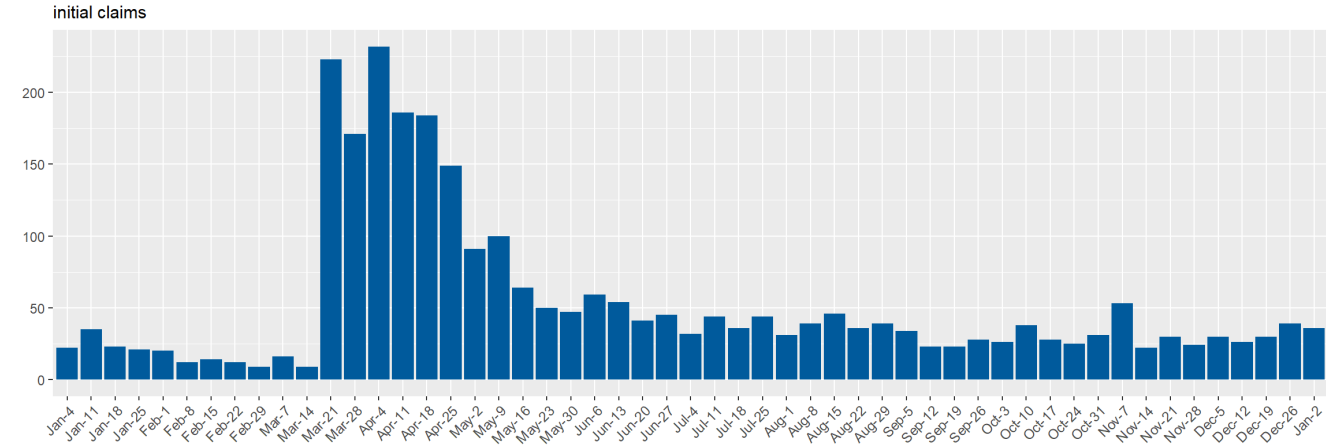
Carson City Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

UI Claims for Churchill County

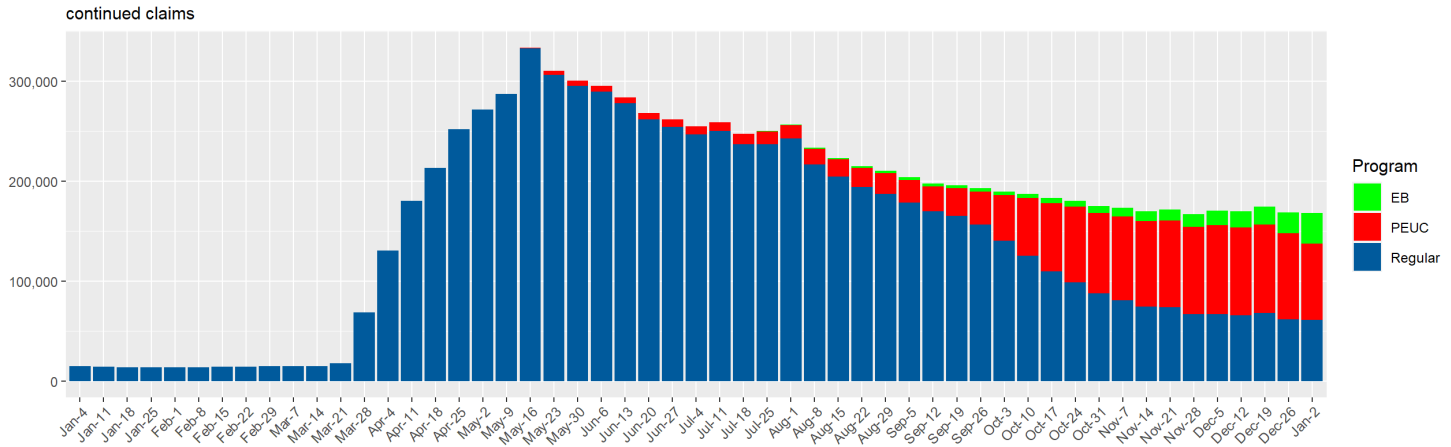
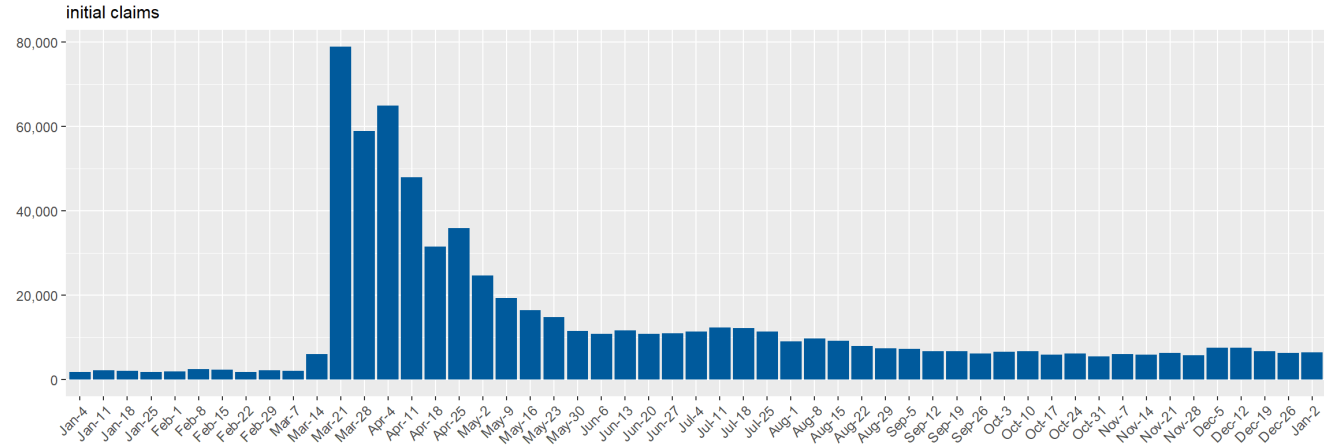
Churchill County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Clark County

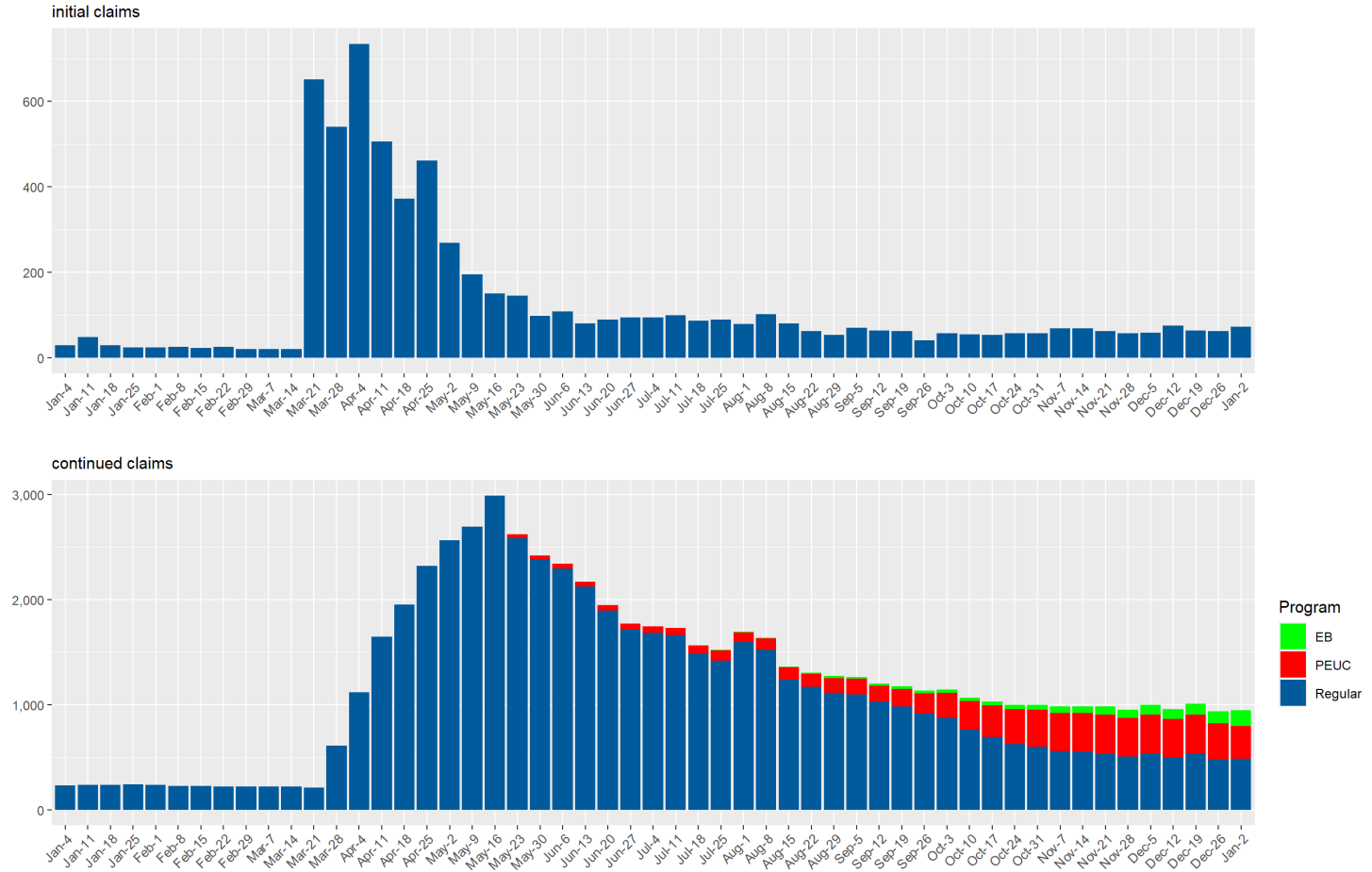
Clark County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Douglas County

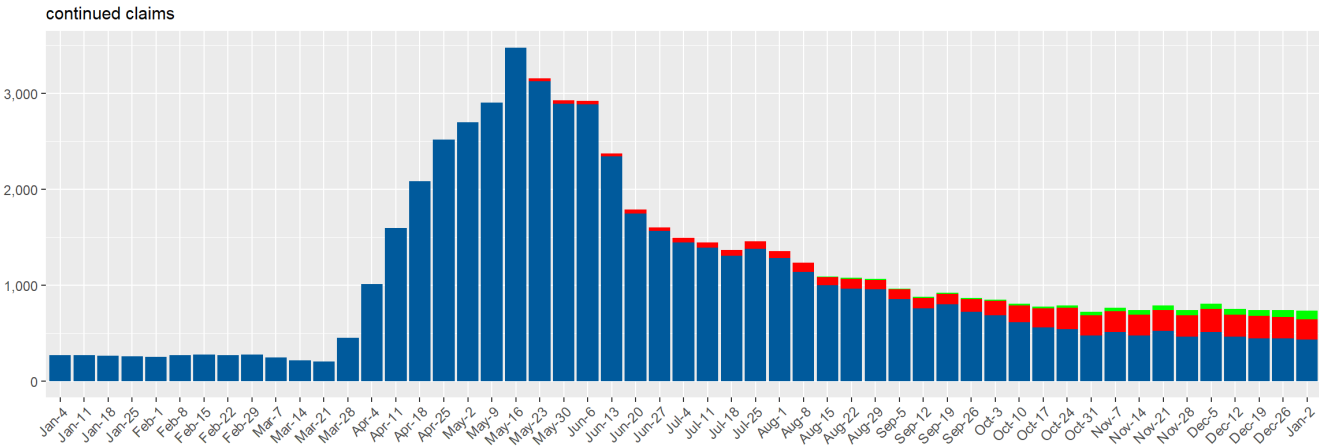
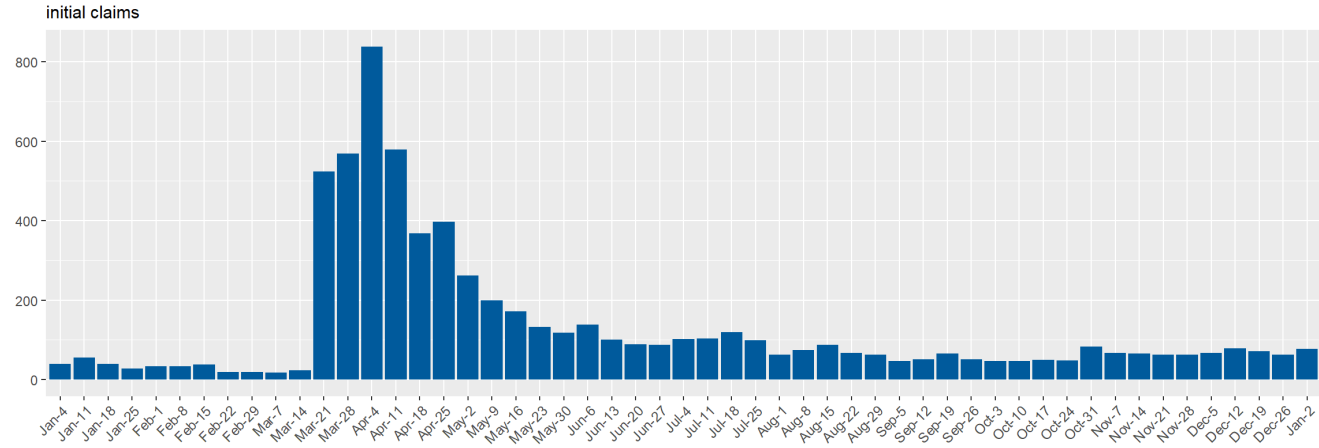
Douglas County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Elko County

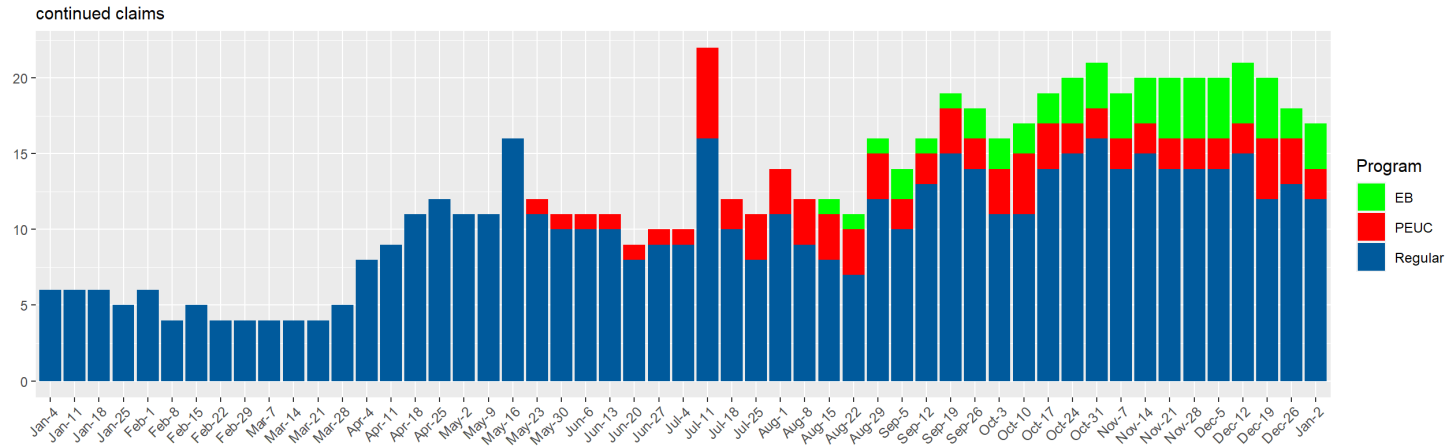
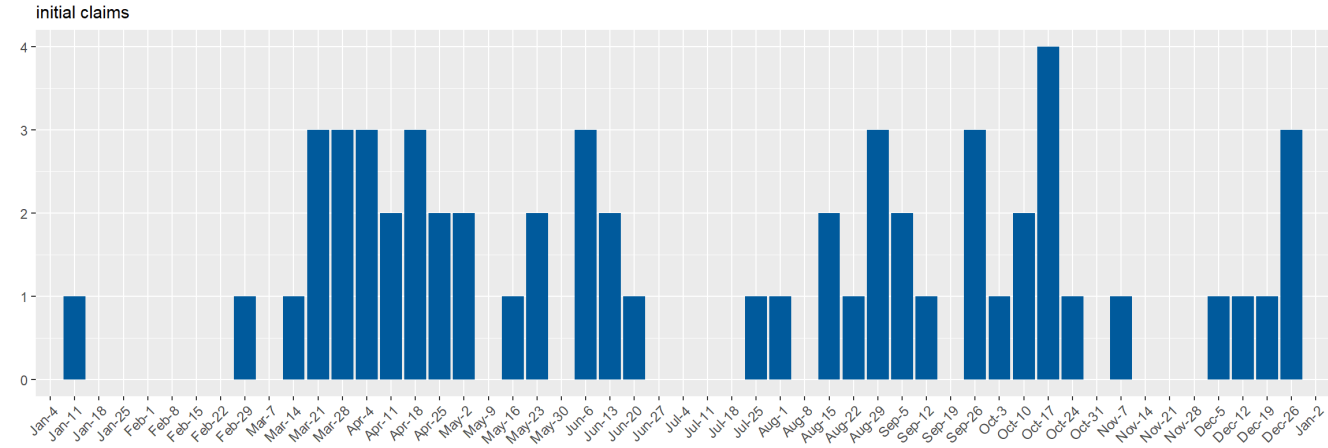
Elko County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Esmeralda County

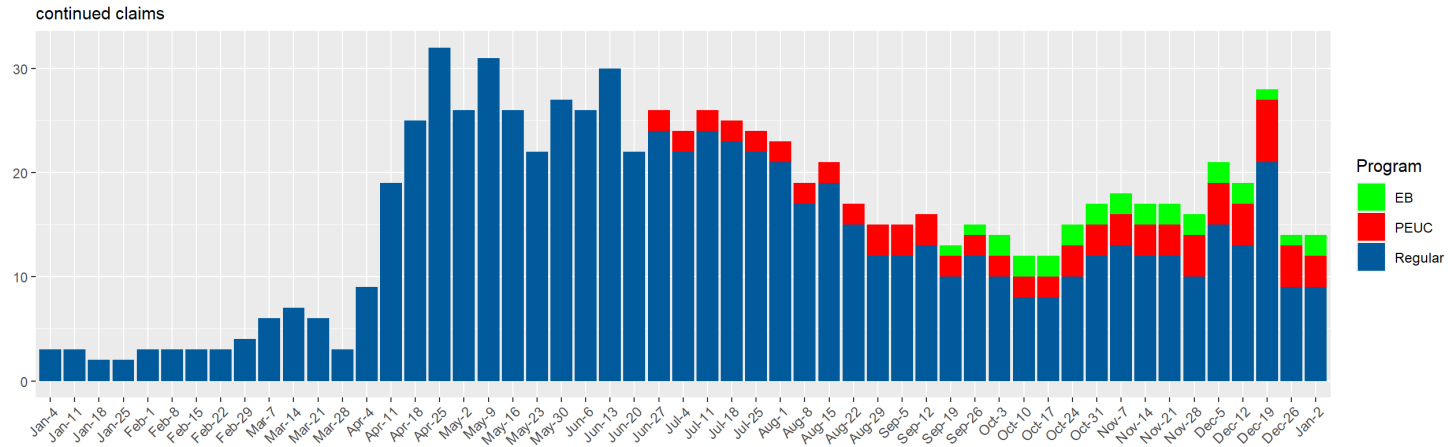
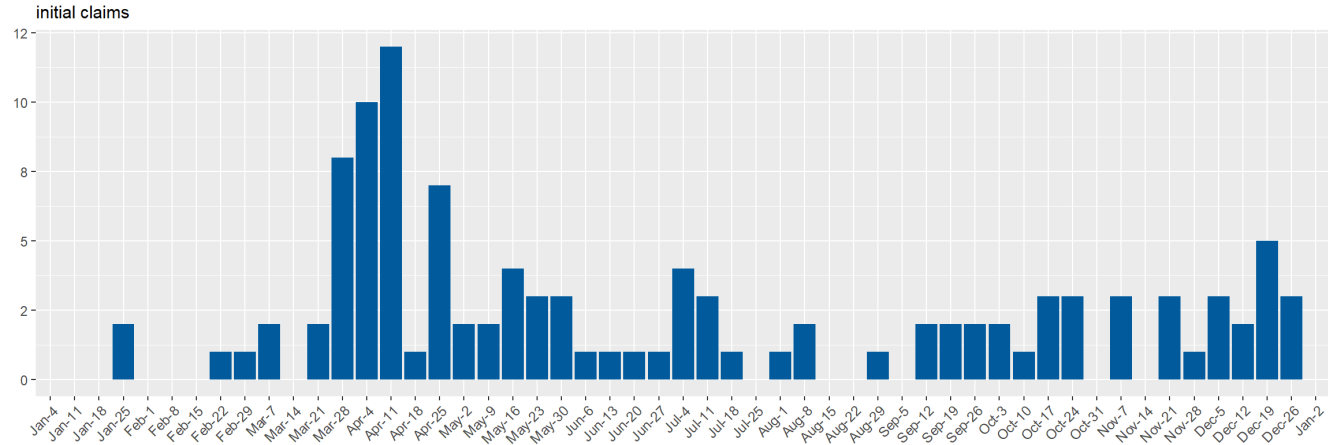
Esmeralda County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Eureka County

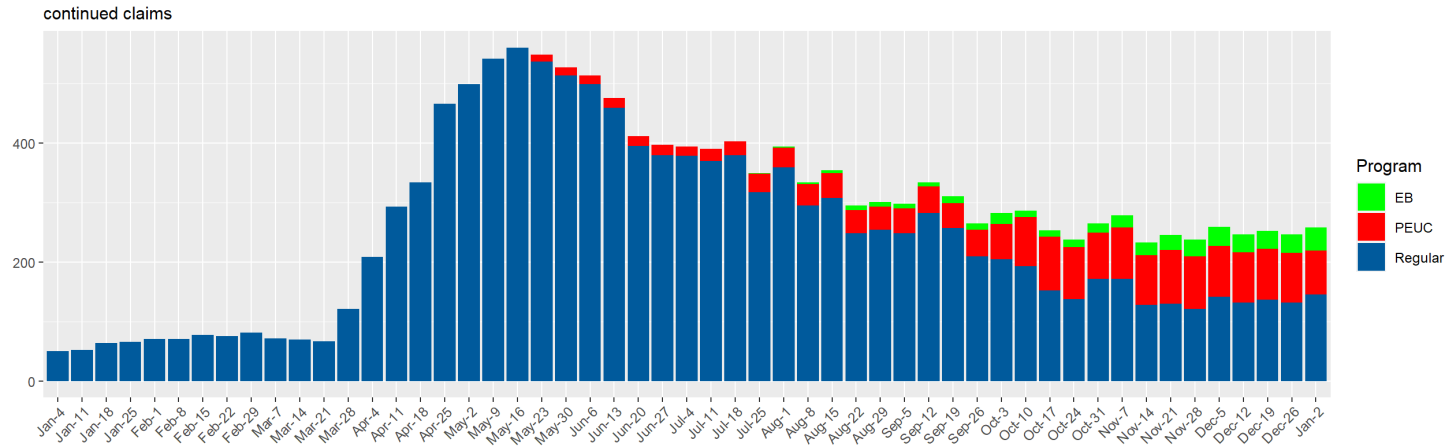
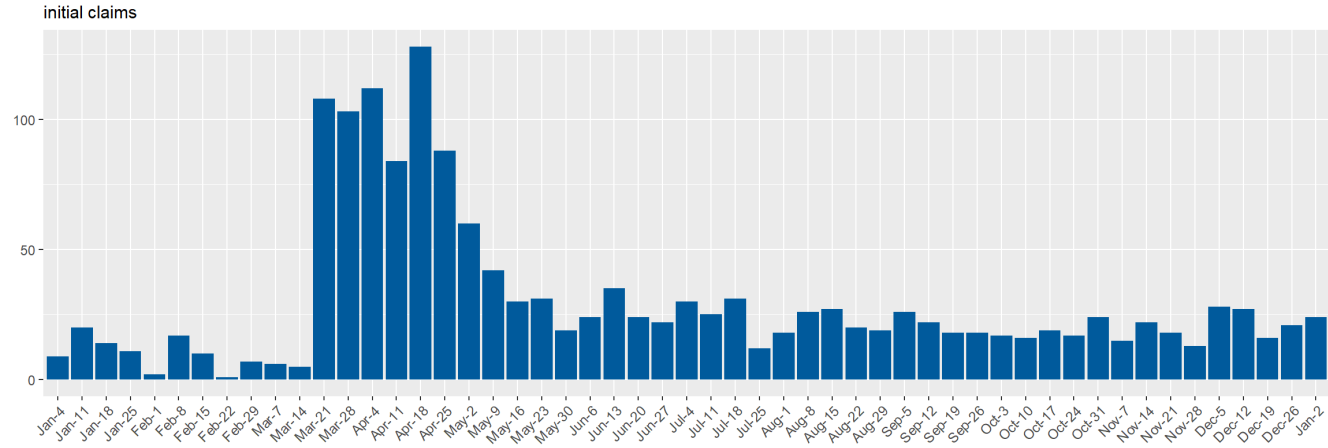
Eureka County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Humboldt County

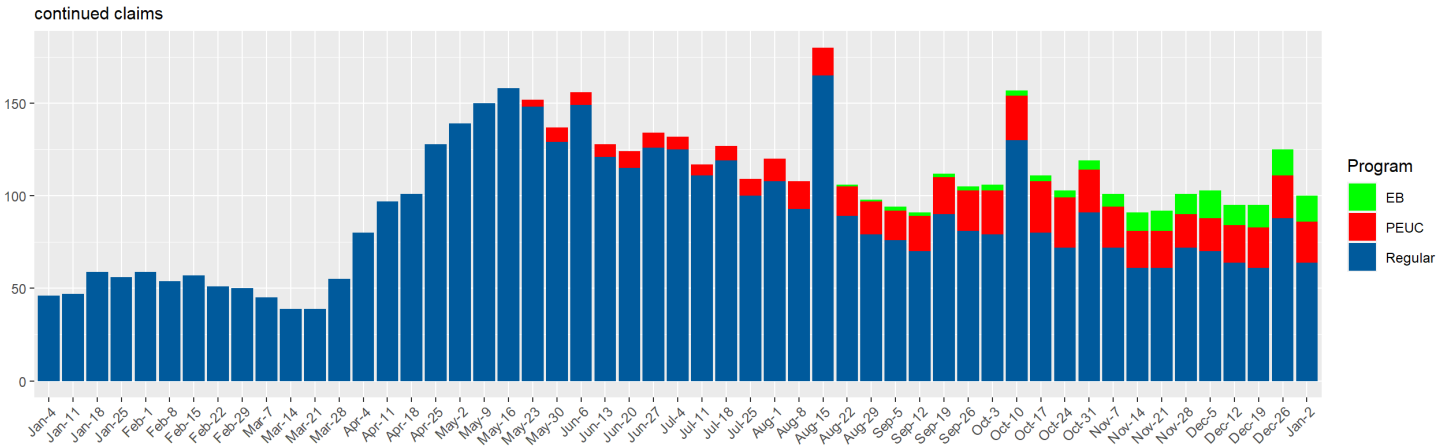
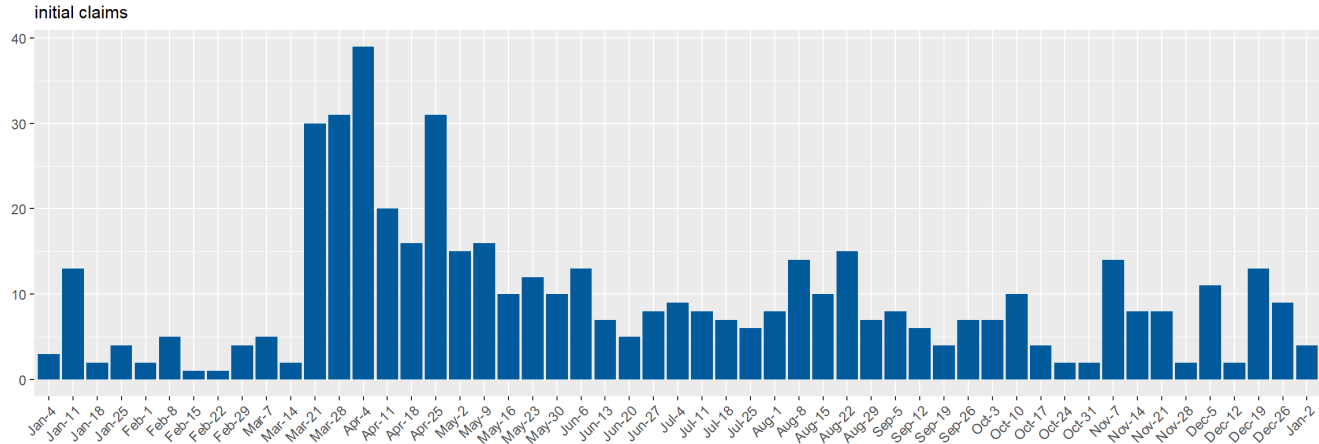
Humboldt County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Lander County

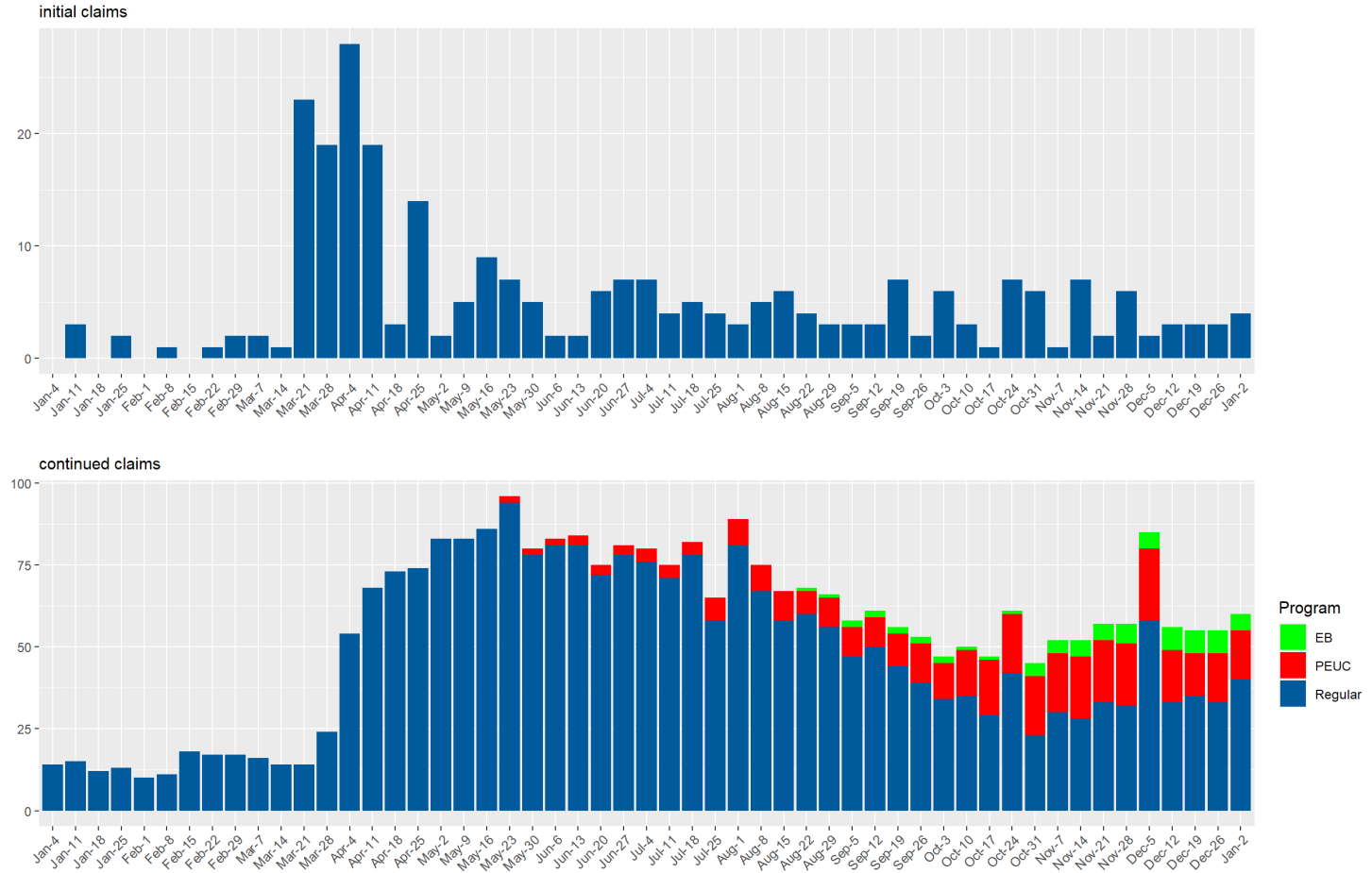
Lander County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Lincoln County

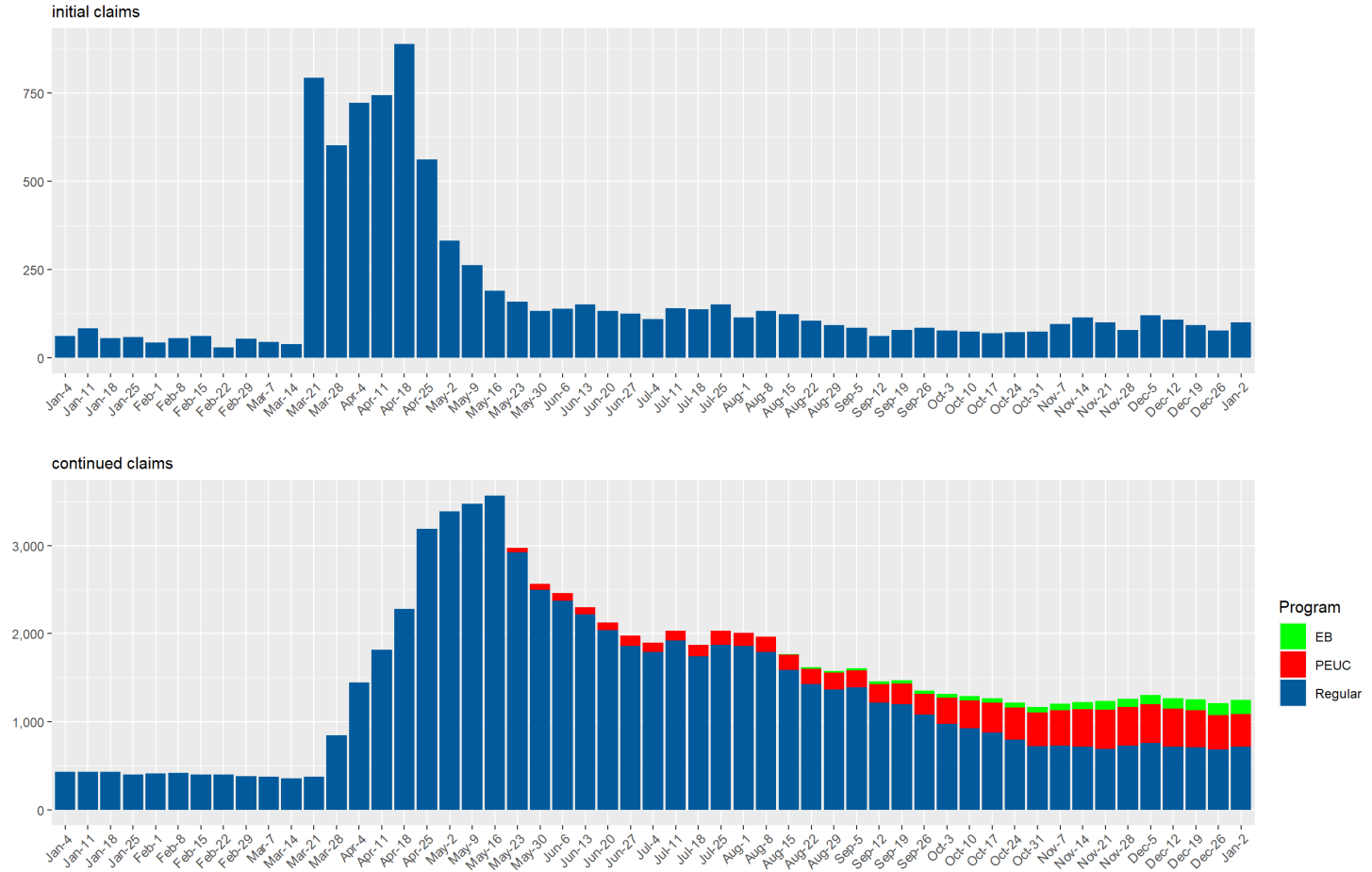
Lincoln County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Lyon County

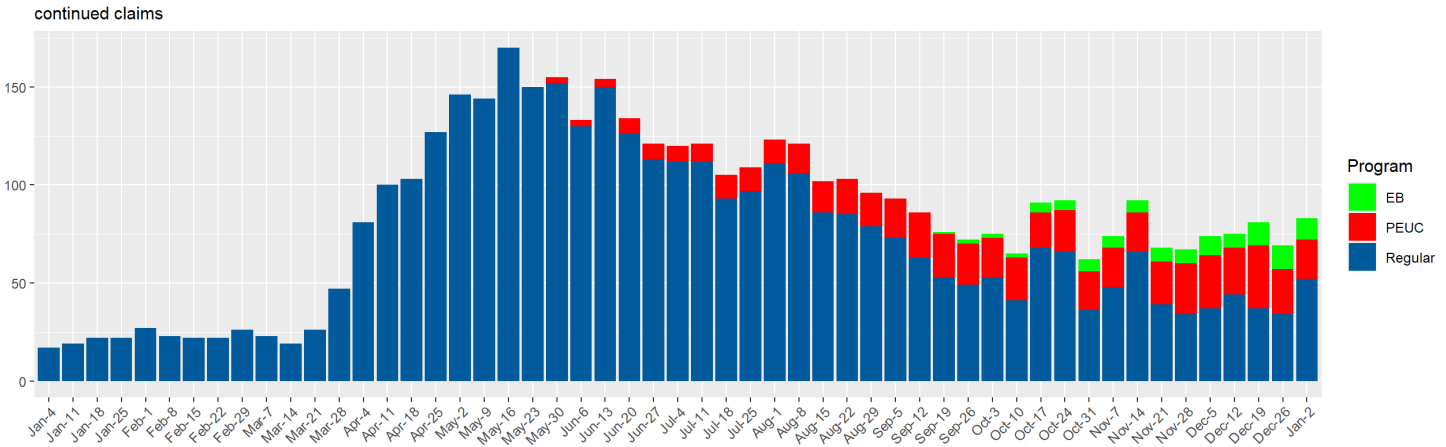
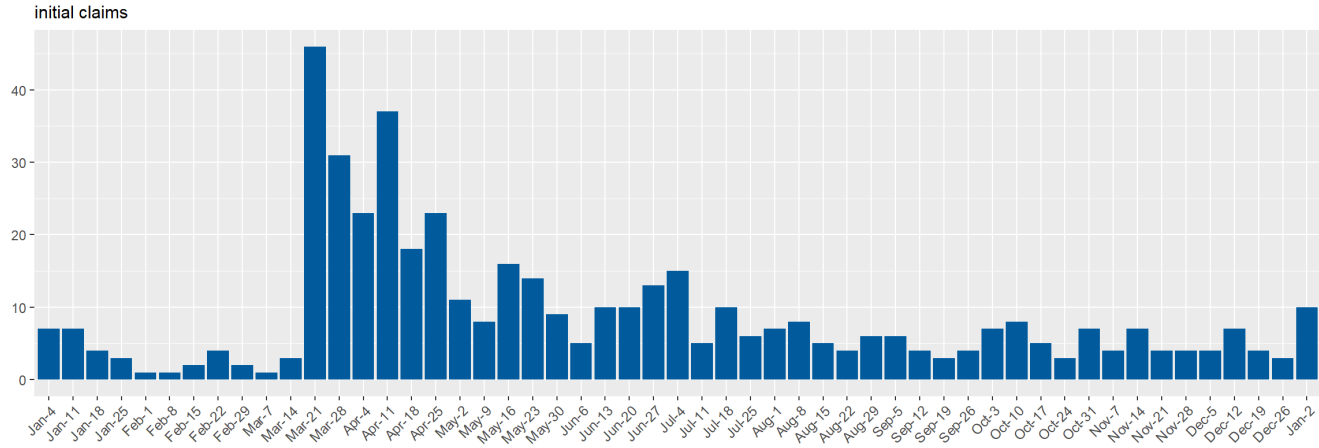
Lyon County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Mineral County

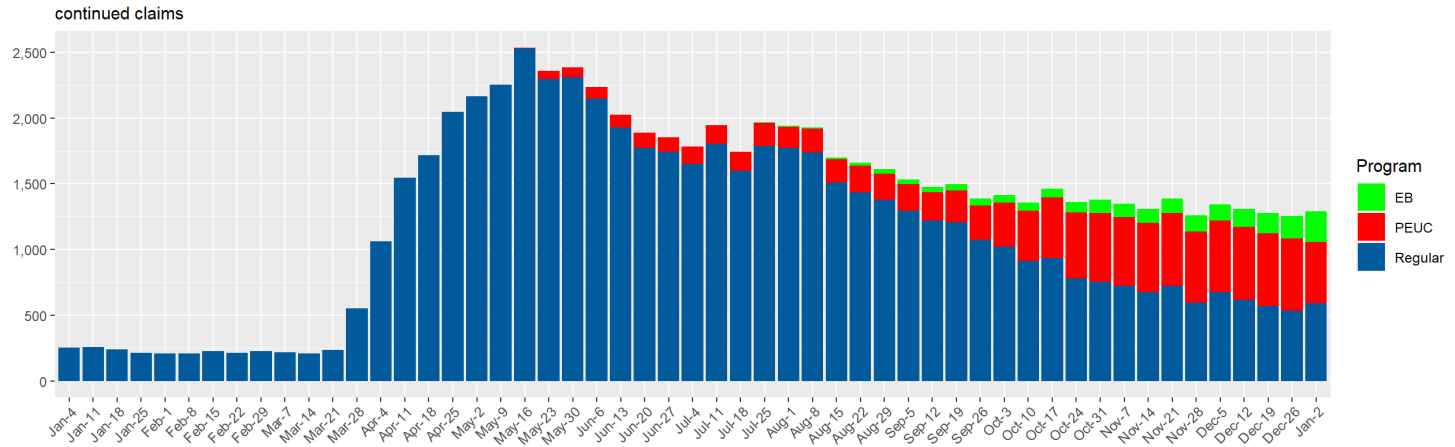
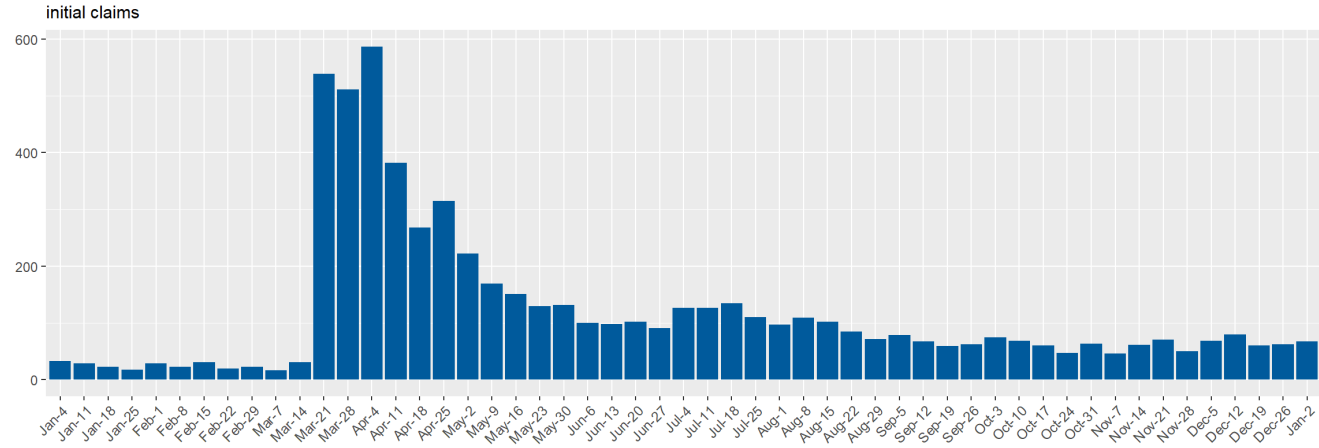
Mineral County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Nye County

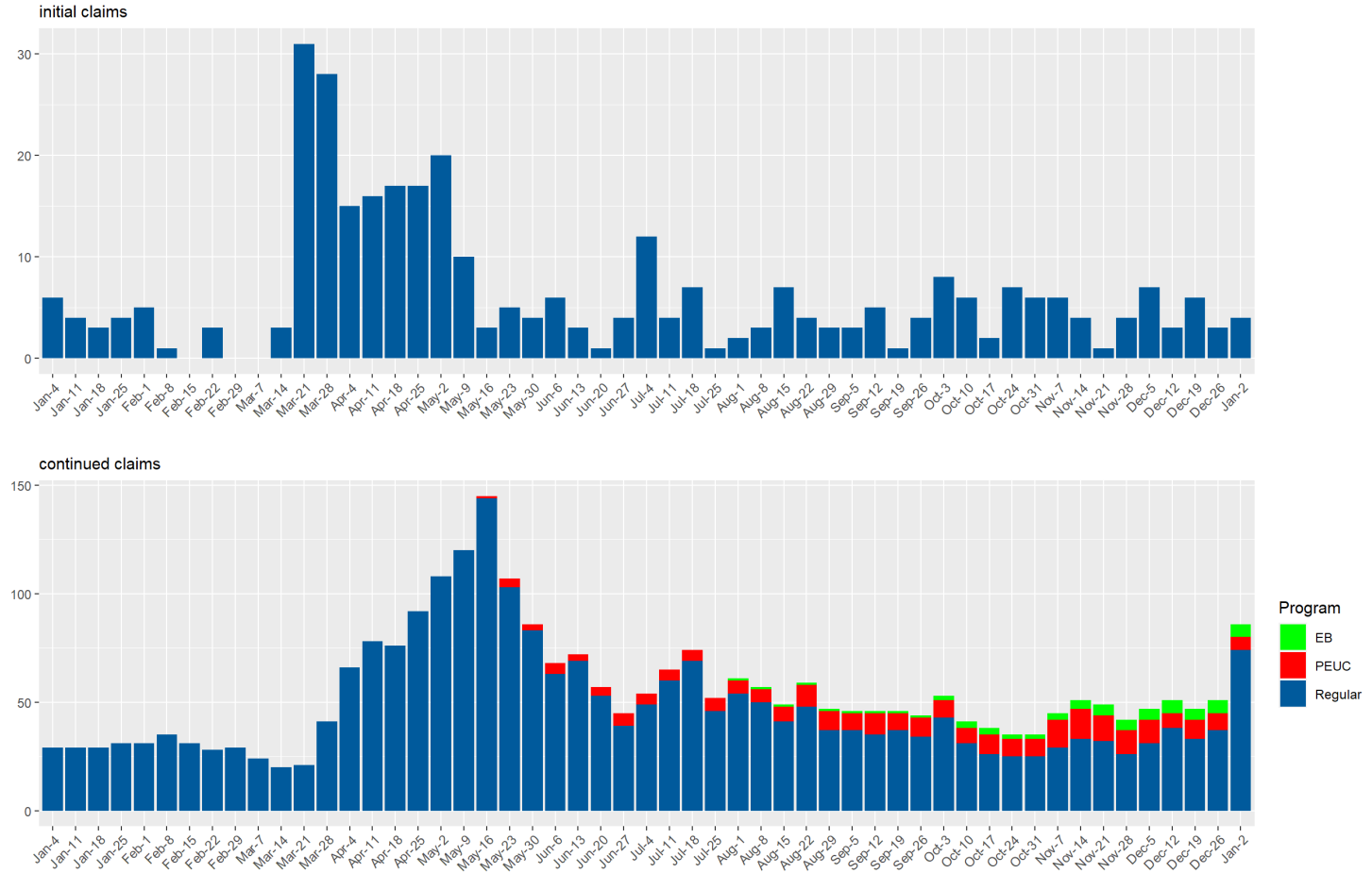
Nye County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Pershing County

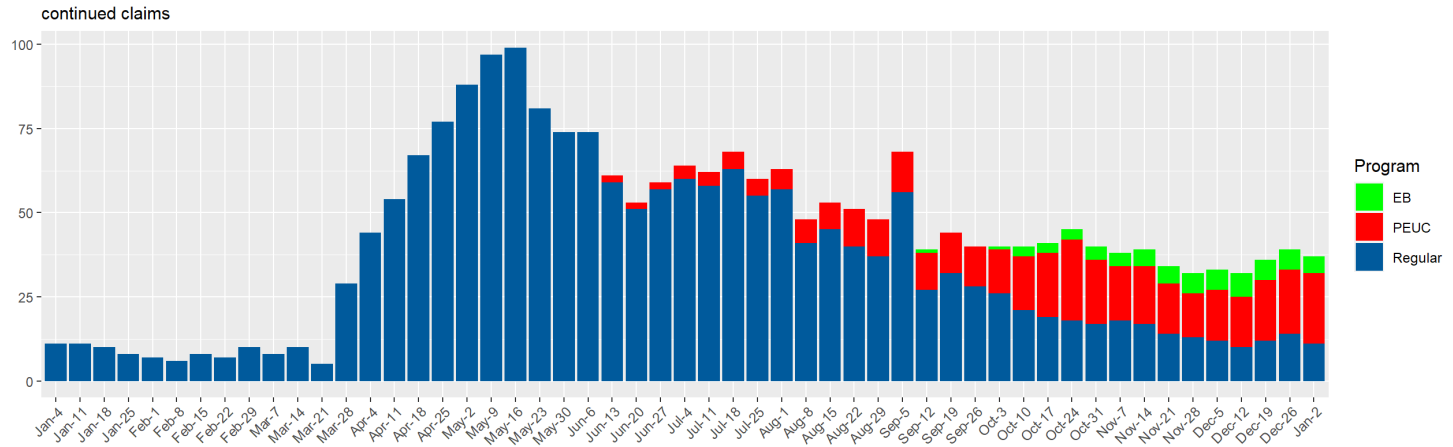
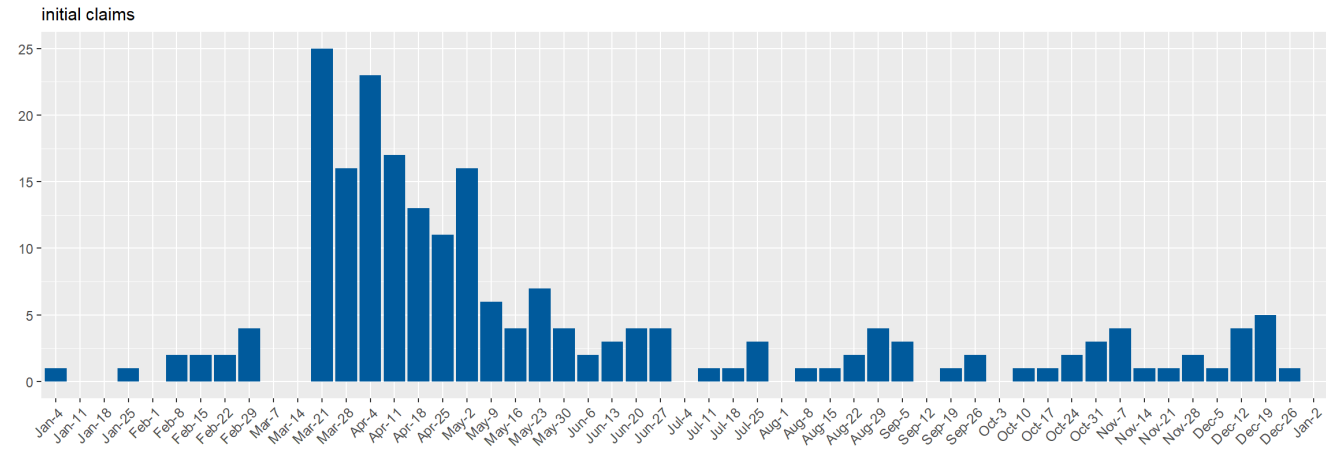
Pershing County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Storey County

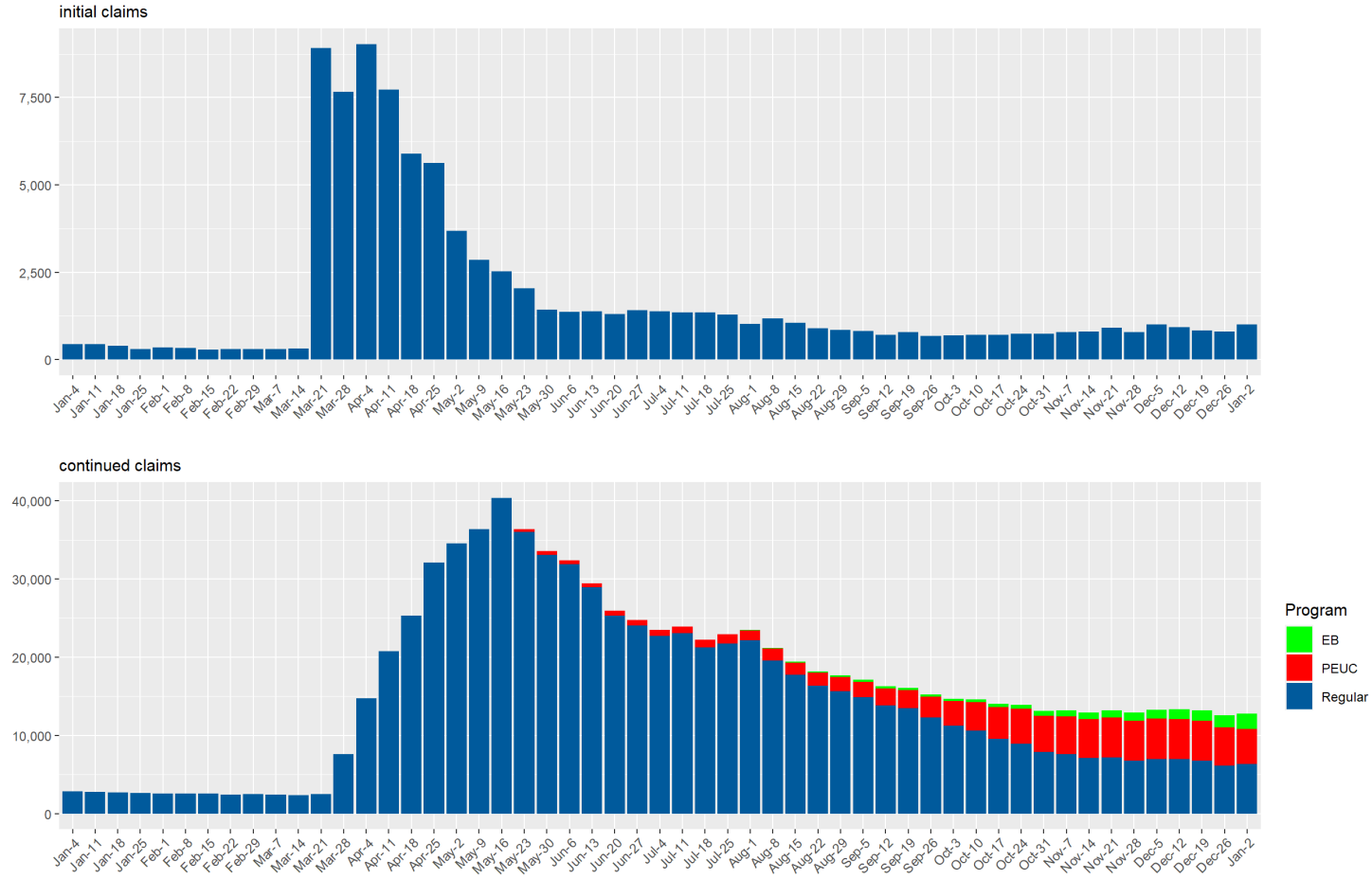
Storey County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



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UI Claims for Washoe County

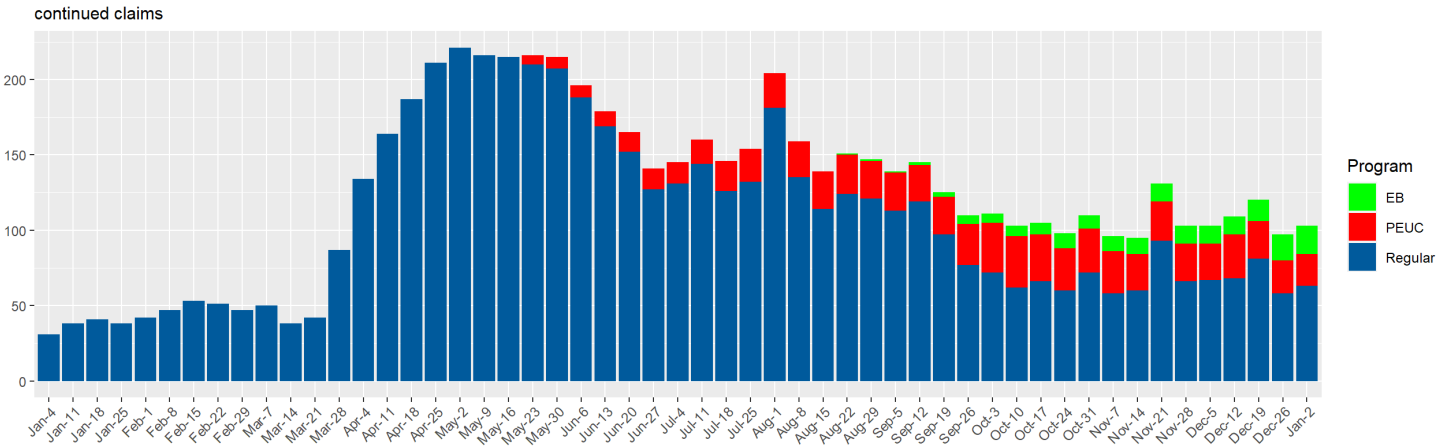
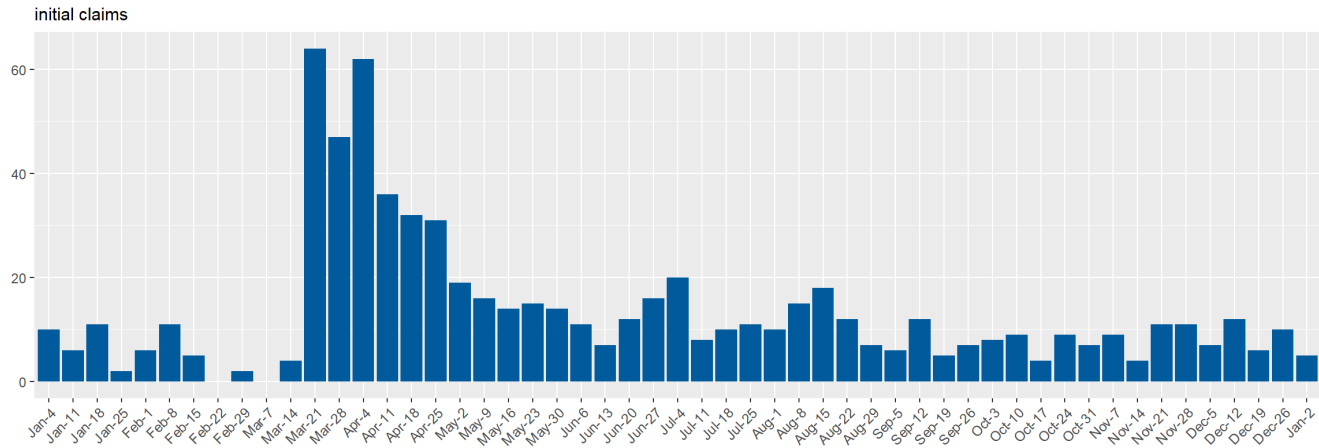
Washoe County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

UI Claims for White Pine County

White Pine County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Week since January 2020



Source: DETR Internal Reporting

Data Dashboard Page

In effort to limit the overall length of this report, an interactive report was created that includes weekly data for all programs. This data is available for download on the "Data" tab of the Weekly Claims Characteristics by Program report below.

Weekly Reports

Weekly Claims Dashboard

The claims data contained on the ETA 539 report are used in current economic analysis of unemployment trends in Nevada.

Weekly Claims Characteristics by Program

This report provides weekly information about the characteristics of claimants in Nevada for all programs.

Weekly Claims by County

The claims data contained in this dashboard provide unemployment insurance trends by county in the State of Nevada. This dashboard allows for exploration of these trends.

Monthly Reports

Monthly Claims Dashboard

The ETA 5159 report contains monthly information on claims activities and on the number and amount of payments under state unemployment insurance laws. The data on this report provides the basis for many common UI measures such as average duration, exhaustion rates, weeks compensated, and benefits paid. This dashboard allows for exploration of these measures and trends in the State of Nevada.

Monthly Claims Demographics

The ETA 203 report provides information about the characteristics of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants in Nevada. This data is useful in describing the population of claimants and determining how that population changes over time and under various conditions. It can also be compared with characteristic figures of the total unemployed as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Glossary of Terms

Initial Claim: Any notice of unemployment filed to request a determination of eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits, or to begin a subsequent period of eligibility within a period of eligibility. Initial claims measure emerging unemployment in the state.

Additional Claim: An initial Claim which reopens a previously existing claim, where the claimant stopped filing due to intervening employment.

Reopened Claim: A reopened claim is filed if you have previously filed a claim but never submitted any weekly claims.

Continued Claim: After an initial claim determines a claimant is eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, the claimant's weekly benefit claims are counted under continued claims. Continued claims in aggregate represents the insured unemployed receiving benefits in the state, and is used for economic purposes.

Credits

Special thanks to all the R and RStudio developers that built the packages to make this possible!

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