

Worker Shortages

A big challenge that's not going away soon

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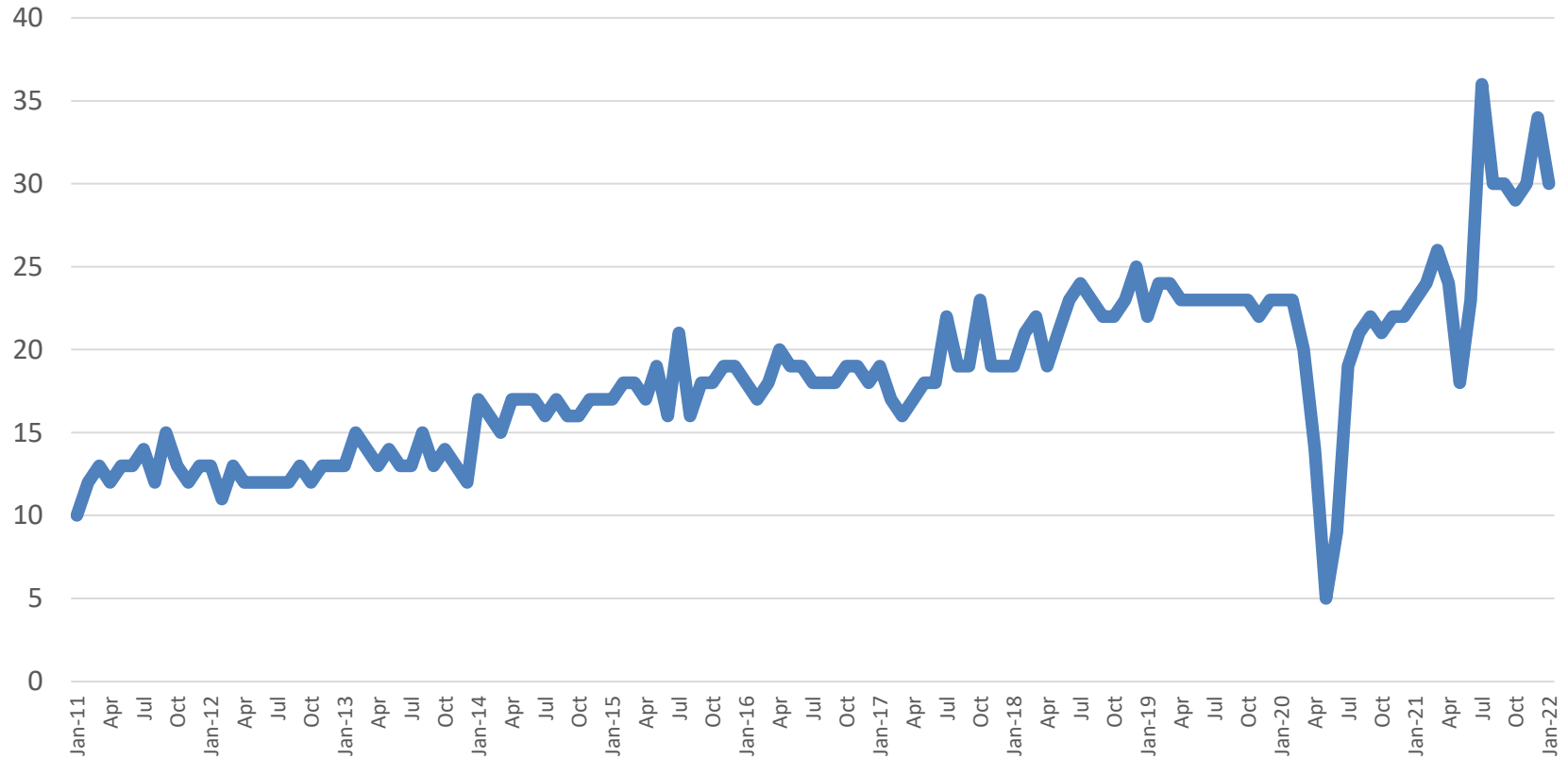
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3. Shortages of the type we’re experiencing will ripple through nearly every part of the economy.



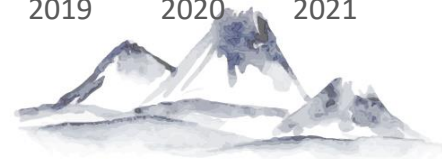
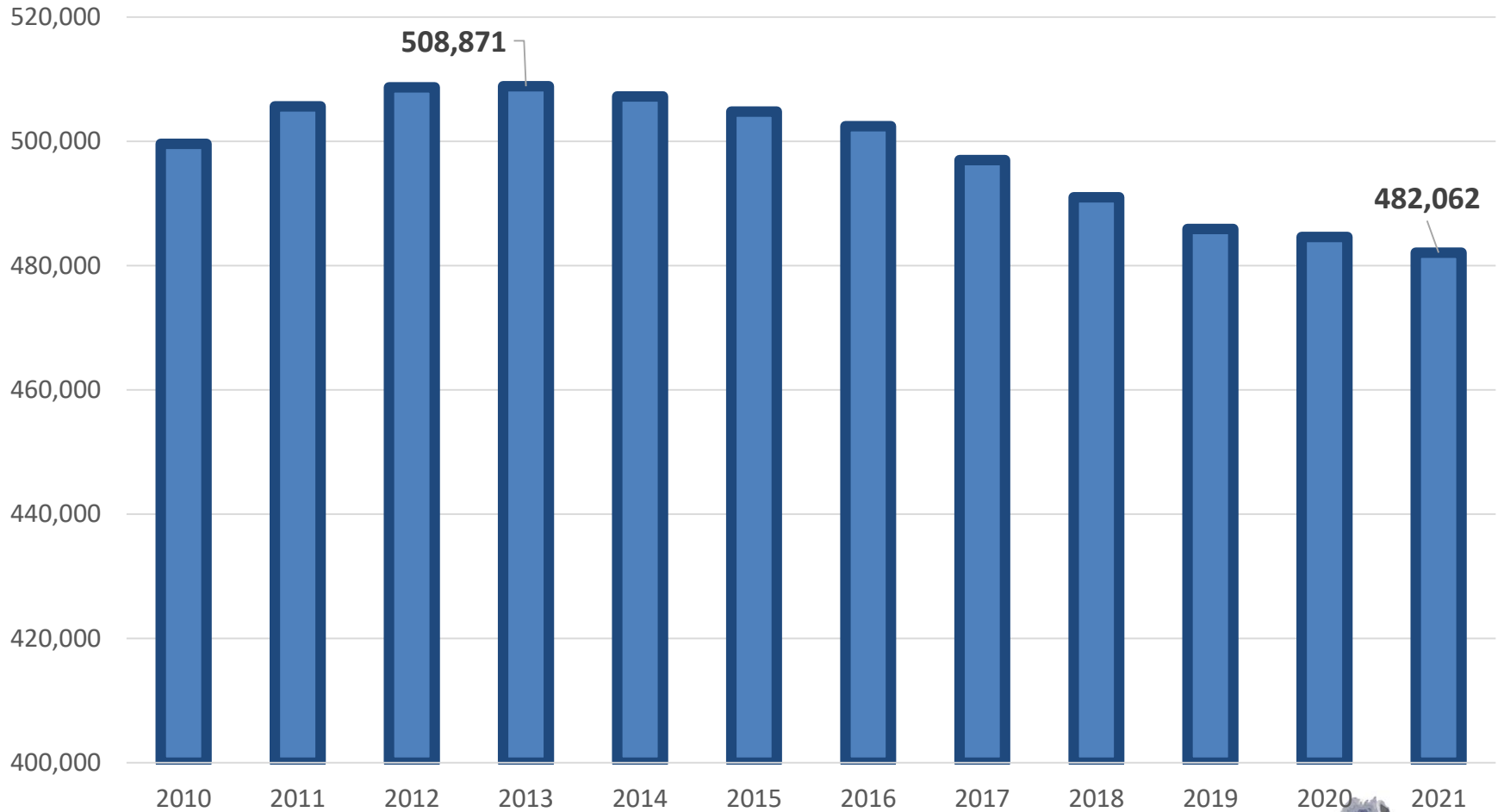
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Alaska Job Openings, 2011-22



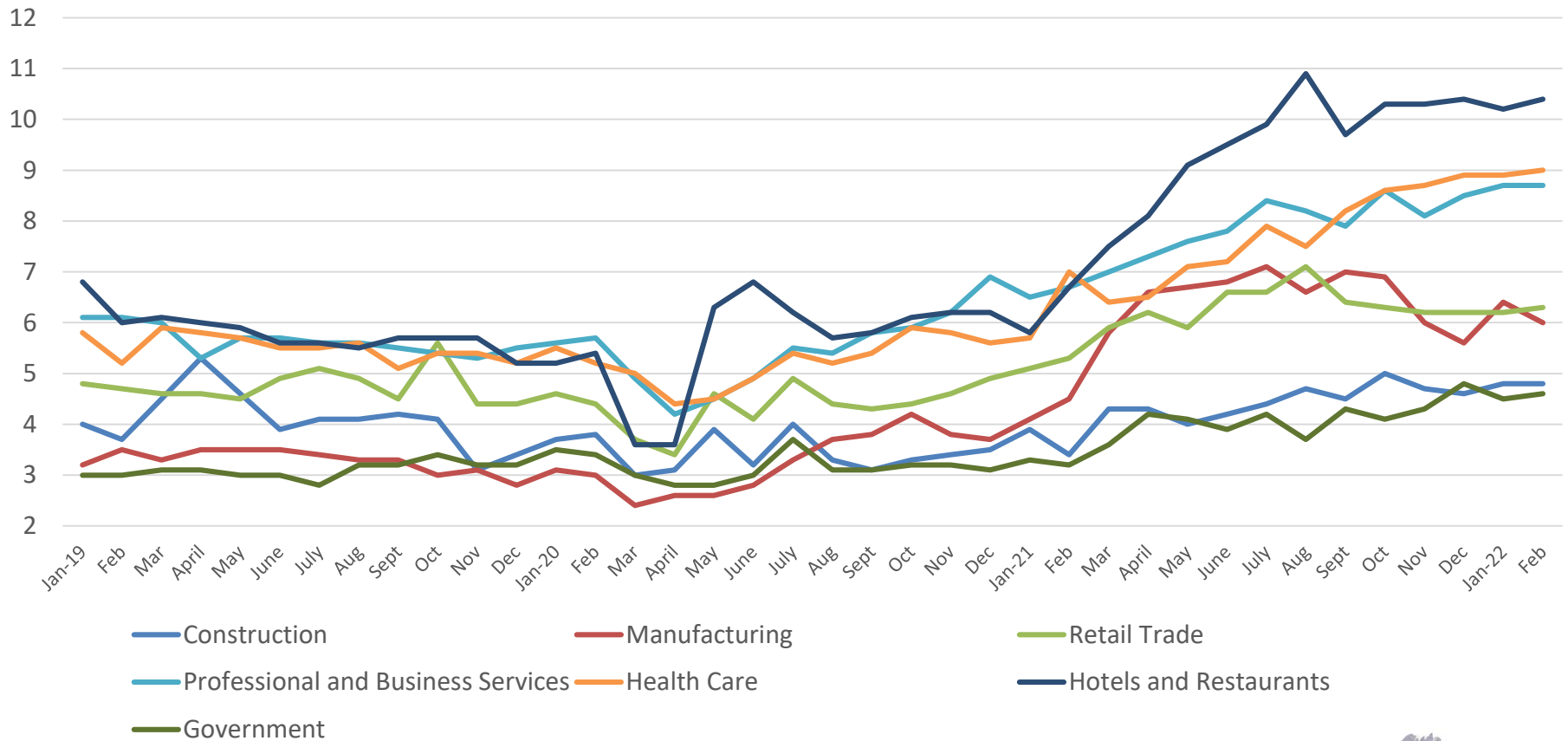
Data On Second Contention

Alaskans 15-64



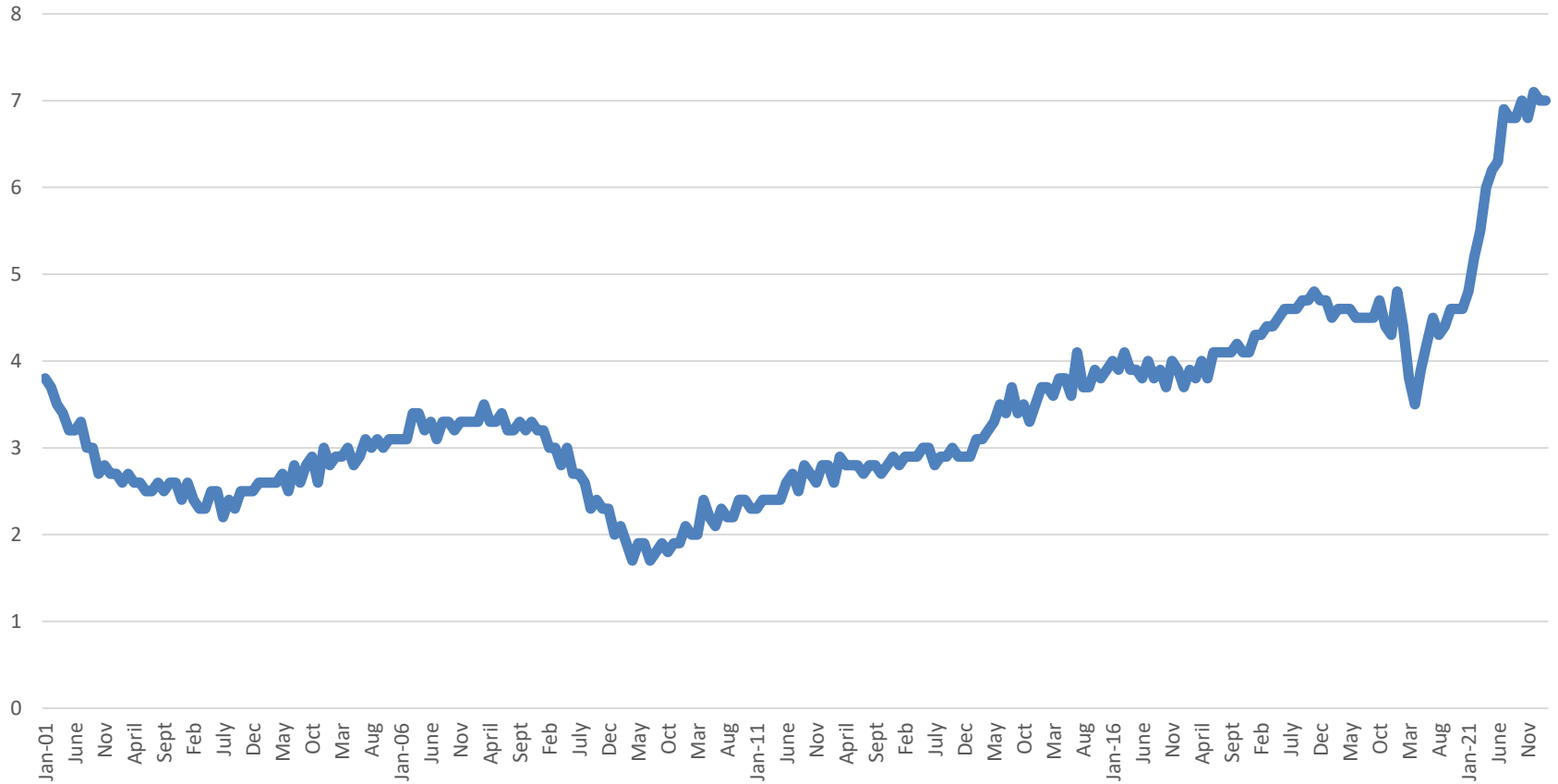
Data On Third Contention (indirectly)

Job Openings for Select Industries, U.S. 2019-22



This is a BIG deal (and challenge)

Total U.S. Job Openings, 2001-22



Questions and Comments

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