

# Ask an Economist

**Economic Update** with Robert Eyler, PhD

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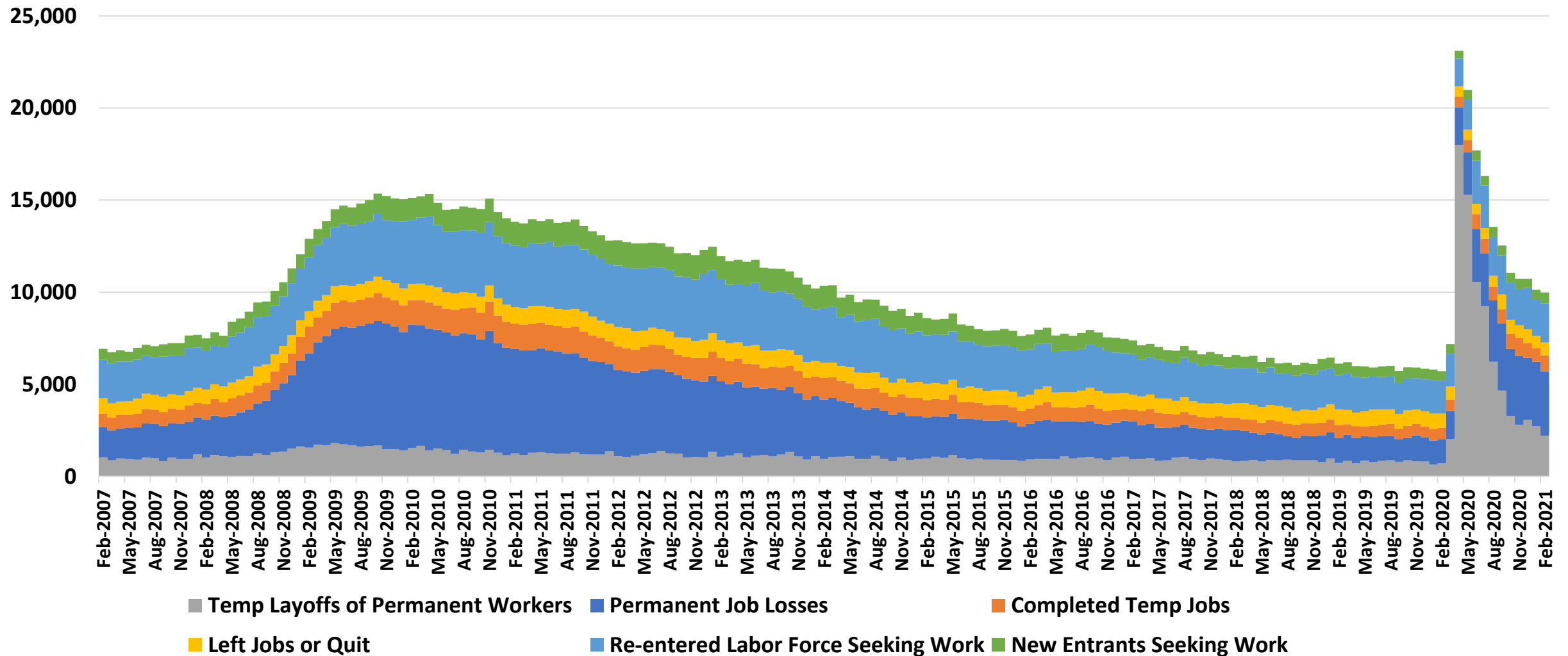
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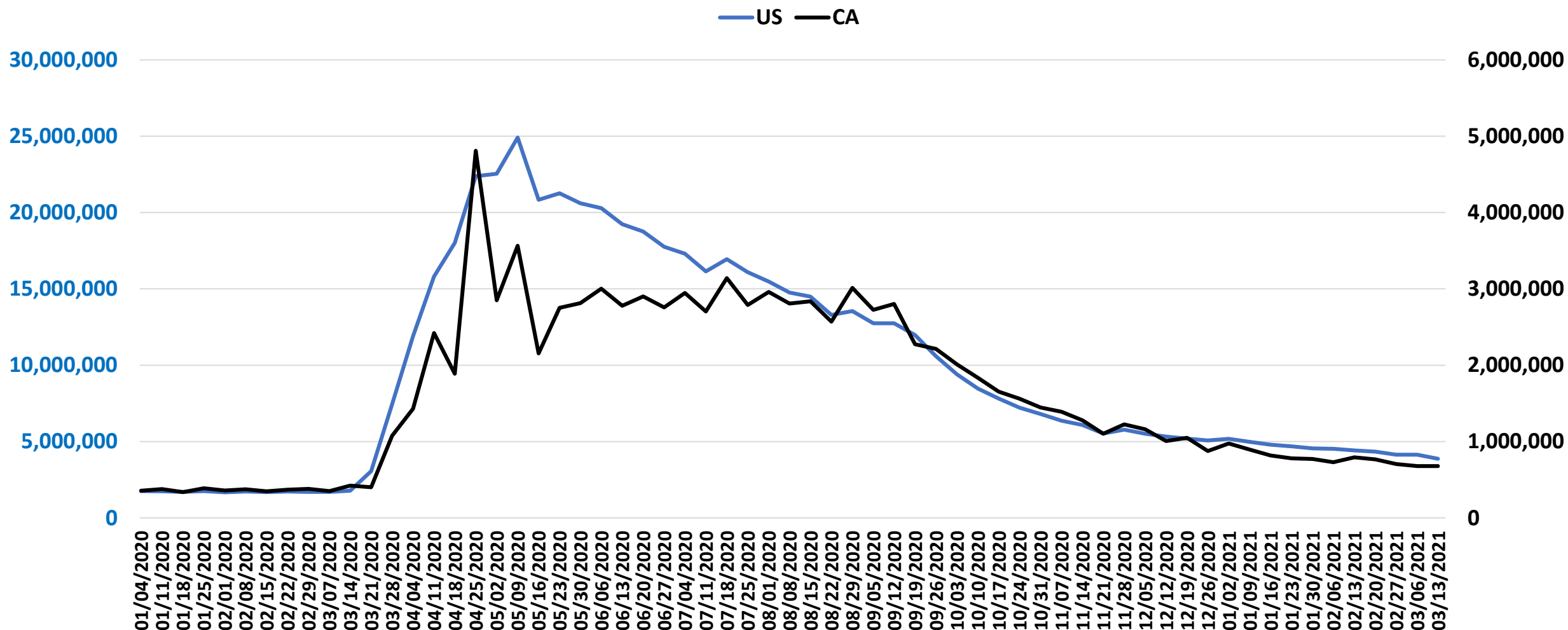


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# US Labor Force Watch, Thousands of Workers Unemployed, January 2007 to February 2021

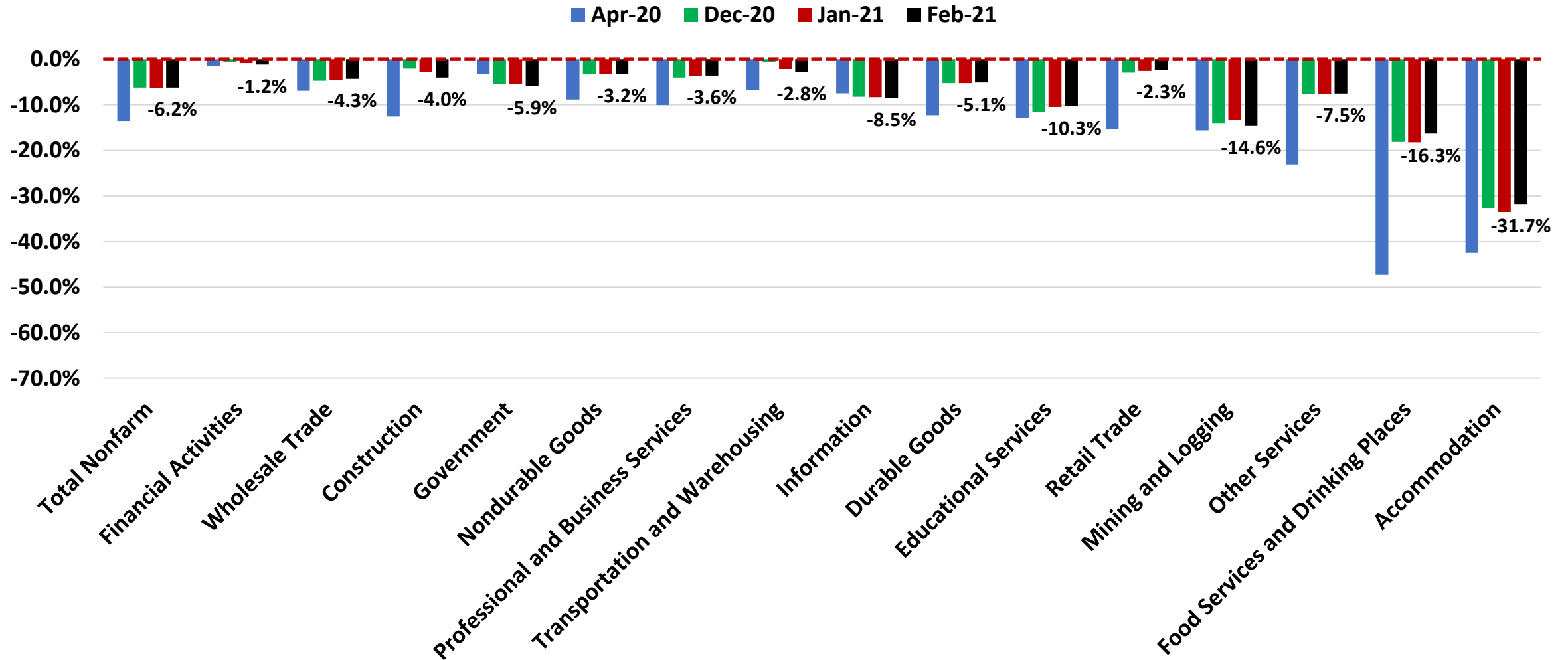


# Continued Claims for Unemployment Insurance (UI), US and CA, Number of Workers, Jan 2020 to March 2021, Weekly

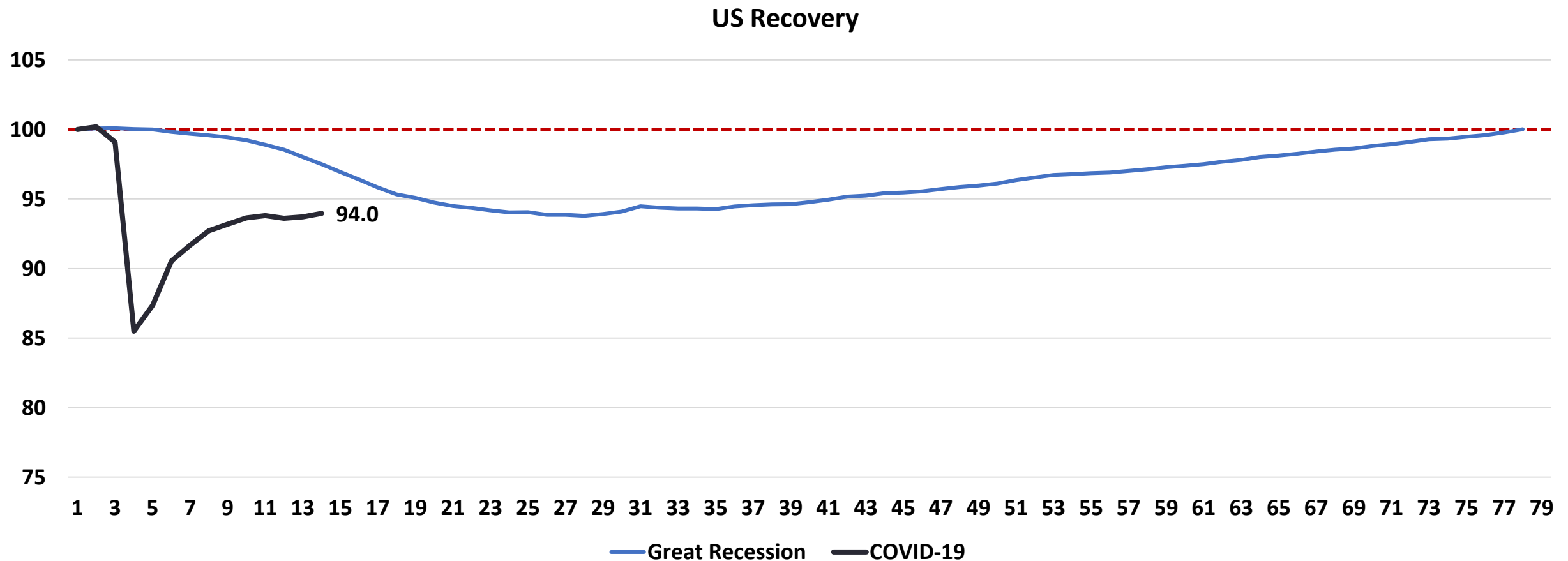


Source: BLS and EFA

# Changes in Jobs, Selected Industries, % Change since previous year, April, December 2020 and Jan and Feb 2021, US



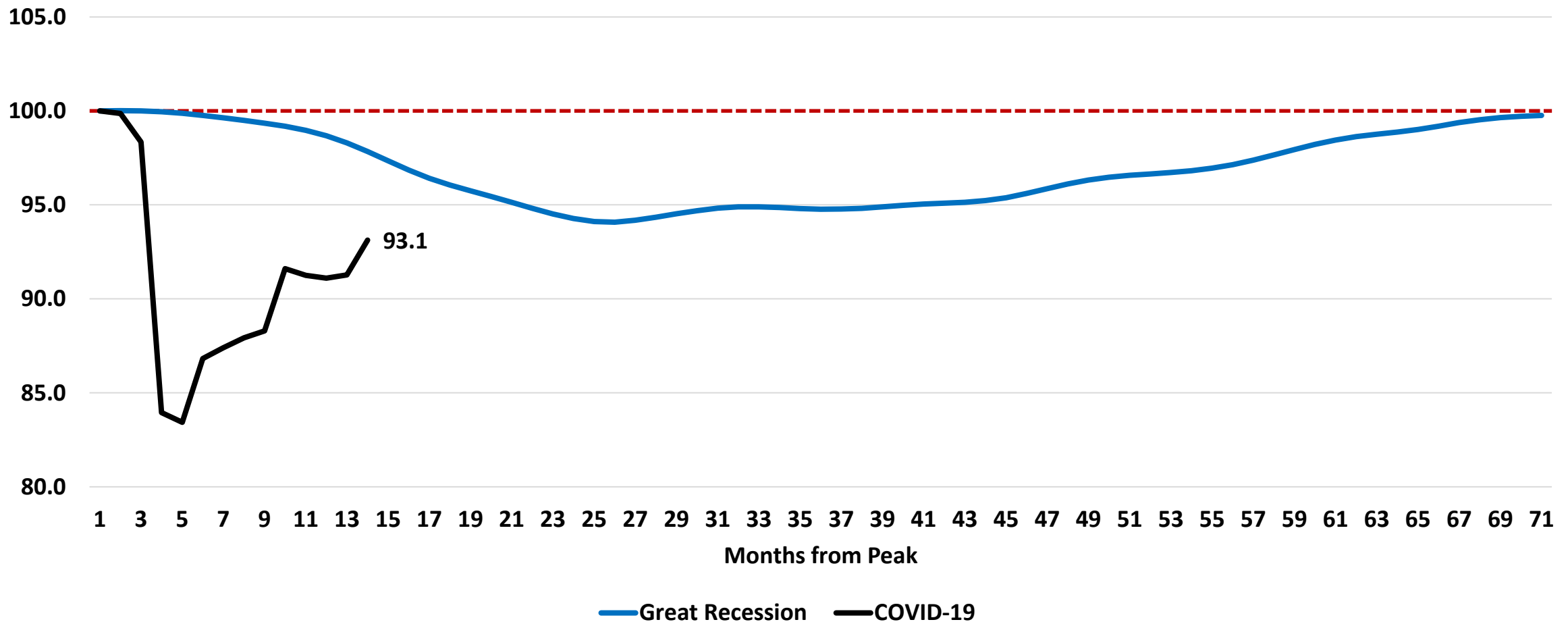
# Employment Recovery Comparison, United States, Great Recession and COVID-19 Recession, Months from Peak, Index Nov 2007 and Jan 2020 = 100 to Feb 2021



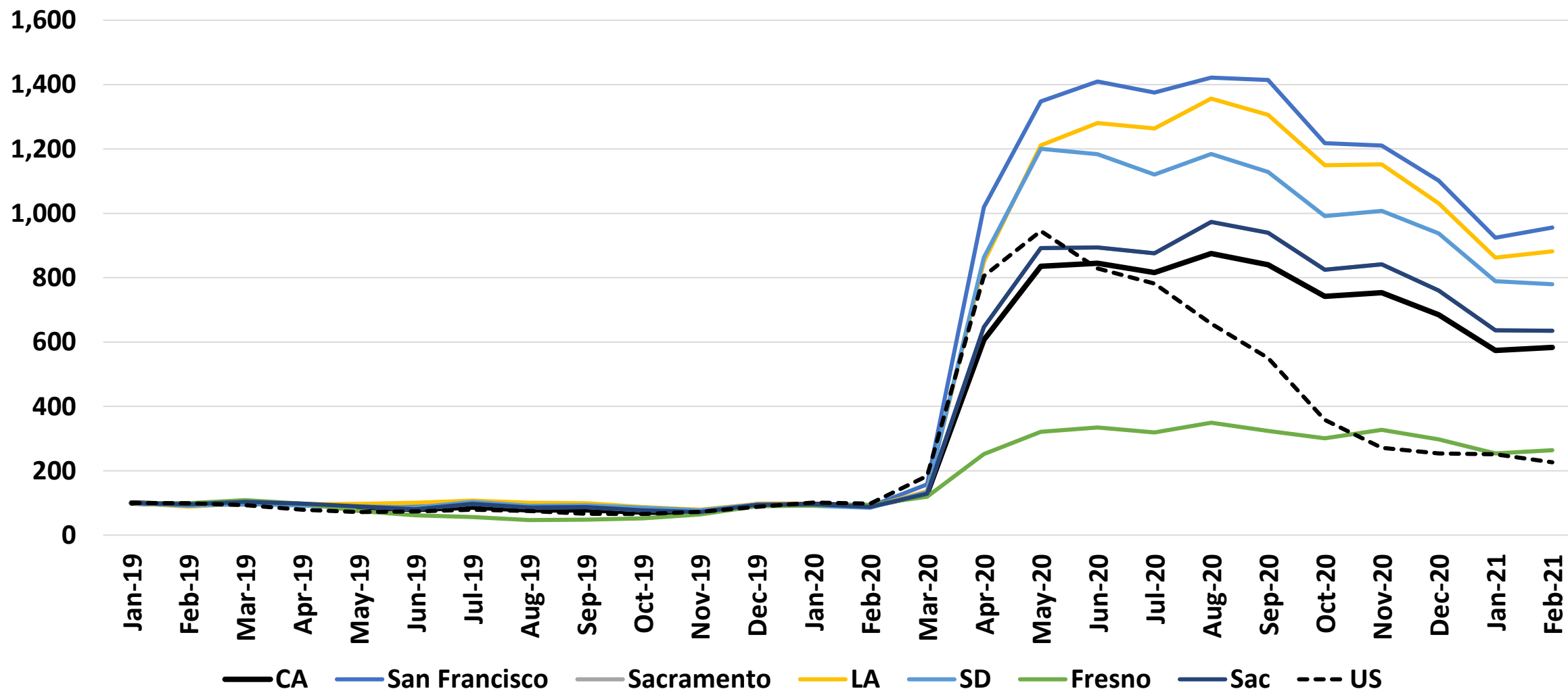
# Employment Data, California, from February 2020 to February 2021, Selected Areas, Non-Seasonally Adj

| Category             | Change California | % Change/<br>U Rate | Change LA MSA | % Change/<br>U Rate | Change SF MSA | % Change/<br>U Rate | Change SD | % Change/<br>U Rate | Change Sac | % Change/<br>U Rate |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | -491,300          | -2.5%               | -92,200       | -1.8%               | -77,200       | -7.4%               | -34,000   | -2.1%               | -3,600     | -0.3%               |
| Civilian Employment  | -1,246,600        | -6.7%               | -403,100      | -8.1%               | -107,900      | -10.6%              | -95,600   | -6.2%               | -41,300    | -3.9%               |
| Unemployment Rate    |                   | <b>8.4%</b>         |               | <b>10.9%</b>        |               | <b>5.5%</b>         |           | <b>7.2%</b>         |            | <b>7.2%</b>         |

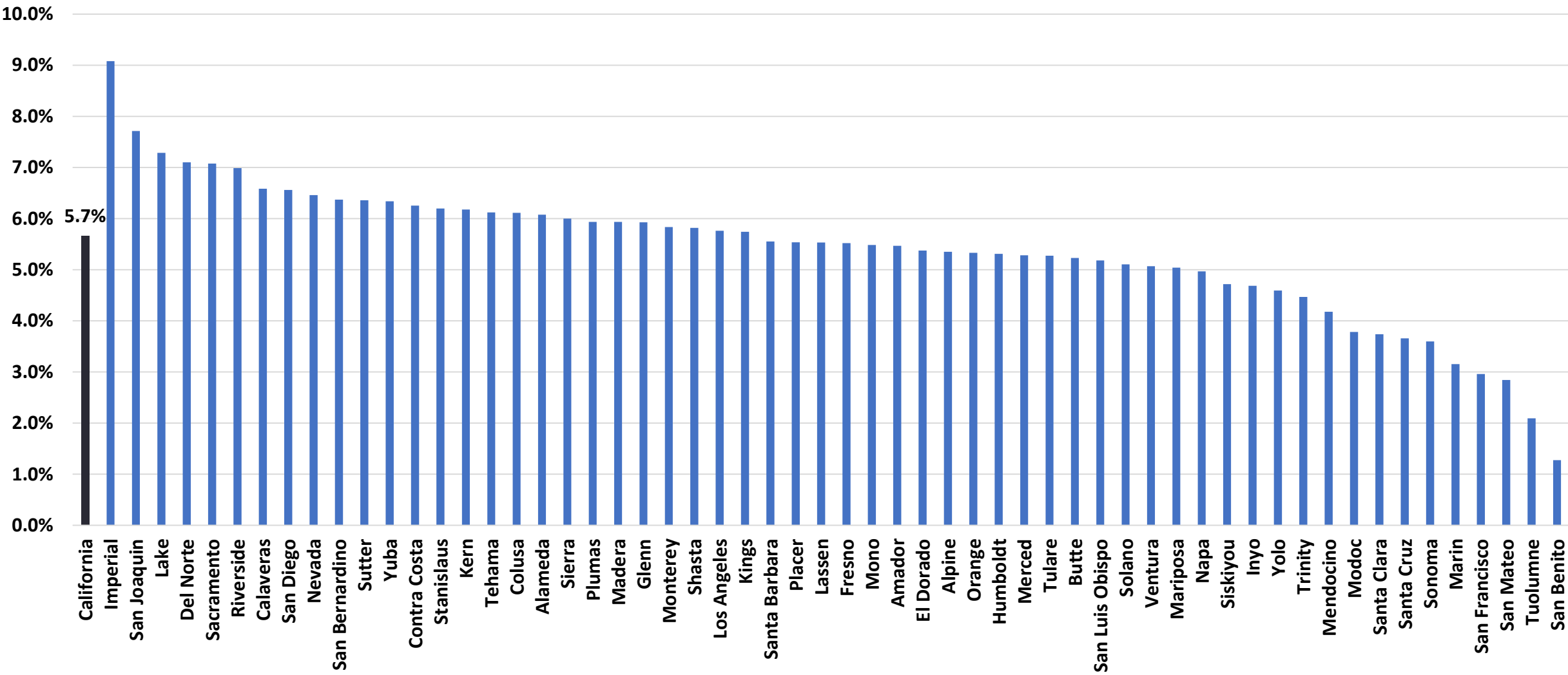
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# Continued Claims for Unemployment Insurance, California and Selected Areas, Jan 2019 to February 2021, Index Jan 2019 = 100

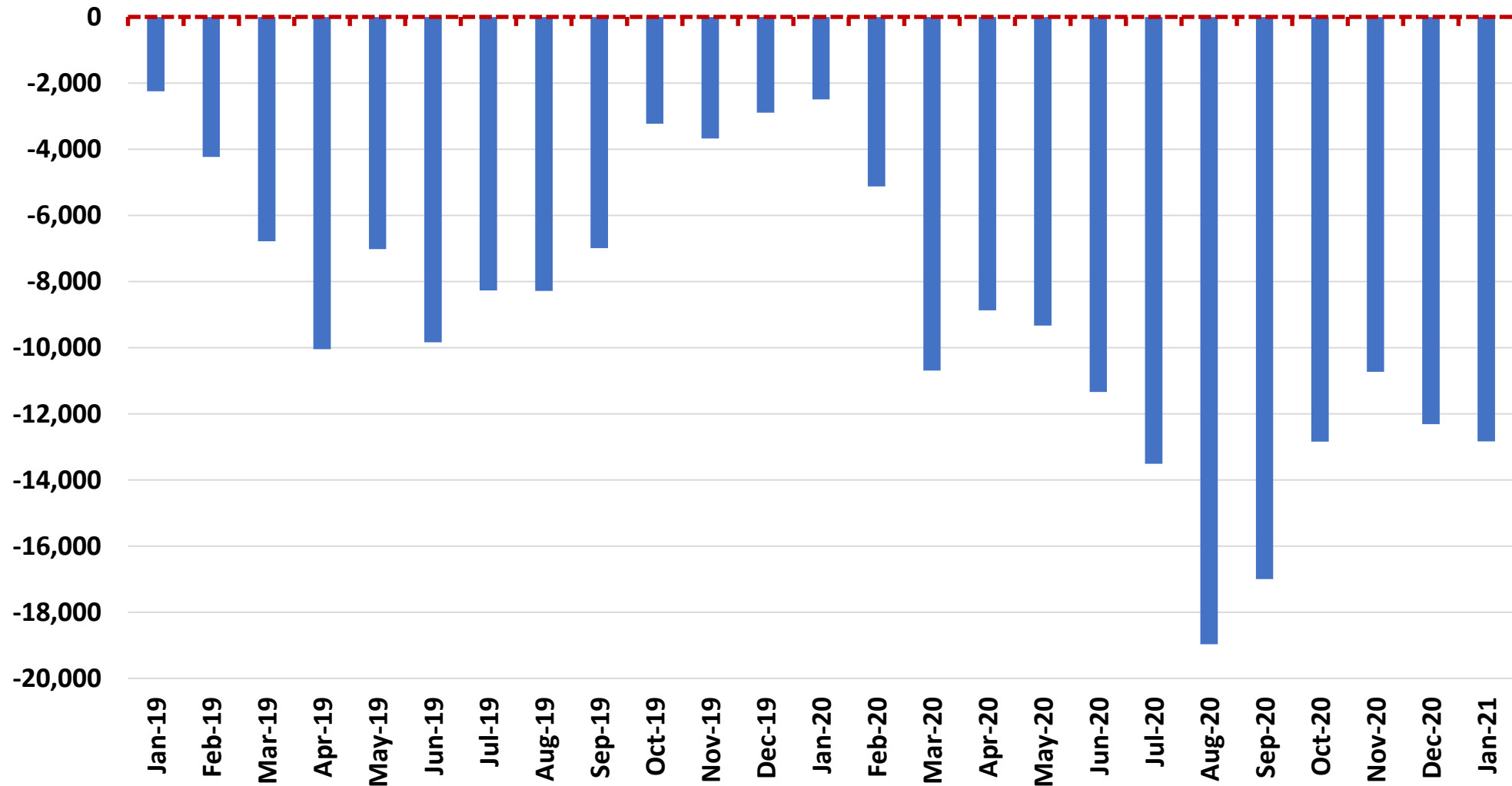


# Housing Forecast, Median Home Prices, Feb 2021 to Feb 2022, % Change



Source: Zillow Research

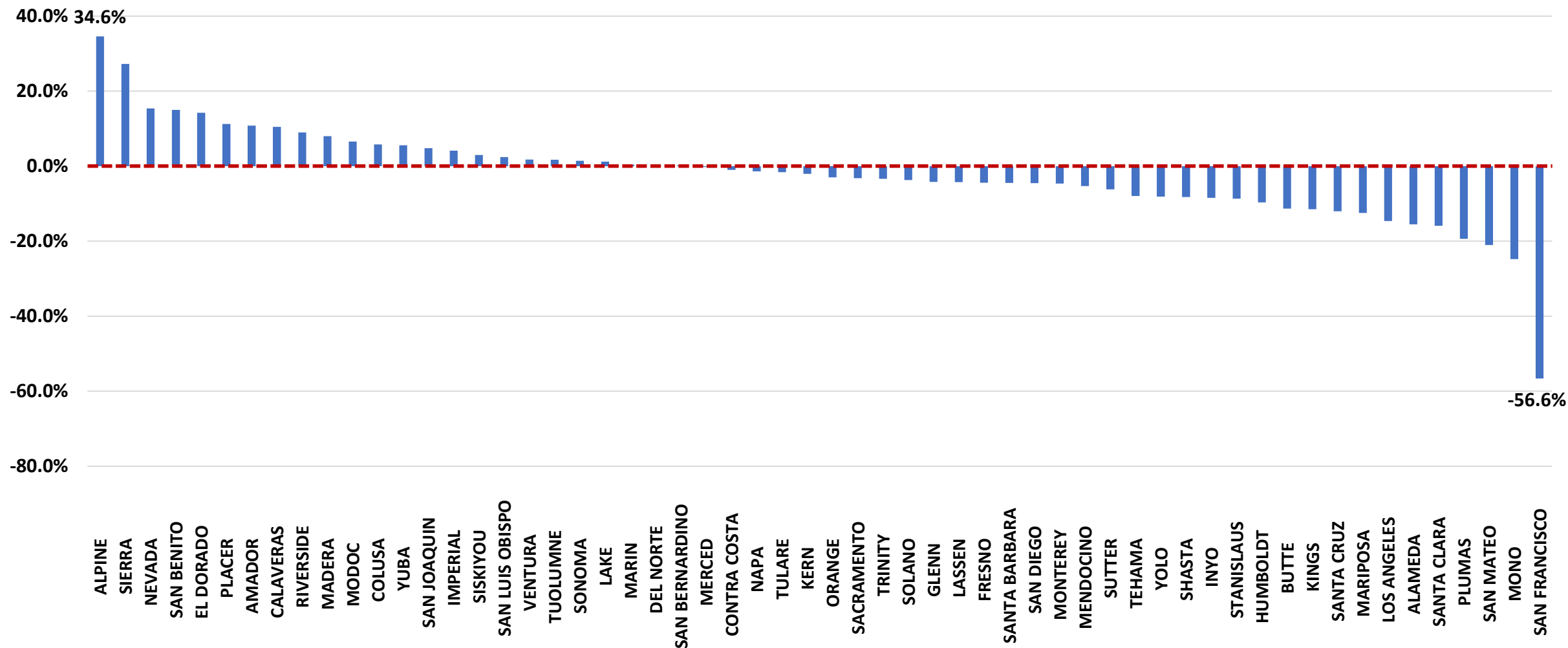
## Part XIV: Migration, California, Net Change in Address, Jan 2019 to Jan 2021, Number of Households



Going to:  
AZ, CO, FL, NV,  
NY, OR, TX,  
WA

Coming From:  
AZ, FL, IL, NV,  
NY, OR, TX,  
WA

# Net Migration in 2020 (+ = coming to; - = leaving), % of total changes in address, California Counties



# What to Watch

- Rural areas of California recovering more quickly
  - Local politics and health risk all allowing more overt and covert change
- Momentum there for continued recovery
  - Fiscal policy and low interest rates provide fuel
  - People need to start moving around again
- Three concerns:
  - Locally-owned business loss: multiple cost concerns vs revenue
  - Slowly creeping inflation: equity markets may get jittery
  - Variants and perceptions of Fall 2021 and Winter 2022

# Thanks for attending.

A recording of this webinar will be posted at  
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