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**Summary:** Chair Powell had previously sought to lower inflation by dampening wage growth, which was to be done by raising unemployment. In that framework, strong job gains would suggest the need for tighter policy. But Powell now indicates that the tremendous surge in migration will increase labor supply and moderate wage growth without the need for higher unemployment. This suggests that blockbuster jobs growth is now compatible with potential rate cuts. The recent wave of migrants may be helping to fill the gap [caused by pandemic-related early retirements in] labor-intensive industries. This would also be consistent with the overall jobs data indicating native-born employment levels to be little changed since 2020, while foreign-born employment levels rising by 3 million.

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