

State of the Island County labor market: pandemic edition

Camano Island Chamber of Commerce

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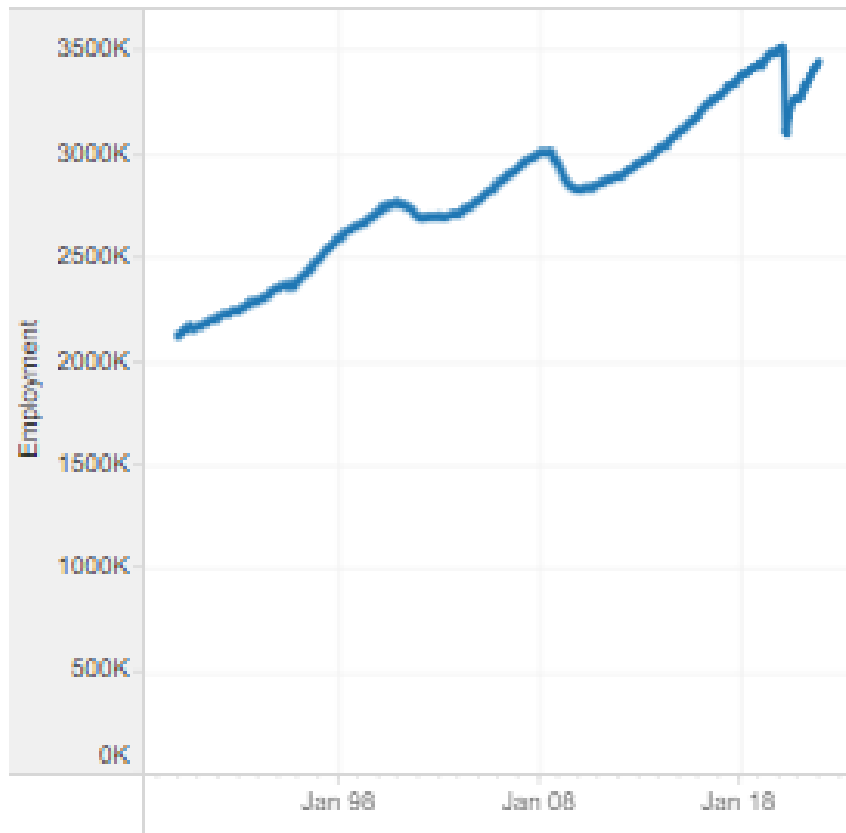
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Current state of the Washington economy

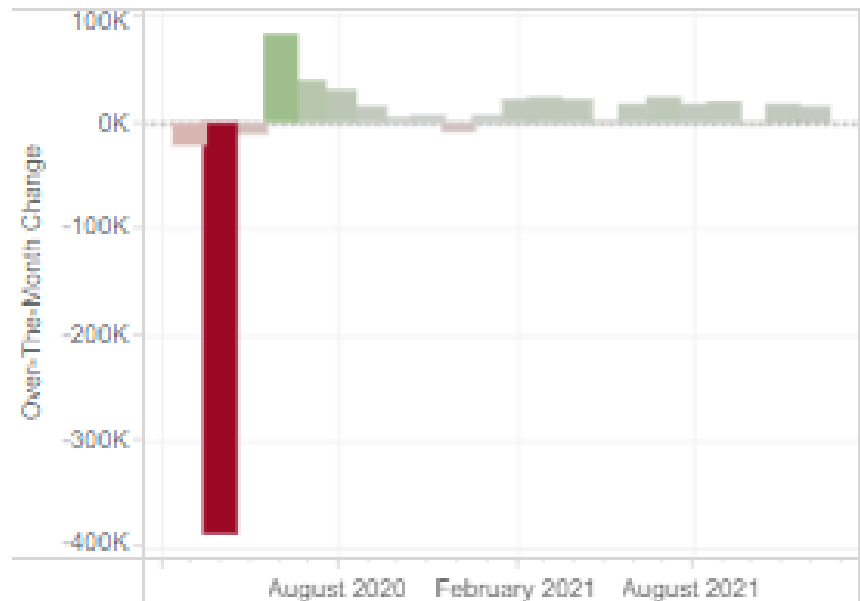


Total employment increased by 14,000 in December

Washington state nonfarm employment



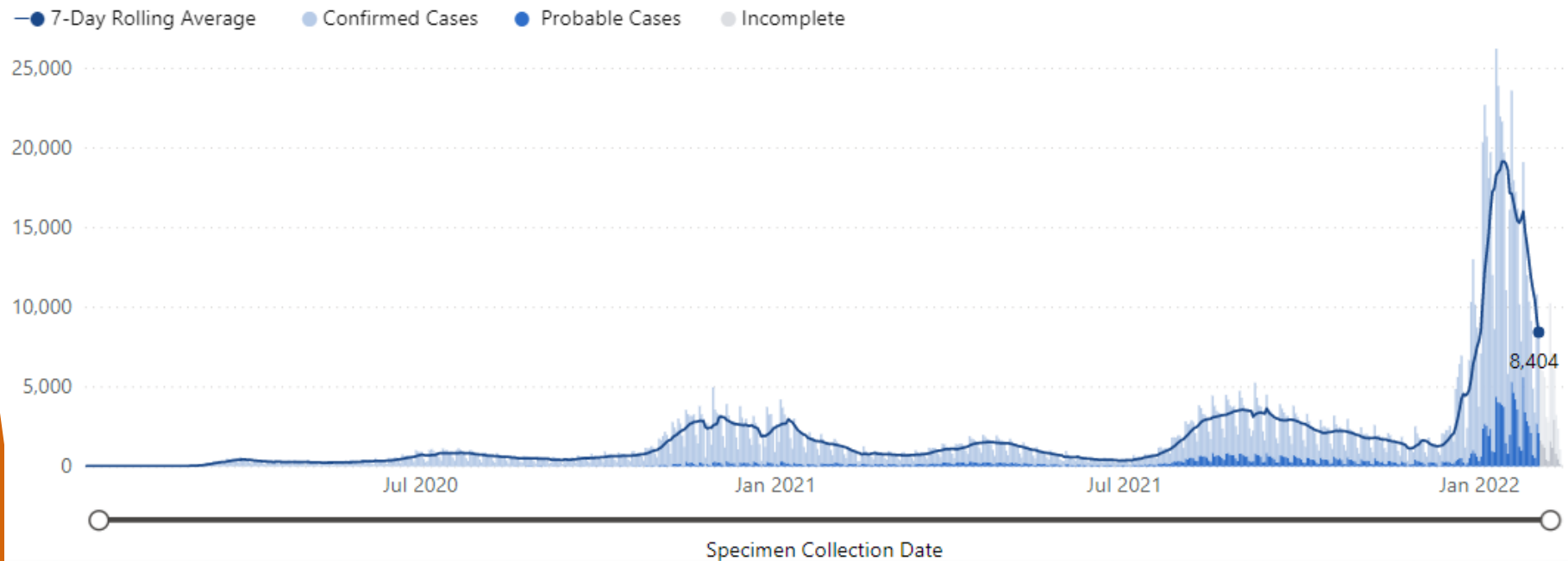
Monthly nonfarm employment change*



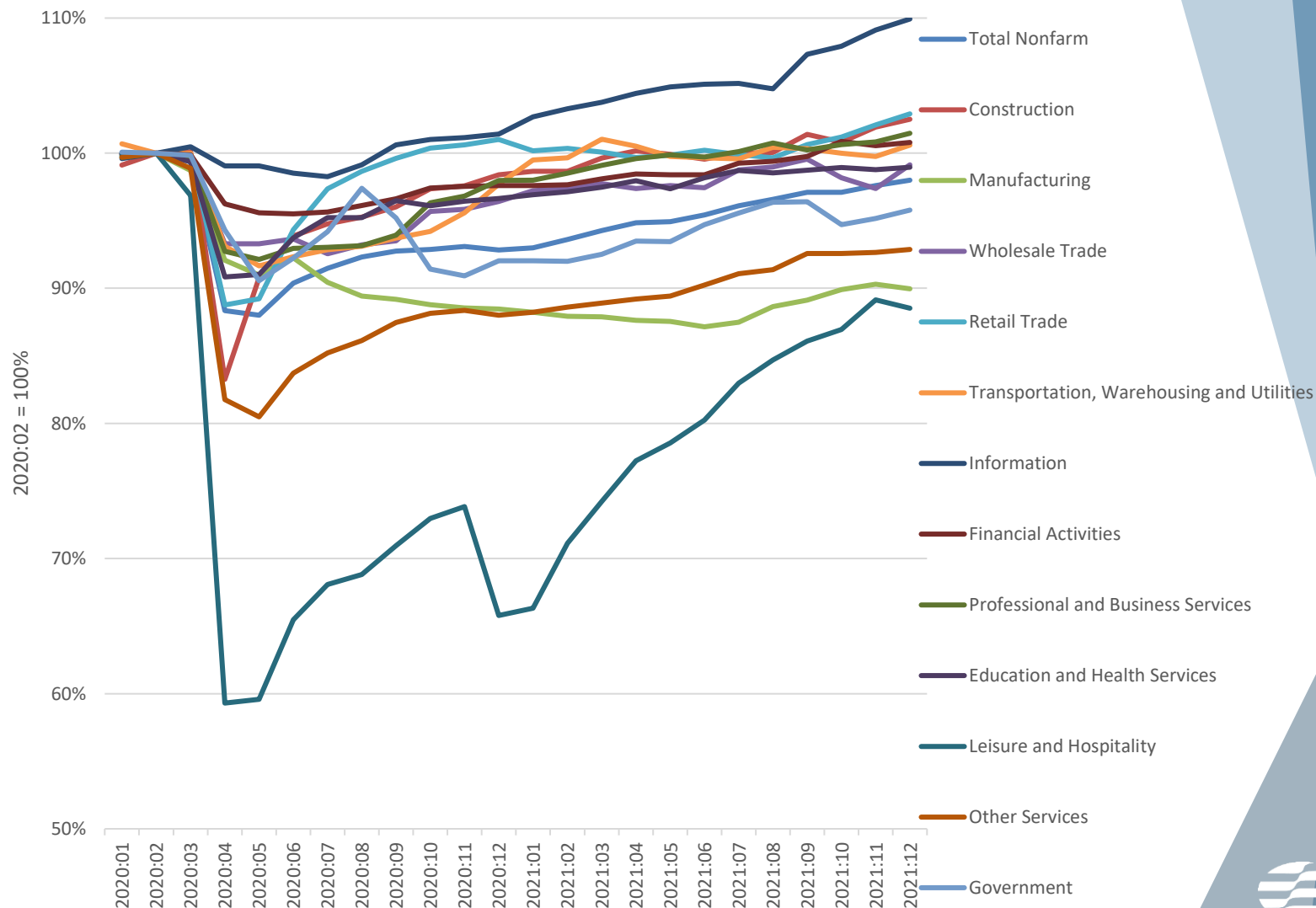
*Due to the COVID-19 outbreak there was a significant decrease in jobs in April 2020 for nonfarm employment that does not lend itself to be graphed with the historical data. Therefore, we have reduced the over-the-month employment change figure to the past few months to visualize the significant change.

The Omicron wave is subsiding

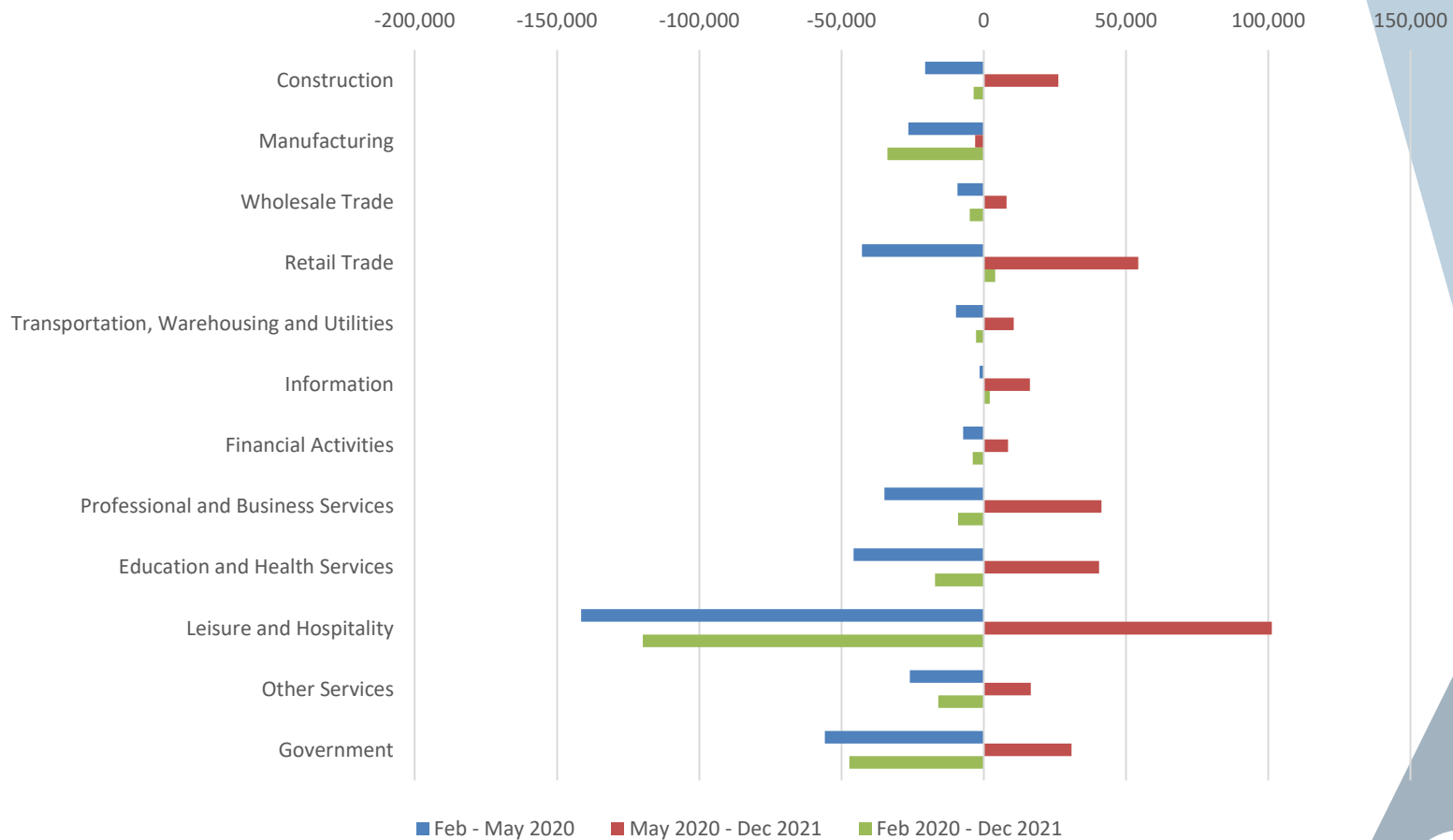
CASE COUNTS



The Covid-19 economy has affected sectors differently (Washington State)



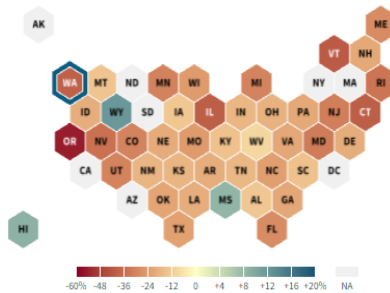
Losses (and subsequent gains) in leisure and hospitality eclipsed all other sectors nominally as well.



High and middle wage jobs are back to pre-recession levels; low wage jobs are not.

Percent Change in Employment ⓘ

Low Wage (<\$27K)



Total

☐ Total

Income

☒ Low (<\$27K)

☒ Middle (\$27K-\$60K)

☒ High (>\$60K)

☐ Below Median (<\$37K)

☐ Above Median (>\$37K)

Industry

☐ Professional & Business Ser...

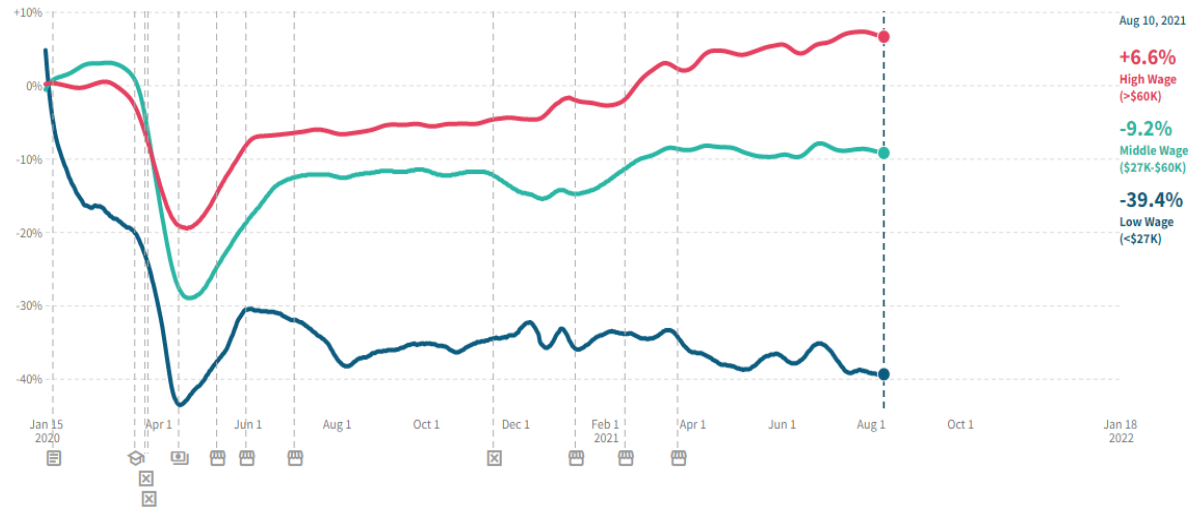
☐ Education & Health Services

☐ Retail & Transportation

☐ Leisure & Hospitality

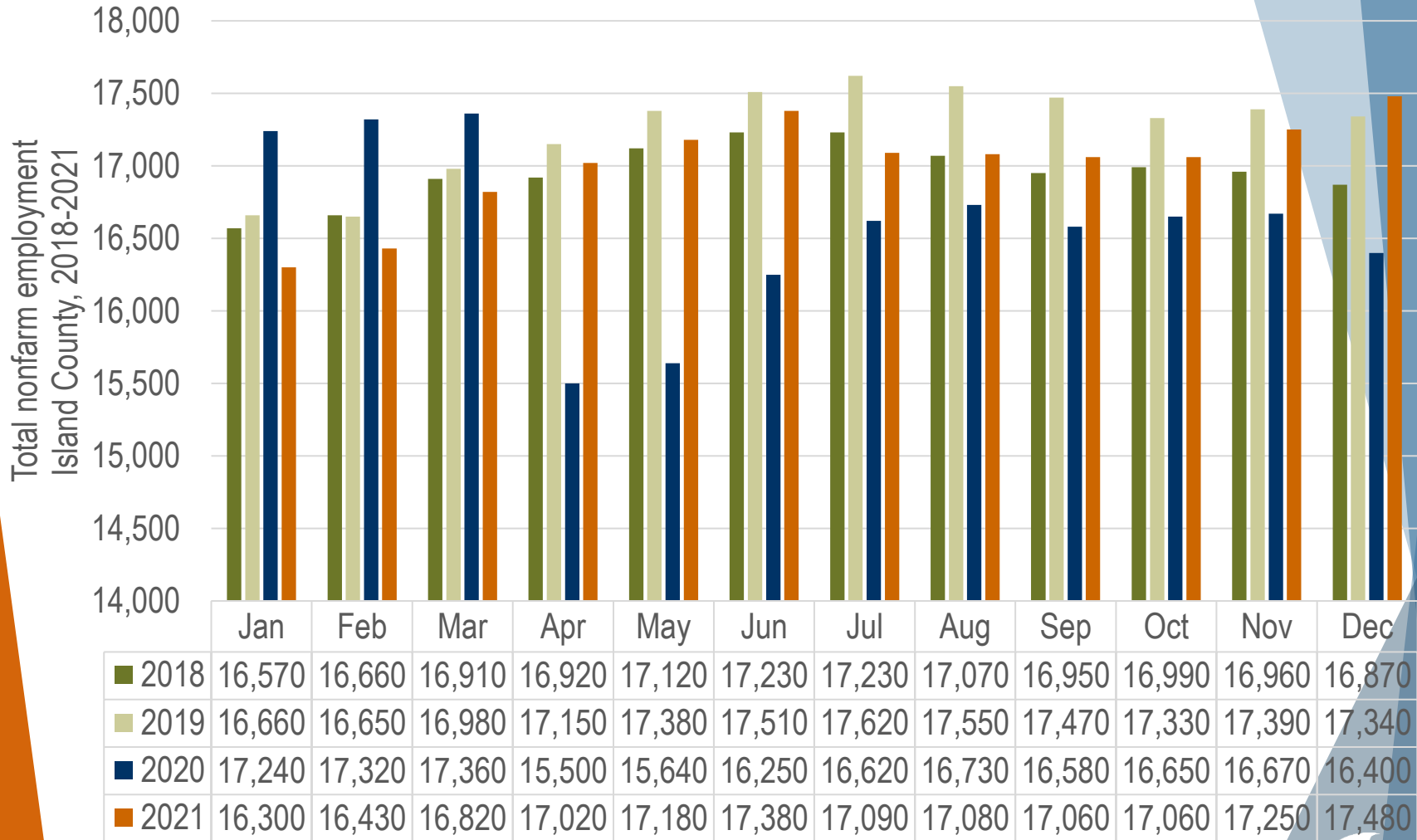
In **Washington**, as of August 10, 2021, employment rates among workers in the bottom wage quartile decreased by **39.4%** compared to January 2020 (not seasonally adjusted).

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data source: Earnings, Intuit, Kronos, Paychex

The tally of jobs in Island County has reached pre-recession levels



Island County employment	December 2021 (prelim)	Nov 2021 - Dec 2021	Dec 2020 - Dec 2021	Dec 2020 - Dec 2021
Total Nonfarm	17,480	230	1,080	6.6%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,340	20	140	11.7%
Manufacturing	650	10	-70	-9.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,620	20	-90	-3.3%
Retail Trade	2,280	20	140	6.5%
Information and Financial Activities	920	10	90	10.8%
Professional and Business Services	1,690	10	210	14.2%
Education and Health Services	2,410	0	50	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,510	120	650	34.9%
Government	4,390	20	10	0.2%
Federal Government	1,230	0	-50	-3.9%
State and Local Government	3,160	20	60	1.9%
State and Local Government Education	1,420	0	150	11.8%

Camano Island residents generally commute off the island for work.



Camano Island Jobs	Count	Share
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	19	1.6%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	0.6%
Utilities	12	1.0%
Construction	241	20.7%
Manufacturing	53	4.6%
Wholesale Trade	77	6.6%
Retail Trade	193	16.6%
Transportation and Warehousing	10	0.9%
Information	4	0.3%
Finance and Insurance	13	1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	19	1.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	81	7.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0.0%
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation	75	6.4%
Educational Services	13	1.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	90	7.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	40	3.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	124	10.7%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	49	4.2%
Public Administration	43	3.7%

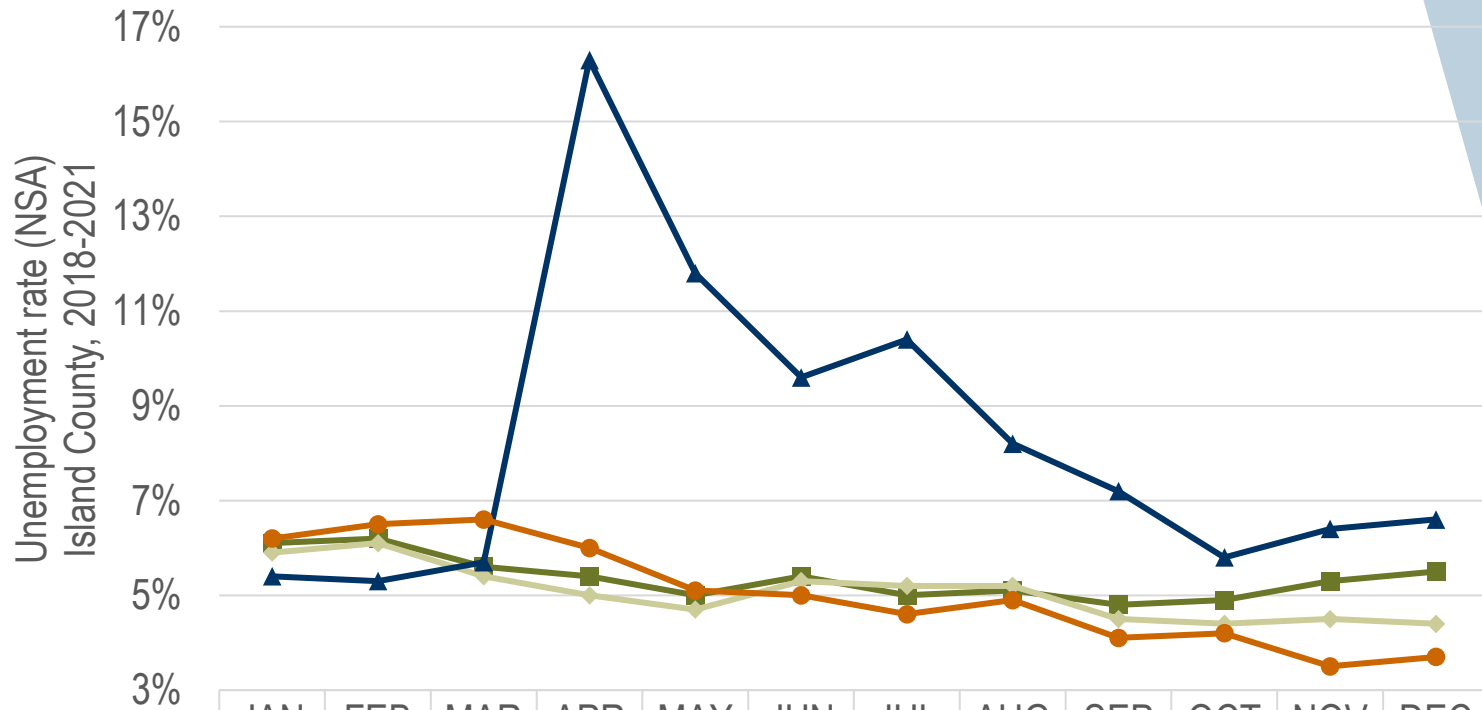
Camano Island Resident Workforce	Count	Share
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	116	1.5%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	11	0.1%
Utilities	68	0.9%
Construction	682	9.0%
Manufacturing	953	12.6%
Wholesale Trade	300	4.0%
Retail Trade	1,040	13.7%
Transportation and Warehousing	257	3.4%
Information	136	1.8%
Finance and Insurance	195	2.6%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	105	1.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	336	4.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	69	0.9%
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation	306	4.0%
Educational Services	679	9.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	918	12.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	191	2.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	595	7.9%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	239	3.2%
Public Administration	382	5.0%

Unemployment and Labor Force



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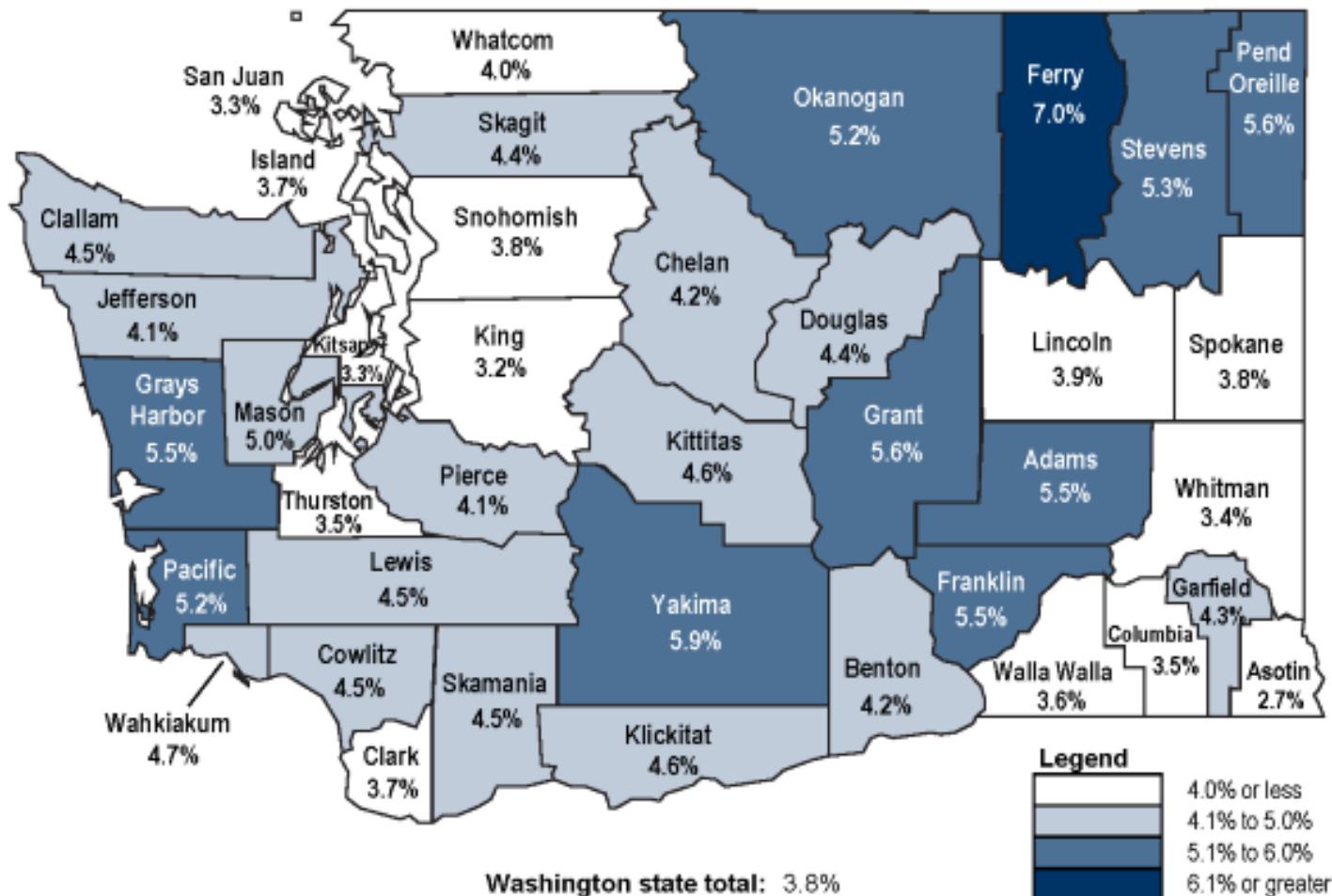
The Island County Unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in December 2021



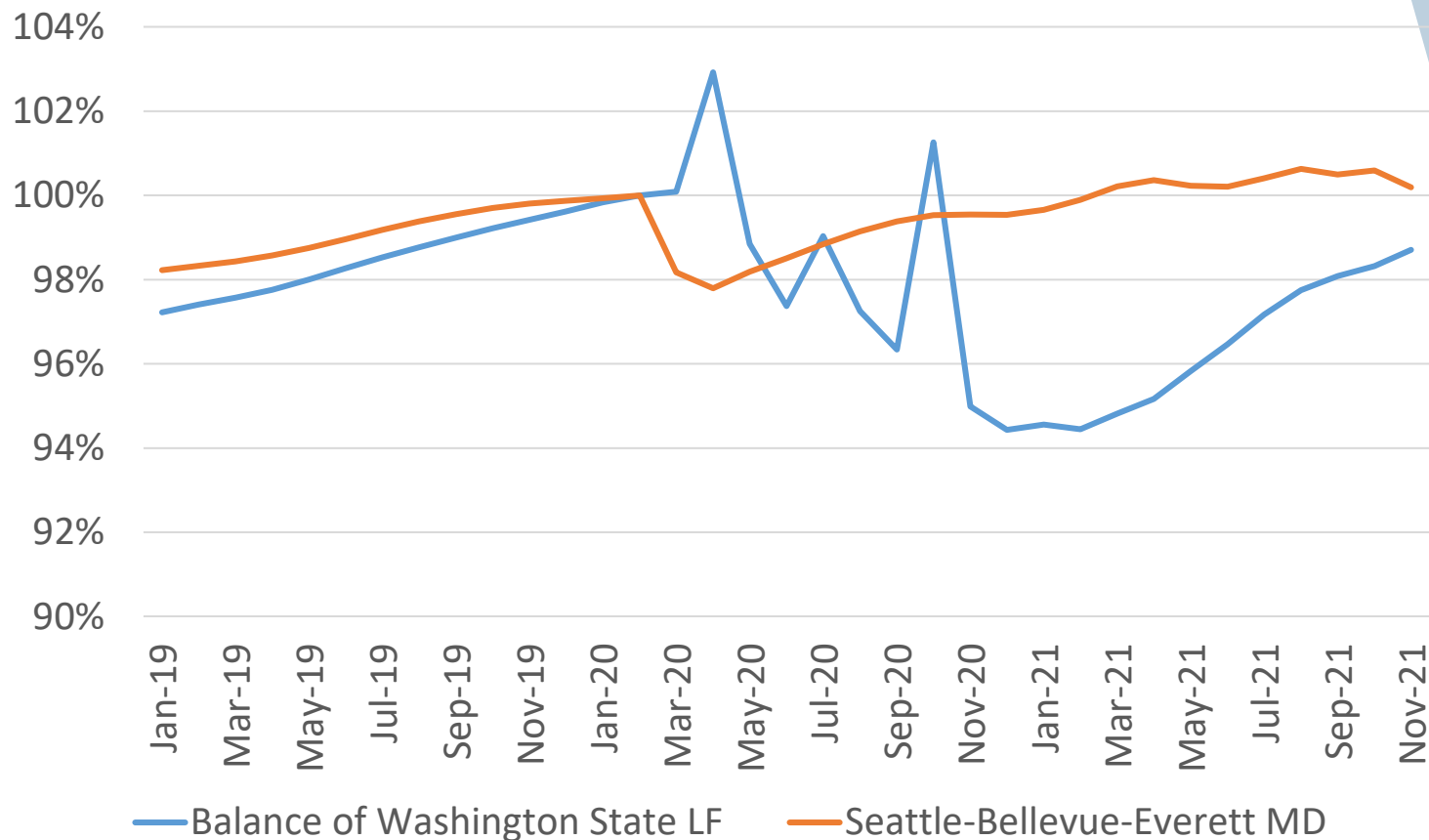
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2018	6.1%	6.2%	5.6%	5.4%	5.0%	5.4%	5.0%	5.1%	4.8%	4.9%	5.3%	5.5%
2019	5.9%	6.1%	5.4%	5.0%	4.7%	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.4%
2020	5.4%	5.3%	5.7%	16.3%	11.8%	9.6%	10.4%	8.2%	7.2%	5.8%	6.4%	6.6%
2021	6.2%	6.5%	6.6%	6.0%	5.1%	5.0%	4.6%	4.9%	4.1%	4.2%	3.5%	3.7%

The unemployment rate tells us how well workers are connecting with jobs

December 2021
County unemployment rates, not seasonally adjusted



The labor force is relatively unstable, especially outside of the Seattle area



The return of jobs (demand for workers)



JOLTS Job openings remain over 10,000,000

Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey

Series Id: JTS0000000000000000JOL

Seasonally adjusted

Industry: Total nonfarm

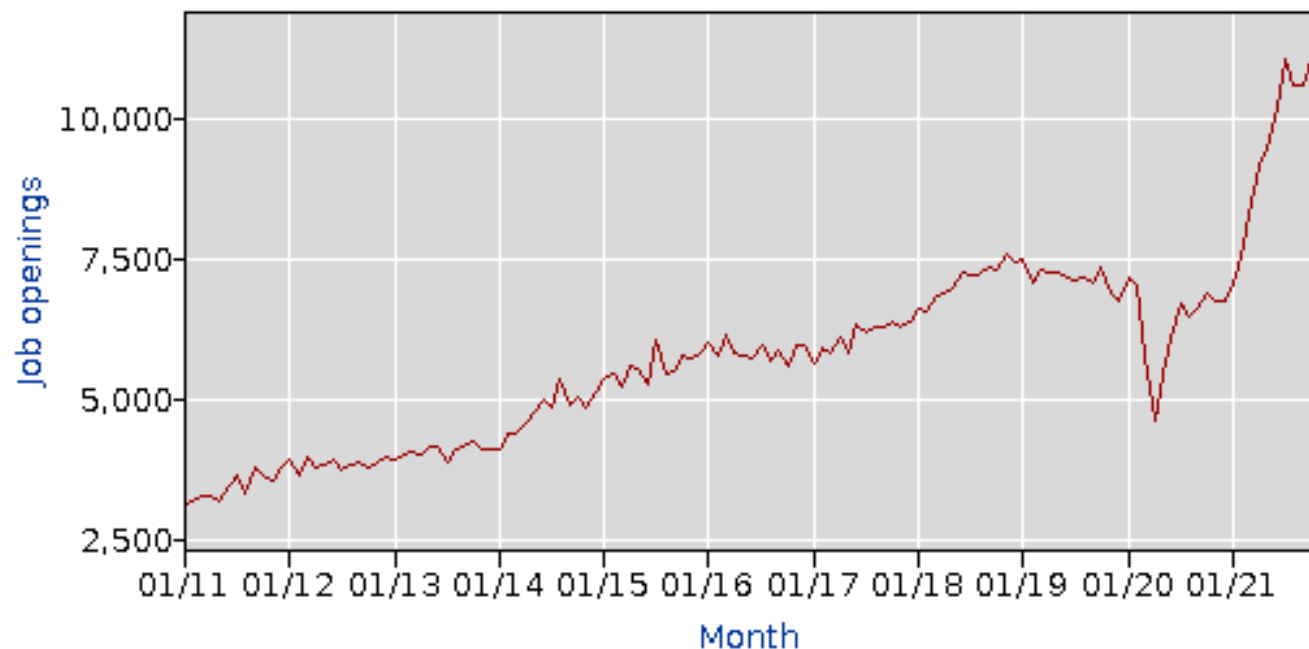
State/Region: Total US

Area: All areas

Data Element: Job openings

Size Class: All size classes

Rate/Level: Level - In Thousands



JOLTS: Hiring is up

Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey

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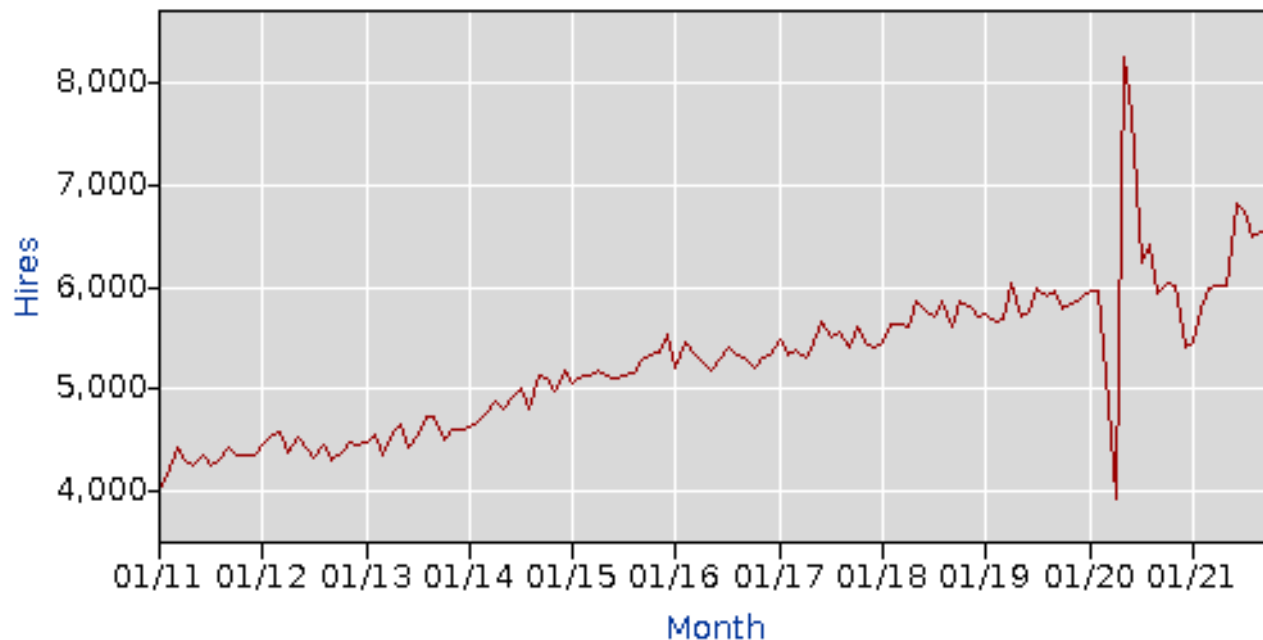
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Area: All areas

Data Element: Hires

Size Class: All size classes

Rate/Level: Level - In Thousands



JOLTS: layoffs are below “normal”

Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey

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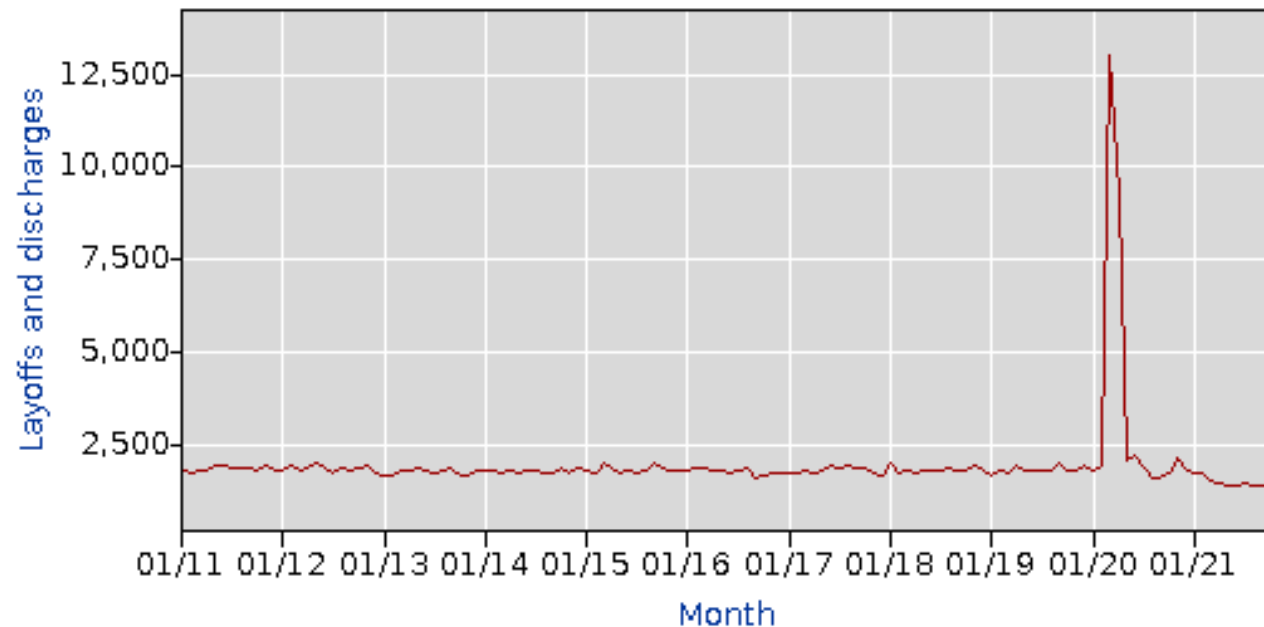
State/Region: Total US

Area: All areas

Data Element: Layoffs and discharges

Size Class: All size classes

Rate/Level: Level - In Thousands



JOLTS: People are quitting their jobs in record numbers

Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey

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Seasonally adjusted

Industry: Total nonfarm

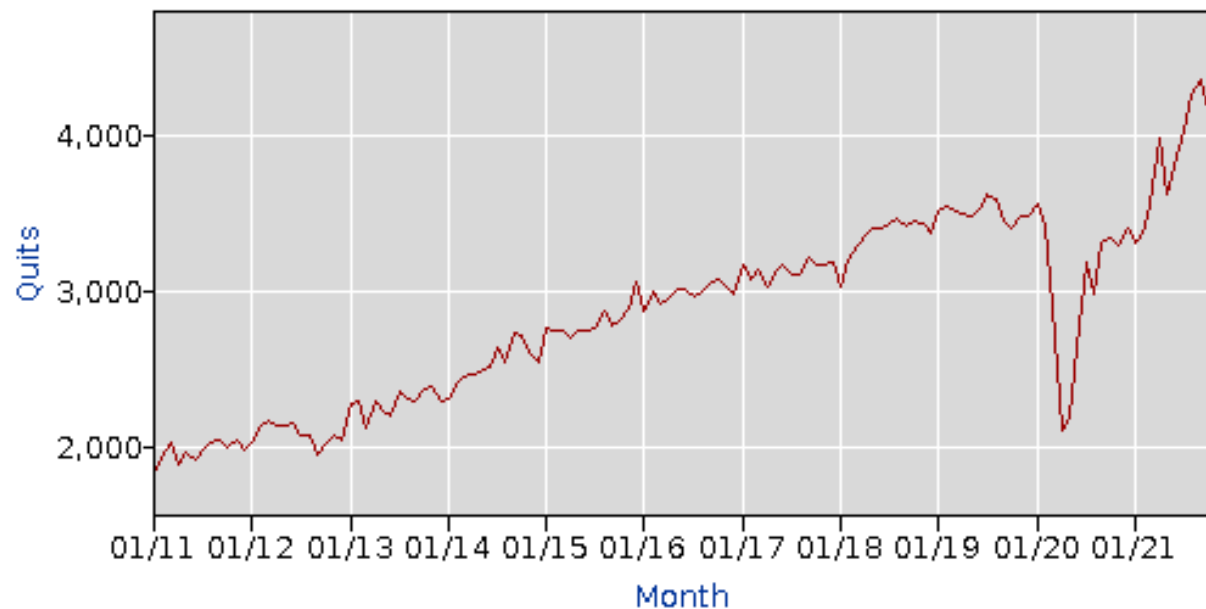
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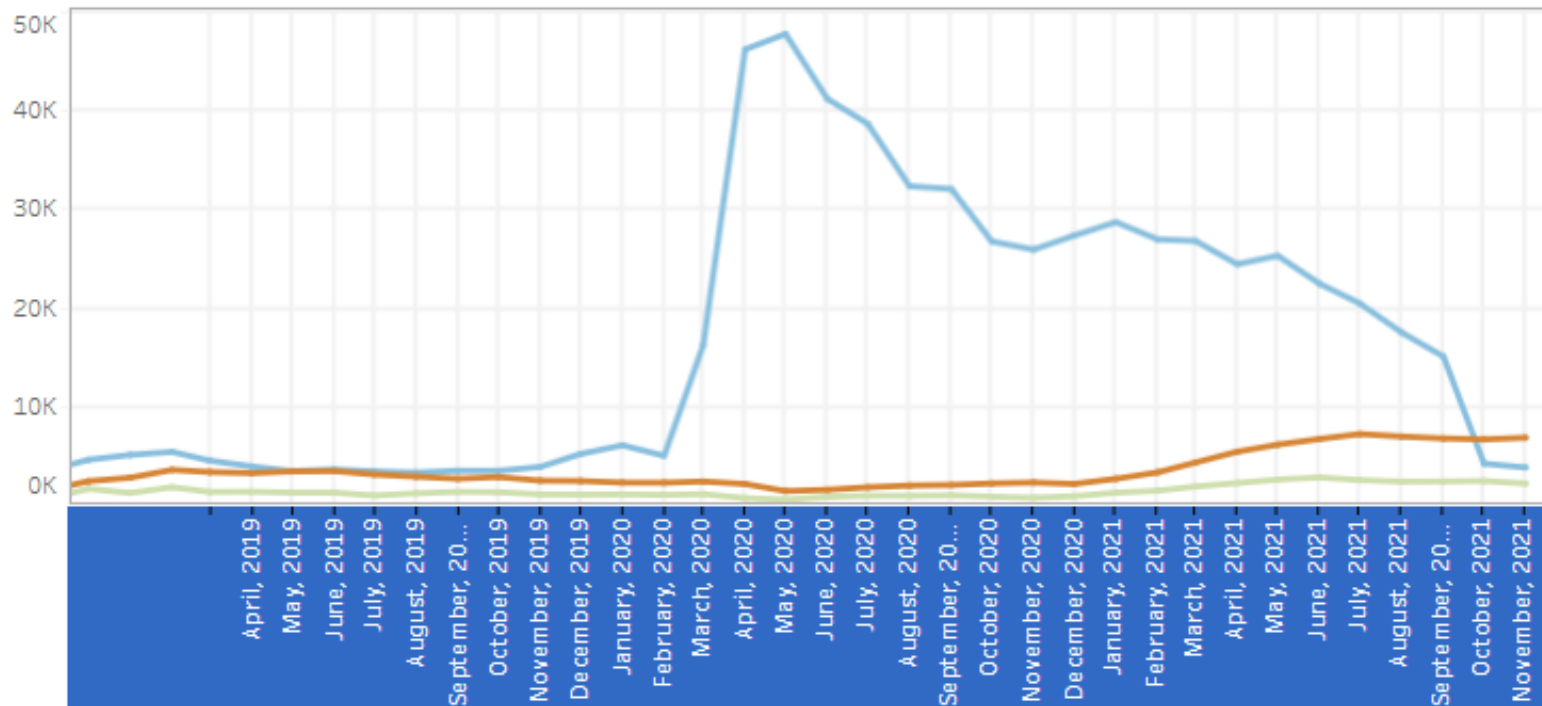
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ESD Supply and demand report: demand currently exceeds supply

Supply Demand Chart



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Occupation

(All)

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WDA 03 - Northwest

Measure Names

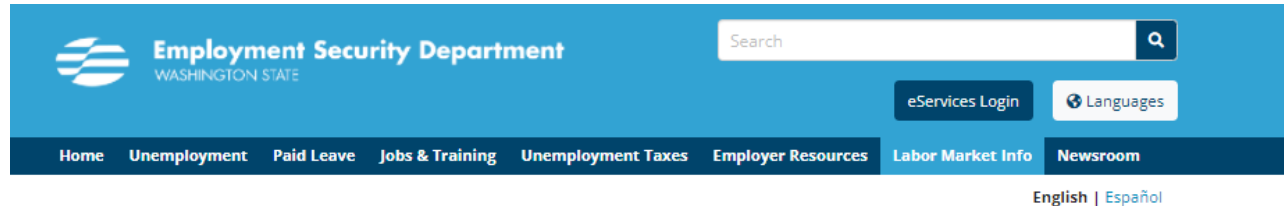
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Supply

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Monthly unemployment rates

November 2021

Washington State:

4.7% seasonally adjusted

Nationwide:

4.2% seasonally adjusted

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Labor force by county snapshot
not seasonally adjusted

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