## Exploring the Interaction of Unemployment Both Nationally and Locally (Illinois)

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## Starting Ideas/Questions



#### Purpose:

- Current phenomenon of "Ghost applications"
- Harvard Business School study
  - 68% of managers had job posting active for 30 days
  - 1 in 10 managers has had a job posting open for over 6 months
  - 1 in 5 managers don't plan to fill open job positions until 2023
  - 50% of managers keep job postings open because they're "always open to new people"

Point of Interest: Job Postings vs. Unemployment Rate

## When Do Employers Plan to Fill Their Active Job Posts?

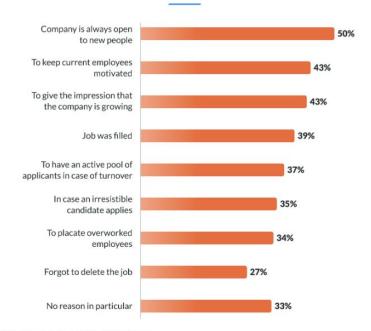


Source: 2022 Clarify Capital Survey



#### Why Do Employers Post "Ghost Jobs"?

### Most Common Reasons Employers Aren't Actively Trying to Fill Positions



Note: Among employers with active job posts

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### Data Sources







#### United States Census Bureau

- Population Nationally
- Population Illinois

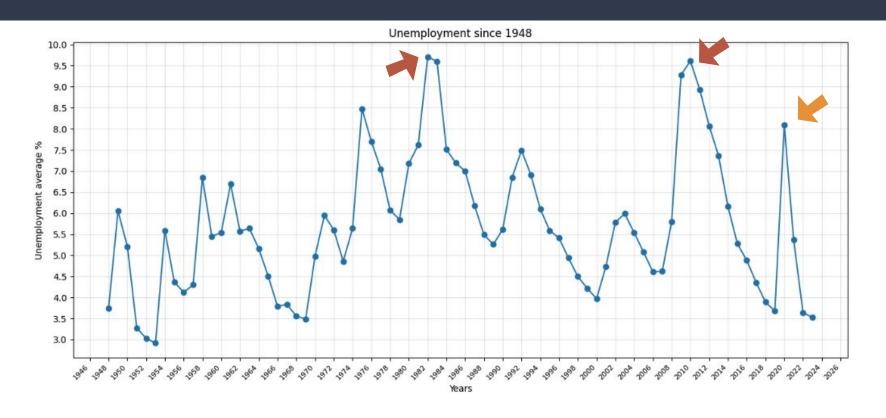
#### U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Unemployment by Ethnicity (five and ten years)
- Unemployment Nationally (five and ten years)
- Unemployment Illinois (five and ten years)

#### Indeed Job Posting Index

Job posting index database (Since Feb 2020)

## Unemployment Throughout the Years



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Employment and unemployment have been cycling in the United States for decades.

#### Lowest peaks:

- 1952: ~3.0%
- 1953: ~2.9%

#### Highest peaks:

- 1982: ~9.7%
- 1983: ~9.6%
- 2010: ~9.6%

2010-19 has the largest decrease in unemployment.

2019-20 has the fastest and largest increase in unemployment.

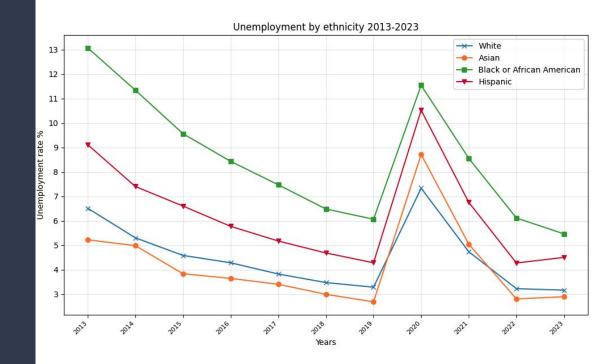
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# Ethnicity vs. Unemployment (2013-23)

Unemployment rates decreased consistently until 2020.

Groups identifying as White and Asian have the lowest pre-pandemic unemployment rates and recovered the fastest.

Groups identifying as Black/African American and Hispanic have the highest pre-pandemic unemployment rates.

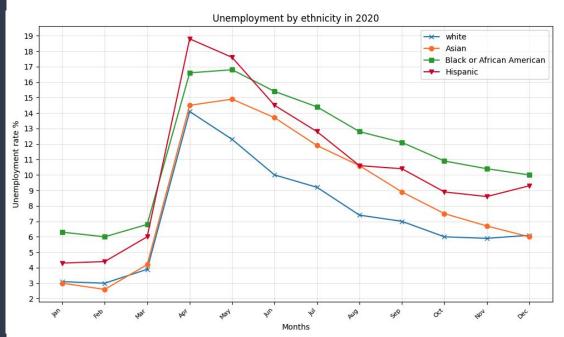


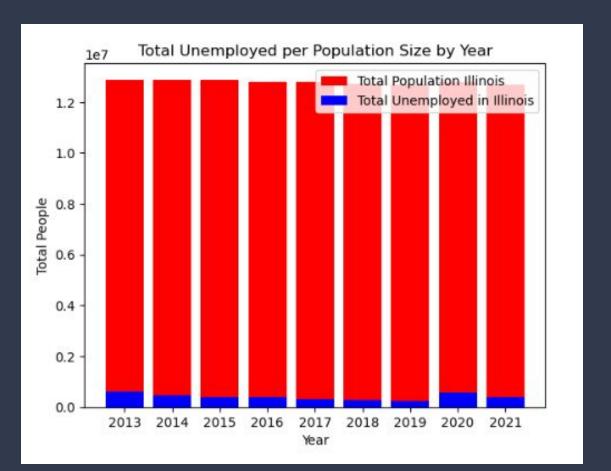
# Ethnicity vs. Unemployment (2020)

2020 starts off with low unemployment rates due to them consistently decreasing since 2013.

For all the ethnicities in 2020:

Rates	Asian	White	B/AA	Hispa
January	3	3.1	6.3	4.3
Highest	14.9	14.1	16.8	18.8
December	6	6.1	10	9.3

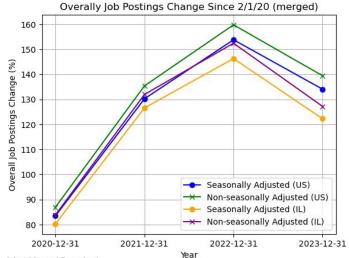


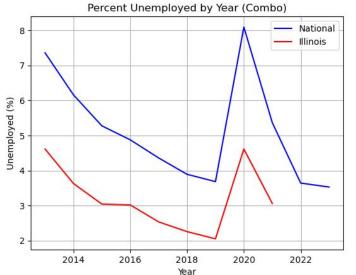


# Job Postings & Unemployment

Largest change seen both nationally and in Illinois between end of 2020 and end of 2021

Largest percentage in unemployment seen both nationally and in Illinois in 2020 (expected)





## Findings/Conclusions



- Different ethnicities are impacted by employment in different ways.
  - Significant subfinding:
    - Inequalities in beginning rate noted as inequality in stabilization post pandemic
- In times of higher unemployment rates, specifically 2021, observed elevated job posting rates.

## Education Level (2008-23)

Bachelor and advanced degrees make almost 3 times more than the lower levels of education.

