

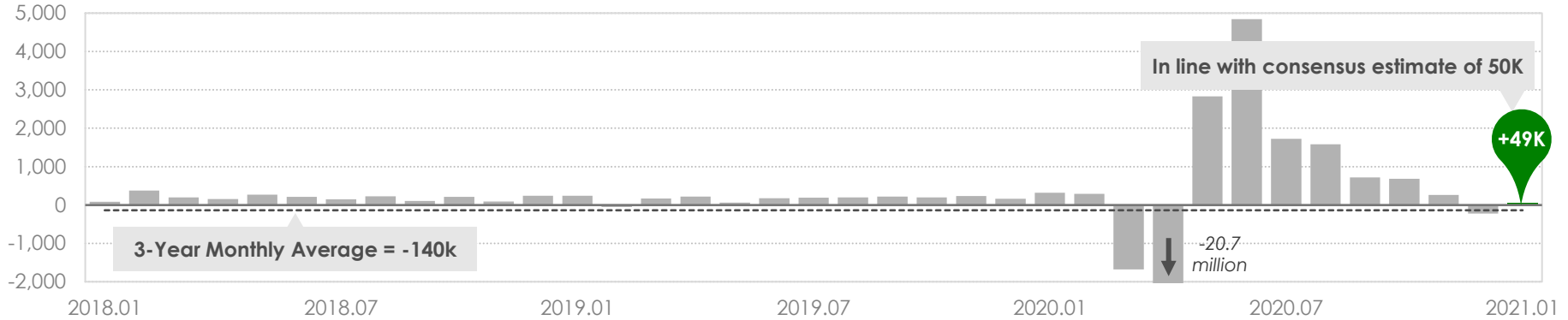
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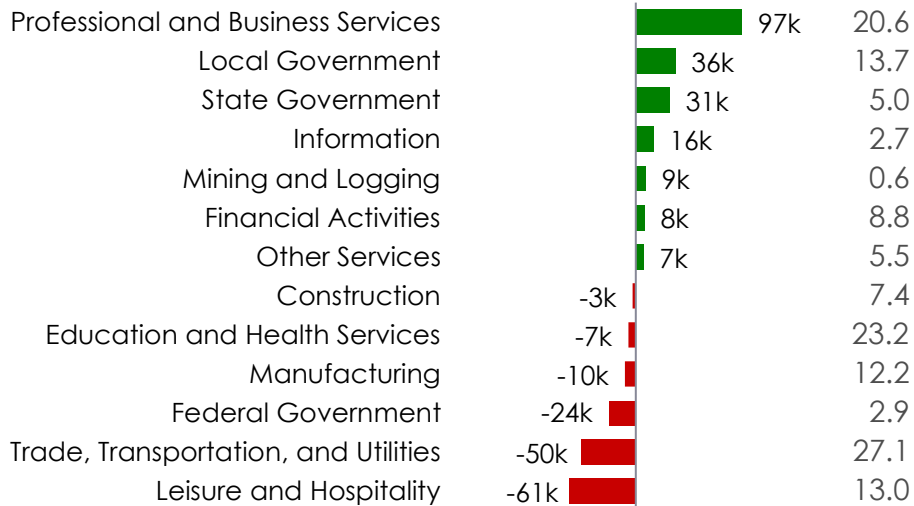
JOB GROWTH

Monthly Change in Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Thousands



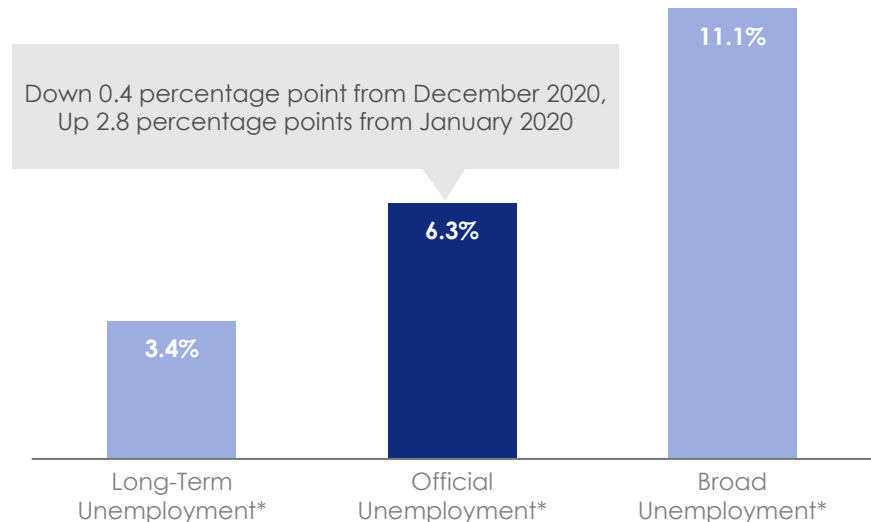
JOB GROWTH BY SECTOR

Monthly Change in Payroll Employment



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Percentage



* Long-term unemployment accounts for those that have been unemployed for 15 weeks or more (U1); Official unemployment accounts for all those unemployed (U3); Broad unemployment accounts for all those unemployed plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force and those employed part-time for economic reasons (U6).

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+49k Change in Payroll Employment

The US labor market gained 49k jobs in January, in line with expectations. However, a downward revision to December employment indicates January's increase is weaker than the headline number suggests. The increase was concentrated in Professional & Business Services, Local Government, and State Government.

6.3% Unemployment Rate

The headline unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage point to 6.3% in January. As in prior months during the pandemic, part of the decline can be attributed to a worrying fall in labor force participation. Long-term unemployment, the share of the labor force unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, was unchanged at 3.4%.

61.4% Labor Force Participation Rate

The labor force participation rate ticked down 0.1 percentage point to 61.4% in January and is down 2.0 percentage points from January of last year.

5.4% Annual Change in Average Hourly Earnings

Average hourly earnings rose six cents in January to \$29.96, 5.4% above year-ago levels. Average earnings remain artificially elevated because pandemic job losses to date have been concentrated in lower-wage occupations.