

Charting the labor market: Data from the Current Population Survey (CPS)

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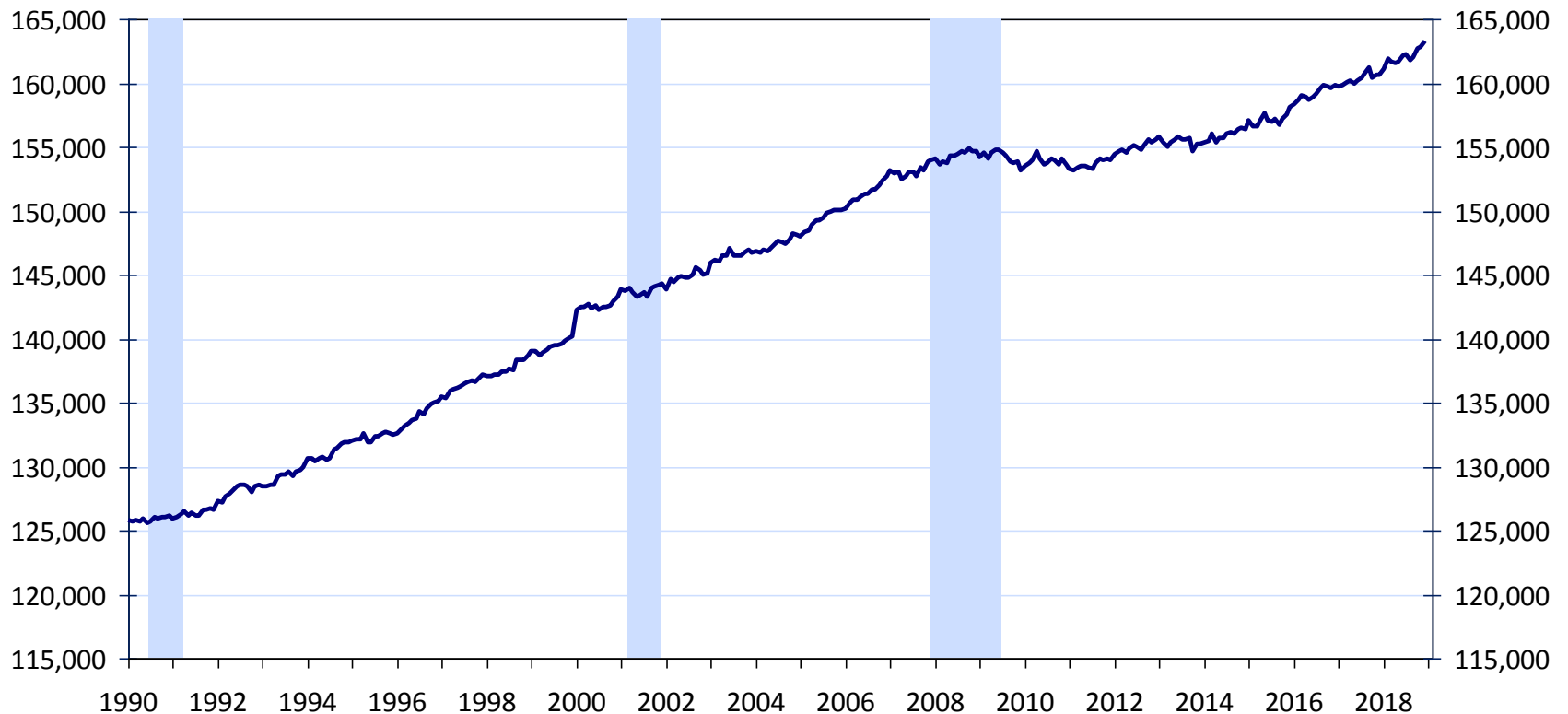
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Chart 1. Civilian labor force

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



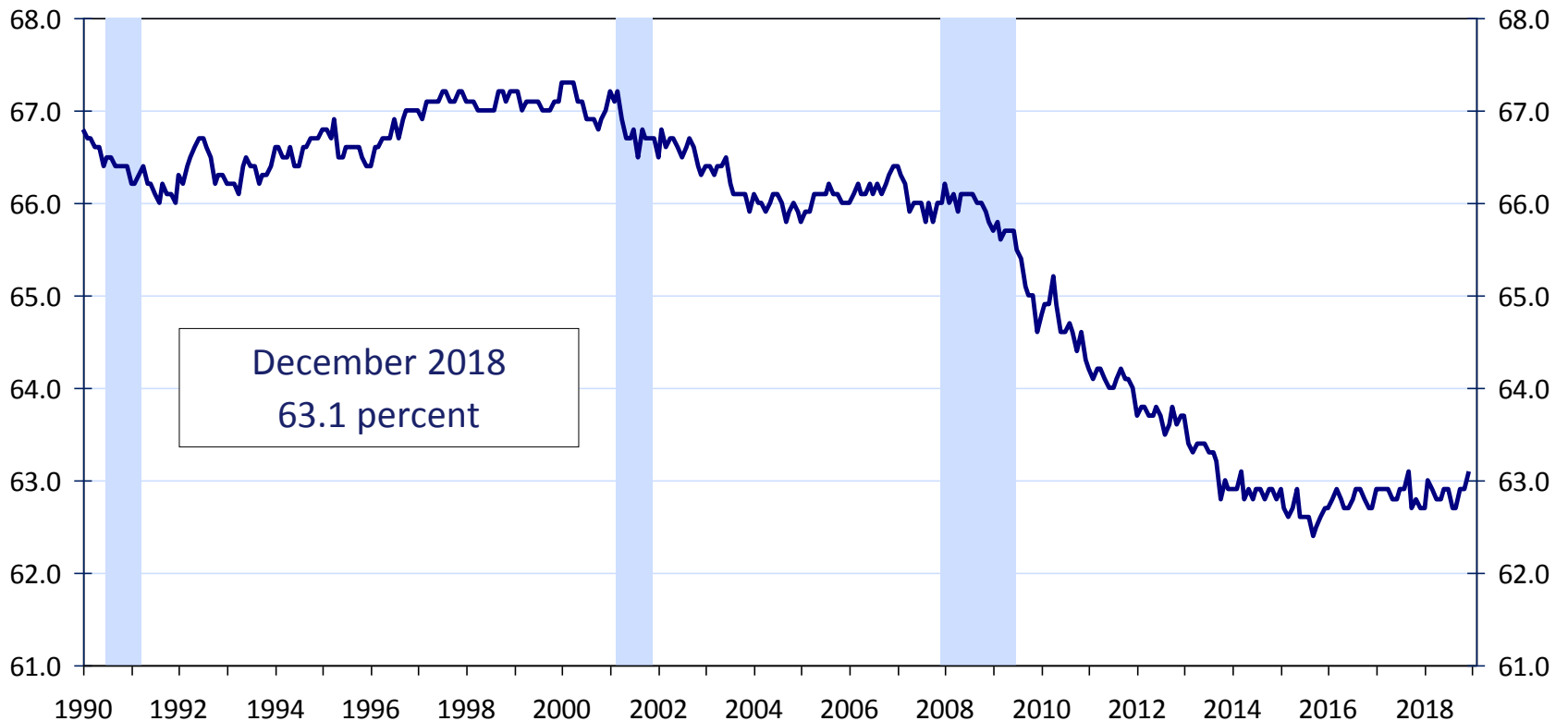
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Chart 2. Civilian labor force participation rate

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Percent



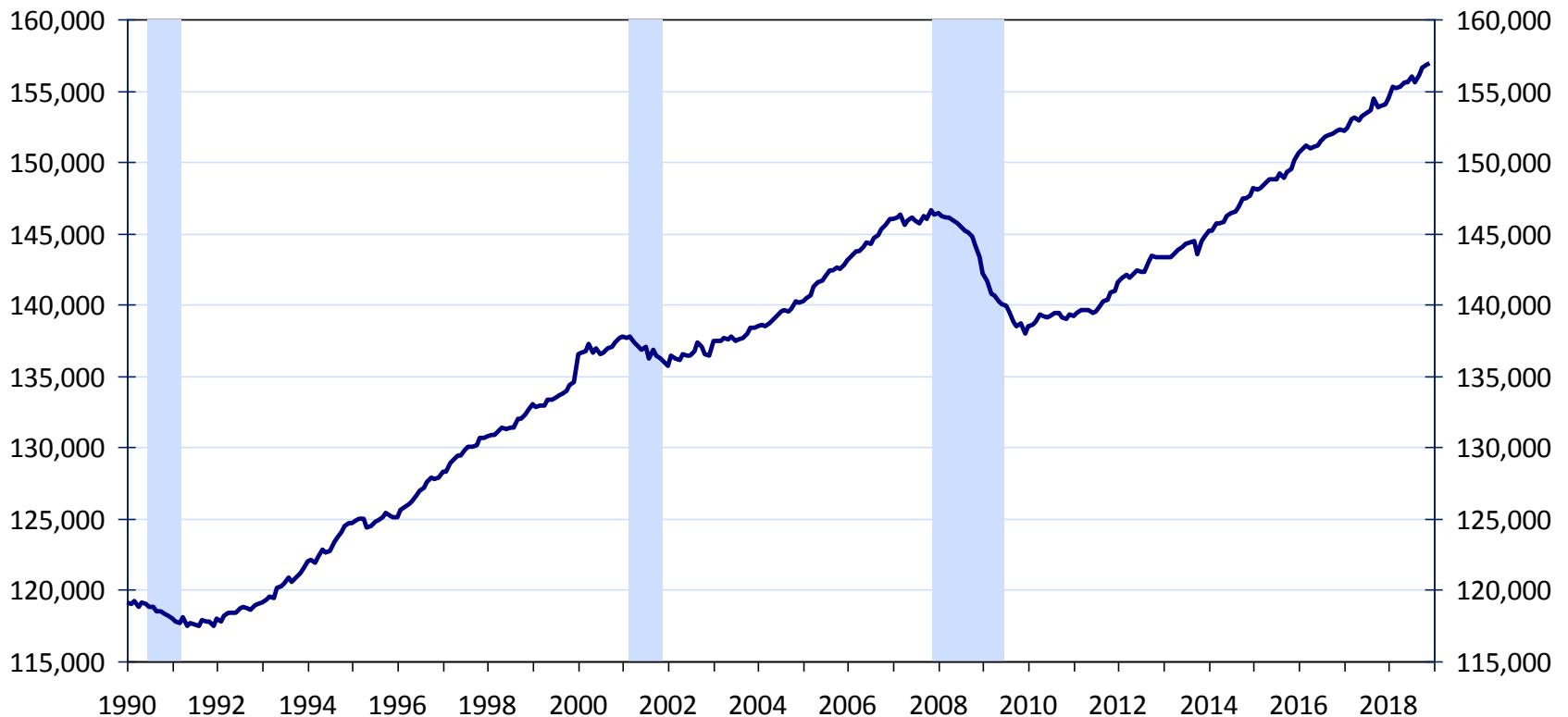
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Chart 3. Civilian employment

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



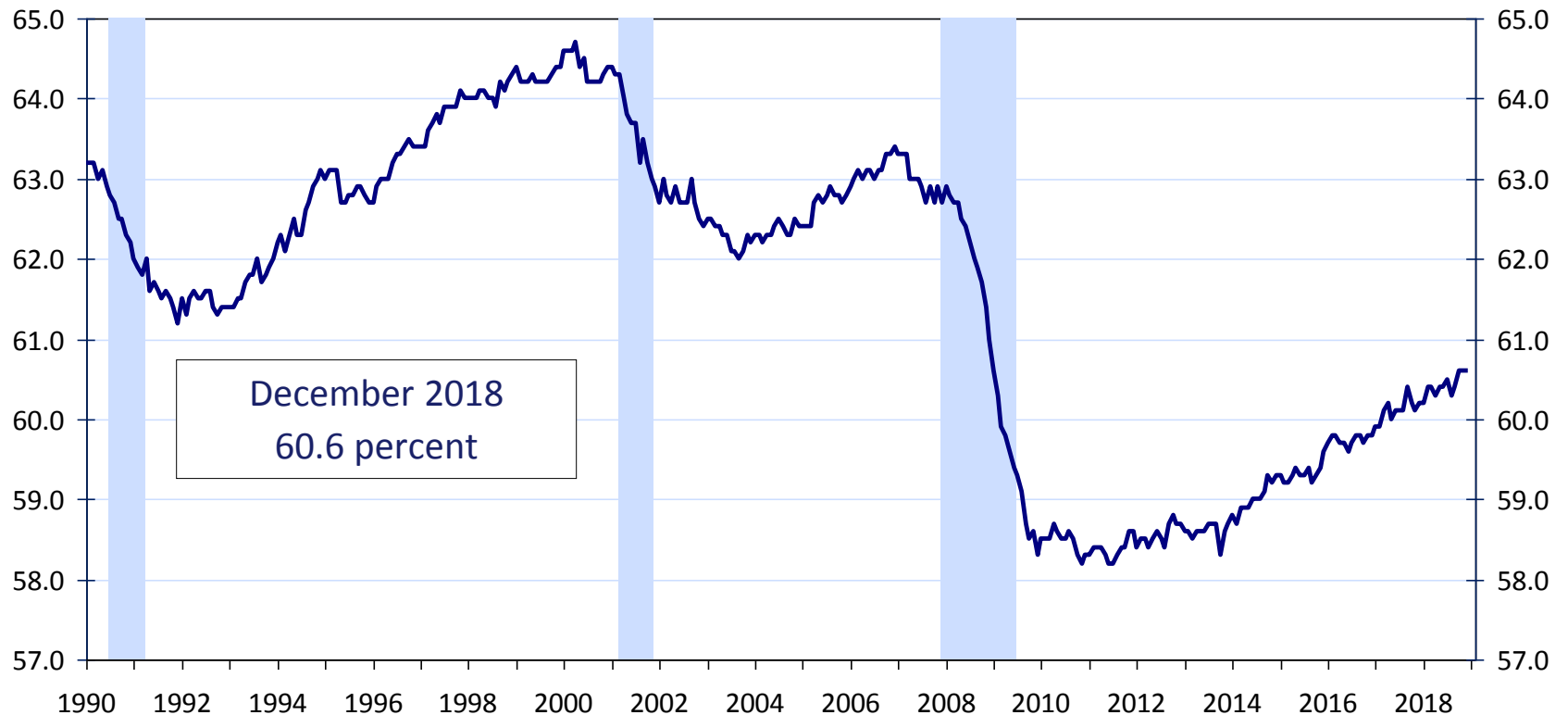
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Chart 4. Employment-population ratio

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Percent



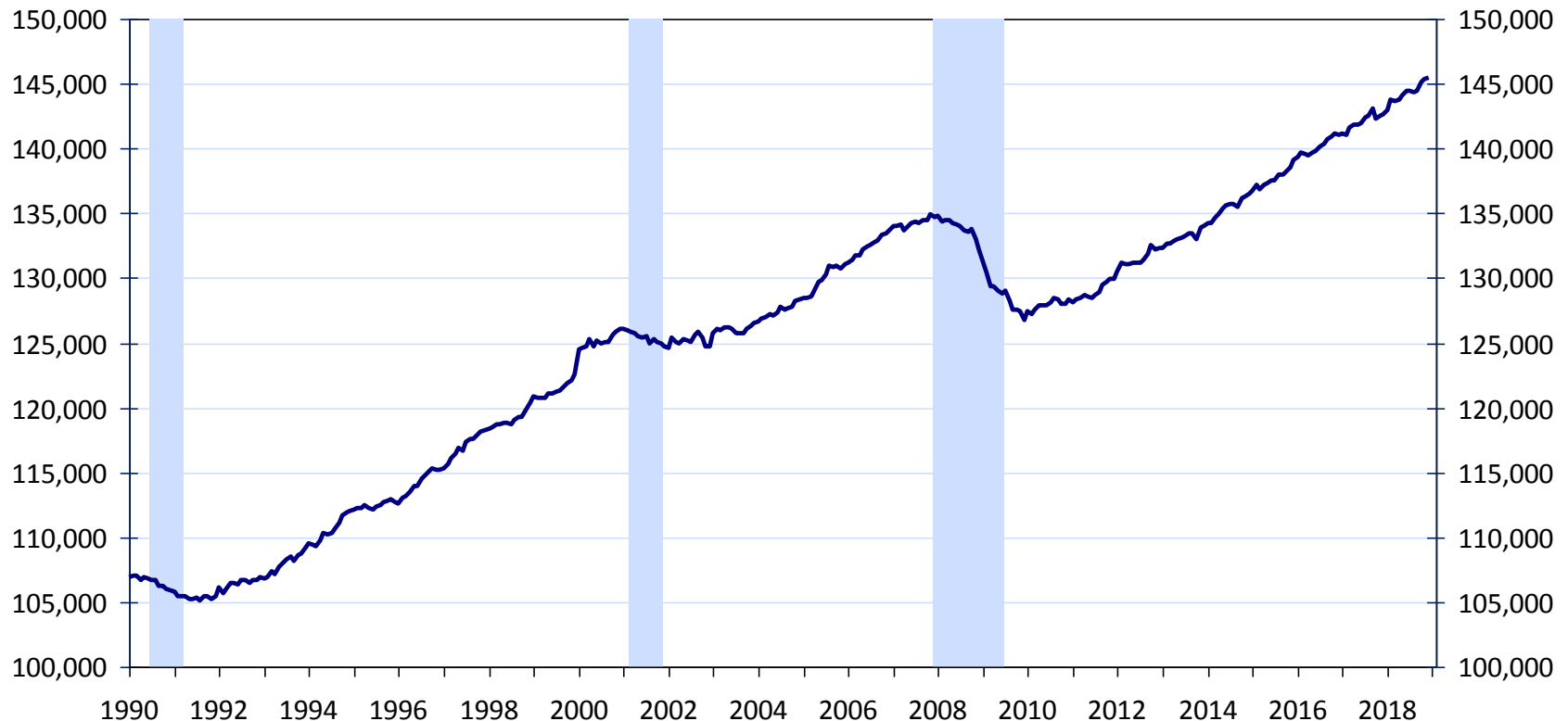
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Chart 5. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



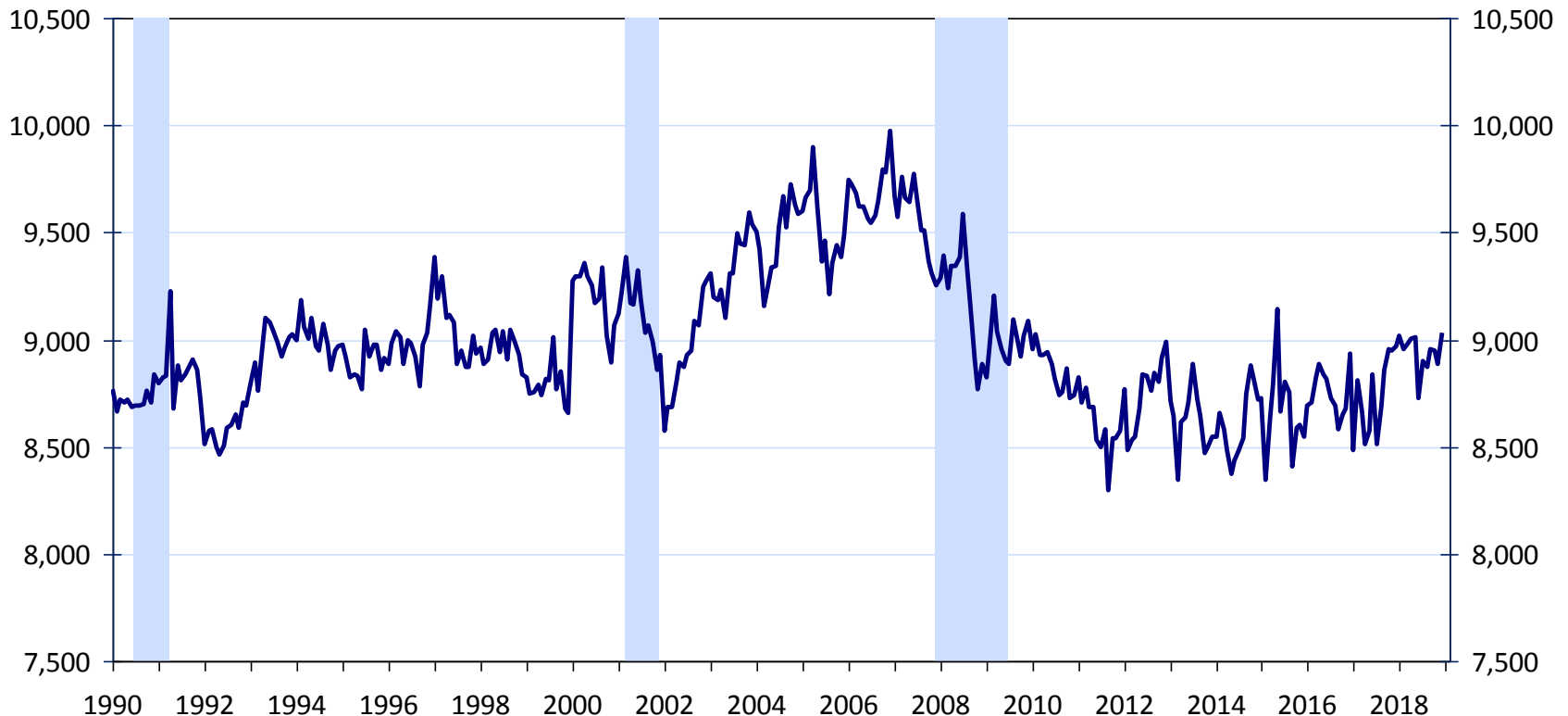
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Chart 6. Nonagricultural self-employed, unincorporated

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



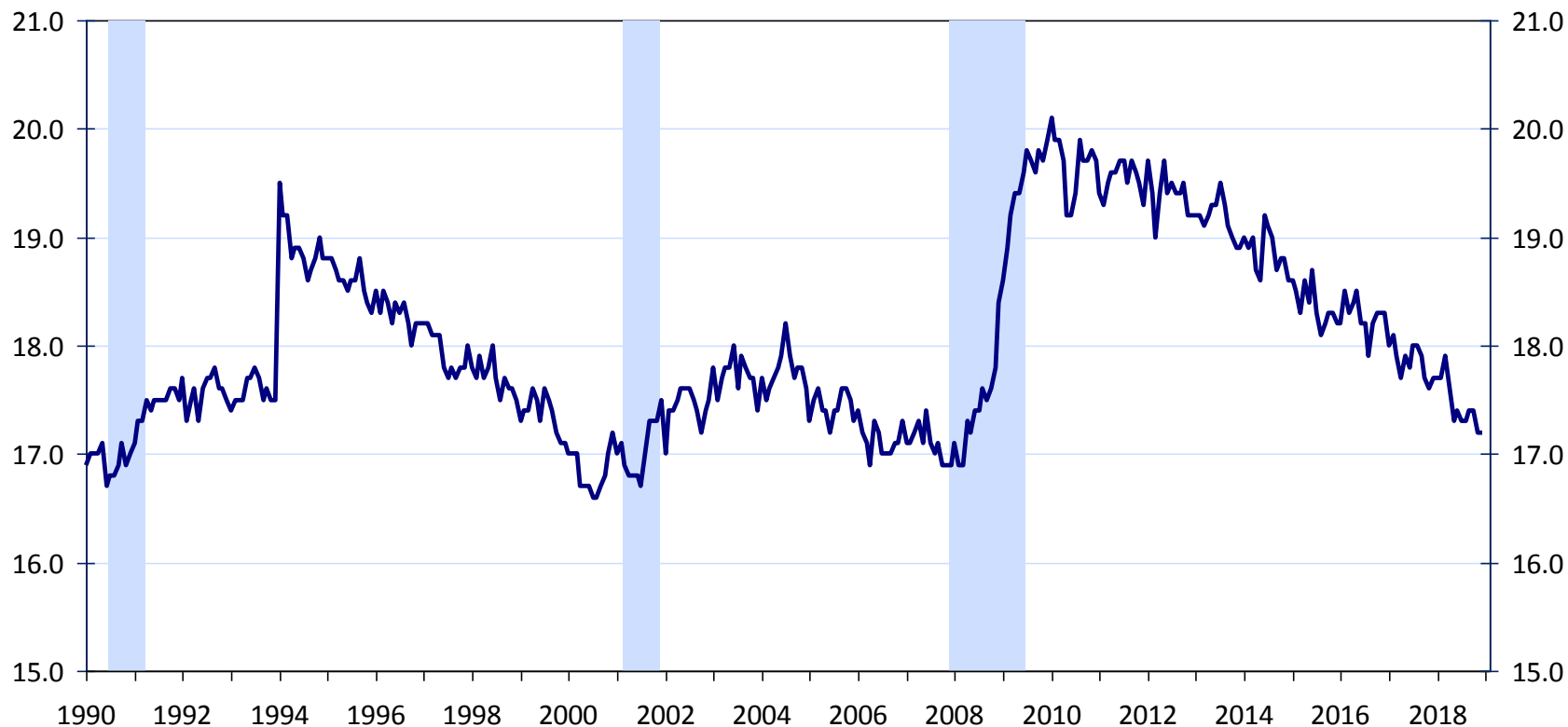
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Chart 7. Part-time workers as a percent of total employed

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Percent



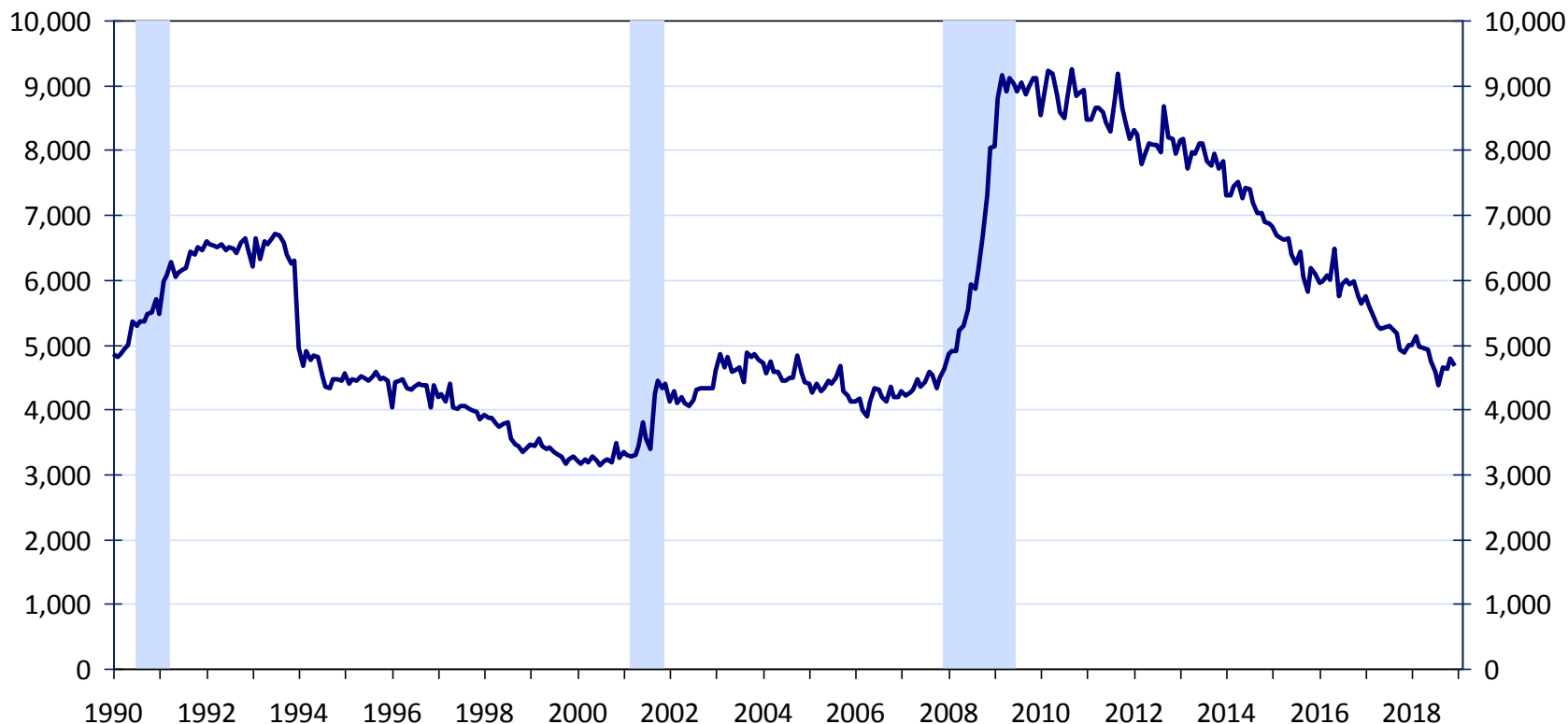
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Chart 8. Employed part time for economic reasons

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



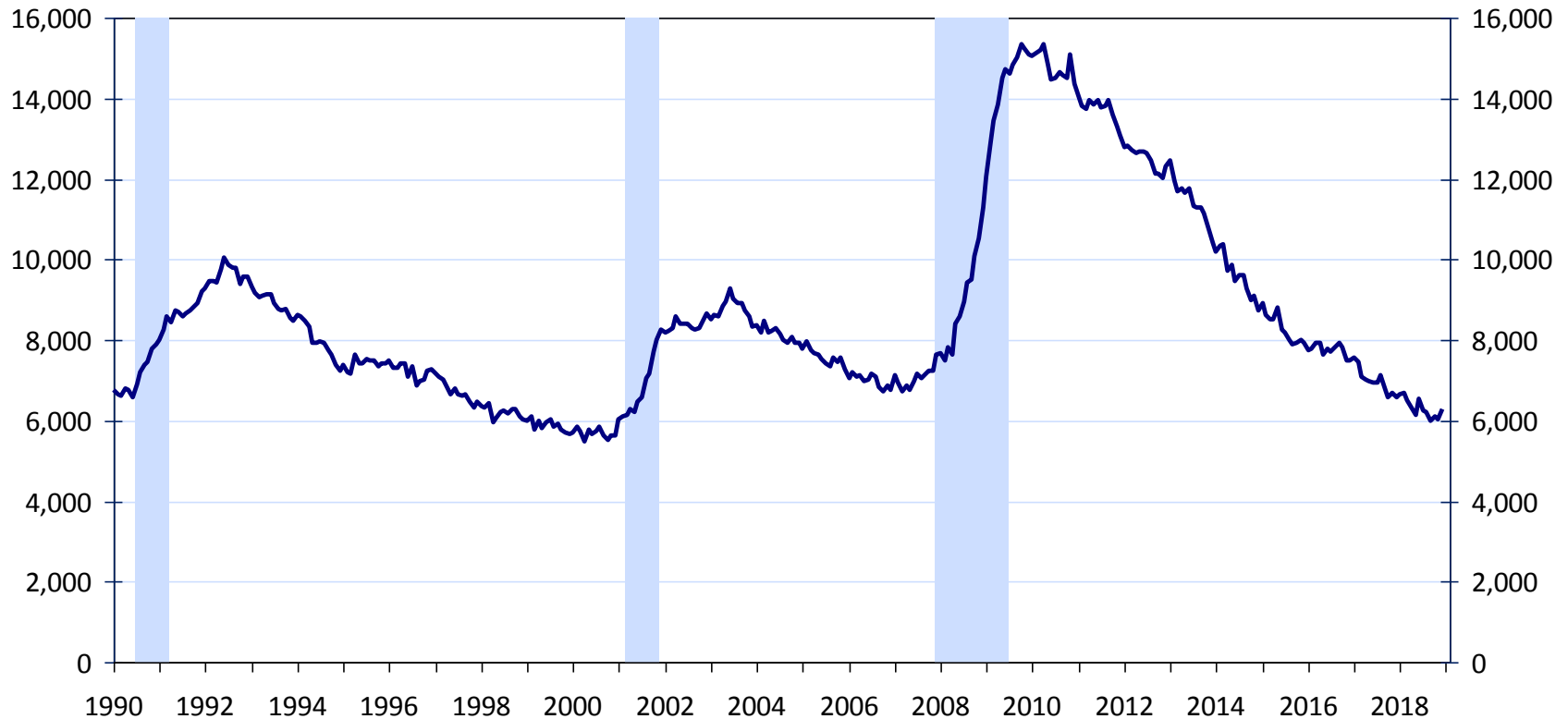
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Chart 9. Civilian unemployment

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



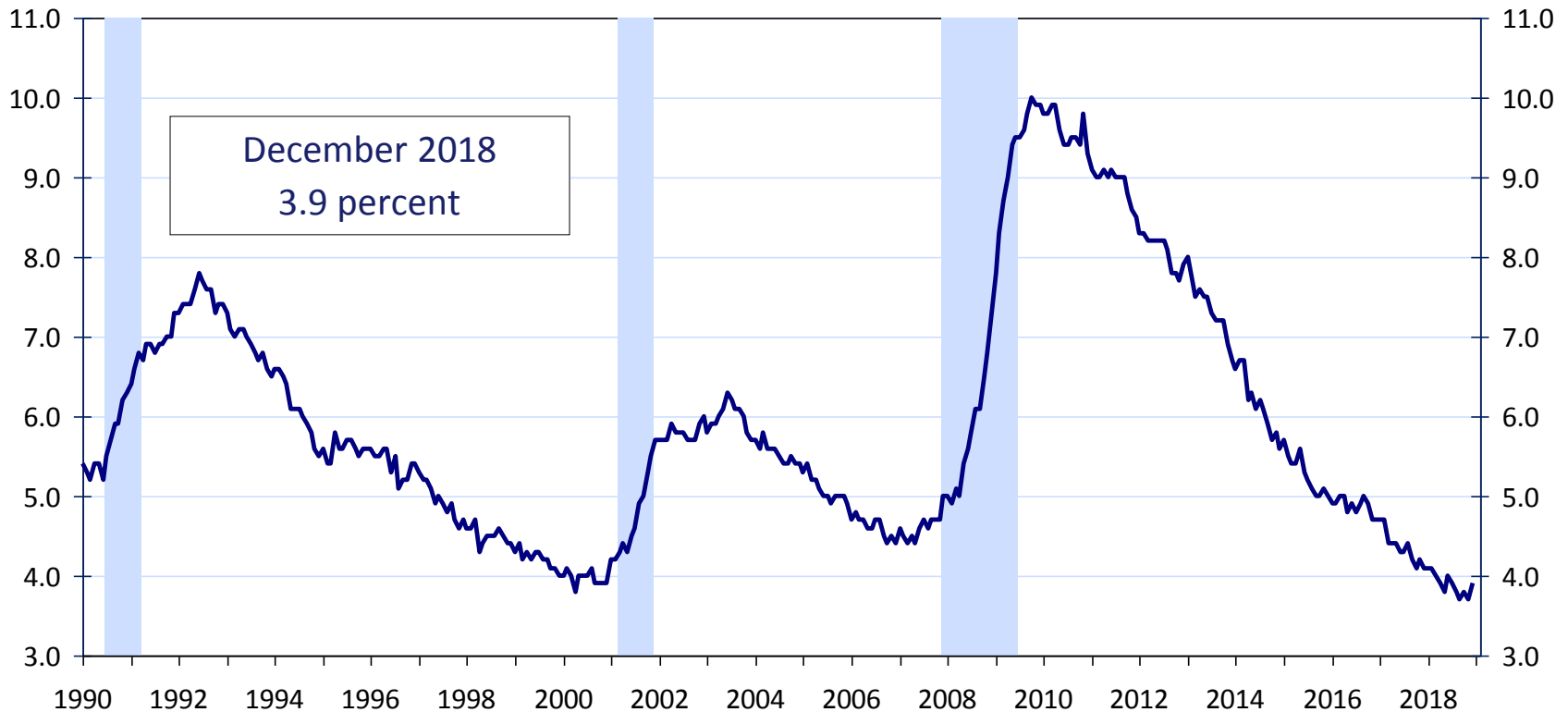
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Chart 10. Civilian unemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Percent



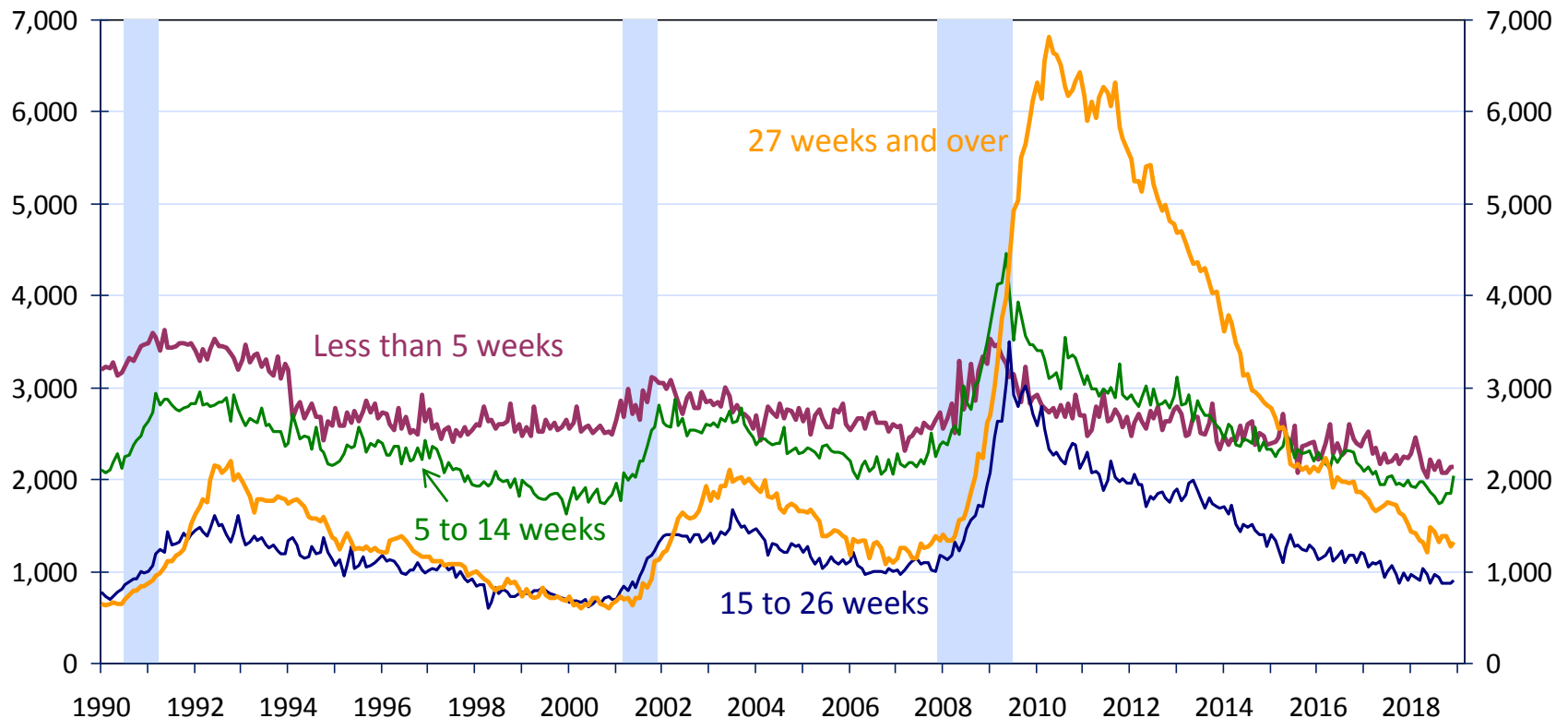
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Chart 11. Duration of unemployment

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



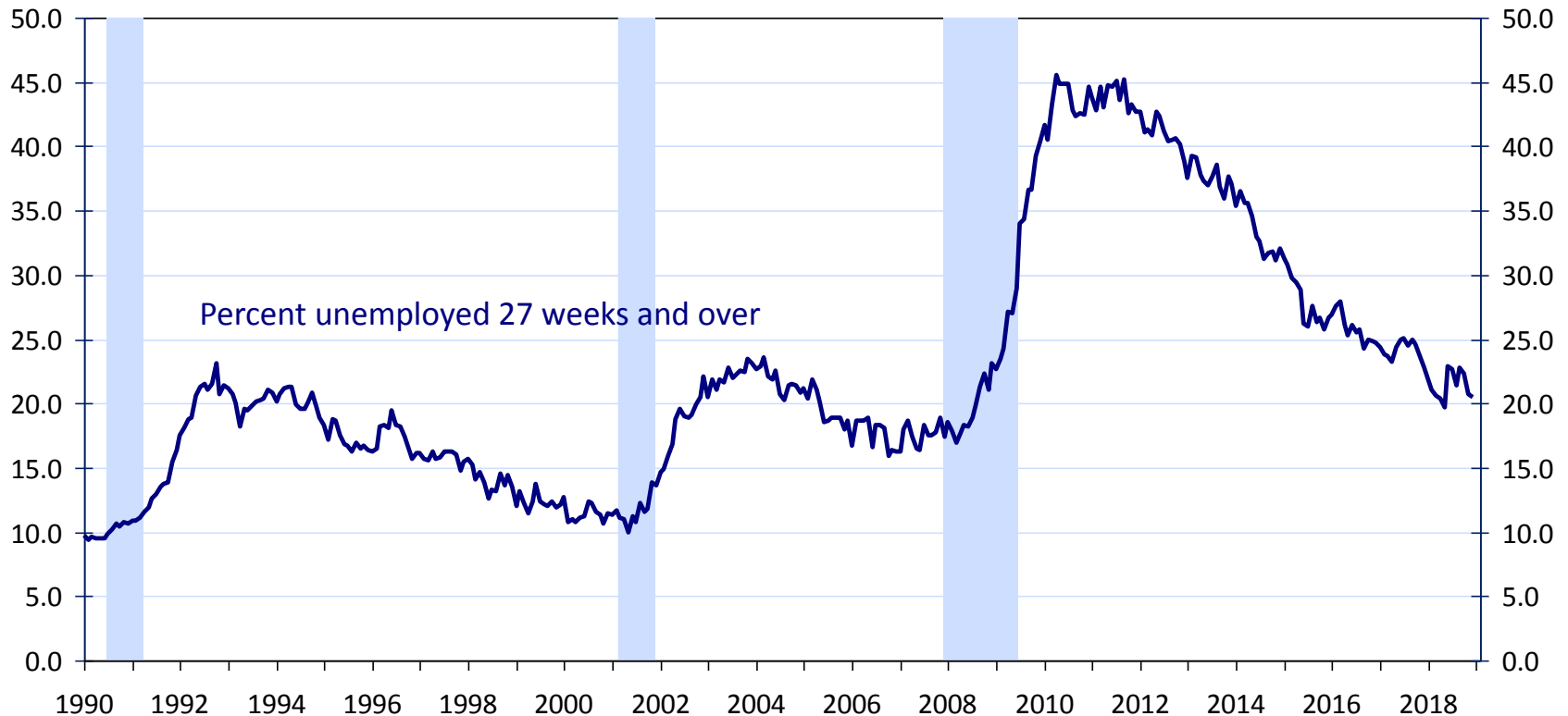
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Chart 12. Long-term unemployed as a percent of total unemployed

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Percent



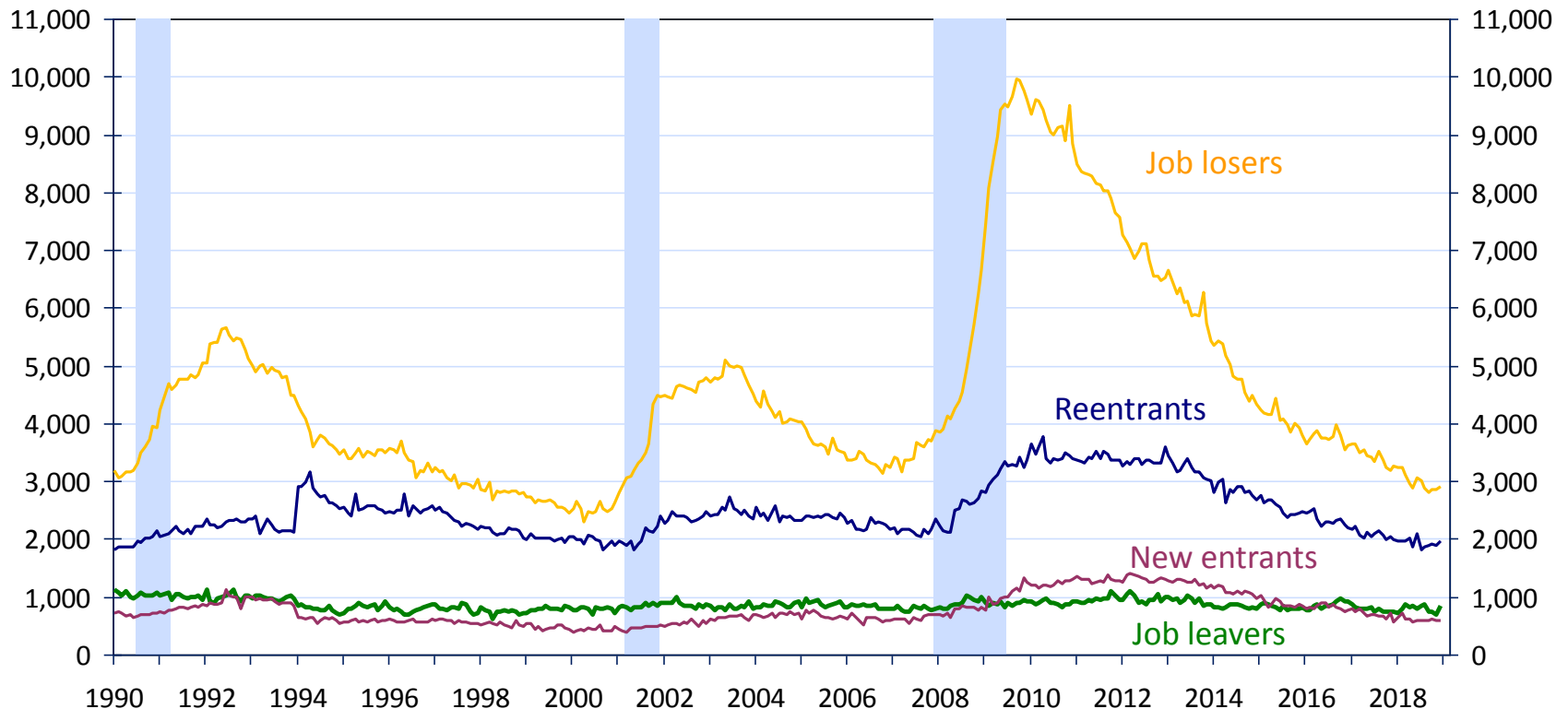
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Chart 13. Reasons for unemployment

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



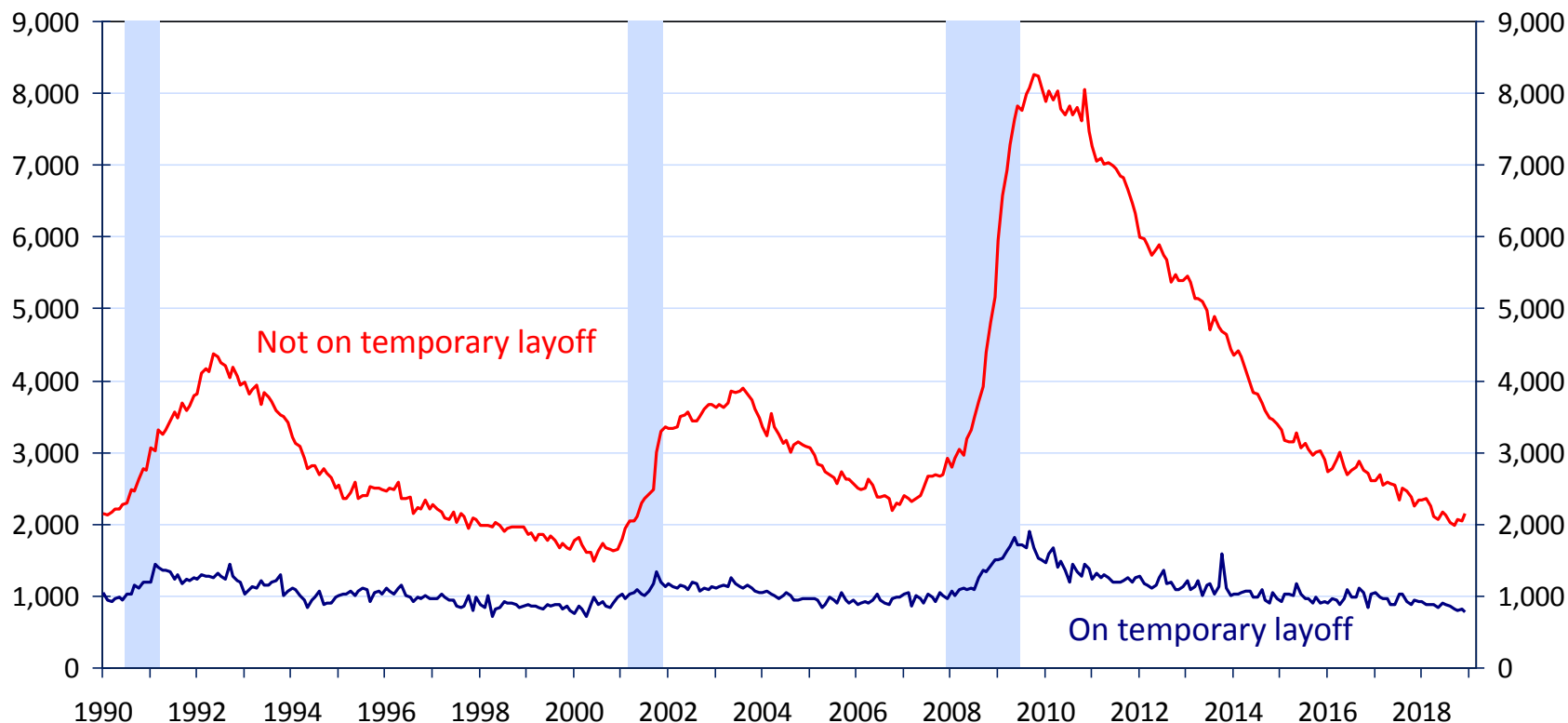
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Chart 14. Job losers by layoff status

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Numbers in thousands



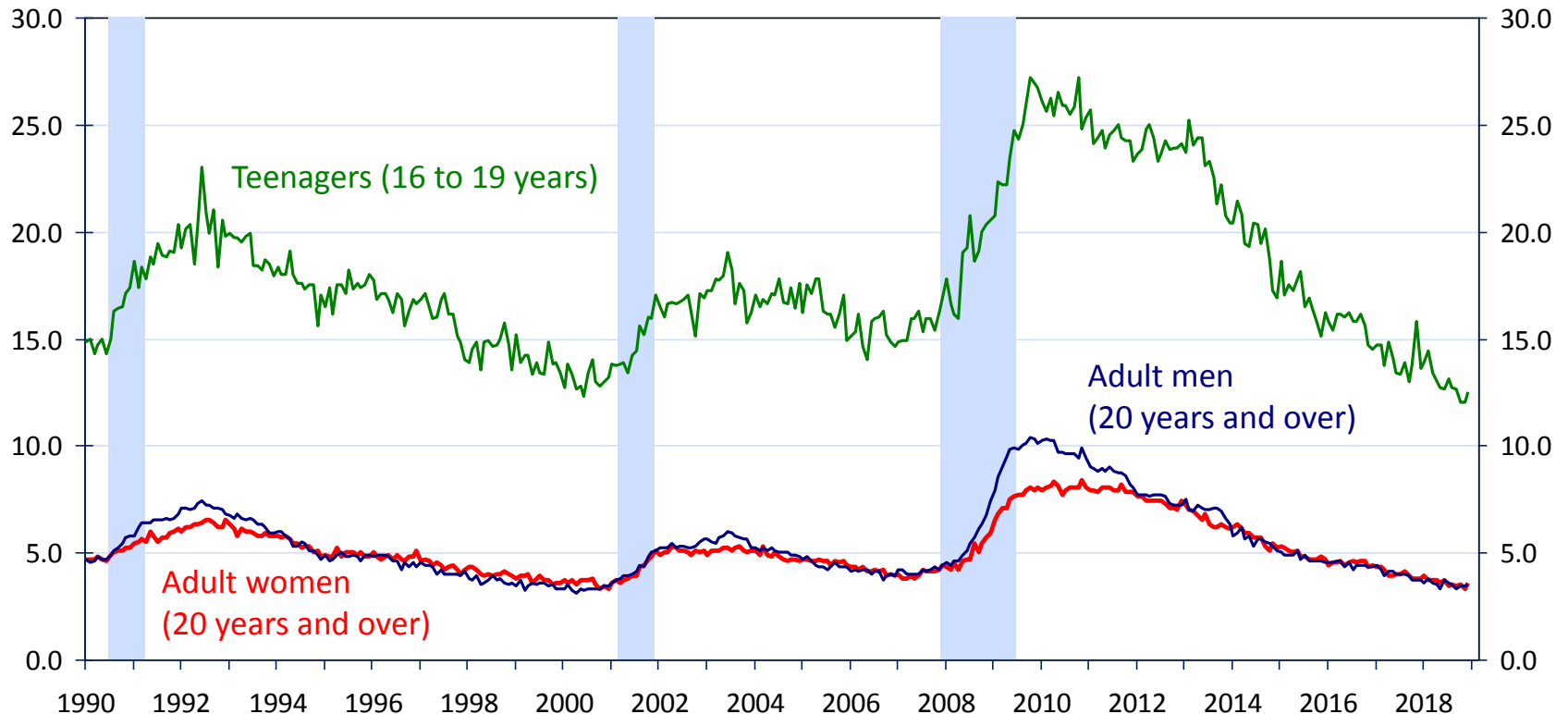
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Chart 15. Unemployment rates for adult men, adult women, and teenagers

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Percent



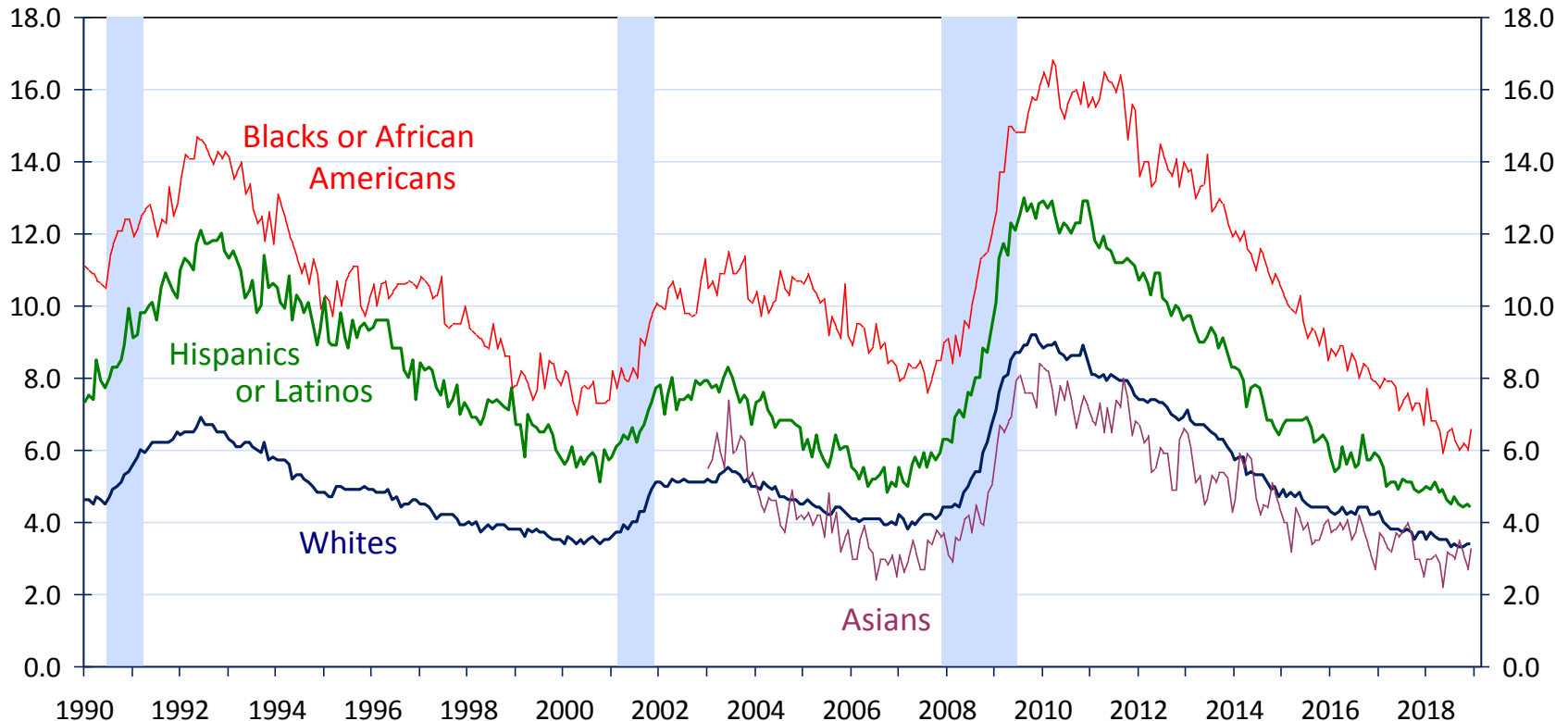
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Chart 16. Unemployment rates by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2018

Percent



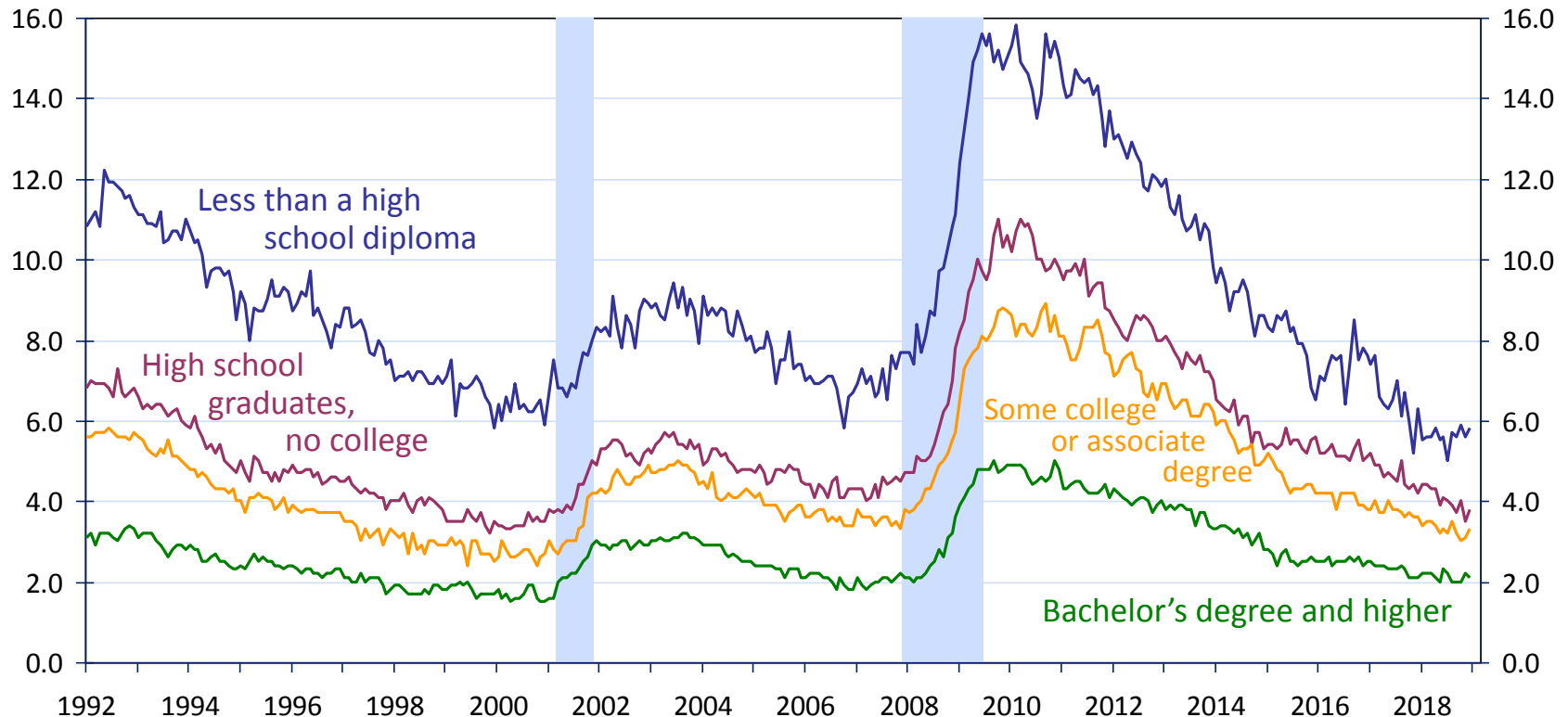
Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be of any race. Seasonally adjusted data for Asians are not available before 2003. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14000003&series_id=LNS14000006&series_id=LNS14032183&series_id=LNS14000009.



Chart 17. Unemployment rates for persons 25 years and older by educational attainment

Seasonally adjusted, 1992–2018

Percent



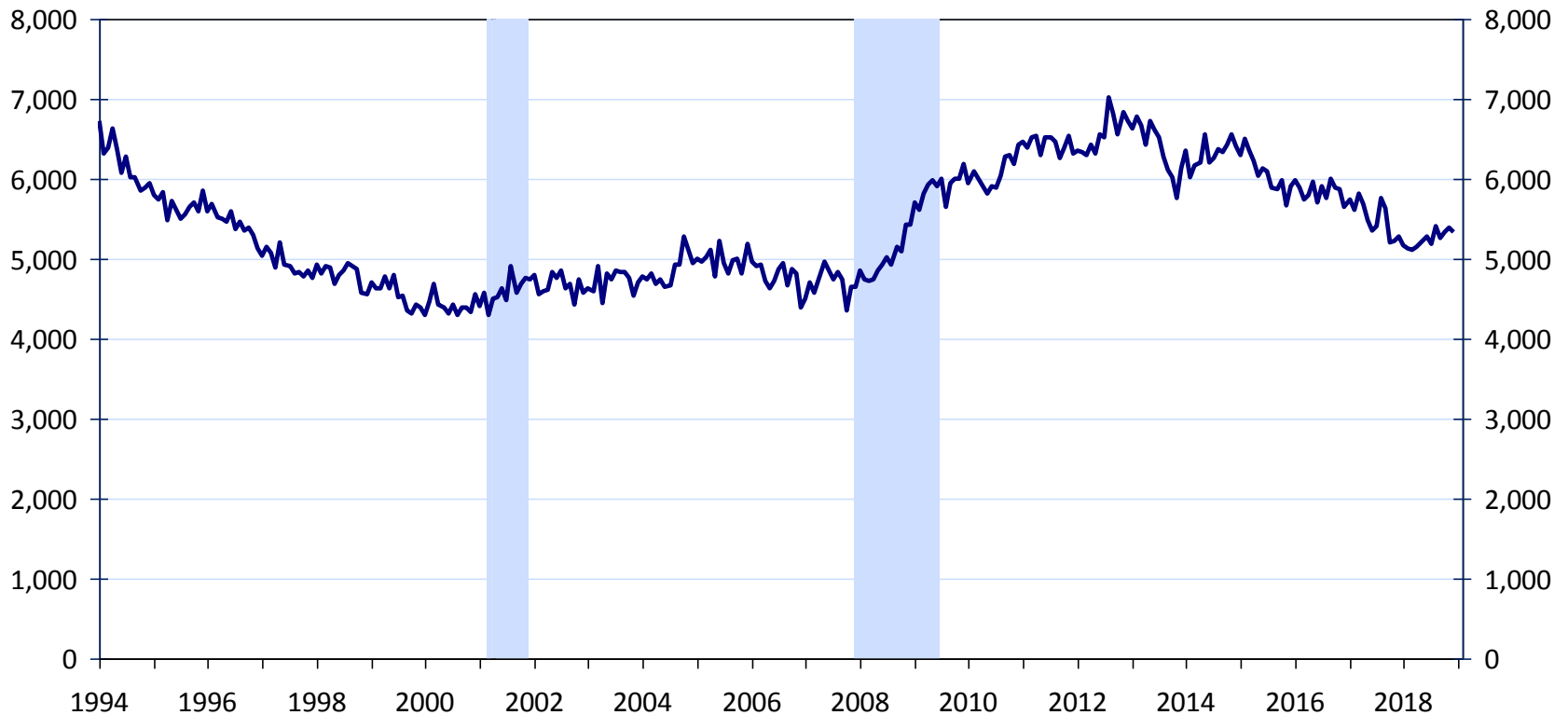
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Chart 18. Persons not in the labor force who want a job

Seasonally adjusted, 1994–2018

Numbers in thousands



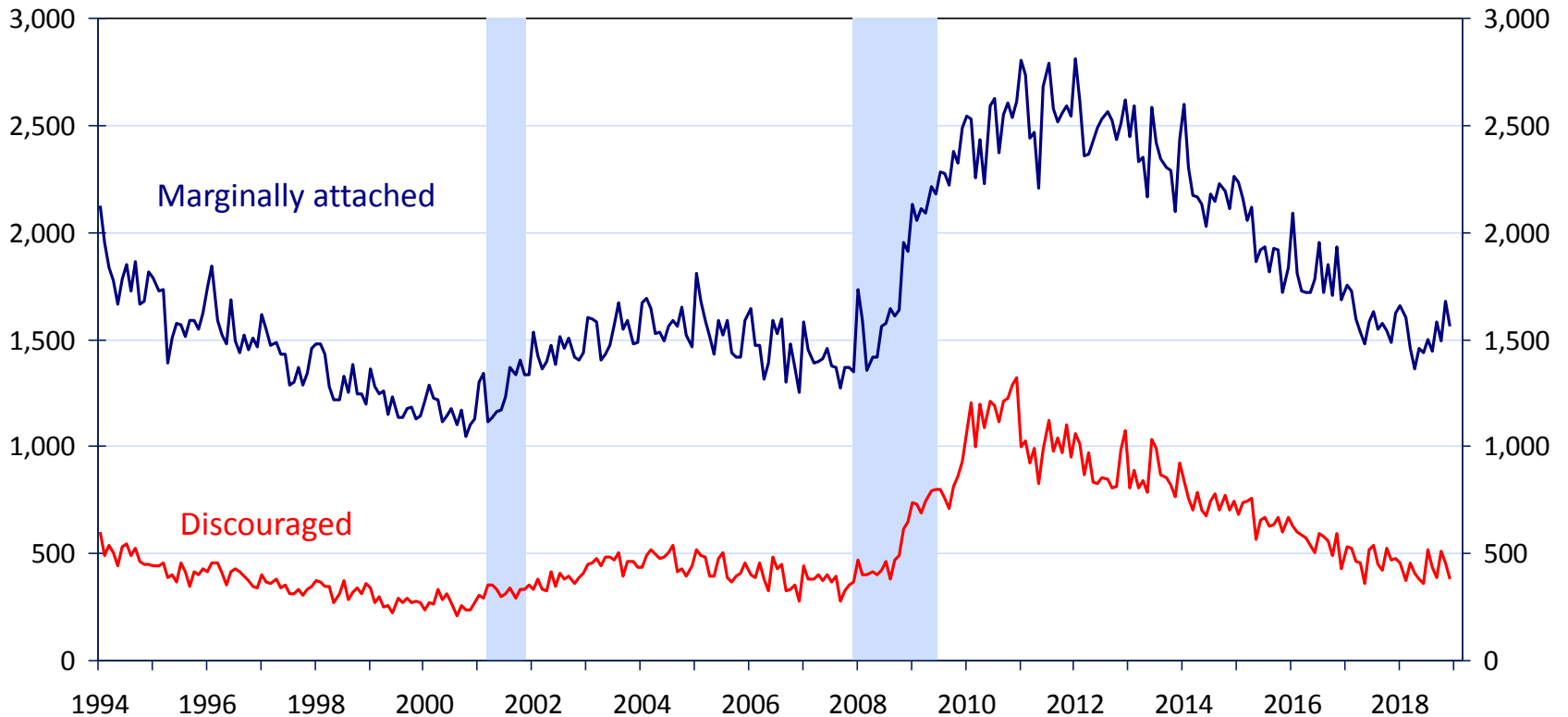
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Chart 19. Persons not in the labor force, selected indicators

Not seasonally adjusted, 1994–2018

Numbers in thousands



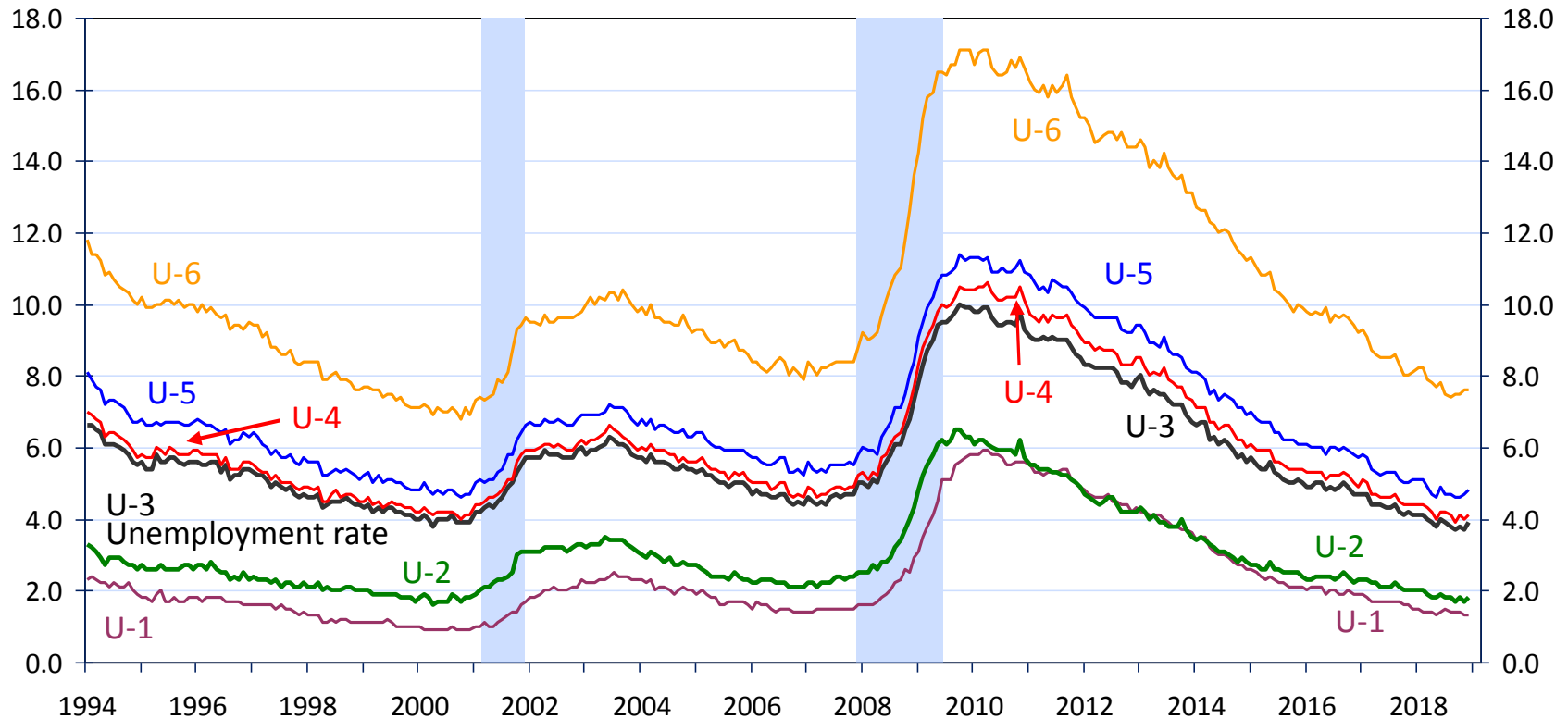
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Chart 20. Alternative measures of labor underutilization

Seasonally adjusted, 1994–2018

Percent



Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13025670&series_id=LNS14023621&series_id=LNS14000000&series_id=LNS13327707 and at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13327708&series_id=LNS13327709.

