Greater Memphis MSA Market Overview



Greater Memphis Market Overview –COVID-19 Edition

- The National Bureau of Economic Research officially declared the US economy in a recession on Monday, June 8. Starting in February, this recession ends a decade long period of economic expansion and the longest in recorded US history.
- This edition of the Greater Memphis MSA Market Overview highlights select labor market indicators that are published on a monthly and a weekly schedule.
- The higher frequency weekly indicators, noted on the following page, serve as leading indicators and could signal worsening or better employment outcomes for the region against the monthly reports.



Indicators to Watch – Greater Memphis

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Unemployment Rate,

Memphis MSA Seasonally Adjusted

May 2020

11.2%

-2.2% MoM

Monthly

2

Initial Unemployment Claims, New Claims Filed

Week Ending June 27

6,310

+6.4% WoW

Weekly

3

Over the Month Job Change

April/May 2020

+14,700

+2.5% MoM

-8.6% YoY

Monthly

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Weekly Job Postings

June 27

4,793

+19.05% WoW

Weekly



Greater Memphis MSA Unemployment Rate



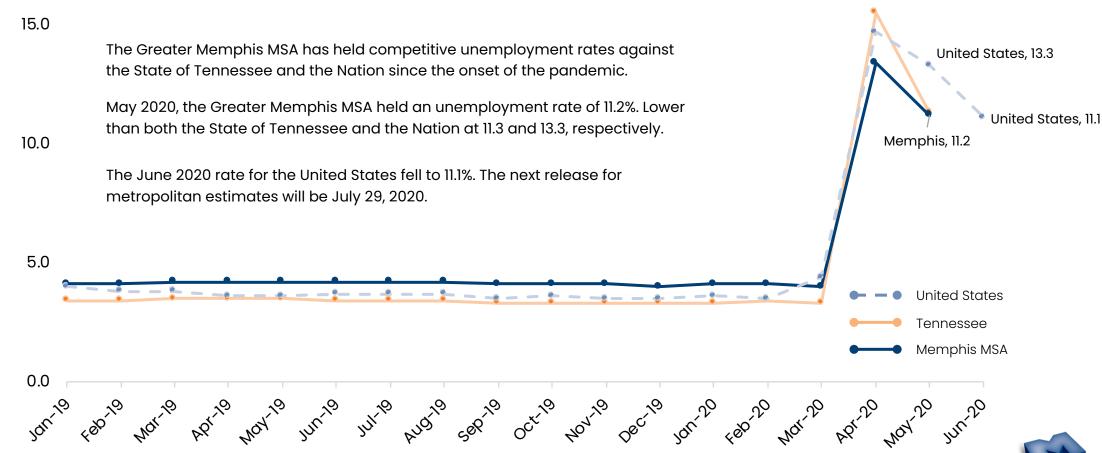
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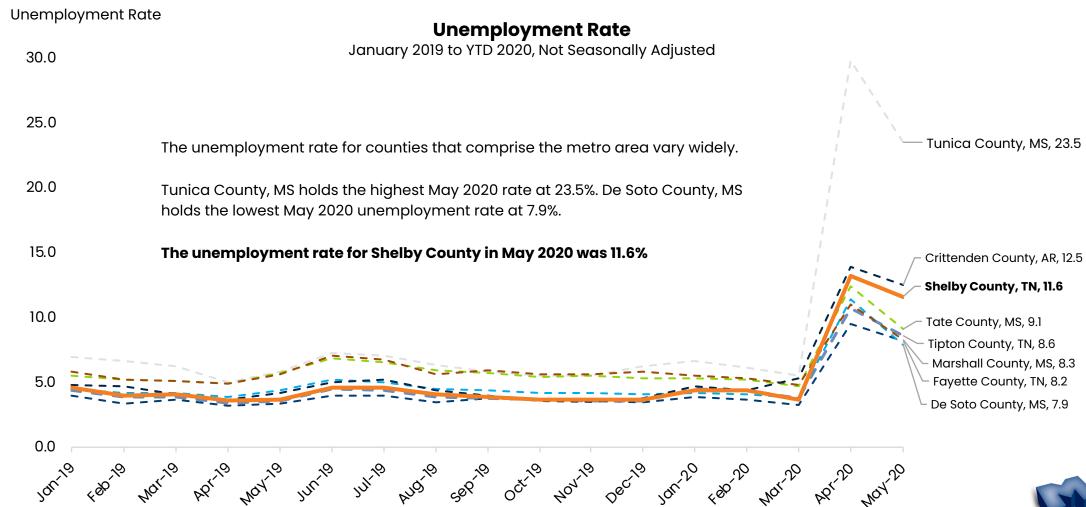
January 2019 to YTD 2020, Seasonally Adjusted





Unemployment Rate

Greater Memphis Counties





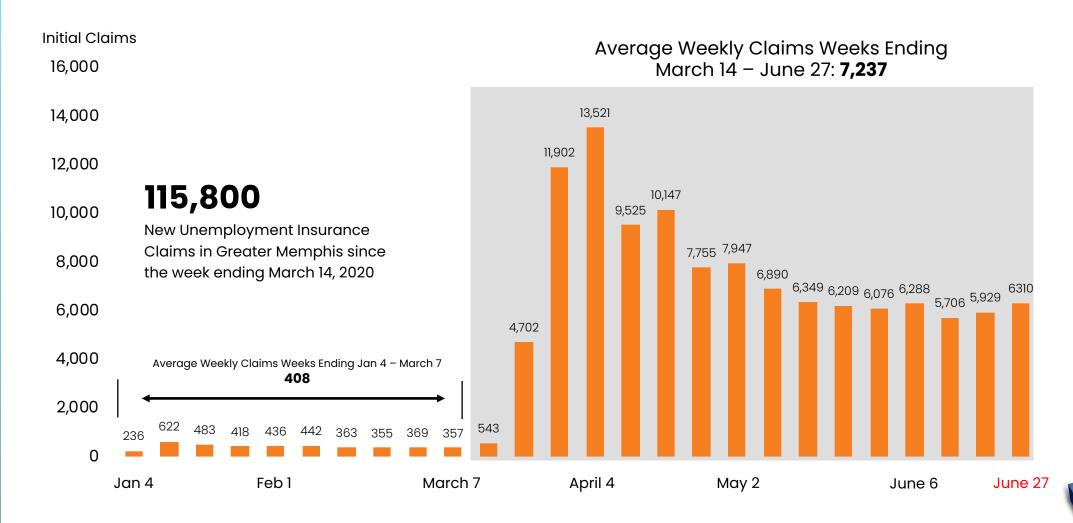
Greater Memphis MSA Initial and Continued Unemployment Claims



Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims

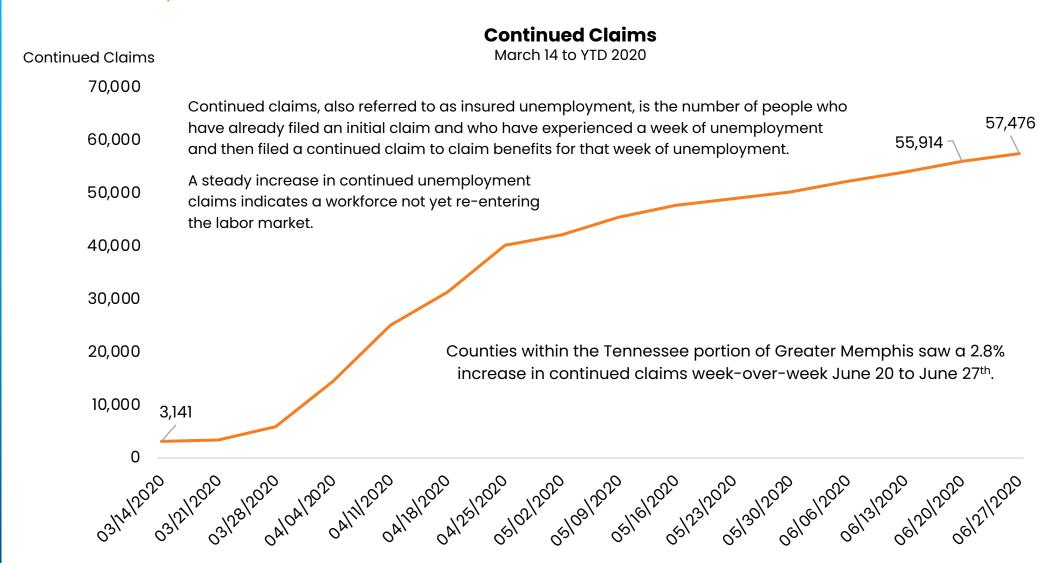
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Weeks Ending Jan 4, 2020 to June 27, 2020



Continued Claims: Unemployment Insurance Claims

Greater Memphis, TN Counties



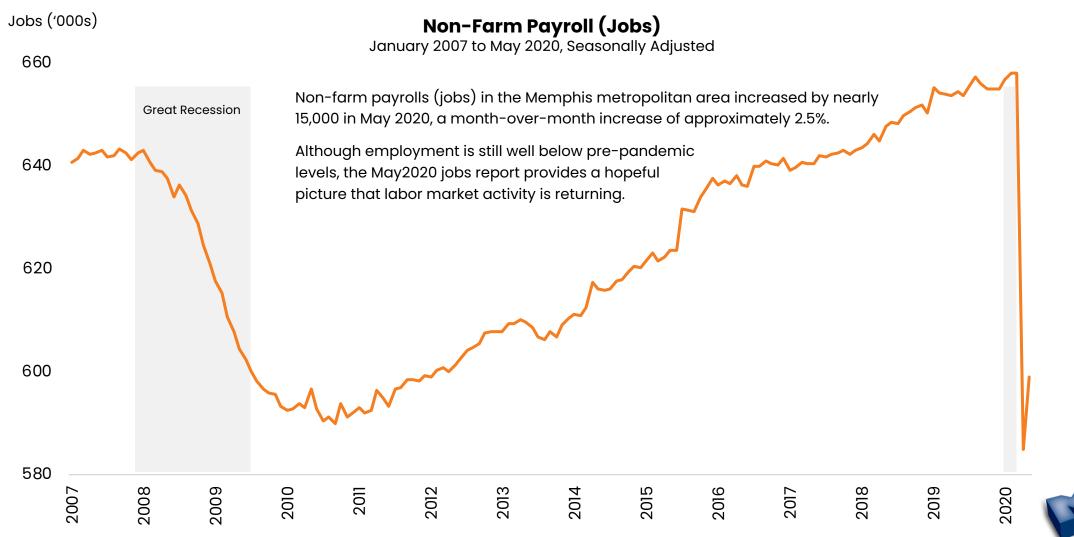


Greater Memphis MSA Jobs and Employment



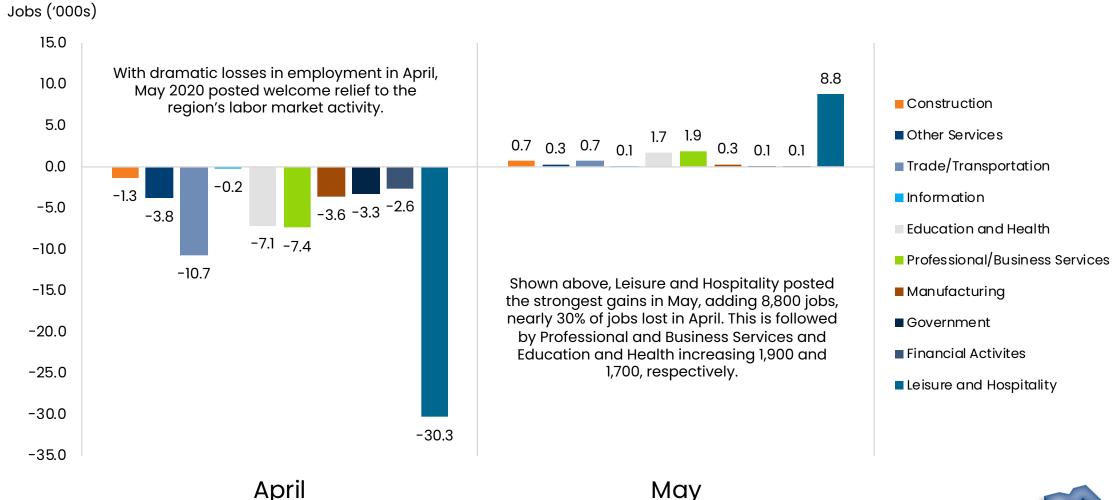
Over the Month Job Change

Non-Farm Payroll Employment, Greater Memphis MSA



Over the Month Job Change by Industry Sector

Non-Farm Payroll Employment, Greater Memphis MSA



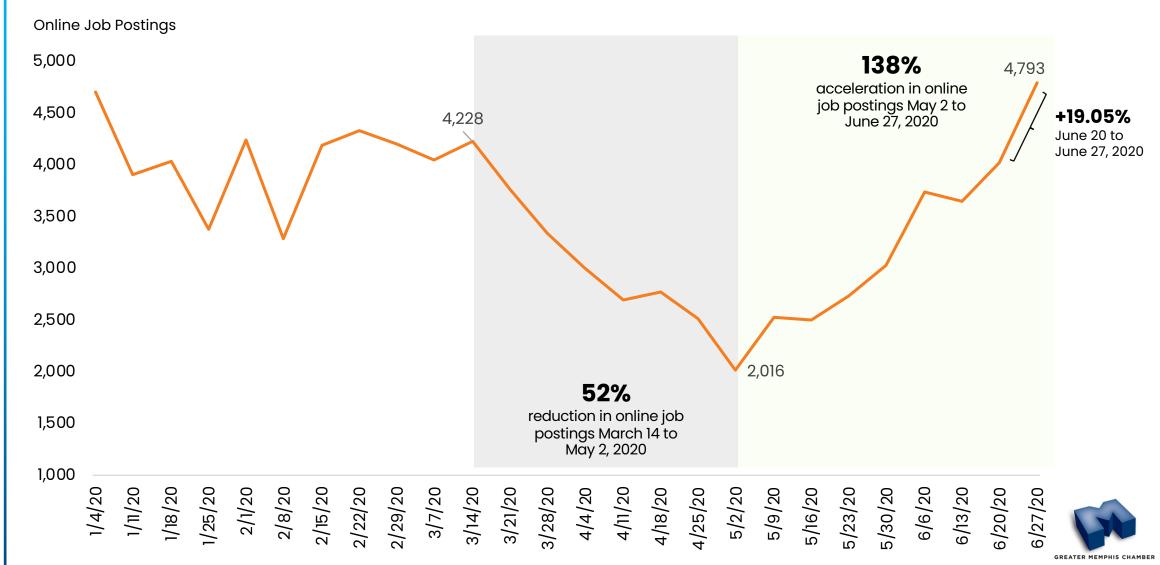


Greater Memphis MSA Employer Demand



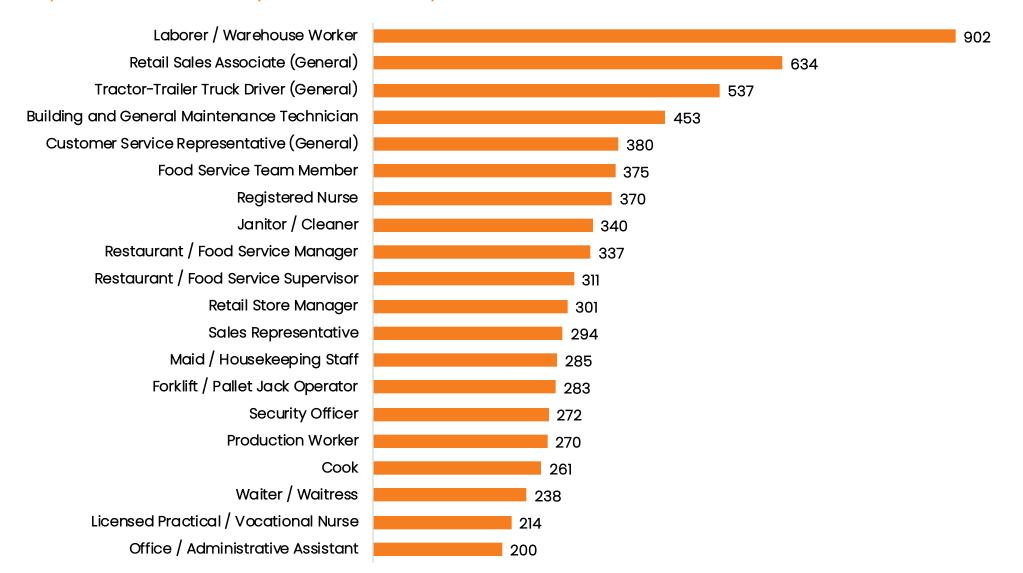
Job Posting Activity

Online Job Postings within the Greater Memphis MSA



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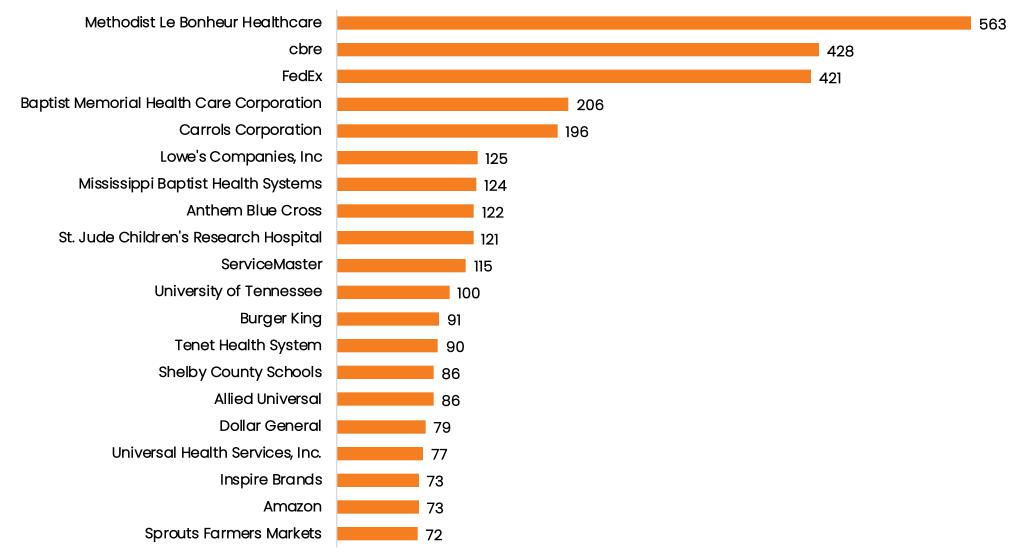
Top 20 In-Demand Occupations, last 60 days





Job Posting Activity

Top 20 Employers posting, last 60 days





Insights

- The Greater Memphis MSA has held competitive unemployment rates against the State of Tennessee and the Nation since the onset of the pandemic. For May 2020, the Greater Memphis MSA held an unemployment rate of 11.2%. This is lower than both the State of Tennessee and the Nation at 11.3 and 13.3, respectively. However, Shelby County held a higher May 2020 rate of 11.6%.
- Both Initial and Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims increased week-over-week from June 20 to June 27th. This increase could be seen with the release of June 2020 numbers and could reflect headwinds being realized in tandem with the continued increases in COVID-19 cases.
- Non-farm payrolls (jobs) in the Memphis metropolitan area increased by nearly 15,000 in May 2020, a month-over-month increase of approximately 2.5%. Although employment is still well below pre-pandemic levels, the May 2020 jobs report provides a hopeful picture that labor market activity is returning.
- Leisure and Hospitality posted the strongest gains in May, adding 8,800 jobs, nearly 30% of jobs lost in April. Other notable increases within industry sectors included Professional and Business Services and Education and Health increasing 1,900 and 1,700, respectively.
- Online job postings, a proxy for employer demand, have accelerated rapidly. Since May 2, 2020 online job postings have increased 138%, 19.05% June 20 to June 27, 2020. While indicative of accelerated demand, opportunities to shift labor market displacement exists leveraging skills of displaced workers for in-demand occupations within new industries.