



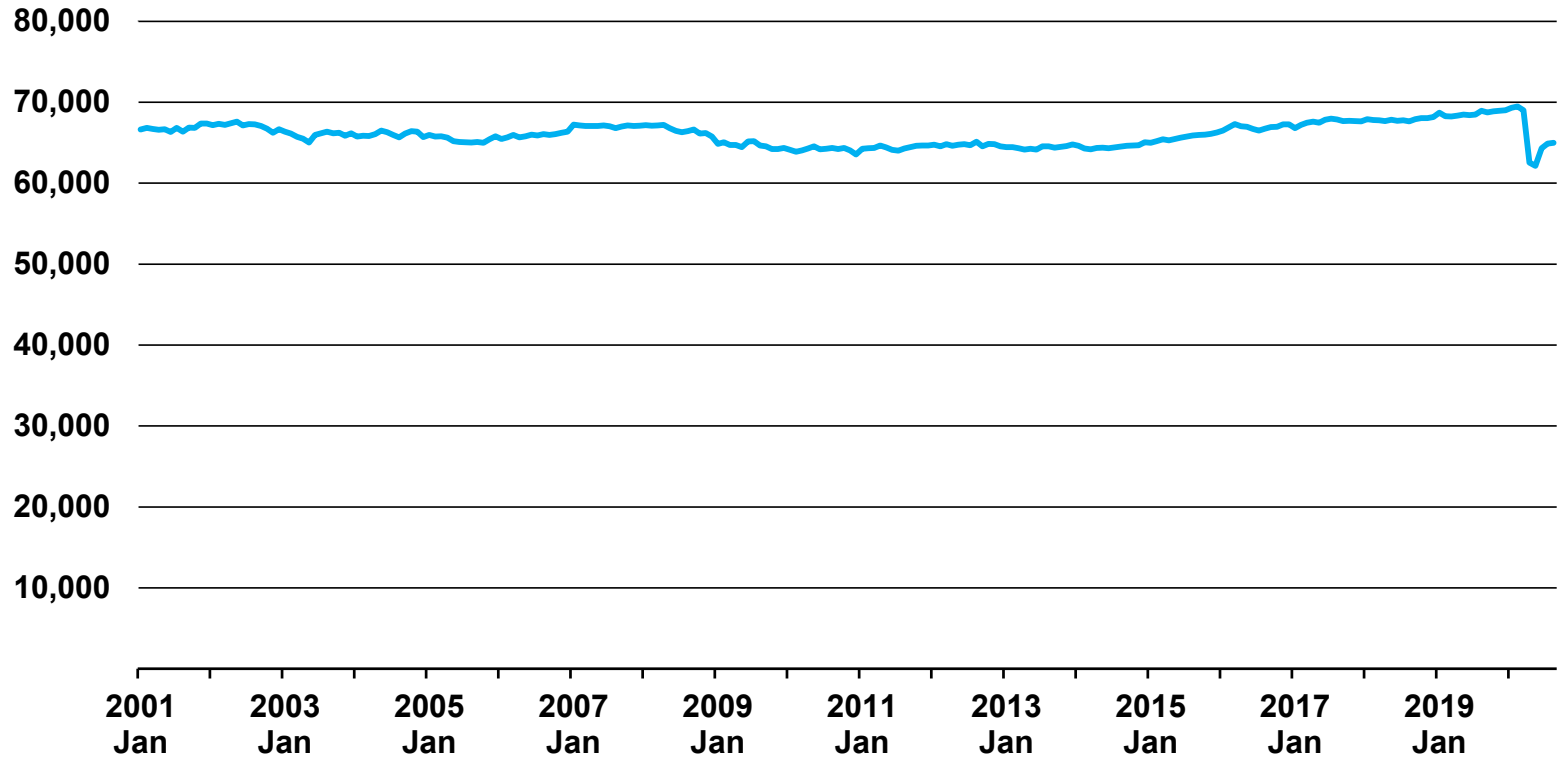
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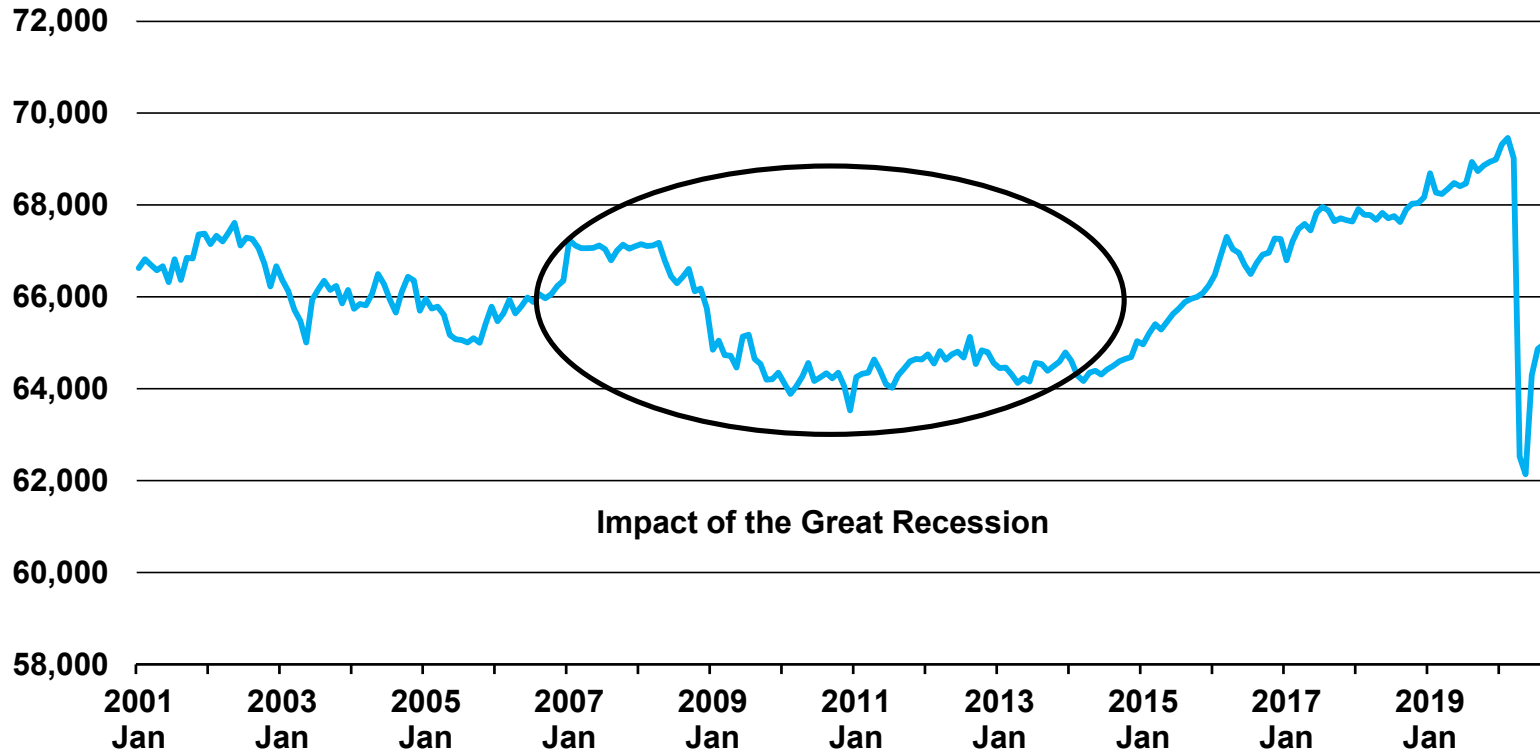
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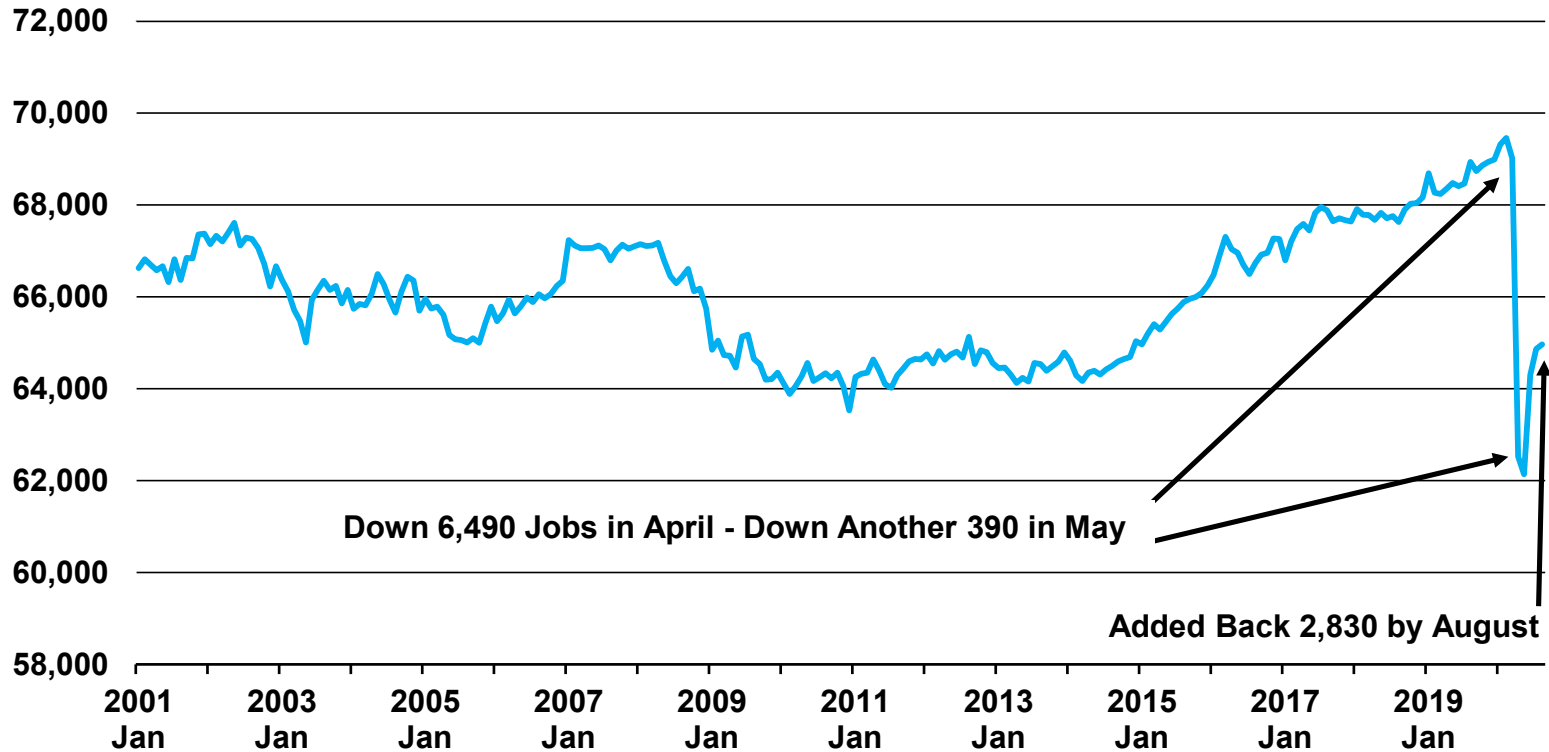


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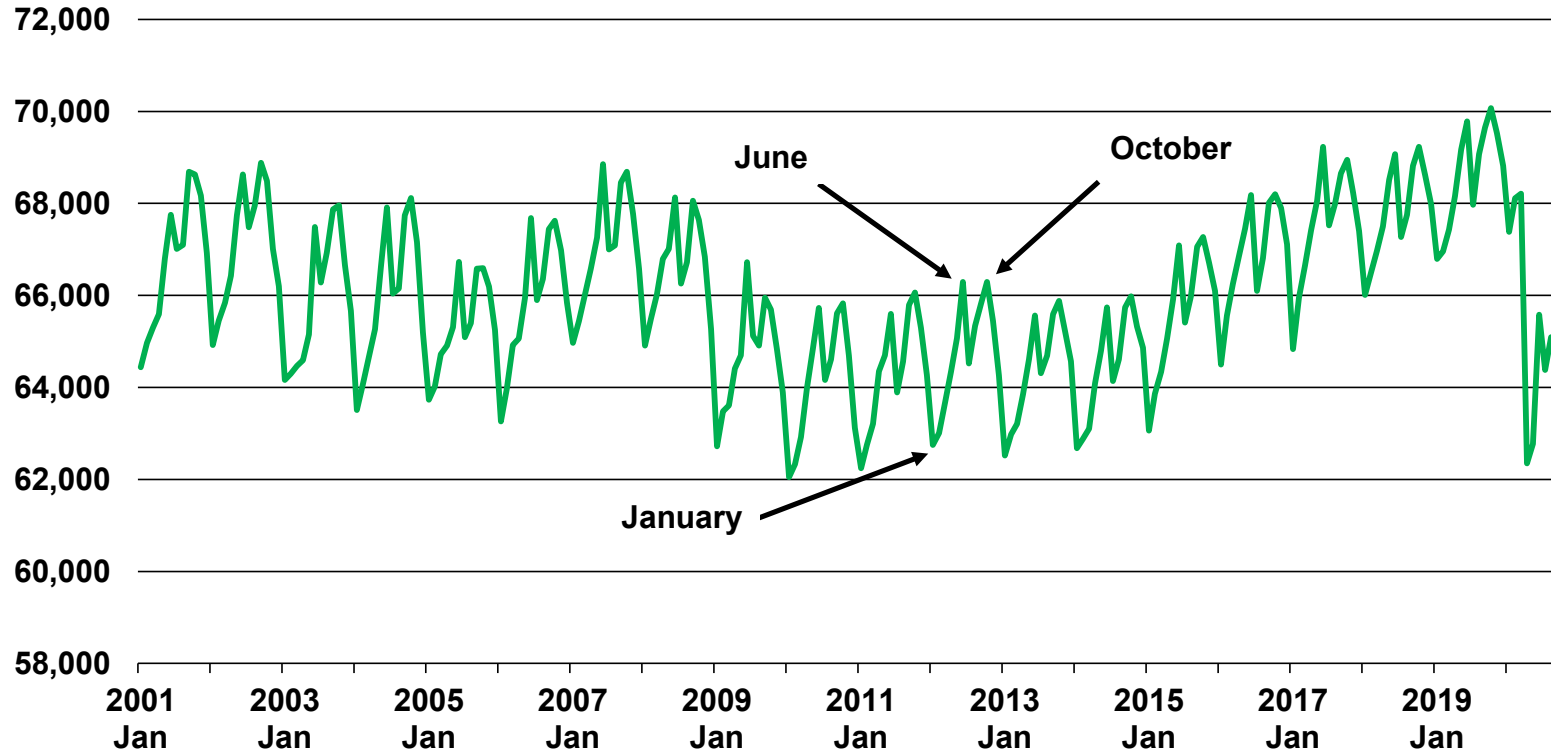
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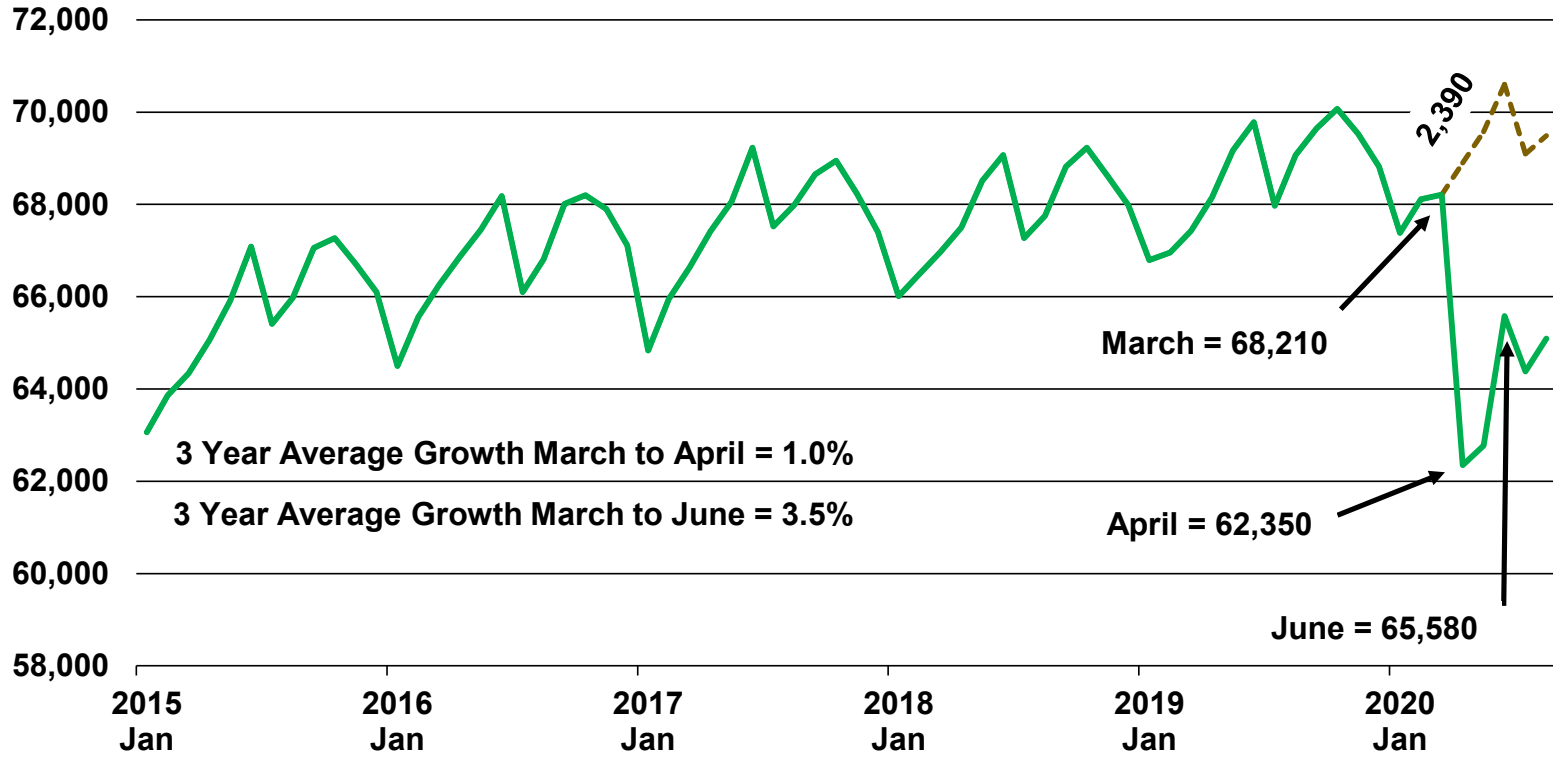
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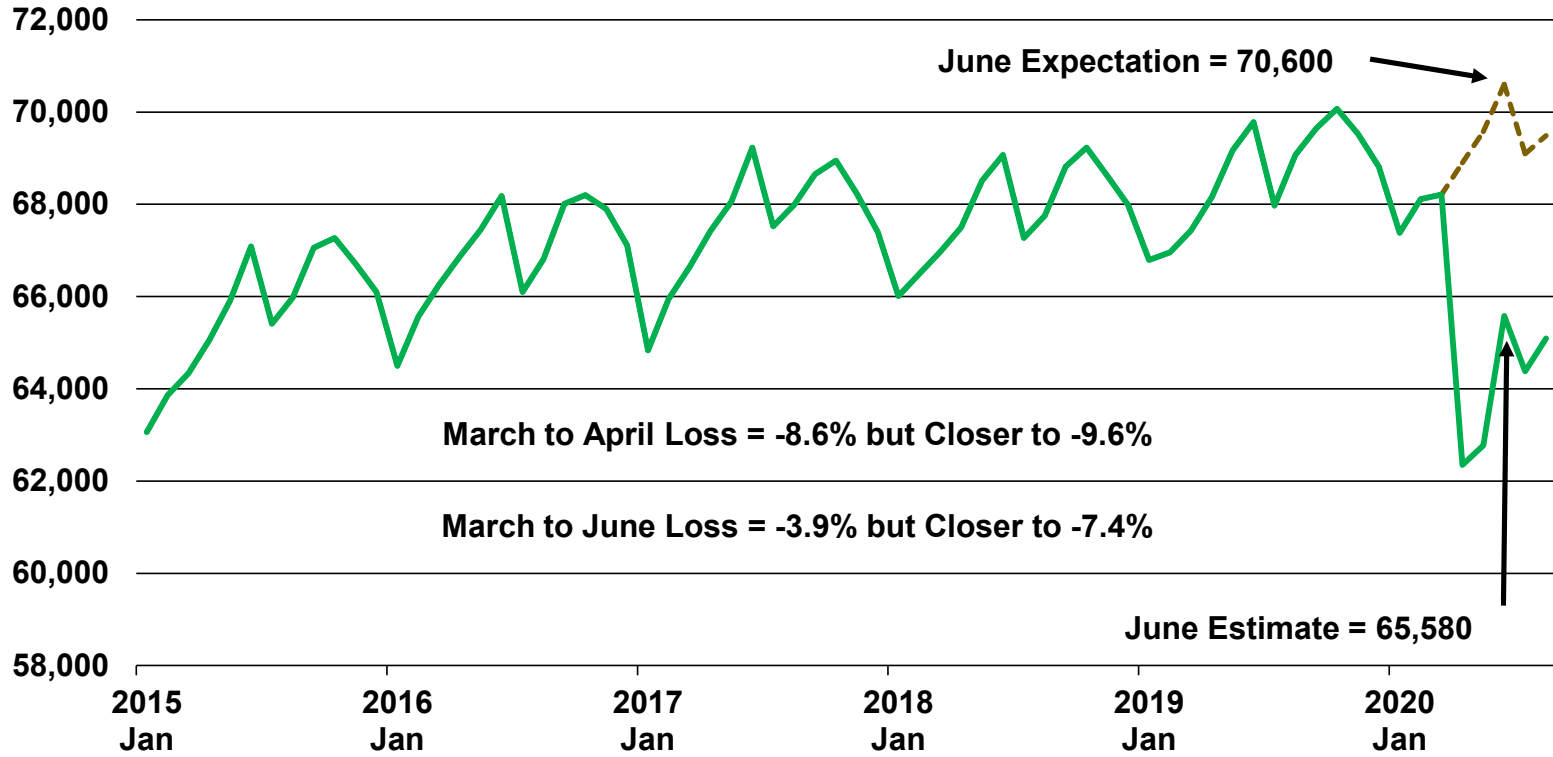
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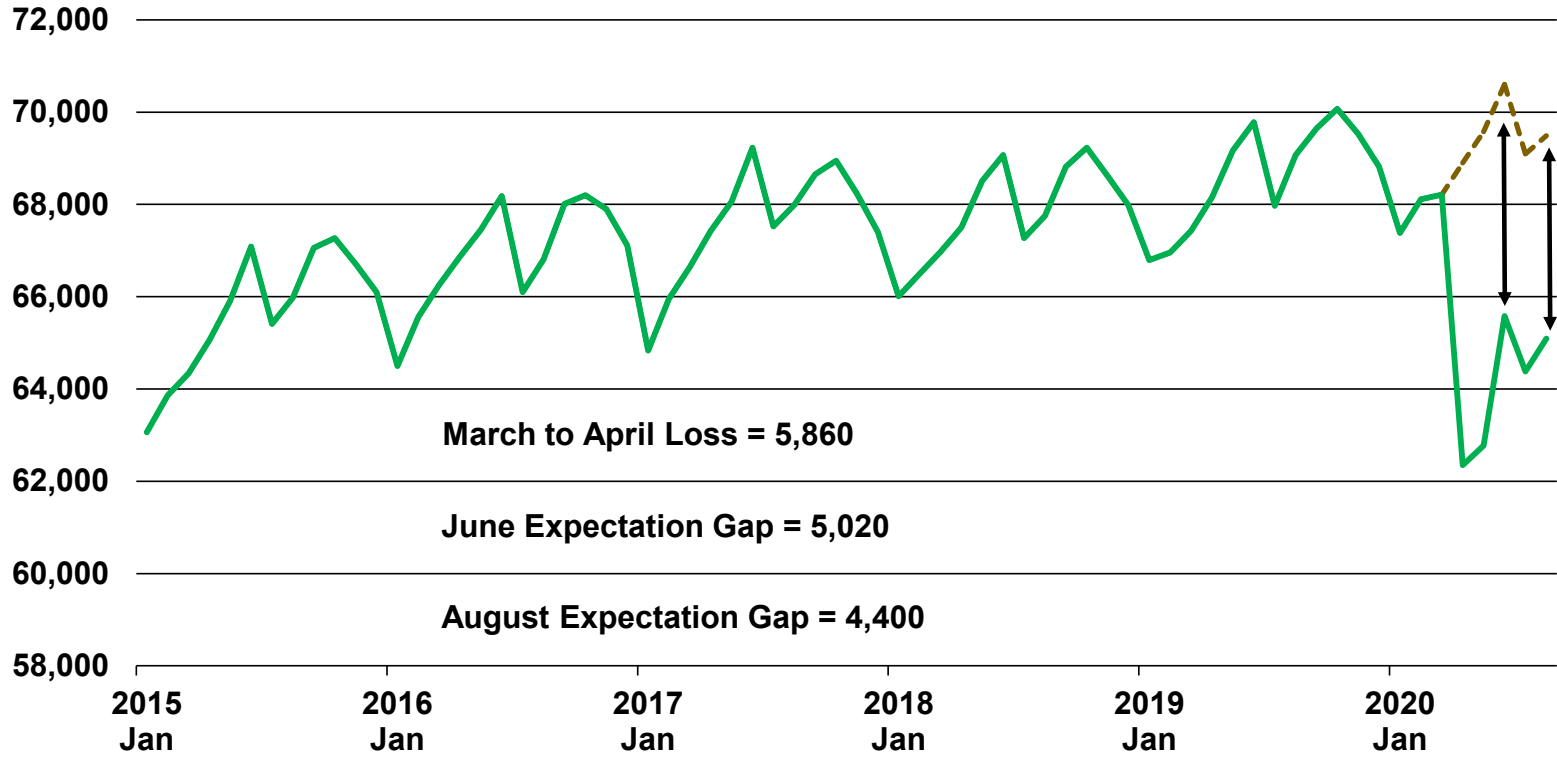
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Eastern Oregon (Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa)

Current Employment Estimates - Over-the-Month Change 3 Year Average

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Total nonfarm employment	0.8%	1.0%	1.3%	1.1%	-2.6%	1.0%
Total private	1.0%	1.2%	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.8%
Goods-producing	1.2%	2.2%	1.4%	1.9%	1.4%	0.2%
Mining, logging, and construction (2)	2.8%	6.6%	3.5%	4.1%	3.6%	0.9%
Mining and logging (3)	-13.9%	-2.4%	16.7%	16.3%	12.3%	-3.0%
Construction (3)	4.3%	11.1%	3.7%	3.1%	2.3%	2.6%
Manufacturing (2)	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	1.1%	0.5%	0.0%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.2%	0.9%
Wholesale and retail trade	0.9%	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.7%
Wholesale trade (4)	1.1%	-2.1%	-1.3%	0.3%	-1.1%	1.6%
Retail trade (4)	0.8%	1.0%	1.3%	-0.1%	1.0%	0.5%
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	0.2%	-0.9%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.8%	1.4%
Information (1)	0.6%	1.3%	3.0%	1.9%	1.2%	2.5%
Financial activities	0.7%	-0.5%	0.4%	2.1%	0.8%	-0.7%
Professional and business services	1.3%	4.2%	-1.8%	0.9%	1.7%	2.3%
Education and health services	0.7%	-0.1%	0.4%	-1.7%	-1.9%	1.6%
Leisure and hospitality	2.1%	3.2%	3.8%	3.3%	2.6%	0.4%
Other services (1)	-0.2%	1.7%	0.5%	0.2%	1.6%	-0.2%
Government	0.4%	0.5%	2.0%	2.1%	-11.0%	1.7%
Federal government	3.0%	5.1%	11.6%	16.4%	5.4%	-0.1%
State government	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	2.6%	0.4%	0.6%
Local government	0.1%	0.1%	1.2%	0.0%	-17.1%	2.4%

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Eastern Oregon (Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa)

Over-the-Month Change - 3 Year Average vs. 2020 Estimate

	March 3-Year	March 2020	April 3-Year	April 2020
Total nonfarm employment	0.8%	0.1%	1.0%	-8.6%
Total private	1.0%	0.3%	1.2%	-10.1%
Goods-producing	1.2%	0.4%	2.2%	-14.5%
Mining, logging, and construction (2)	2.8%	3.1%	6.6%	-4.4%
Mining and logging (3)	-13.9%	-11.5%	-2.4%	-4.3%
Construction (3)	4.3%	2.0%	11.1%	-11.9%
Manufacturing (2)	0.8%	-0.6%	0.7%	-18.0%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	-3.4%
Wholesale and retail trade	0.9%	0.8%	0.4%	-3.3%
Wholesale trade (4)	1.1%	-1.5%	-2.1%	-3.0%
Retail trade (4)	0.8%	1.3%	1.0%	-3.3%
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	0.2%	1.0%	-0.9%	-3.6%
Information (1)	0.6%	1.1%	1.3%	-3.4%
Financial activities	0.7%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-2.1%
Professional and business services	1.3%	1.0%	4.2%	-2.2%
Education and health services	0.7%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-8.2%
Leisure and hospitality	2.1%	0.0%	3.2%	-28.6%
Other services (1)	-0.2%	-3.2%	1.7%	-12.3%
Government	0.4%	-0.2%	0.5%	-4.6%
Federal government	3.0%	3.4%	5.1%	7.9%
State government	0.5%	-0.8%	0.0%	-0.8%
Local government	0.1%	-0.4%	0.1%	-7.0%

25.3% of April employment loss was in manufacturing - 91.2% of which was in Umatilla and Union counties

30.2% of April employment loss was in leisure and hospitality – 89.2% of which was in Baker, Malheur, Umatilla, and Union counties

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Current Employment Estimates - 2020

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Total nonfarm employment	68,210	62,350	62,770	65,580	64,380	65,090
Total private	49,820	44,800	45,390	47,950	48,210	48,610
Goods-producing	11,260	9,630	10,230	10,790	10,890	11,250
Mining, logging, and construction (2)	2,960	2,830	2,860	2,940	3,020	3,070
Mining and logging (3)	230	220	240	270	280	280
Construction (3)	1,010	890	890	1,000	1,030	1,080
Manufacturing (2)	8,200	6,720	7,290	7,760	7,770	8,080
Trade, transportation, and utilities	14,740	14,240	14,240	14,600	14,550	14,780
Wholesale and retail trade	10,620	10,270	10,300	10,610	10,610	10,720
Wholesale trade (4)	1,980	1,920	1,890	1,890	1,880	1,900
Retail trade (4)	8,270	8,000	8,070	8,340	8,350	8,440
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	4,120	3,970	3,940	3,990	3,940	4,060
Information (1)	880	850	880	880	890	900
Financial activities	1,950	1,910	1,880	1,900	1,900	1,900
Professional and business services	3,180	3,110	3,130	3,210	3,220	3,300
Education and health services	9,370	8,600	8,430	8,860	8,890	8,950
Leisure and hospitality	6,180	4,410	4,500	5,550	5,700	5,350
Other services (1)	1,790	1,570	1,600	1,650	1,660	1,660
Government	18,390	17,550	17,380	17,630	16,170	16,480
Federal government	1,510	1,630	1,750	2,020	2,130	2,270
State government	3,620	3,590	3,590	3,690	3,700	3,750
Local government	13,260	12,330	12,040	11,920	10,340	10,460

13.1% of employment loss was in education and health services – 88.3% of which was in Baker, Malheur, Umatilla, and Union counties

15.8% of April employment loss was in local government – 77.4% of which was in Malheur, Umatilla, and Union counties

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Current Employment Estimates - Over-the-Year Change 2019 to 2020

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Total nonfarm employment	780	-5,800	-6,400	-4,200	-3,590	-3,980
Total private	410	-5,240	-5,290	-2,960	-3,040	-3,240
Goods-producing	-20	-1,940	-1,510	-1,060	-1,020	-780
Mining, logging, and construction (2)	230	-130	-270	-260	-210	-250
Mining and logging (3)	-10	0	-30	-20	-40	-30
Construction (3)	70	-180	-240	-130	-120	-150
Manufacturing (2)	-260	-1,790	-1,220	-780	-790	-520
Trade, transportation, and utilities	80	-480	-620	-170	-340	-260
Wholesale and retail trade	150	-320	-420	-70	-210	-180
Wholesale trade (4)	-50	-40	-70	-60	-70	-80
Retail trade (4)	180	-270	-320	0	-120	-70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-70	-160	-200	-100	-130	-80
Information (1)	70	50	60	40	60	70
Financial activities	-10	-70	-90	-90	-130	-120
Professional and business services	120	-70	0	60	30	-10
Education and health services	90	-630	-920	-370	-230	-320
Leisure and hospitality	20	-1,890	-2,040	-1,240	-1,220	-1,690
Other services (1)	-20	-280	-250	-220	-270	-230
Government	370	-560	-1,110	-1,240	-550	-740
Federal government	0	50	-70	-20	-20	100
State government	60	40	30	20	20	40
Local government	310	-650	-1,070	-1,240	-550	-880

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Eastern Oregon - Unemployment Insurance Benefits Paid - 2020

	March	April	May	June	July	August	6-Month Total
Baker	\$216,255	\$1,576,933	\$1,920,455	\$2,187,025	\$2,601,738	\$1,331,261	\$9,833,667
Grant	\$219,409	\$773,687	\$1,012,986	\$1,021,068	\$933,678	\$554,921	\$4,515,749
Harney	\$149,936	\$566,716	\$606,876	\$624,402	\$557,833	\$292,334	\$2,798,097
Malheur	\$224,316	\$1,381,558	\$1,930,340	\$2,142,042	\$2,277,042	\$1,085,242	\$9,040,540
Morrow	\$151,134	\$596,007	\$753,391	\$798,999	\$878,180	\$466,658	\$3,644,369
Umatilla	\$1,061,331	\$7,744,601	\$10,729,346	\$8,449,311	\$7,682,790	\$4,091,639	\$39,759,018
Union	\$547,725	\$4,286,308	\$4,624,199	\$4,641,771	\$4,587,072	\$1,853,605	\$20,540,680
Wallowa	\$174,630	\$692,922	\$948,197	\$822,441	\$721,980	\$551,133	\$3,911,303
Eastern Oregon	\$2,744,736	\$17,618,732	\$22,525,790	\$20,687,059	\$20,240,313	\$10,226,793	\$94,043,423

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