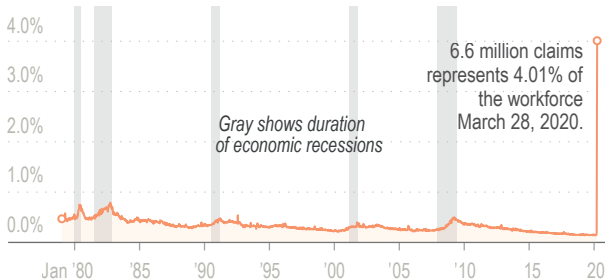


6.6 million applied for unemployment benefits

Initial claims are made by workers laid off for temporary financial help. The chart shows the share of the workforce making new claims that week.



Sources: U.S. Department of Labor; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis