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Summary: The uptrend in immigration continues with a near record-high level of immigrant visas issued every month. Examples of immigrant visas include employer-based visas and family-sponsored visas (such as spouses of US citizens). Maybe the reason why the unemployment rate is rising is because the government is gradually working through a Covid-related backlog of visa applications, which increases the labor supply.

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