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Minnesota Payrolls Rise in July

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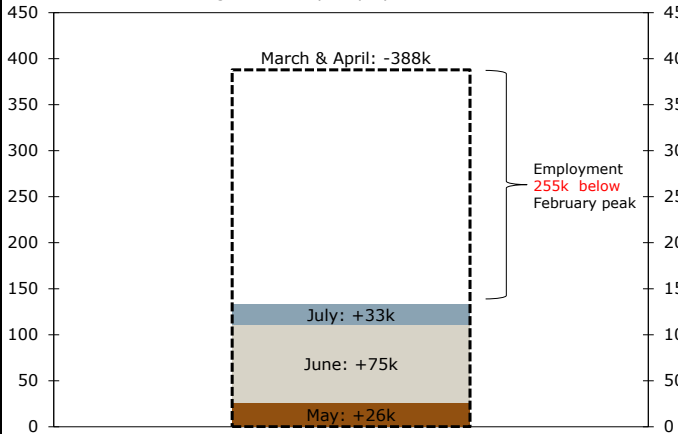
Minnesota Economy on Path to Recovery...

- Employers in Minnesota added 32,500 net new jobs during July. The gain is another step in the right direction. The pace of improvement, however, appears to be slowing (almost 75,000 jobs were added in June). Employment remains about 255,000 jobs below February's peak level.
- The leisure & hospitality (17,200), local government (4,800) and healthcare (3,700) industries posted the largest job gains.

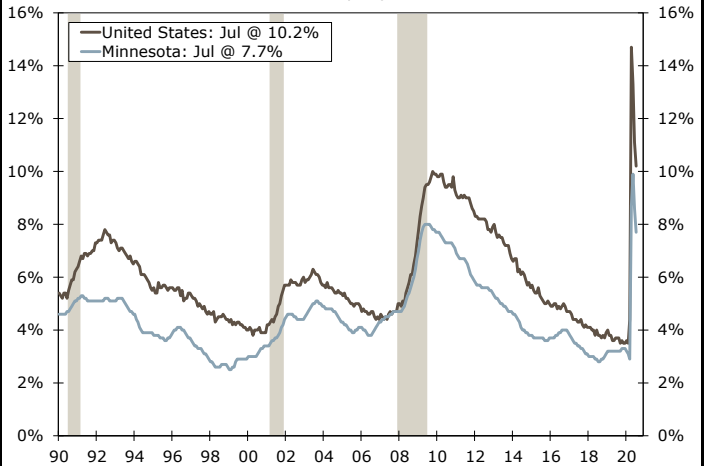
...But the Pace of Improvement Will Continue to Slow

- The jobless rate fell to 7.7% during July, down from 8.6% in June. Reported separately this morning, initial jobless claims increased a bit, rising to almost 12,000 for the week ending August 15. Claims remain stubbornly high relative to pre-pandemic levels.
- The recent uptick in new jobless claims alongside a resurgence of COVID-19 cases and tighter restrictions on economic activity in the state, suggest the pace of hiring will continue to moderate.

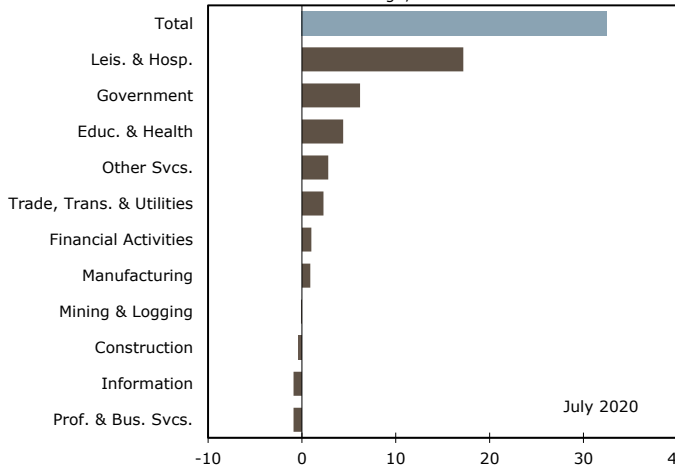
Tracking Minnesota's Recovery
Change in Monthly Employment; Thousands



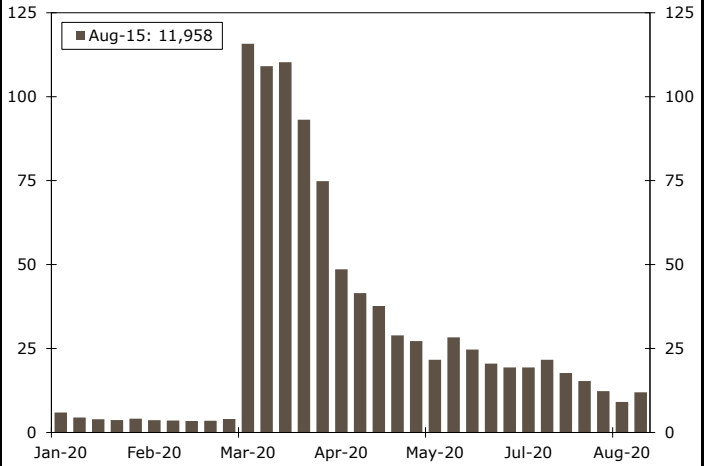
Minnesota vs. U.S. Unemployment Rate
Seasonally Adjusted



Minnesota Employment Growth By Industry
Month-over-Month Change; Thousands



Minnesota Initial Jobless Claims
Thousands



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