

# Economic Update

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DISCUSSION WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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# Historic Unemployment Levels

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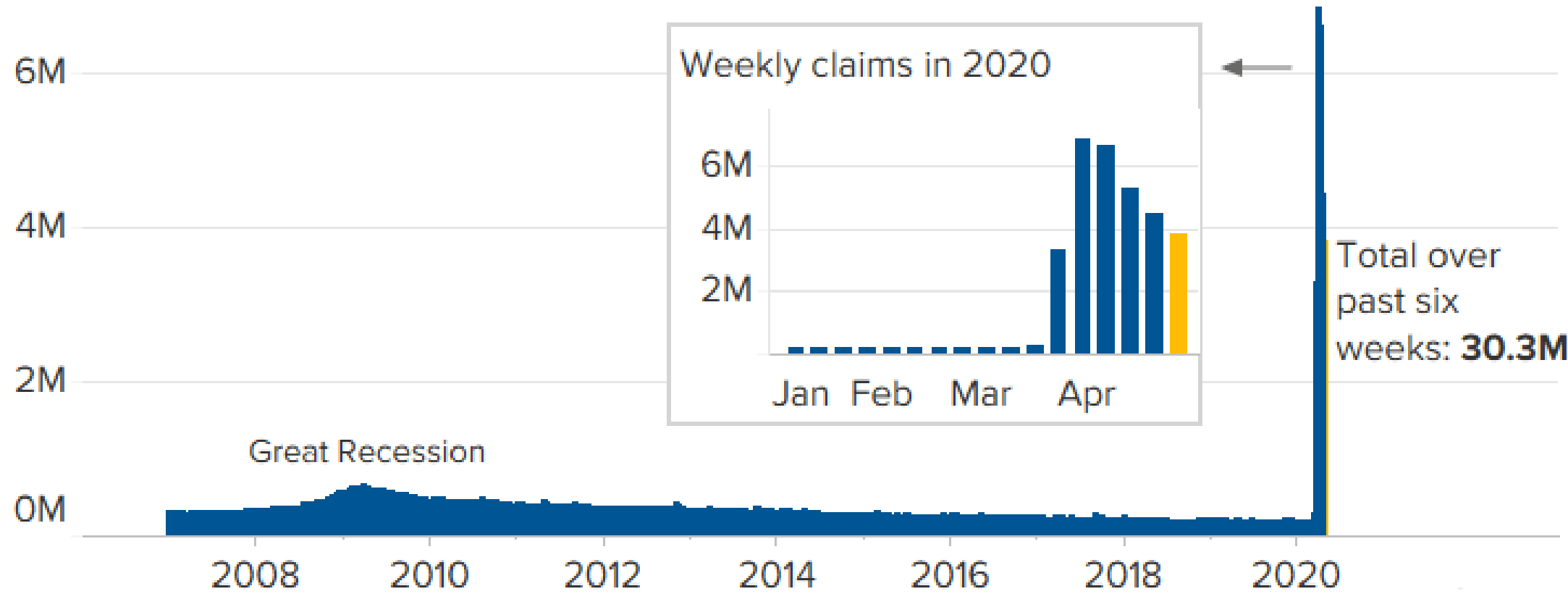
Officially 14.7% unemployment rate in April -- closer to 23% due to incorrect classification of workers as absent rather than laid off and historic drop in labor force participation.

Great Depression unemployment rate reached 25%

Over 30 million people have lost their jobs since mid-March -- 19% of workforce

# Surge in initial claims continues

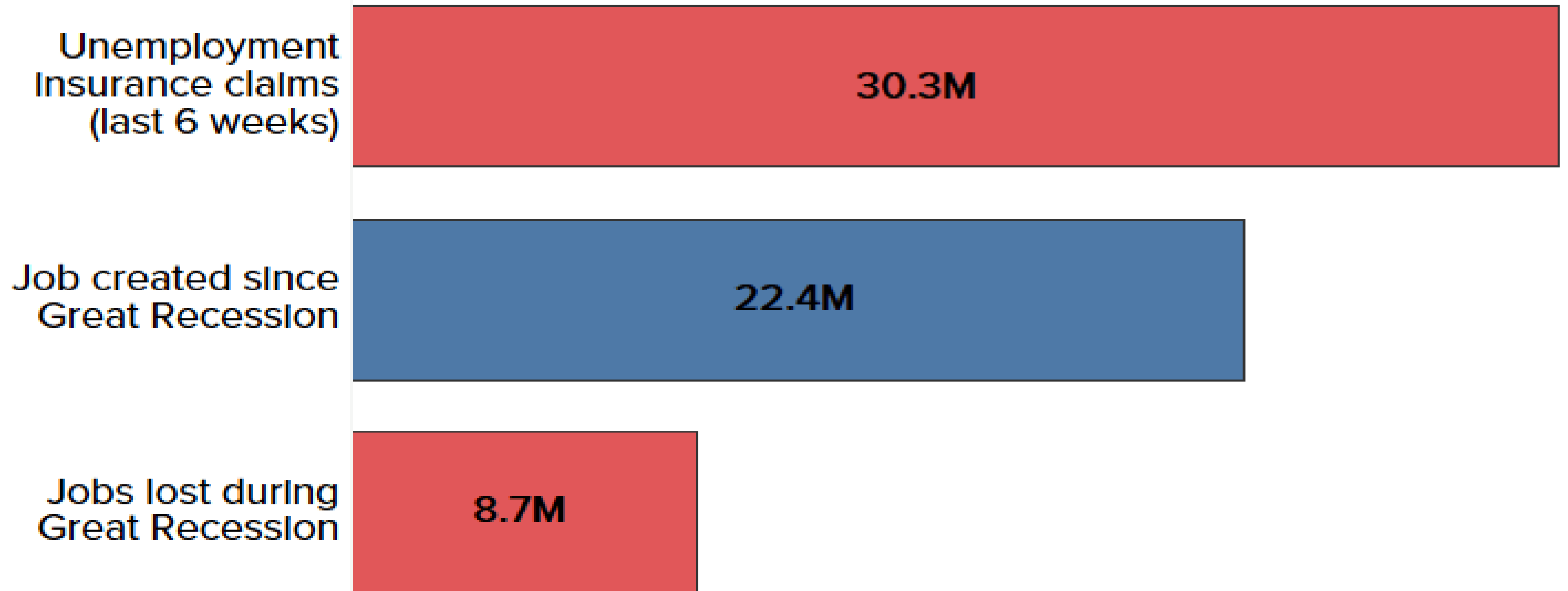
Weekly initial unemployment insurance claims



SOURCE: Department of Labor. Data is seasonally adjusted.



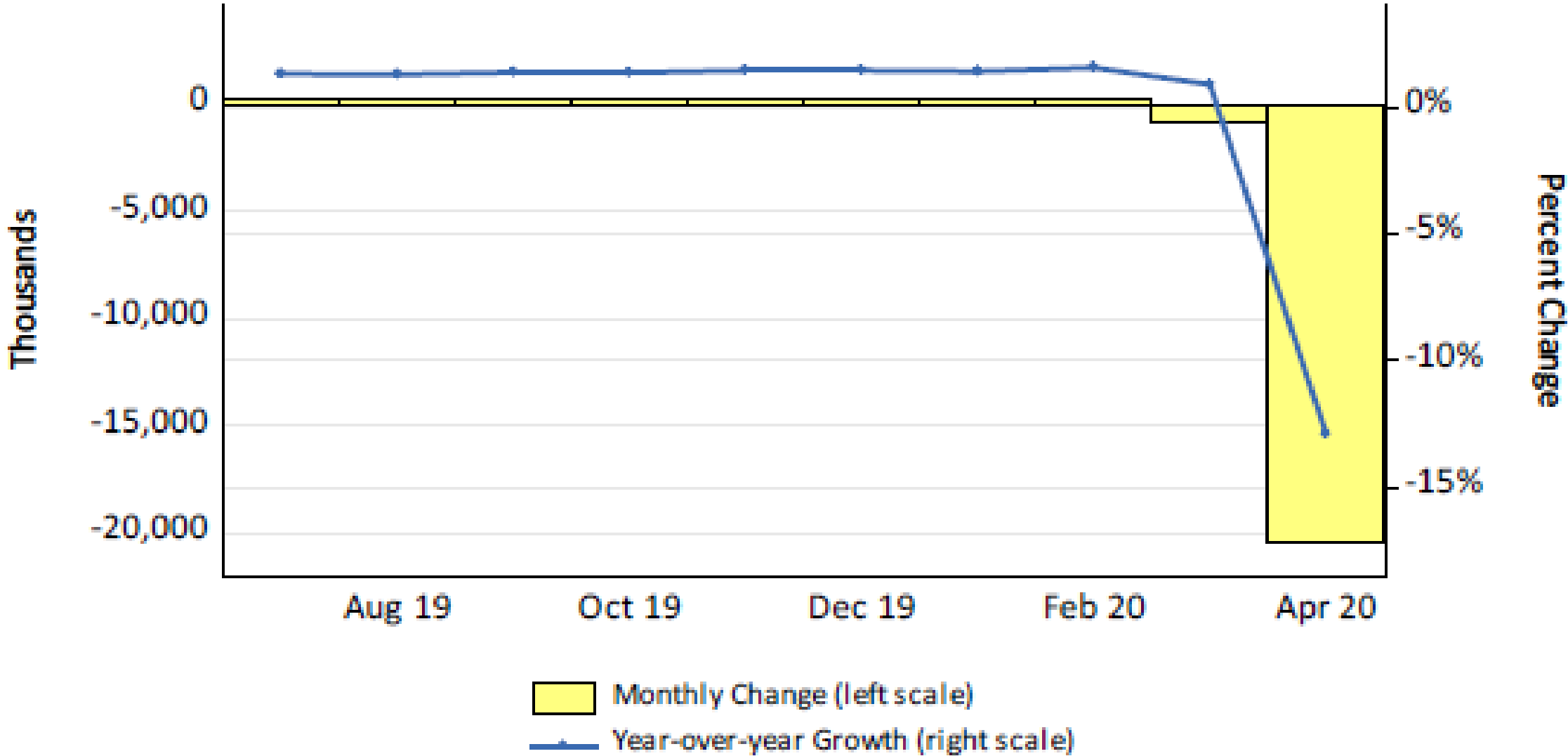
# Coronavirus job losses surge



SOURCE: Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics



# National Employment



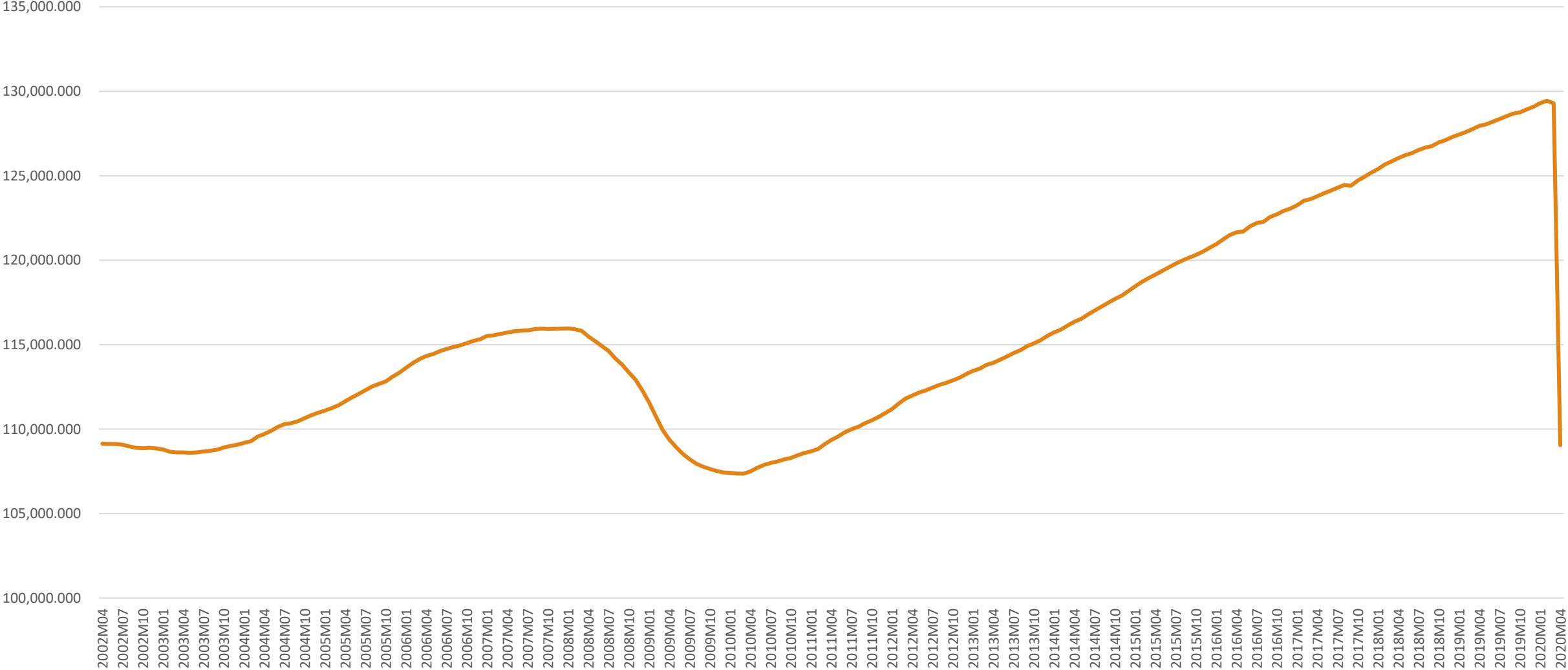
# Unemployment rate



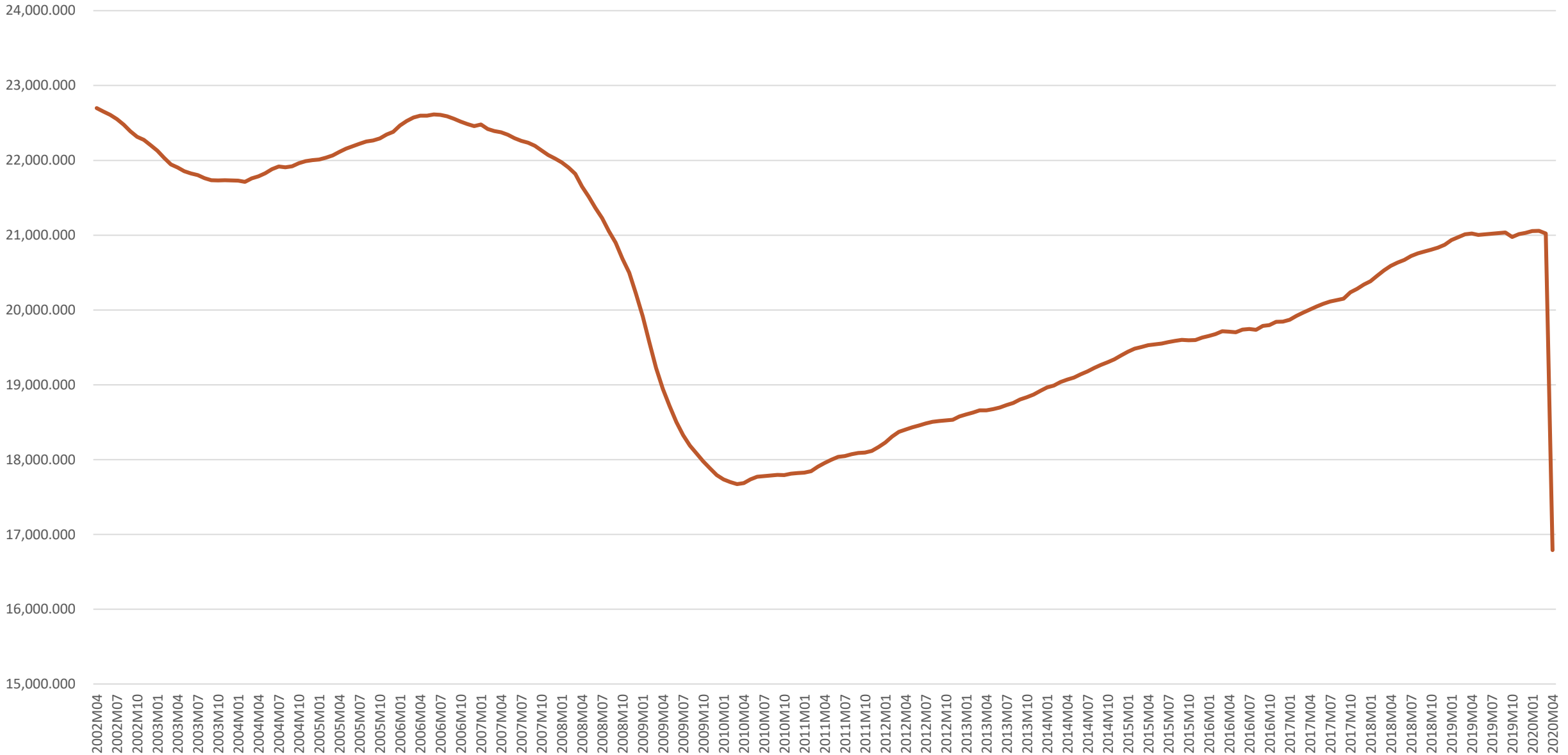
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# Over 20 million fewer employed in April

## Private Sector Employment has fallen to 2002 Level

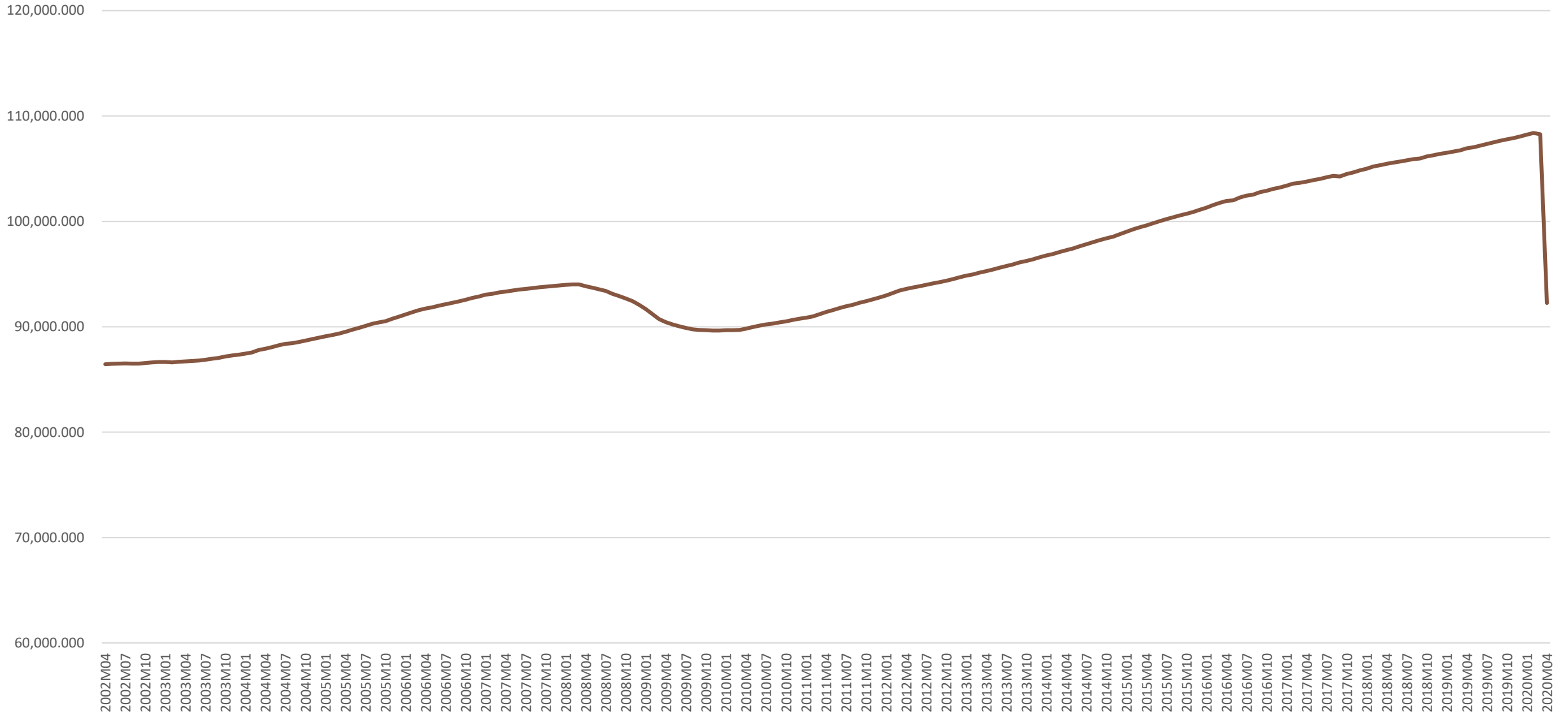


# Goods Producing Sector

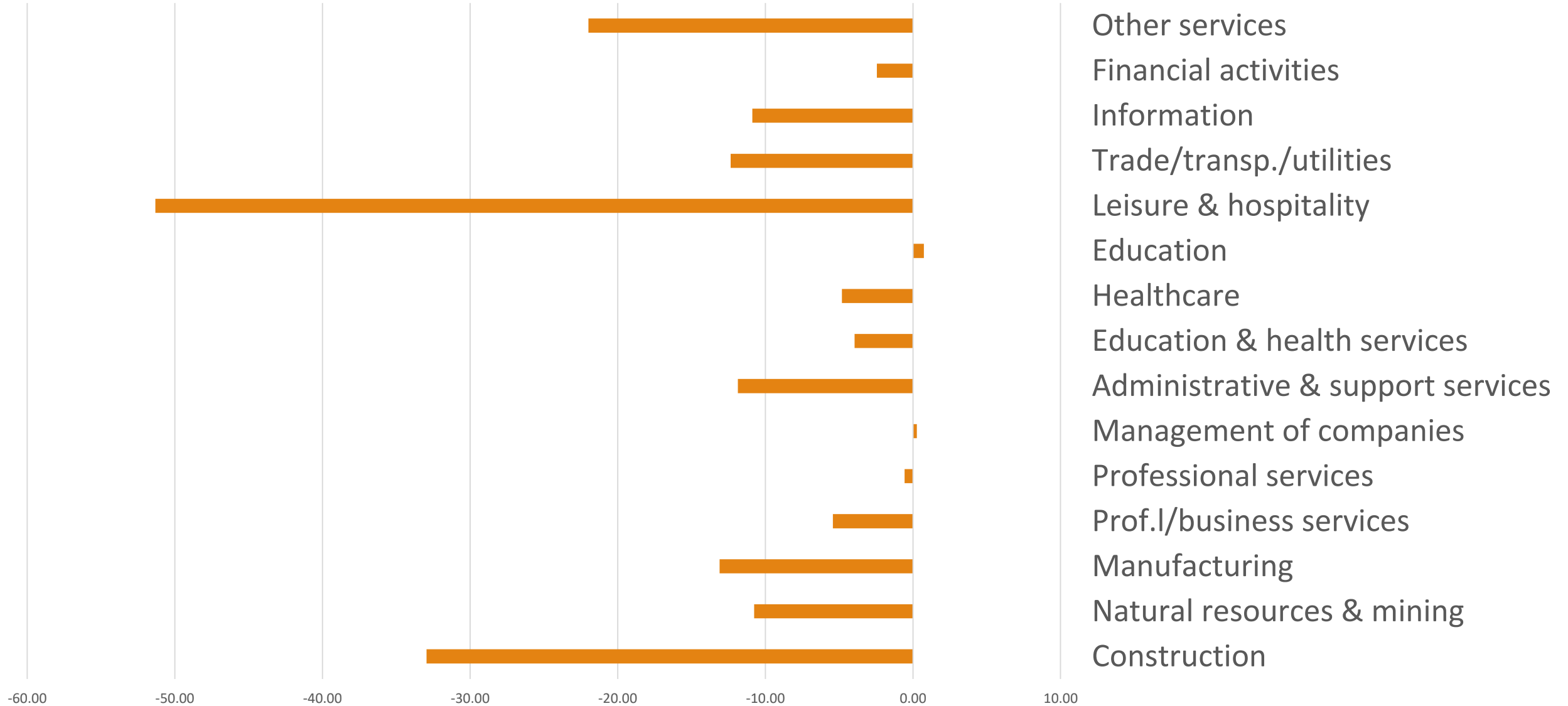




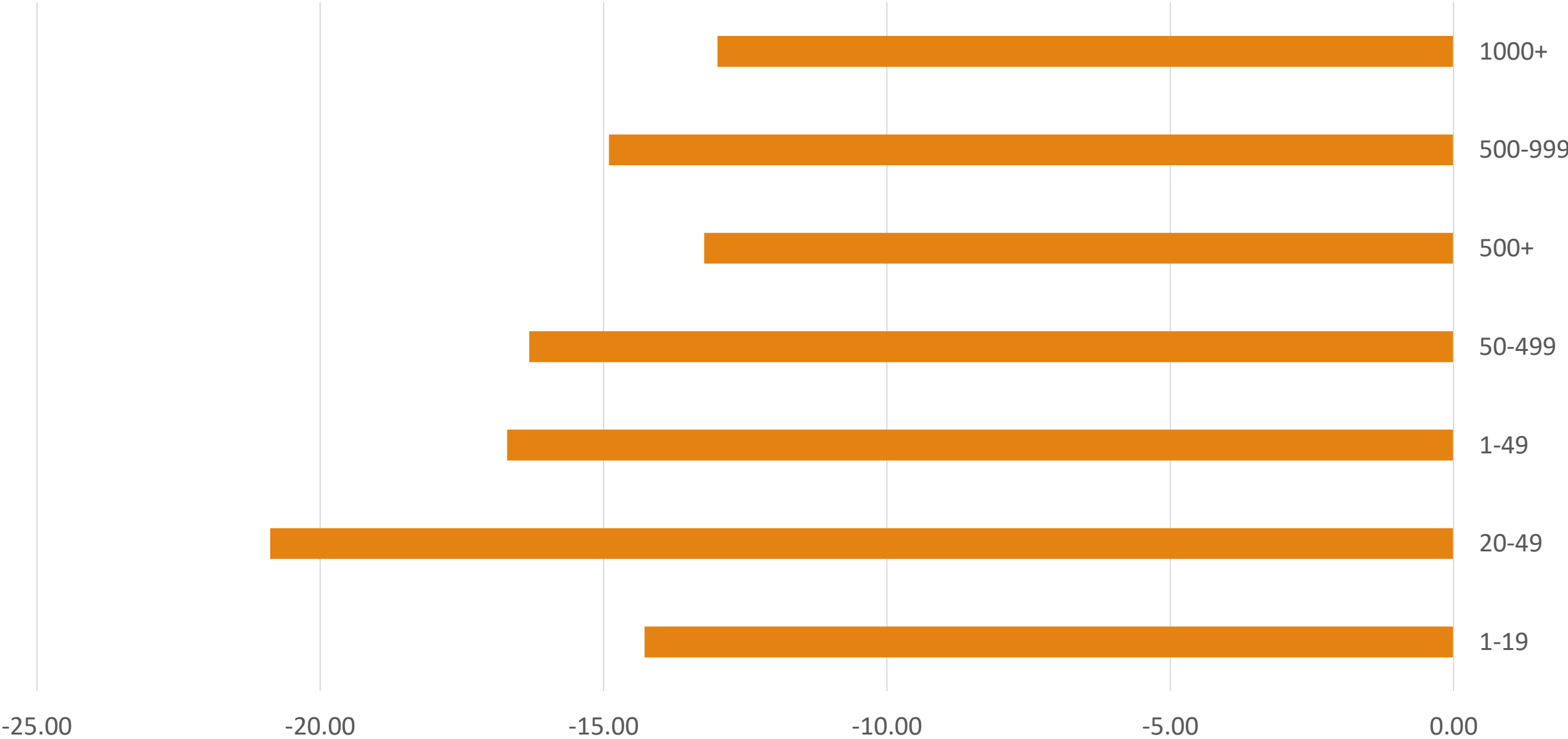
# Service Sector



## Change by Employment Sector – March 2020 to April 2020



# Percent Change in Employment by Size of Business



# COVID-19 Could Shutter Many Small Businesses

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52% will be out of business within 6 months

54% have laid off employees; another 22% have furloughed employees

62% report a decrease in revenue; 12% report an increase

- 10% to 30% decrease – 47%
- Over 30% decrease – 41%
- 100% decrease – 13%

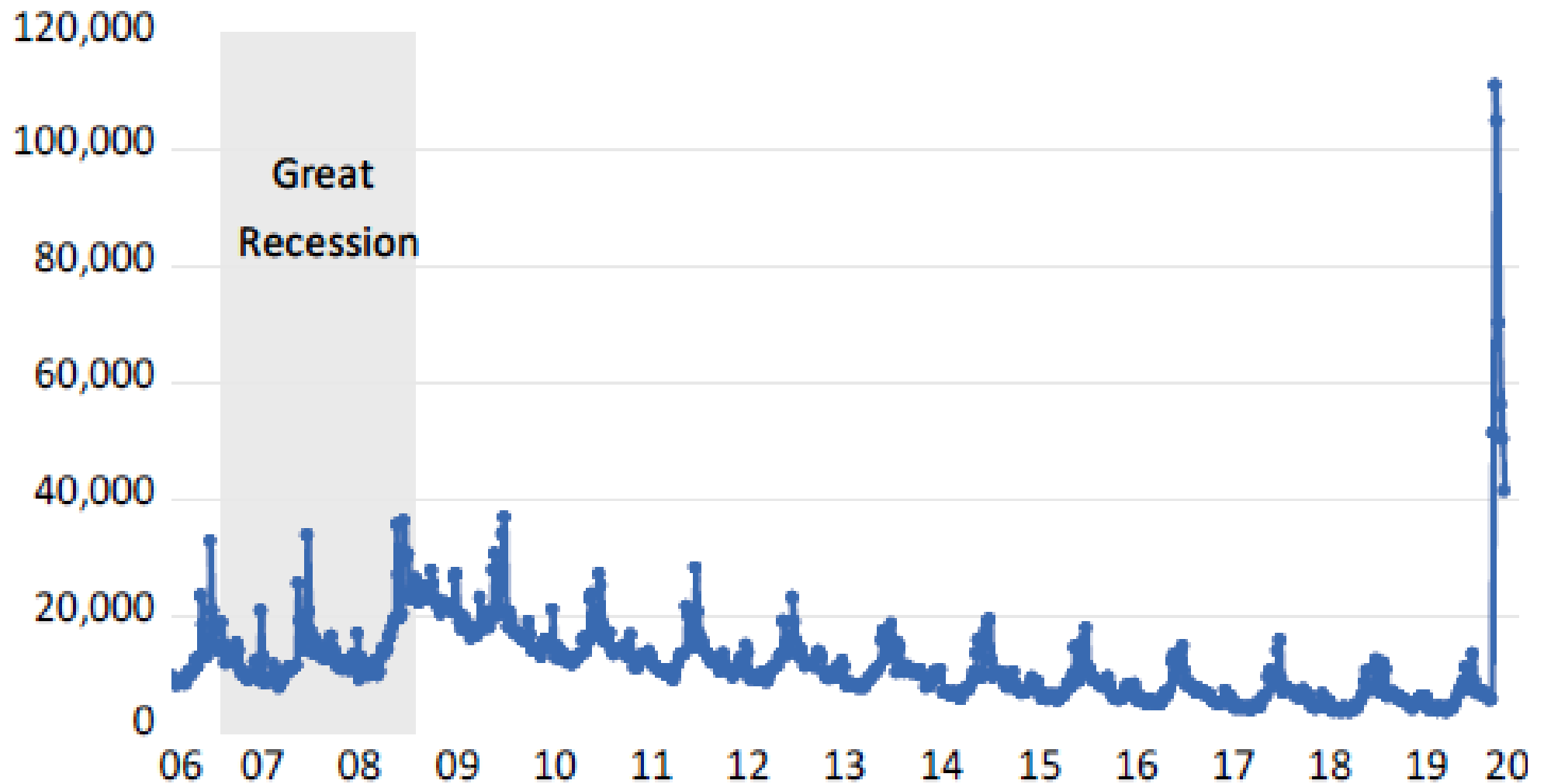
Society for Human Resources Management Survey (375 small businesses)

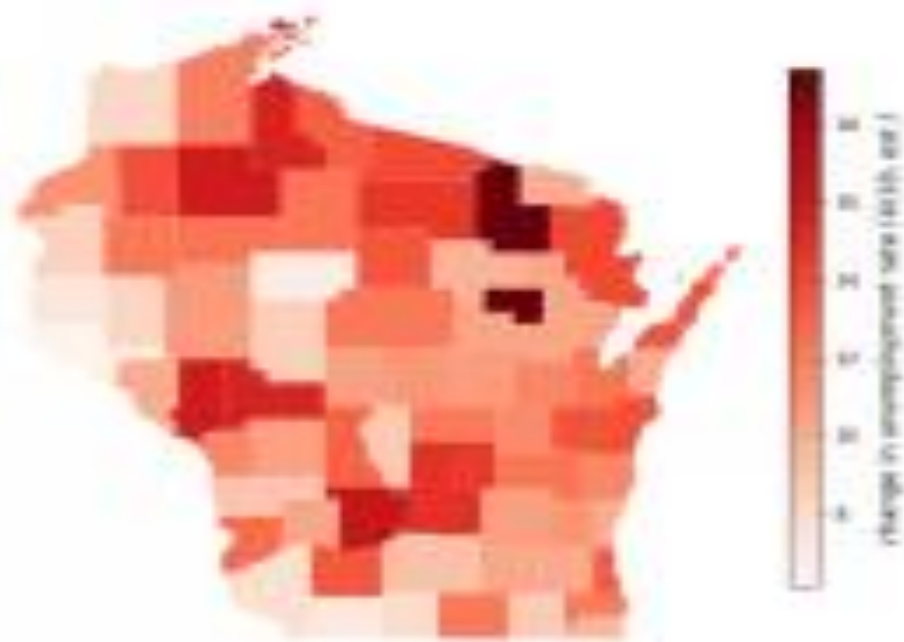
# Wisconsin Estimated Unemployment Rate – April 30, 2020



Estimated Wisconsin unemployment rate, daily, Kim Ruhl, 30 April, 2020.

## Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance in Wisconsin





Increase in unemployment rate by county: Feb 2020 to April 18, 2020 (est.)

# Unemployment Benefits under the Federal COVID-19 Relief Package

