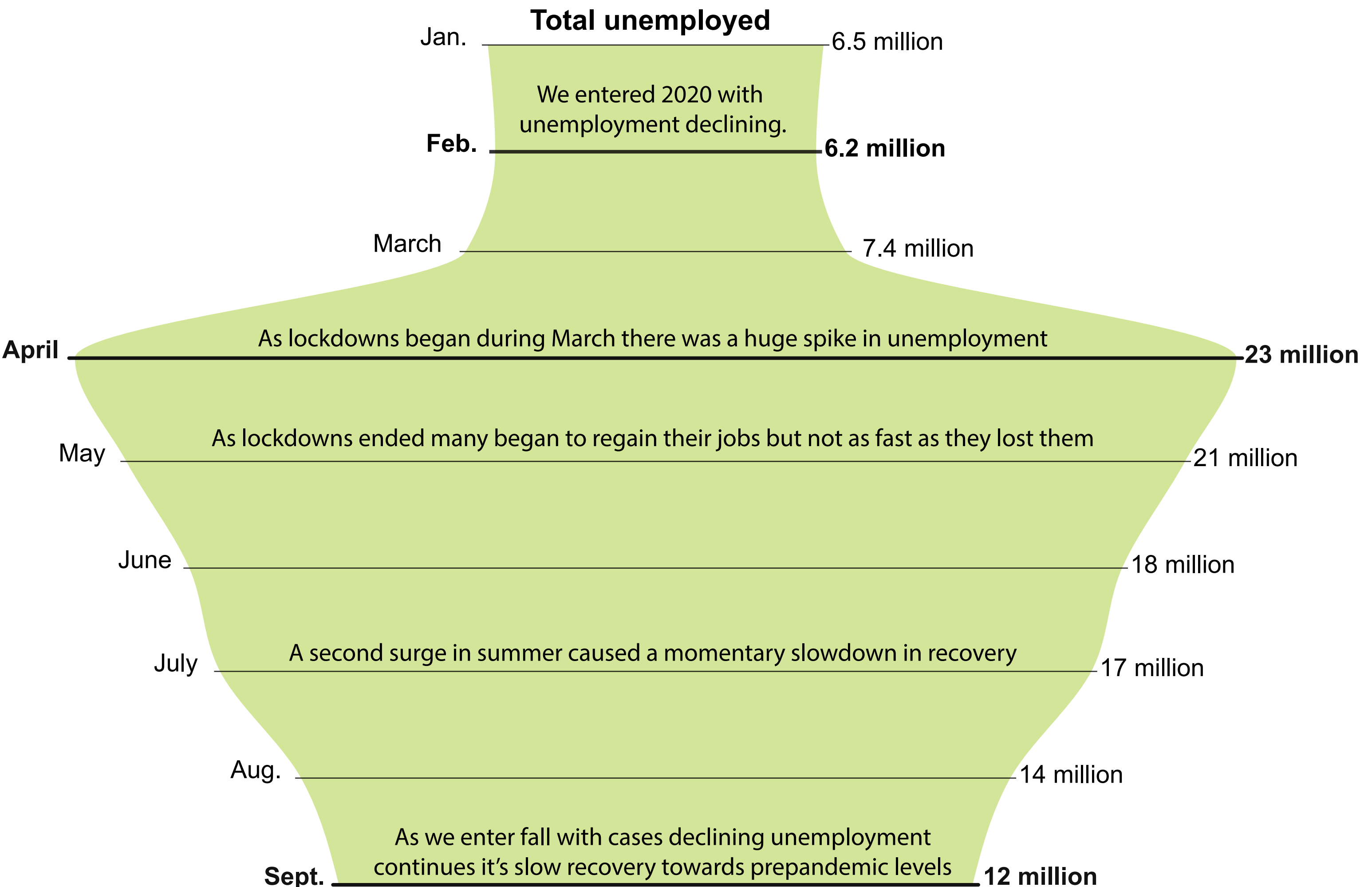


# Unemployment in the Pandemic Spiked and Slowly Recovered

Unemployment nearly quadrupled as lockdowns began in March, six months later the amount unemployed has halved but is still well above prepandemic levels.



Notes: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics unemployment is defined as being jobless, actively seeking work, and being available to take a job.