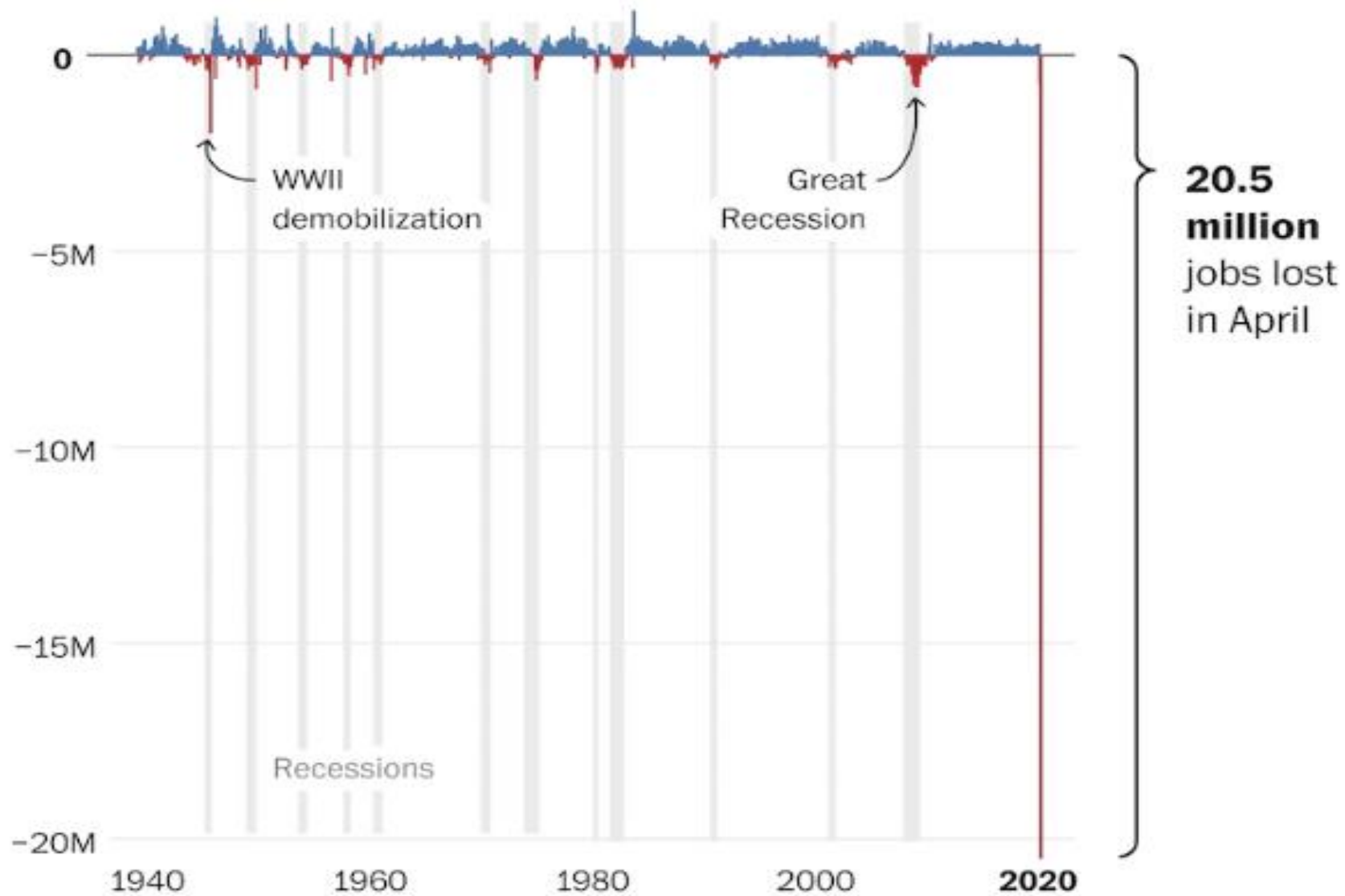


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# Monthly job gains or losses in the U.S. since 1939

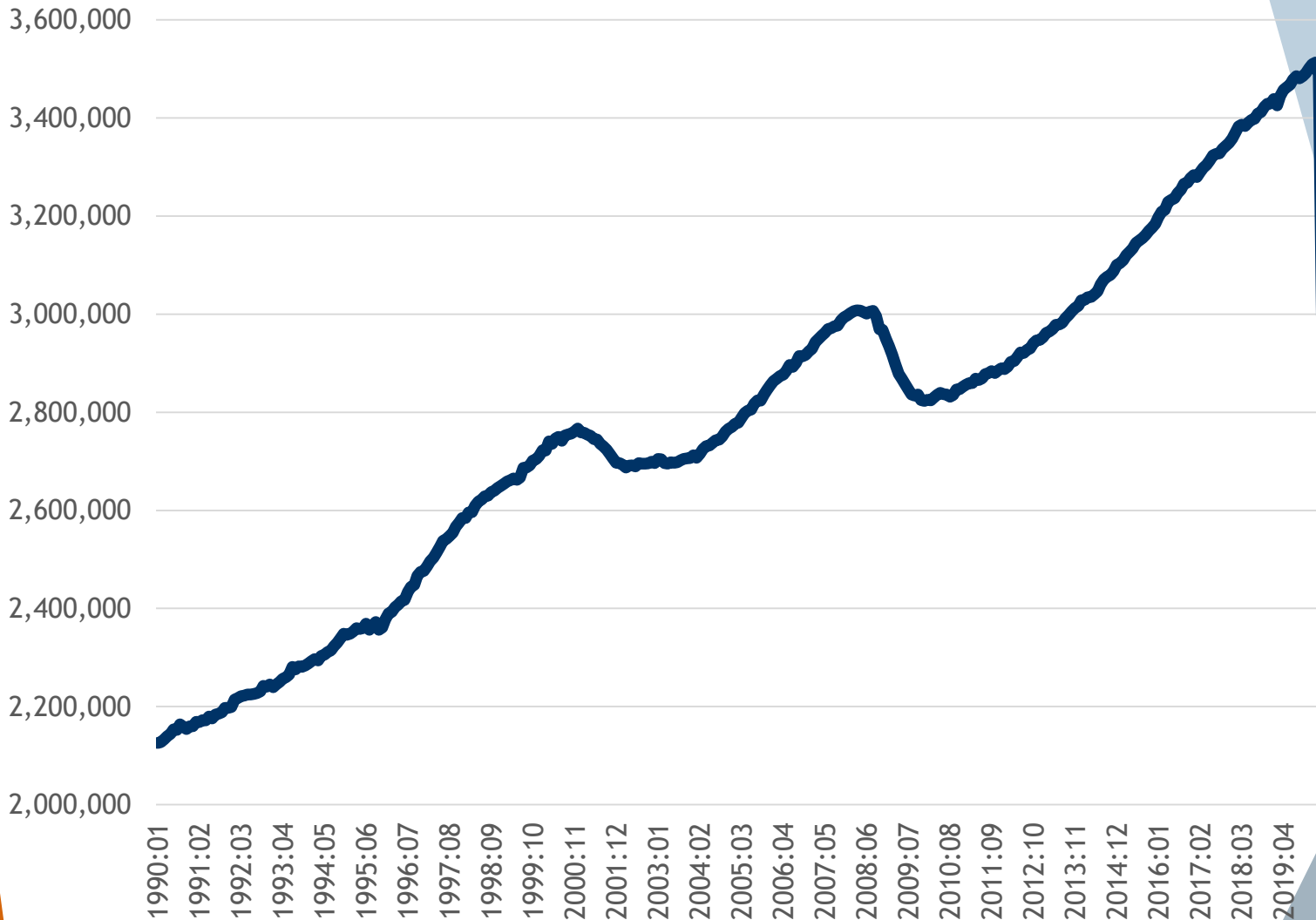


Note: Nonfarm payrolls, seasonally adjusted

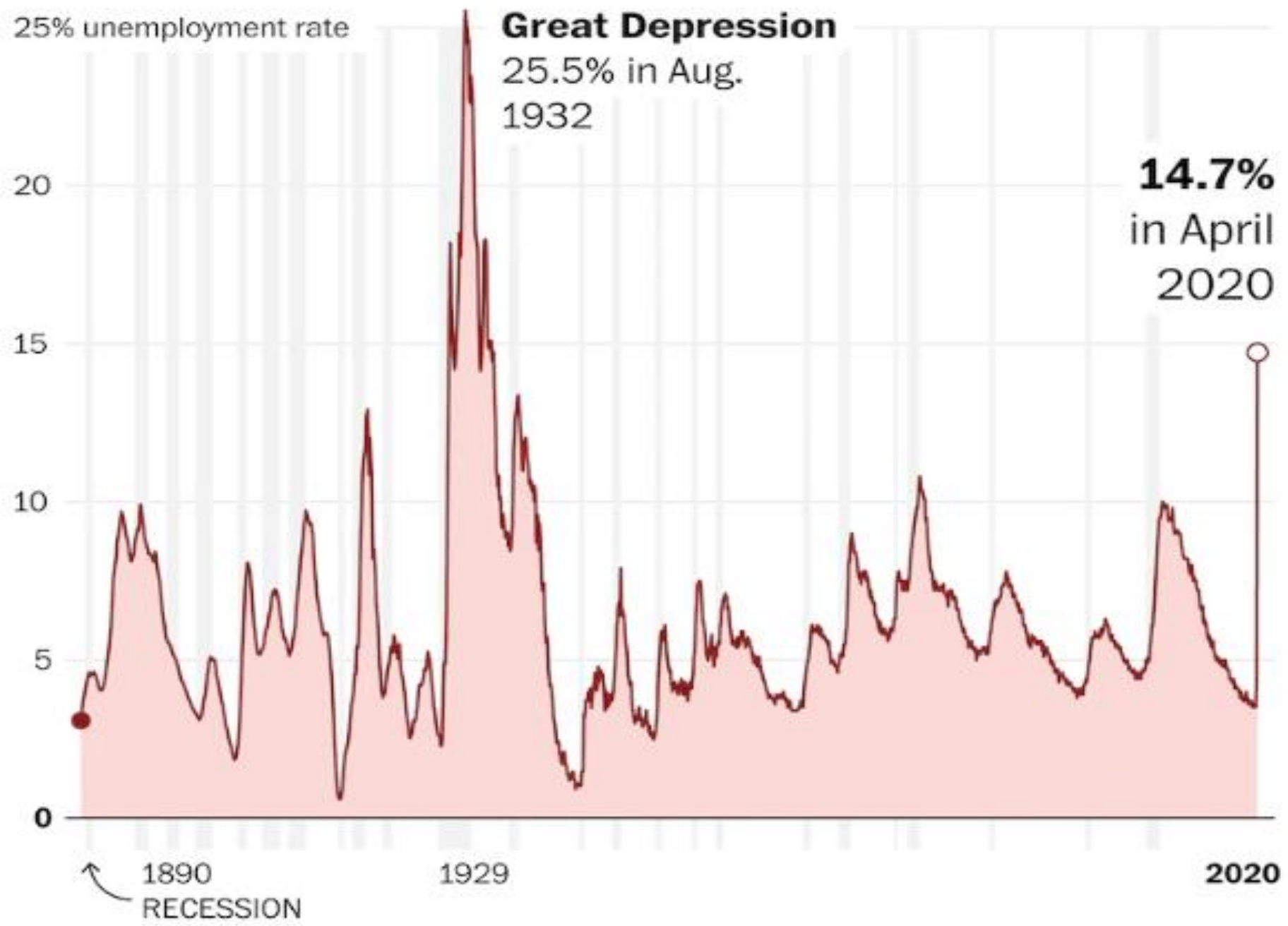
Source: Labor Department

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# Washington nonfarm employment dropped by 527,000 from March to April

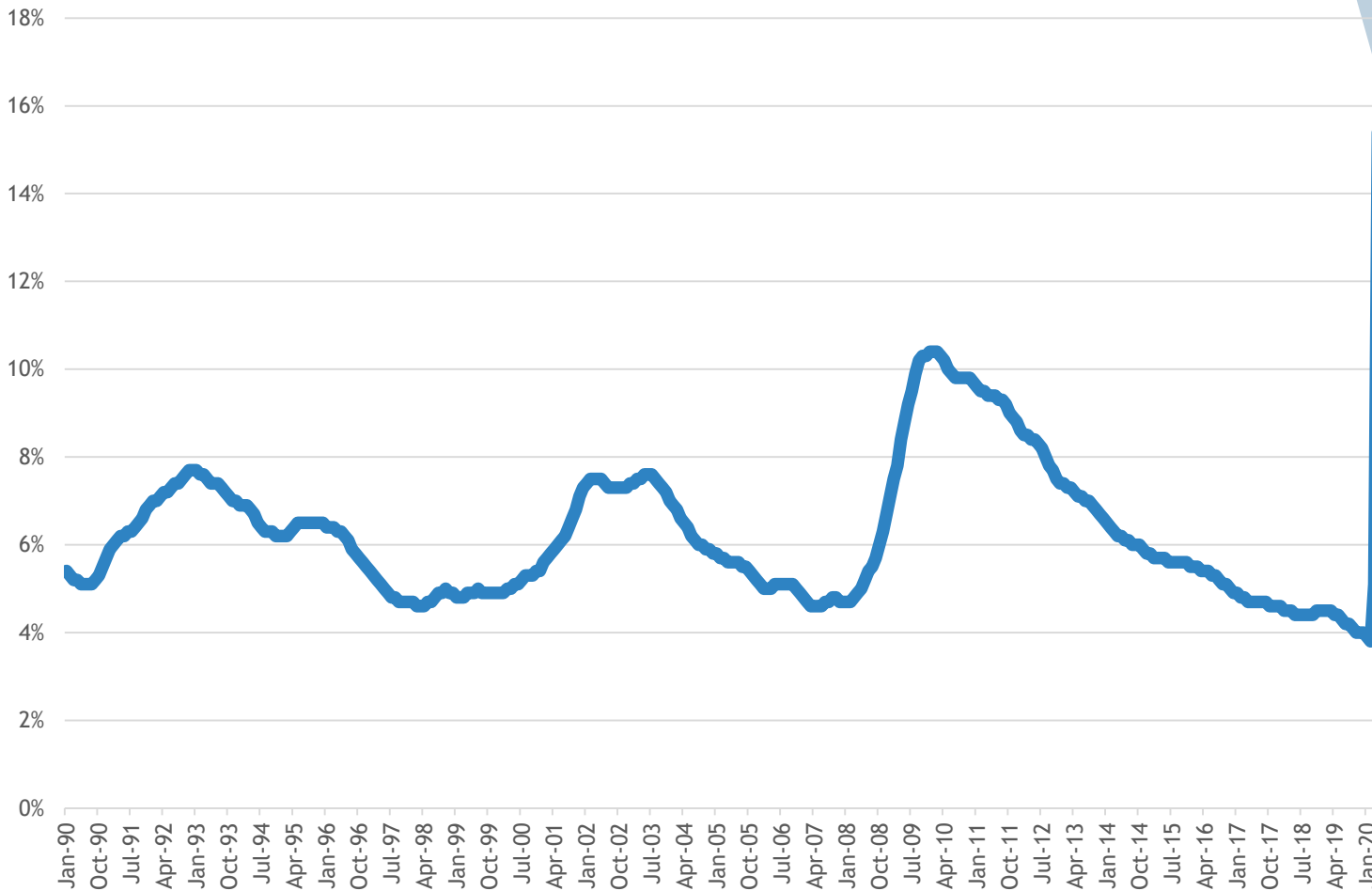


Employment Security Department, Washington Employment Estimates (seasonally adjusted), April 2020

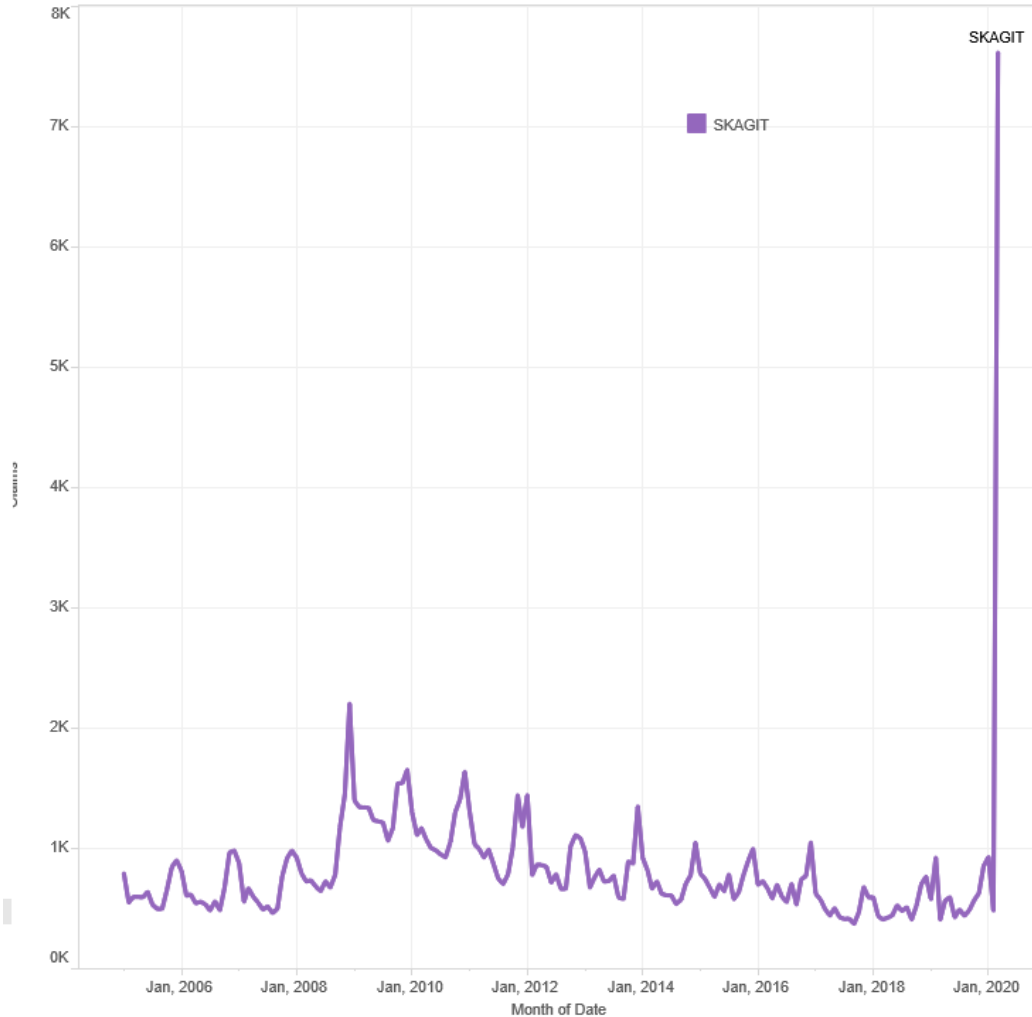


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# The unemployment rate in Washington reached 15.4 percent in April



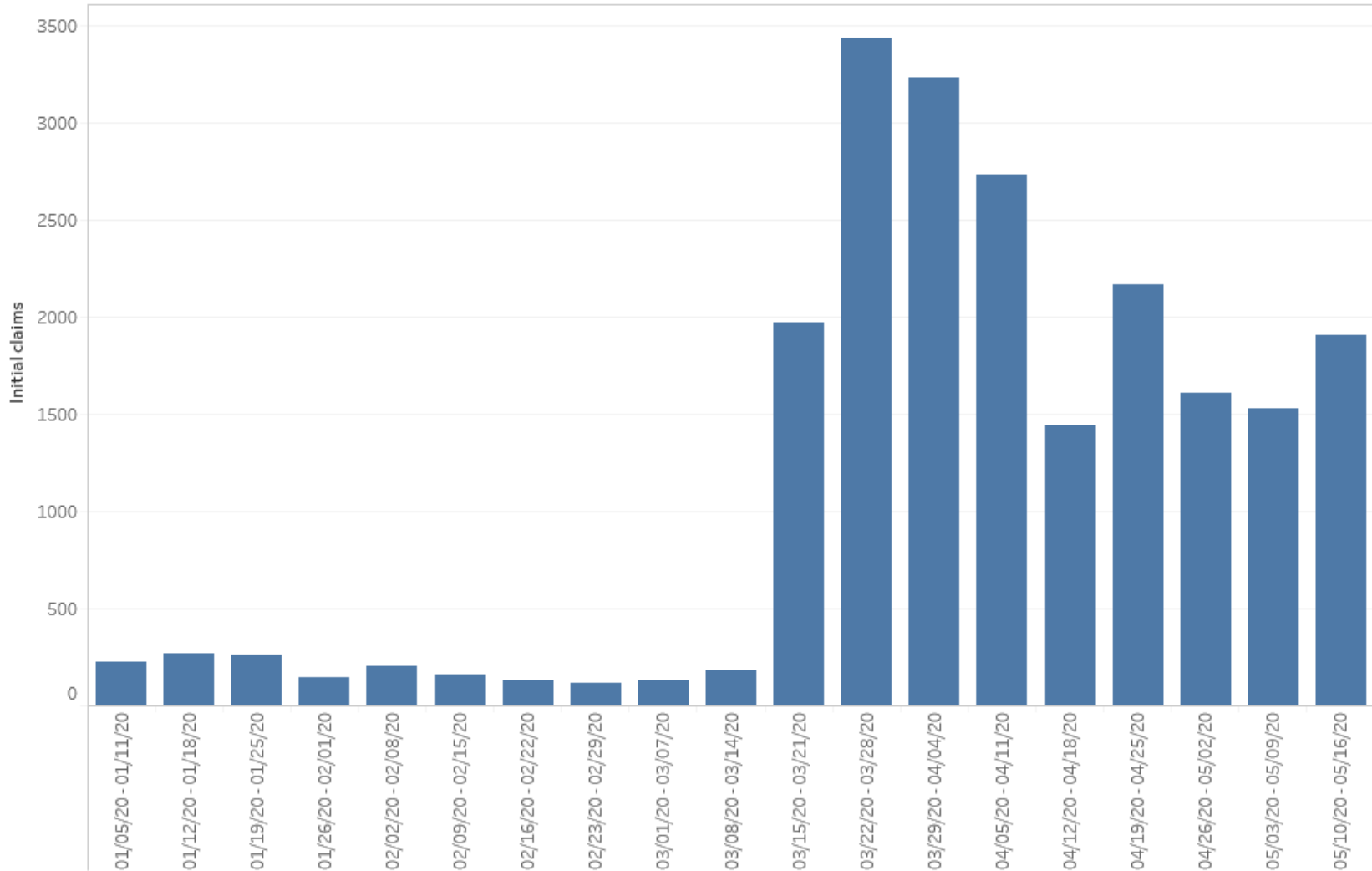
# In March, Skagit County residents filed a collective 7,609 initial claims with the state



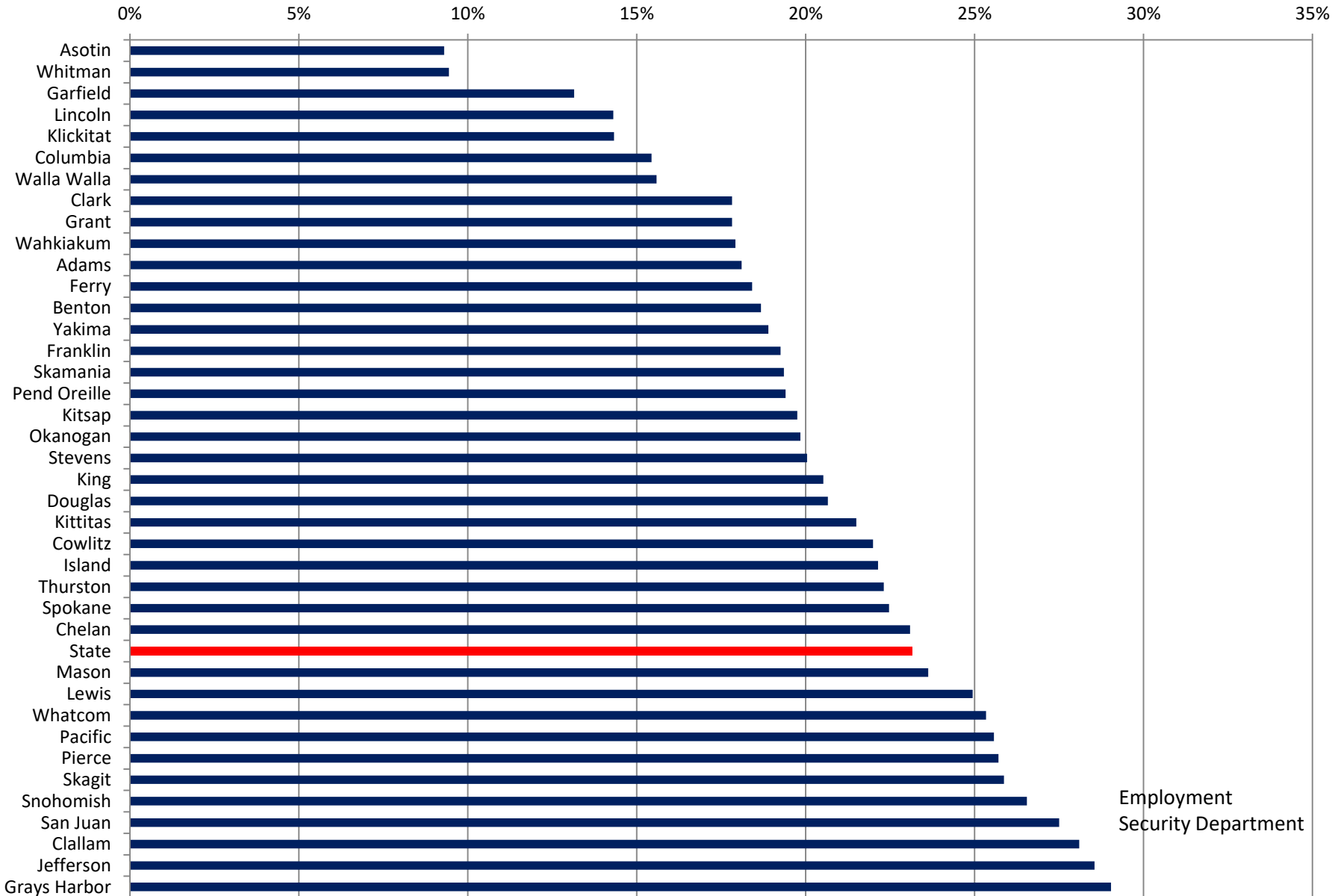
Employment Security Department, Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

# 20,201 initial claims since early March

Initial claims applications for SKAGIT county by week - 2020



# Unduplicated Initial Claims Filed Between March 8 and May 9 as a Percentage of the February Labor Force



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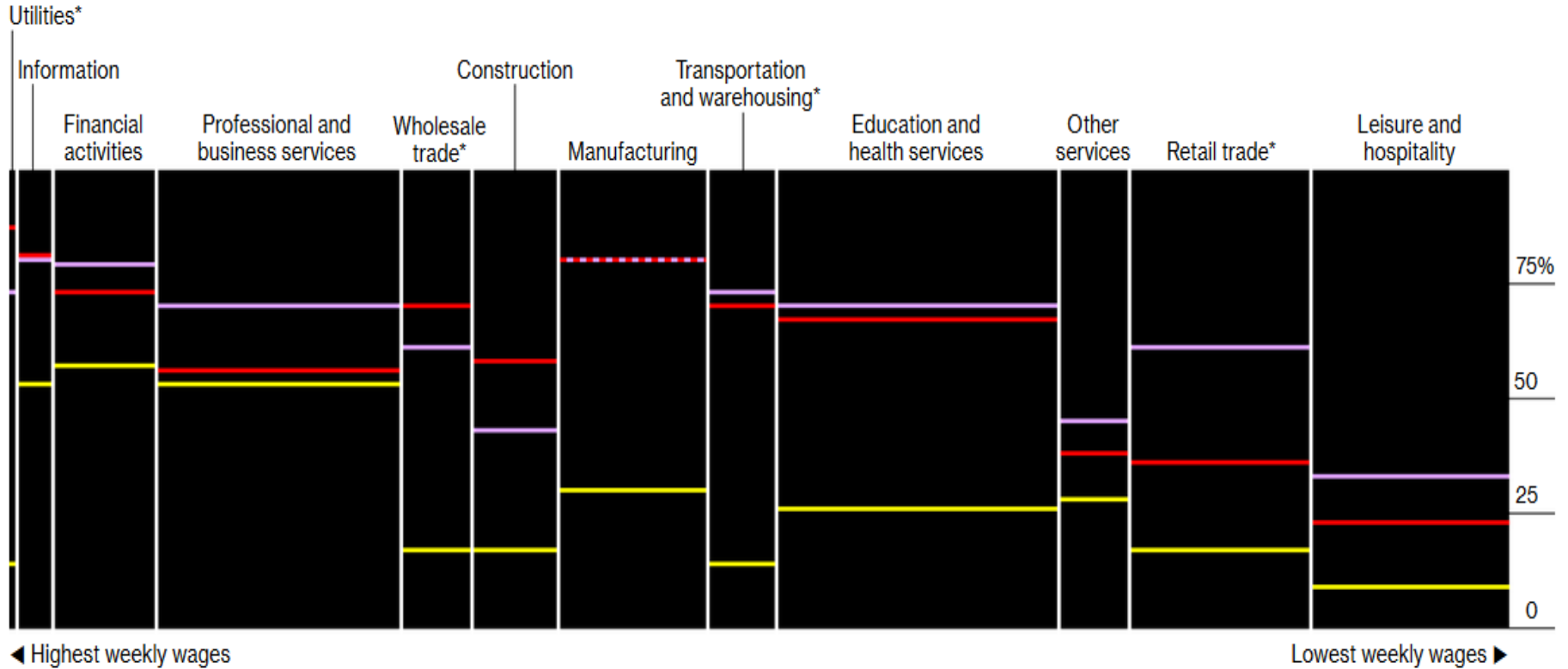


# What benefits do workers enjoy in different industries?

Percentage of workers with / Access to paid leave / Health benefits / Ability to work from home

Box width = number of workers

1m 10m



\*Transportation is categorized with Utilities and Wholesale trade is categorized with Retail trade for work-at-home and paid leave data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data: Bureau of Labor Statistics

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2020-03-13/how-coronavirus-affects-u-s-workforce-by-income-and-industry?sref=lxvJQkZu>

# What does this mean moving forward?

- ▶ How long will recovery take?
- ▶ What skills will the current / future workforce need?
- ▶ Automation?

**Thank you!**



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