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Summary: The actual share of retirements roughly tracked the predicted share from January 2000 through February 2020, when the actual share was 18.1%. In the first three months of the pandemic, however, actual share quickly increased to 18.6% versus a predicted share of 18.2%, implying just over one million excess retirees in May 2020. The gap between actual and predicted shares of retirements continued to grow throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and peaked in December 2022, implying an estimated 2.95 million excess retirees in that month. Starting in 2023, the model line begins to flatten out. As of April 2023, we estimate that there were approximately 2.4 million excess retirees in the U.S. Excess retirements are still well above our predicted trend, which may be contributing to a continued tightness in the labor market and low unemployment rate since the recovery from the pandemic recession. Related: Pandemic Labor Force Participation and Net Worth Fluctuations and Retirements, Net Worth, and the Fall and Rise of Labor Force Participation

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