

Fighting Analytic Anarchy



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Let's Wind it Back

The winter of our discontent

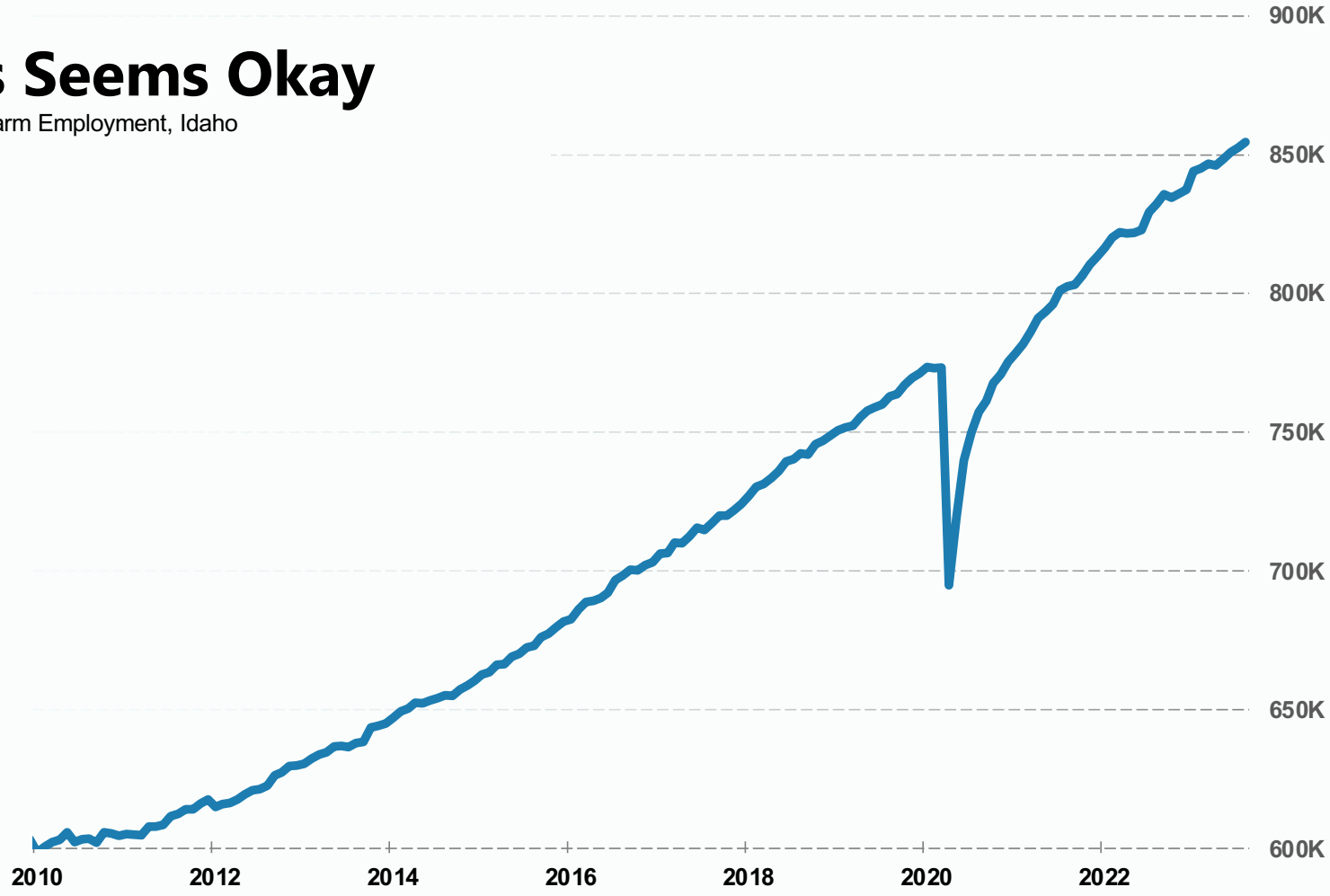
A Few Headlines From Earlier This Year

A Very Bearish Season

- “Silicon Valley Bank failure raises fear of broader financial contagion” (*Washington Post*, March 10)
- “‘Already past the point of no return’: JPMorgan says the U.S. is probably headed for a recession” (*Fortune*, March 21)
- “Layoffs are up nearly fivefold so far this year with tech companies leading the way” (*CNBC*, April 6)
- “The banking crisis will tilt US into recession, say Fed economists” (*CNN*, April)

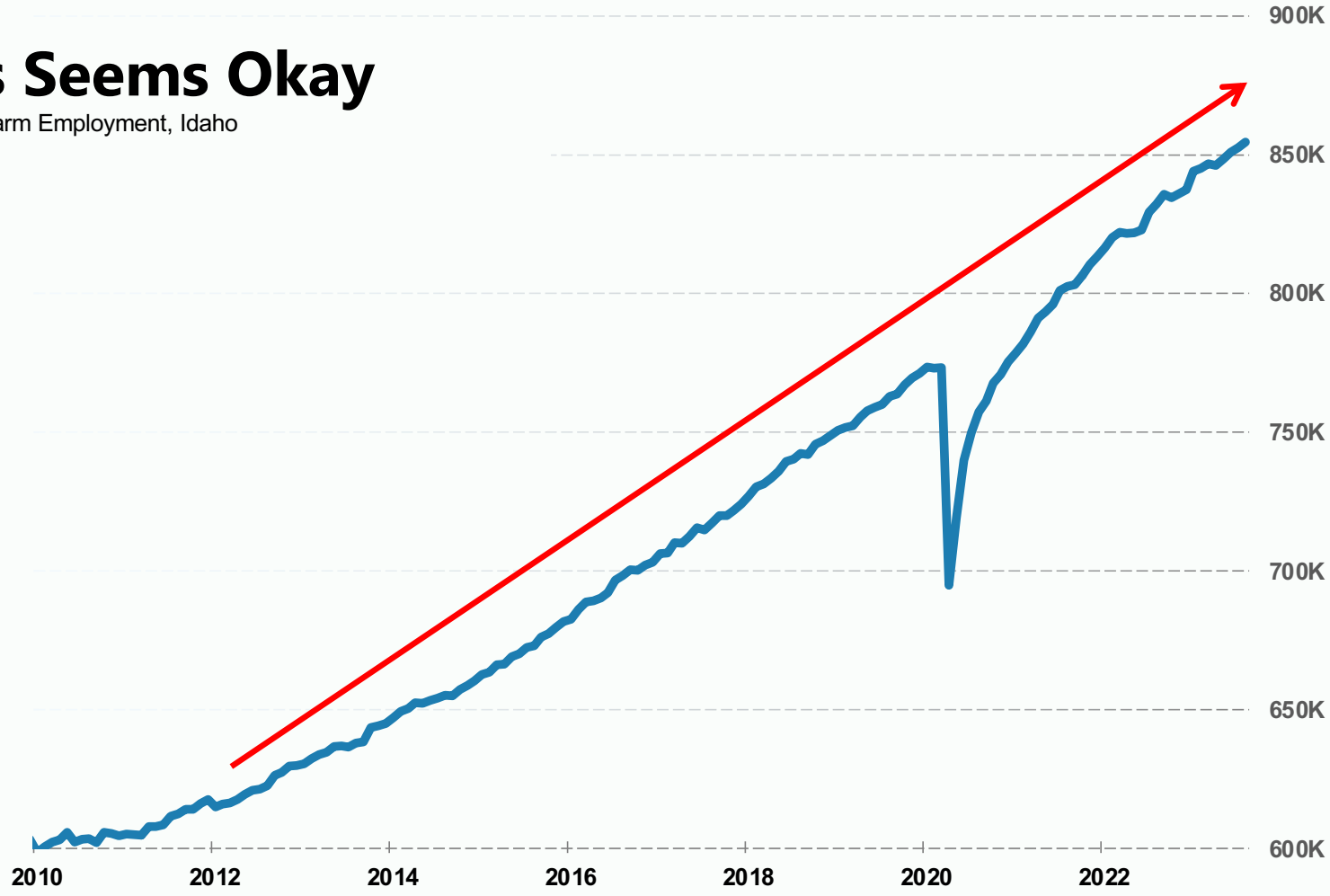
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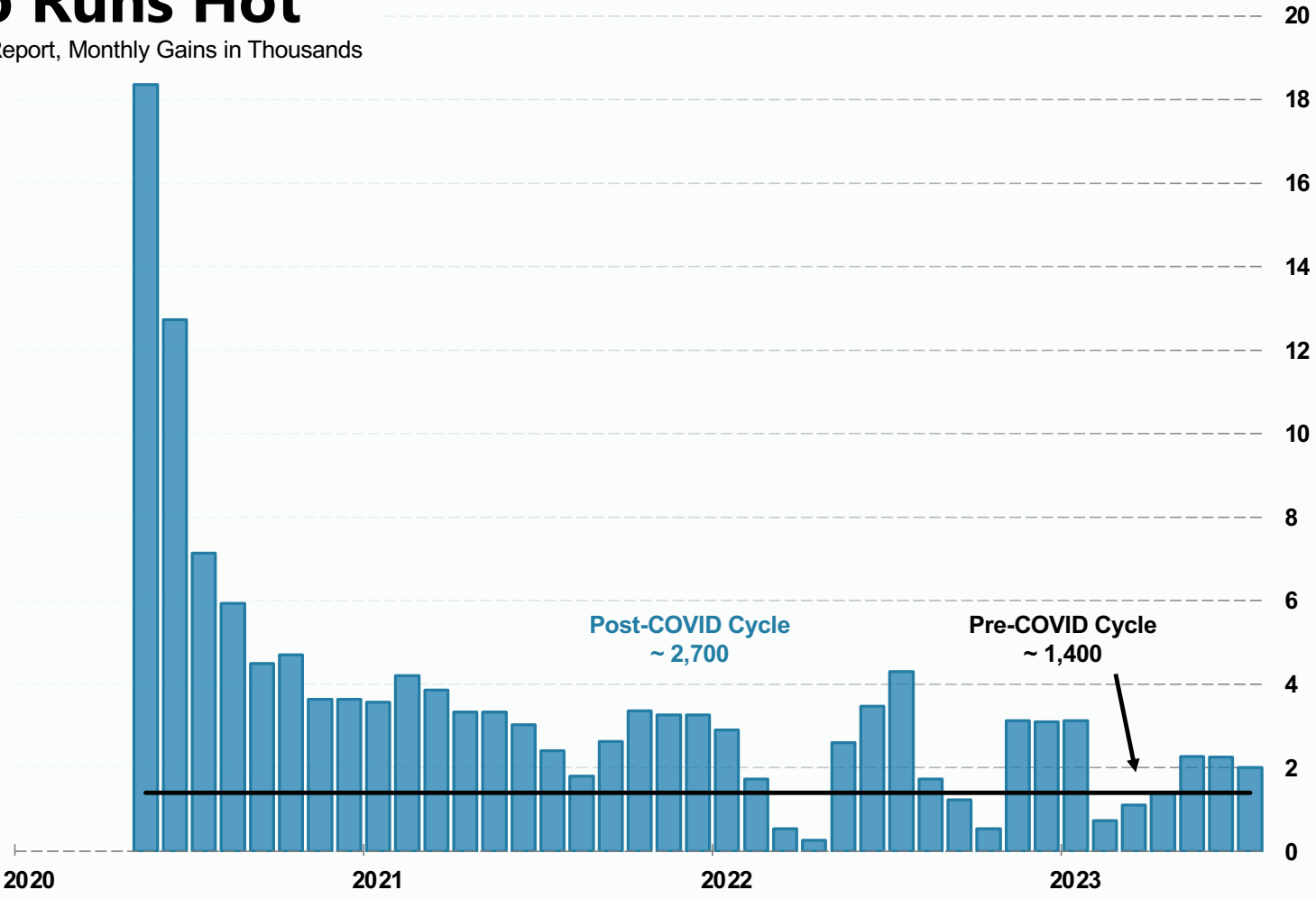
Something Seems Different

Do Bears Hibernate in the Summer?

- “US banks shrug off turmoil to ace Fed's annual health checks” (*Reuters, June 28*)
- “JPMorgan raises US economic growth estimate, no longer expects 2023 recession” (*Reuters, August 4*)
- “Tech layoffs see former workers in high demand elsewhere” (*CBS, July 17*)
- “Fed staff drop US recession forecast, Powell says” (*Reuters, July 26*)

Idaho Runs Hot

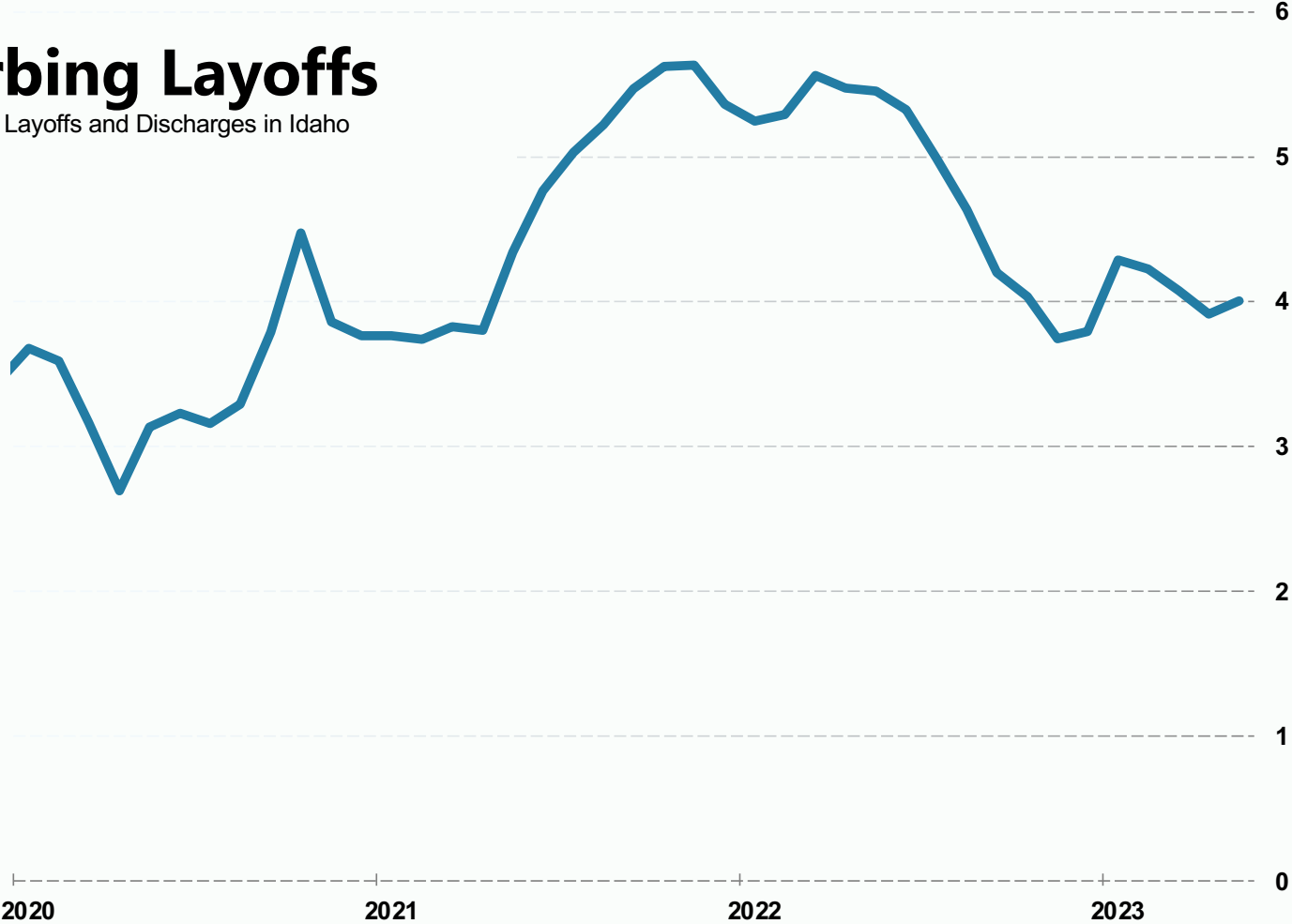
Nonfarm Job Report, Monthly Gains in Thousands



Source: Idaho Department of Labor

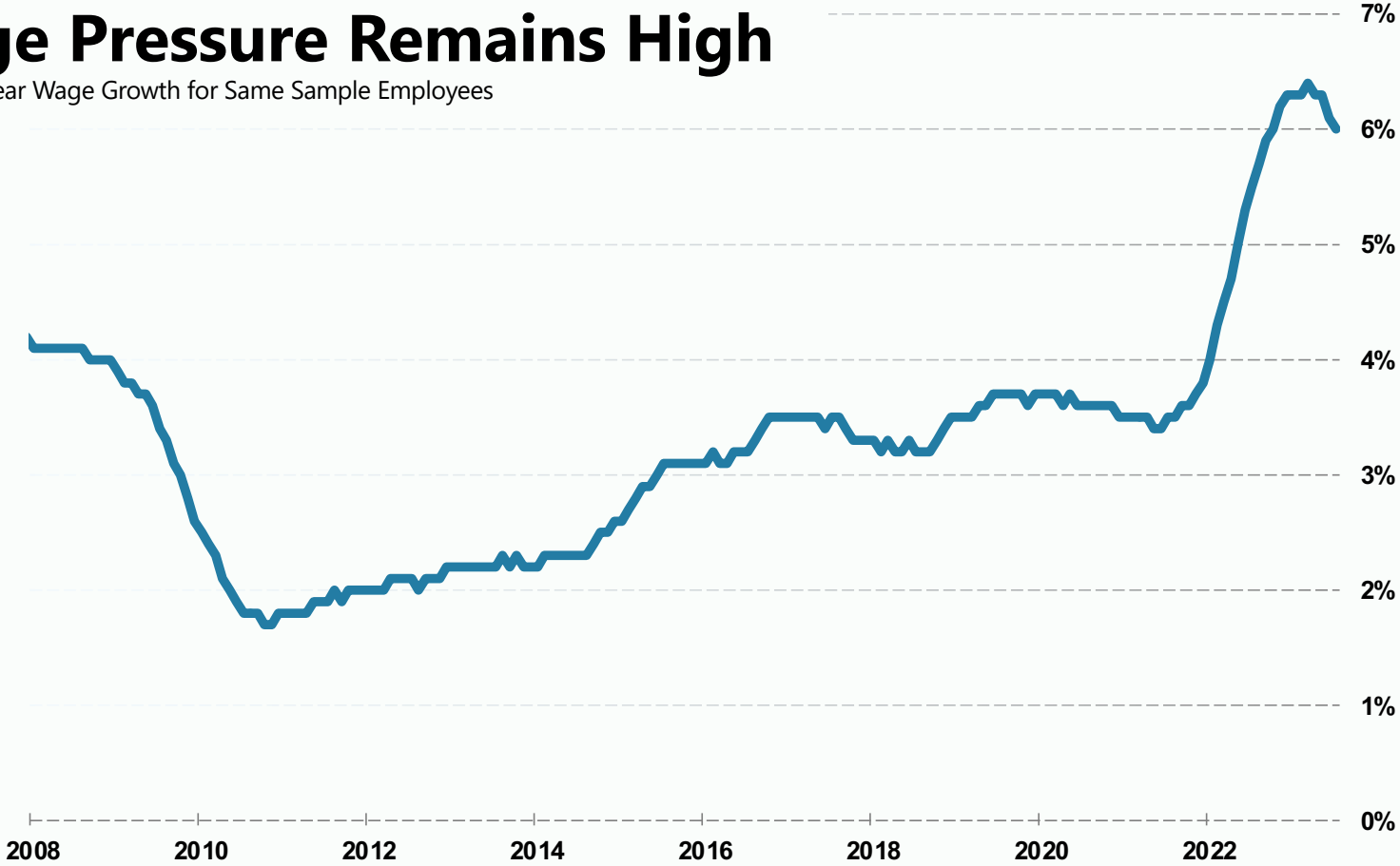
Absorbing Layoffs

Ratio of Hires to Layoffs and Discharges in Idaho



Wage Pressure Remains High

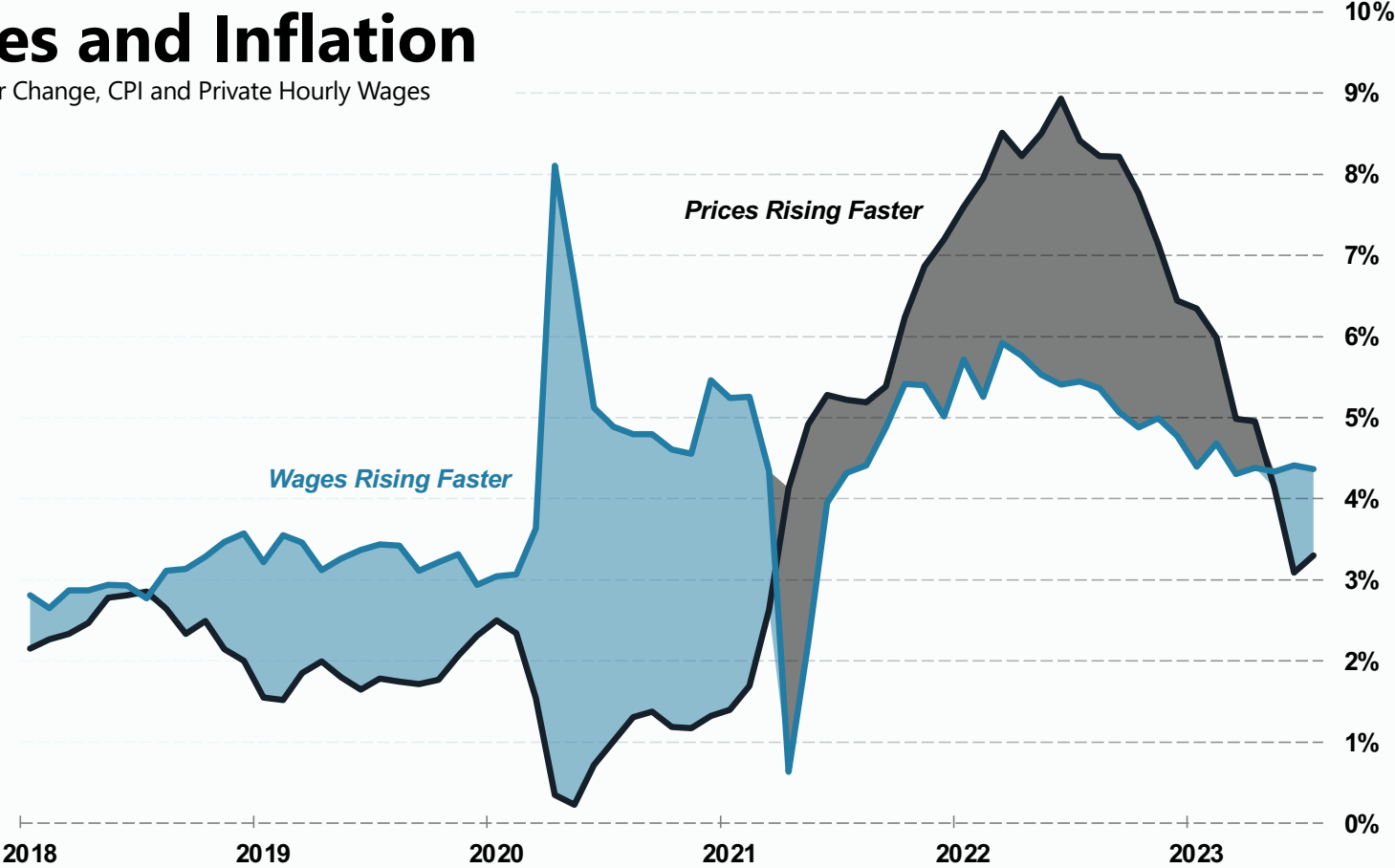
Year over Year Wage Growth for Same Sample Employees



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Wages and Inflation

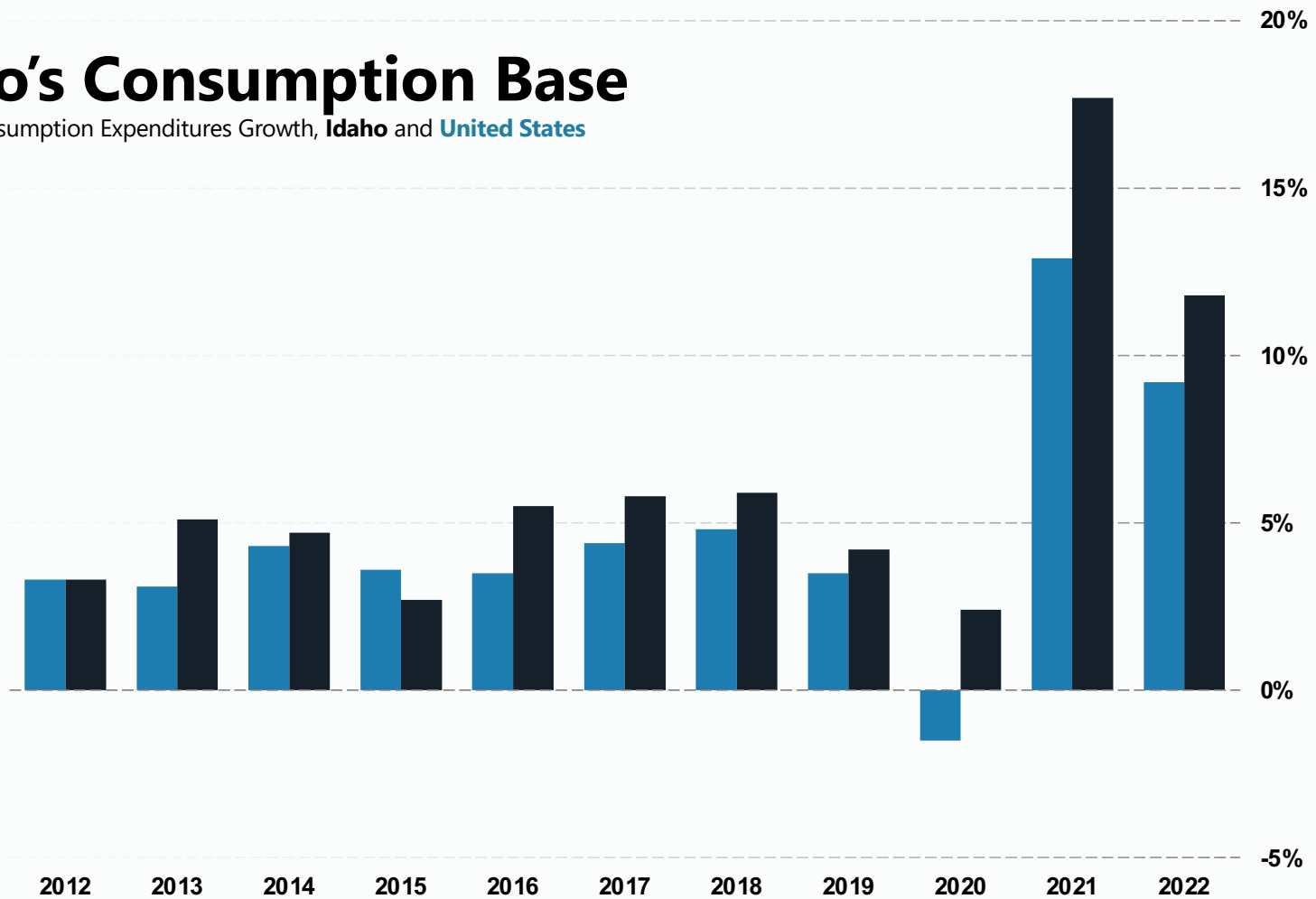
Year over Year Change, CPI and Private Hourly Wages



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

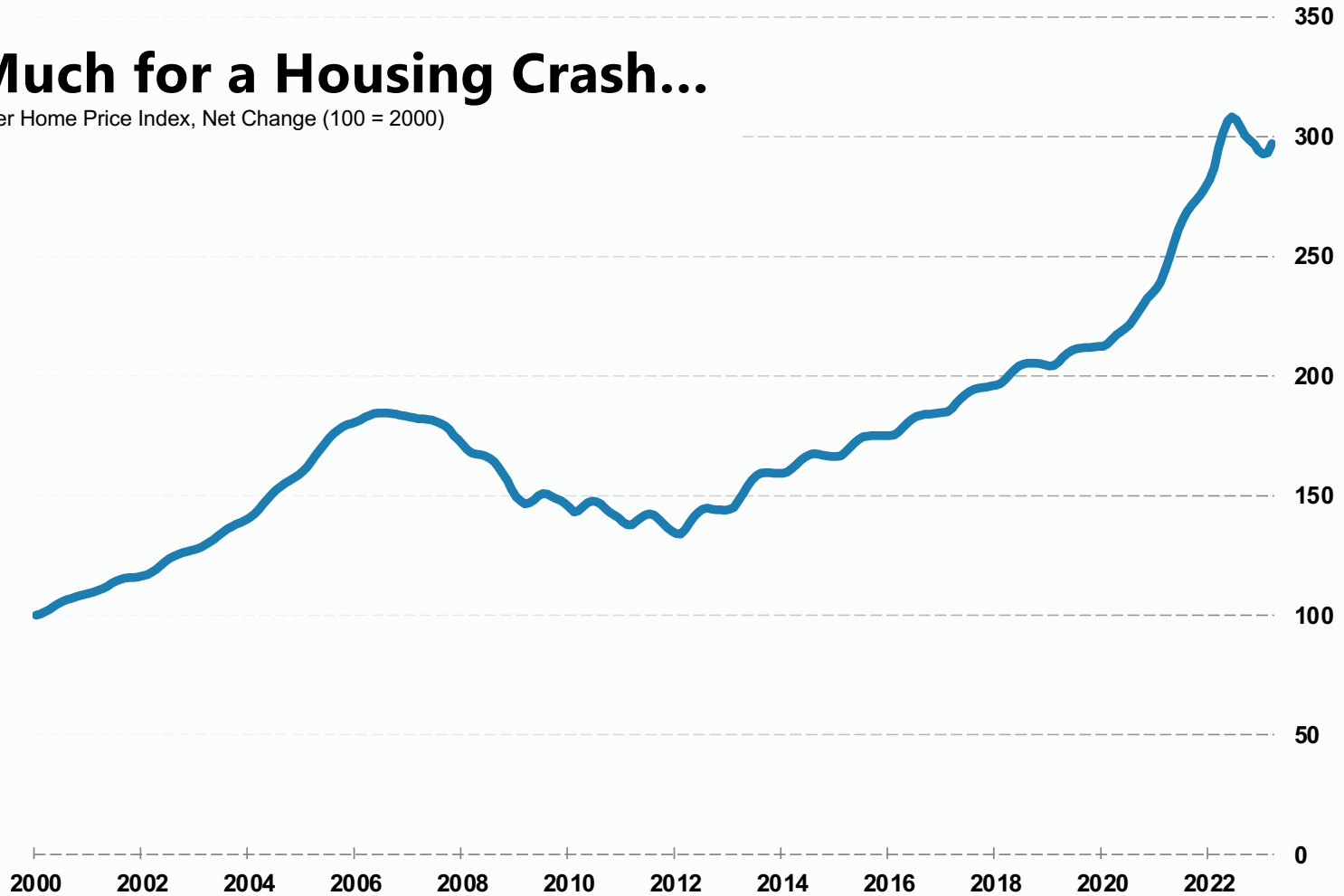
Idaho's Consumption Base

Personal Consumption Expenditures Growth, **Idaho** and **United States**



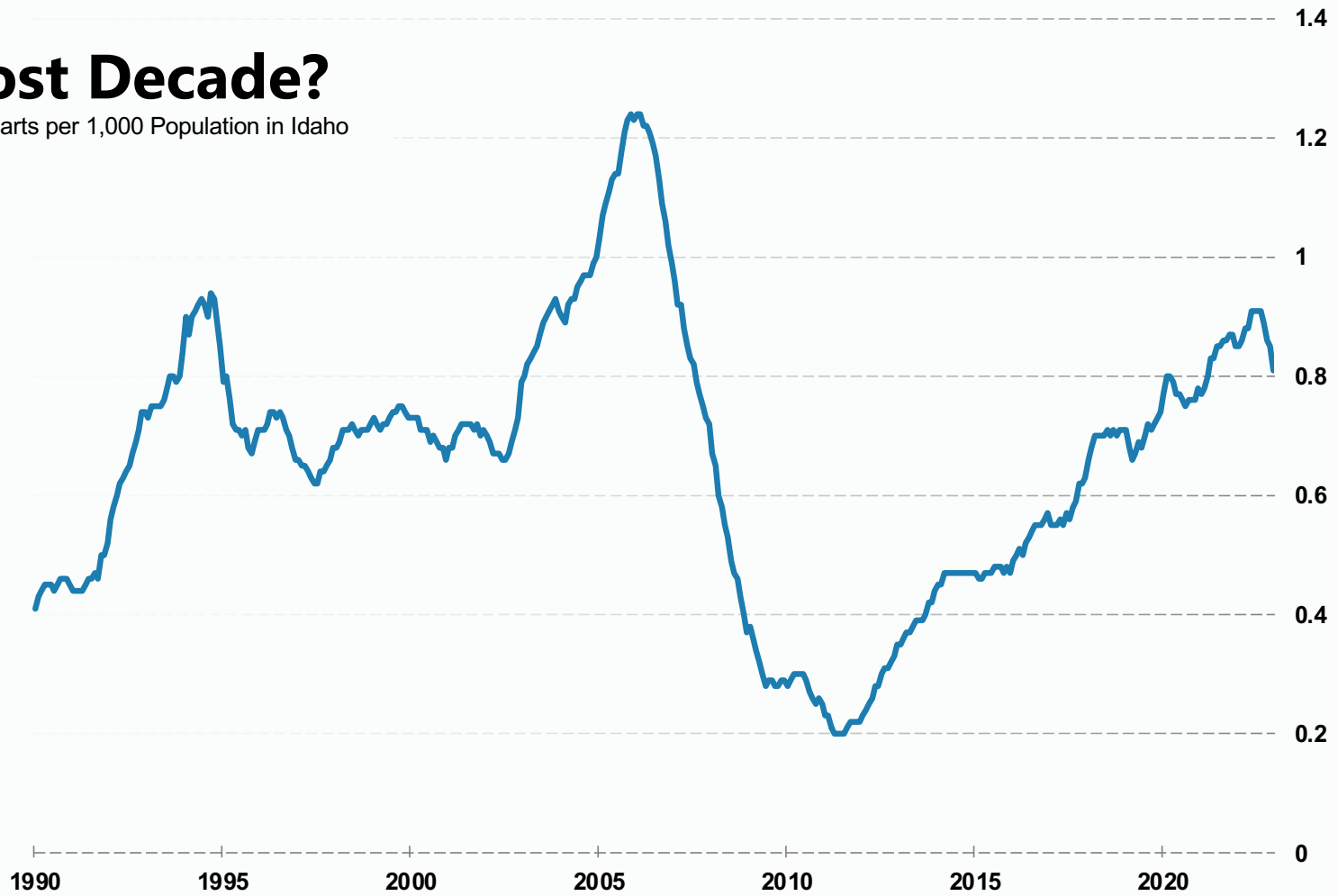
So Much for a Housing Crash...

Case-Schiller Home Price Index, Net Change (100 = 2000)



A Lost Decade?

Housing Starts per 1,000 Population in Idaho



Recap: Searching for Signal

- Fundamentals of Idaho's labor market are rock solid – lots of slack to absorb shock
- Wage Growth + Stimulus creates resilient consumers
- Housing is strongly supported by the labor market and lack of inventory
- A decade of underbuilding and low rates will take a long time to unwind

For more information on Idaho's workforce,
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Questions?

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