Shocking Developments in Tucson’s Labor Market

Tucson’s Unemployment Rate Hits a 23-Year Low as the Pandemic Recovery Continues

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Arizona’s Job Openings

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics via MAP (mapazdashboard.arizona.edu)
Quit Rates, 12 Month Moving Average

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Hiring Rates, 12 Month Moving Average
Tucson MSA Total NonFarm Payroll Jobs

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Job Replacement Rate for Select Metropolitan Areas
Unemployment Rates
Labor Force Participation Rate, Age 16+

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Missing Workers:
Gap between U.S. labor force level and projection had the pandemic not occurred

Source: Labor Department; projection is researchers’ estimates based on 2015-19 trends
Why Hasn’t the Labor Force Returned to Pre-Pandemic Levels?

• Retirement
• Taking Care of Children or Family Members
• Long-Term Social Distancing
• Contemplating Career Choice
• International Migration
Labor Force Participation Rate (Age 25-54)
Labor Force Participation Rate by Educational Attainment, Age 25+

- Less than a High School Diploma
- High School Graduates, No College
- Some College or Associate Degree
- Bachelor's Degree and Higher

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Four-Year College Attainment Rates for the Working Age Population (Age 25-64)