

State of the state: Washington's labor market

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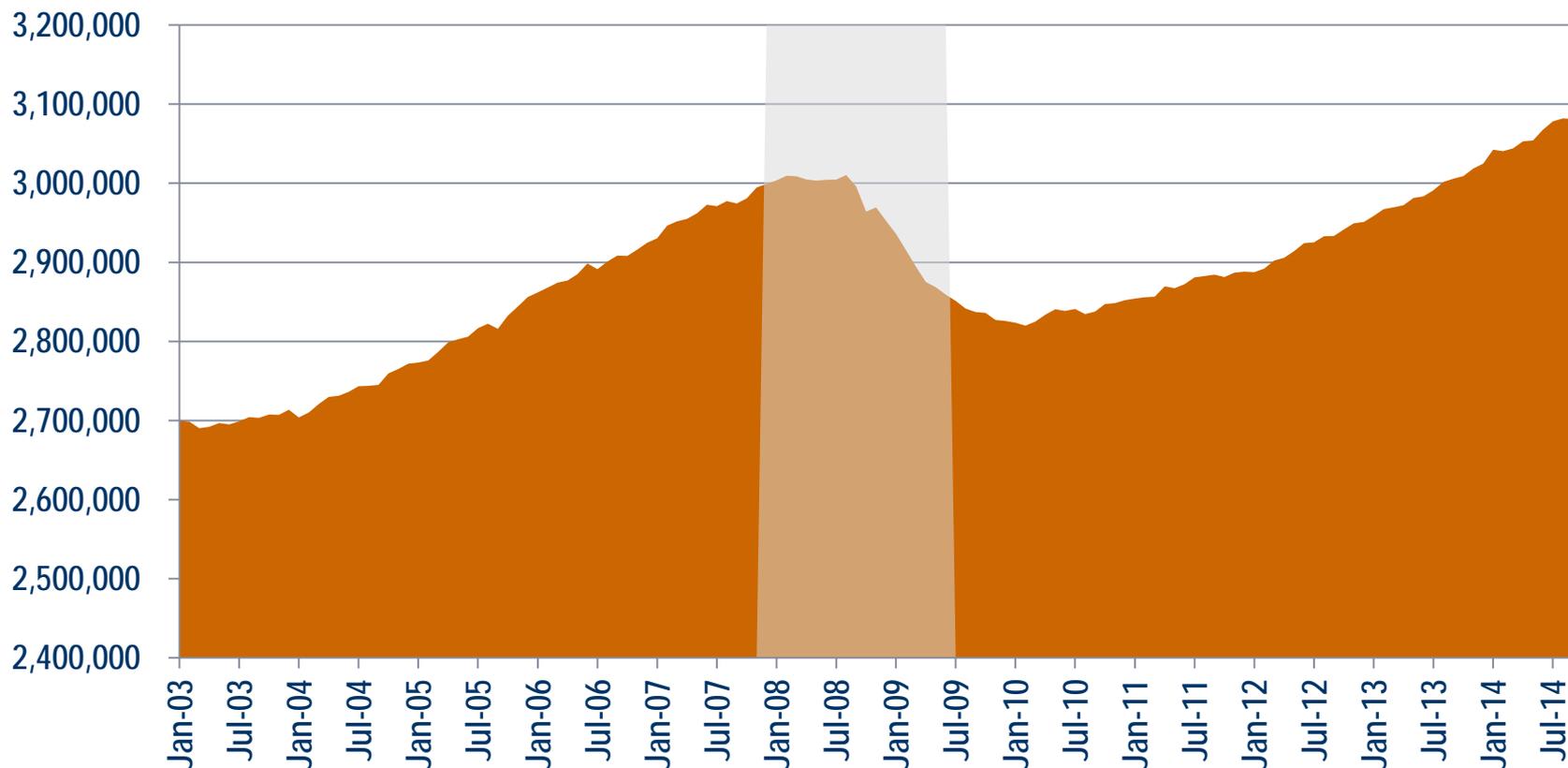
Summary of key Washington labor-market indicators

Washington state

Total nonfarm employment, Sep 2014	3.08 million
Year-over-year new jobs added, Sep 2013 to Sep 2014	75,900
Unemployment rate, Sep 2014	5.7%
Employment rate, Sep 2014	58.8%
Total unemployment insurance claimants, Sep 2014	57,621
Average weekly benefit, Sep 2014	\$411
Average weeks of unemployment insurance benefits, Oct 2013 to Sep 2014	15.7
Total monthly benefit exhaustions, Sep 2014	4,300

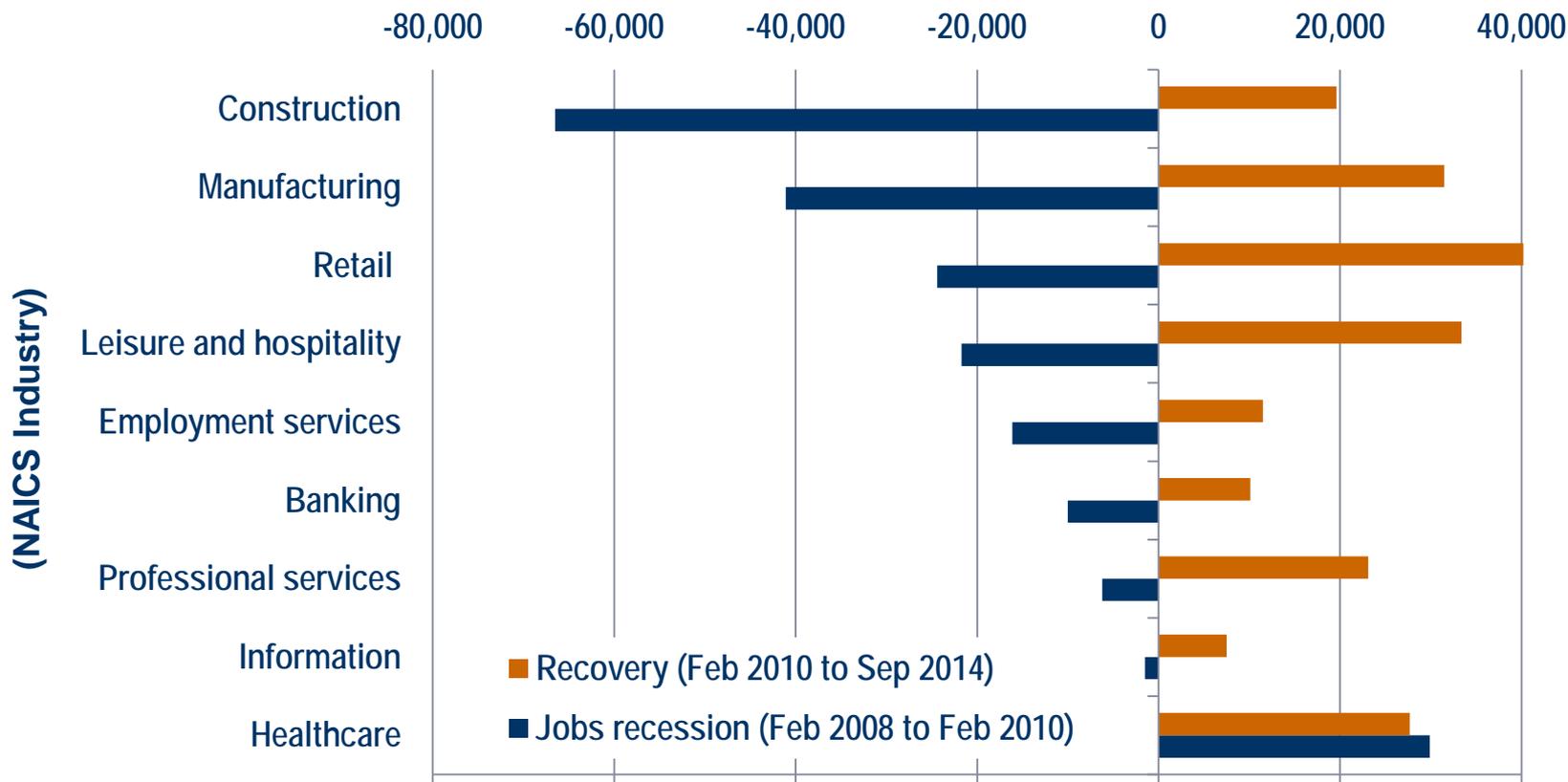
Nonfarm employment in Washington

Currently up 70,900 from pre-recession peak



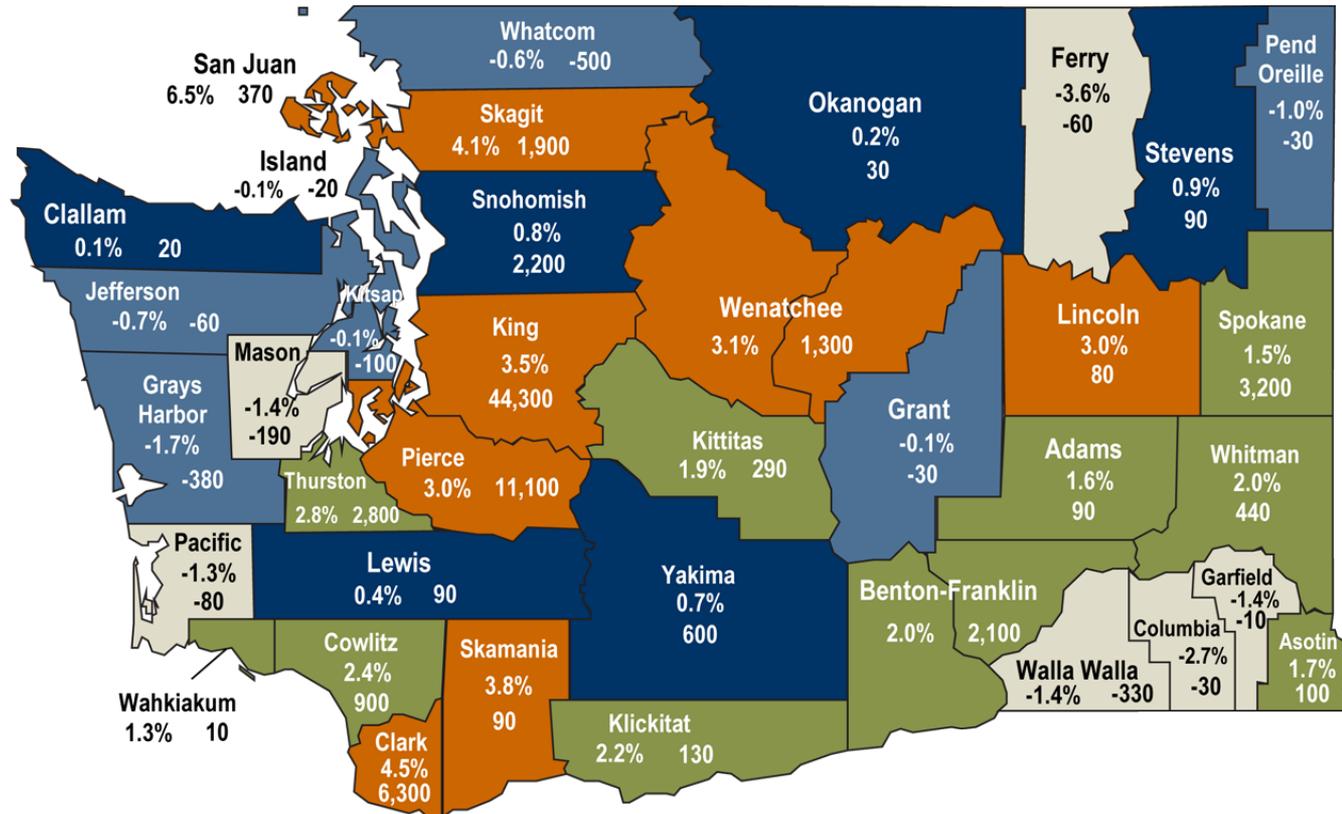
Employment changes in Washington

Recovery mixed across industries

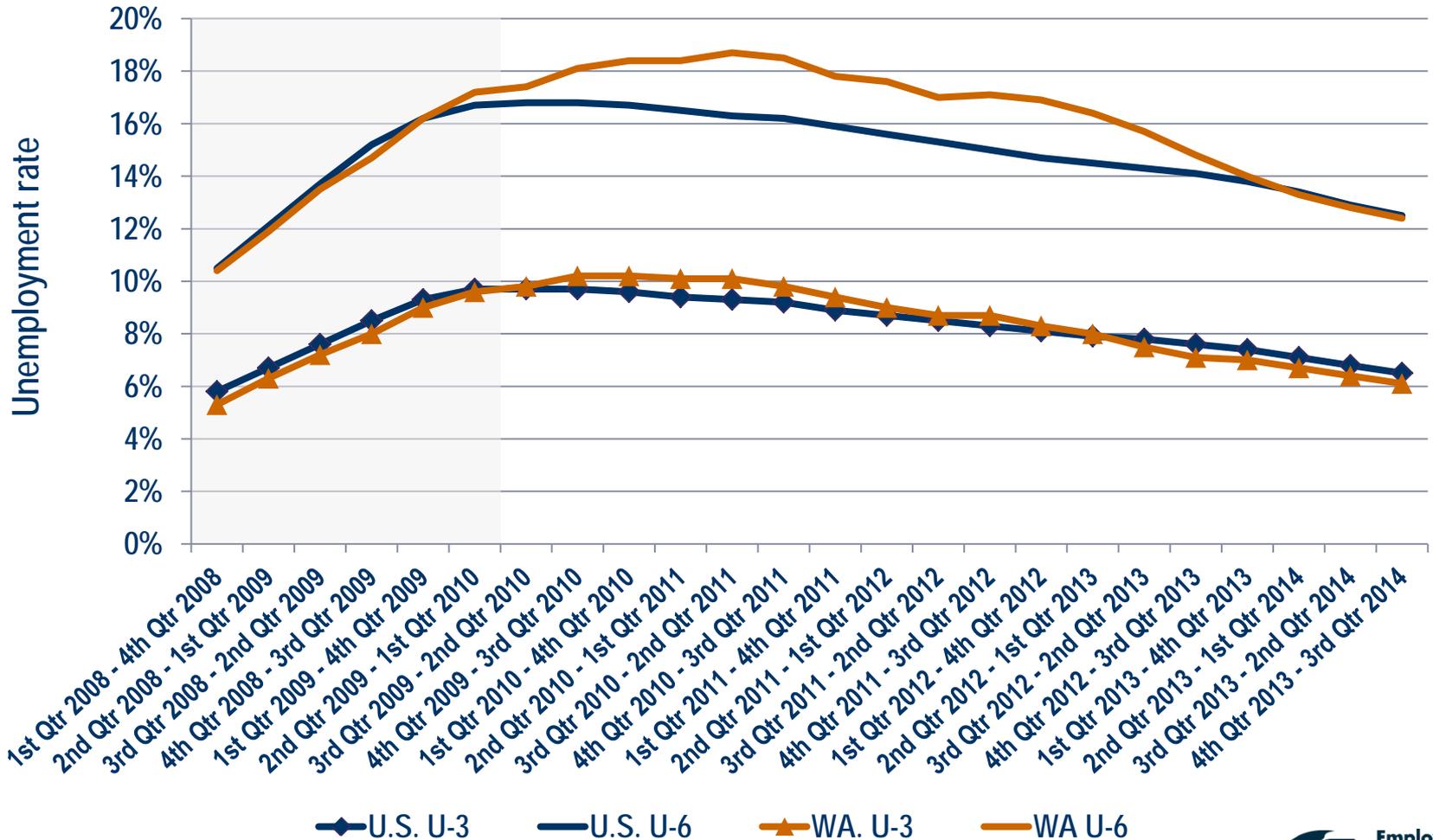


Job growth and decline across state

September 2013 to September 2014

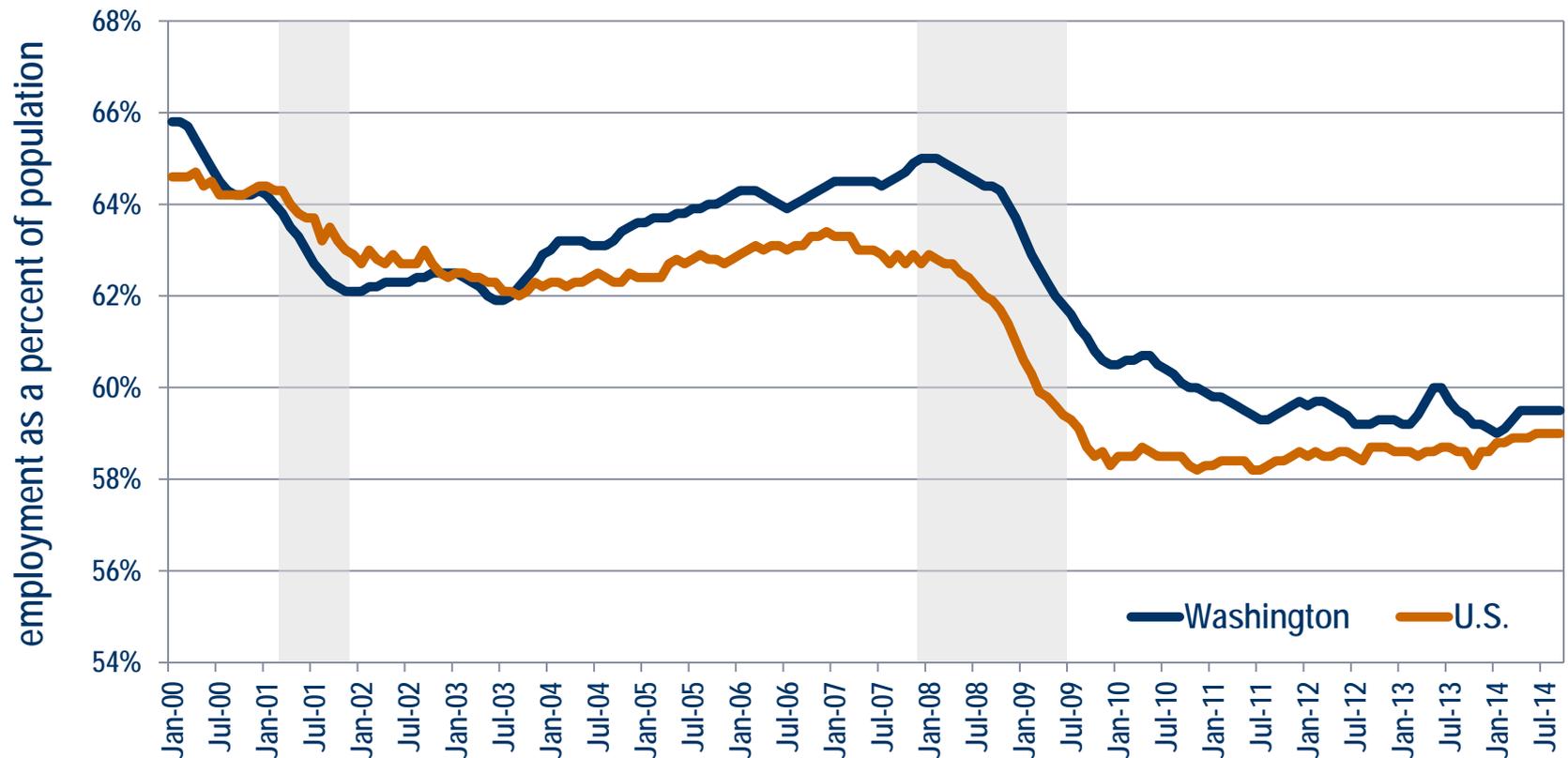


Underemployment

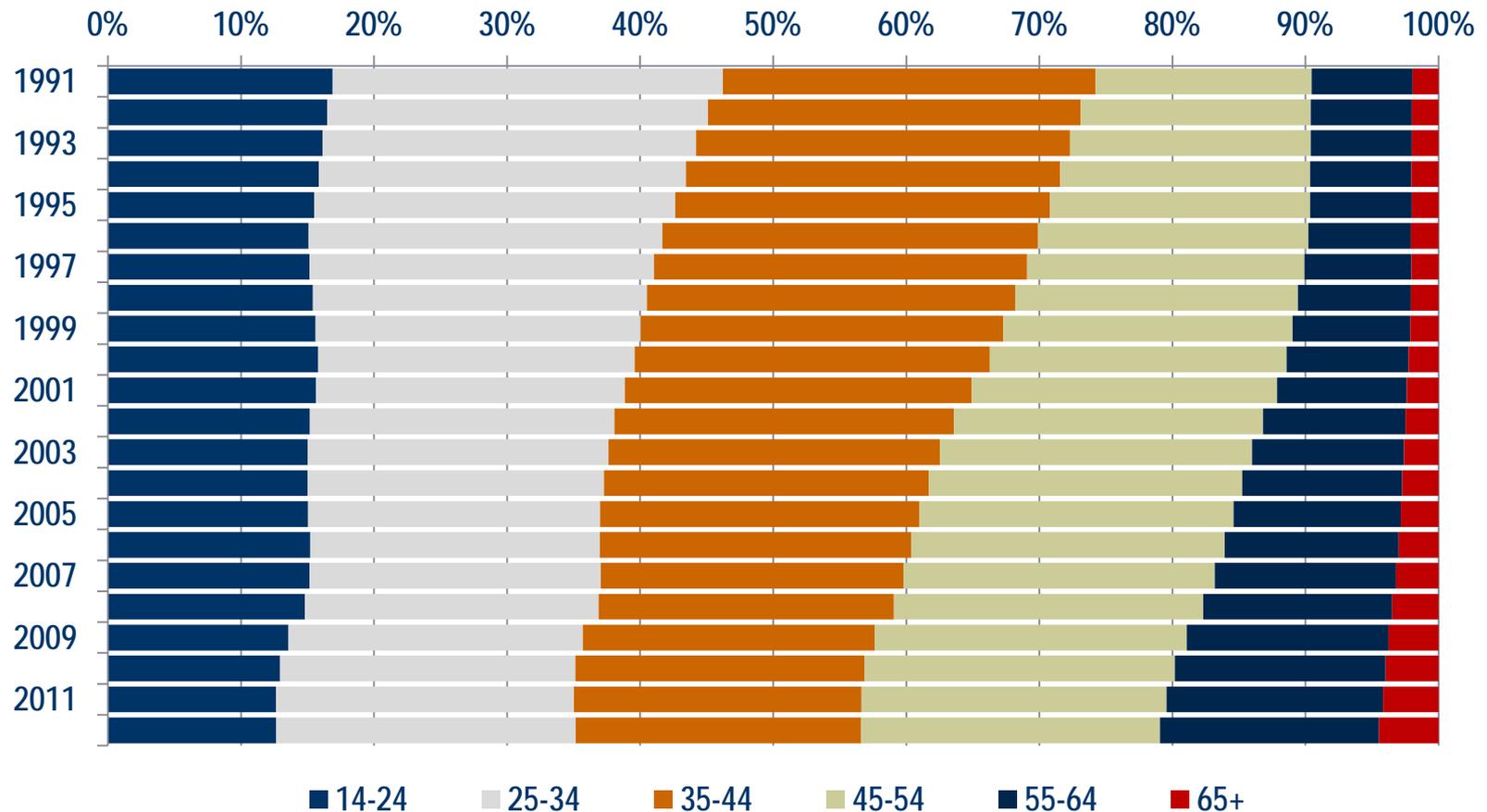


Employment rates

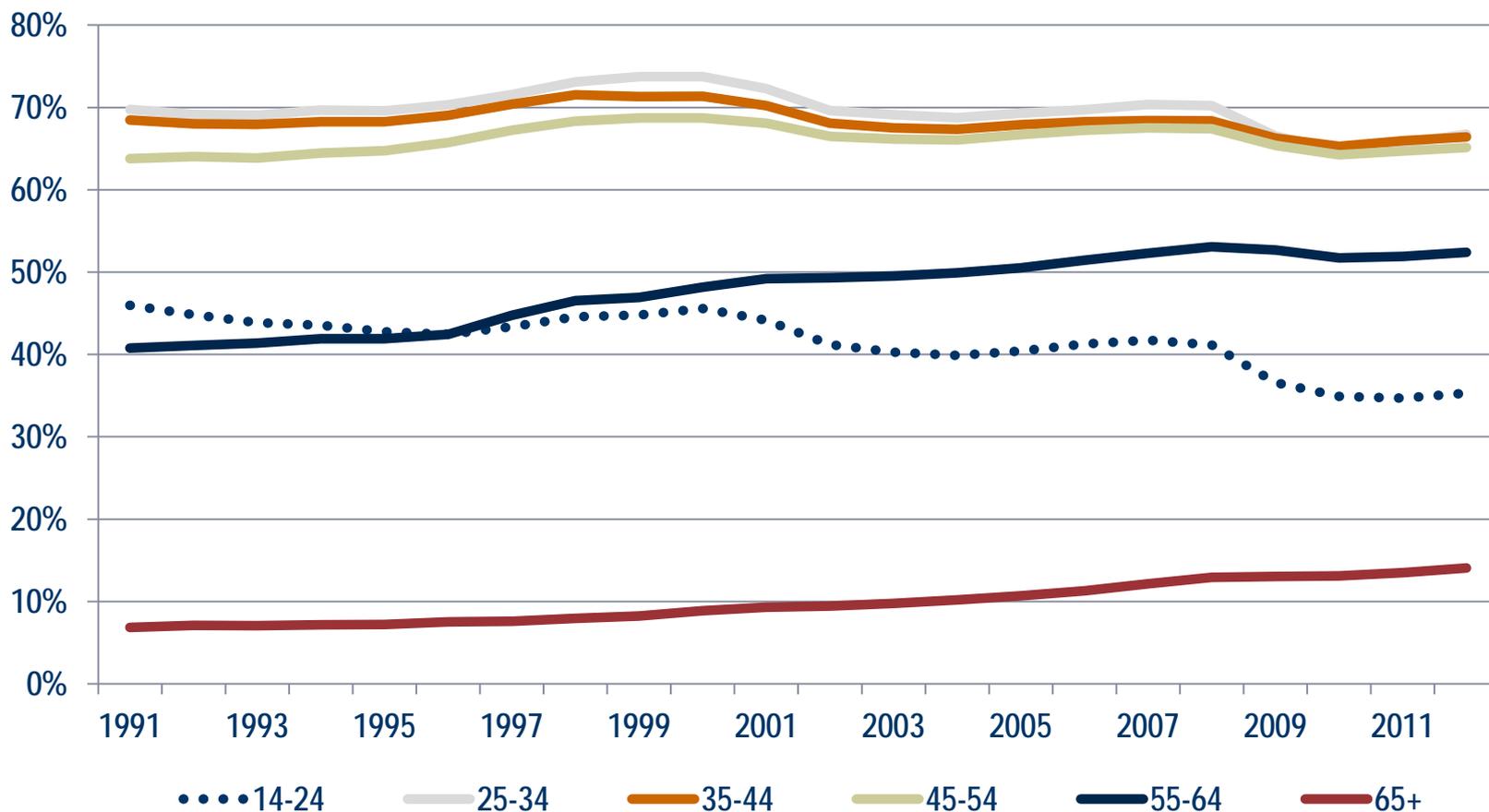
Employment rates have been flat since January 2009



Percent of Washington's workforce by age groups

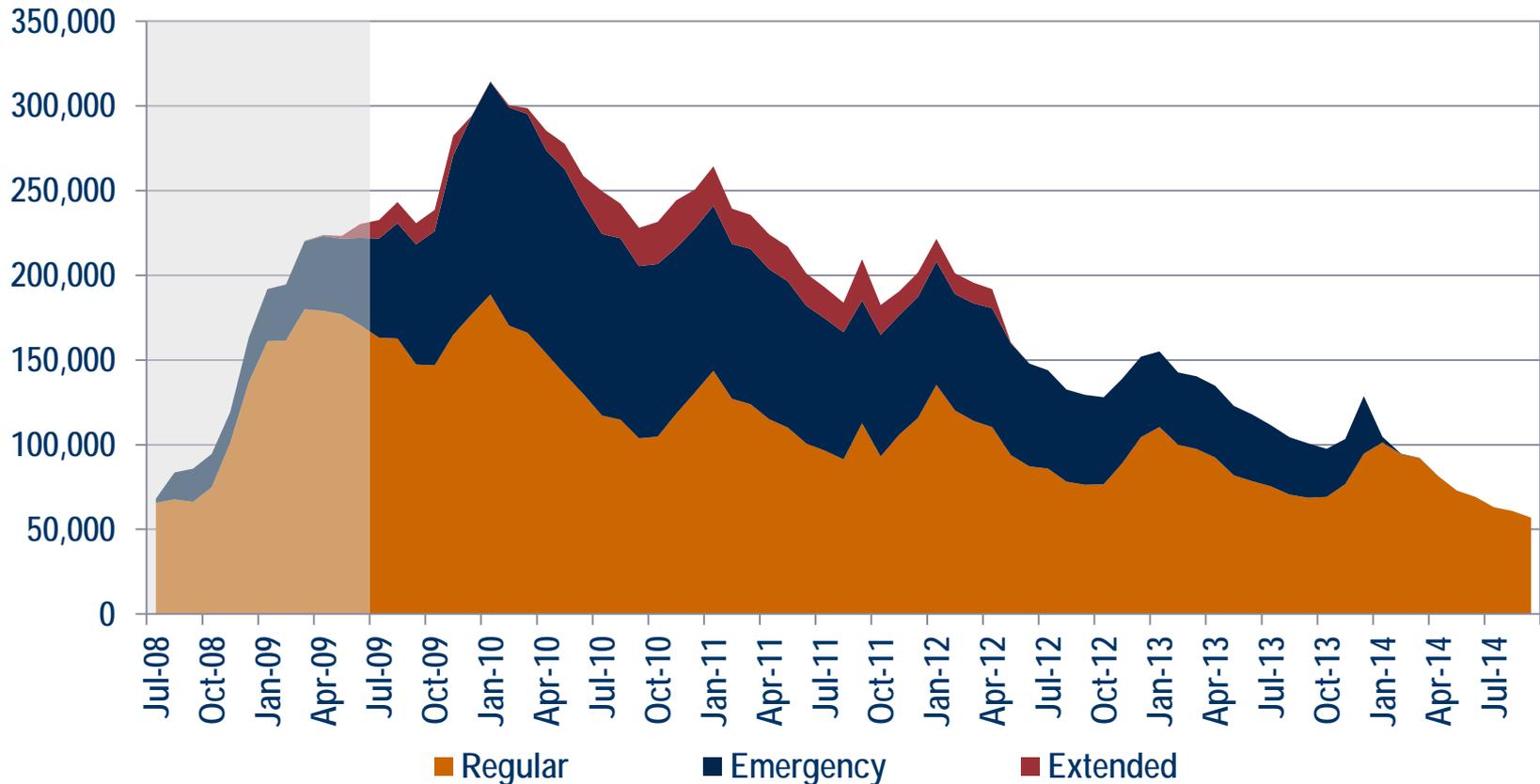


Employment as a percent of population by age groups

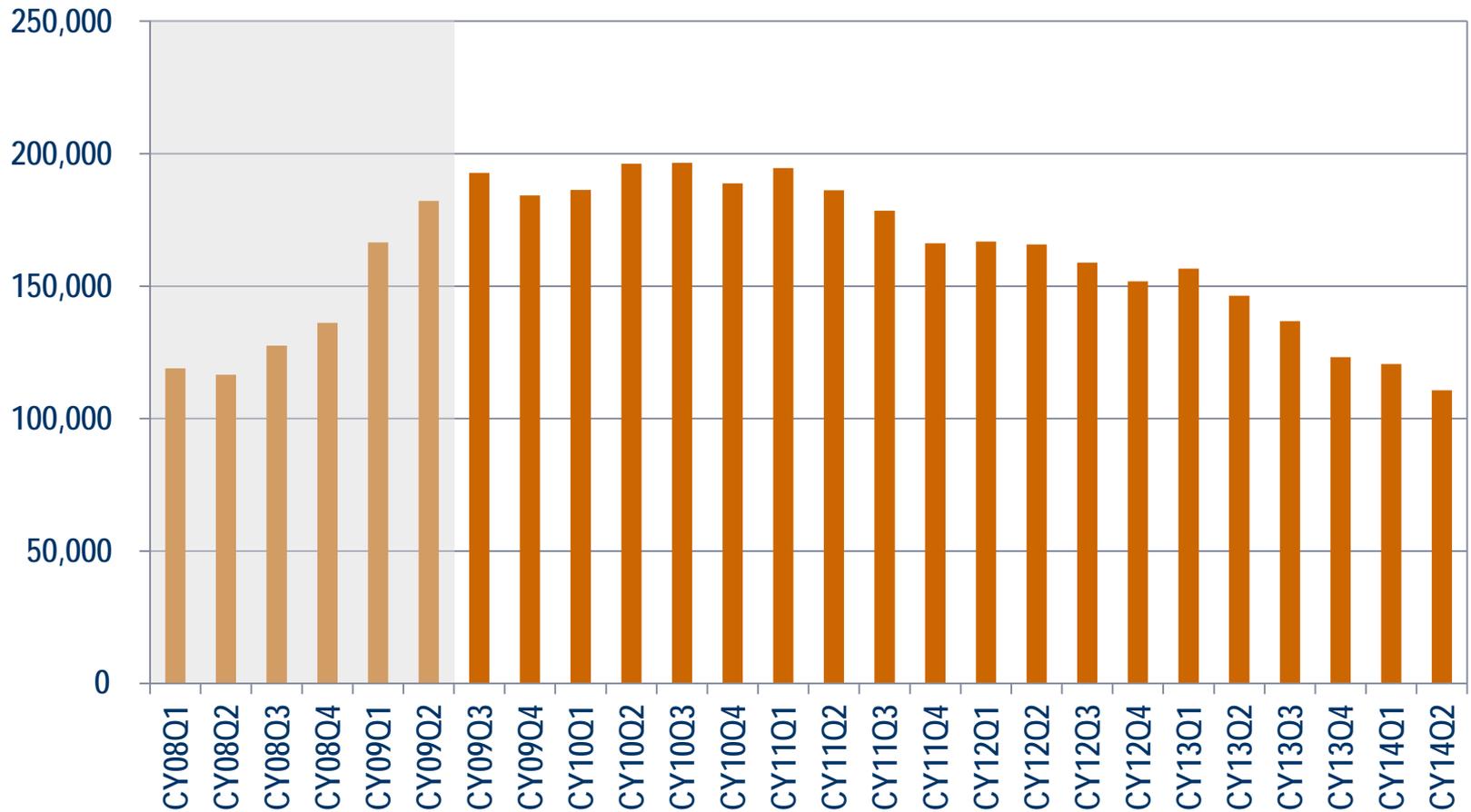


Unemployment benefits

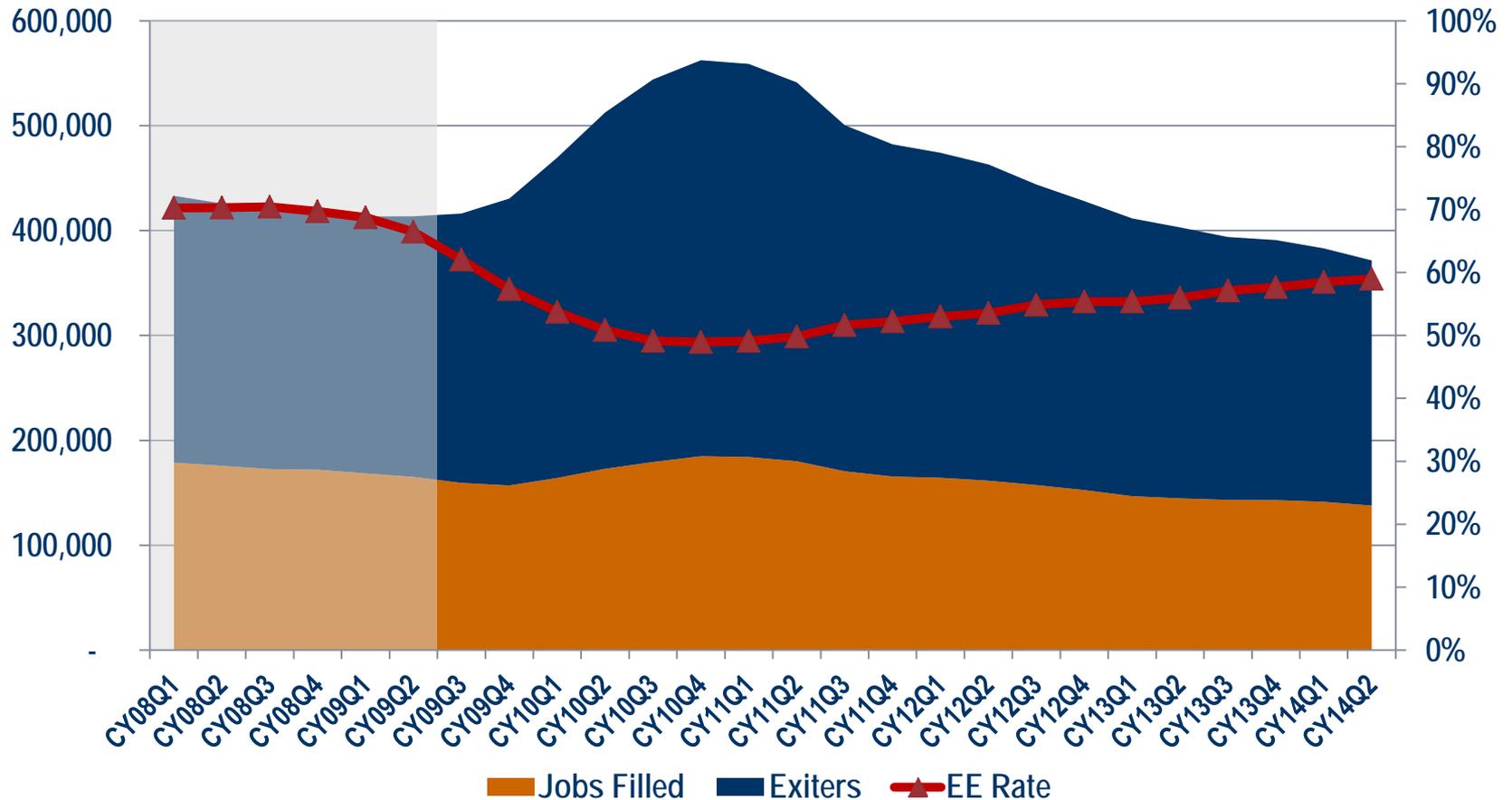
Recipients down 80 percent from peak



WorkSource customers



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