# Charting the labor market: Data from the Current Population Survey (CPS)

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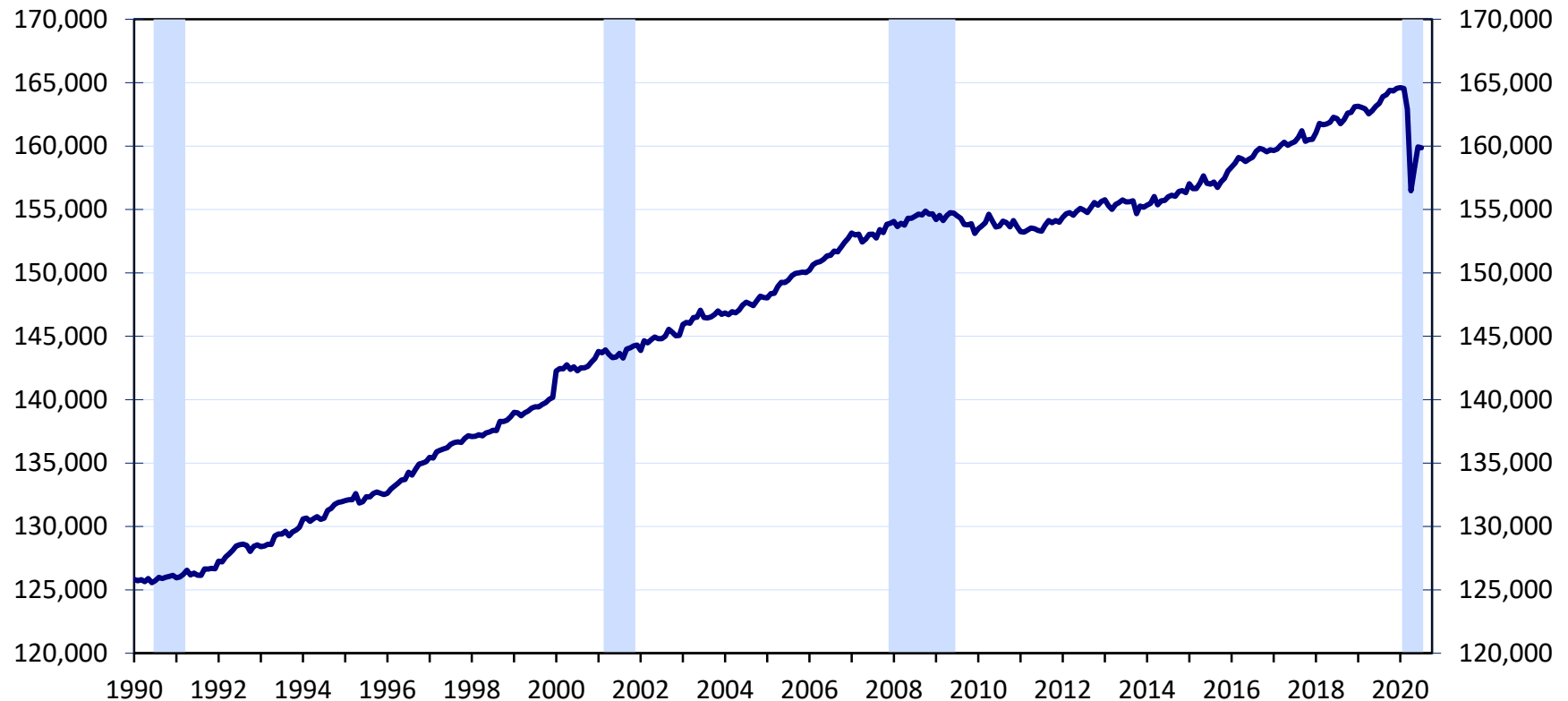
Numbers in thousands



Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). An endpoint for the recession that began in February 2020 has not yet been determined. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS11000000.

# Chart 2. Civilian labor force participation rate

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020



Percent

July 2020
61.4 percent

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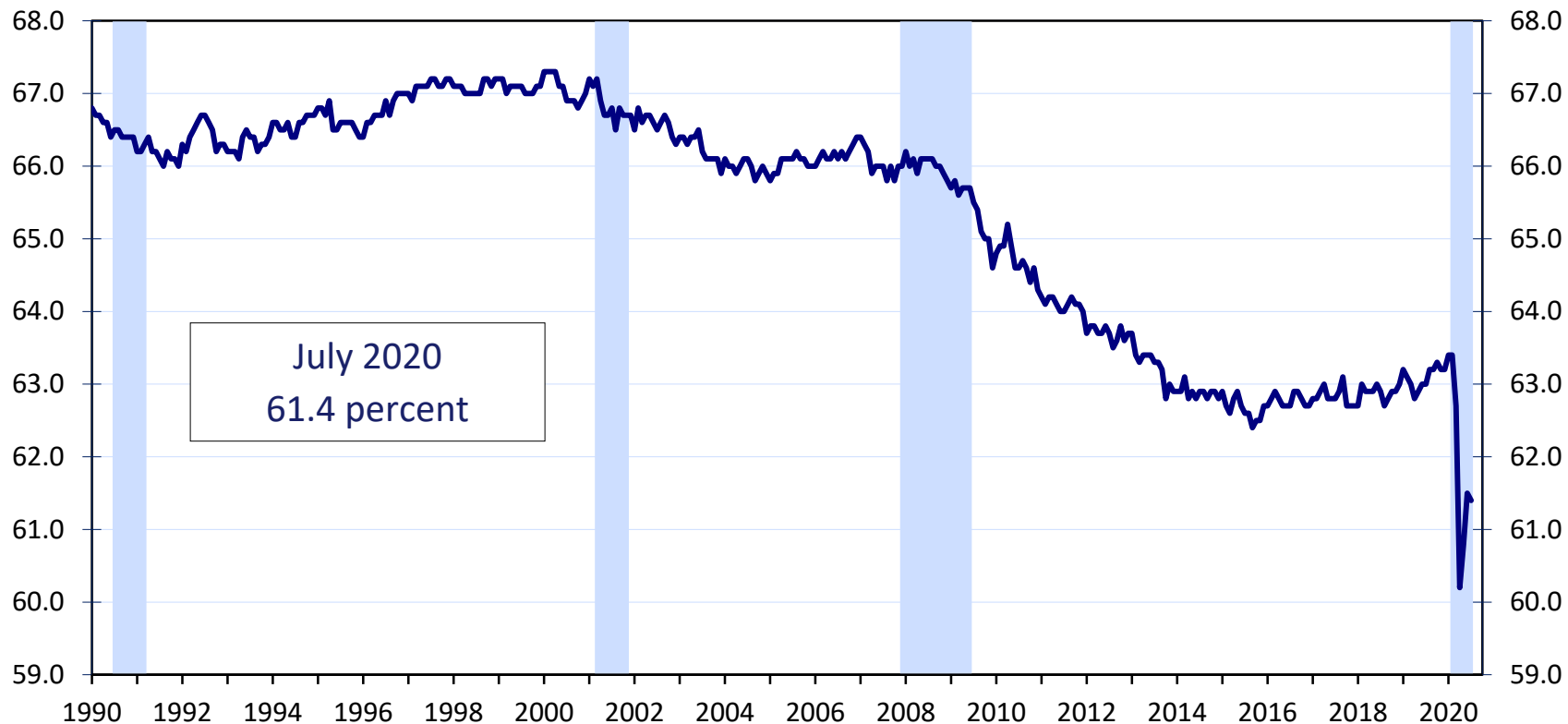## Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

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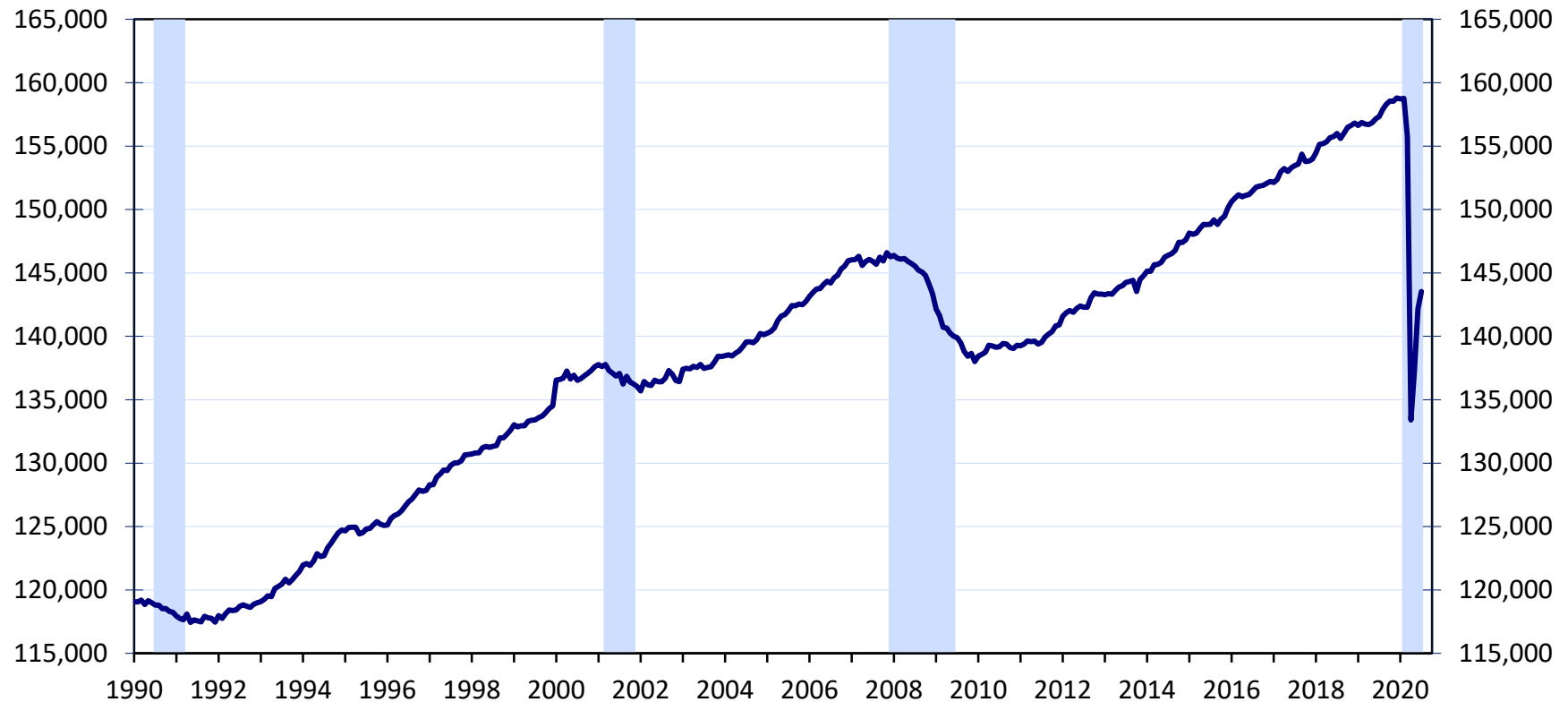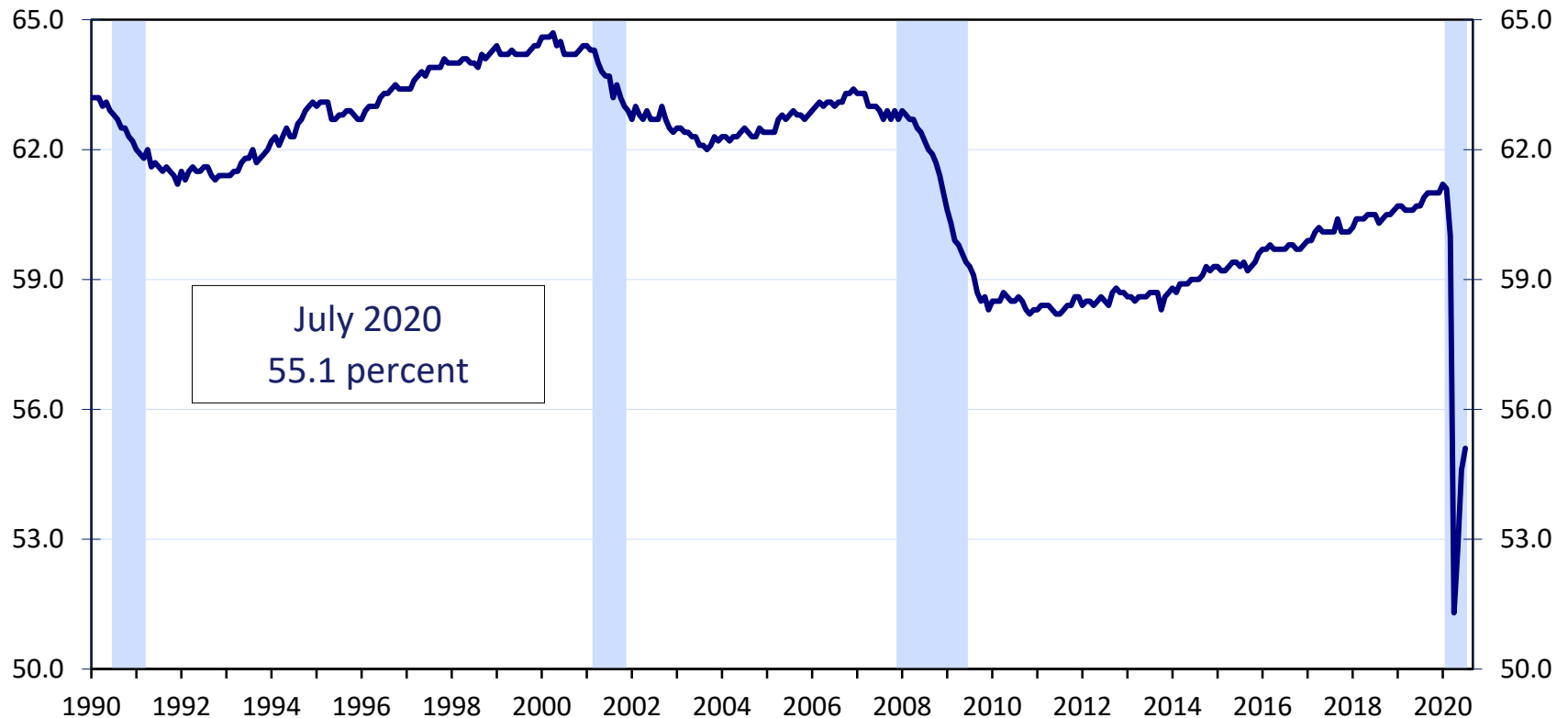
Percent

July 2020
55.1 percent

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## Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020
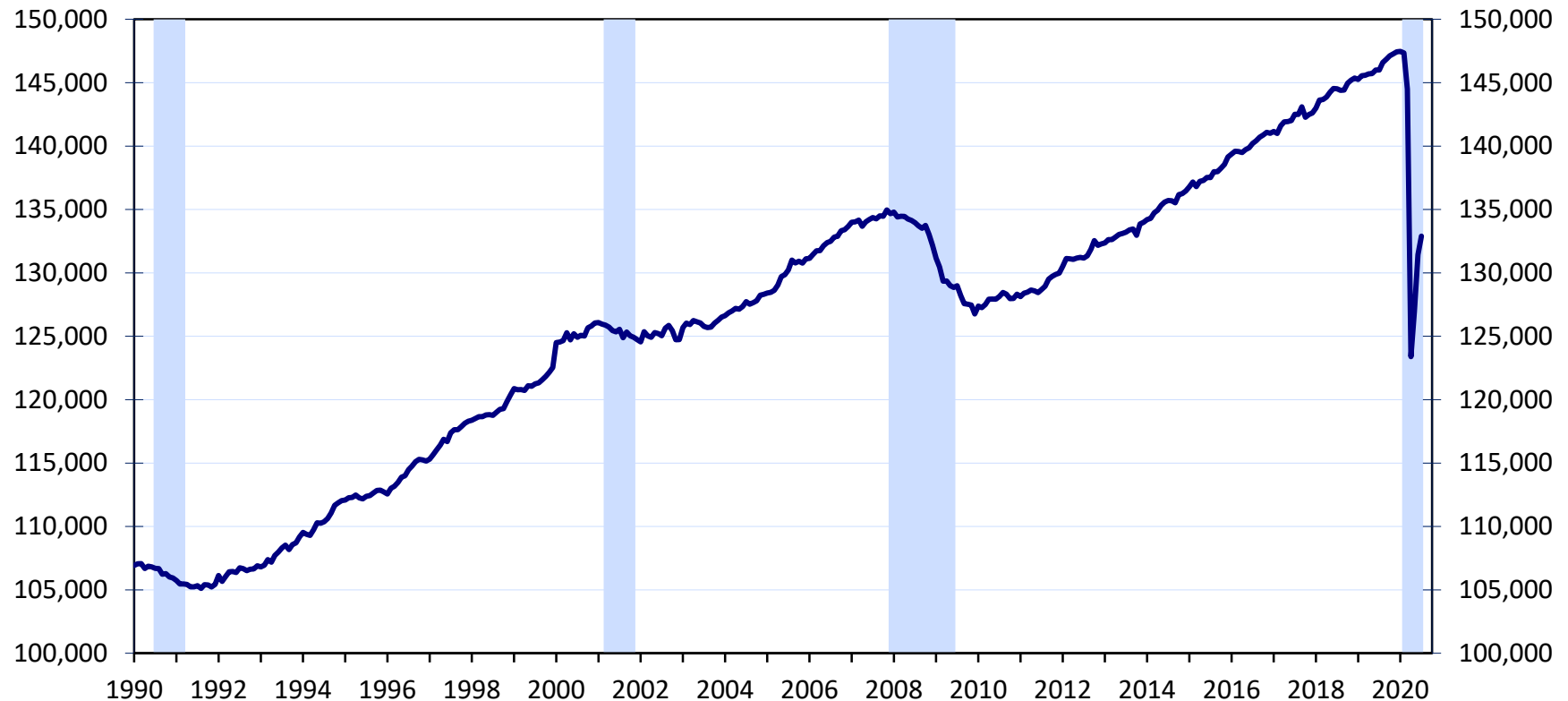
Numbers in thousands



Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). An endpoint for the recession that began in February 2020 has not yet been determined. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS12032187.
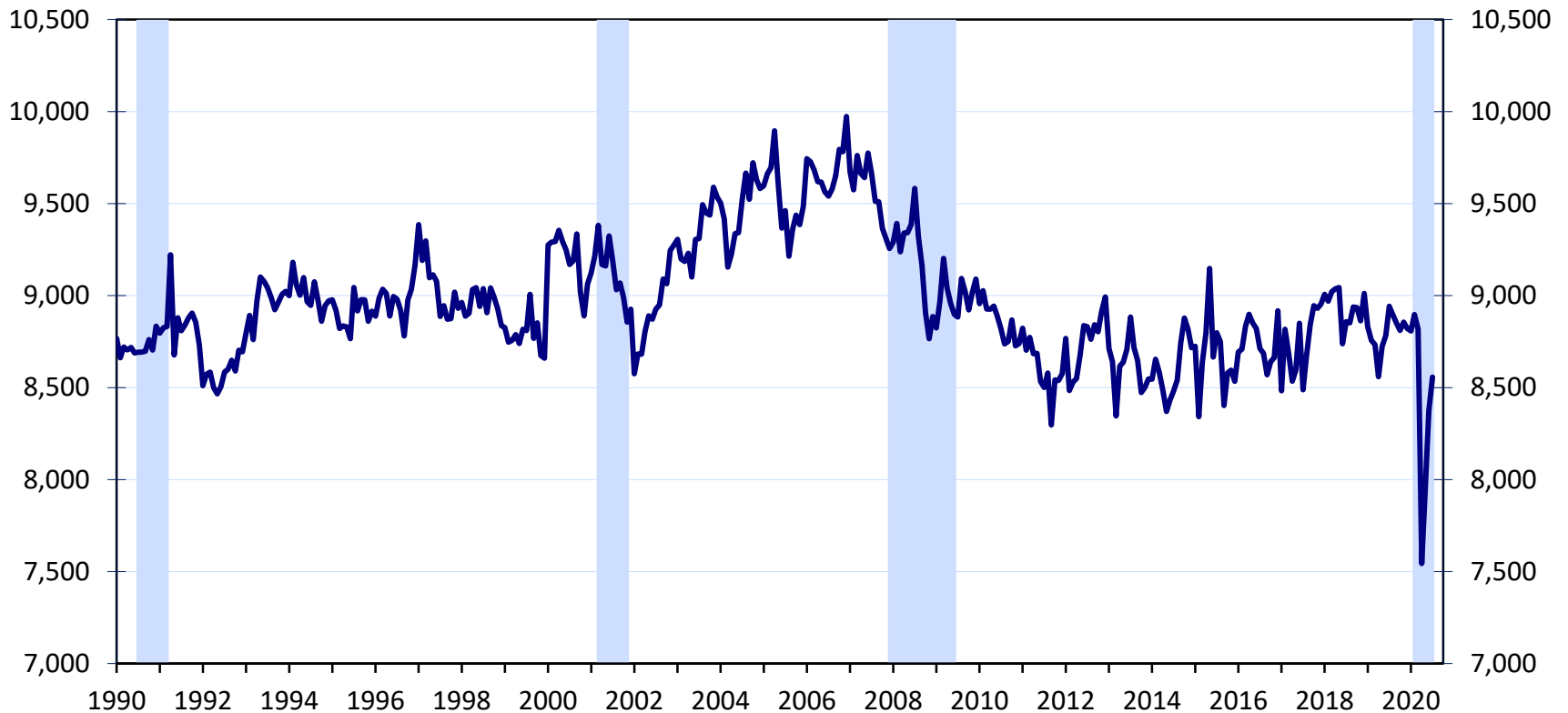
# Chart 6. Nonagricultural self-employed, unincorporated
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Numbers in thousands



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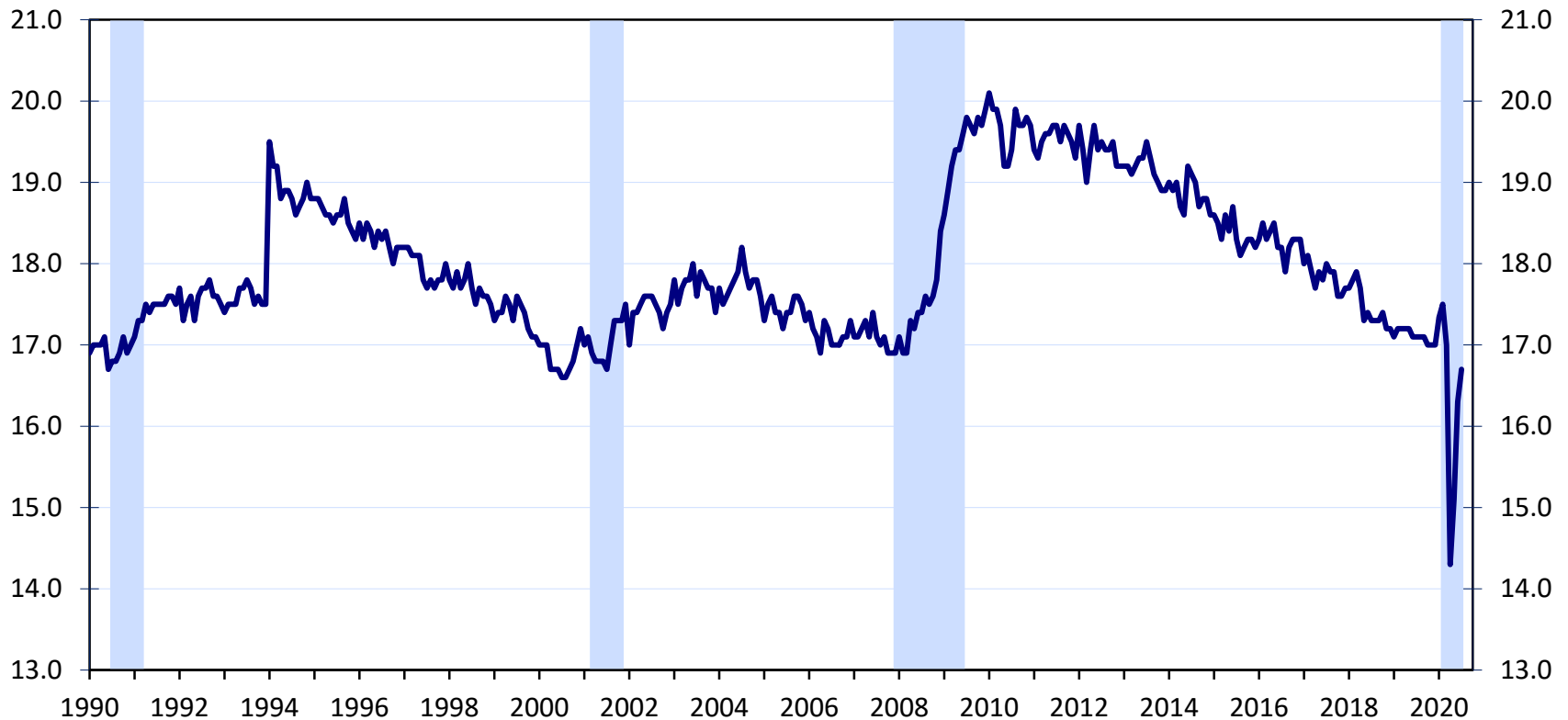
## Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Percent



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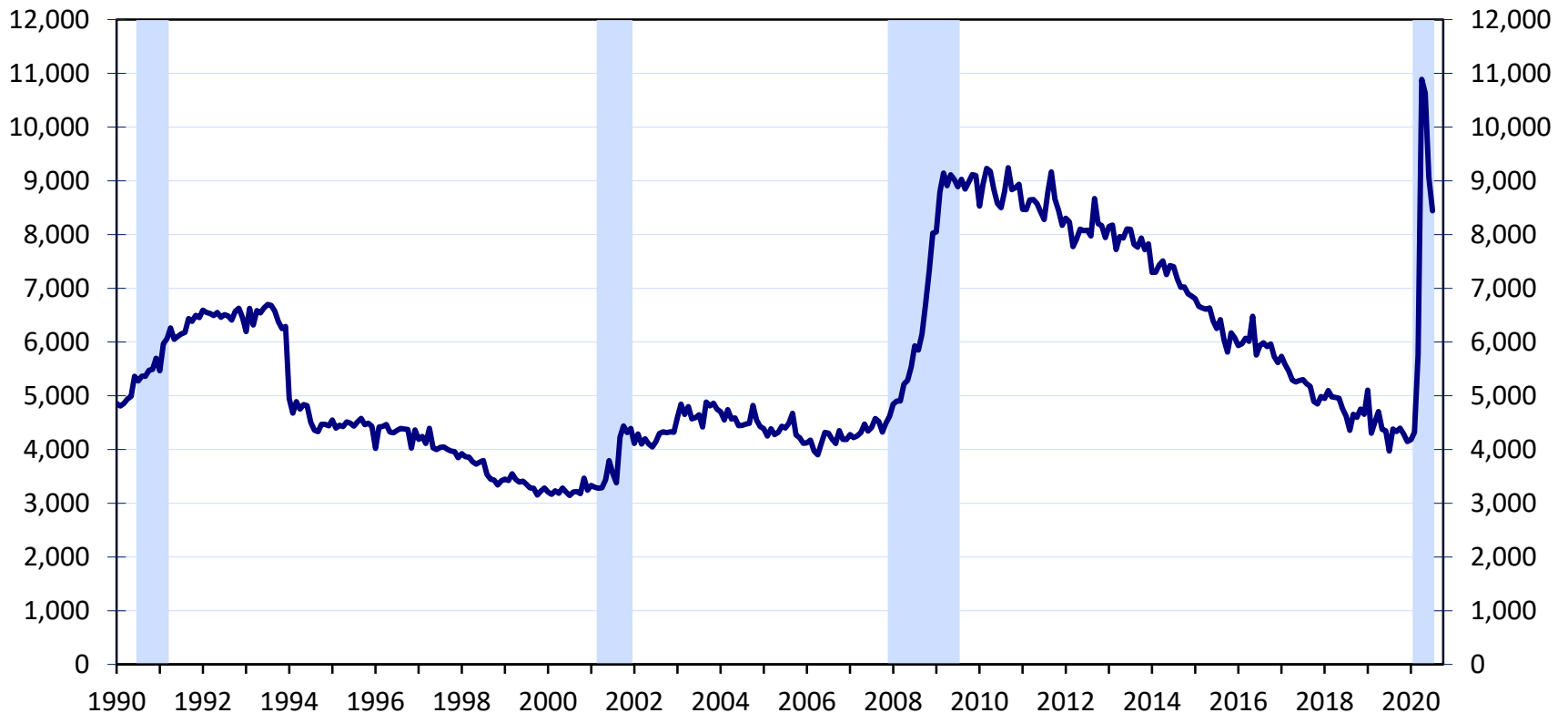Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Numbers in thousands



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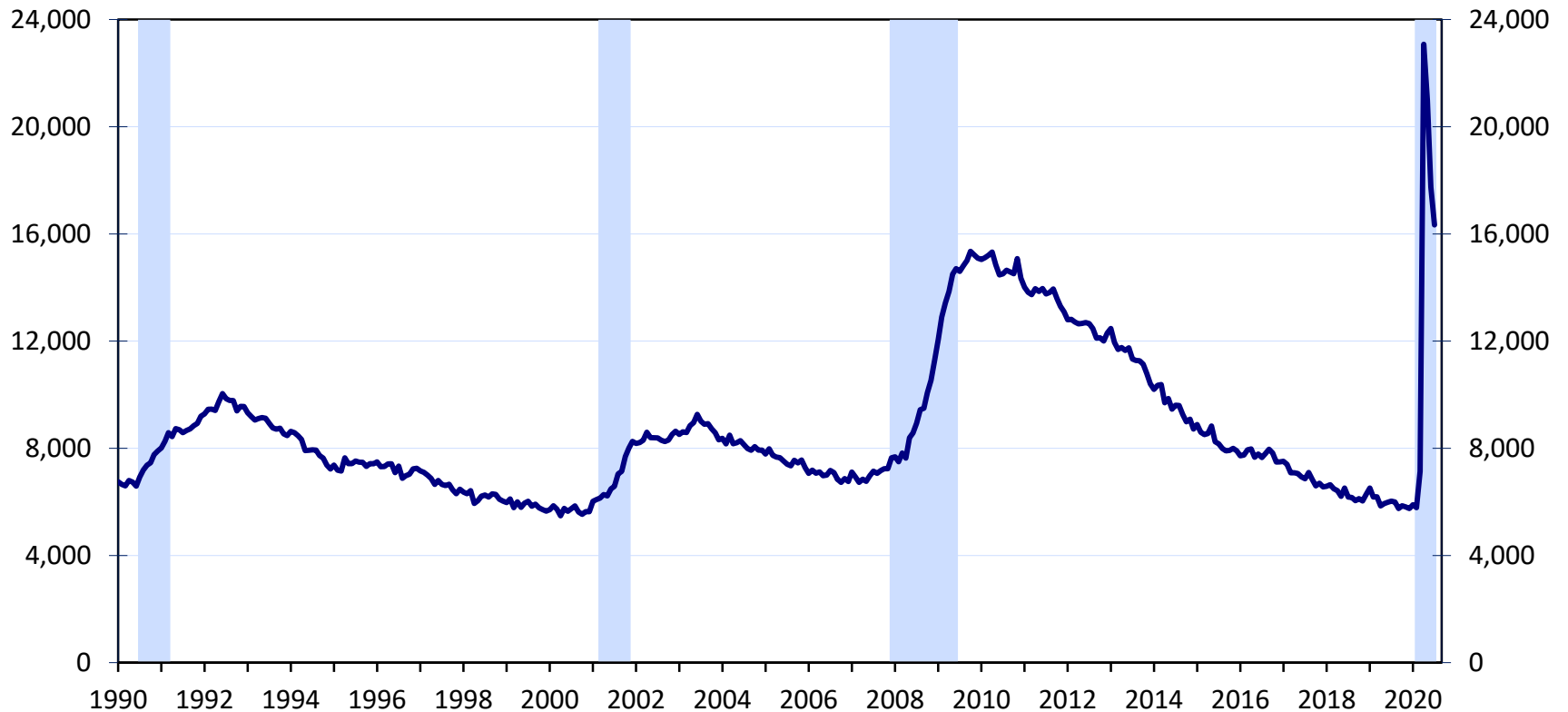Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

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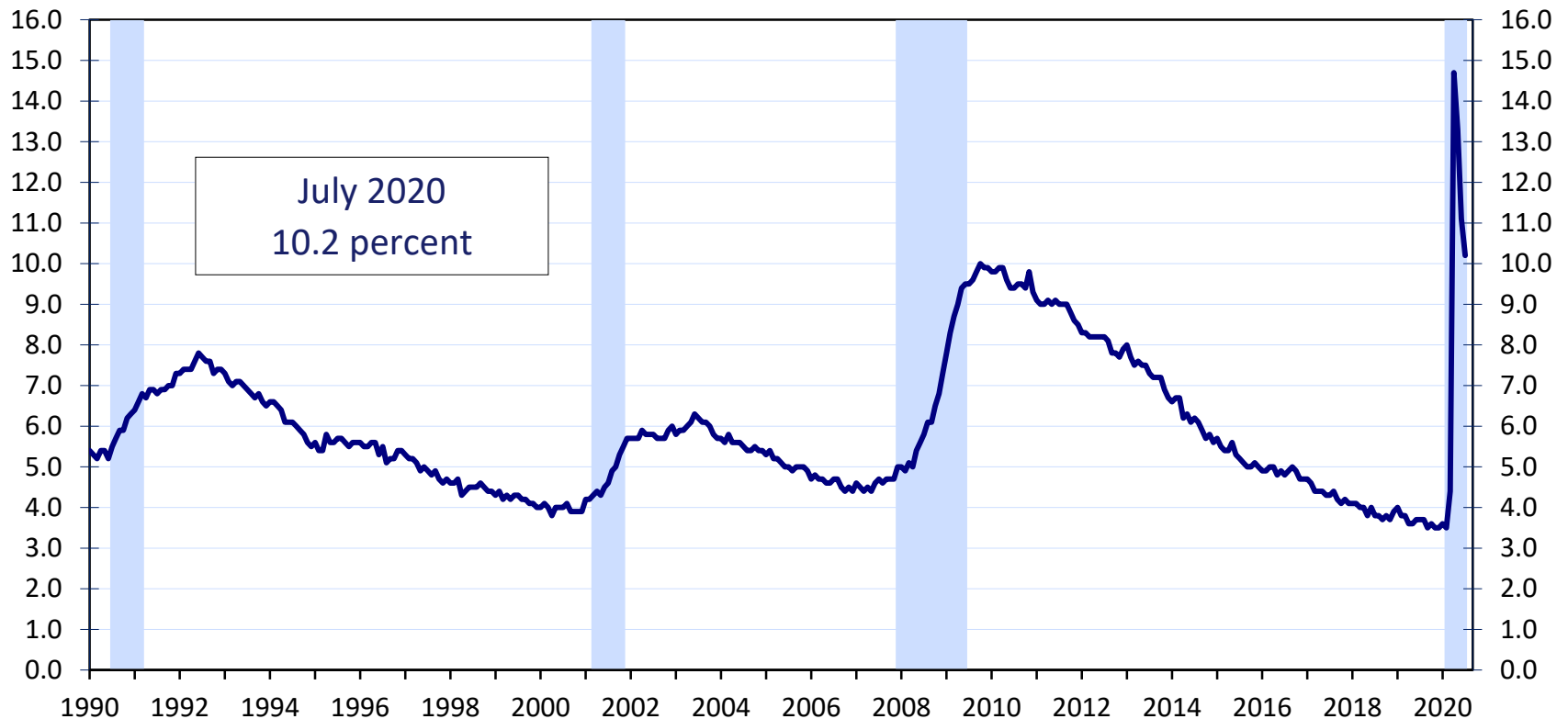Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Percent



July 2020
10.2 percent

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). An endpoint for the recession that began in February 2020 has not yet been determined. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14000000.

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Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Numbers in thousands



15 to 26 weeks

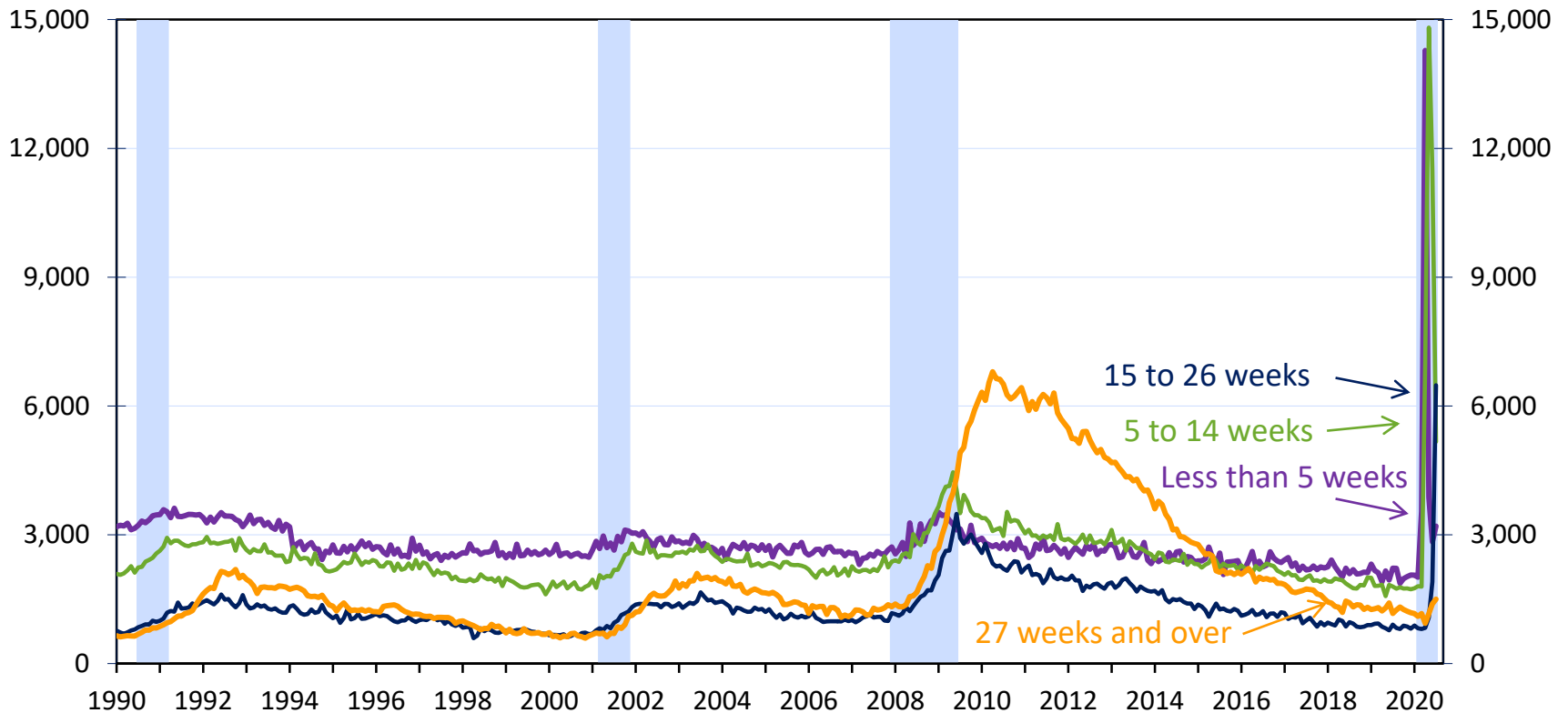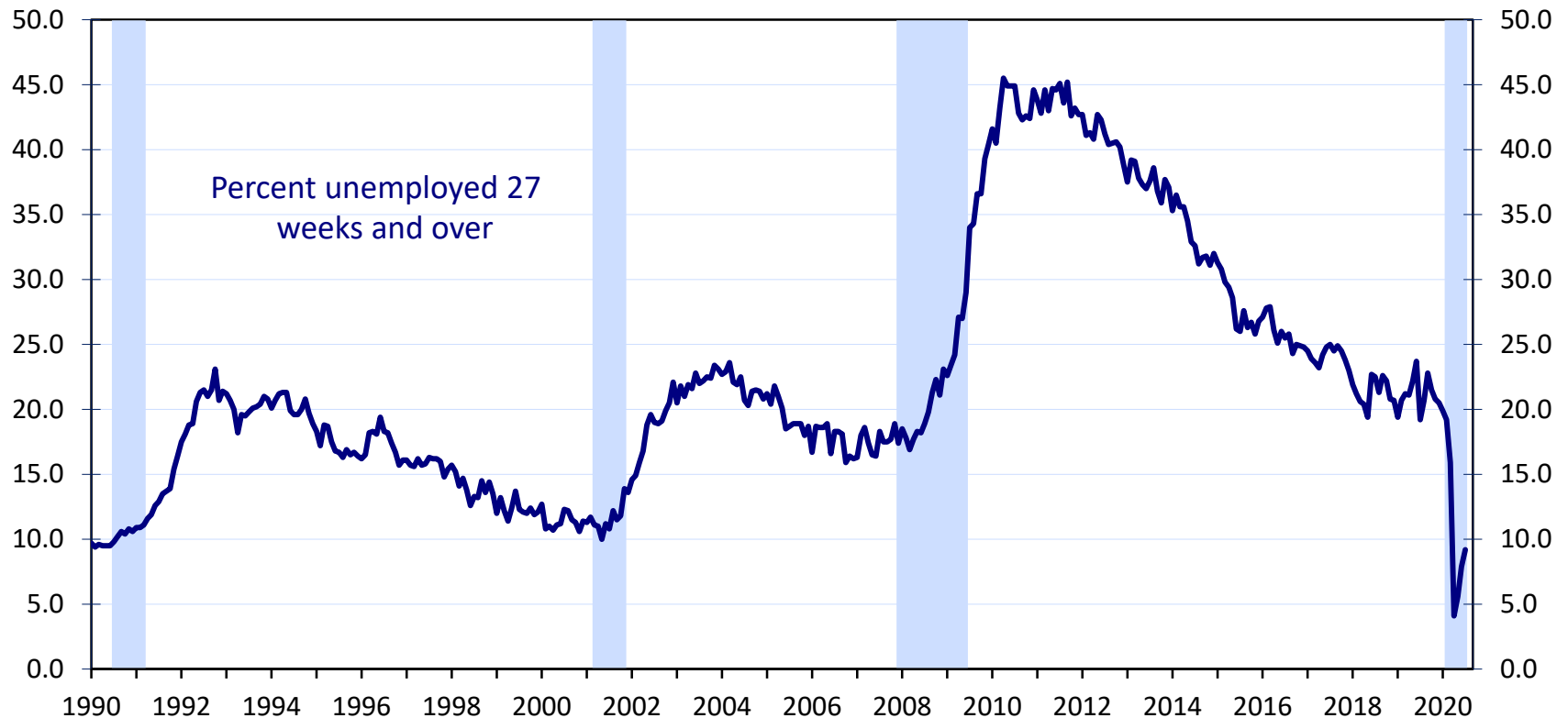5 to 14 weeks

Less than 5 weeks

27 weeks and over

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). An endpoint for the recession that began in February 2020 has not yet been determined. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13008396&series_id=LNS13008756&series_id=LNS13008876&series_id=LNS13008636.

# Chart 12. Long-term unemployed as a percent of total unemployed

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Percent



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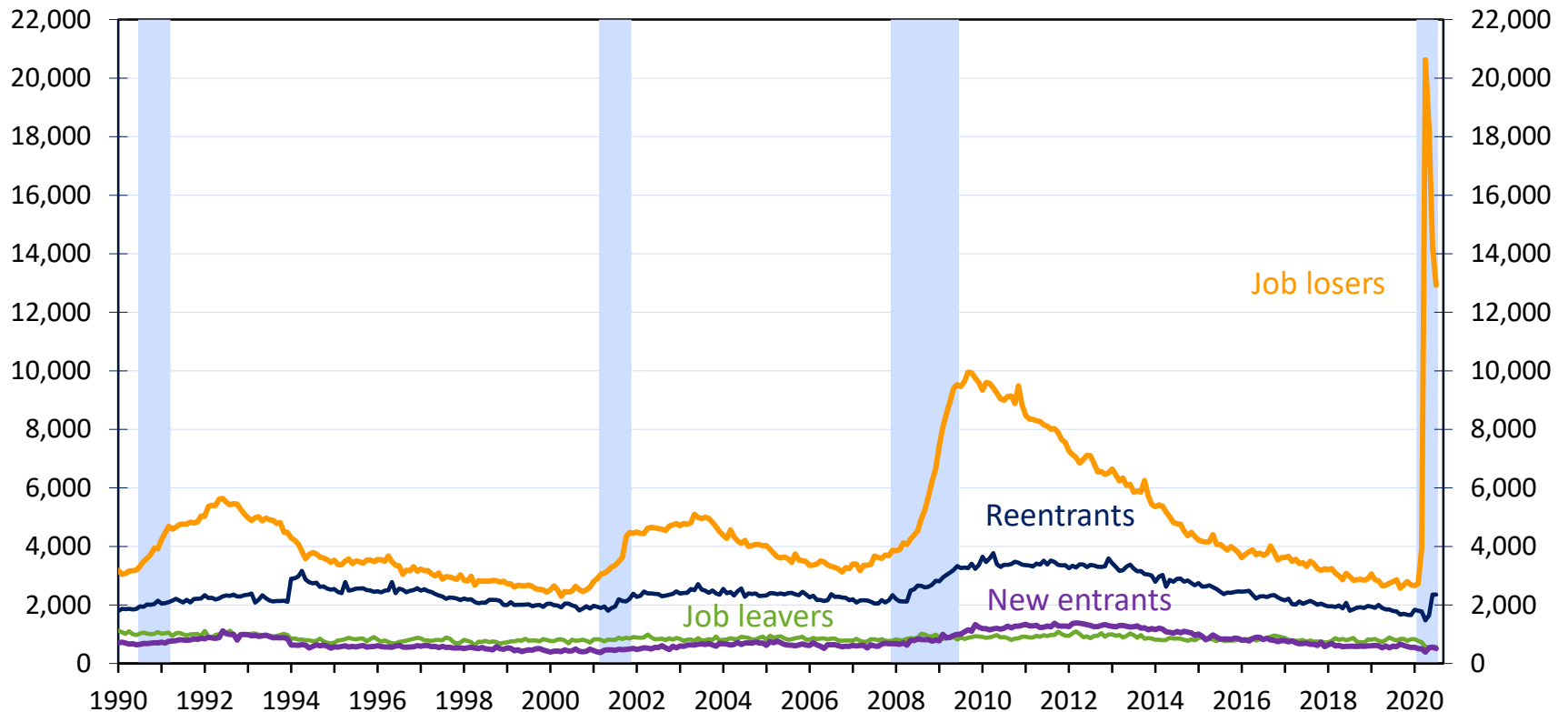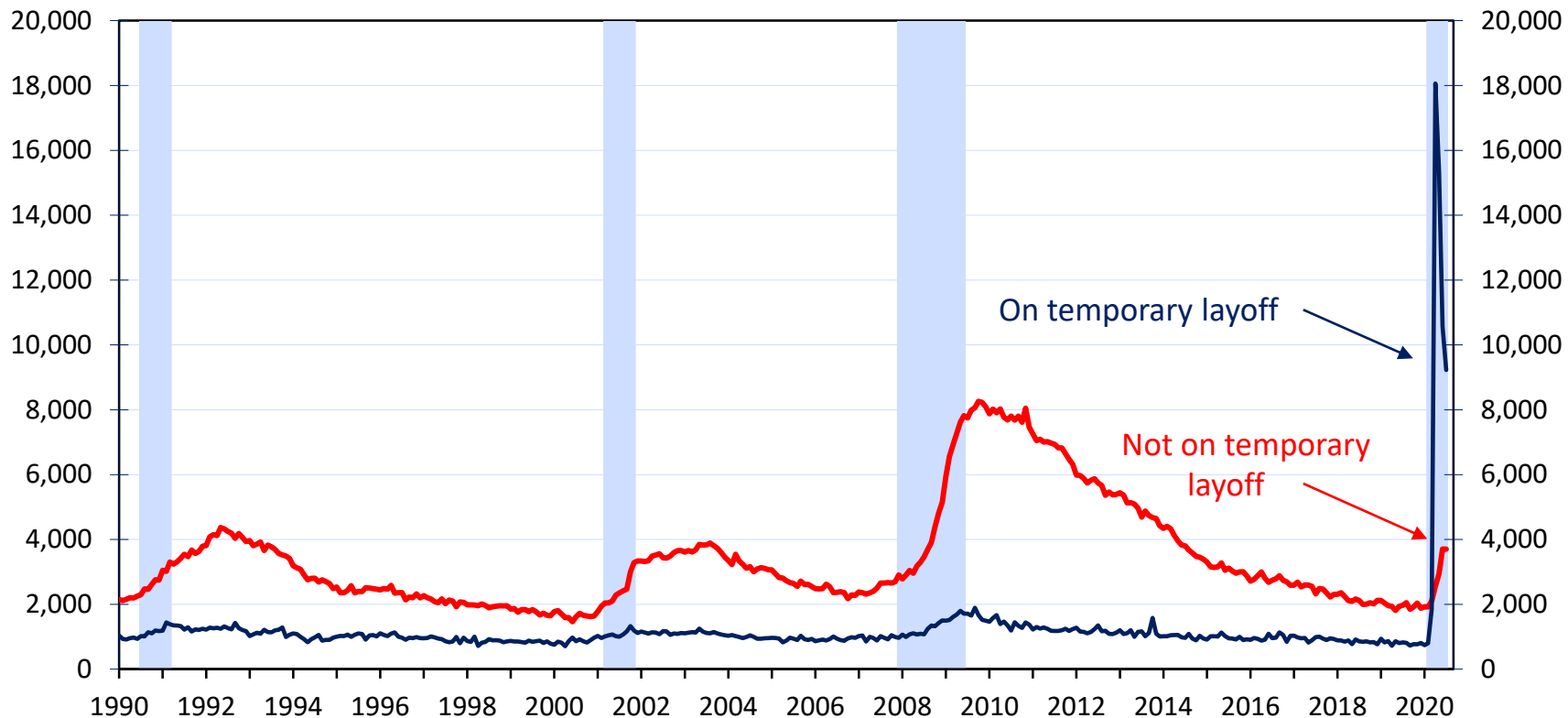Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Numbers in thousands



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Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Numbers in thousands



On temporary layoff

Not on temporary layoff

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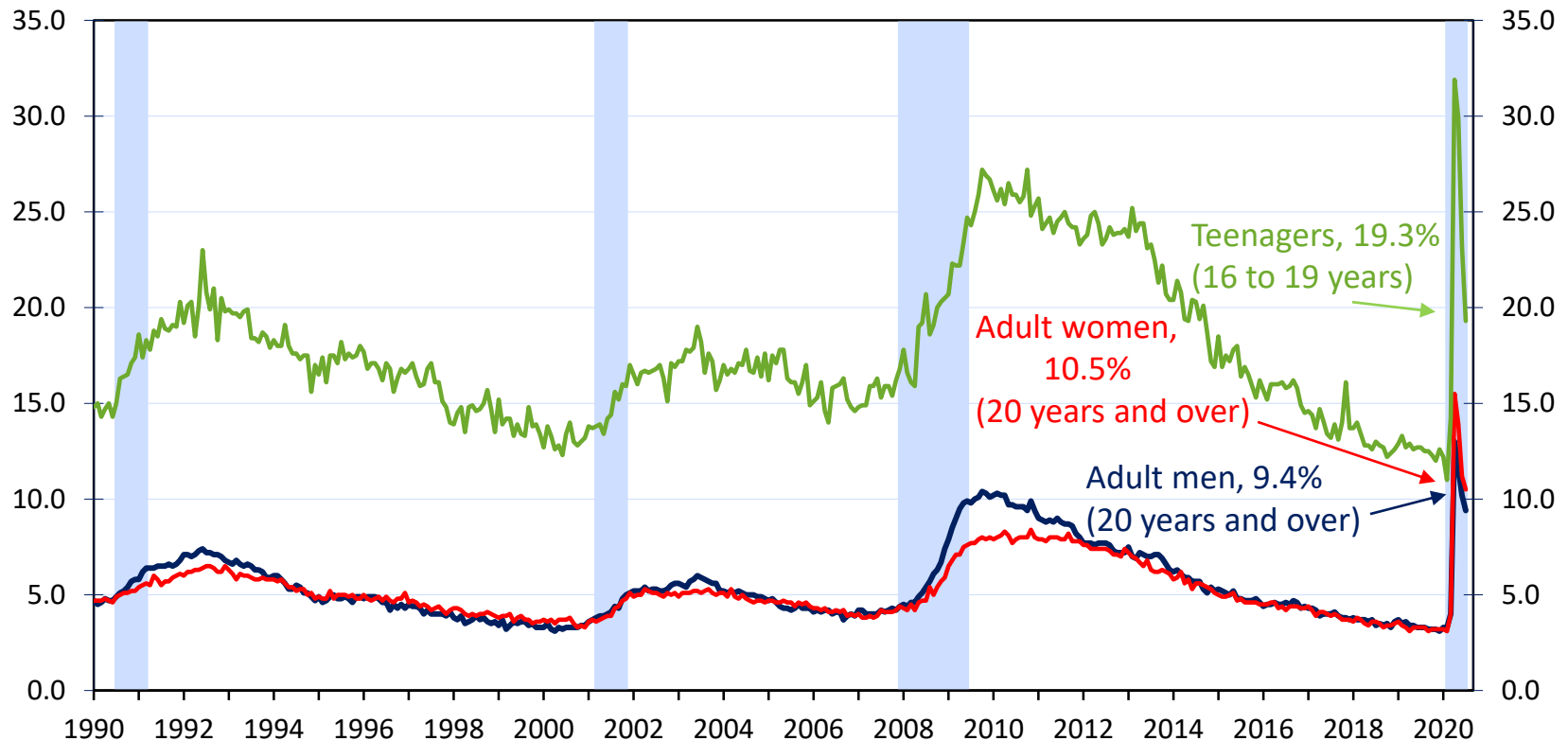## Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020

Percent



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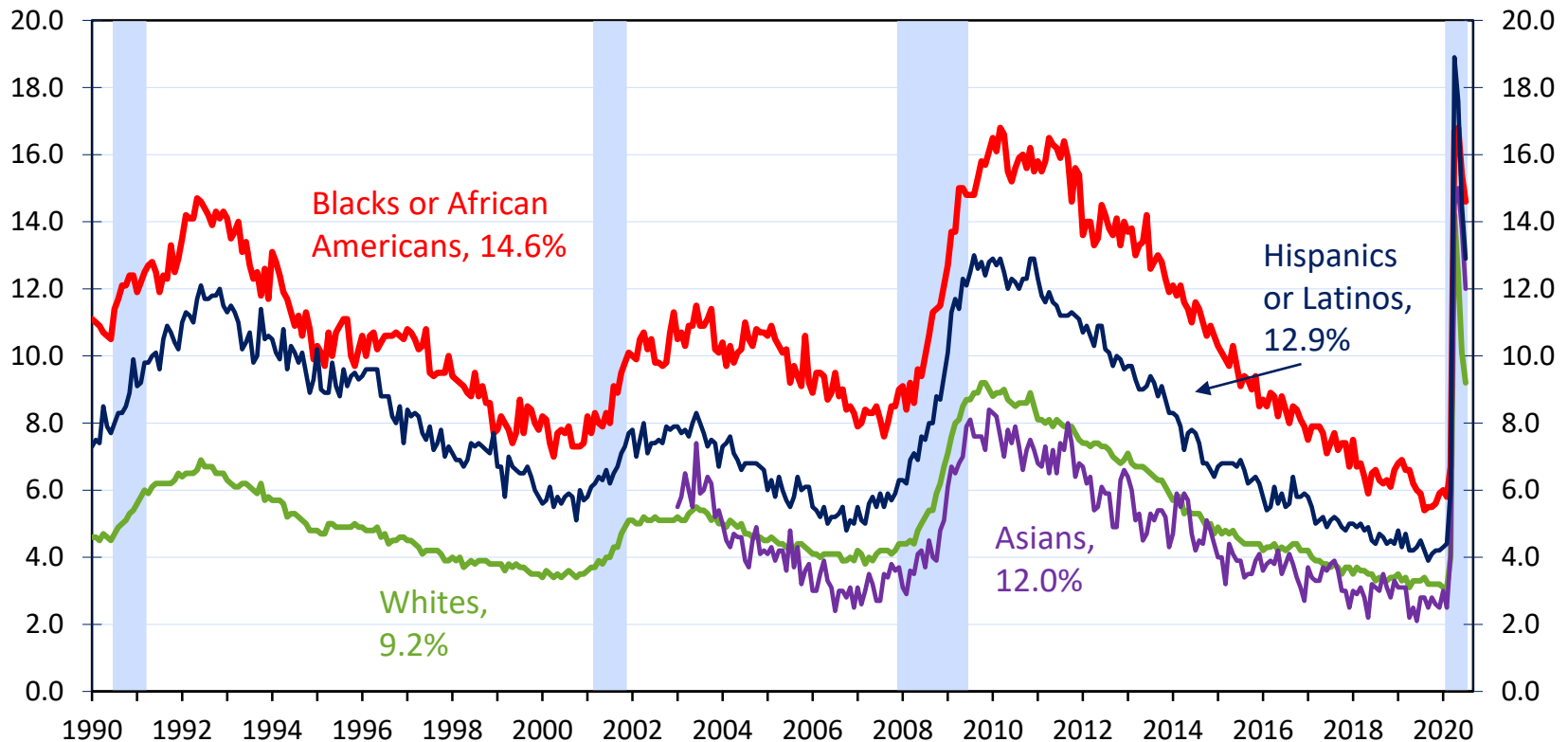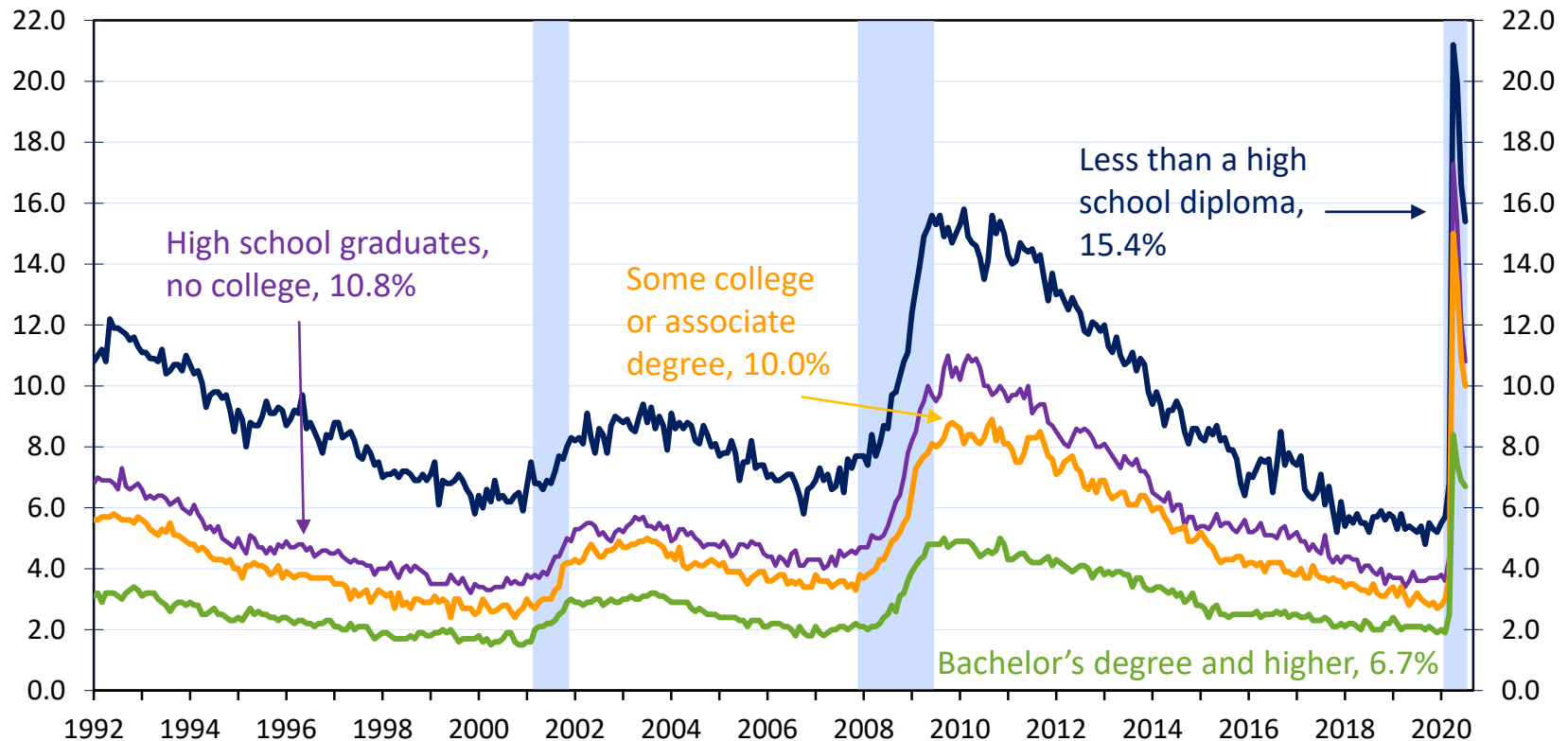## Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2020



Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). An endpoint for the recession that began in February 2020 has not yet been determined. Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be of any race. Seasonally adjusted data for Asians are not available before 2003. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14000003&series_id=LNS14000006&series_id=LNS14032183&series_id=LNS14000009.

# Chart 17. Unemployment rates for persons 25 years and older by educational attainment
## Seasonally adjusted, 1992–2020



Percent

High school graduates, no college, 10.8%

Some college or associate degree, 10.0%

Less than a high school diploma, 15.4%

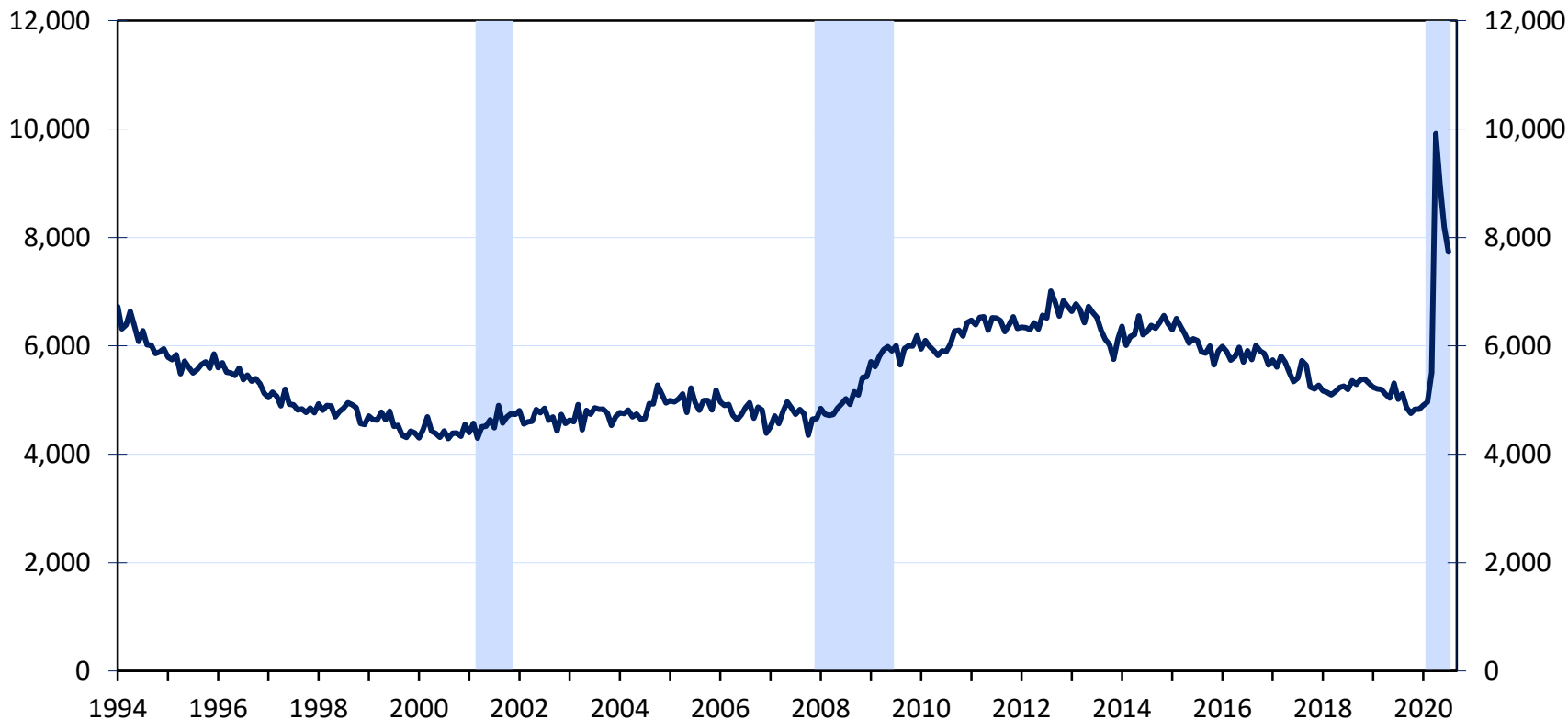Bachelor's degree and higher, 6.7%

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). An endpoint for the recession that began in February 2020 has not yet been determined. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14027659&series_id=LNS14027660&series_id=LNS14027689&series_id=LNS14027662.

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Seasonally adjusted, 1994–2020
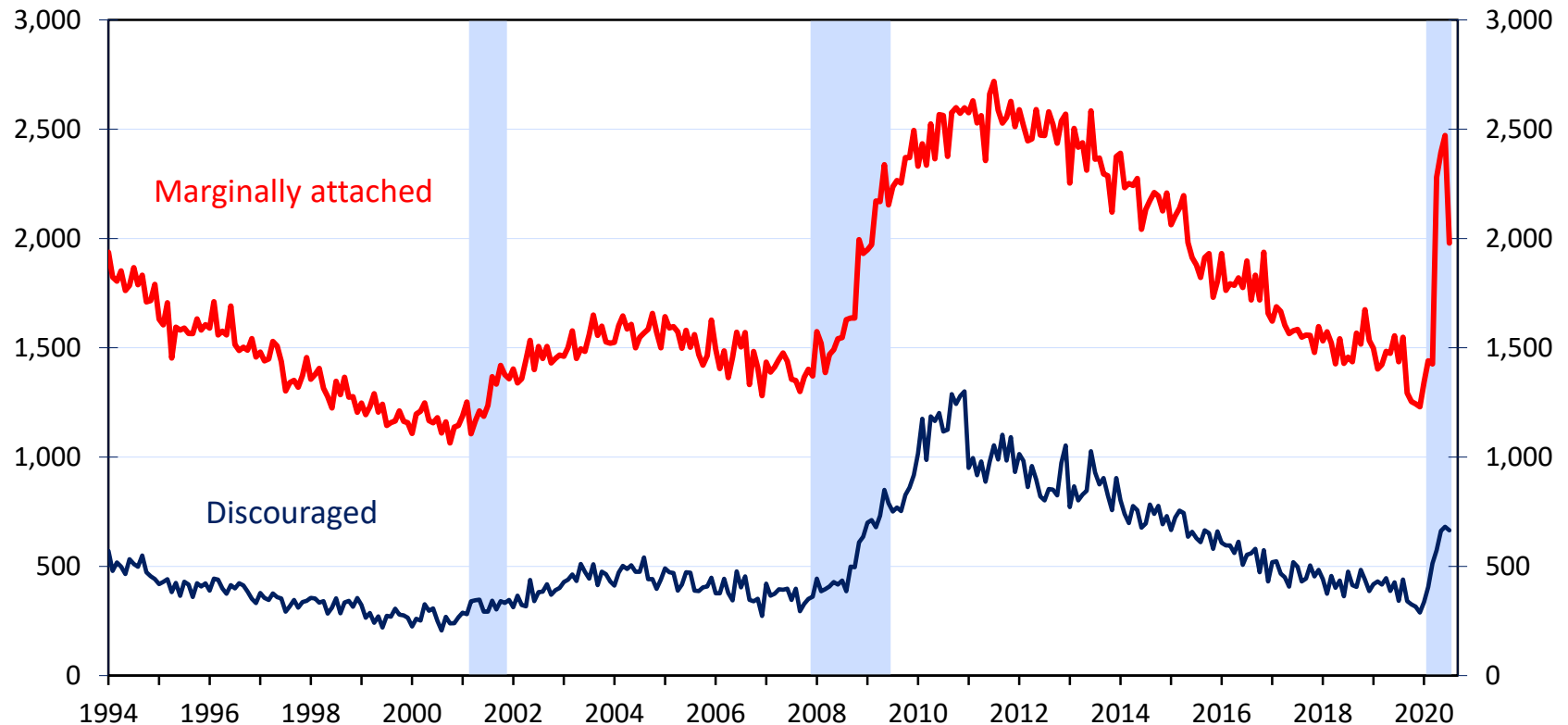
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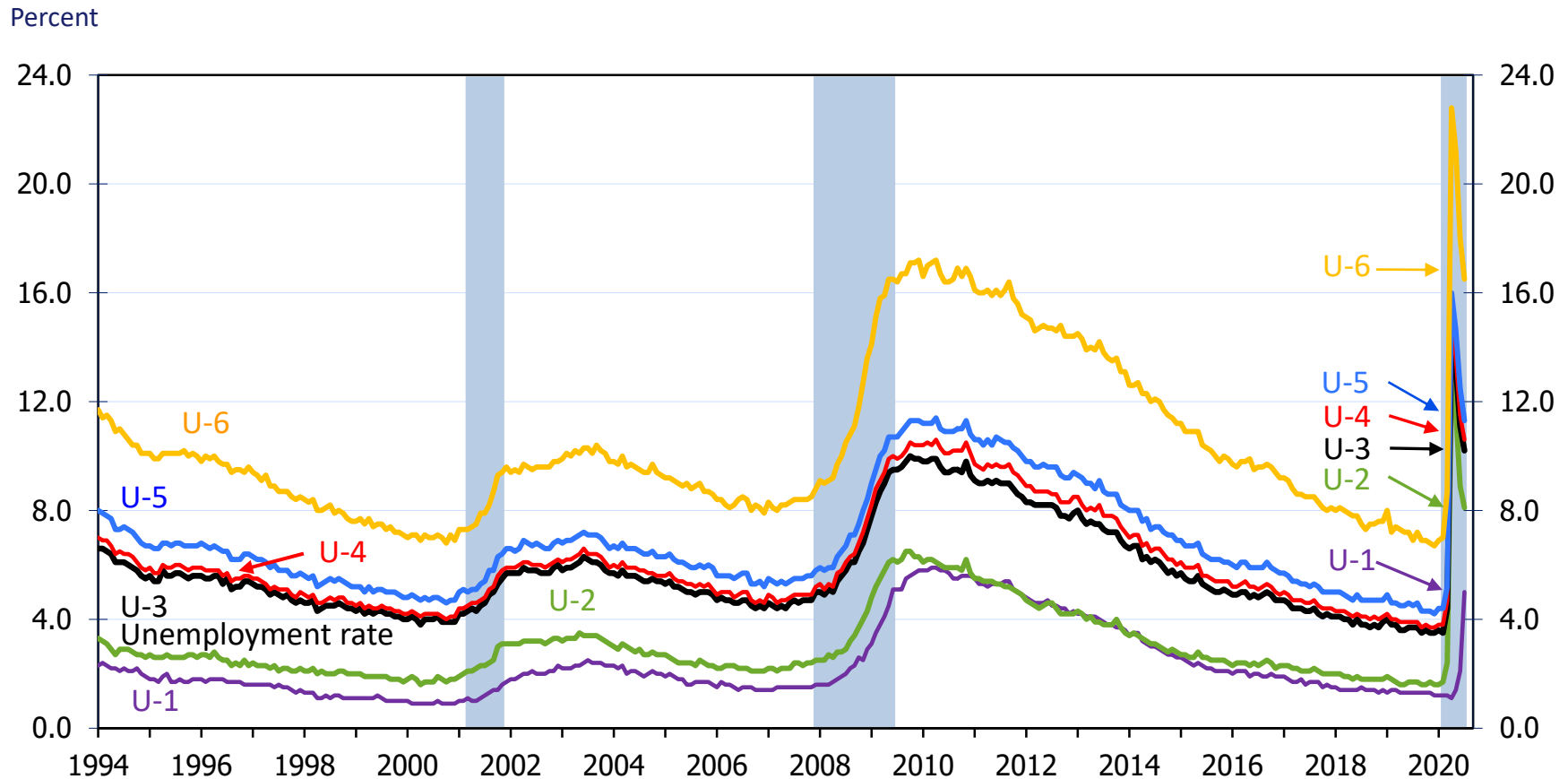
Numbers in thousands



Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). An endpoint for the recession that began in February 2020 has not yet been determined. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS15026642&series_id=LNS15026645.

# Chart 20. Alternative measures of labor underutilization
## Seasonally adjusted, 1994–2020

Percent



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