

Labour market conditions in Australia

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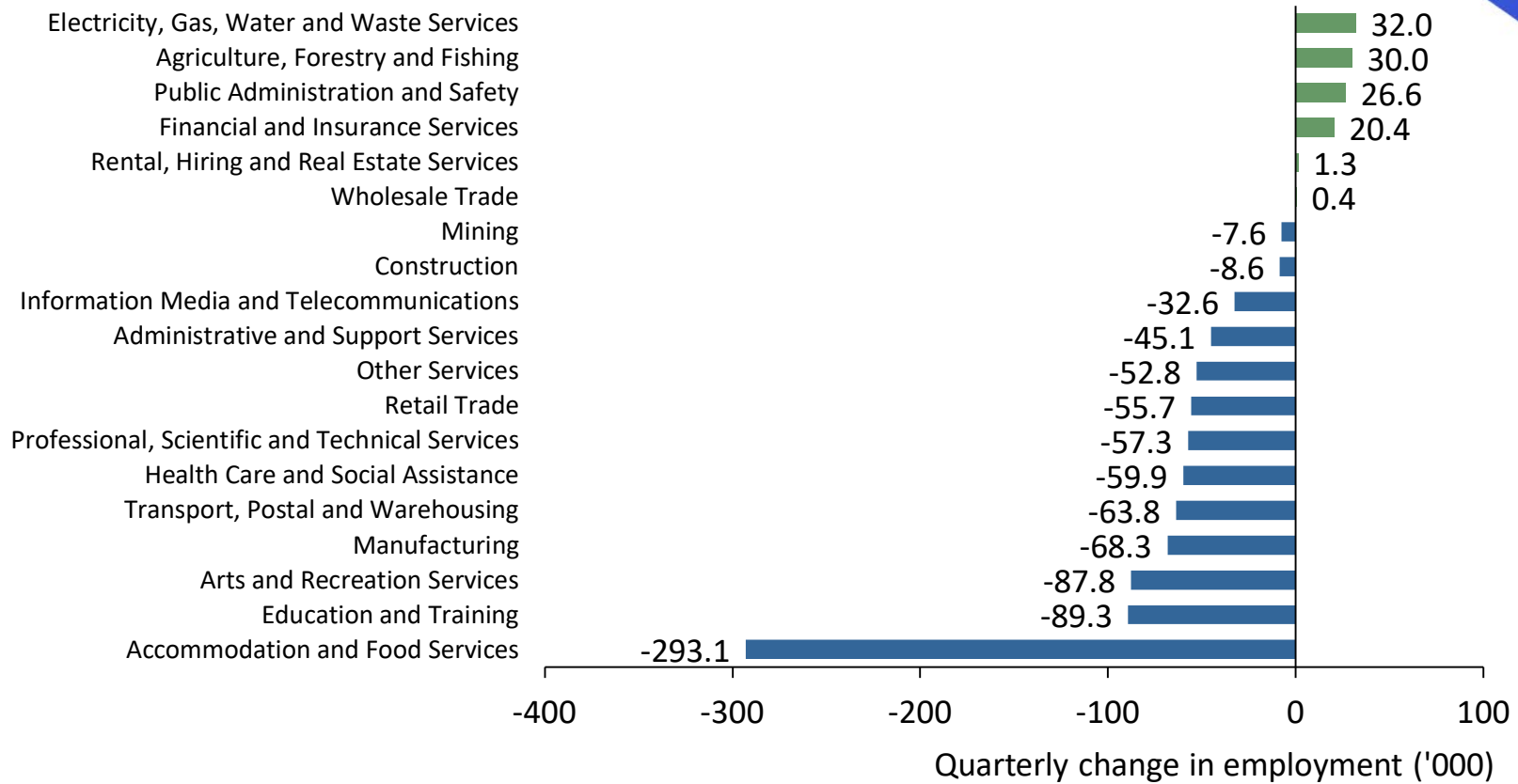
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COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the labour market

	June 2020	Change since March 2020
Employment	12,328,500	-660,700 (or -5.1%)
Unemployment	992,300	276,200 (or 38.6%)
Labour force	13,320,800	-384,600 (or -2.8%)
Unemployment rate	7.4%	2.2% pts
Participation rate	64.0%	-1.9% pts
Underemployment rate	11.7%	2.9% pts
Monthly hours worked	1,664.7 million hours	-121.7 million hours (or -6.8%)

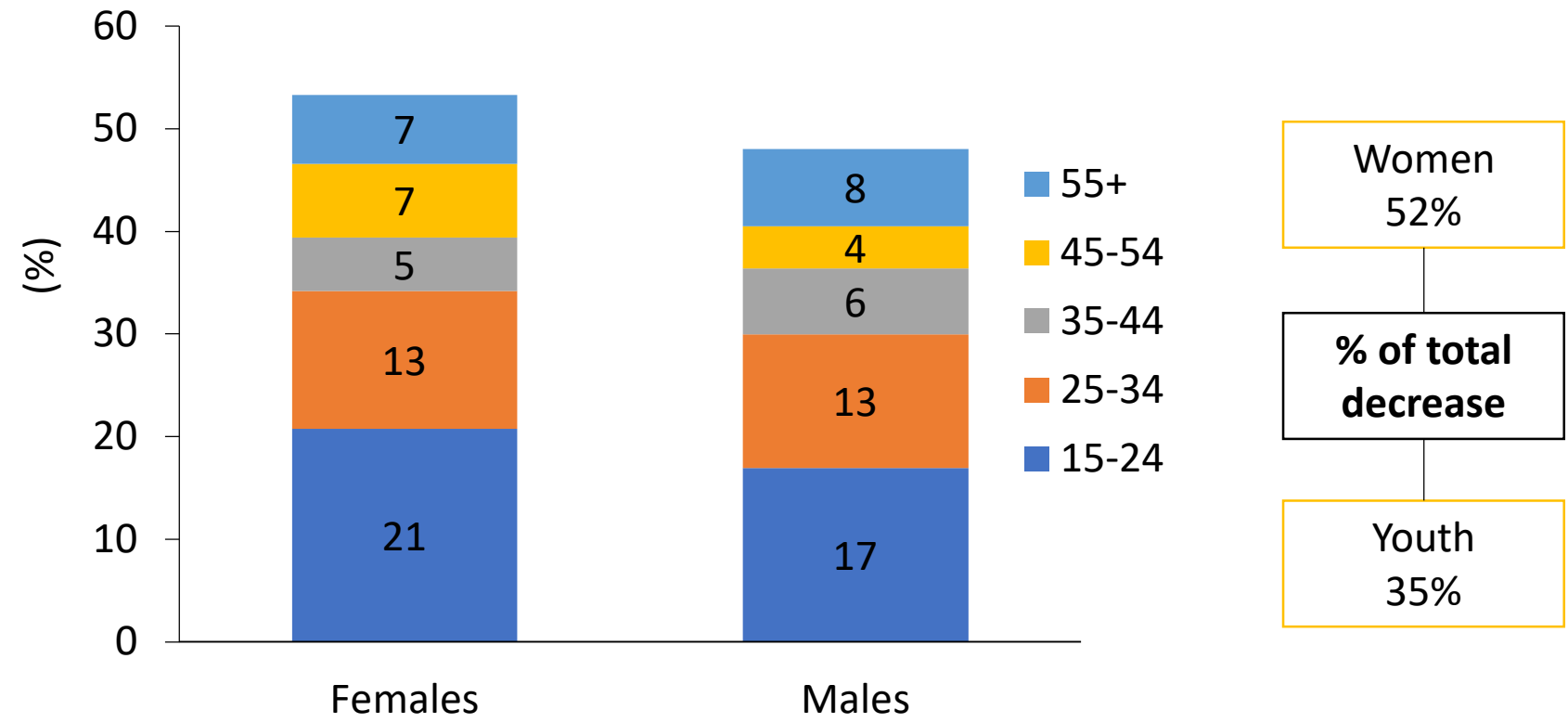
High profile industries particularly hard hit by COVID-19

Change in employment over the quarter to May 2020

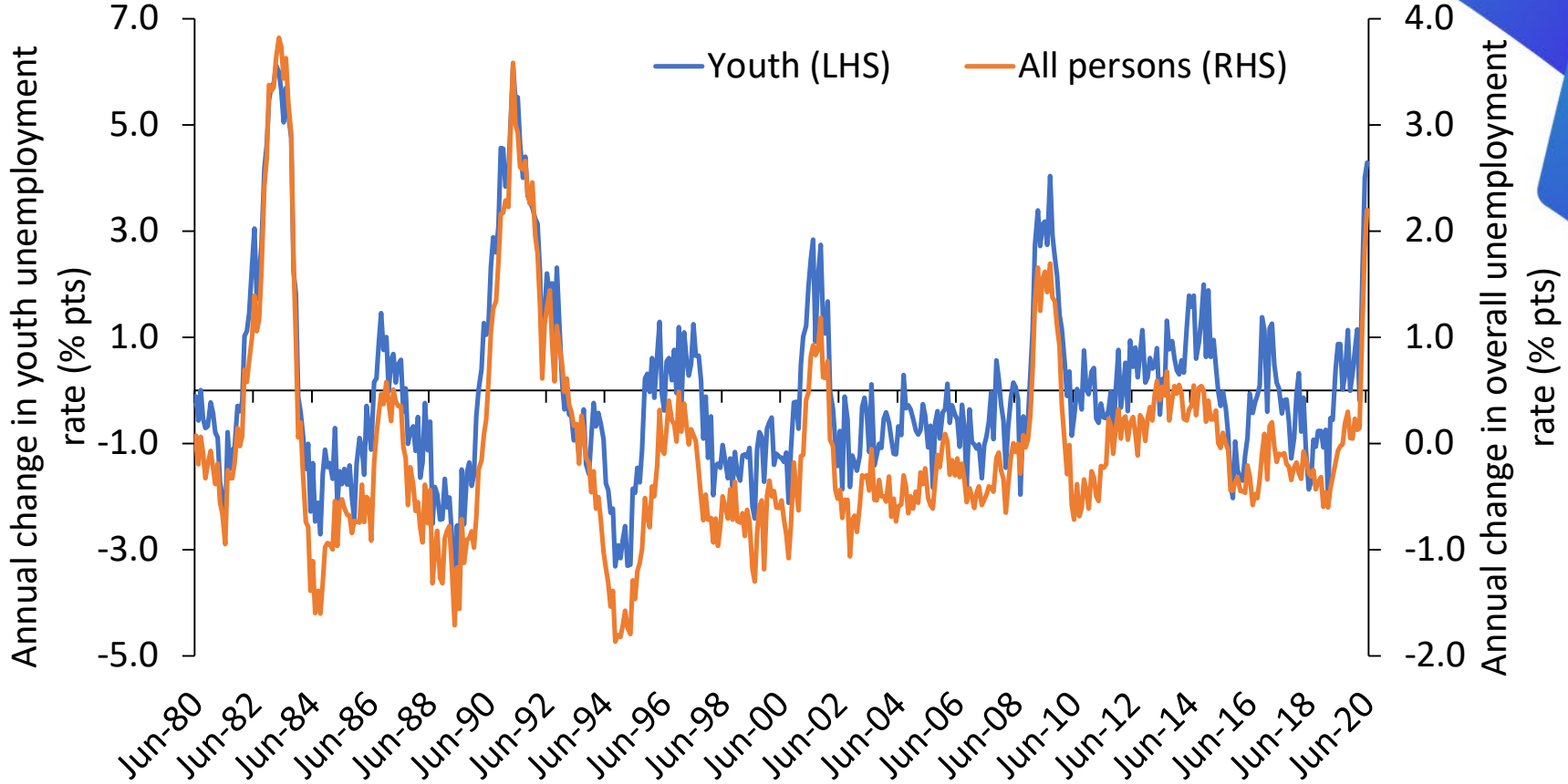


Youth and women have been disproportionately affected

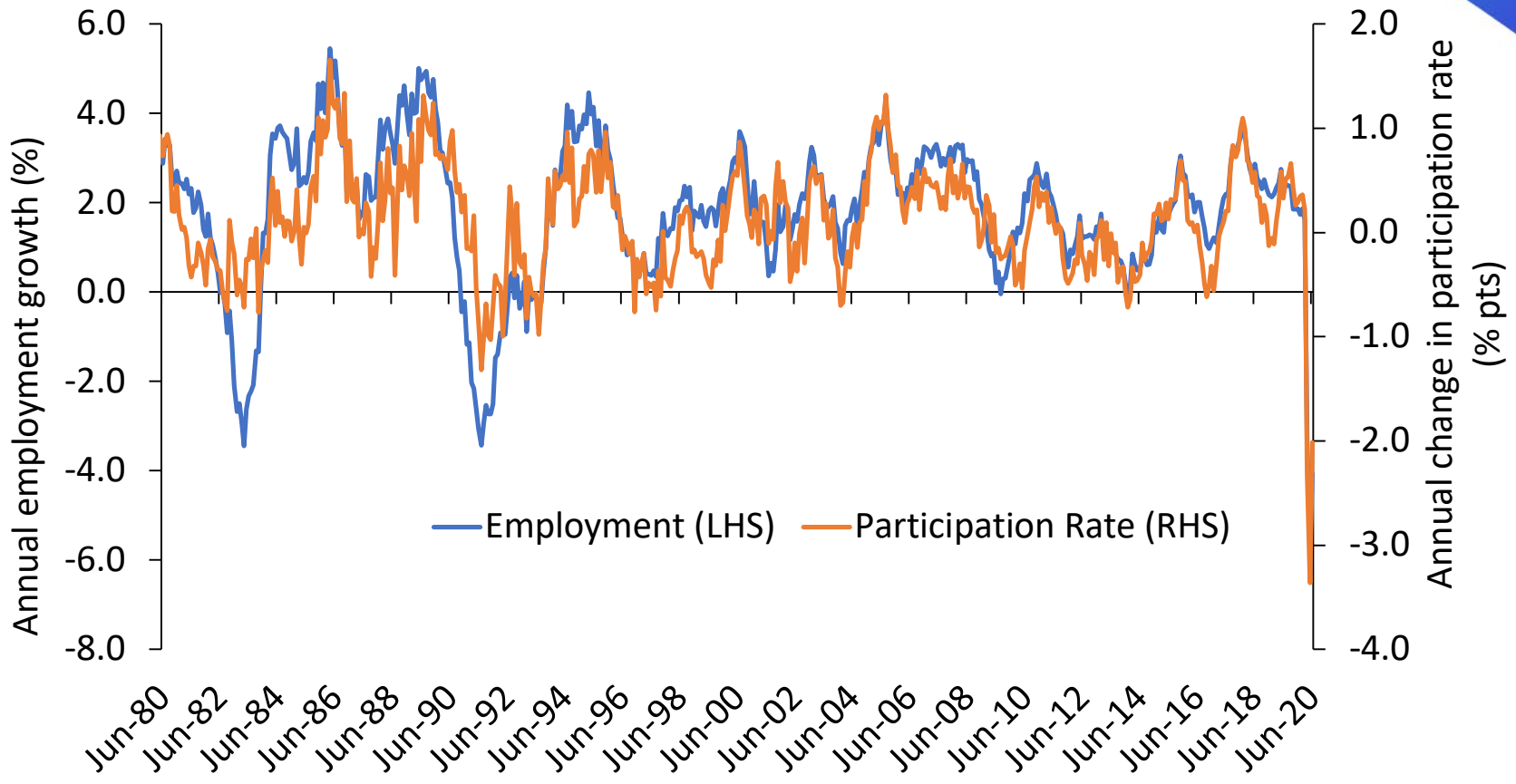
Share of total fall in employment between March and June, by age and sex



Youth and overall unemployment rate up significantly due to COVID-19

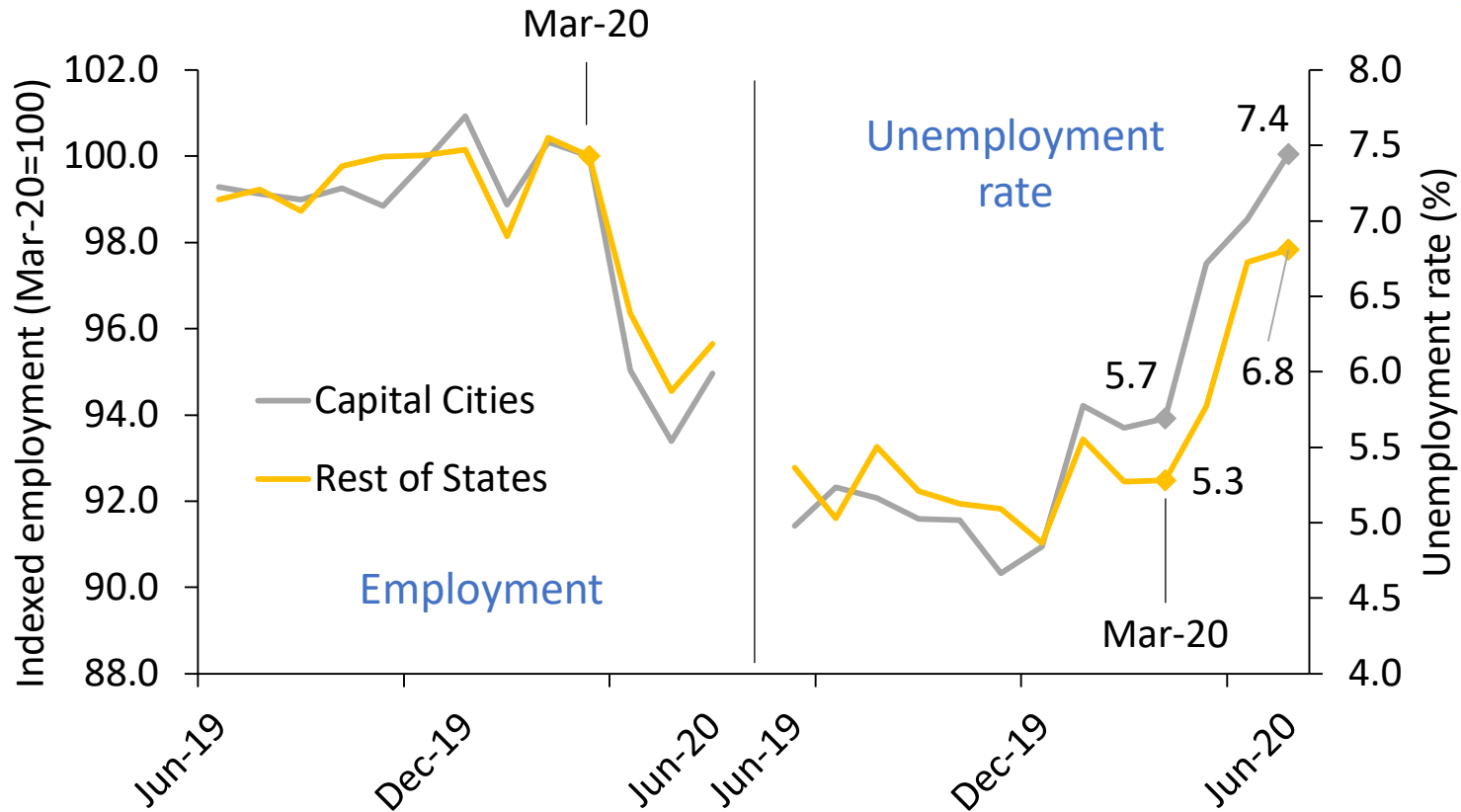


Employment and participation have declined dramatically due to COVID-19



COVID-19 impact felt across Australia

Capital Cities appear to have fared worse so far

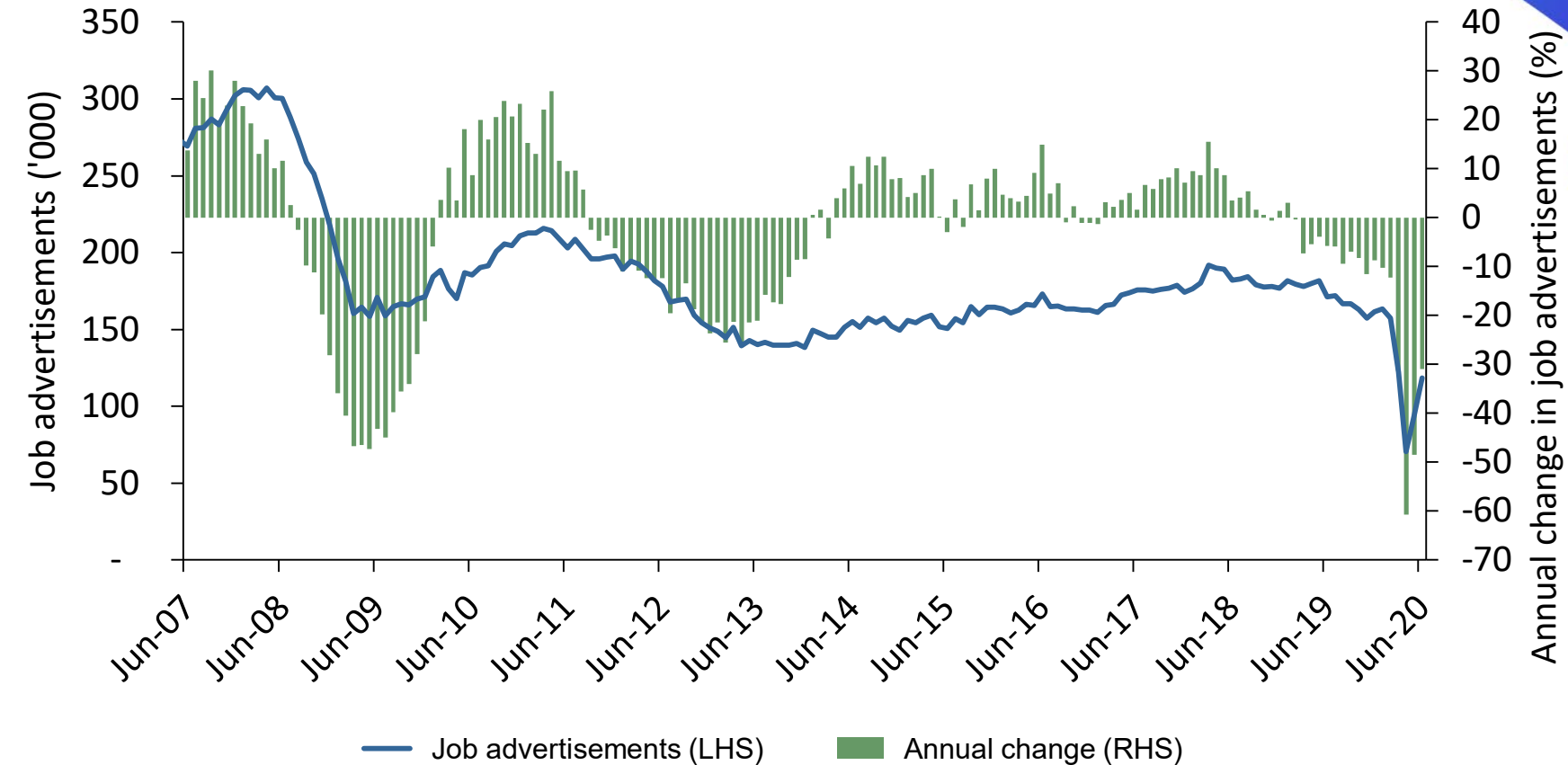


Some regions have been particularly hard hit

Among them, regions with a history of labour market disadvantage

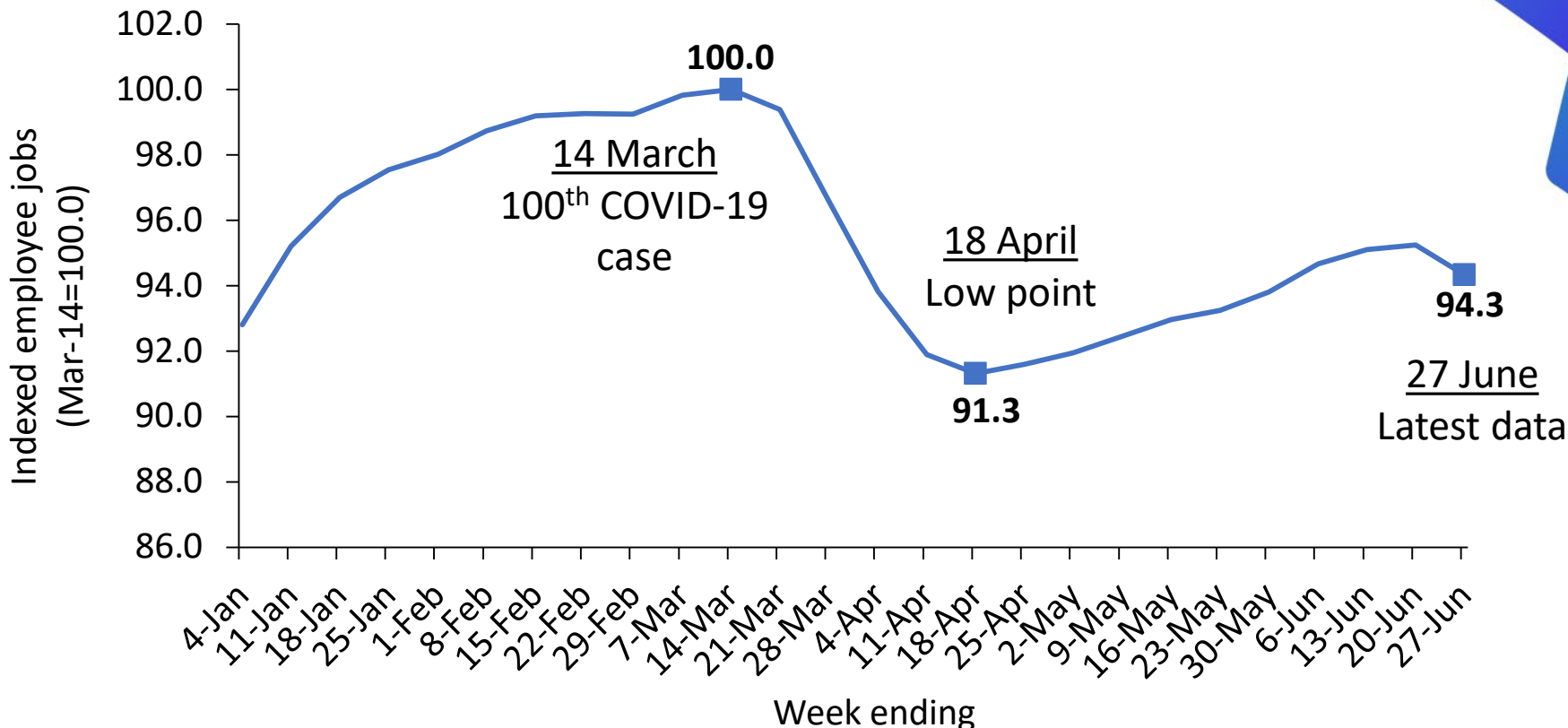
SA4	Change in employment	Change in unemployment rate	Change in participation rate	Change in Payroll jobs	Change in Caseload
	March to June (%)	March to June (% pts)	March to June (% pts)	(14-Mar to 30-May, %)	(15-Mar to 19-Jul, % of labour force)
Richmond - Tweed	-5.2	2.9	-1.3	-6.9	9.5
Melbourne - North West	-11.5	5.3	-4.2	-7.1	8.3
Gold Coast	-3.4	3.8	0.1	-8.1	9.2
Sunshine Coast	-10.1	3.8	-4.1	-7.1	9.2
Cairns	-8.0	1.0	-5.1	-7.9	8.1
Australia	-5.1	2.2	-1.9	-6.2	6.1

Vacancies have begun to recover but remain well below pre-pandemic levels



Employee jobs have begun to recover

but at a much slower rate than the pace at which they declined



Risks to businesses staying open over the next six months

Survey results from the 3 weeks to 10 July

