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# The Economy and The Shifting Workforce



Employment and wage growth



Changes to the labor force





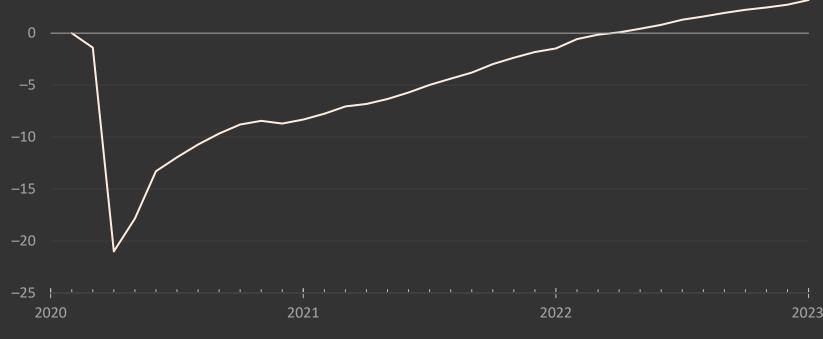
# **Employment and Wage Growth**

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# Employment Gap Fully Closed in Mid-2022

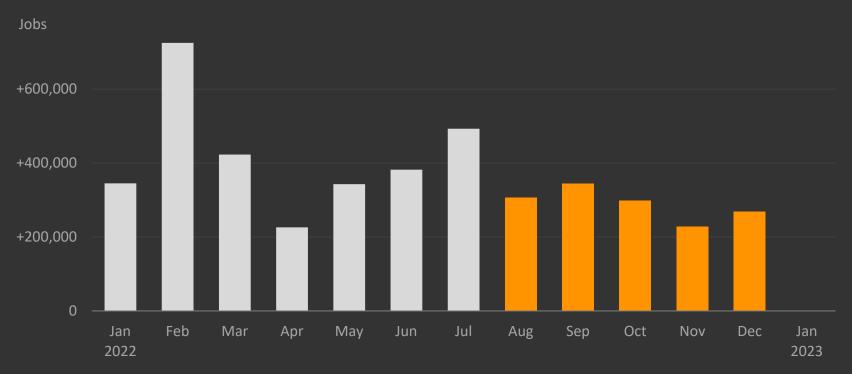
Private Industry Employment Since the Pandemic's Start

Millions





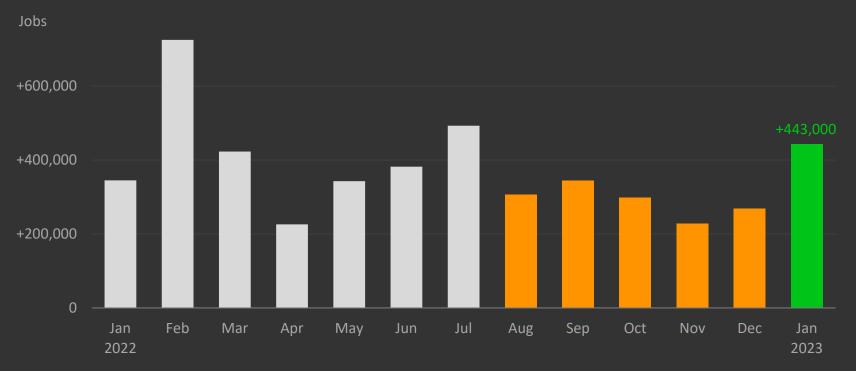
#### Steady but Slower Job Growth in the Second Half of 2022 Monthly Change in Private Industry Employment



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics



#### ...But a Big Employment Gain in January 2023 Monthly Change in Private Industry Employment



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics



#### Payroll and Premium Distribution by Industry Group Residual and Voluntary Markets

	Payroll		Premium	
	Voluntary Market	Assigned Risk Market	Voluntary Market	Assigned Risk Market
Contracting	6%	17%	22%	45%
Goods and Services	19%	26%	32%	23%
Miscellaneous	5%	12%	18%	22%
Manufacturing	9%	5%	17%	5%
Office and Clerical	61%	40%	11%	4%

Policy Periods: 2018–2021; includes all states where NCCI provides Pool and Plan Administration services Market values not summing to 100% are due to rounding Source: NCCI policy data



## Some Sectors Had Big Employment Changes

Cumulative Employment Changes Through January 2023

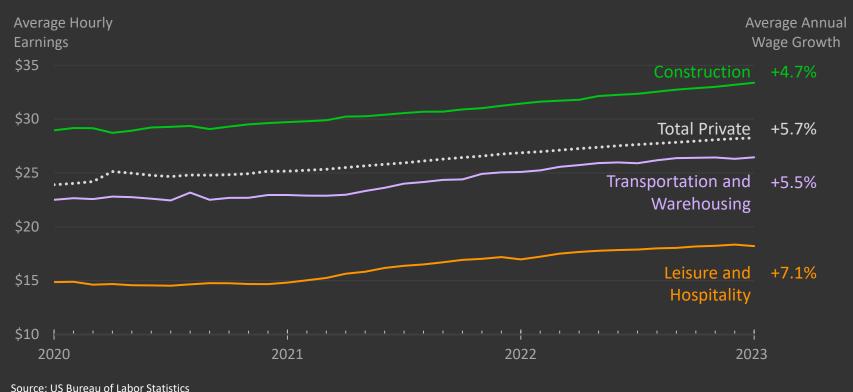
Sector	No. of Jobs	%
Professional and Business Services	+1,475,000	+6.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	+962,500	+15.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	+278,400	+1.3
Construction	+276,000	+3.6
Financial Activities	+245,000	+2.8
Manufacturing	+214,000	+1.7
Information	+211,000	+7.3
Retail and Wholesale Trade	+110,800	+0.5
Educational Services	+82,500	+2.2
Mining and Logging	-55,000	-8.0
Other Services	-121,000	-2.0
Leisure and Hospitality	-495,000	-2.9
Total Private	+3,184,000	+2.5

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics



## Wage Growth Is Still High

#### **Production and Nonsupervisory Workers**







# **The Changing Labor Force**

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## Great Reshuffle: Workers Compensation Impacts

- Changing industry mix
- More remote work
- More short-tenured workers
- Is the Great Reshuffle over?



# Hiring Slowed in Late 2022

#### Hire Rates Compared to Pre-Pandemic Average

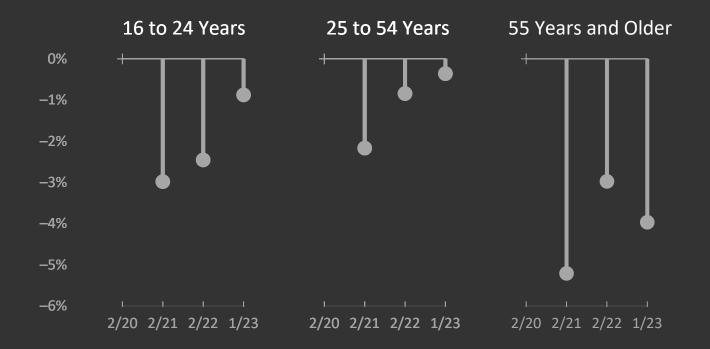


# Labor Force Participation Remains Below Pre-Pandemic Rate





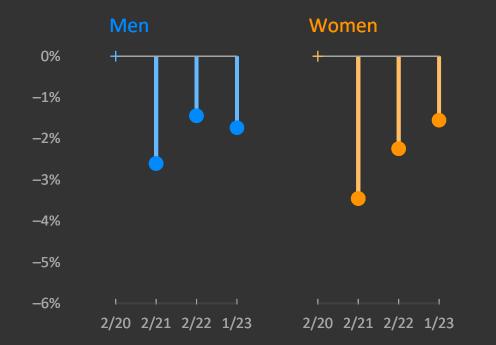
#### Older Workers Slowest to Return to the Labor Force Change in the Labor Force Participation Rate Since February 2020





# Women Are Returning to the Workforce

Change in the Labor Force Participation Rate Since February 2020

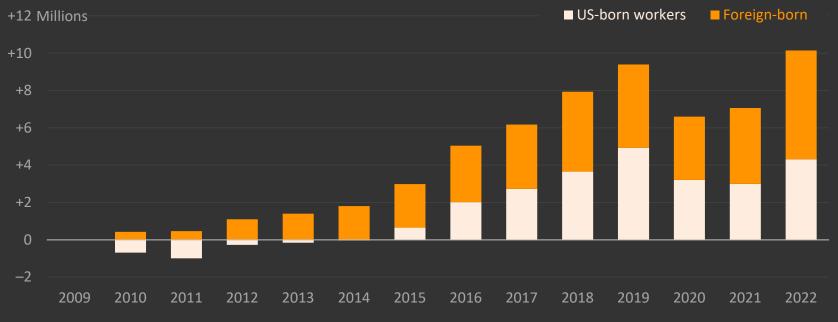


January 2023: The change in labor force participation since February 2020 is now similar for men and women



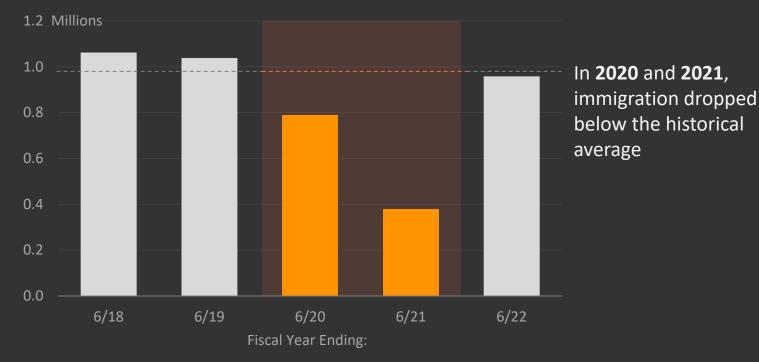
# Foreign-Born Workers Make Outsized Contributions to Labor Force Growth

Cumulative Growth in the US Labor Force Since the Great Recession





#### Immigration Slowed Substantially During the Pandemic Work and Immigrant Visas Issued

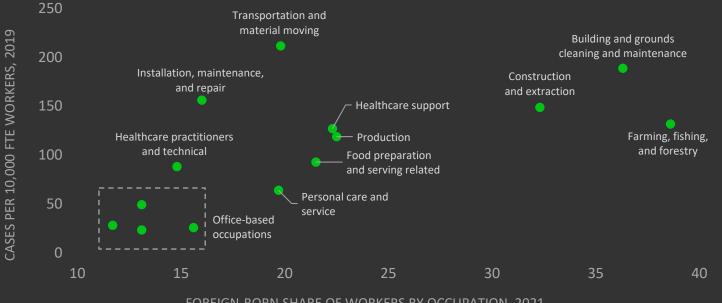


Fiscal year (FY) values represent July 1–June 30; for example, FY 2020 covers the period July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020 Source: US Census Bureau



# Worker Occupation, Birthplace, and Frequency

Foreign-Born Share of Workers in Relation to Workplace Frequency by Occupation



FOREIGN-BORN SHARE OF WORKERS BY OCCUPATION, 2021

Workplace-related injury and illness cases with days away from work per 10,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers Office-based occupations include professional, sales, management, and administrative occupations Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics







### New normal labor market



## Reduced labor force

