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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS PRESS RELEASE

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Initial claims for regular program above 10k for 1st time since August; Continued claims rise in regular, PEUC & SEB programs

CARSON CITY, NV – For the week ending January 16, initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) totaled 10,474, up 963 claims, or 10.1%, compared to the previous week's total of 9,511 claims, according to finalized data from the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR). This is the third consecutive week where initial claims have risen compared to the previous week and the highest weekly total since the week ending August 15. Through the week ending January 16, there have been a total of 814,212 initial claims filed since the week ending March 14, 2020.

Continued claims, which represent the current number of insured unemployed workers filing weekly for unemployment insurance benefits, totaled 81,195 claims, an increase of 2,402 claims, or 3.0%, from the previous week's total of 78,793. This is the second straight week of increases in continued claims.

It should be noted that due to the delay in the passage of HR 133, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, 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 for these programs.

Nevada's Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program, which provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits, saw 74,167 claims filed in the week, an increase of 2,568 claims from last week's total of 71,599. The passage of HR 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 currently provides up to 20 weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted both their regular and PEUC program benefits. Nevada saw 52,936 claims filed in the week, an increase of 5,060 claims from a week ago. New guidance from the Department of Labor may require DETR to change the sequence of applying and paying out SEB 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), rose to 6.1% from the previous week's rate of 5.9%. Including claimants in the benefit extension programs, the rate, more appropriately called the extended insured unemployment rate, was 15.7%. 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 56,578 initial claims filed in the week ending January 16, an increase of 48,199 claims, or 575.2%, from last week's total of 8,379. Initial applications for the PUA program continue to be highly unpredictable. Through the week ending January 16, there have been a total of 850,622 PUA initial claims filed.

There were 75,897 PUA continued claims filed in the week ending January 16, a decrease of 2,859 claims, or 3.6%, from the previous week's revised total of 78,756. This is the fewest continued claims filed for any week since the start of the PUA 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 16 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 702-998-3081 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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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS

INITIAL CLAIMS:

10,474 REGULAR + 56,578 PUA

Regular initial claims up 963 claims, or 10.1%, compared to the previous week.

PUA initial claims up 48,199, or 575.2%, compared to the previous week.

CONTINUED CLAIMS:

81,195 REGULAR + 75,897 PUA + 74,167 PEUC + 52,936 SEB

Regular continued claims up 2,402 claims, or 3.0%, compared to the previous week.

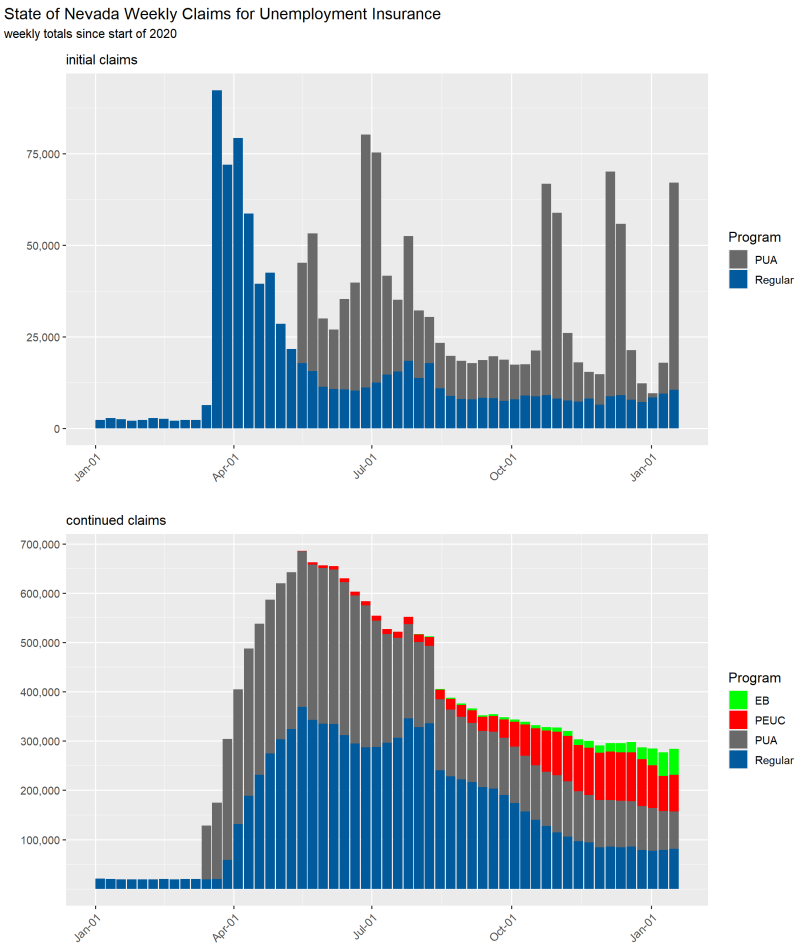
PUA continued claims down 2,859 claims, or 3.6%, compared to the previous week.

PEUC continued claims up 2,568 claims, or 3.6%, compared to the previous week.

SEB continued claims up 5,060 claims, or 10.6%, 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 284,195 claims filed in the week.



DATA REFLECTS CLAIMS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 1/16/2021

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State of Nevada Unemployment Insurance Claims

Filing Statistics for Week Ending 1/16/2021

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Weekly Federal UI Claim Statistics

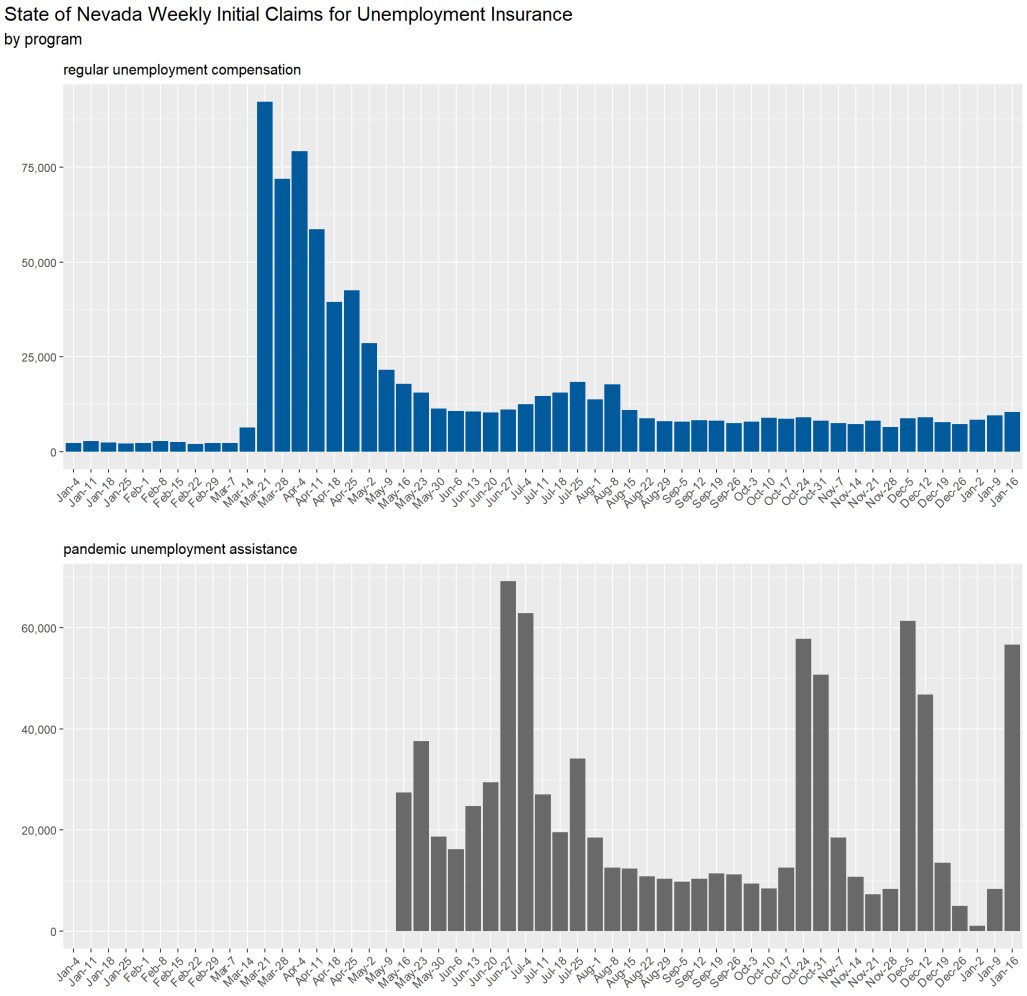
UI Initial Claims by Week

Final initial claims totals for week ending 1/16/2021 (ETA 539).

Regular initial claims totaled 10,474 in the week, up 963 claims, or 10.1%, compared to the previous week.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims totaled 56,578 in the week, up 48,199, or 575.2%, compared to the previous week.

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



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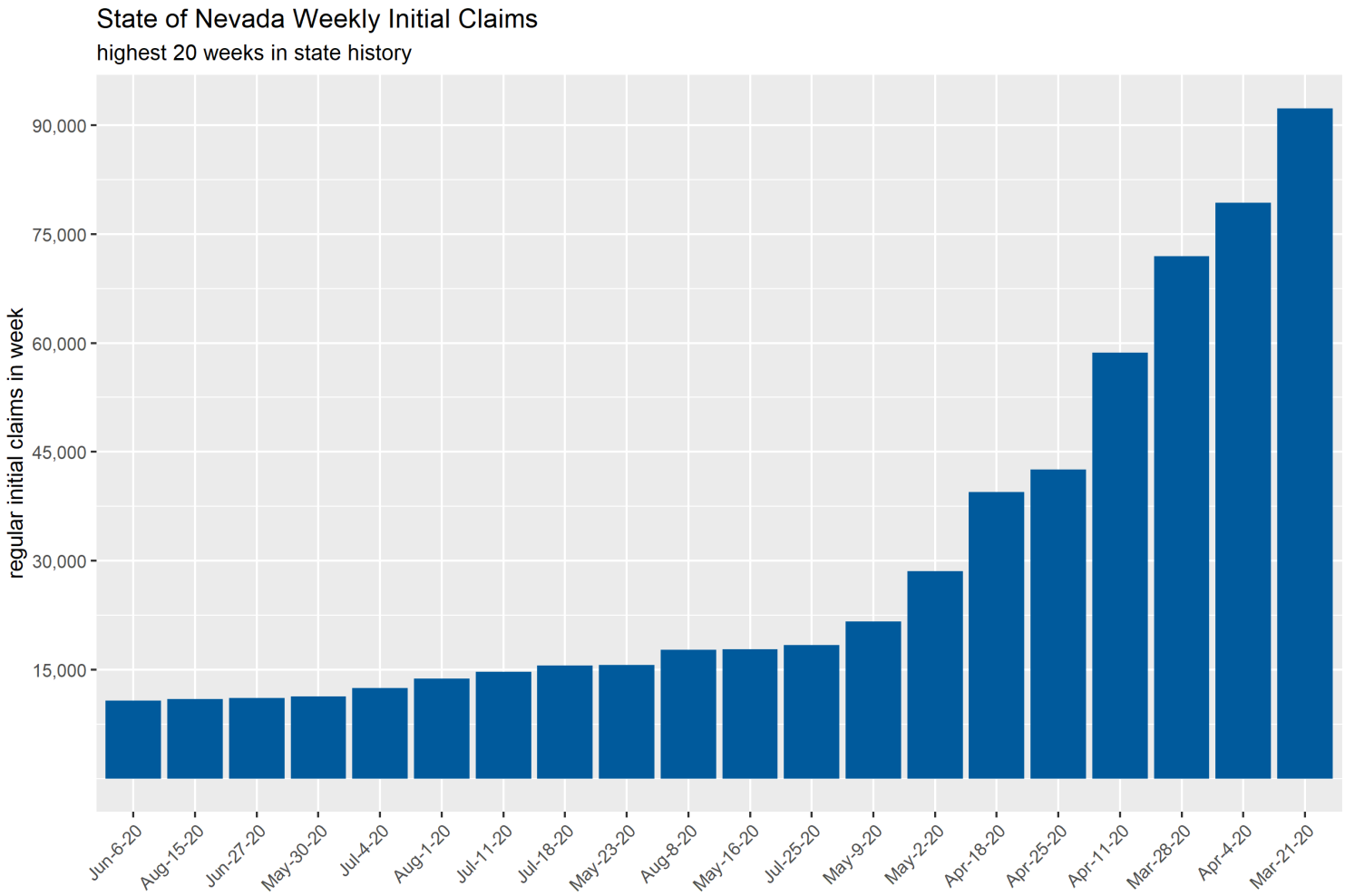
State of Nevada Initial Claims All-Time Weekly Highs



UI Continued Claims by Week

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Pandemic Unemployment Assistance continued claims totaled 75,897 in the week, down 2,859 claims, or 3.6%, compared to the previous week. PUA continued claims are backdated to show the weeks PUA was claimed.

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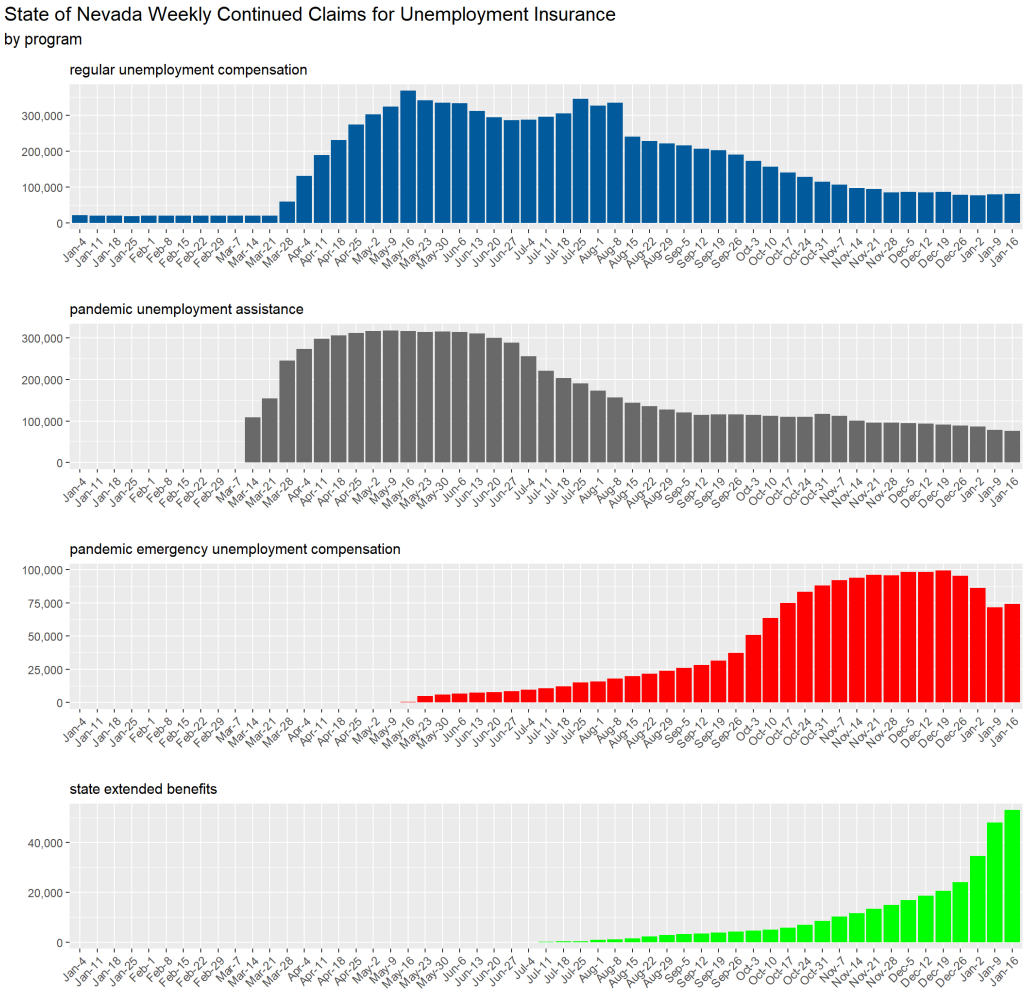

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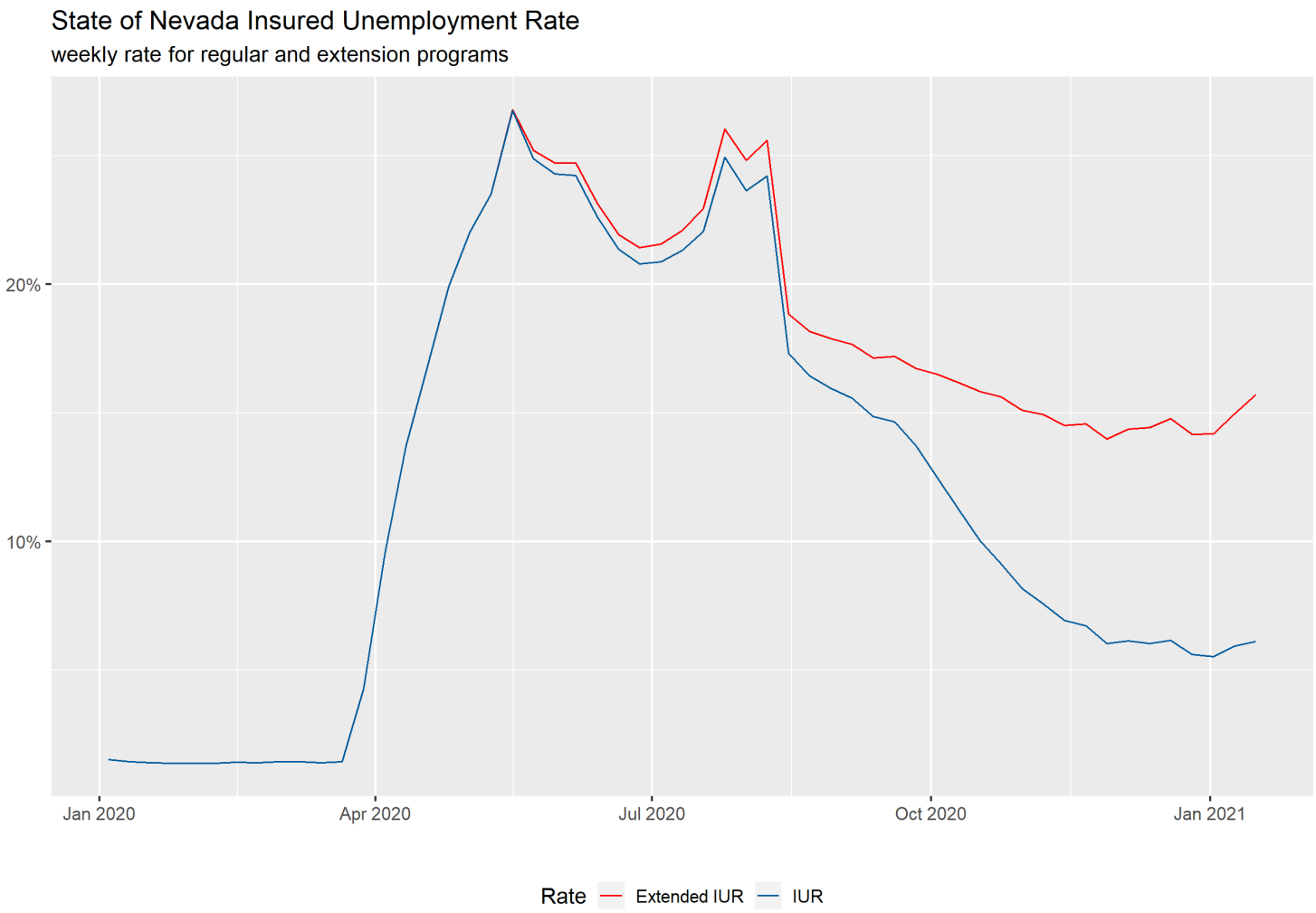
Insured Unemployment Rate



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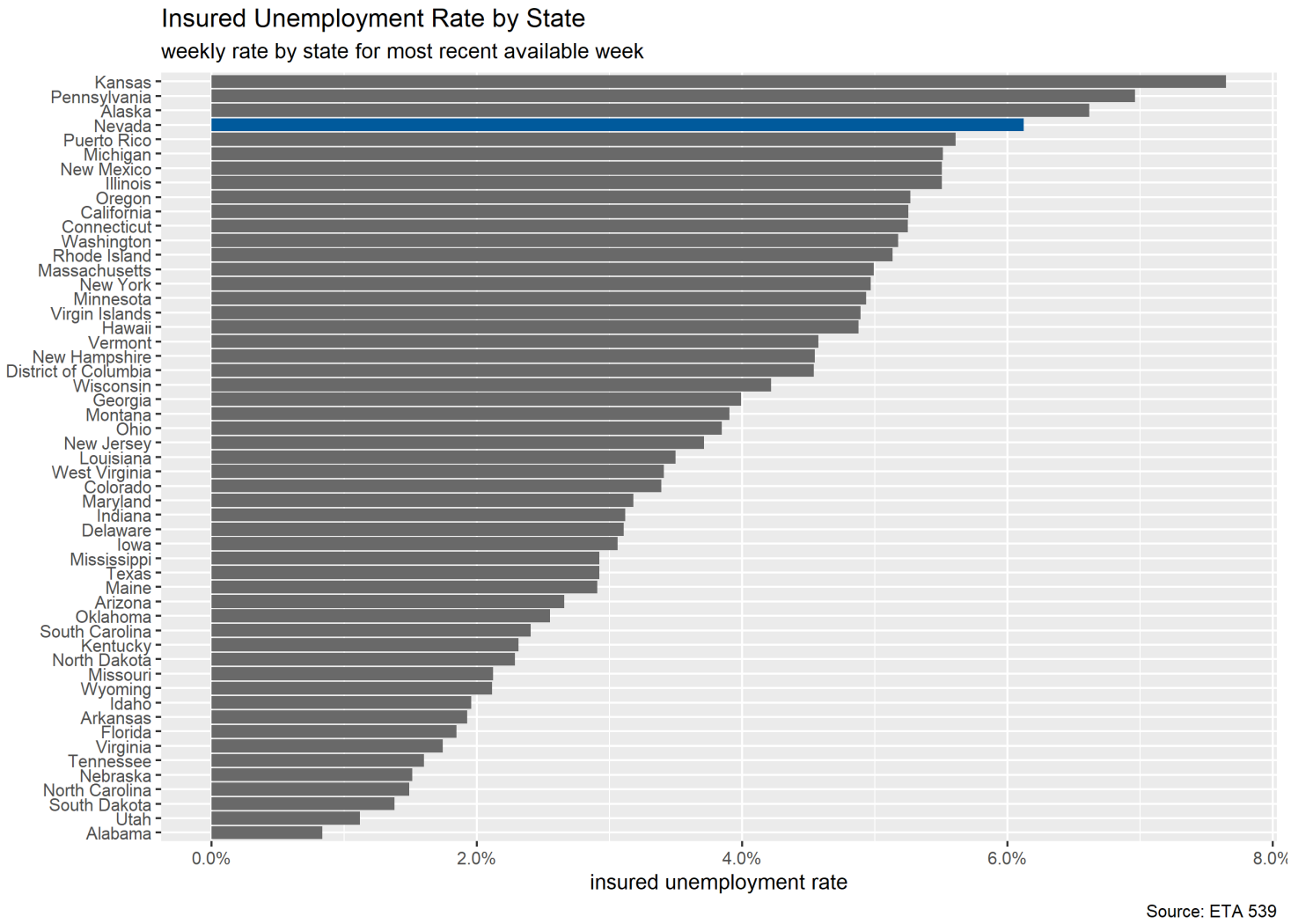
Insured Unemployment Rate by State



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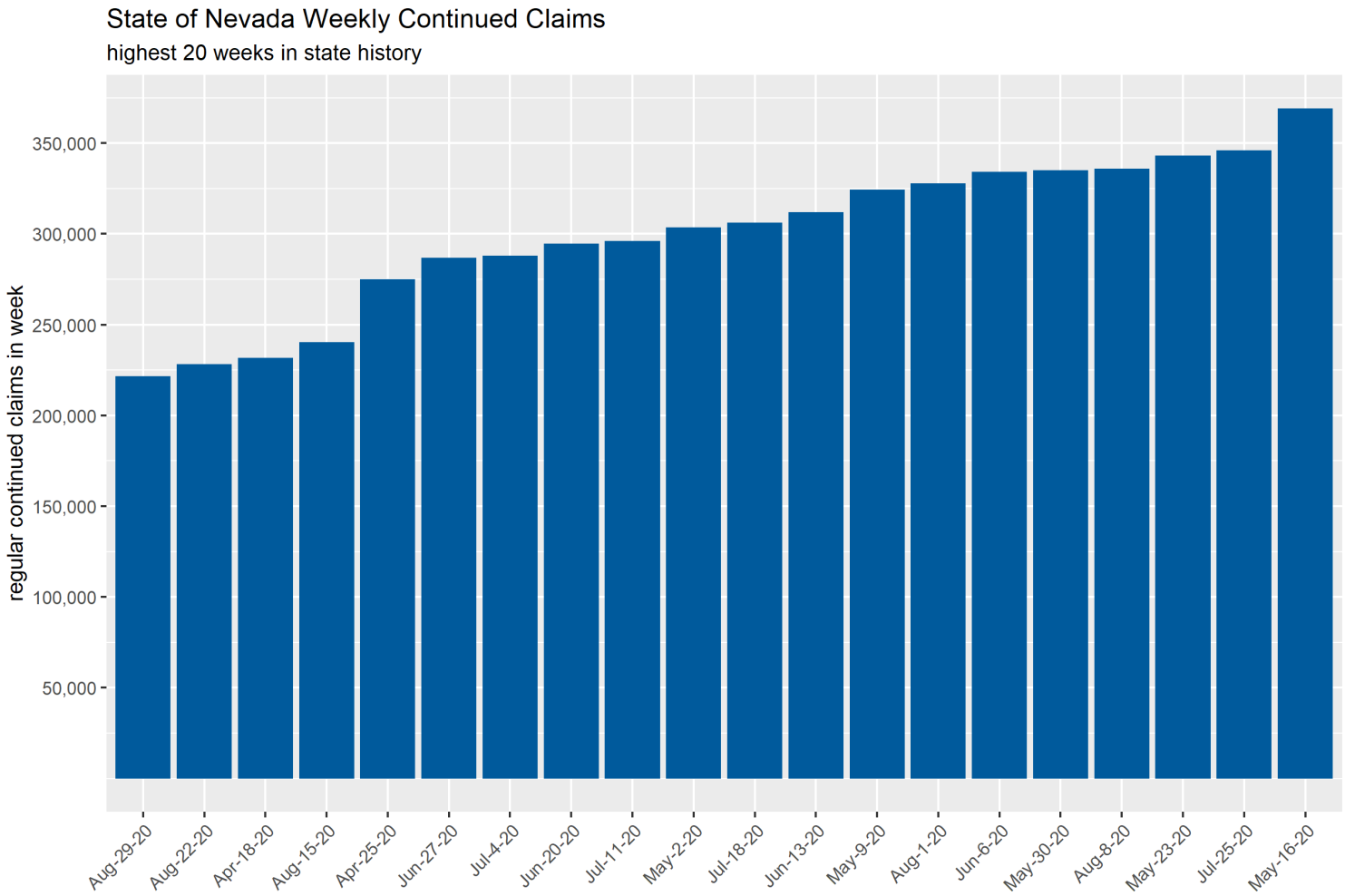


UI Trust Fund Status

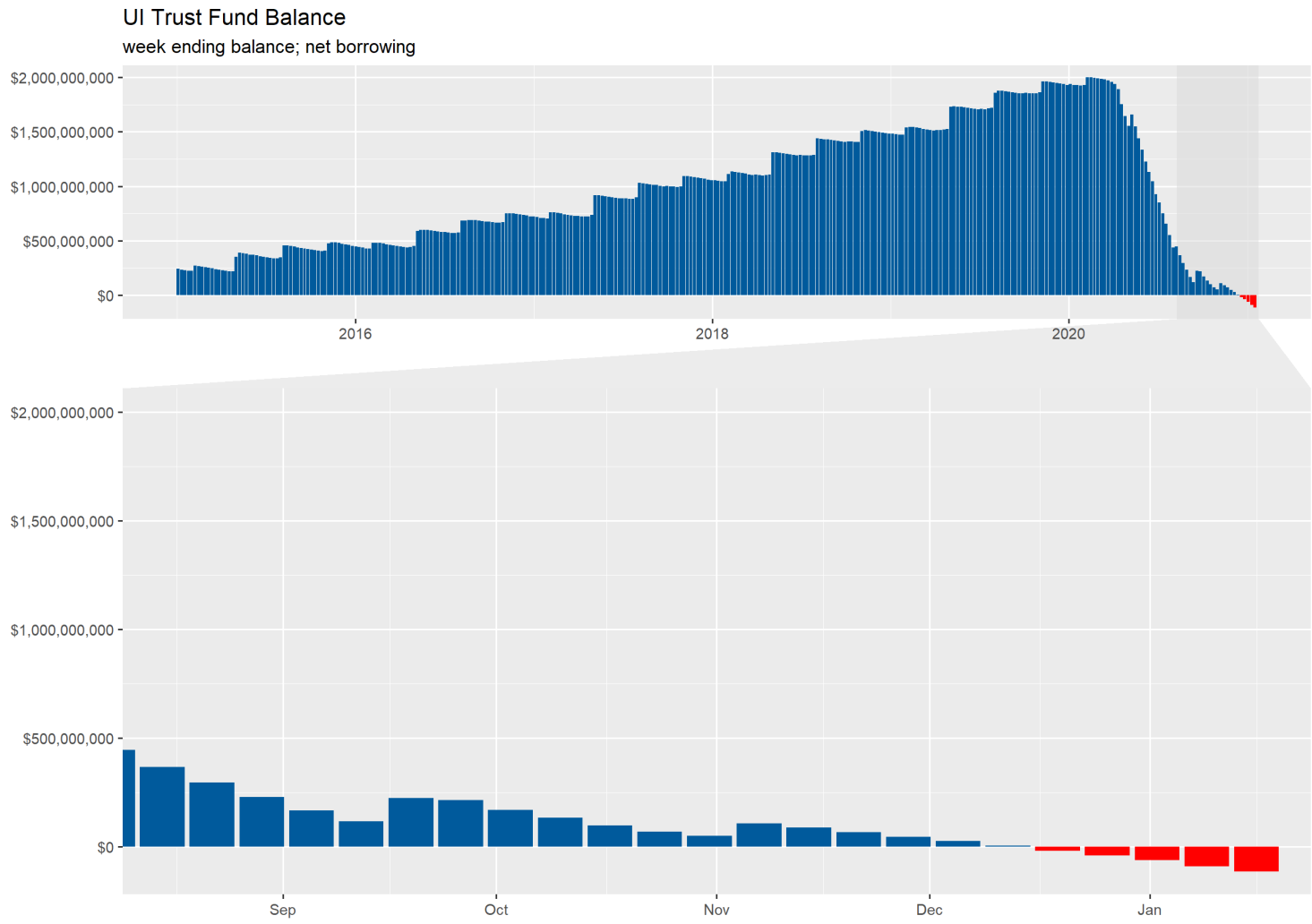
UI Trust Fund Balance & Payment Activity

Reported totals and amounts for week ending 1/16/2021

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	Since 3/14/2020
Trust Fund Balance (Net Borrowing)	-$113,437,950	-$90,678,475	-$22,759,474	-
FUA Borrowing	$22,759,474	$28,729,064	-$5,969,589	$113,437,950
Regular UI Payments	$30,695,801	$37,225,409	-$6,529,608	$2,927,104,544
Regular-FPUC Payments	$50,375,730	$47,636,340	$2,739,390	$3,024,370,694
PEUC Payments	$19,791,497	$23,918,950	-$4,127,453	$503,272,698
PUA Payments	$15,960,775	$26,647,201	-$10,686,426	$819,203,967
PUA-FPUC Payments	$16,835,108	$26,209,040	-$9,373,932	$977,890,464
SEB Payments	$13,190,822	$9,552,500	$3,638,322	$70,684,507
LWA Payments	$841,200	$1,109,880	-$268,680	$294,224,220
LWA-PUA Payments	$897,780	$1,773,450	-$875,670	$88,291,140
All Programs	$148,588,713	$174,072,769	-$25,484,056	$8,705,042,234

Trust Fund Balance



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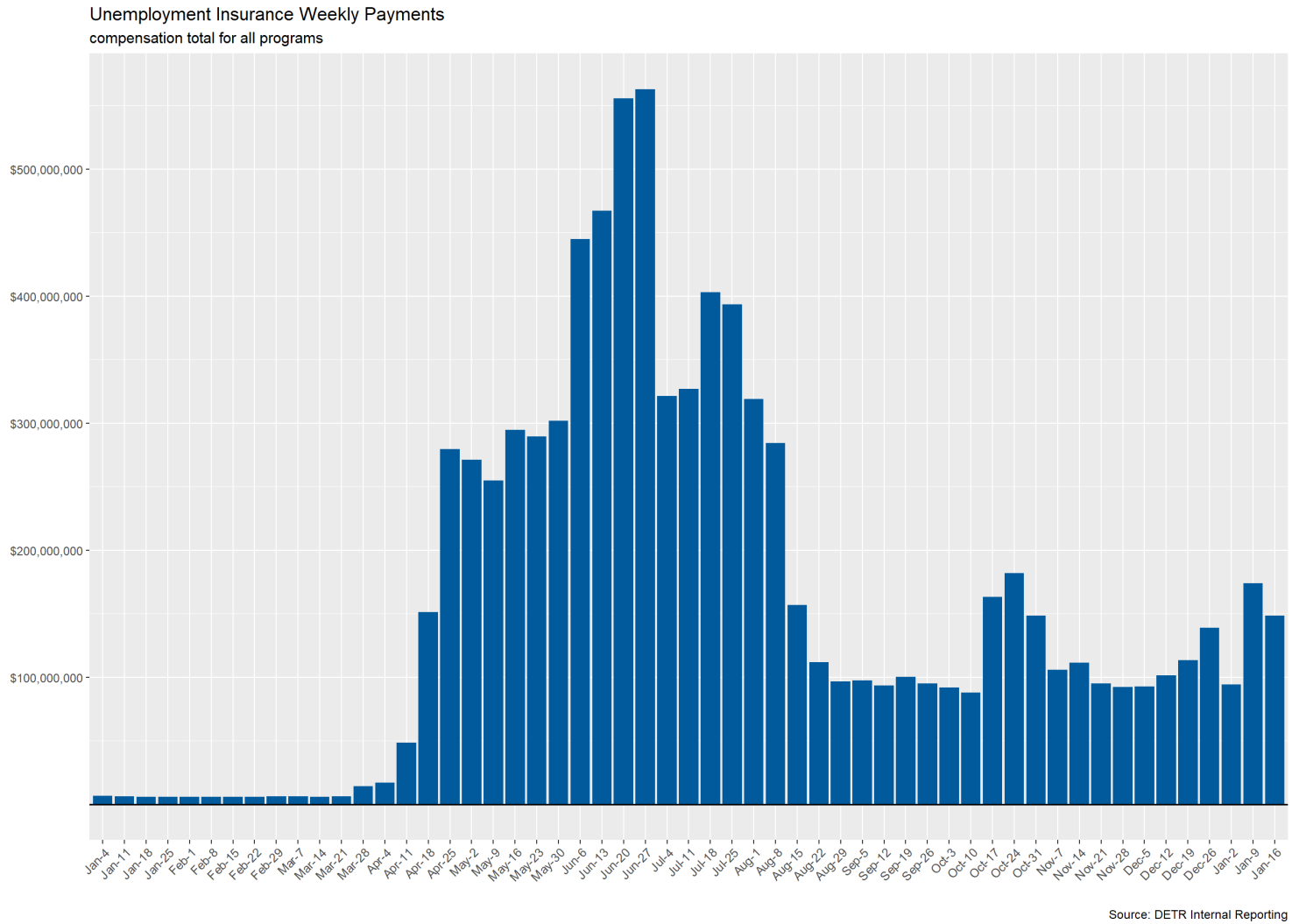
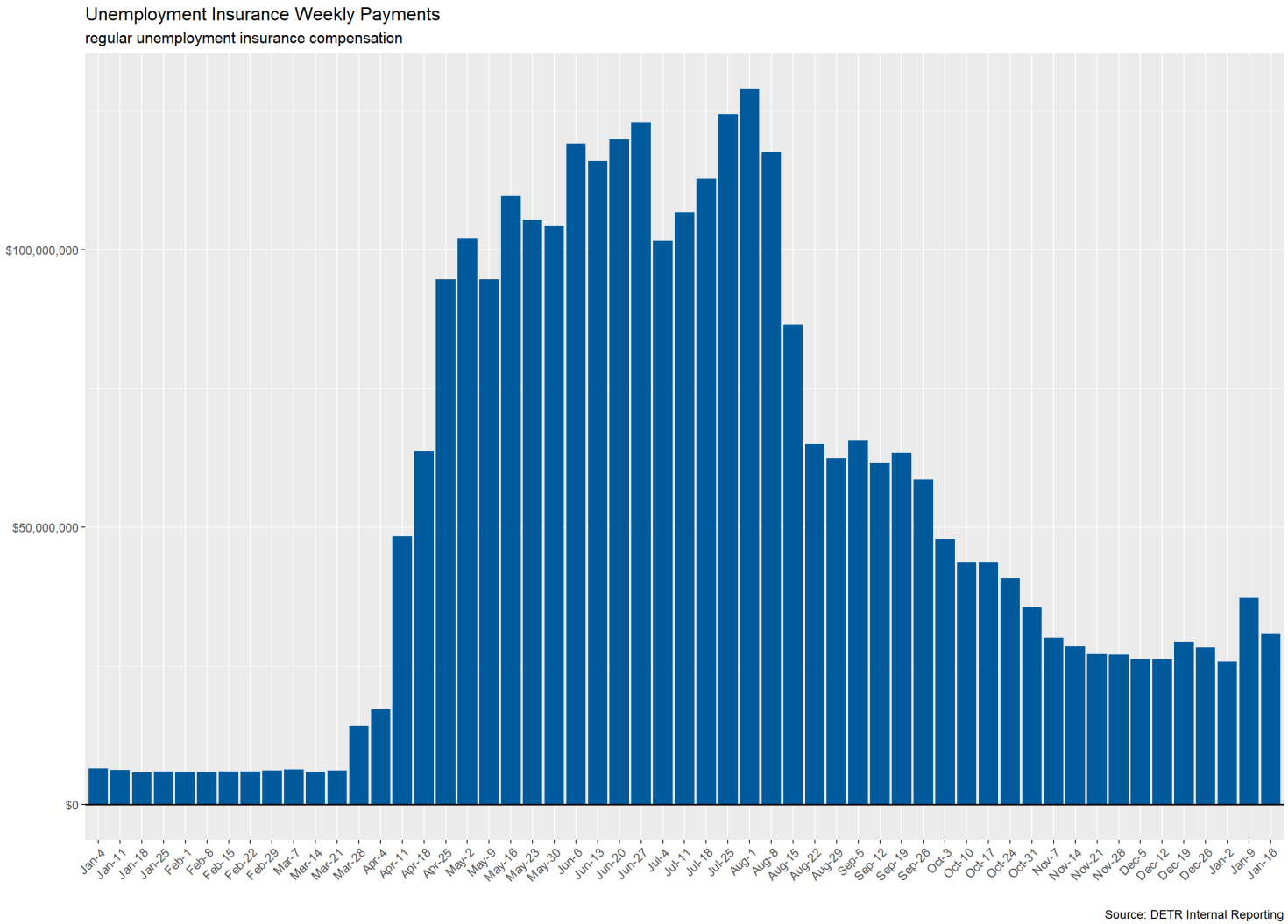


Weekly Payments by Program (Regular UI)



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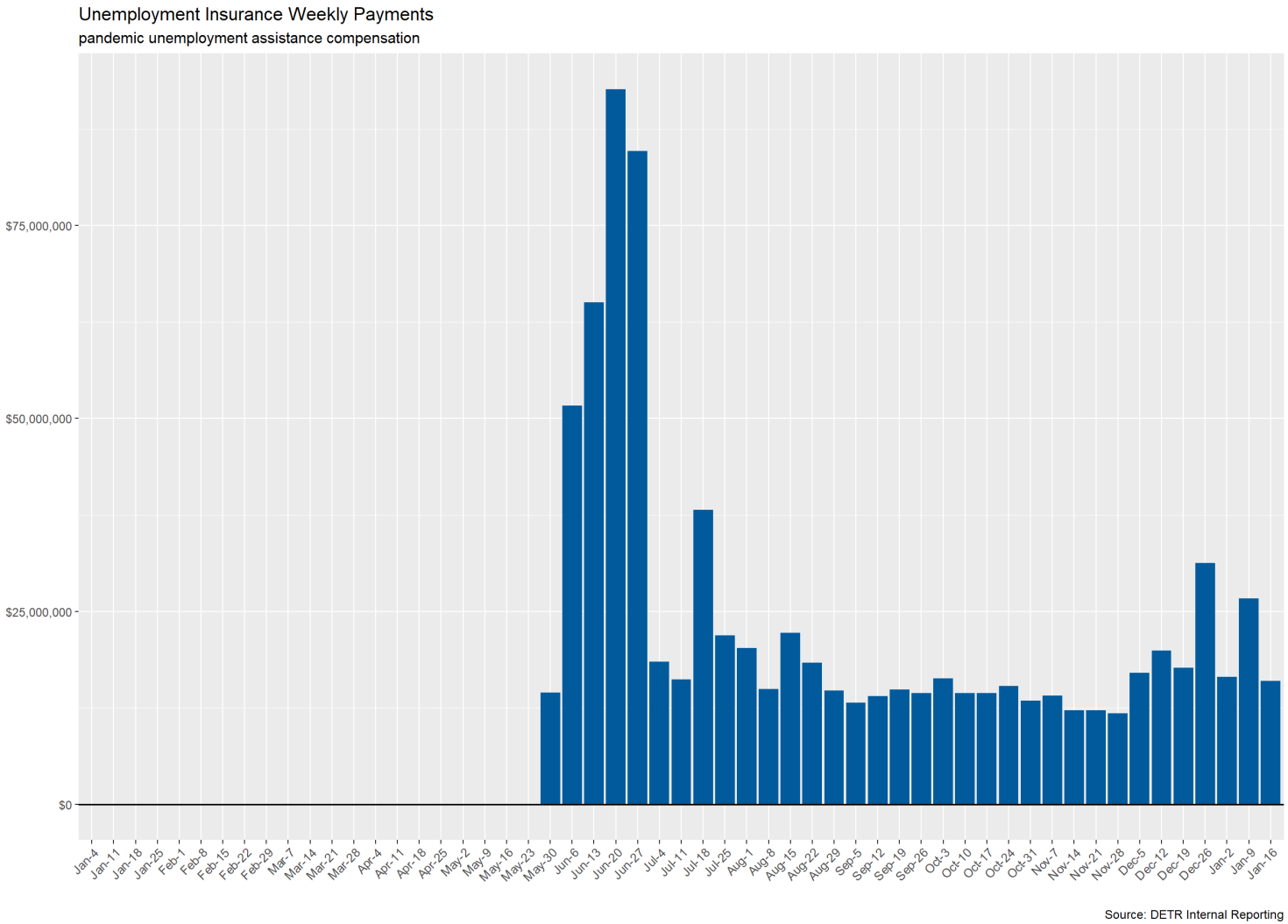

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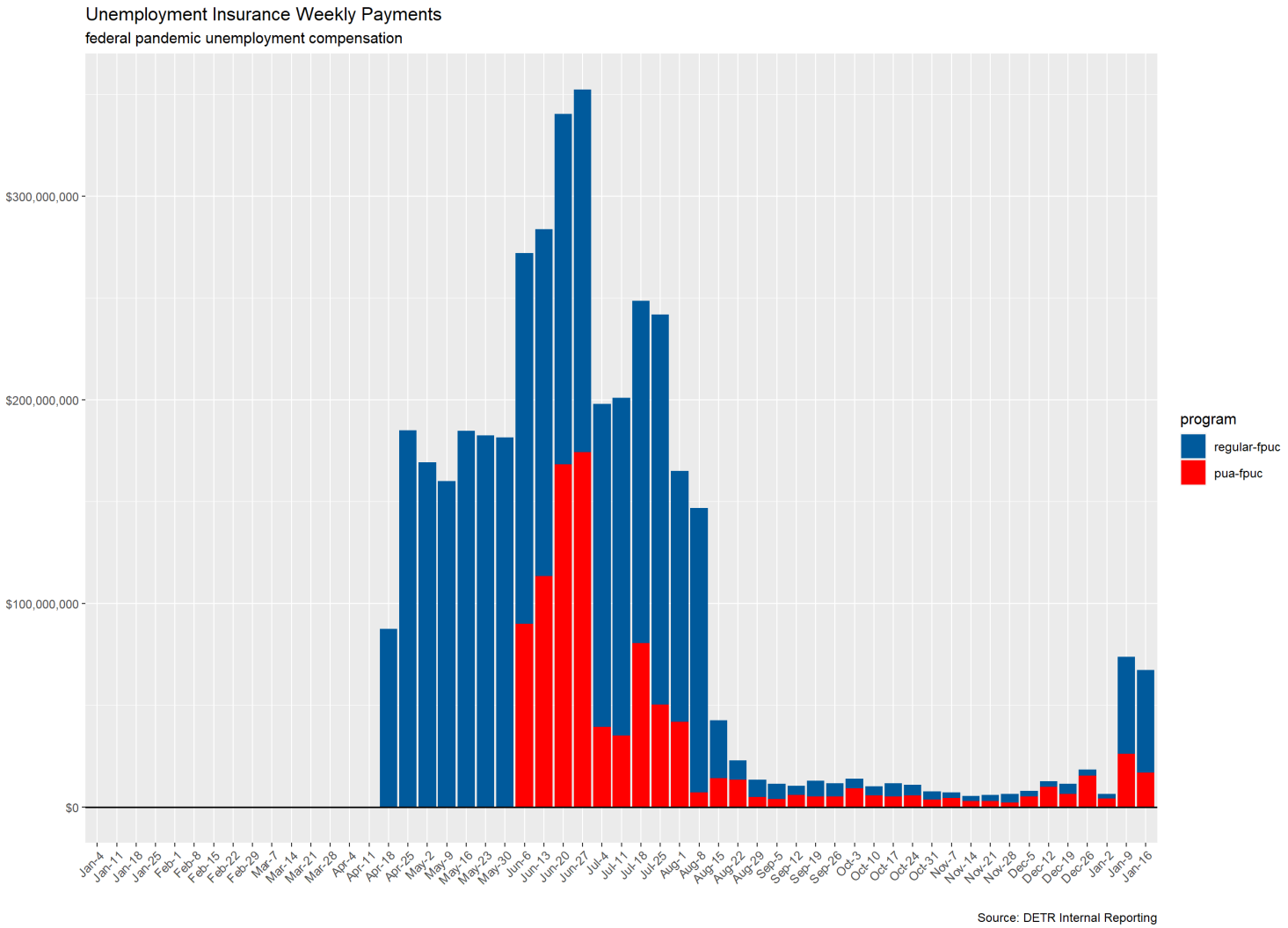

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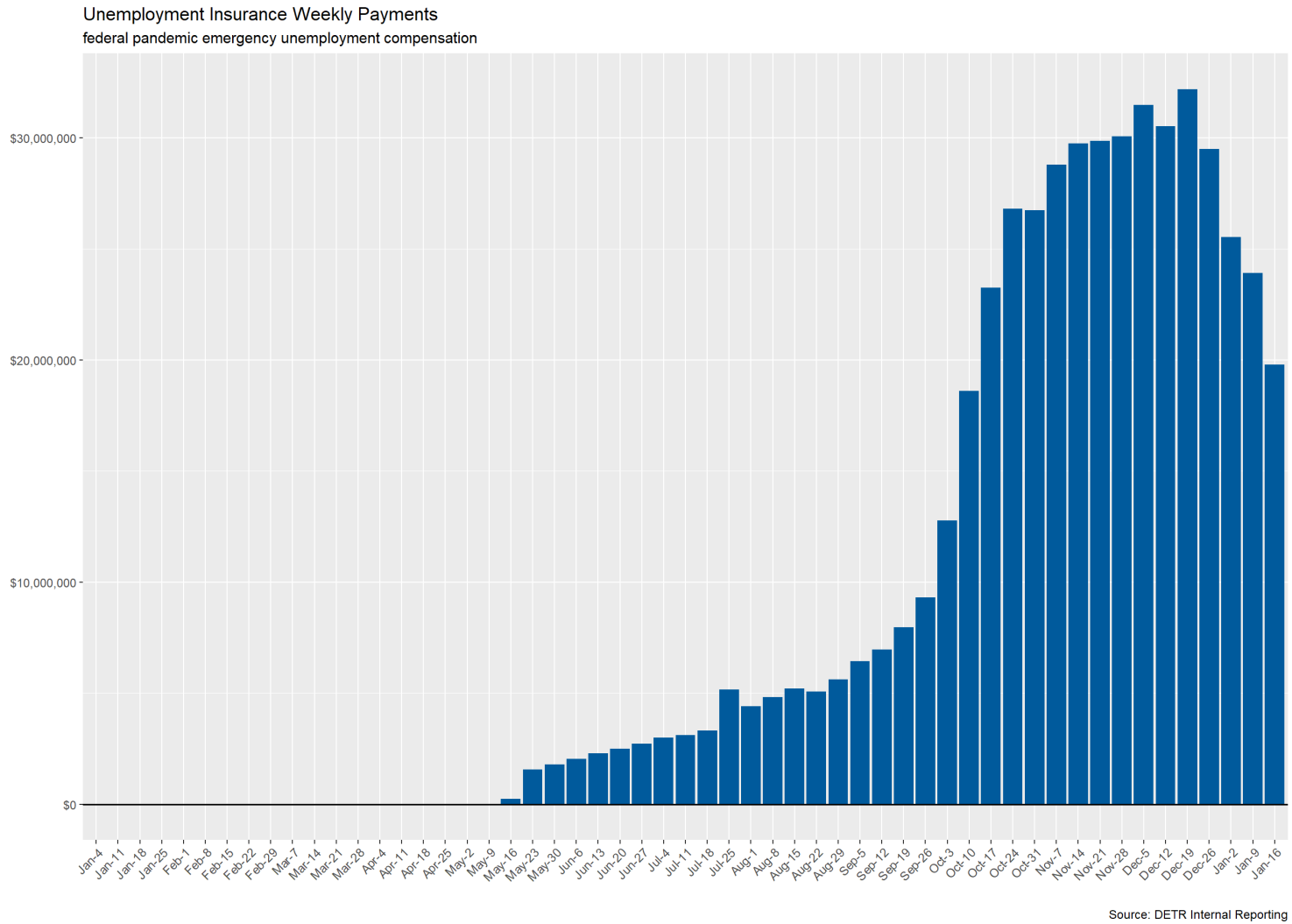

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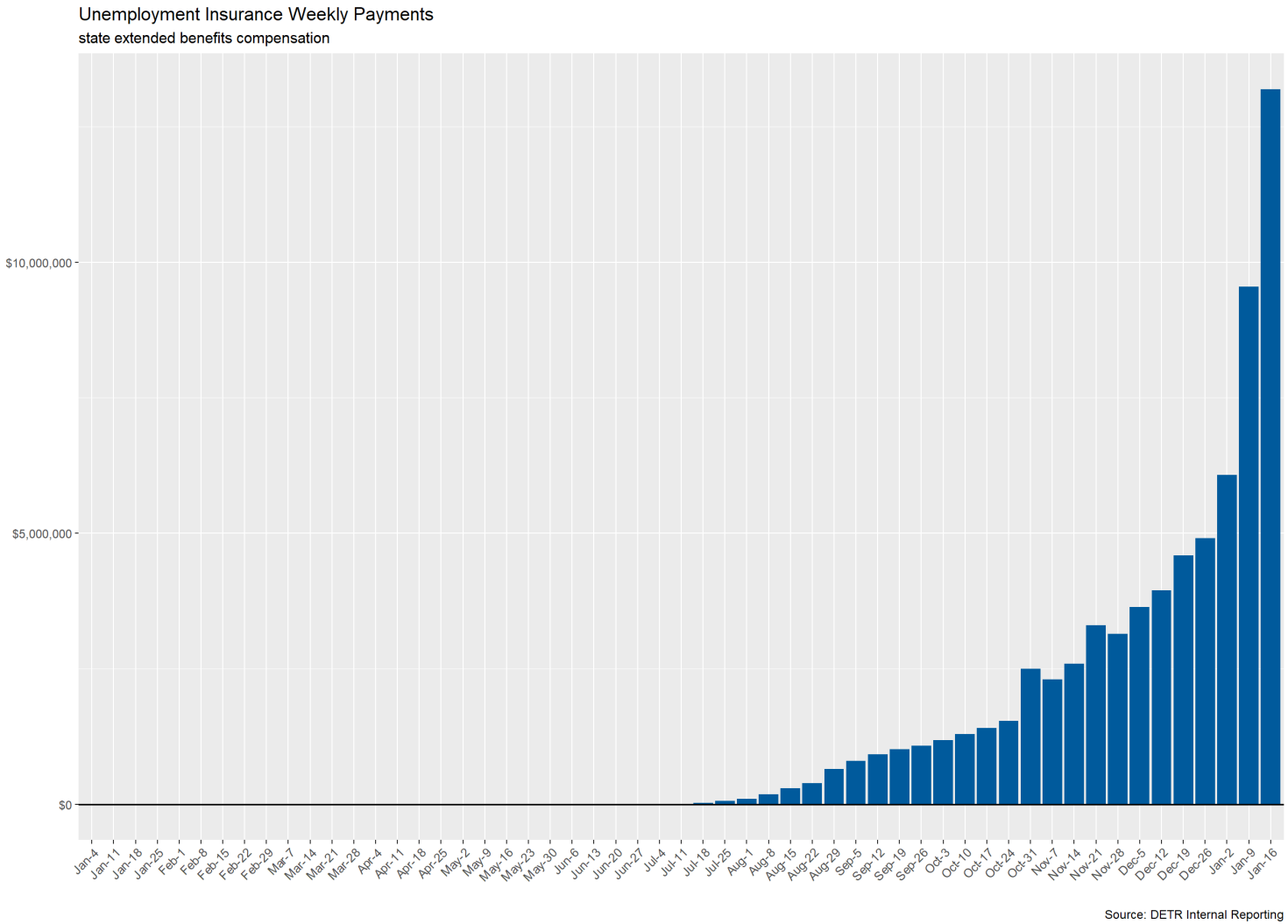

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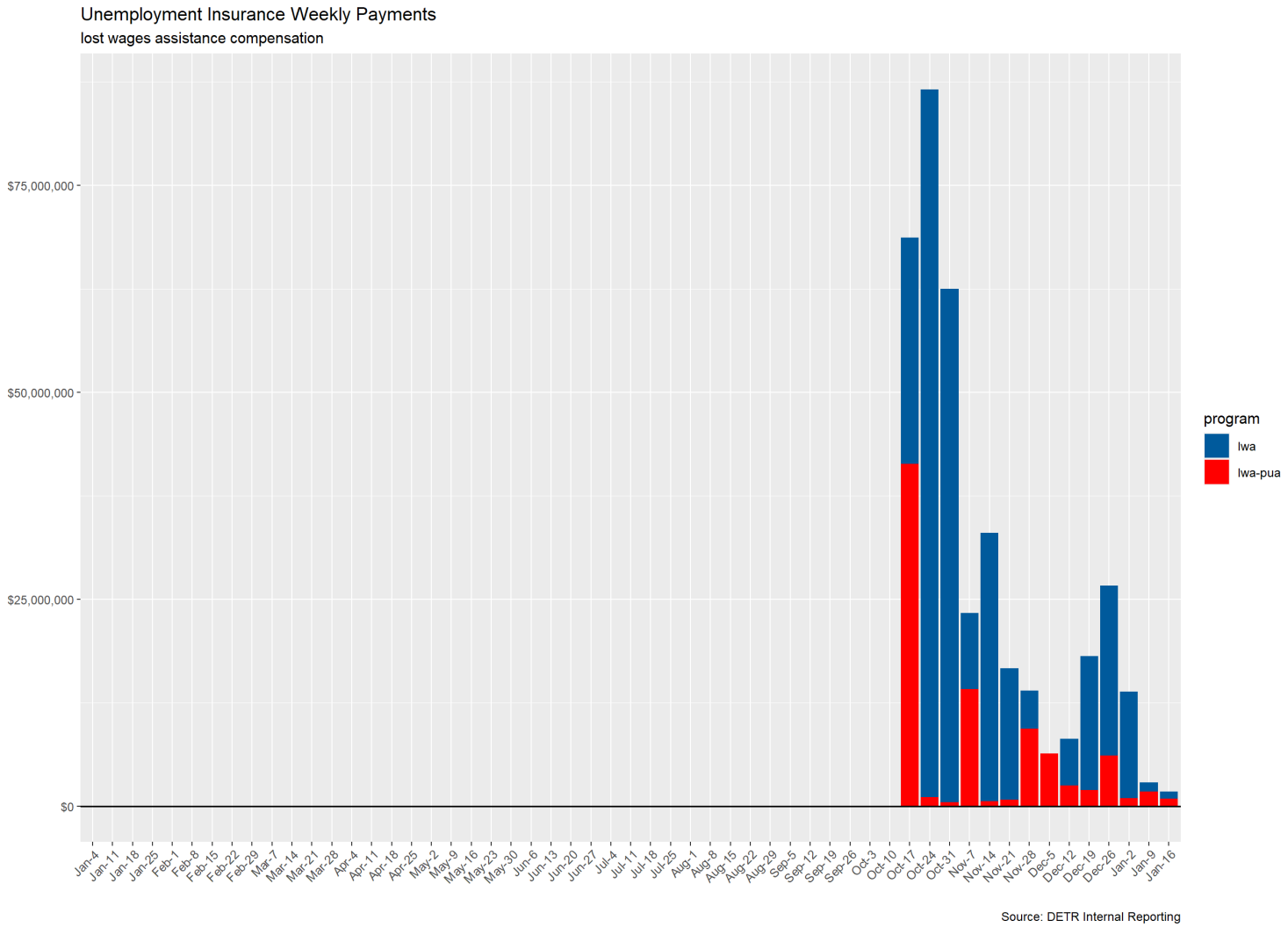

Claims by County

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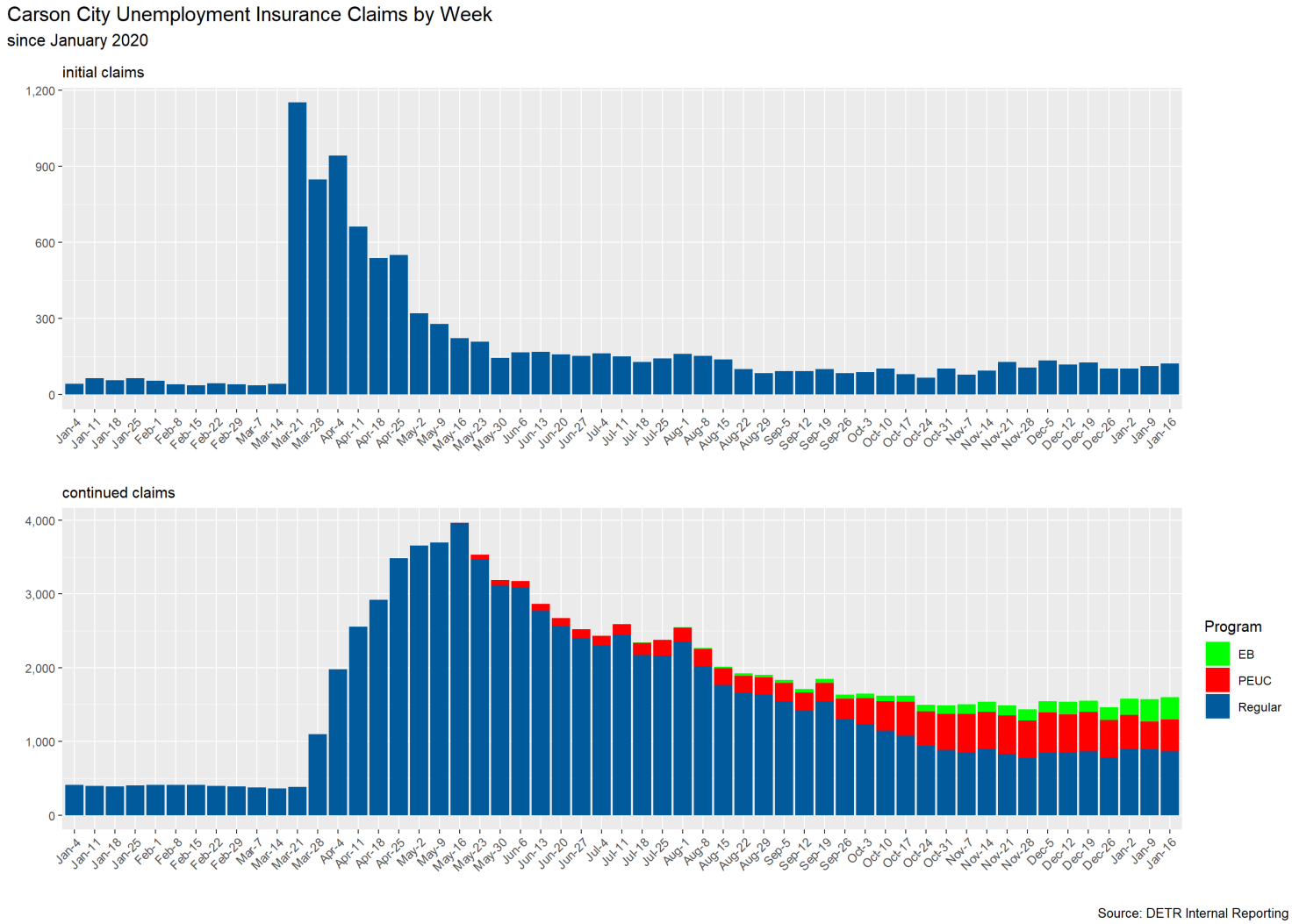

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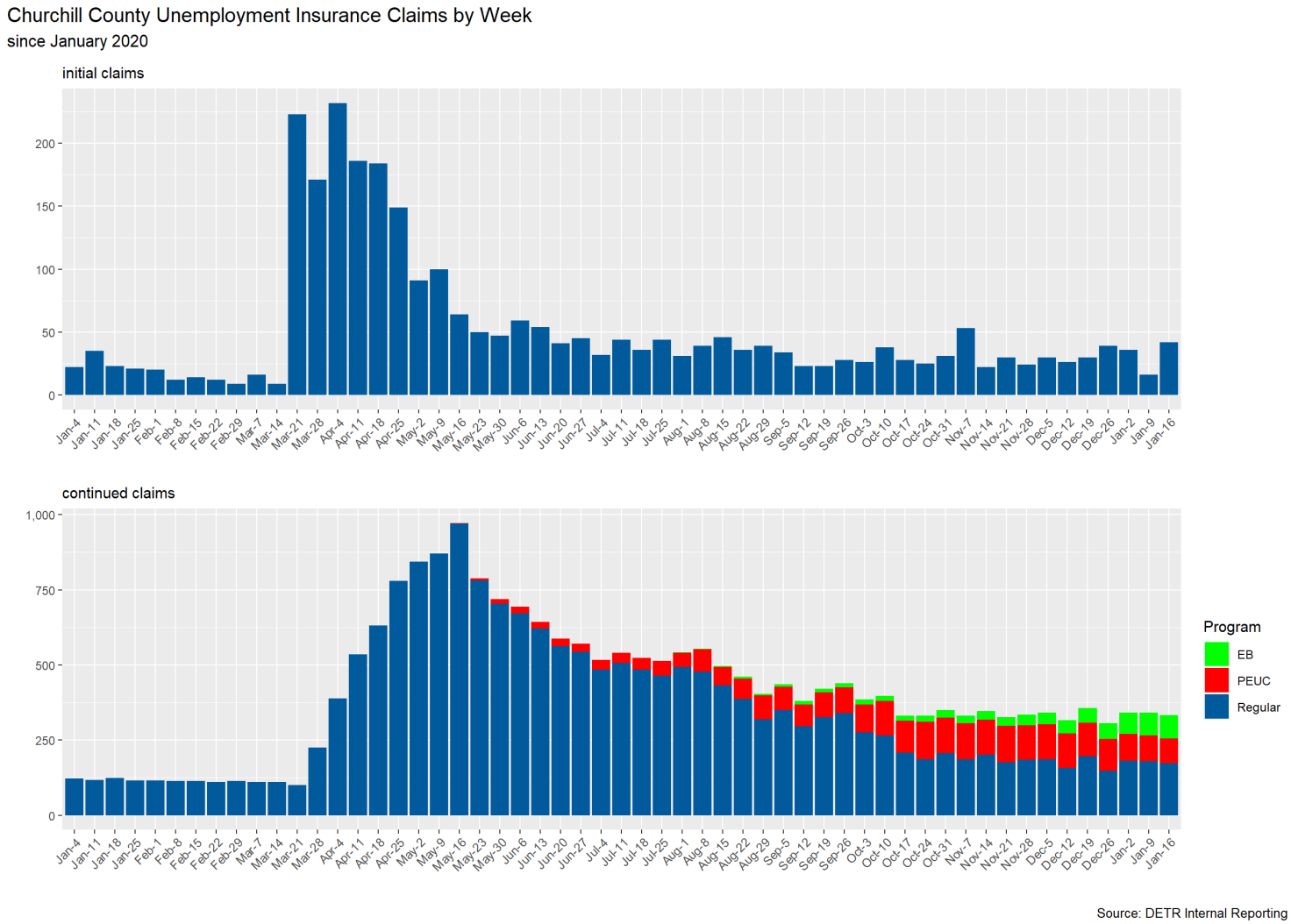

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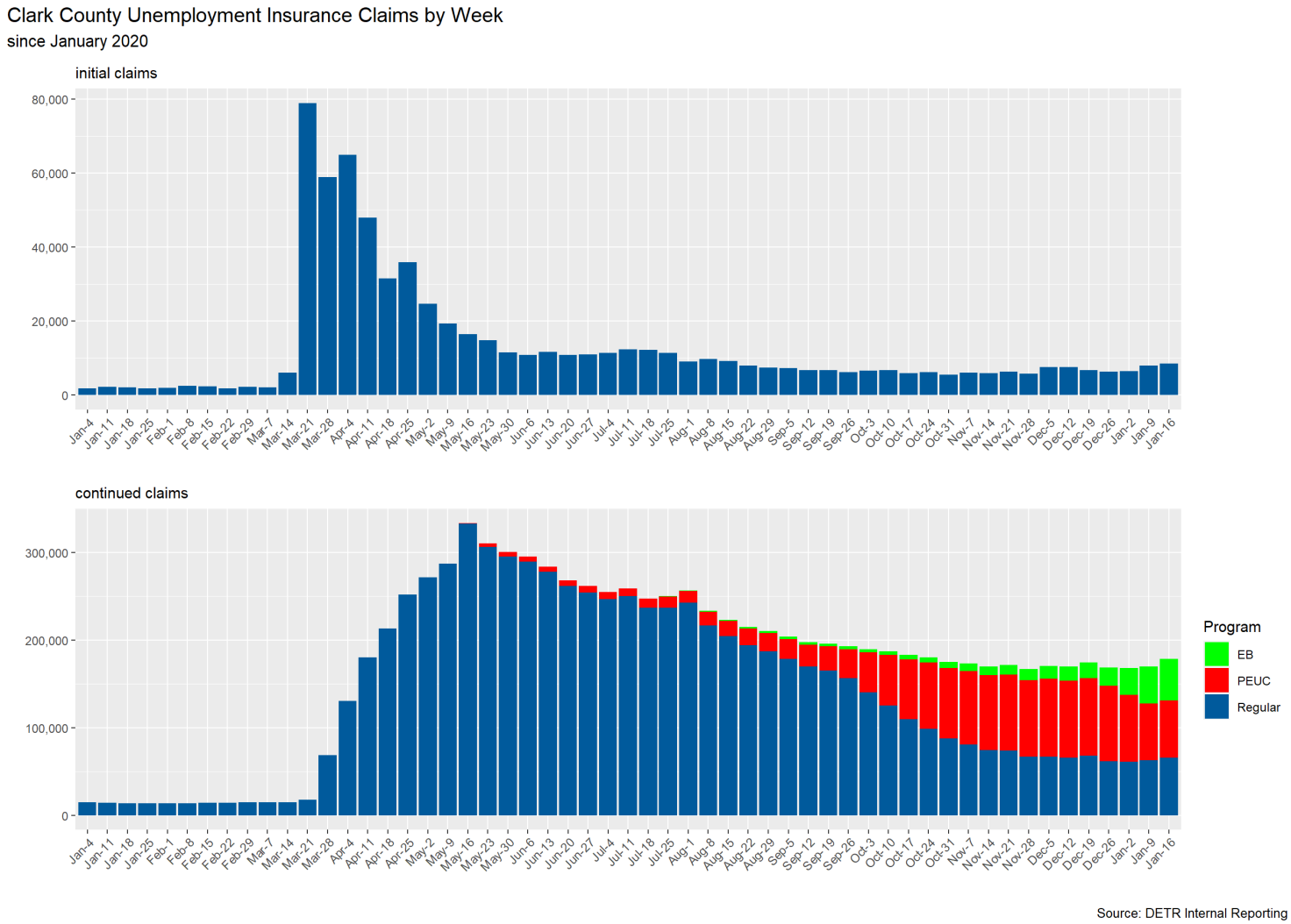

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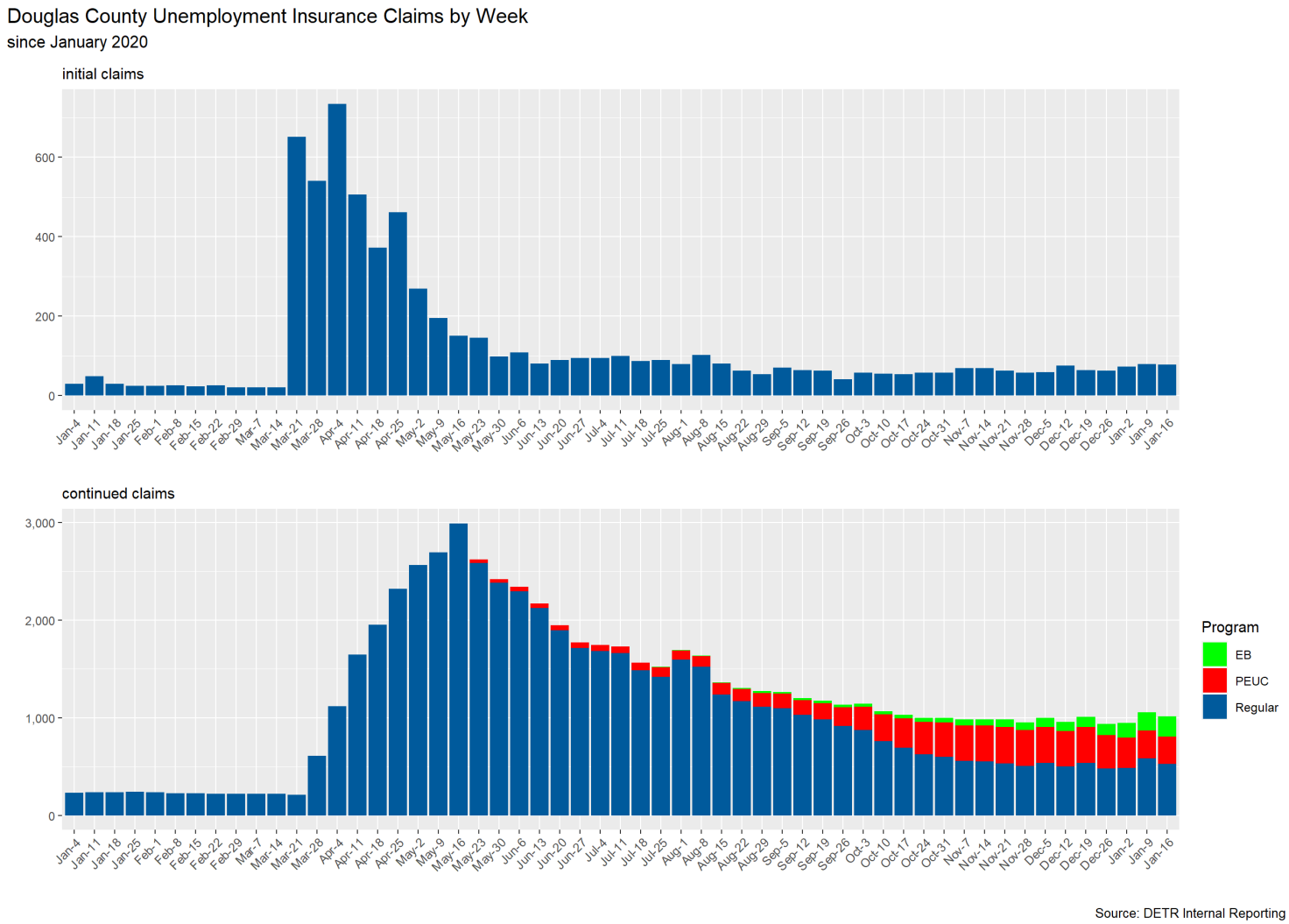

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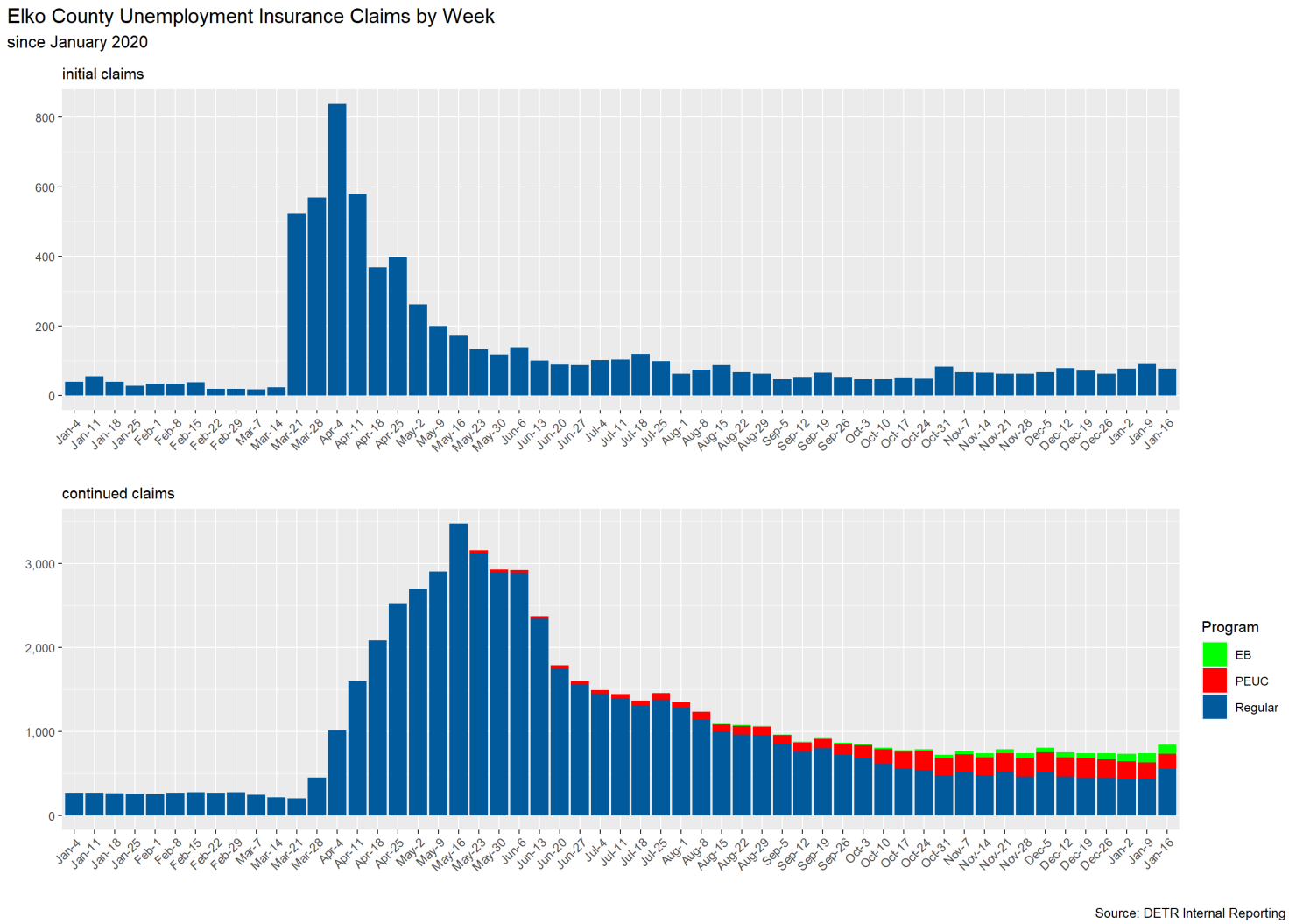

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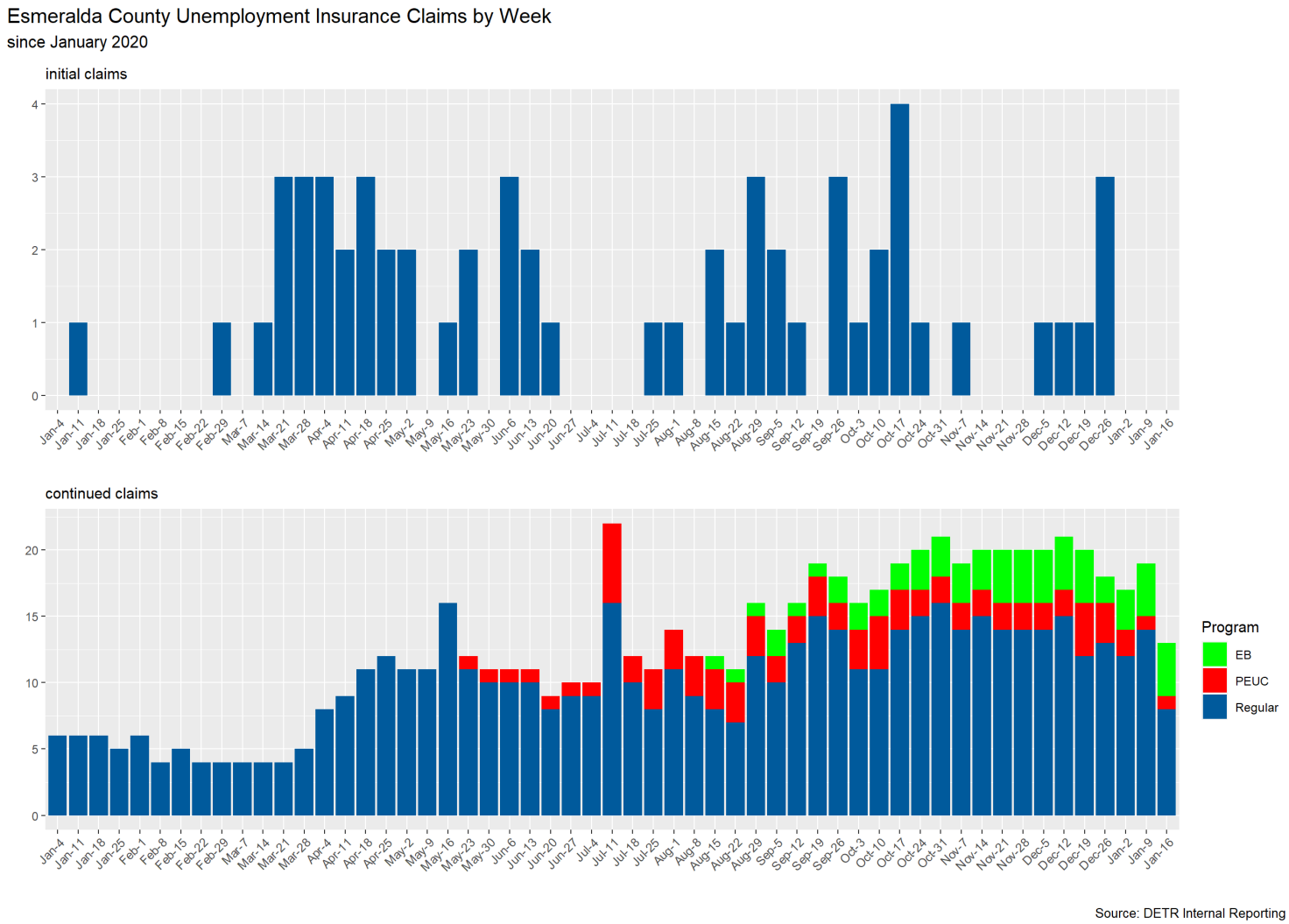

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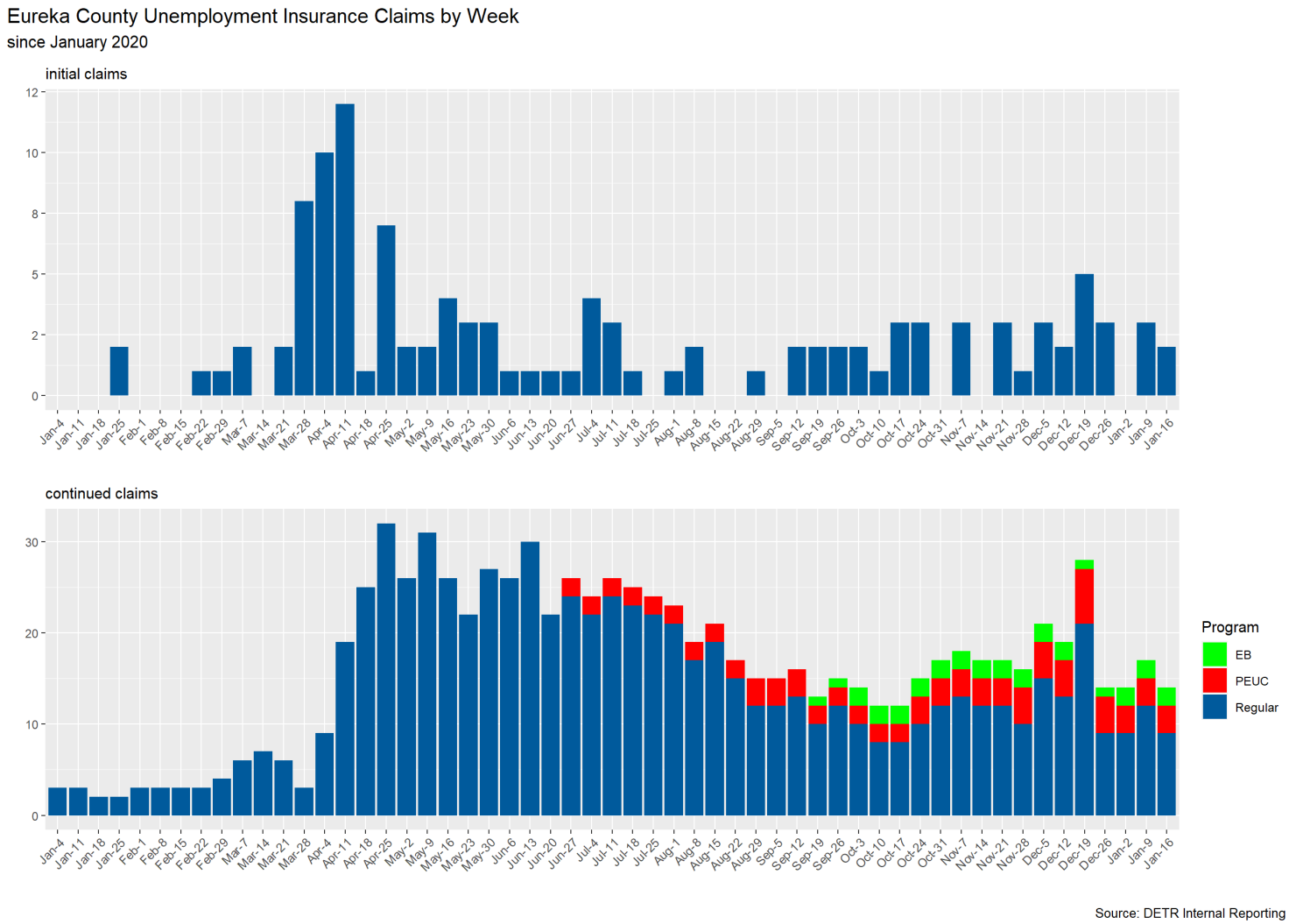

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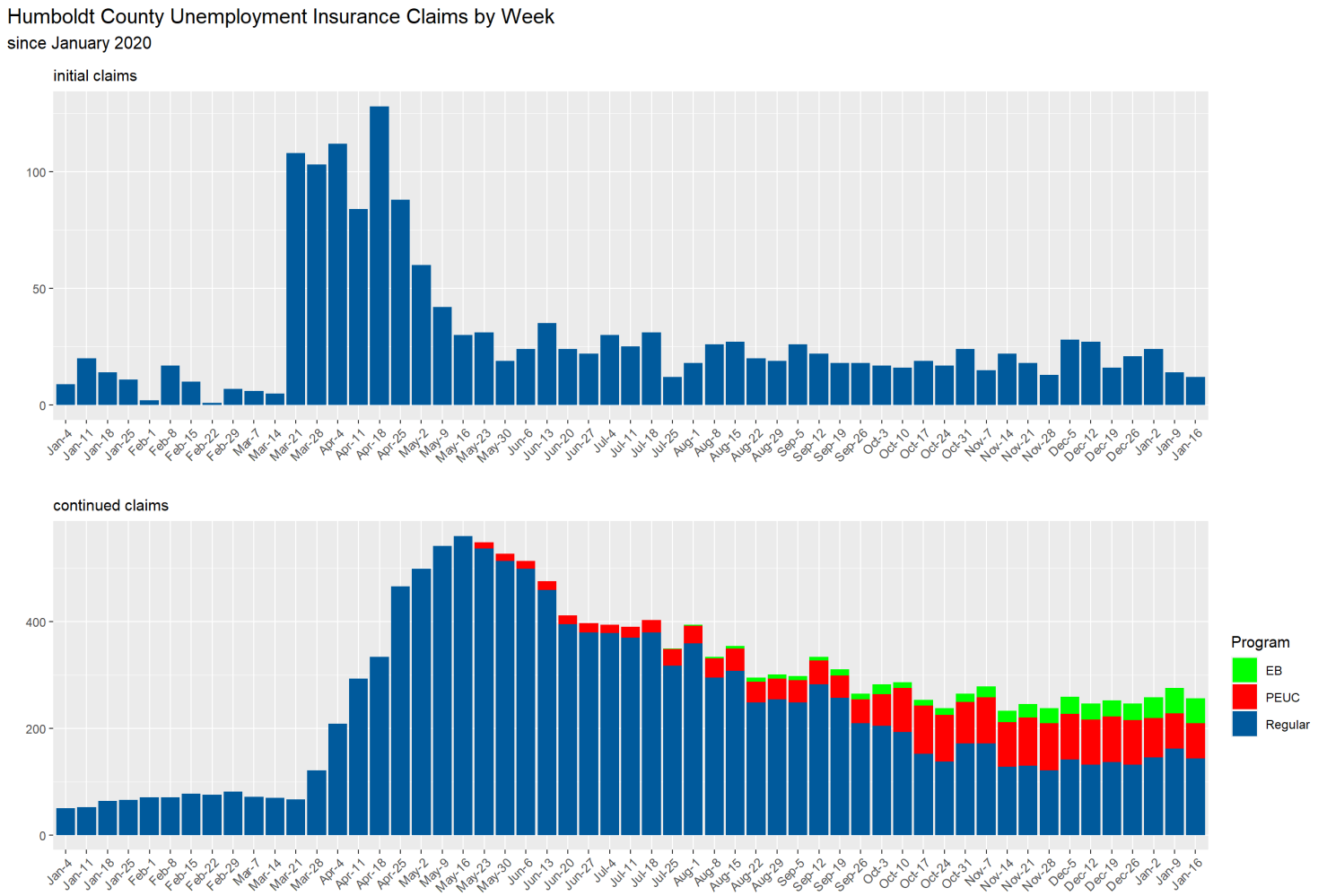

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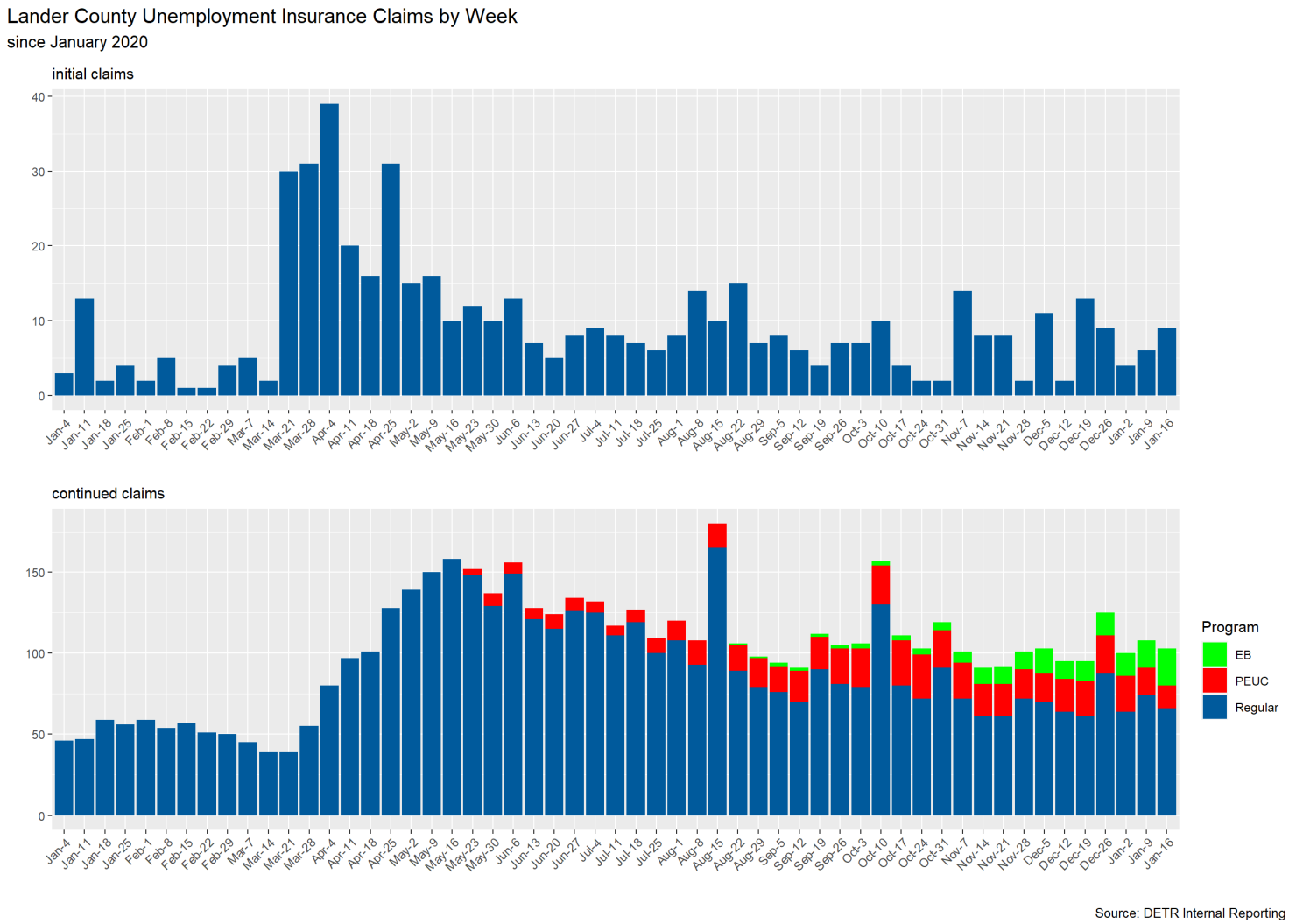

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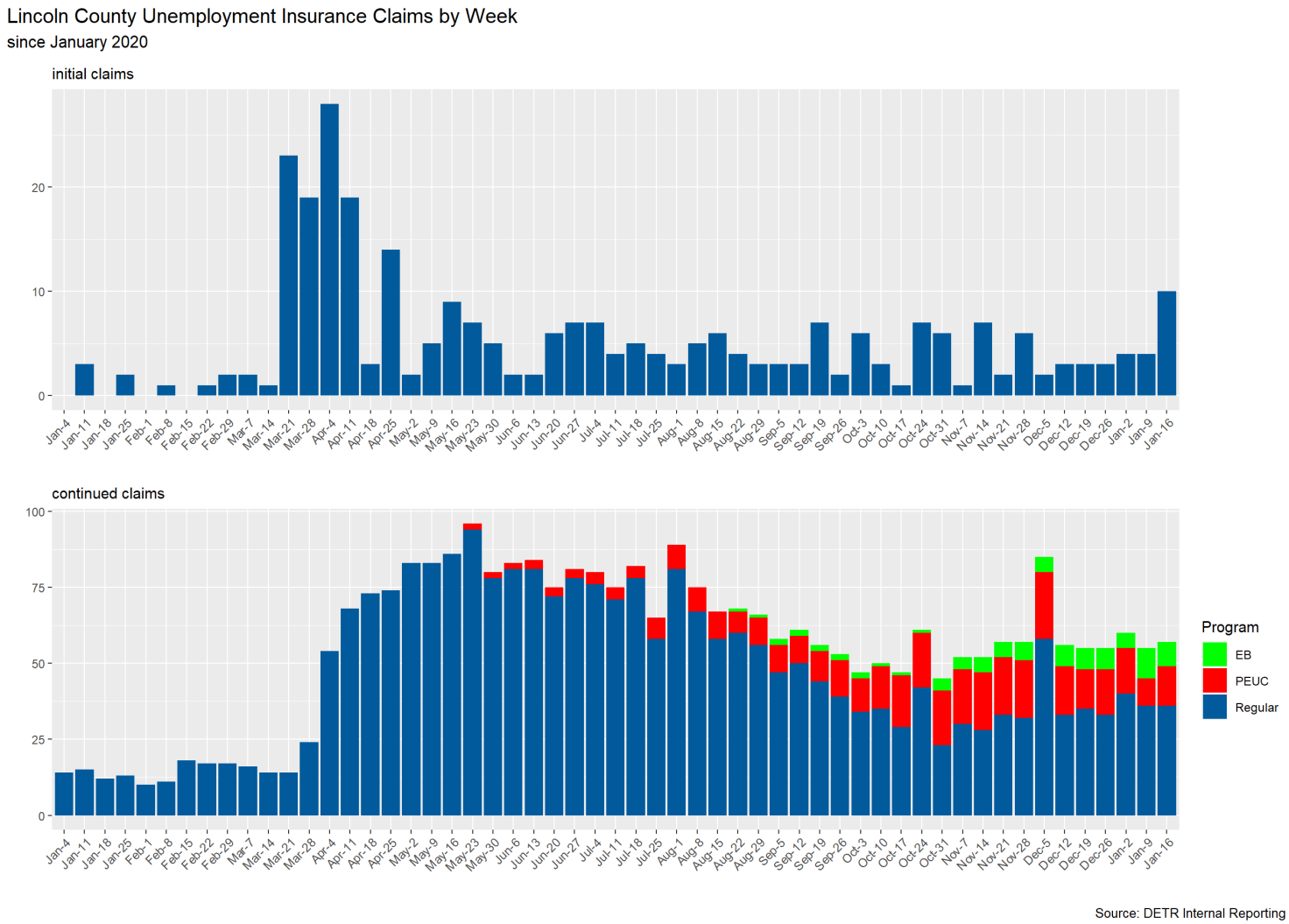

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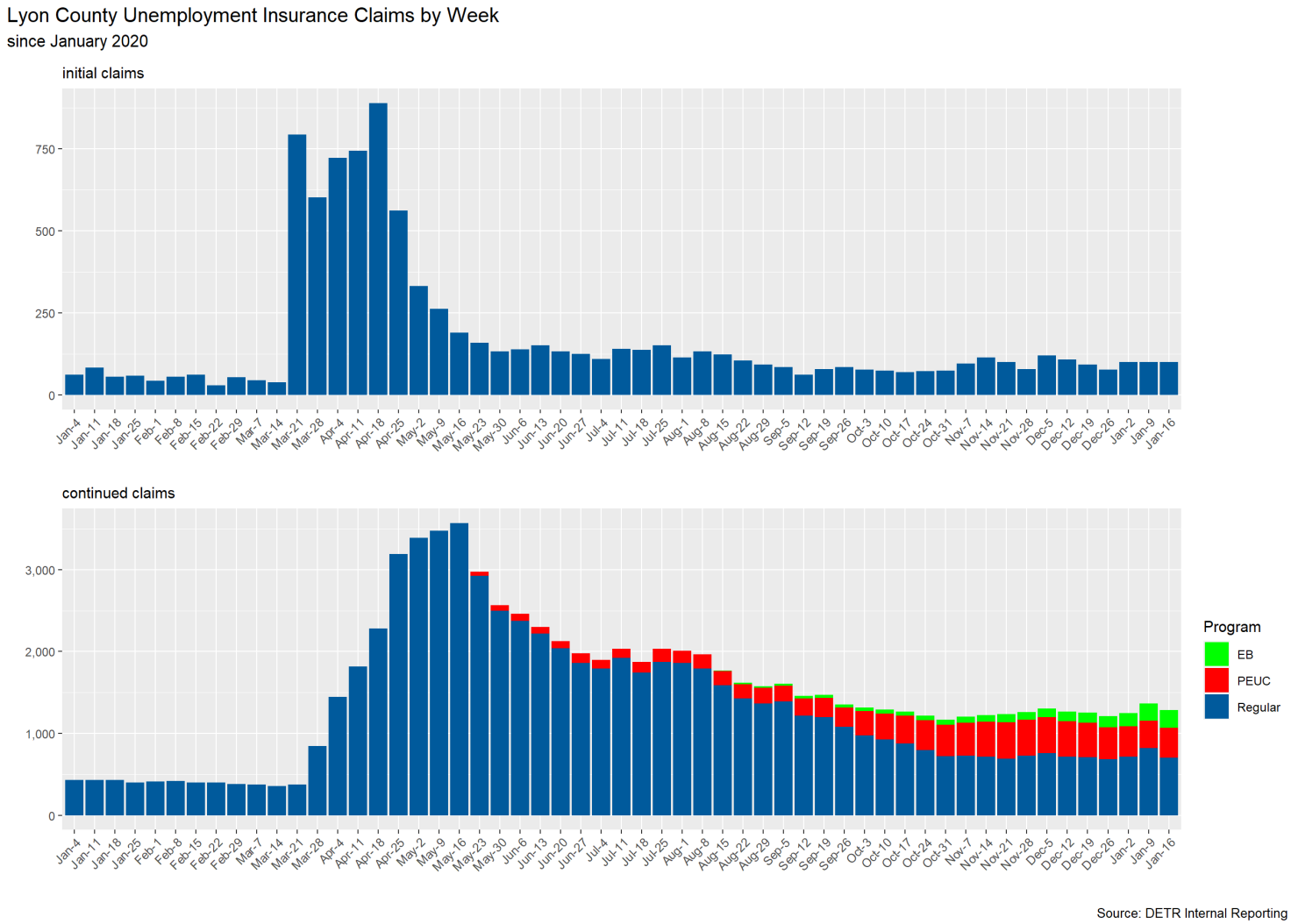

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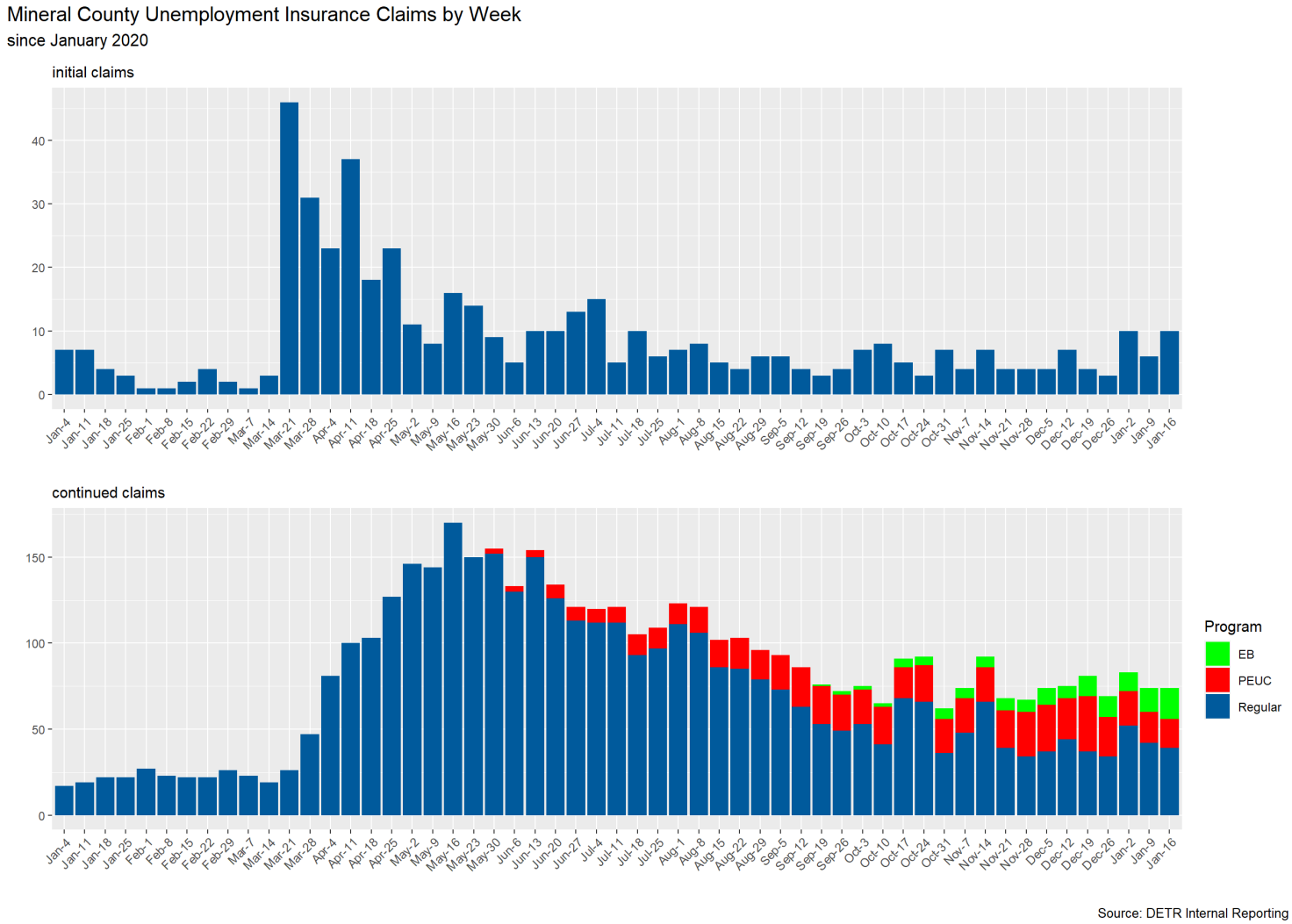

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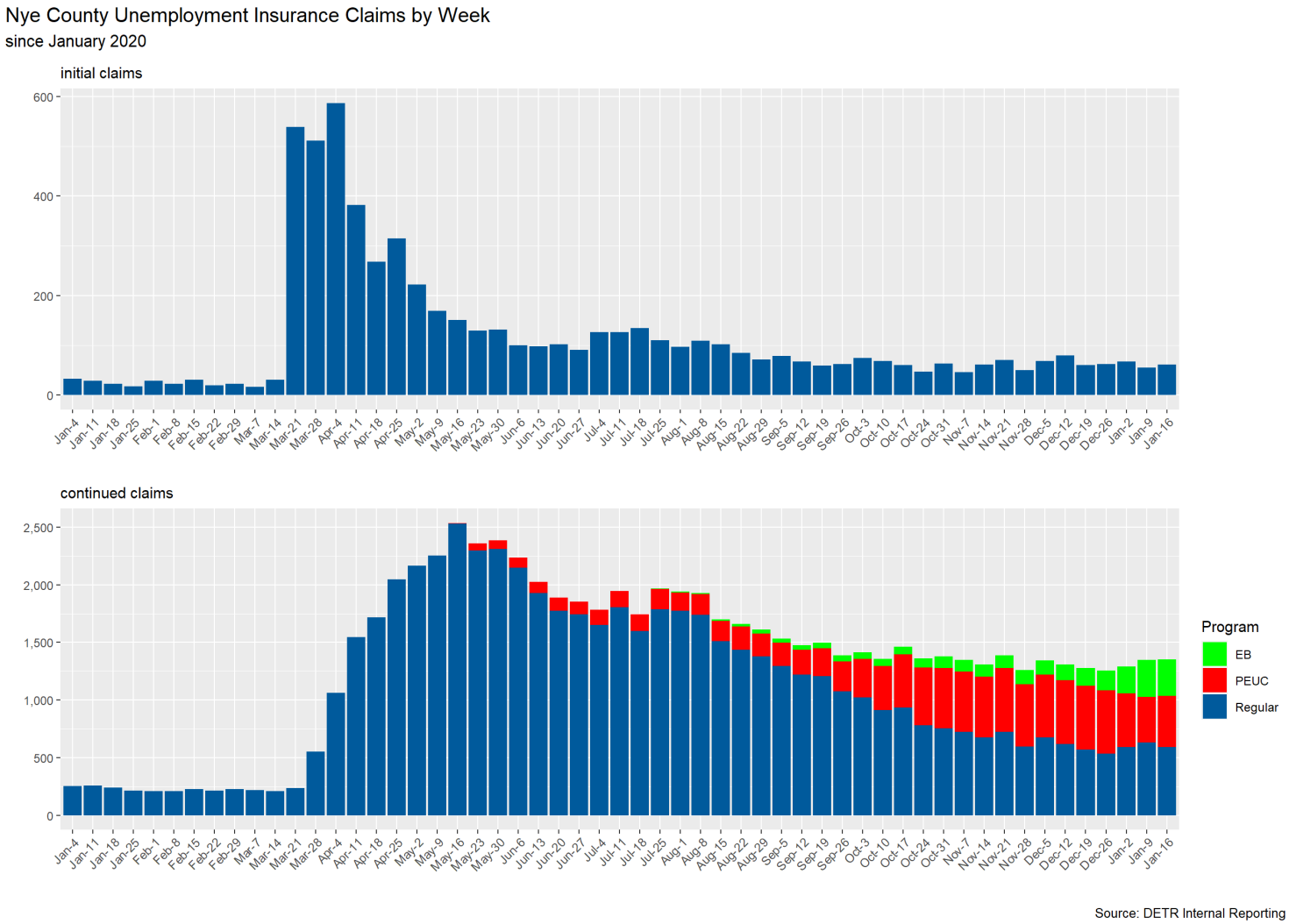

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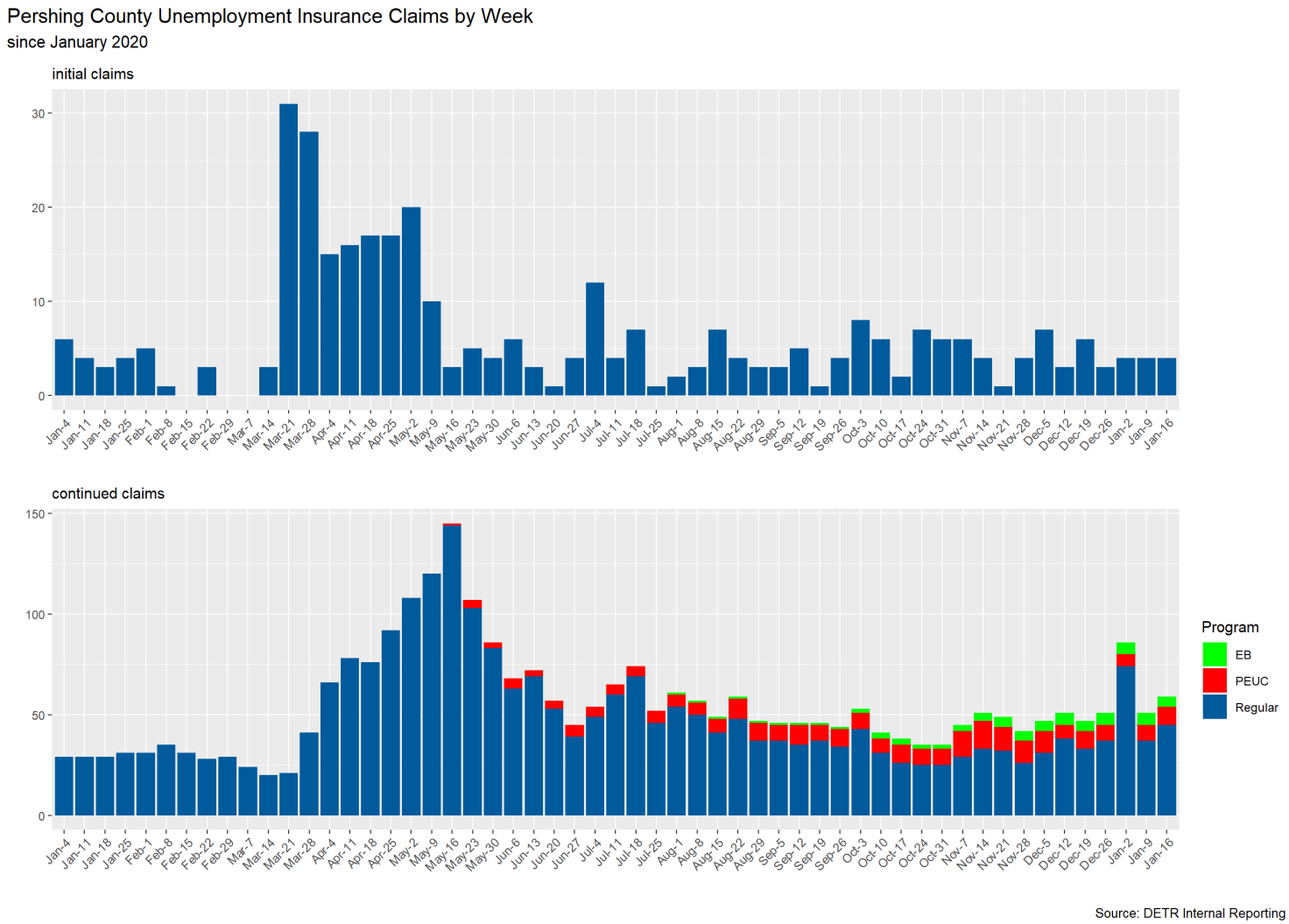

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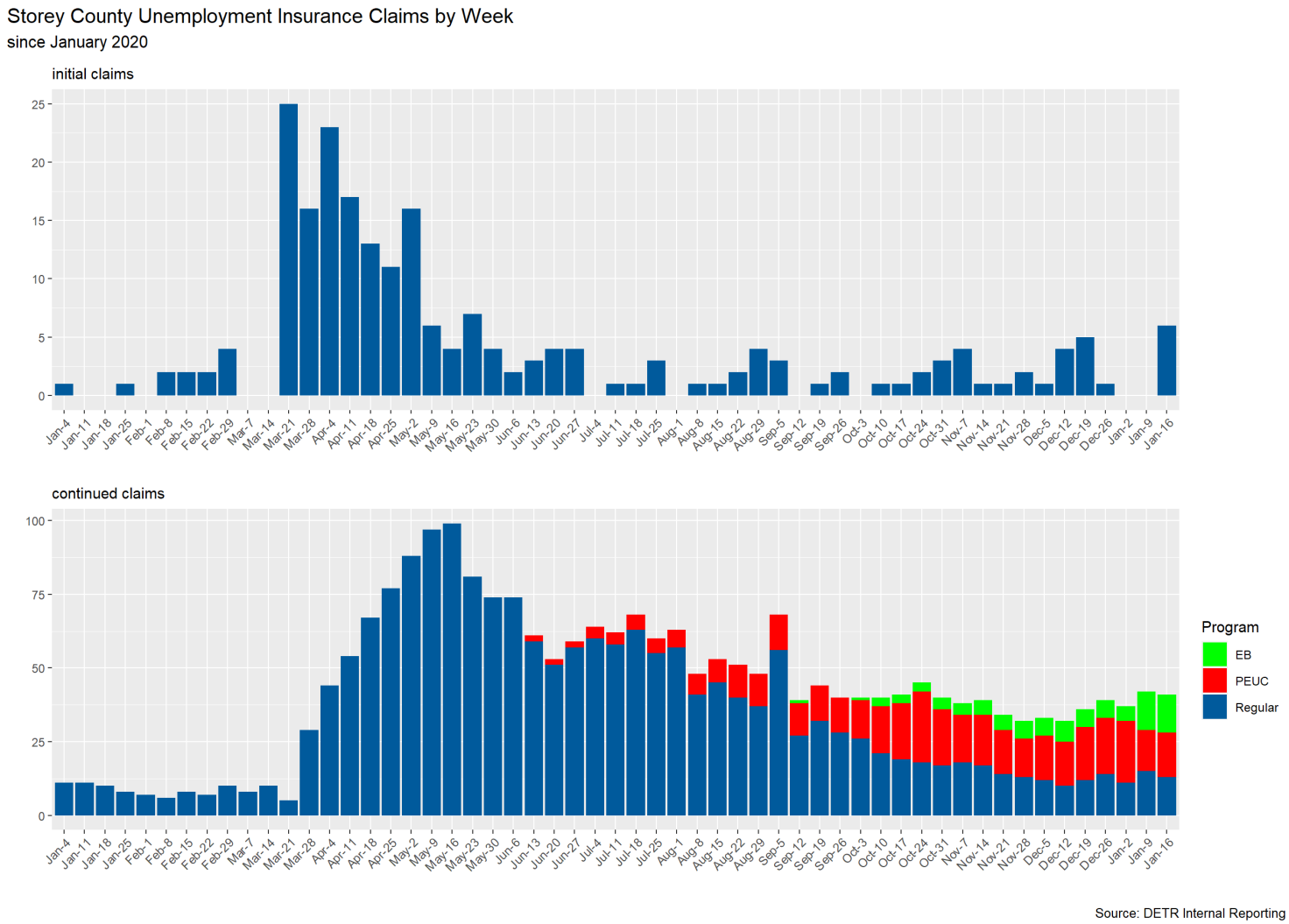

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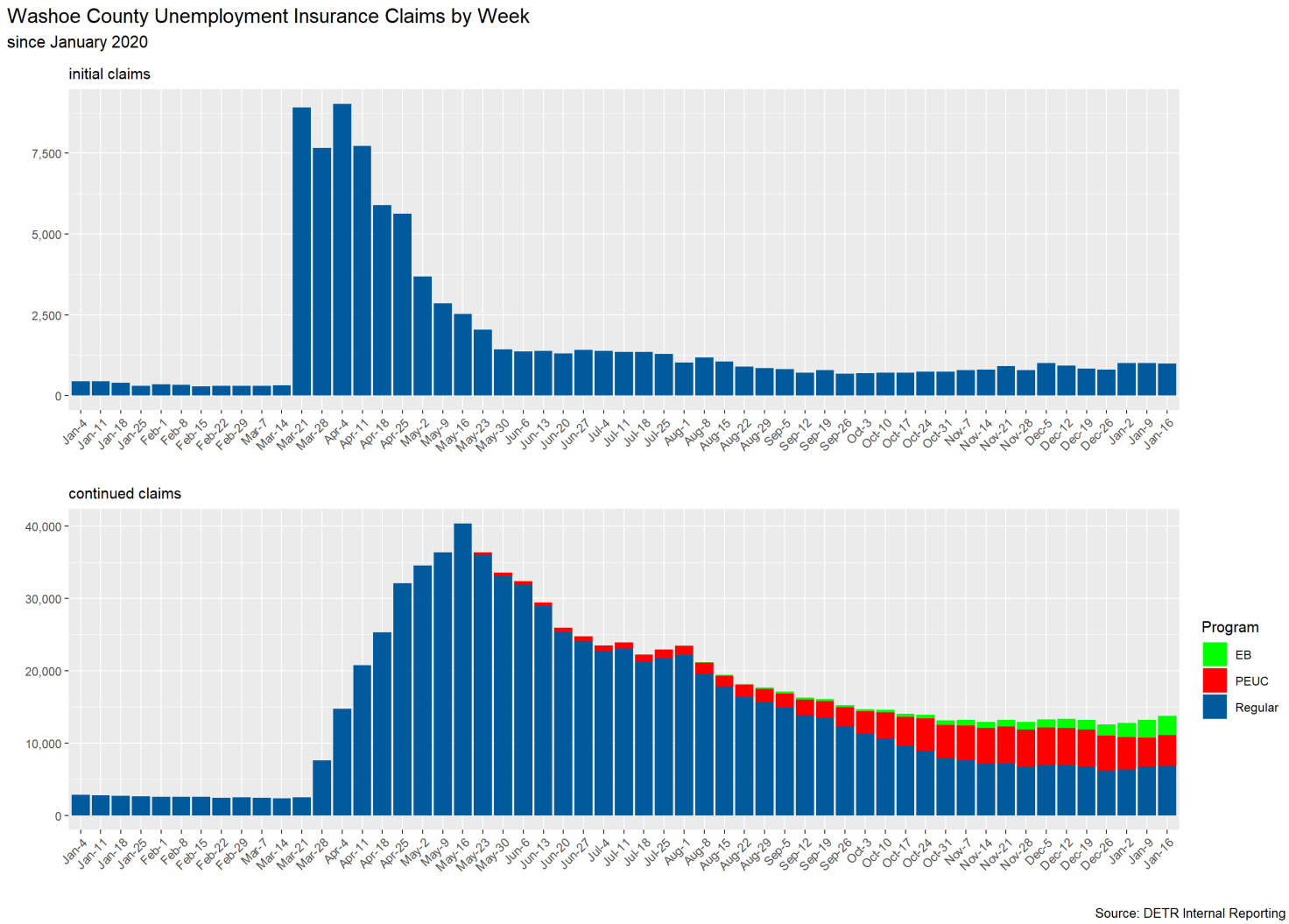

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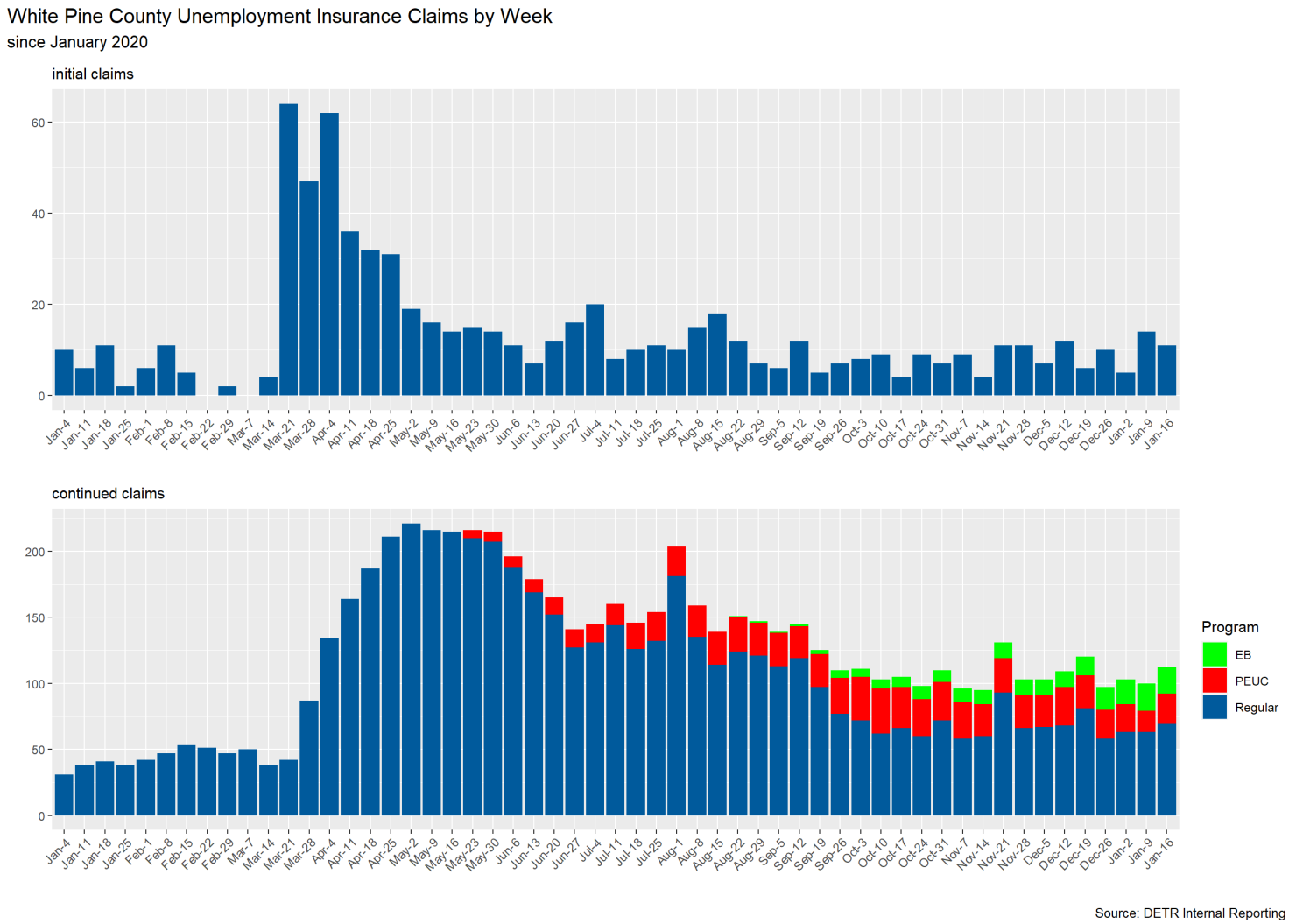

Data Dashboard Page

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.

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