COVID-19-Related Labor Market Information
Updated: July 16, 2021

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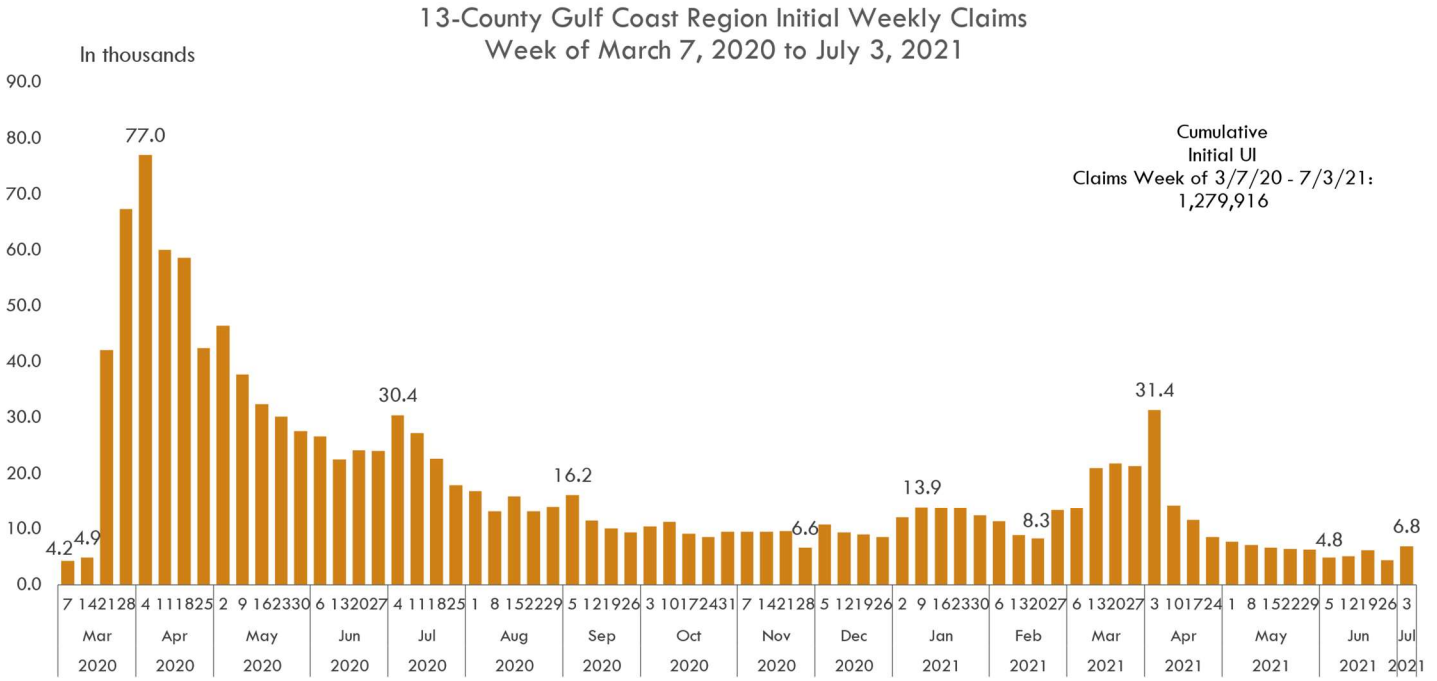
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance



Source: Texas Workforce Commission
Note: Data shown does not include initial filings under Pandemic/Disaster Unemployment Assistance (PUA/DUA).

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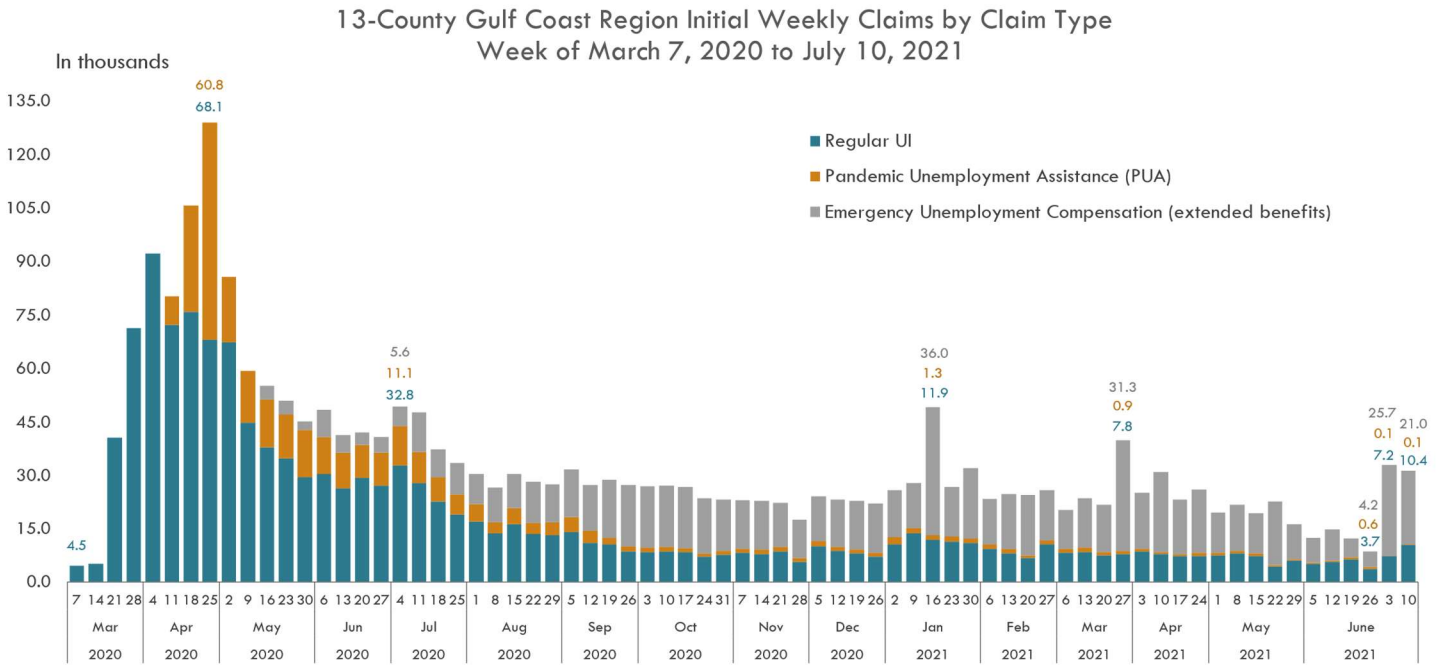

Source: Texas Workforce Commission
Note: Regular UI claims data found in this chart may differ from values shown elsewhere in this document and/or from other Federal or State sources. Data may contain multiple filings by due to administrative requirements. The state of Texas discontinued participation in pandemic federal extended benefits programs on 6/26/21.

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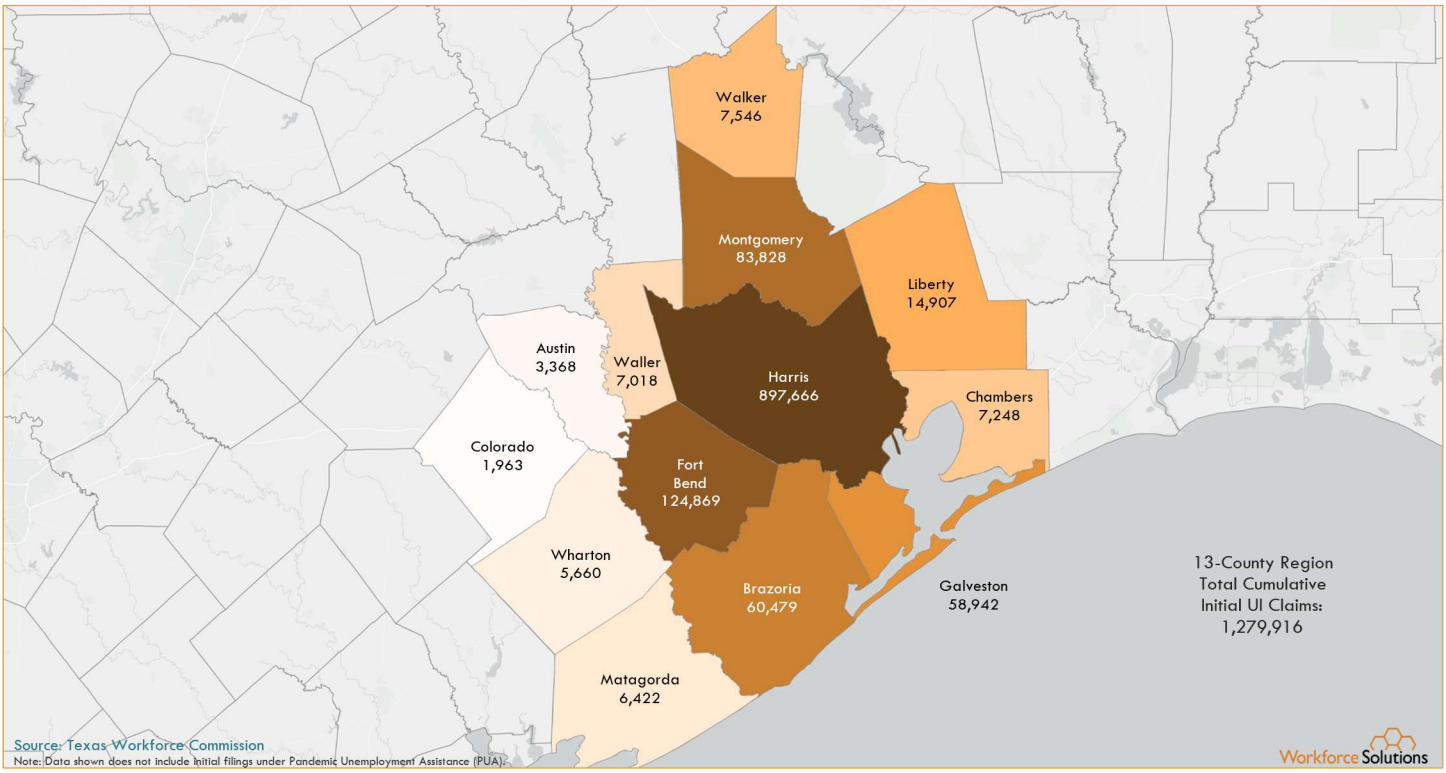
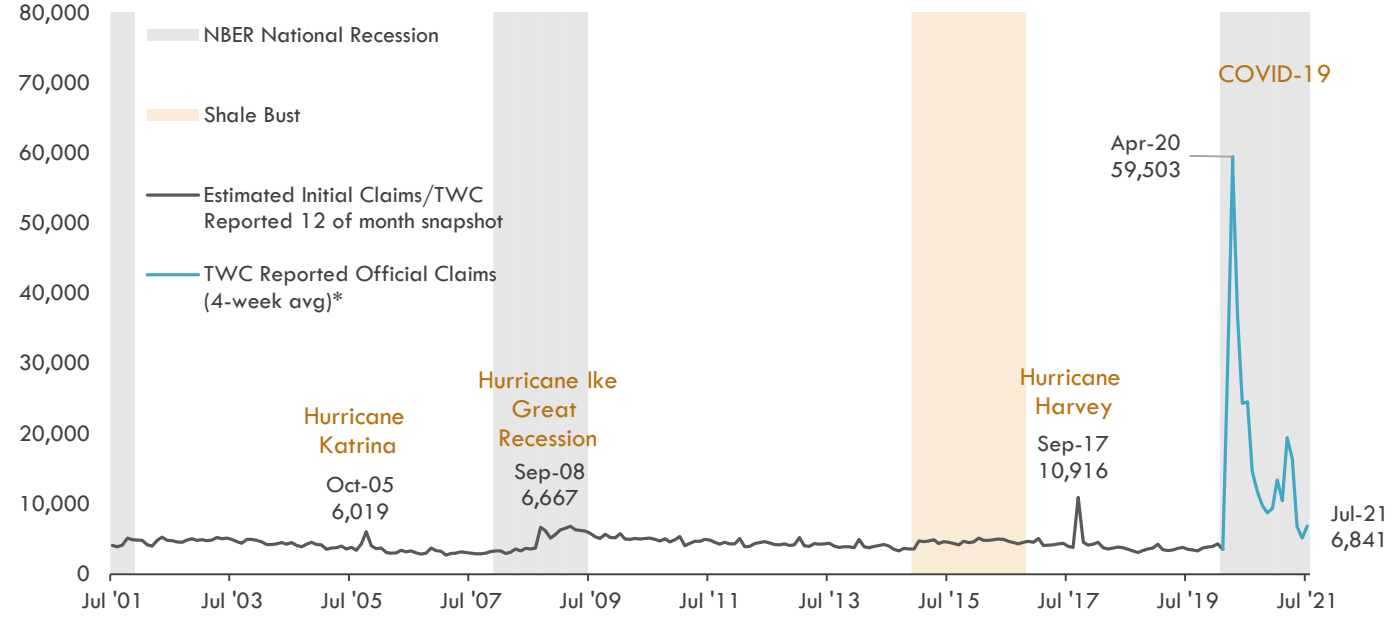
13-County Gulf Coast Region Cumulative Initial Weekly Claims
Week Ended March 7, 2020 to July 3, 2021



Gulf Coast Region - Initial UI Claims Historical Estimates and Actual
July 2001 to July 2021 (monthly averages)



Source: Texas Workforce Commission and author's calculations
*Note: Current July reflects week of 7/3/21 only.
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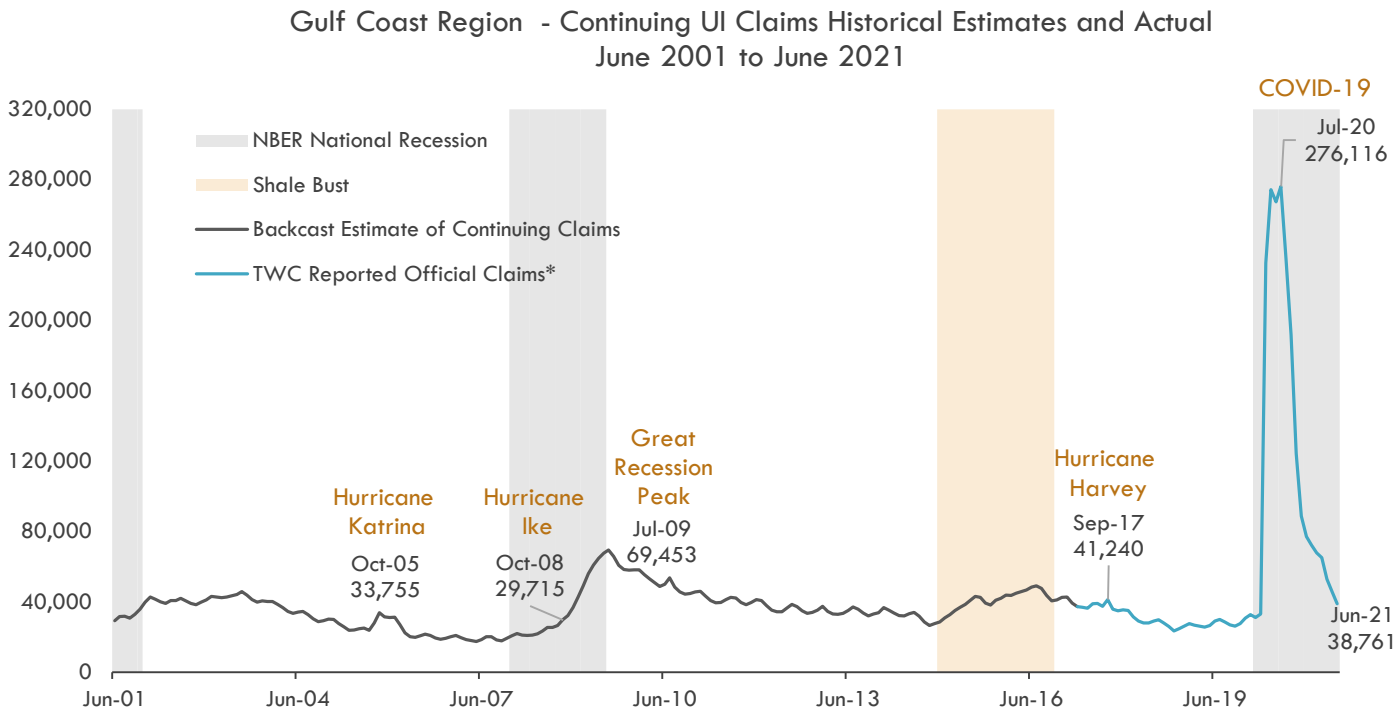
Continuing Claims for Unemployment Insurance



Source: Texas Workforce Commission, DOLETA, and author's calculations

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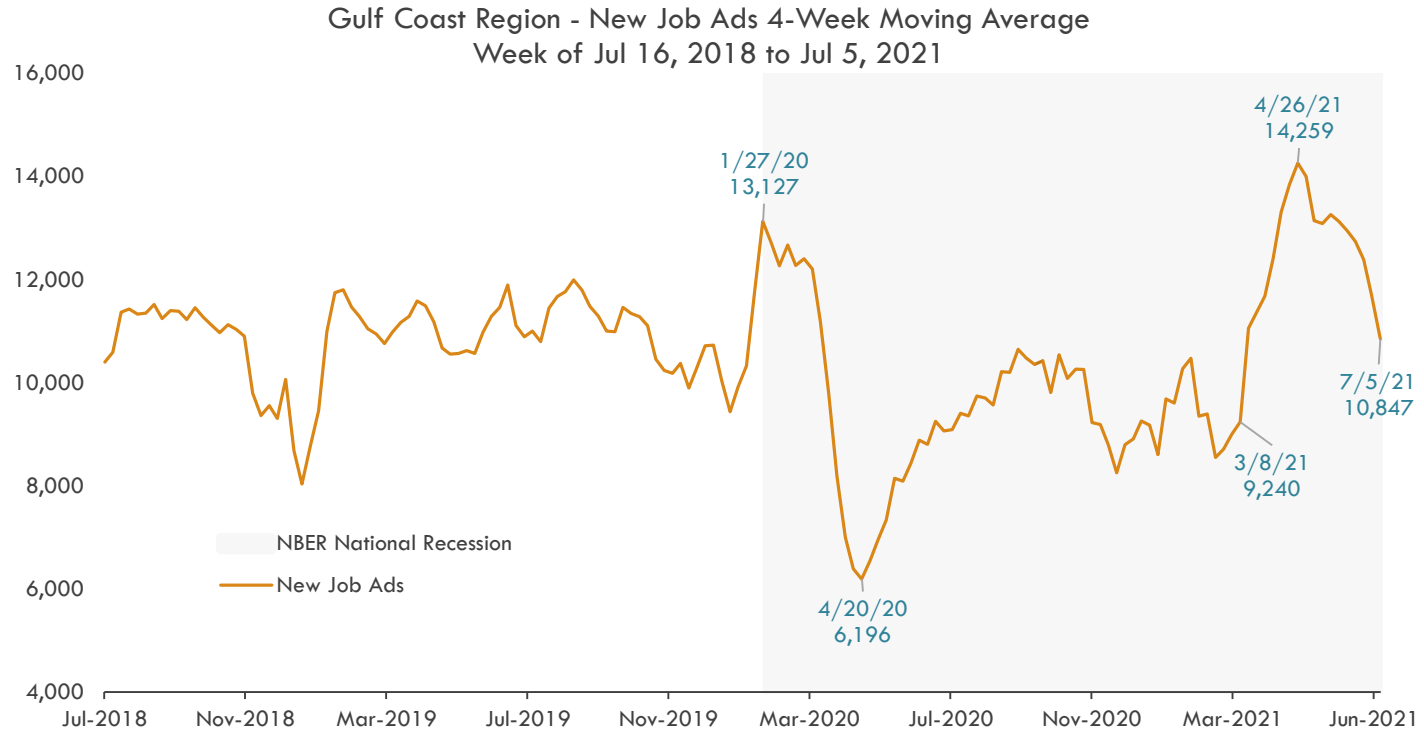

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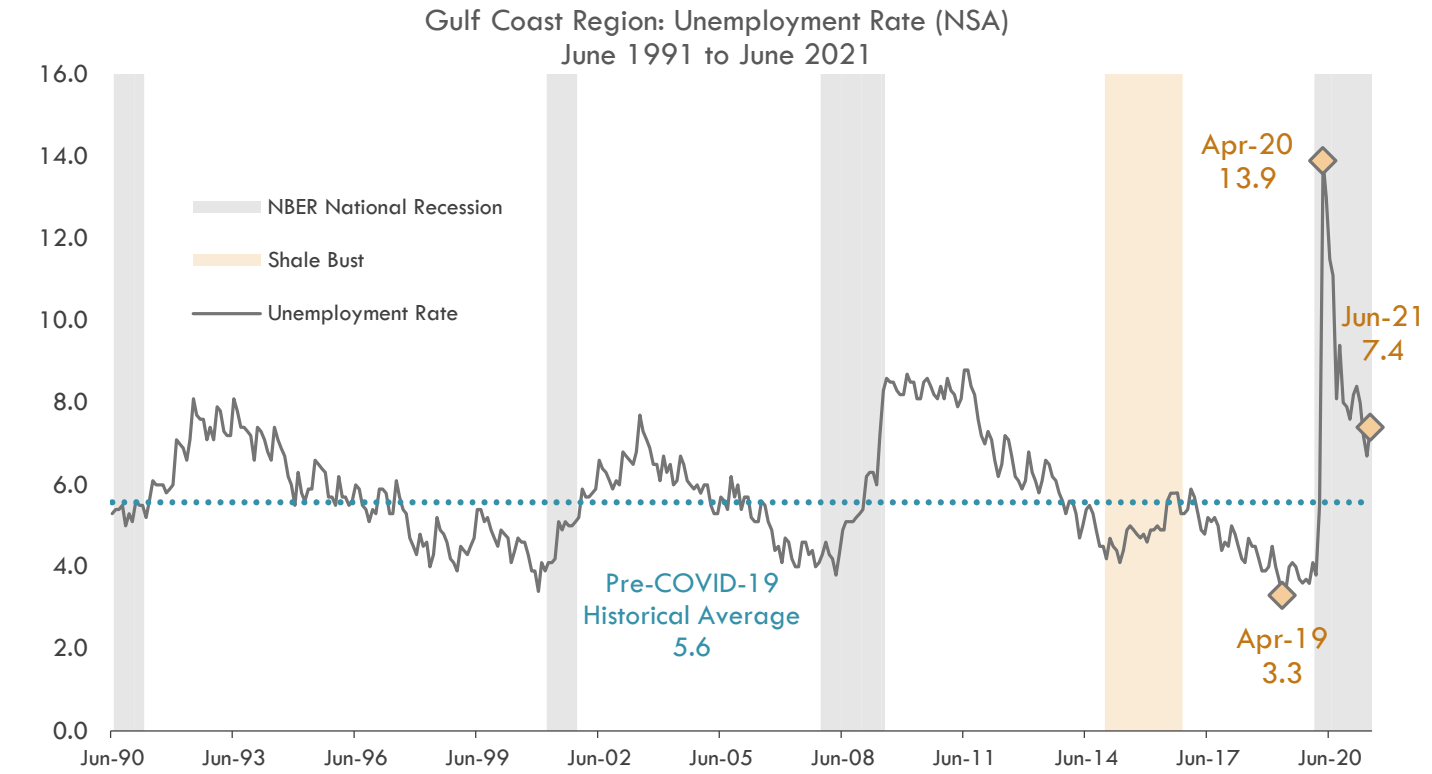

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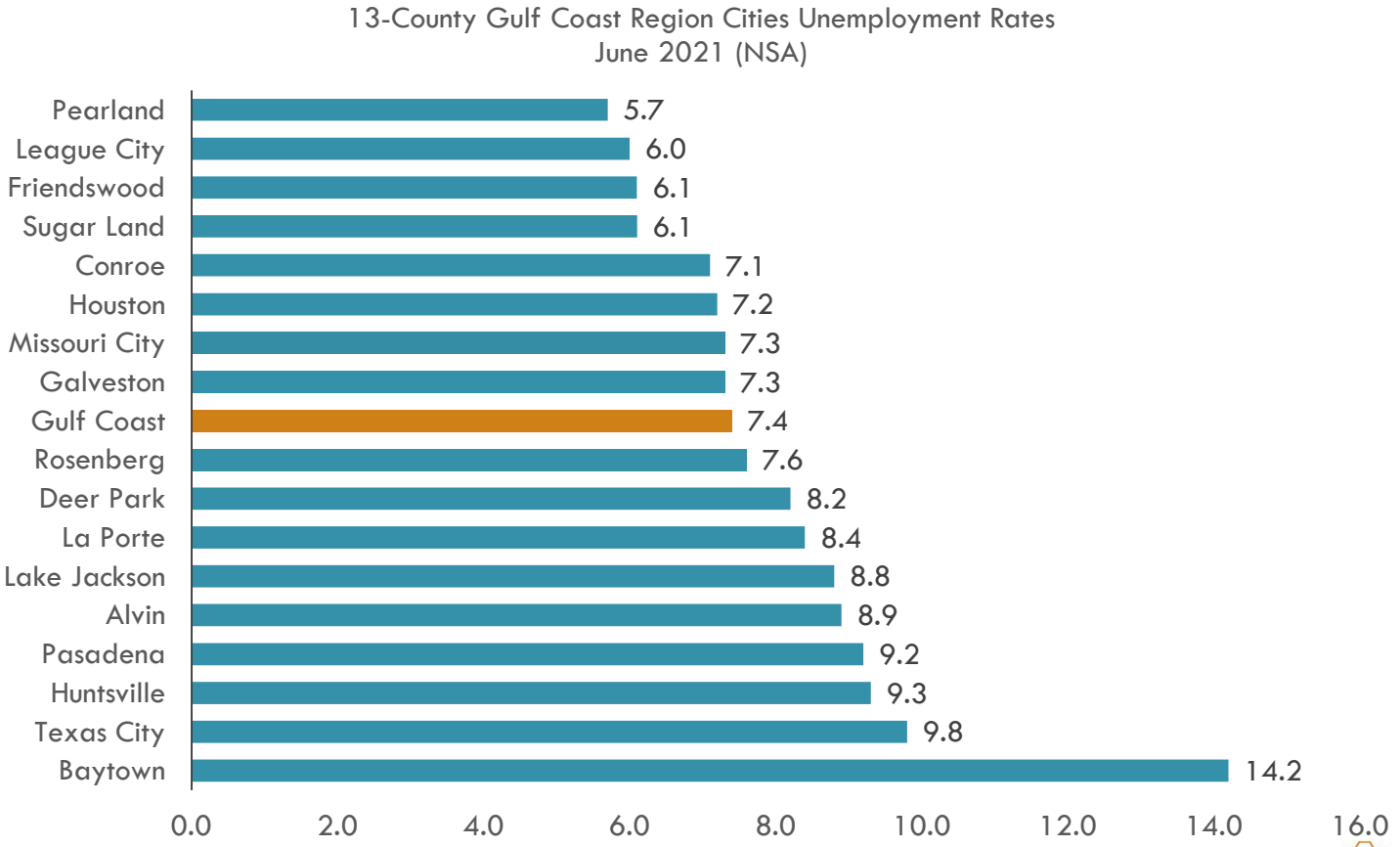
Unemployment Rates: Cities



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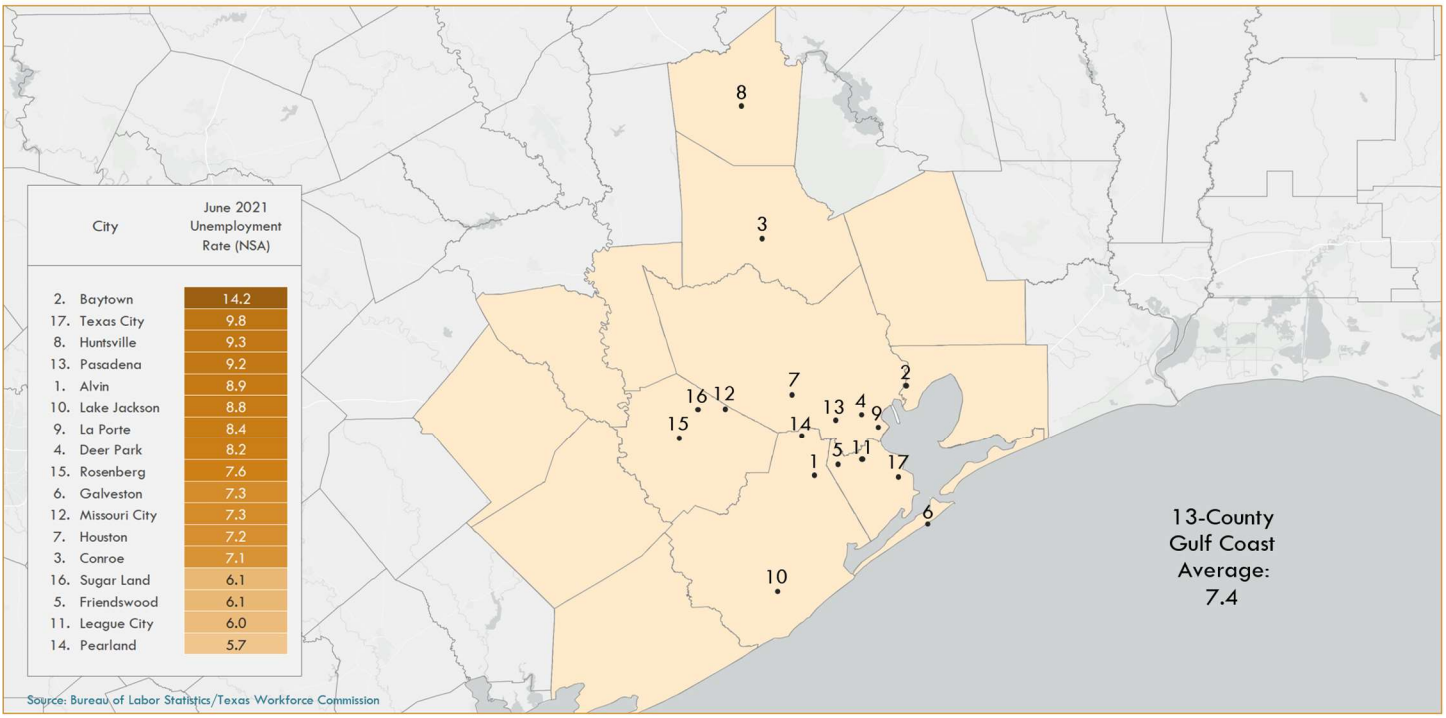
Unemployment Rates: Cities

13-County Gulf Coast Region Cities Unemployment Rates
June 2021
(same information as preceding bar chart)



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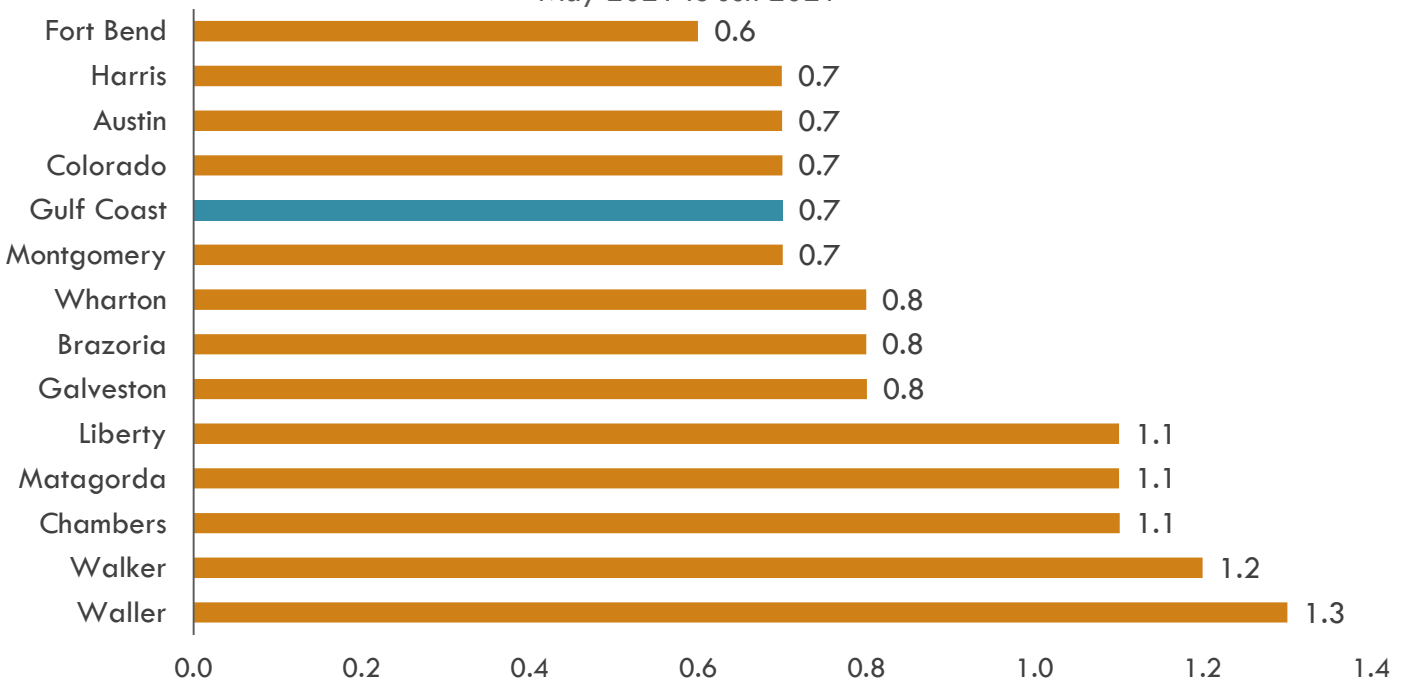

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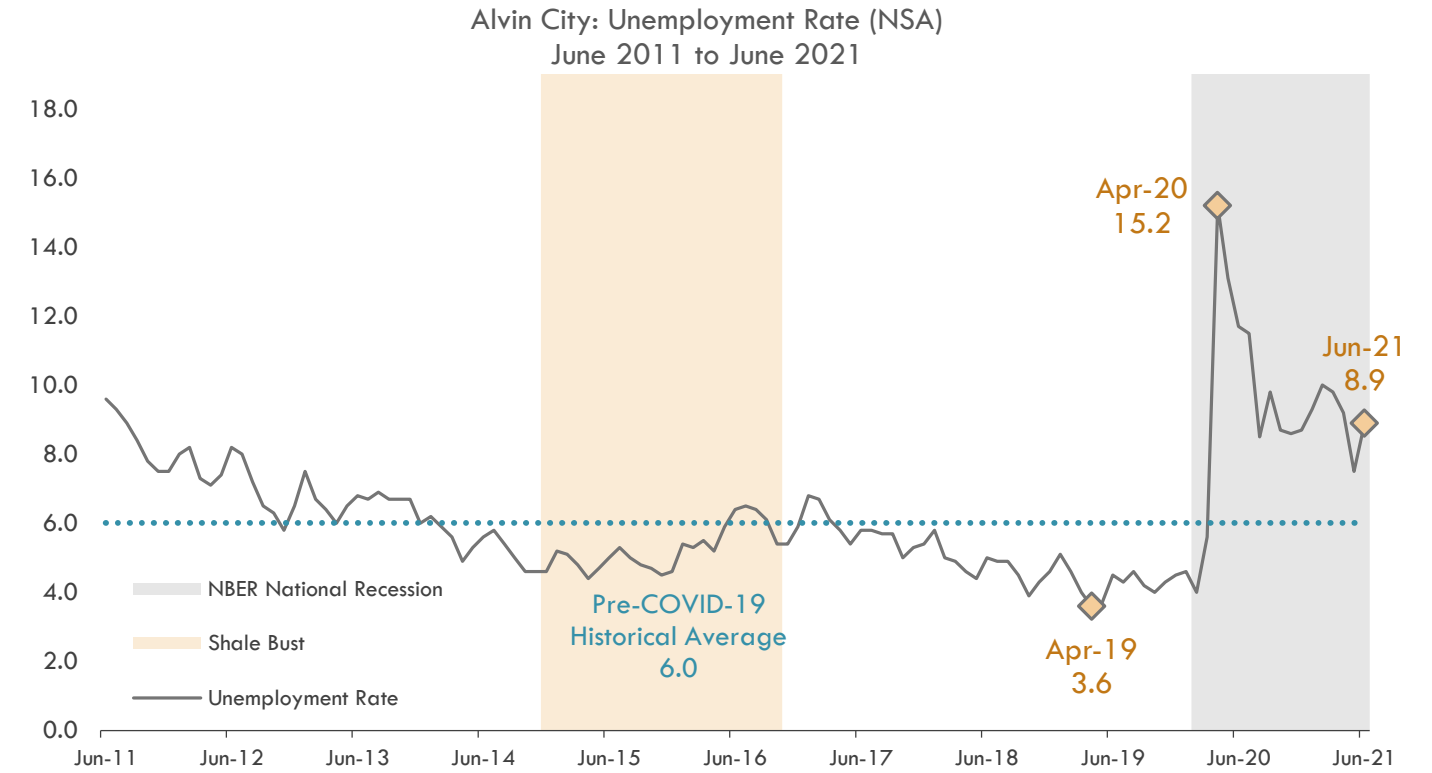

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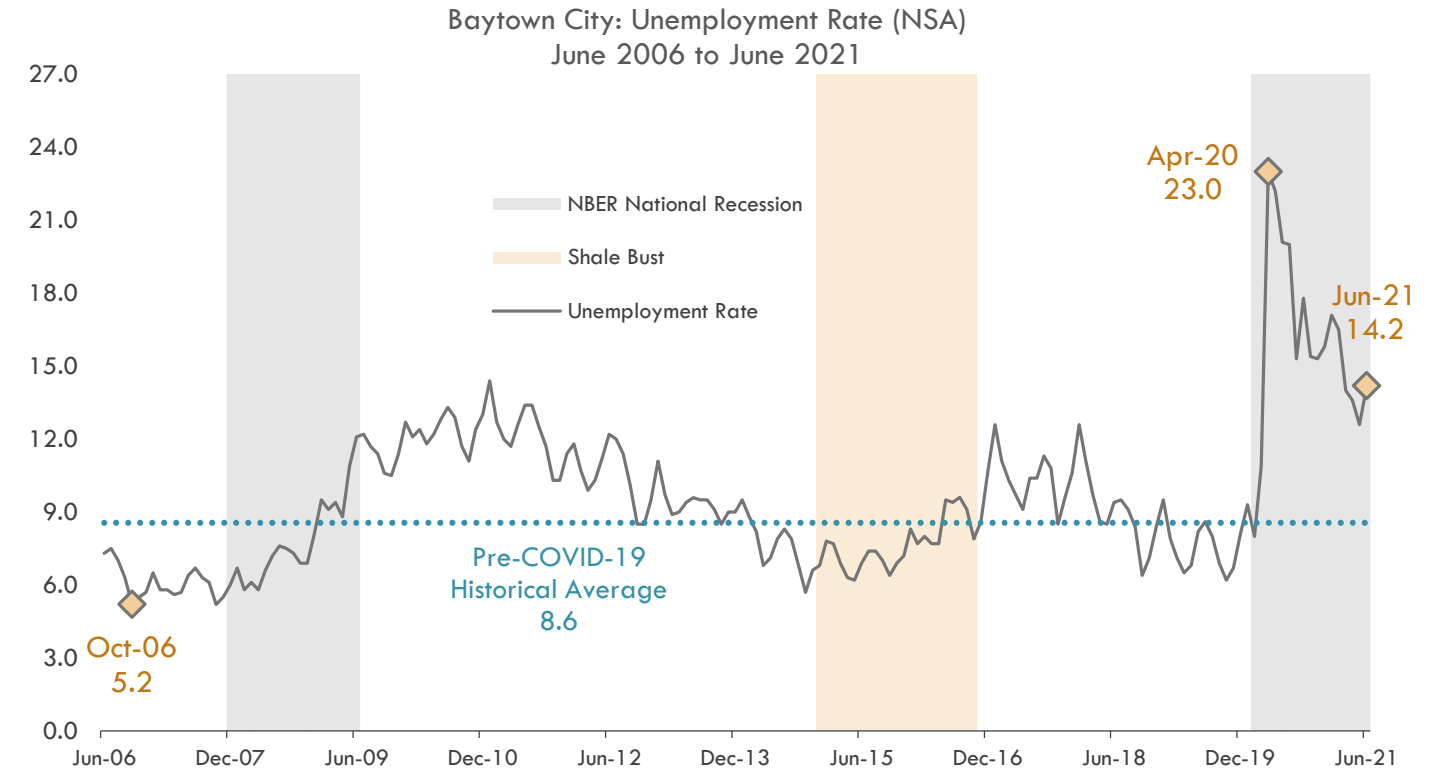

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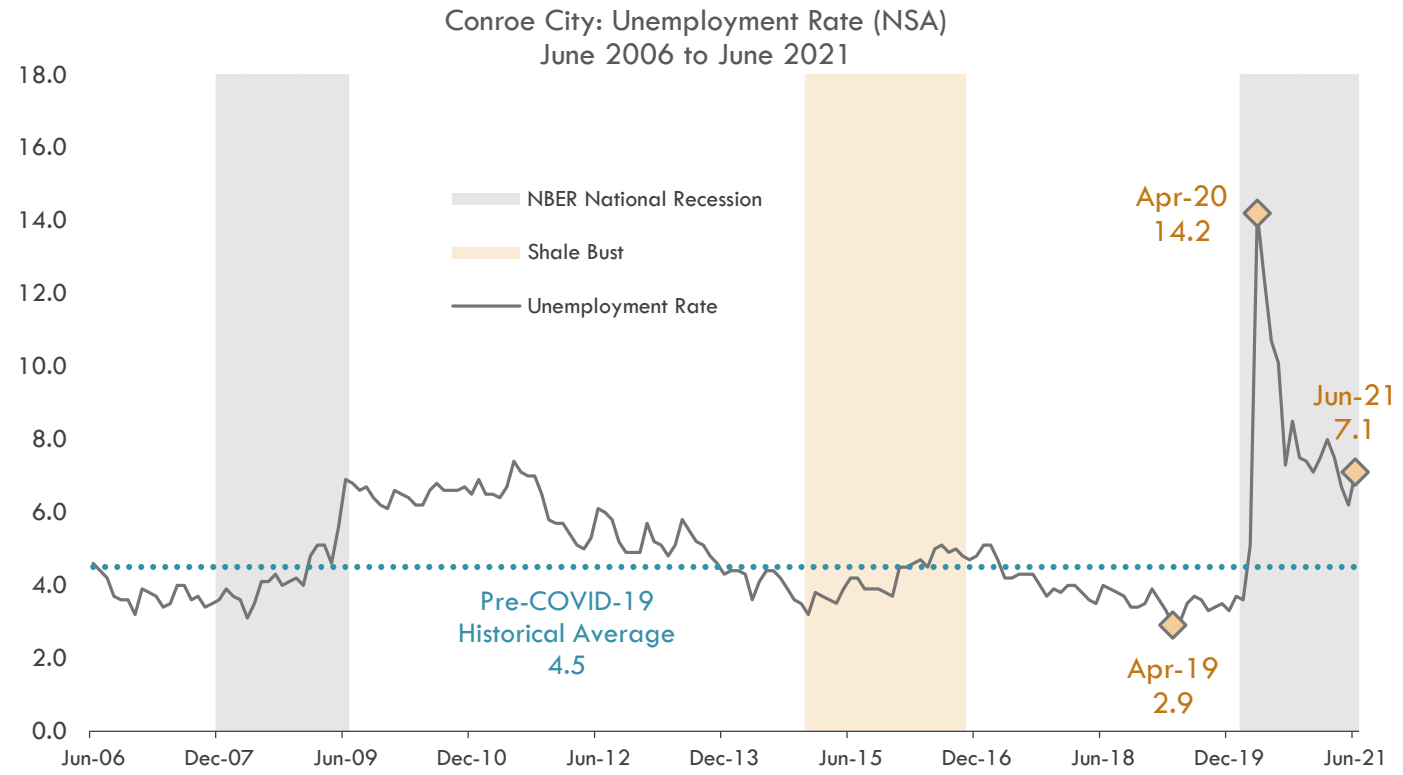

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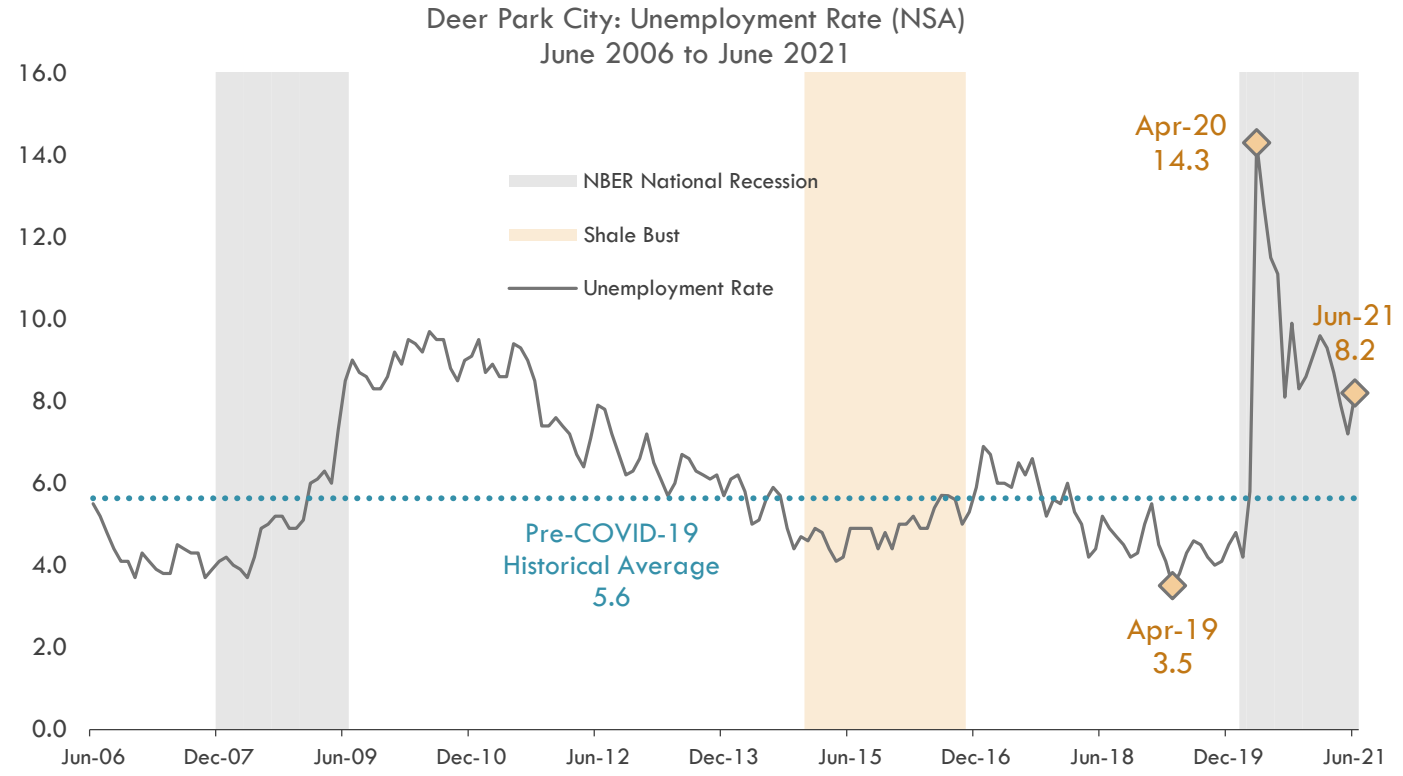

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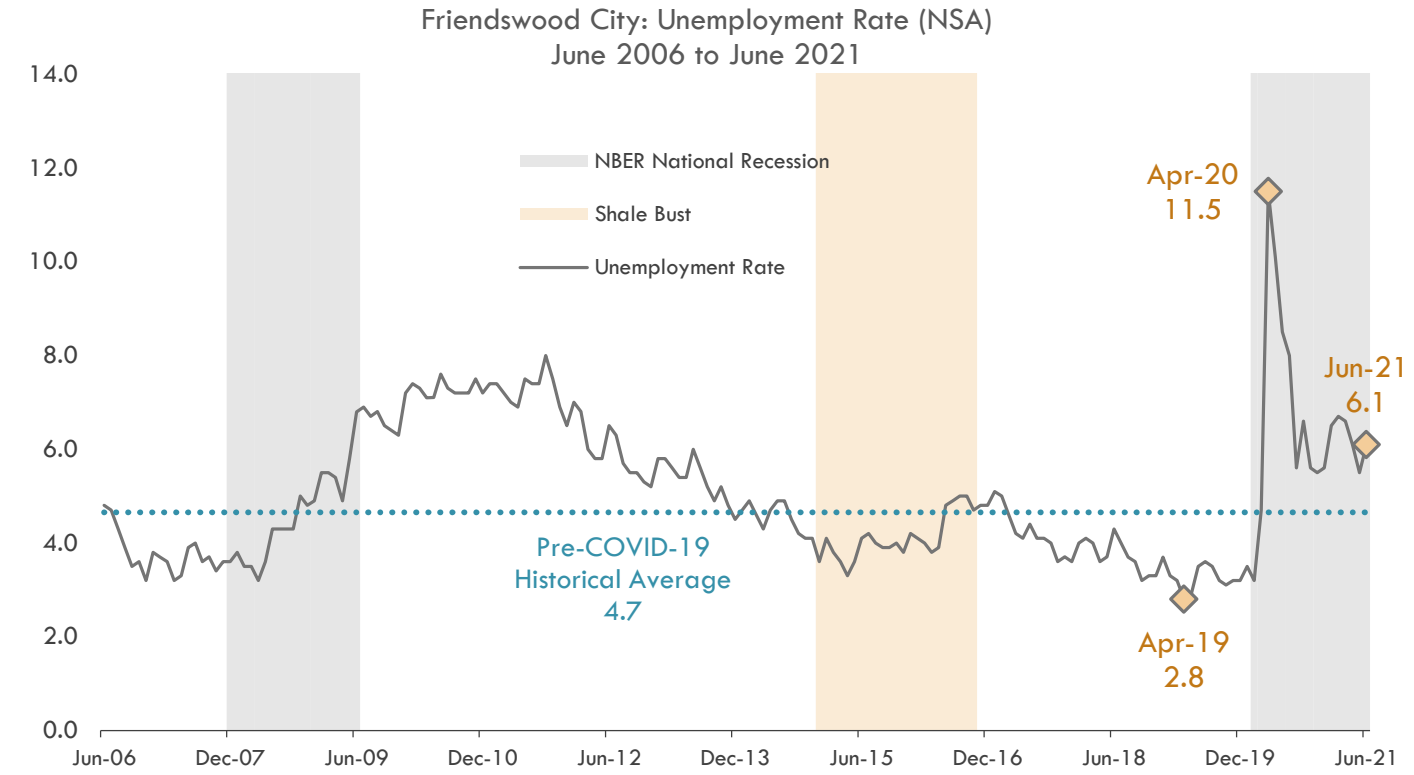

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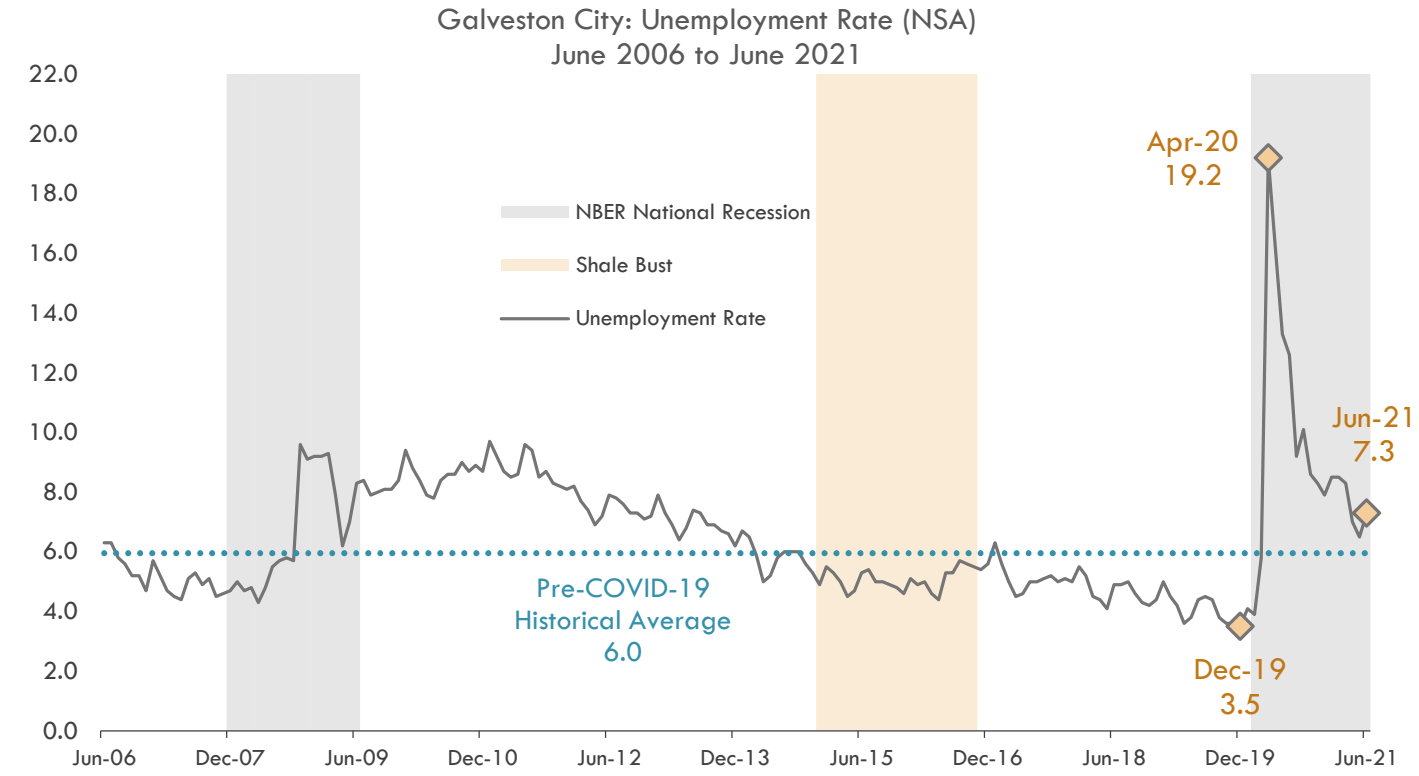

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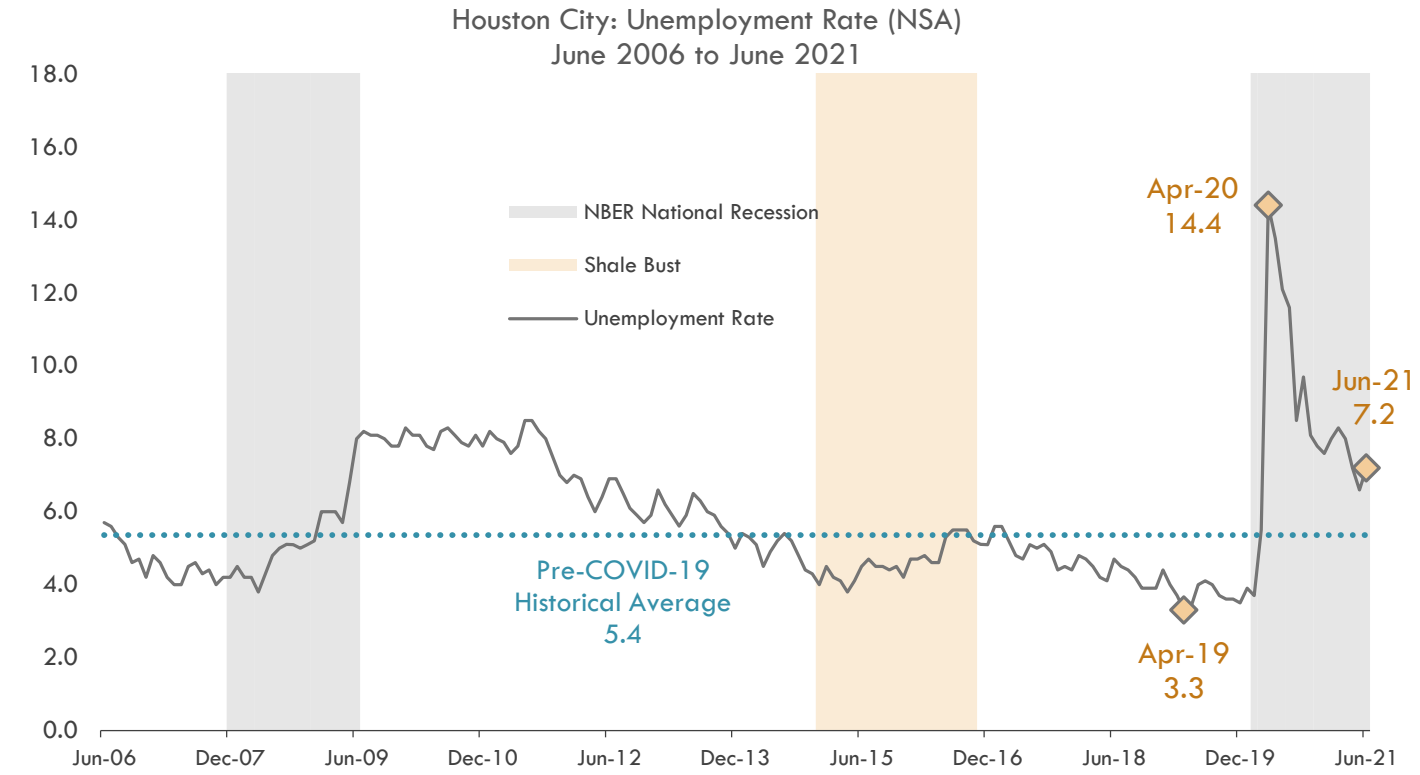

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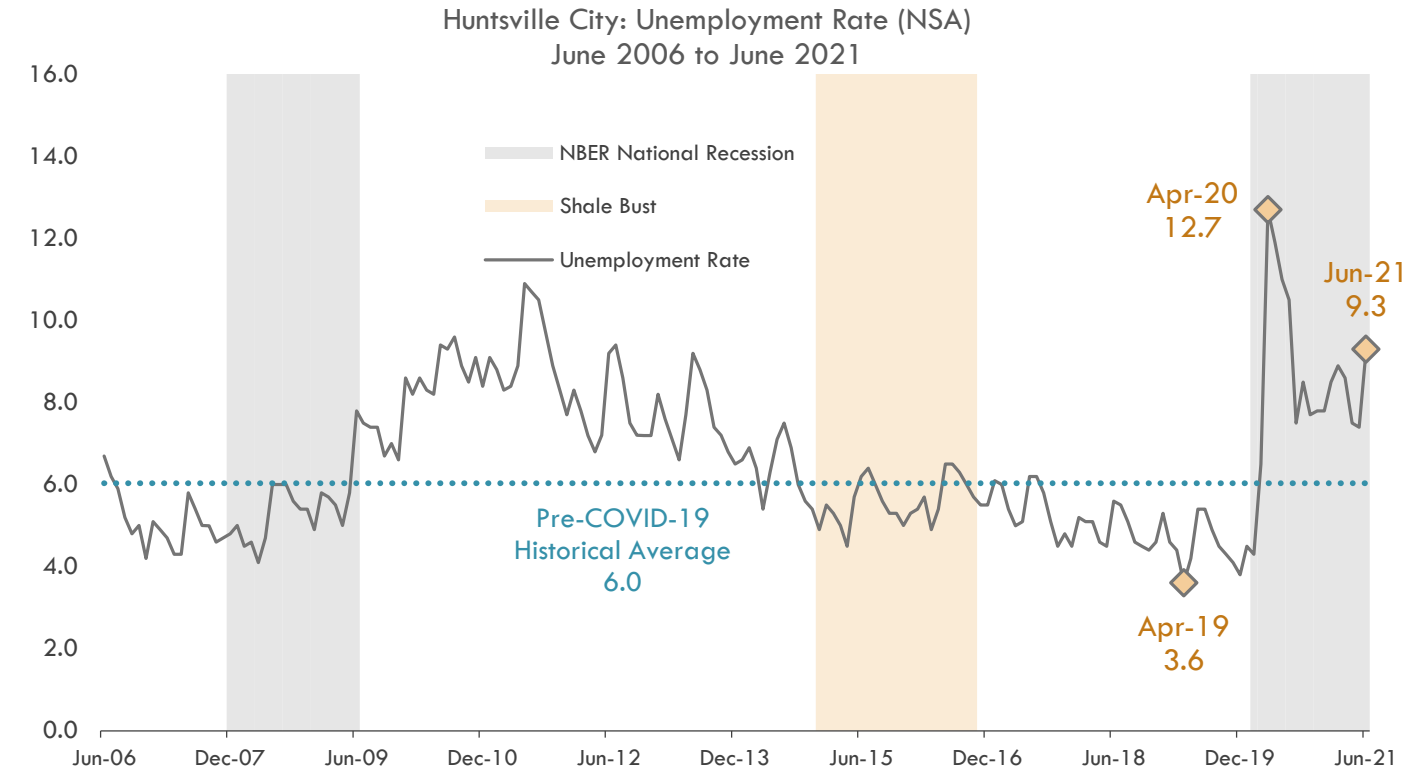

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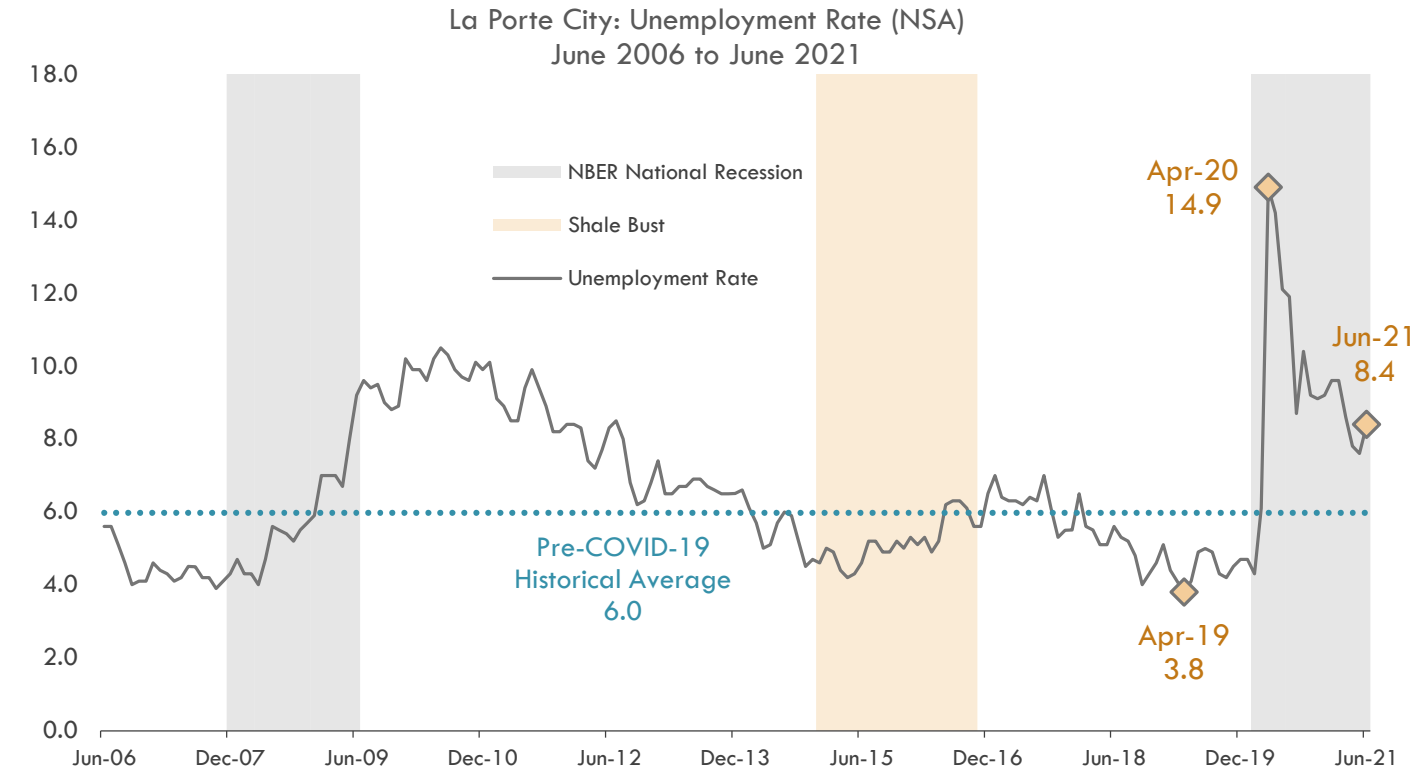

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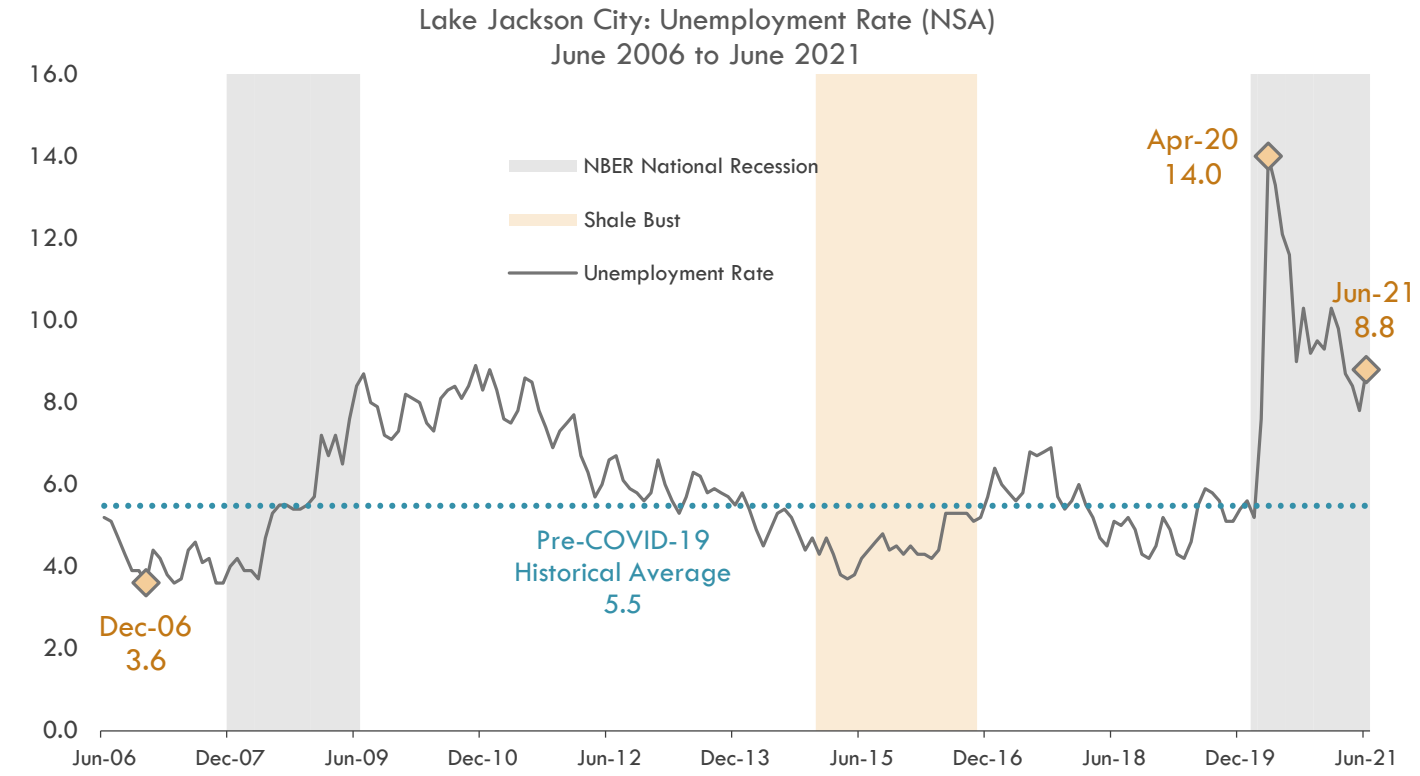

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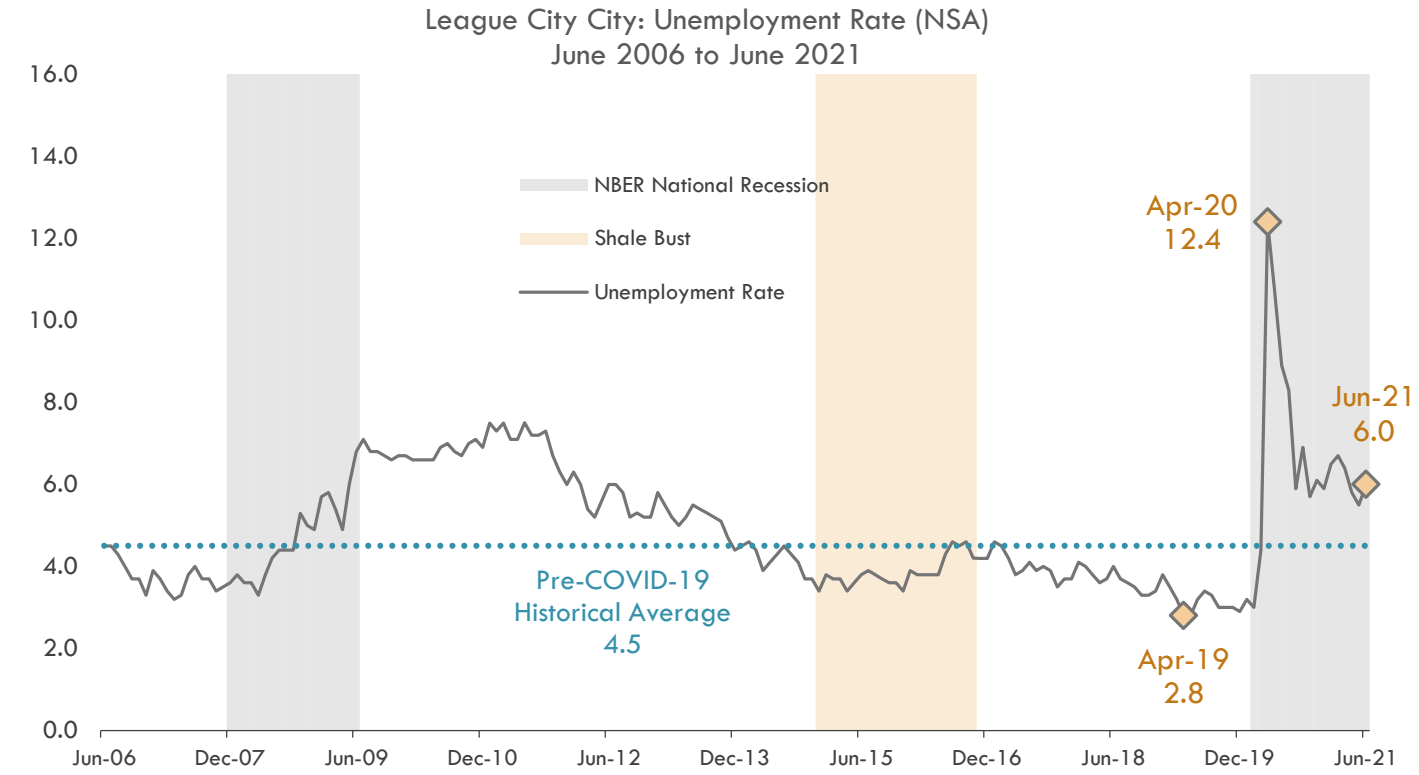

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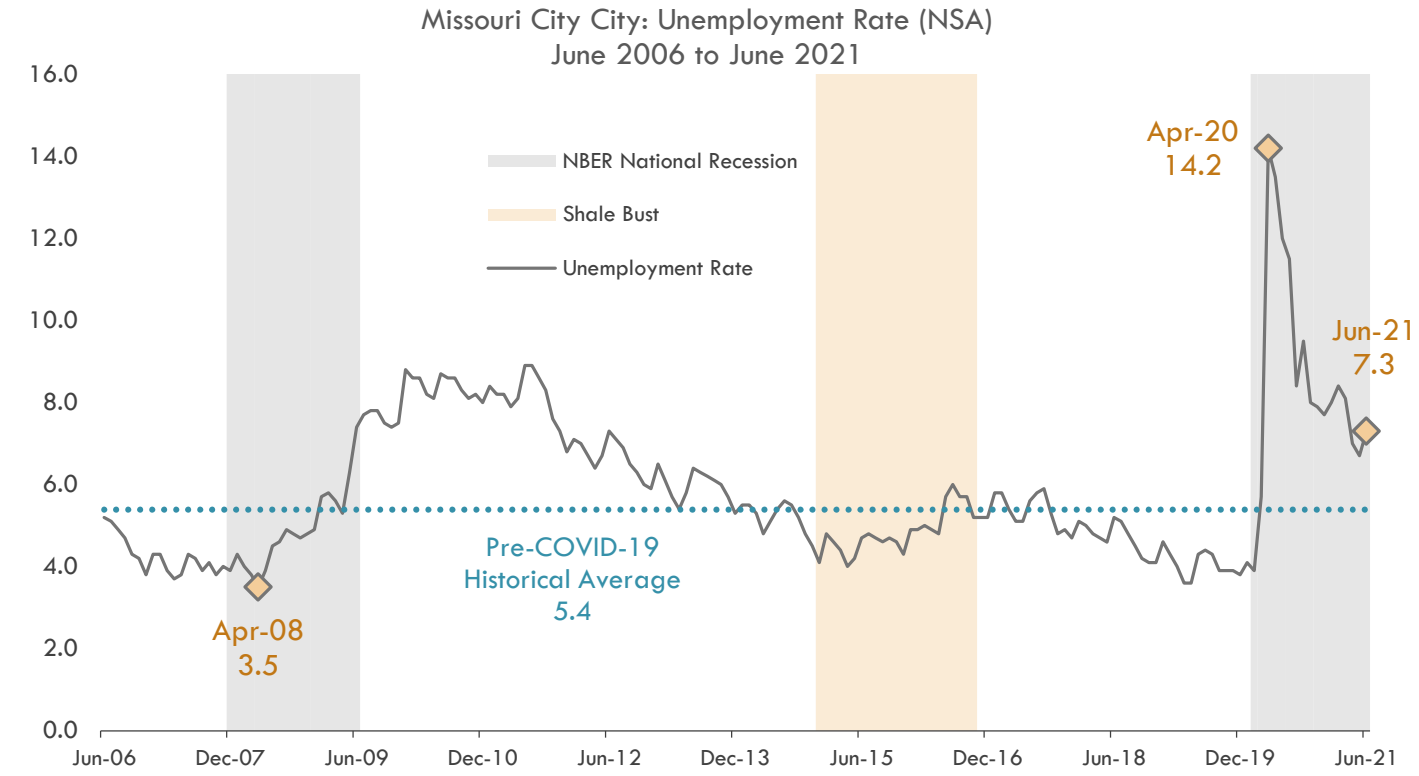

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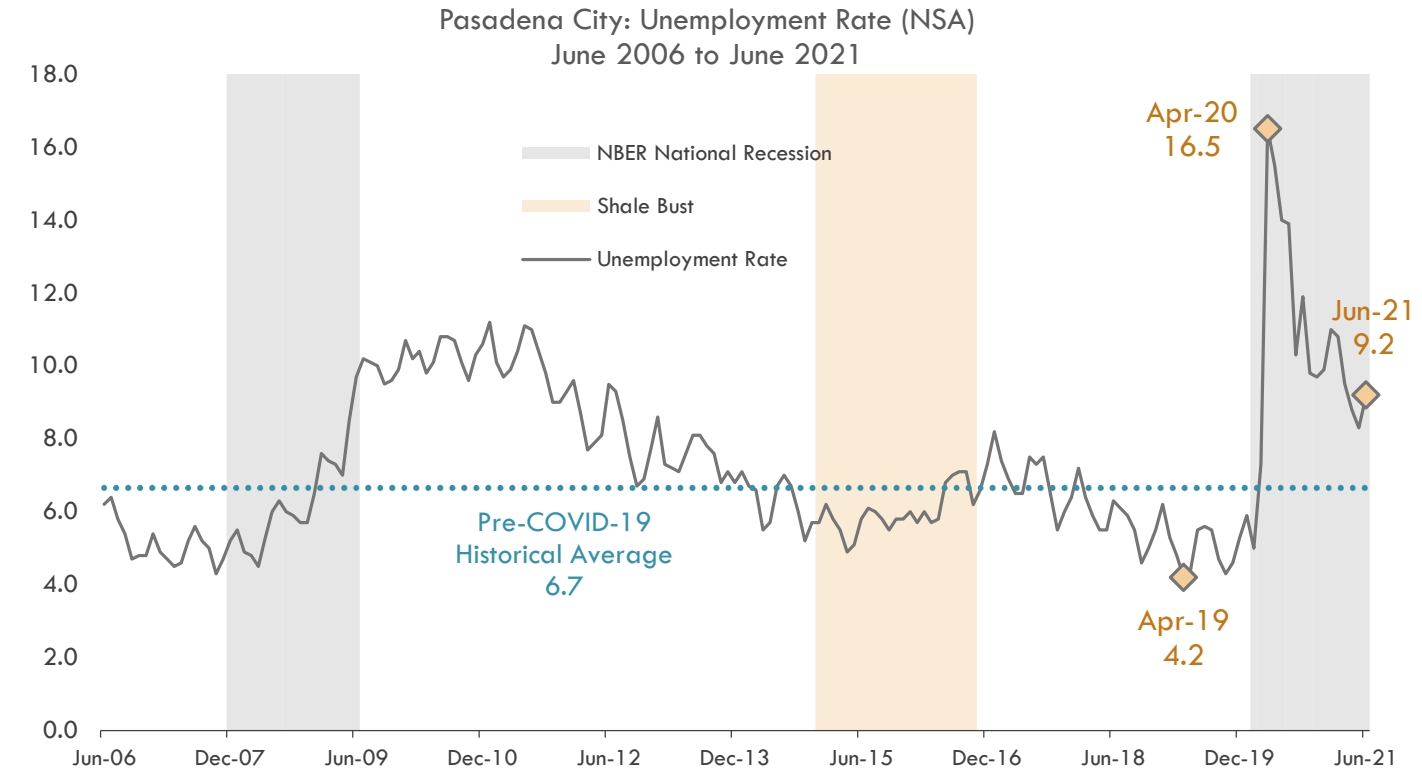

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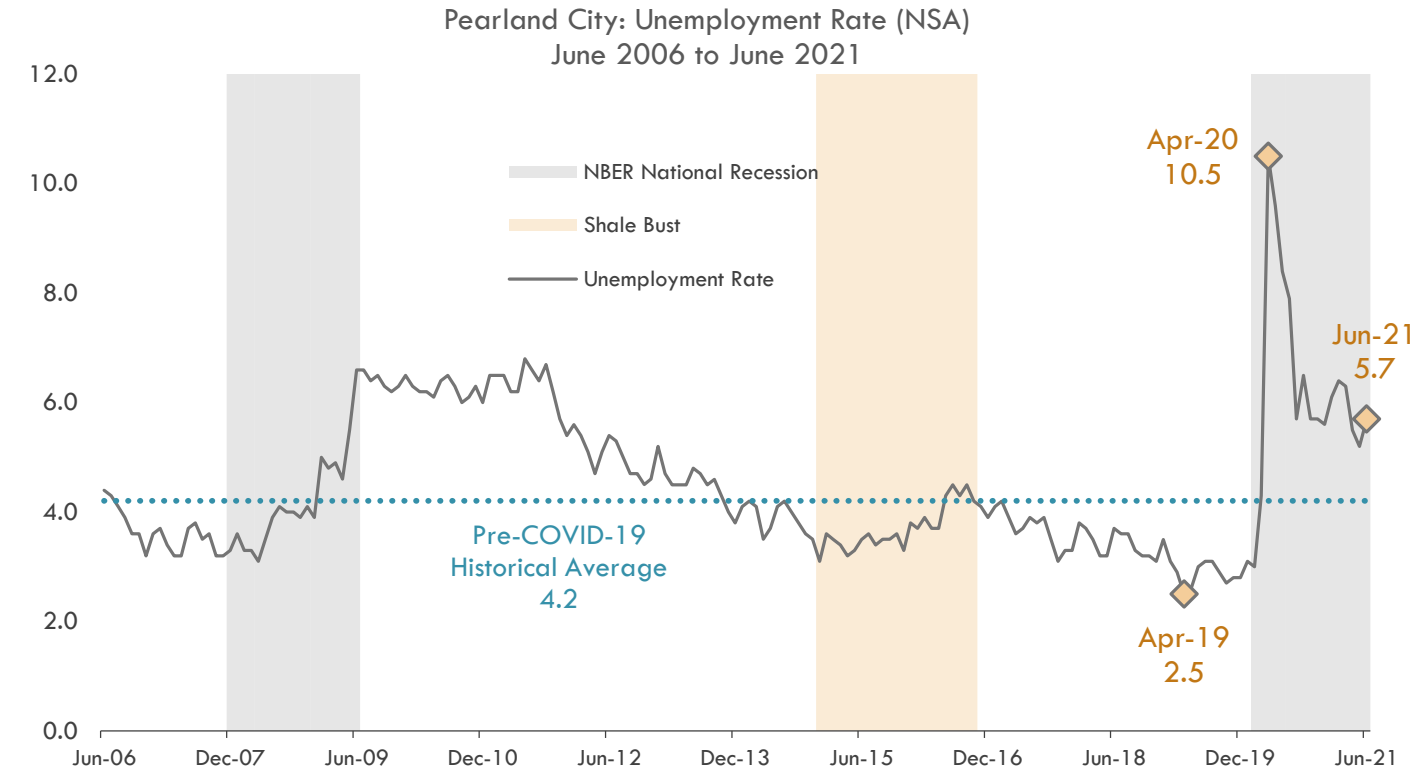

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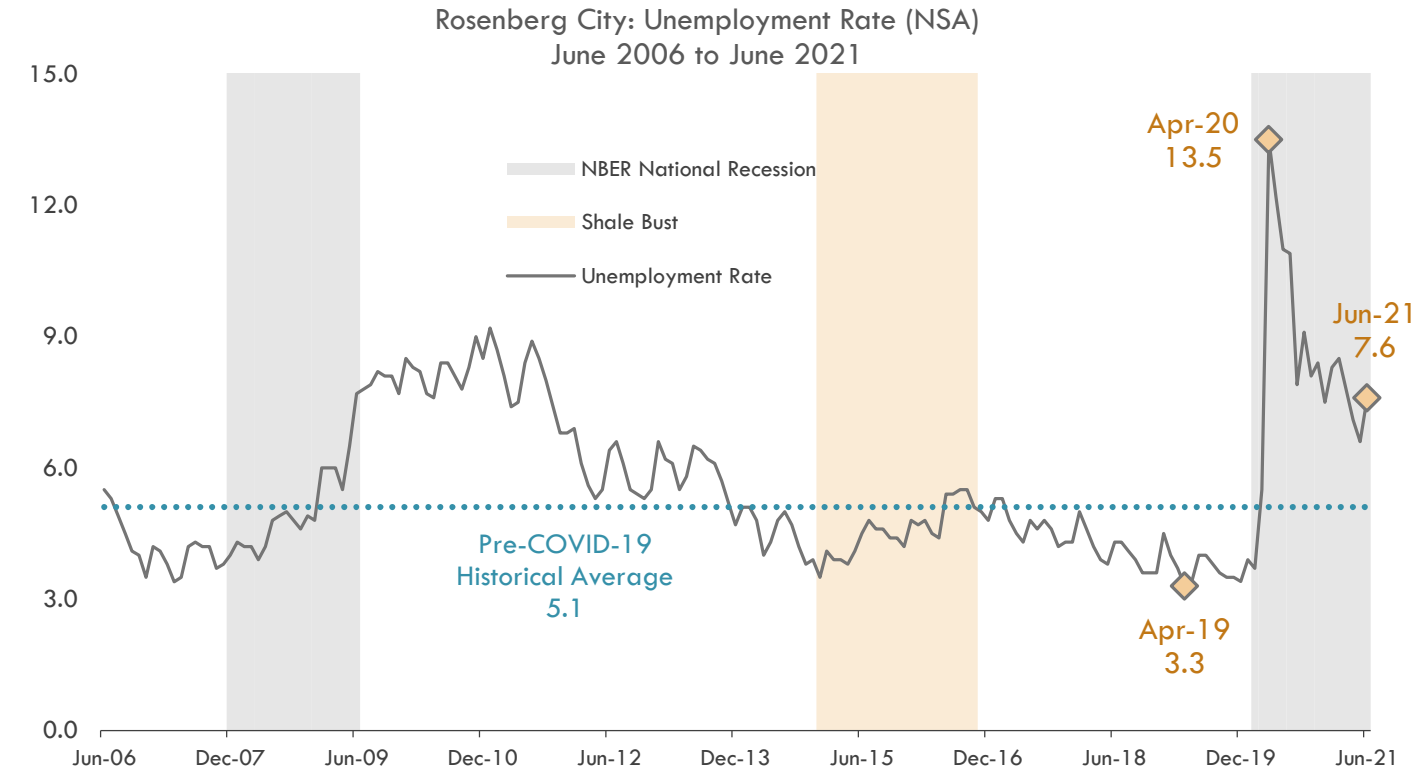

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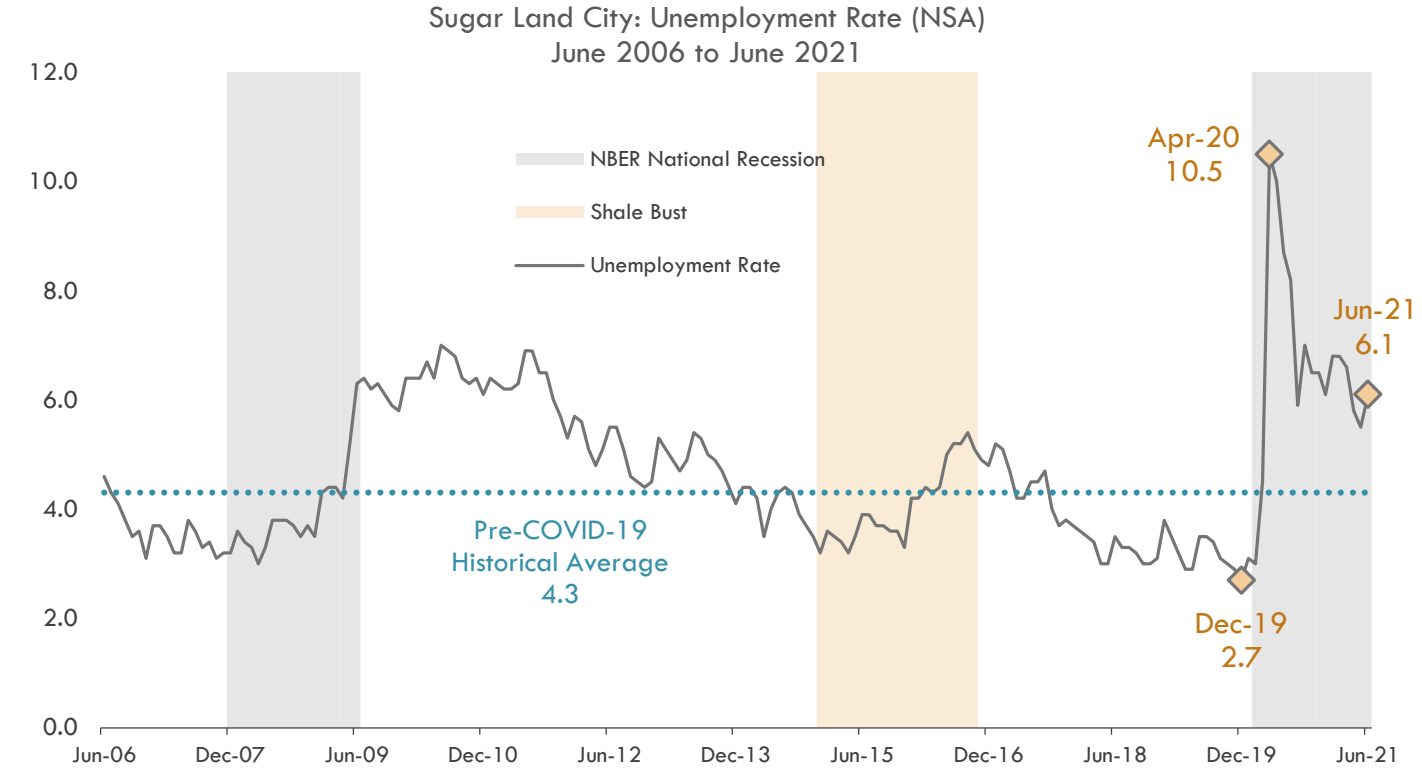

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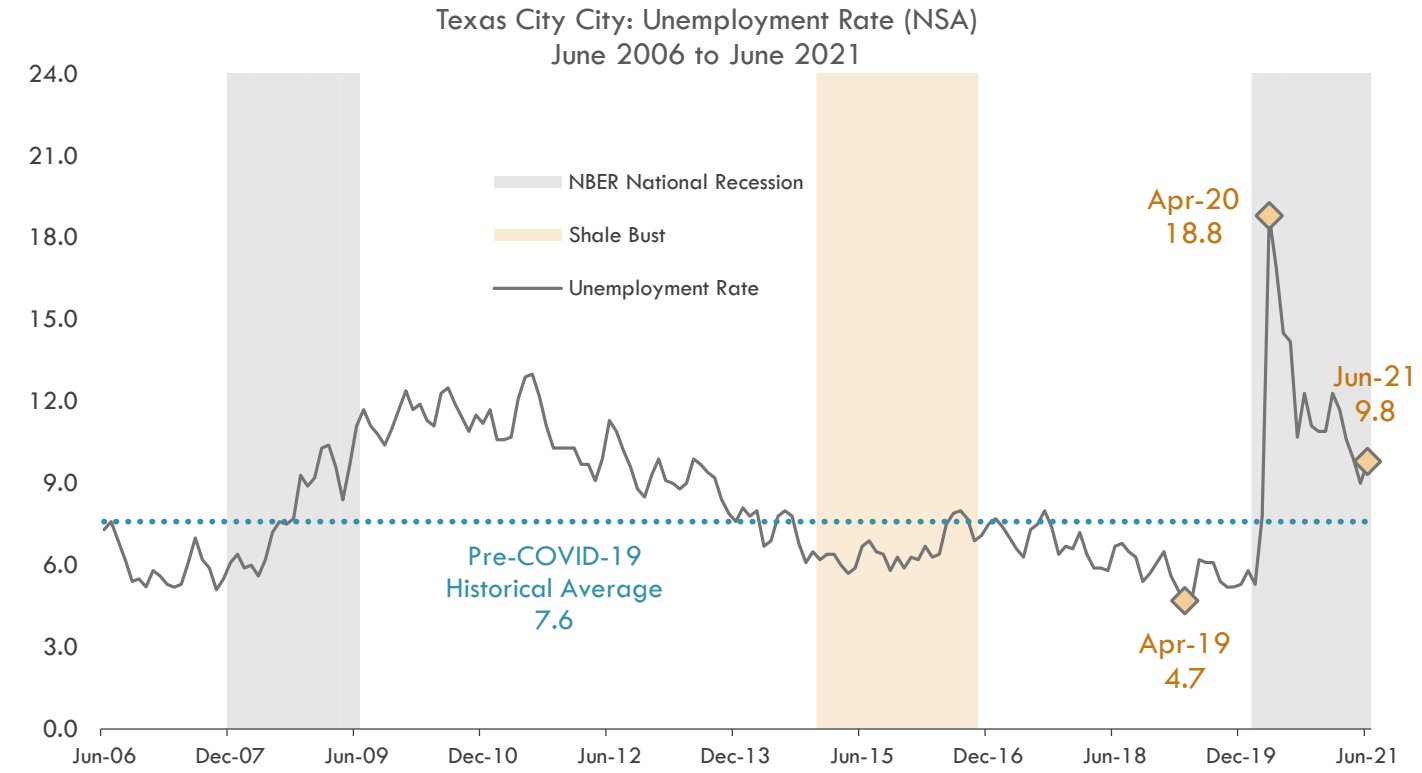

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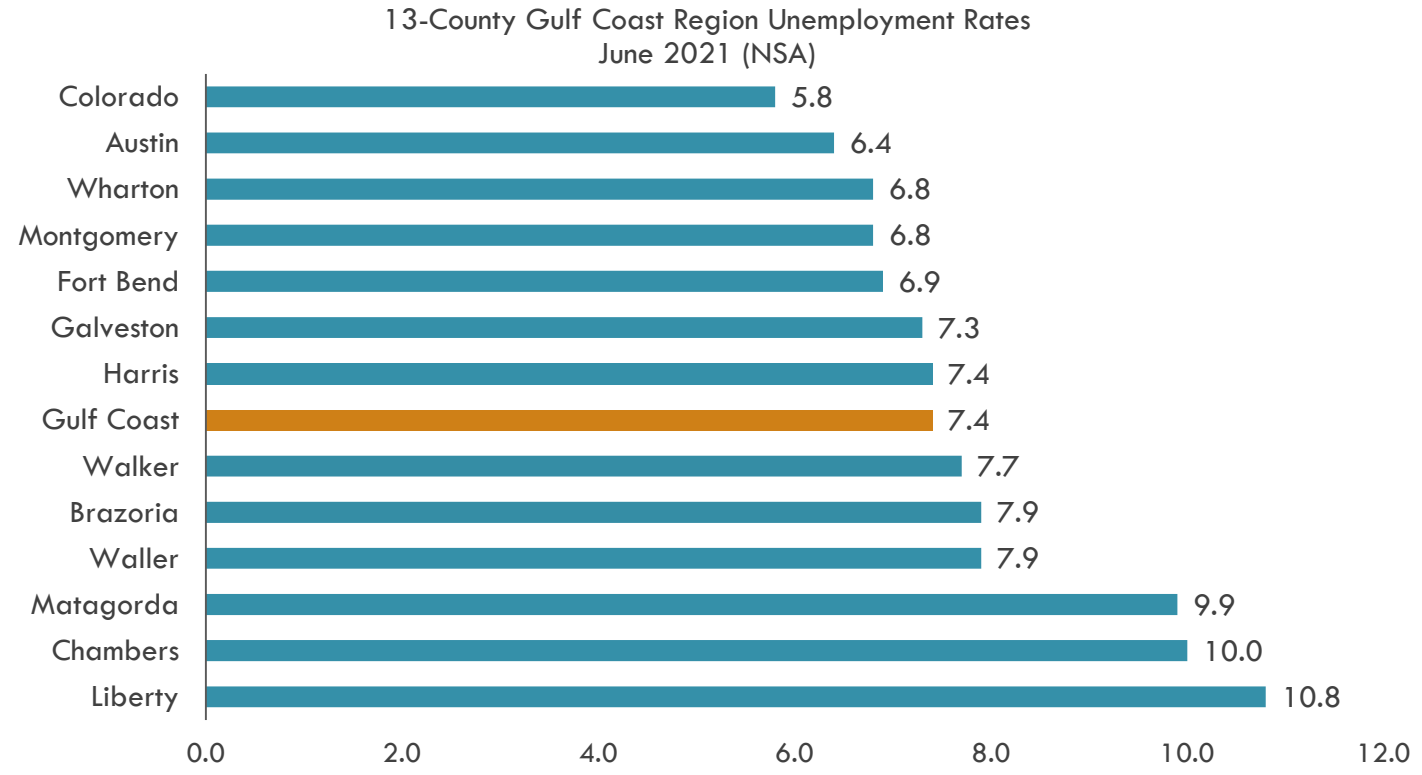

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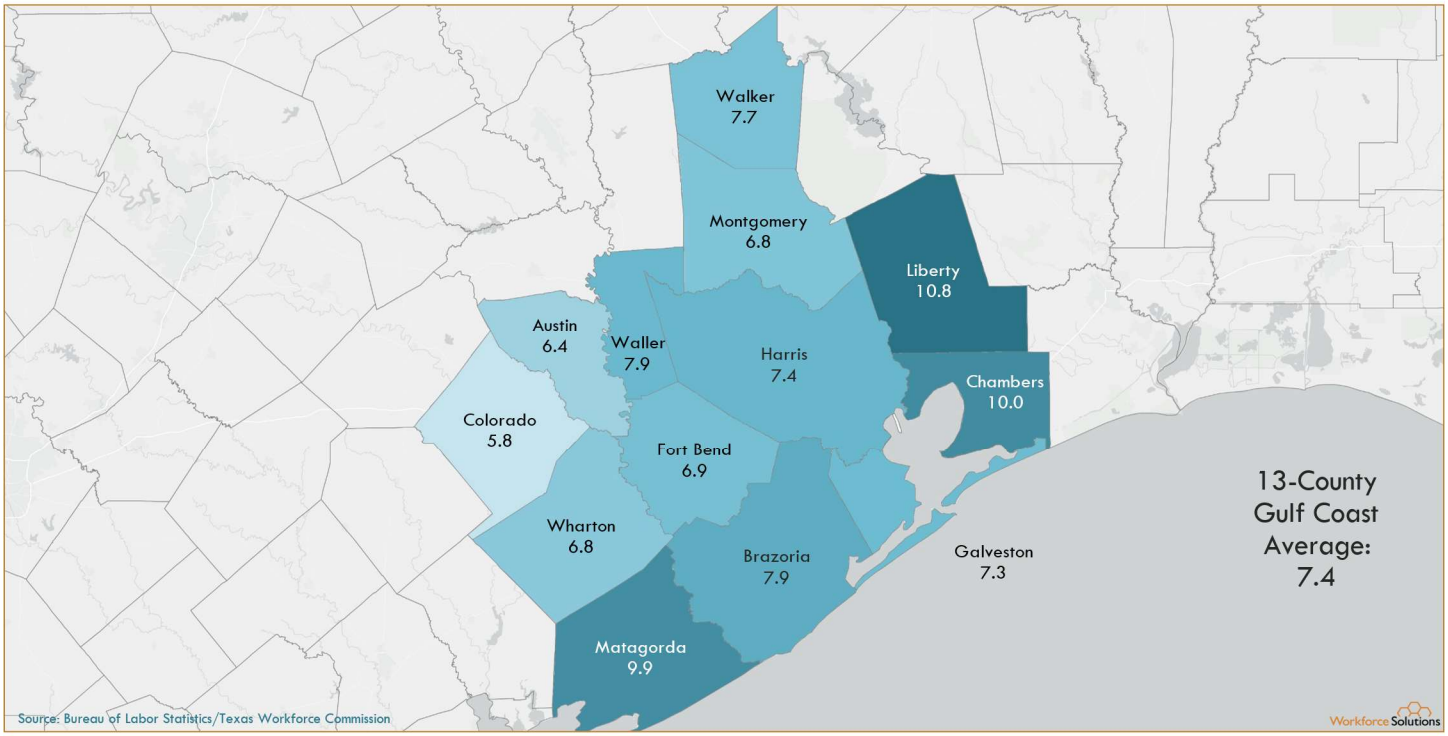

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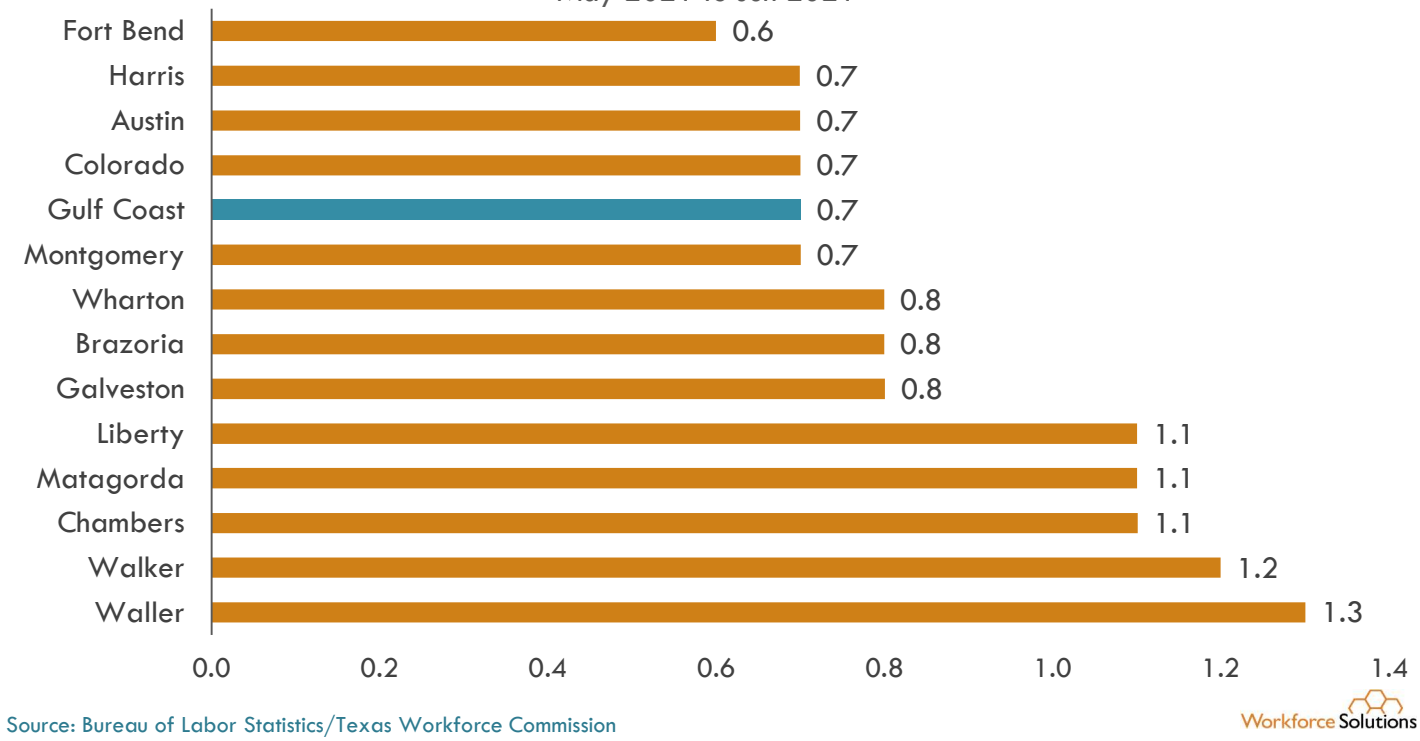

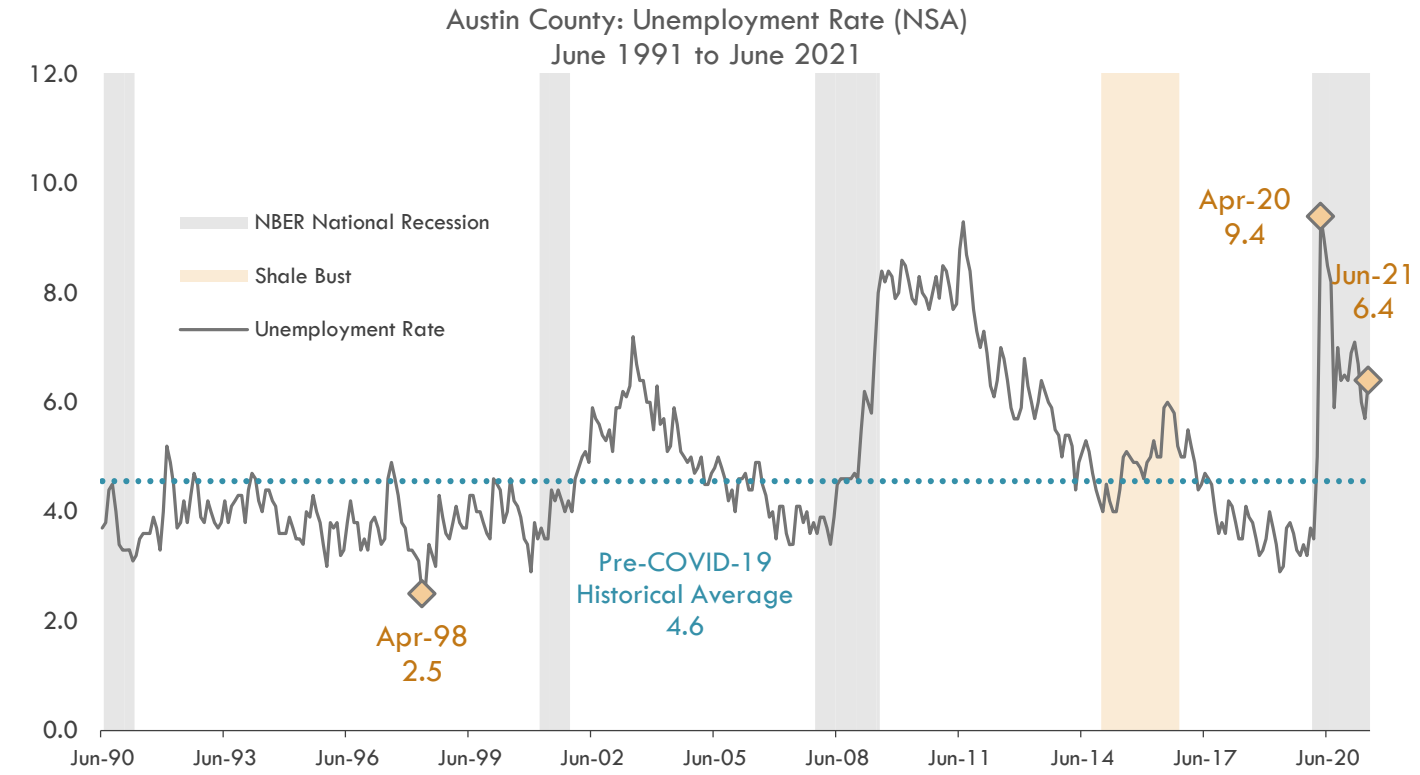

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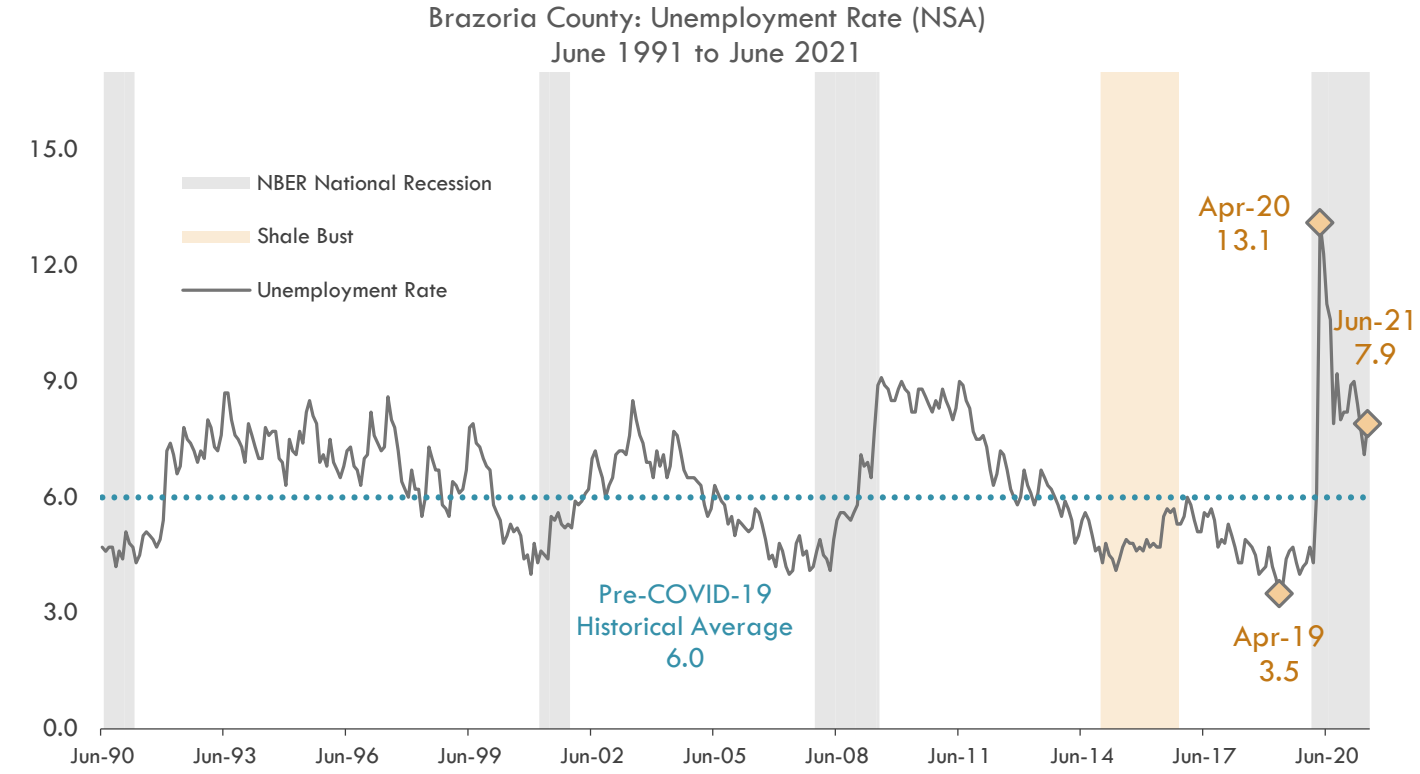

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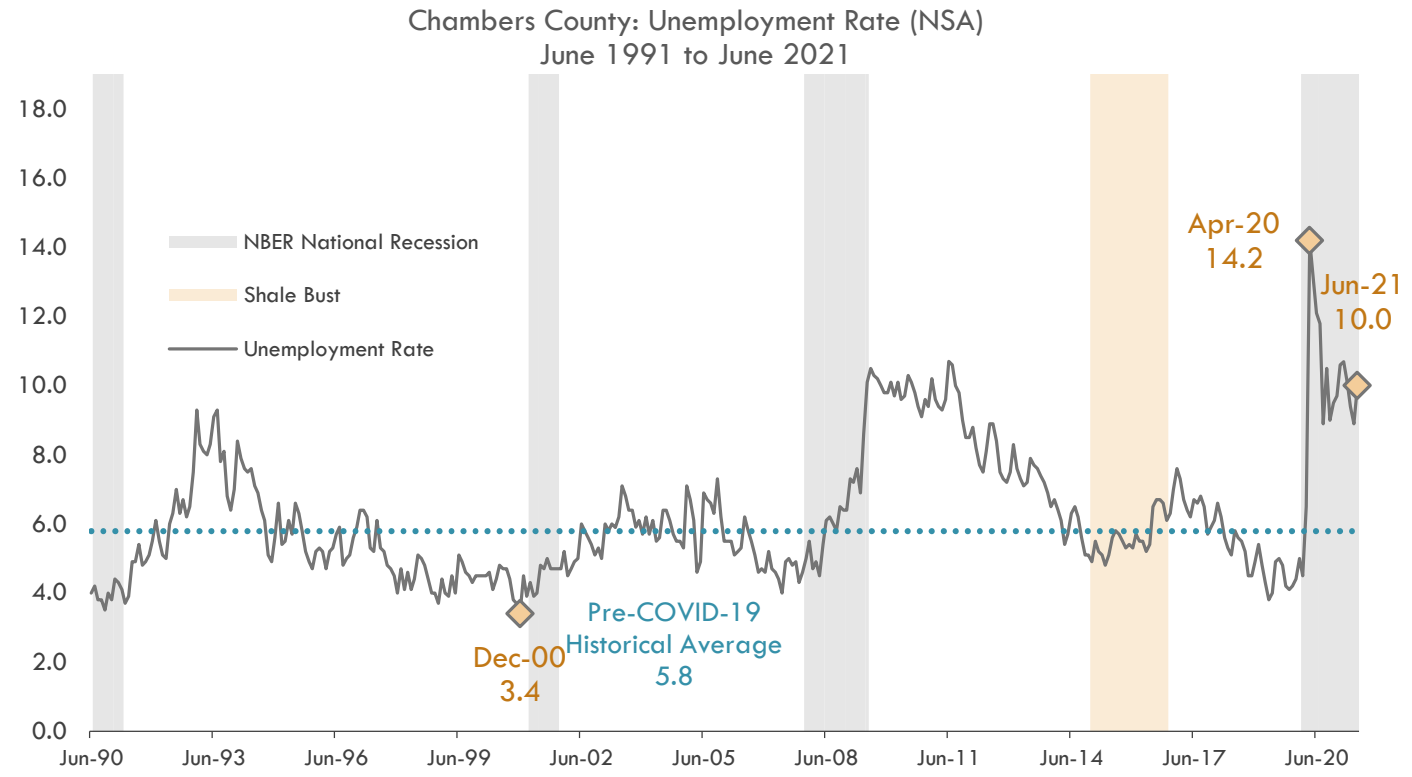

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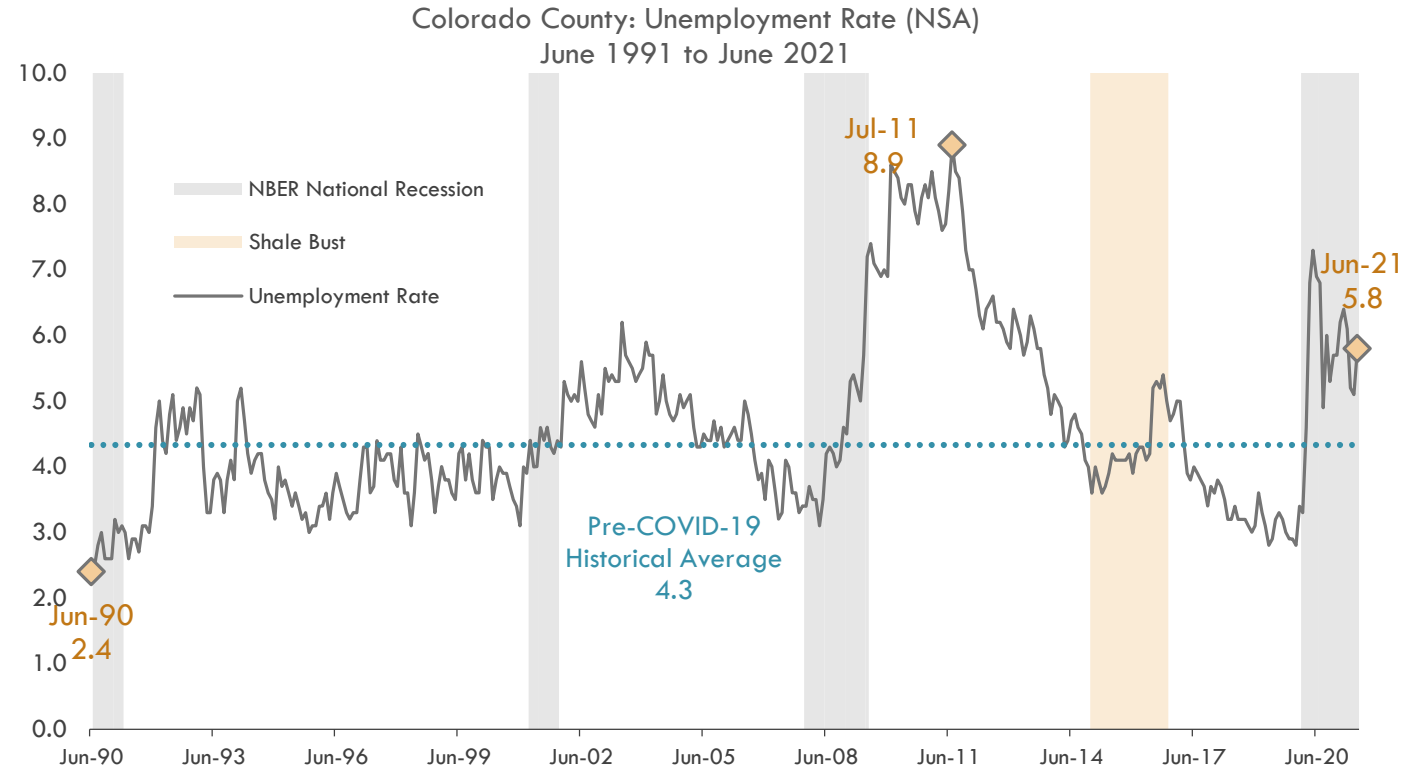

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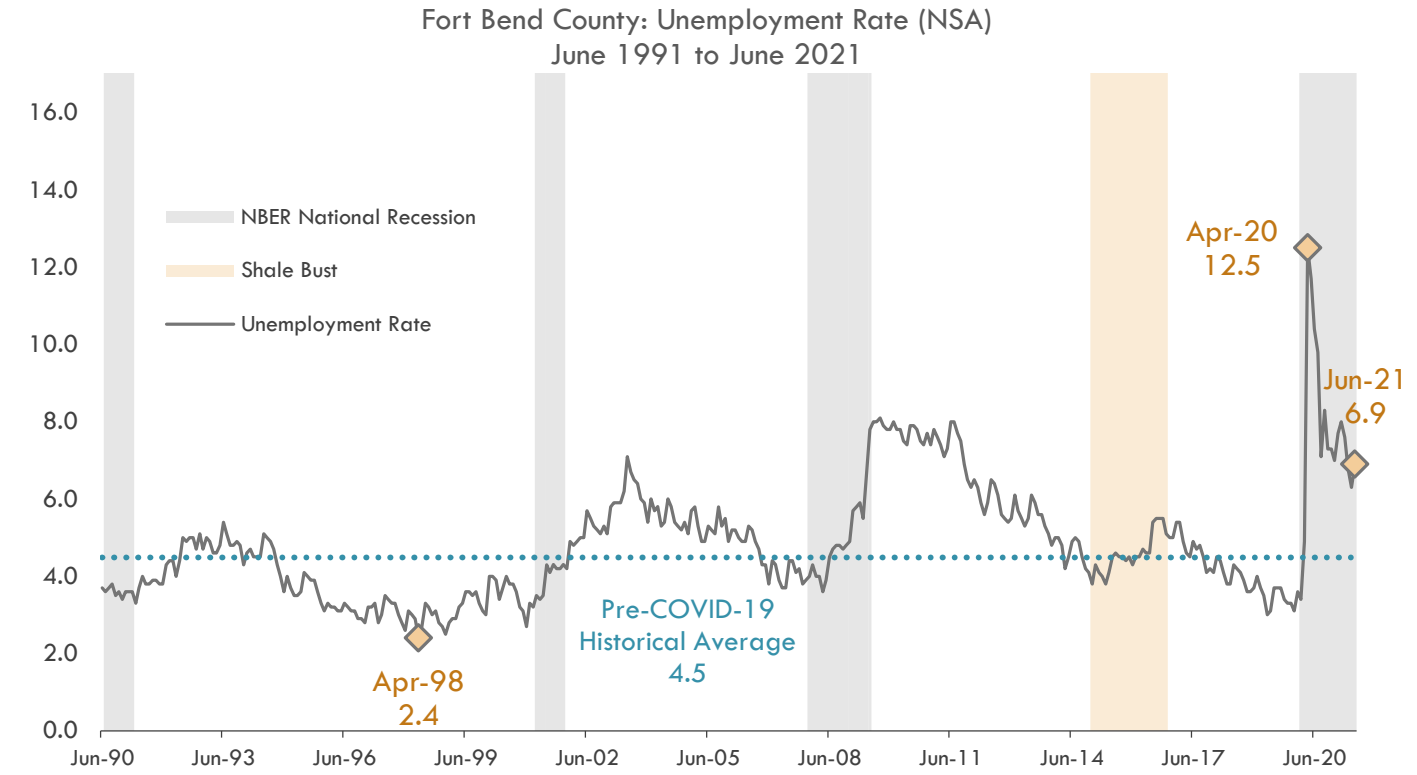

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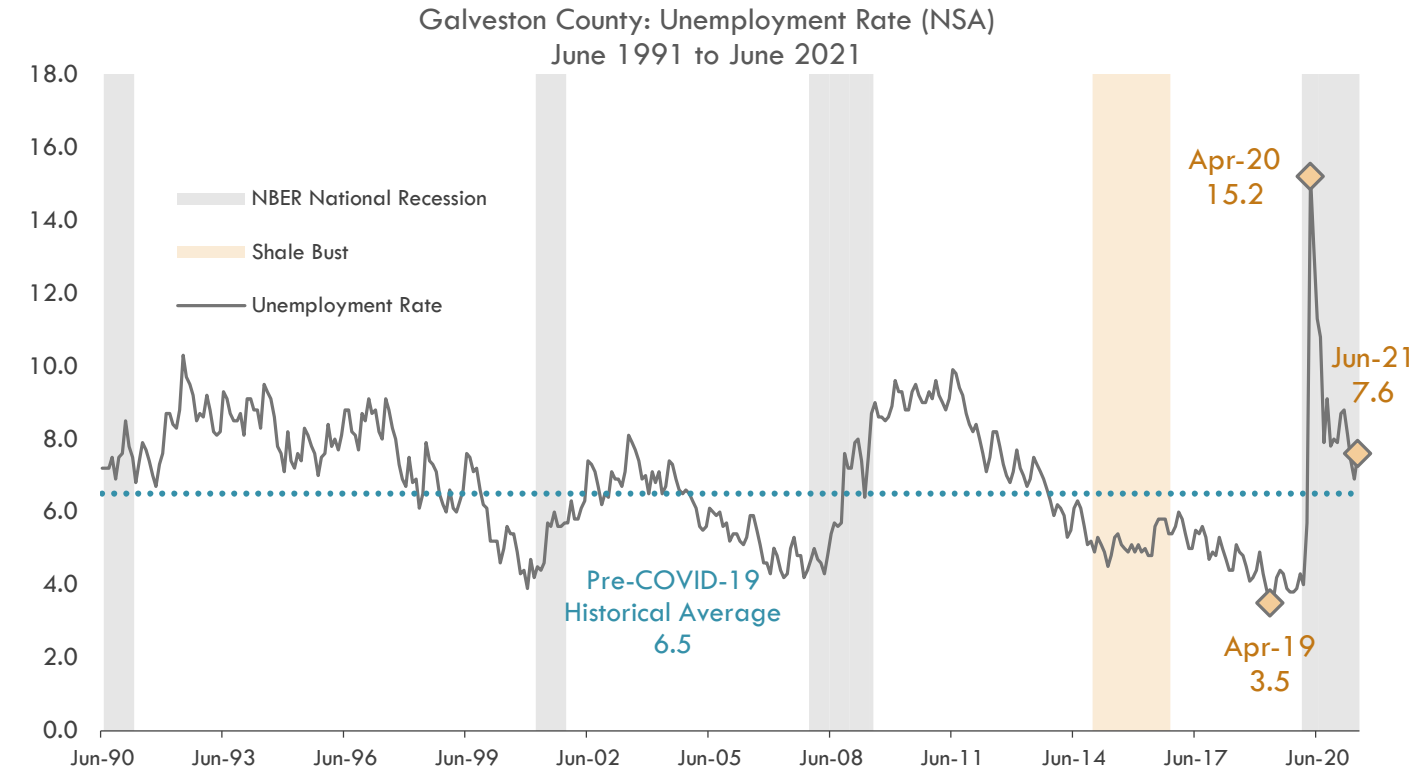

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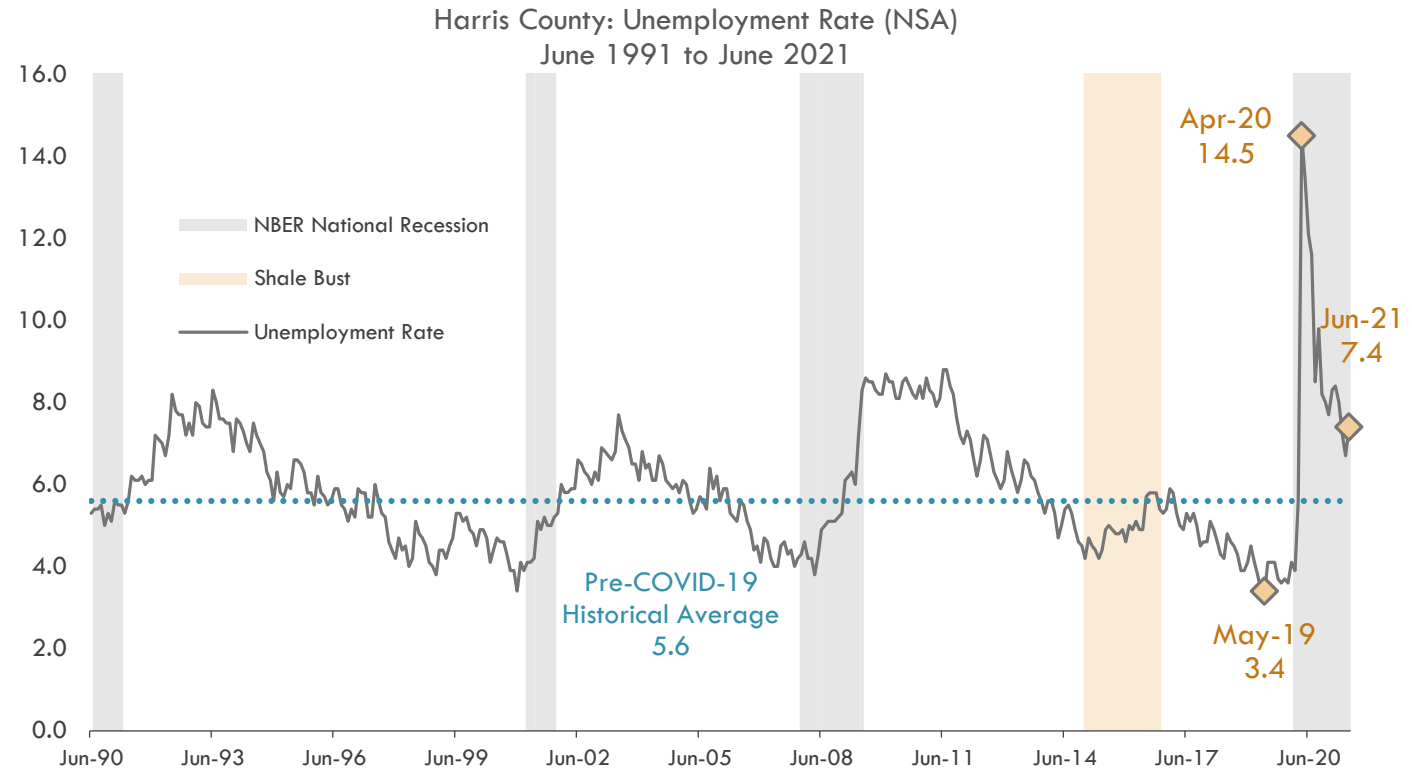

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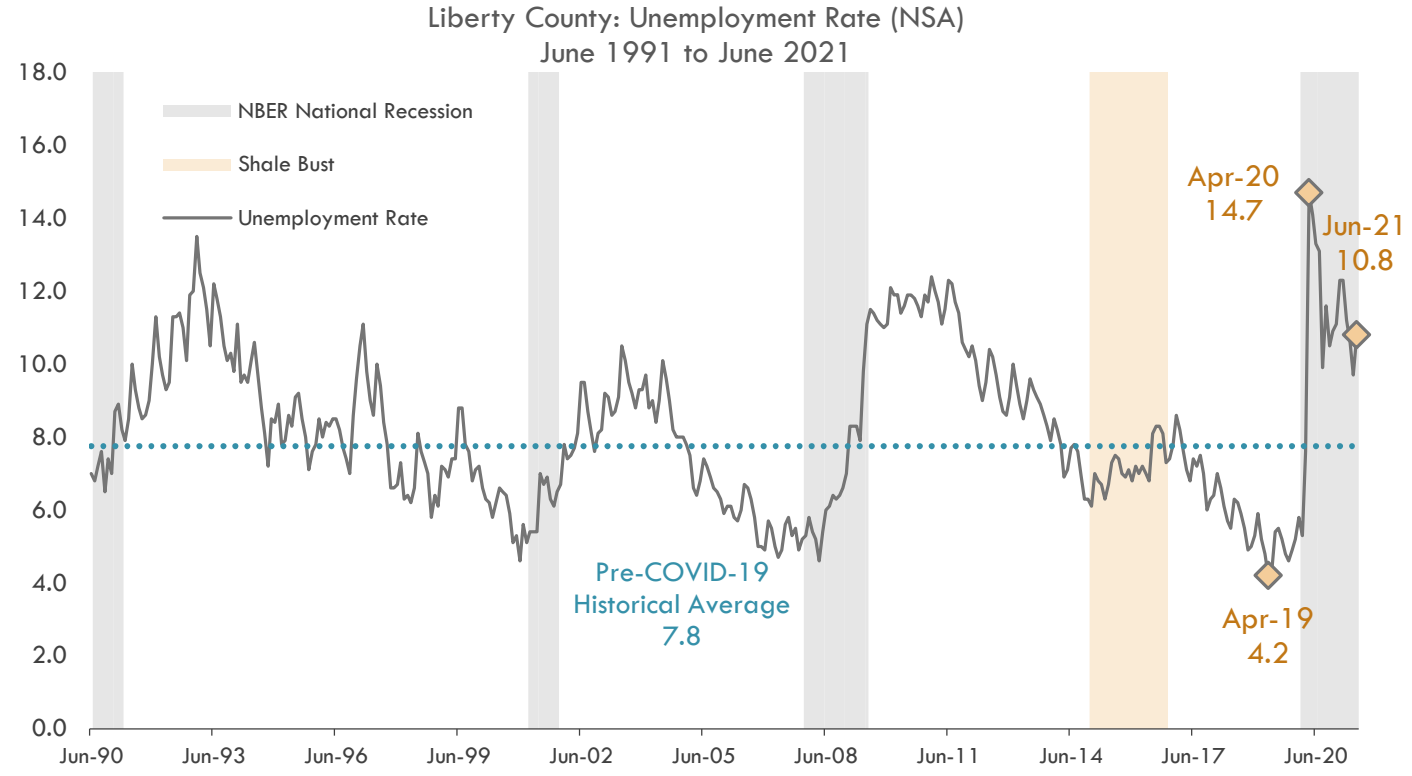

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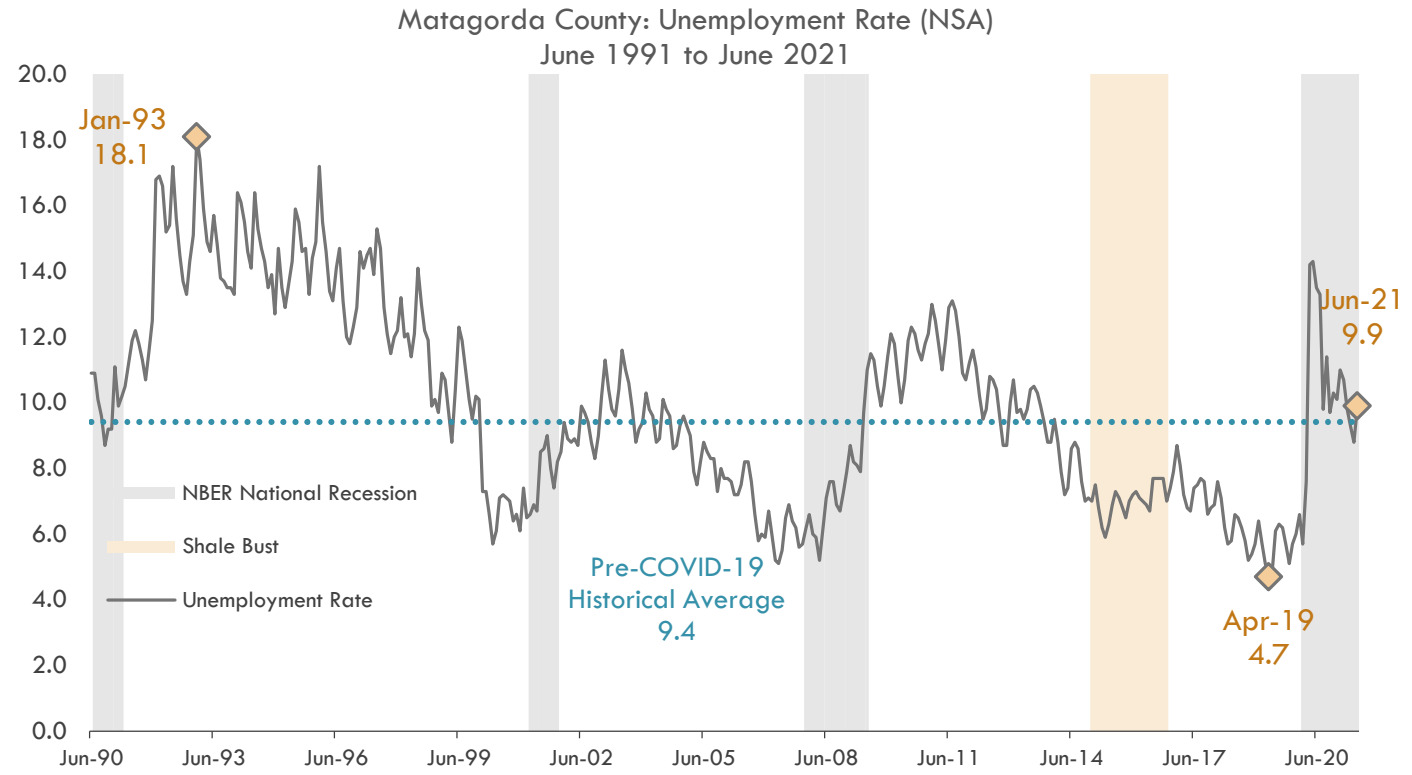

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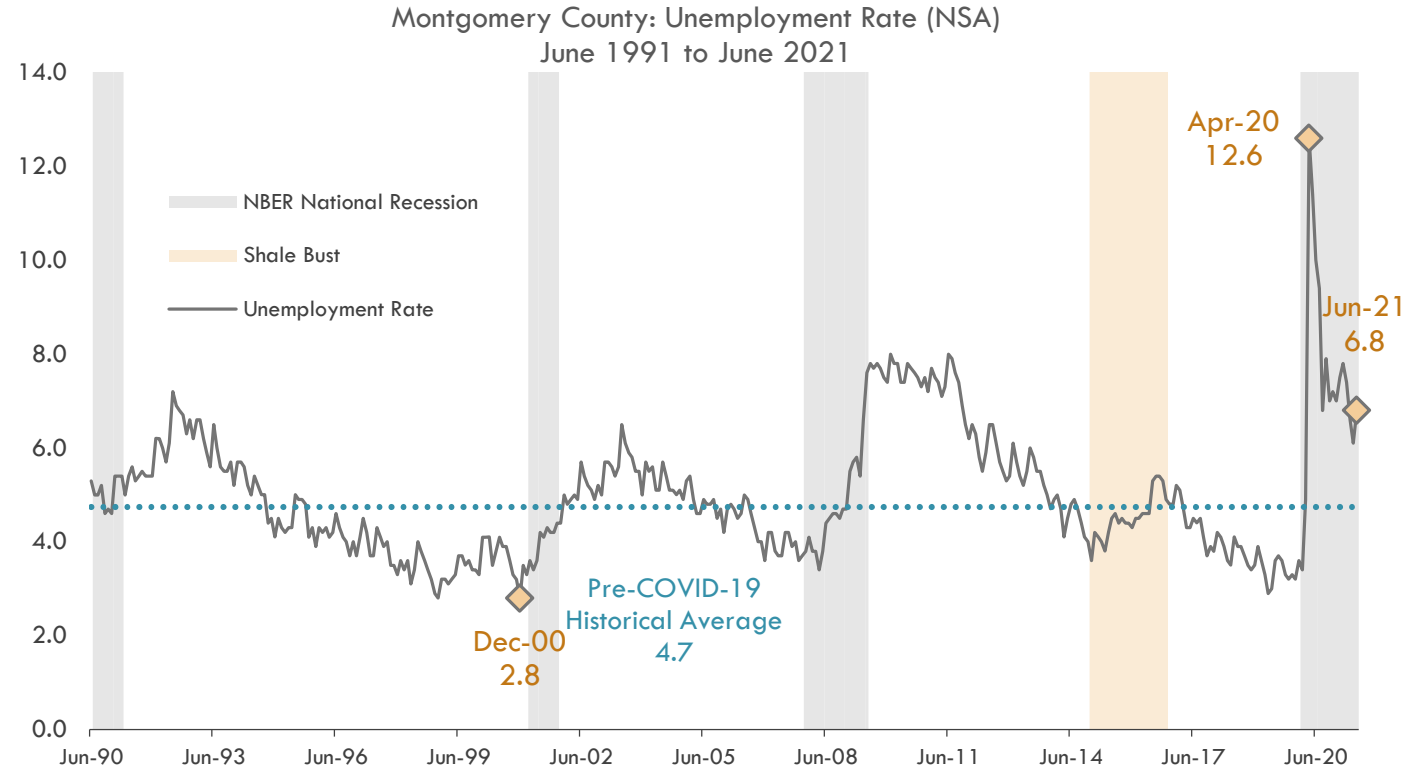

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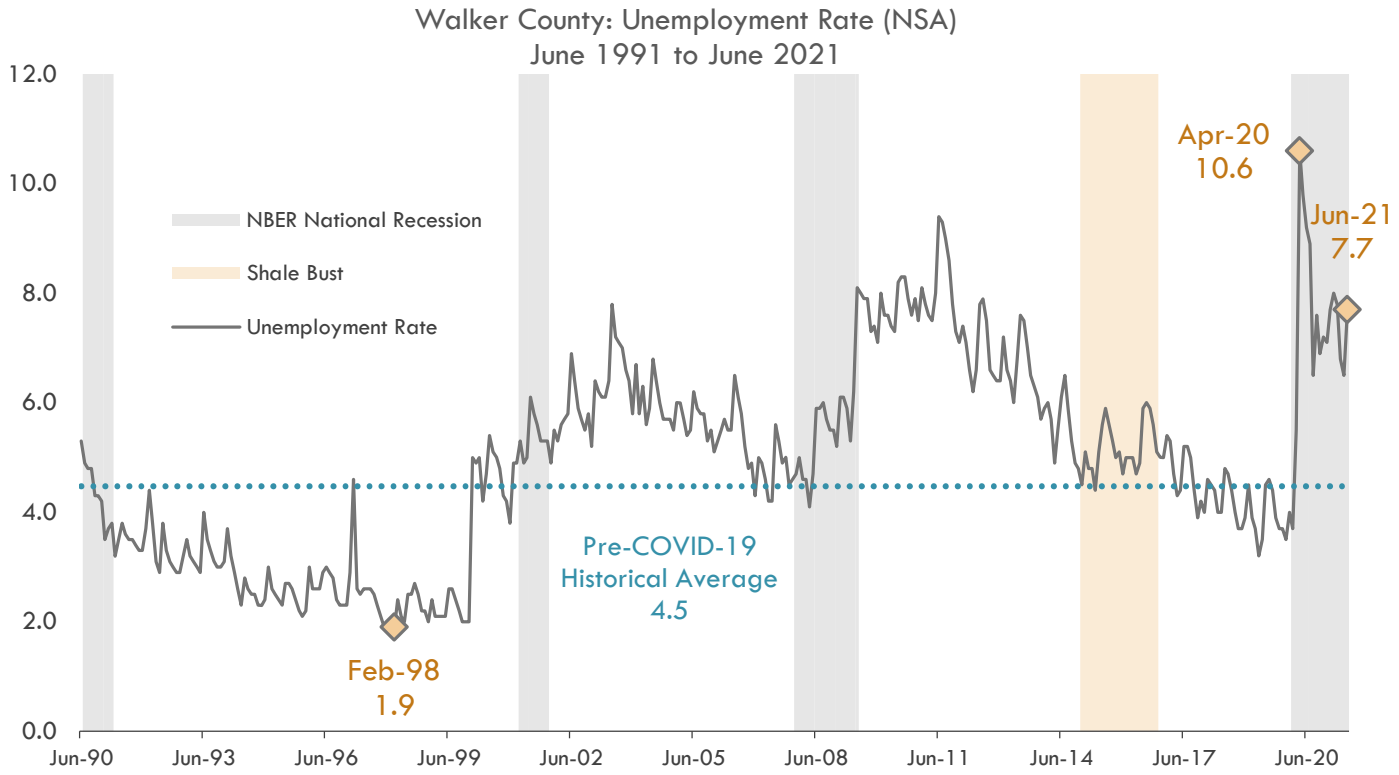

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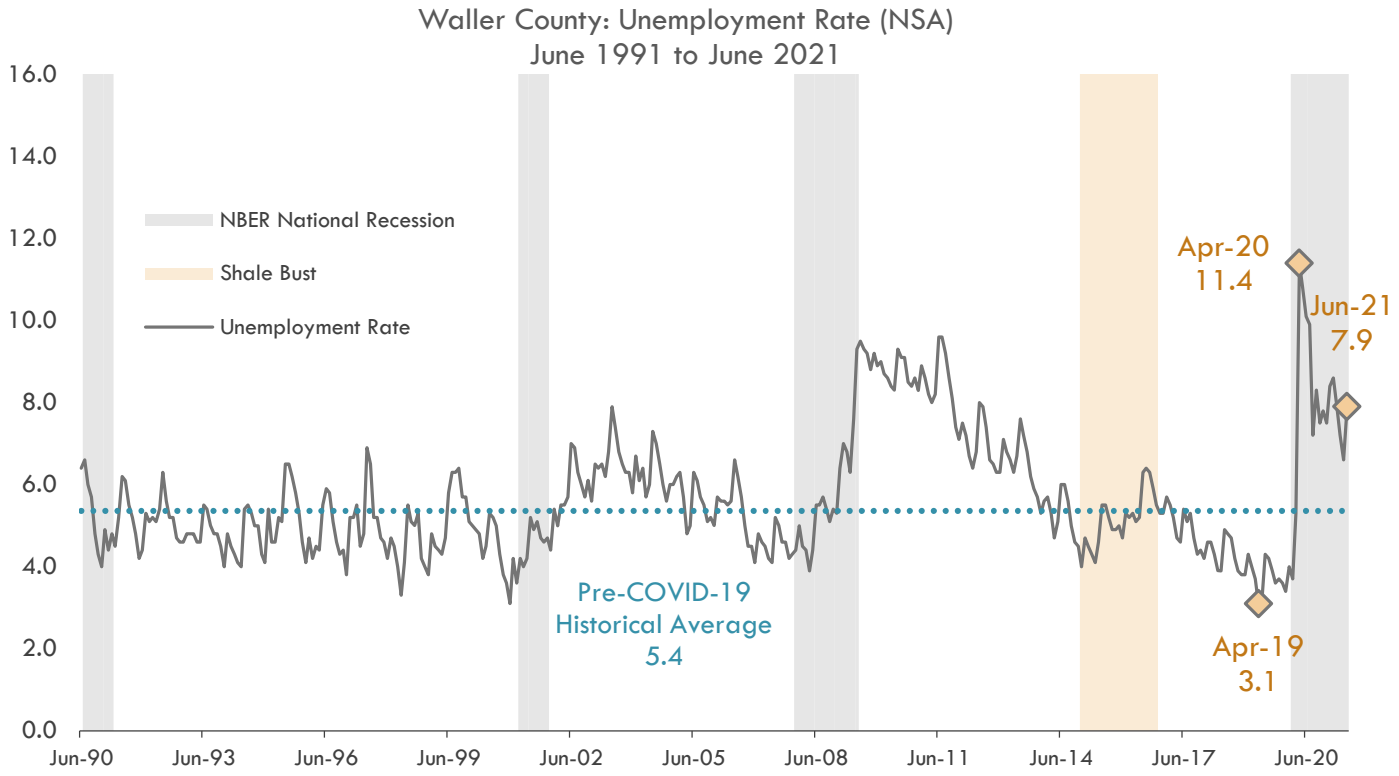

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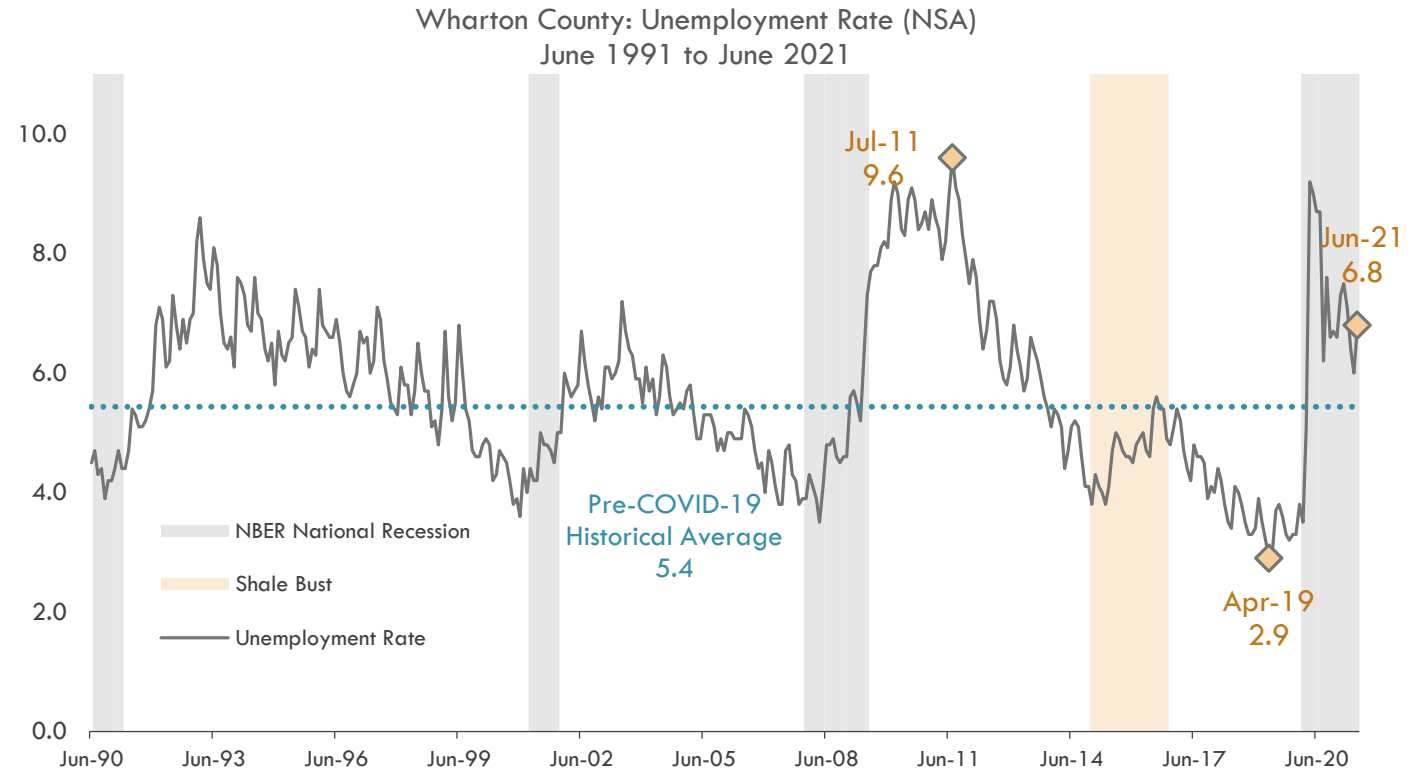

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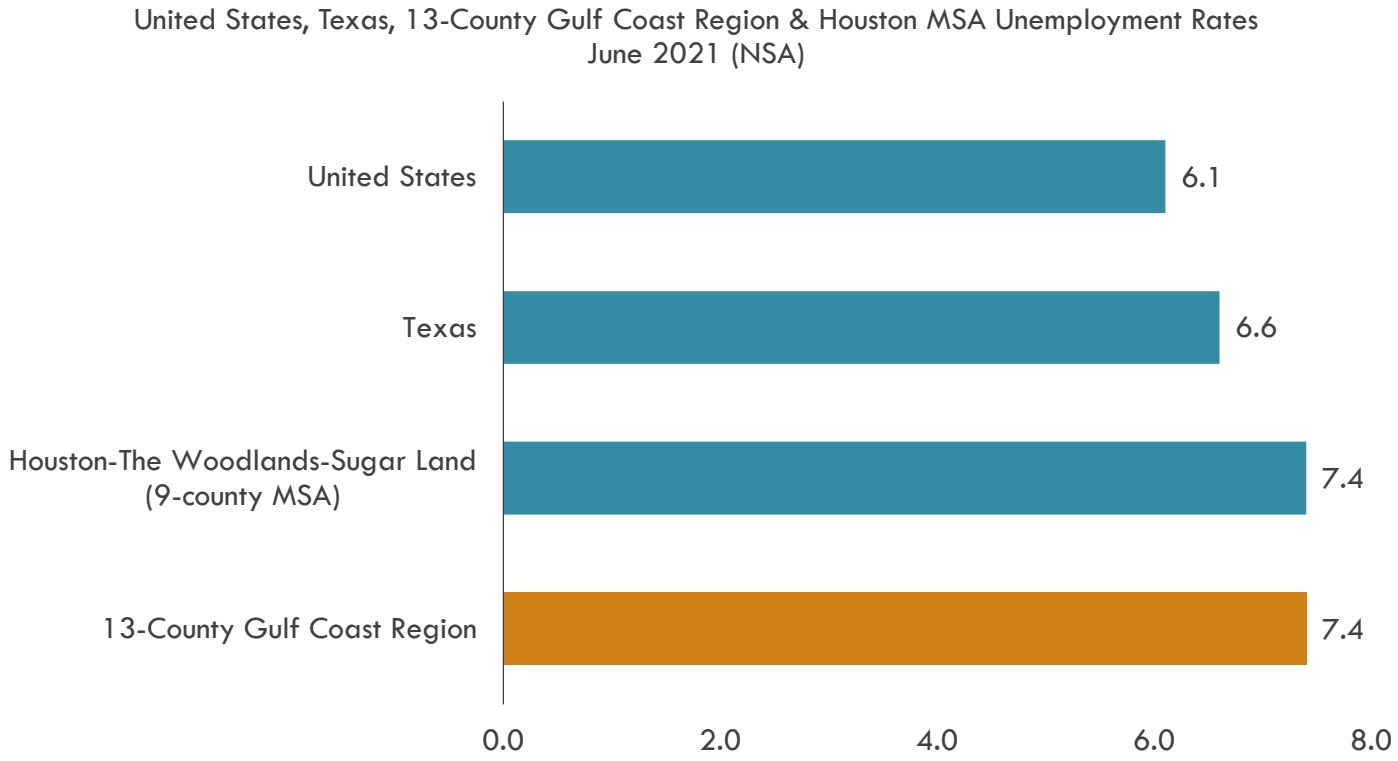

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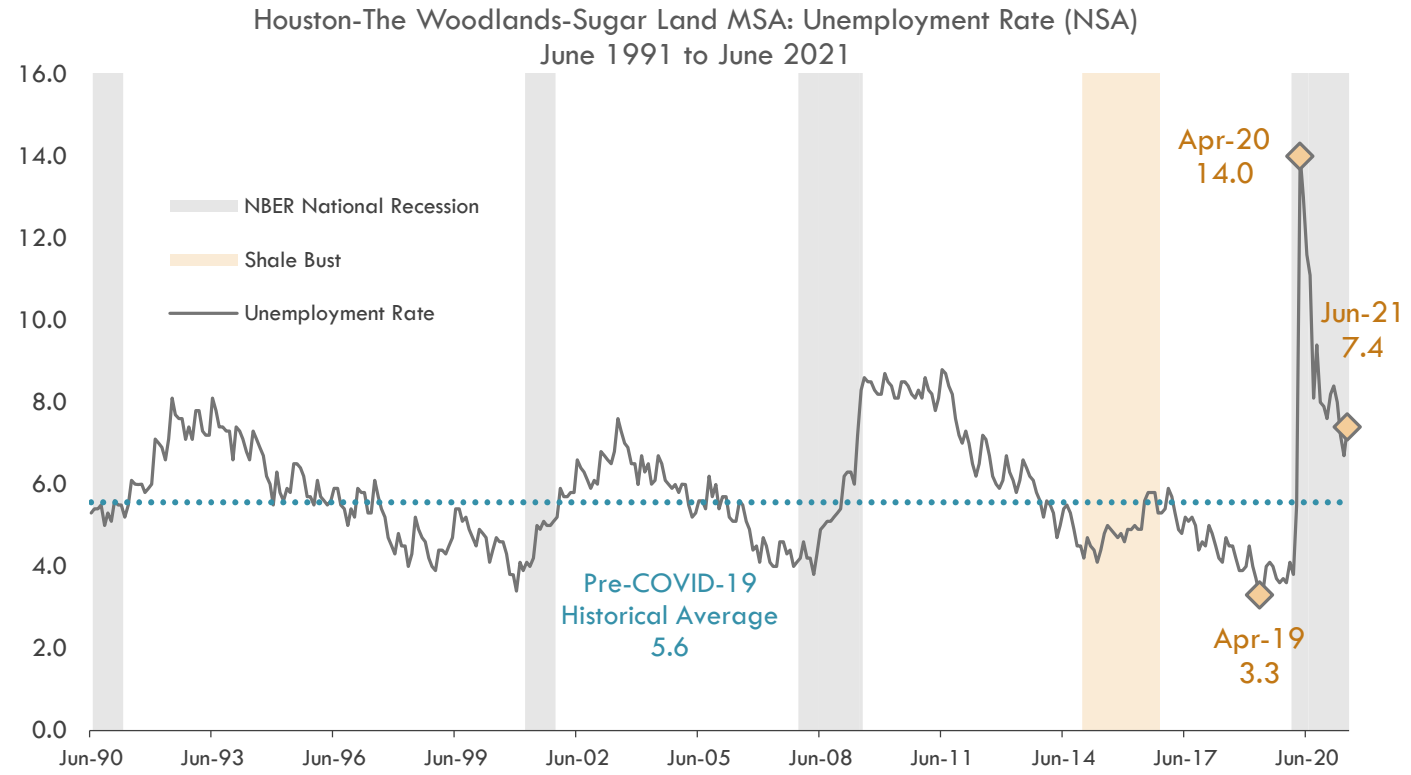

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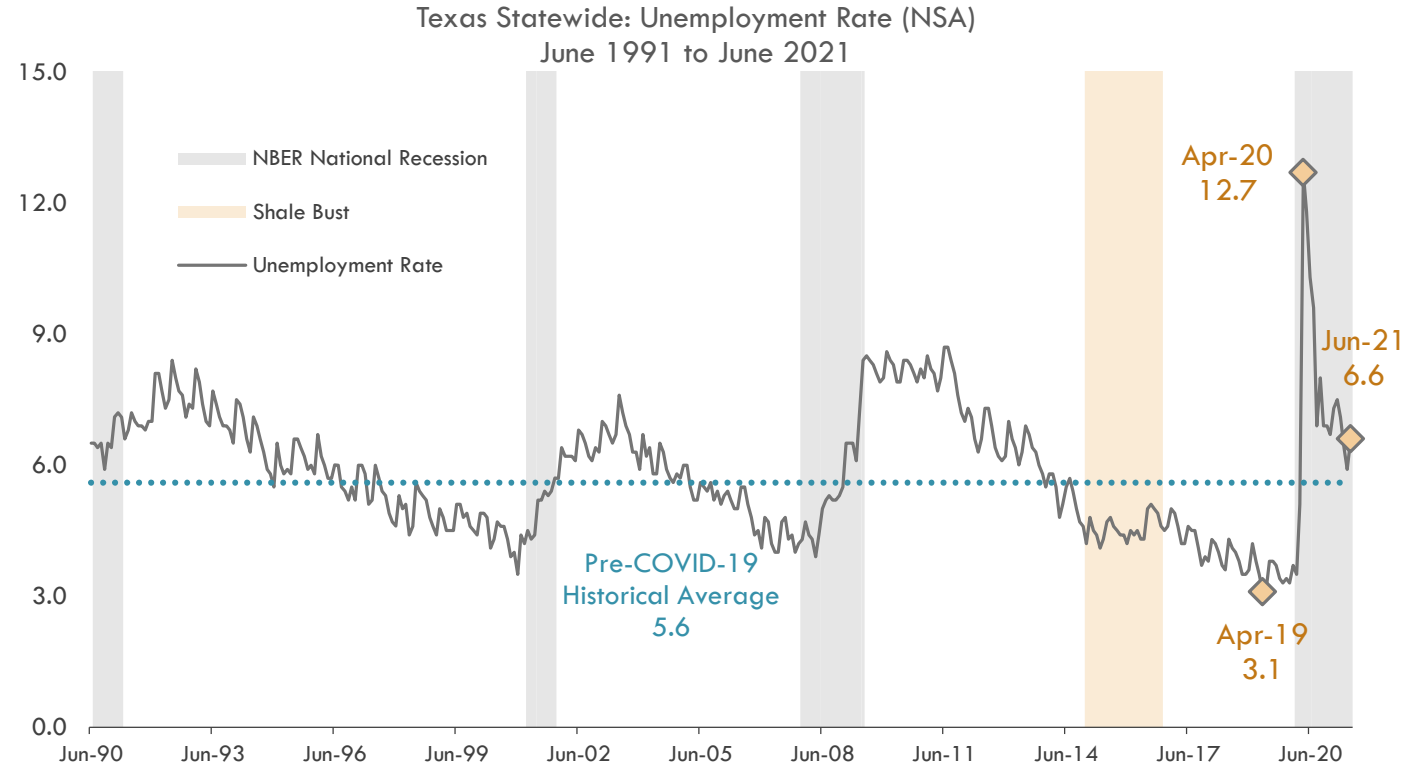

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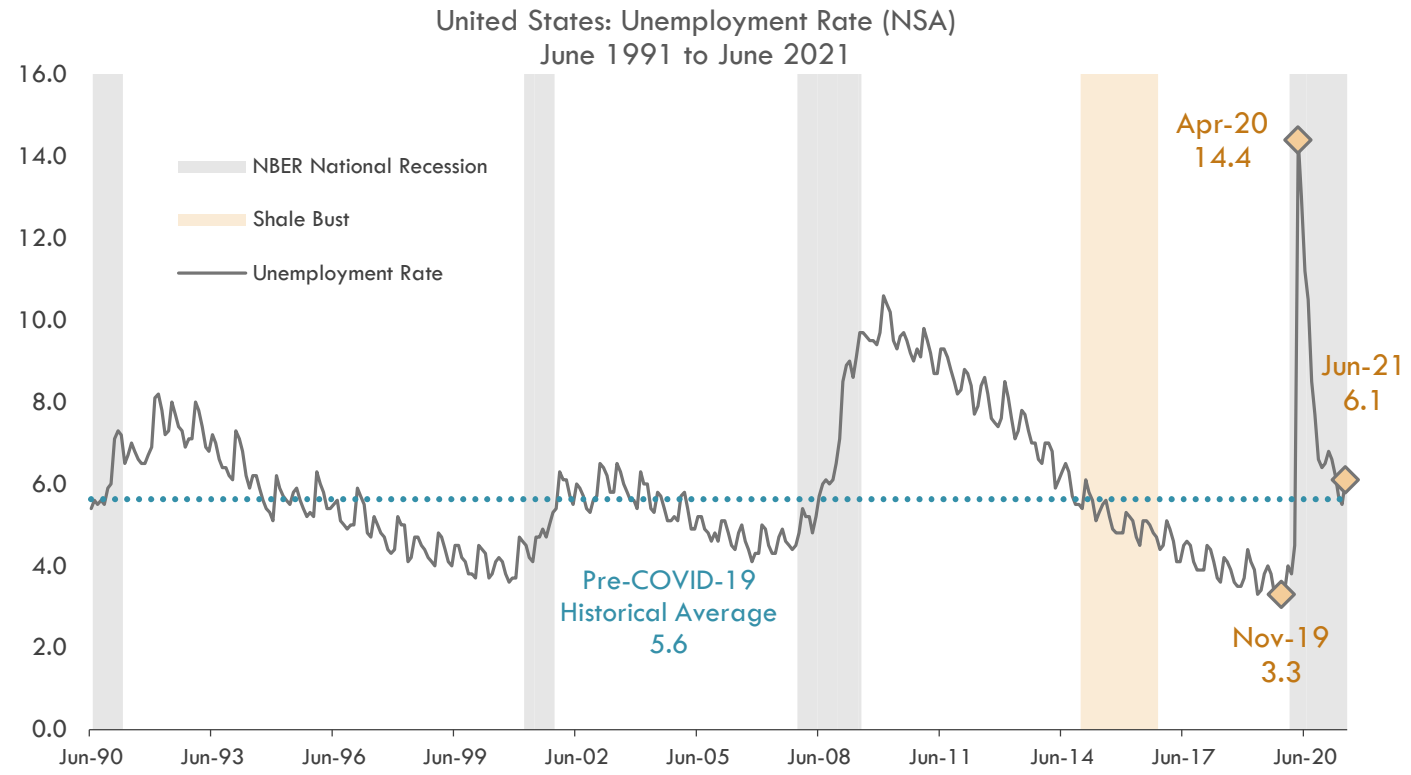

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