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**üKG WORKFORCE
ACTIVITY REPORT**

August 2023





As summer ends, labor market steams ahead

Slight decline in workforce activity mirrors August 2022

By analyzing weekly employee shift work trends across 35,000 U.S. businesses and 4.3 million employees, this index provides directional insight into the health of the frontline working economy.

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Shift work
decreased -0.8%
in August 2023

Executive summary

August 2023



Mid-month shift growth

-1.6%	March
-0.2%	April
1.0%	May
0.4%	June
-0.7%	July
-0.8%	August



Shift growth by company size

-1.0%	<100
-0.6%	101-500
-0.7%	501-1,000
-0.6%	1,001-2,500
-0.3%	2,501-5,000
0.1%	>5,000



Workforce Recovery Index

95.1	March
96.4	April
99.1	May
99.5	June
98.4	July
99.2	August



Shift growth by industry¹

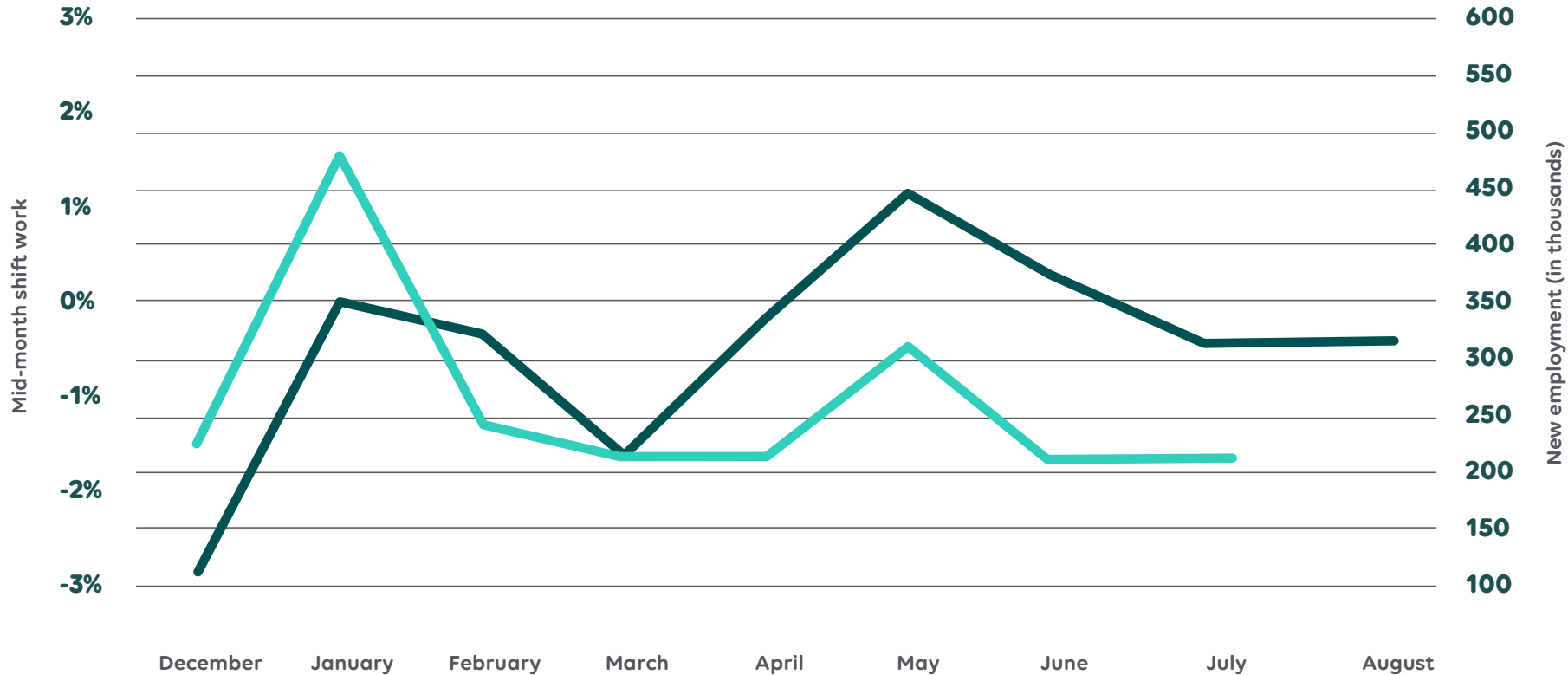
0.0%	Healthcare
-1.1%	Services & distribution
-0.6%	Manufacturing
-0.4%	Retail, food service, & hospitality



“Pleasantly boring” month for labor market

August can be best described as a “pleasantly boring” month for the labor market, with the biggest surprise being that UKG does not expect any surprises for the month’s labor data. The market is expected to remain consistent, with the sought-after “soft landing” still intact.

Workforce activity and job creation: Tracking shift levels during the mid-month week



- UKG Shifts Worked
- BLS New Employment (in thousands)



Workforce activity decreased -0.8% in August

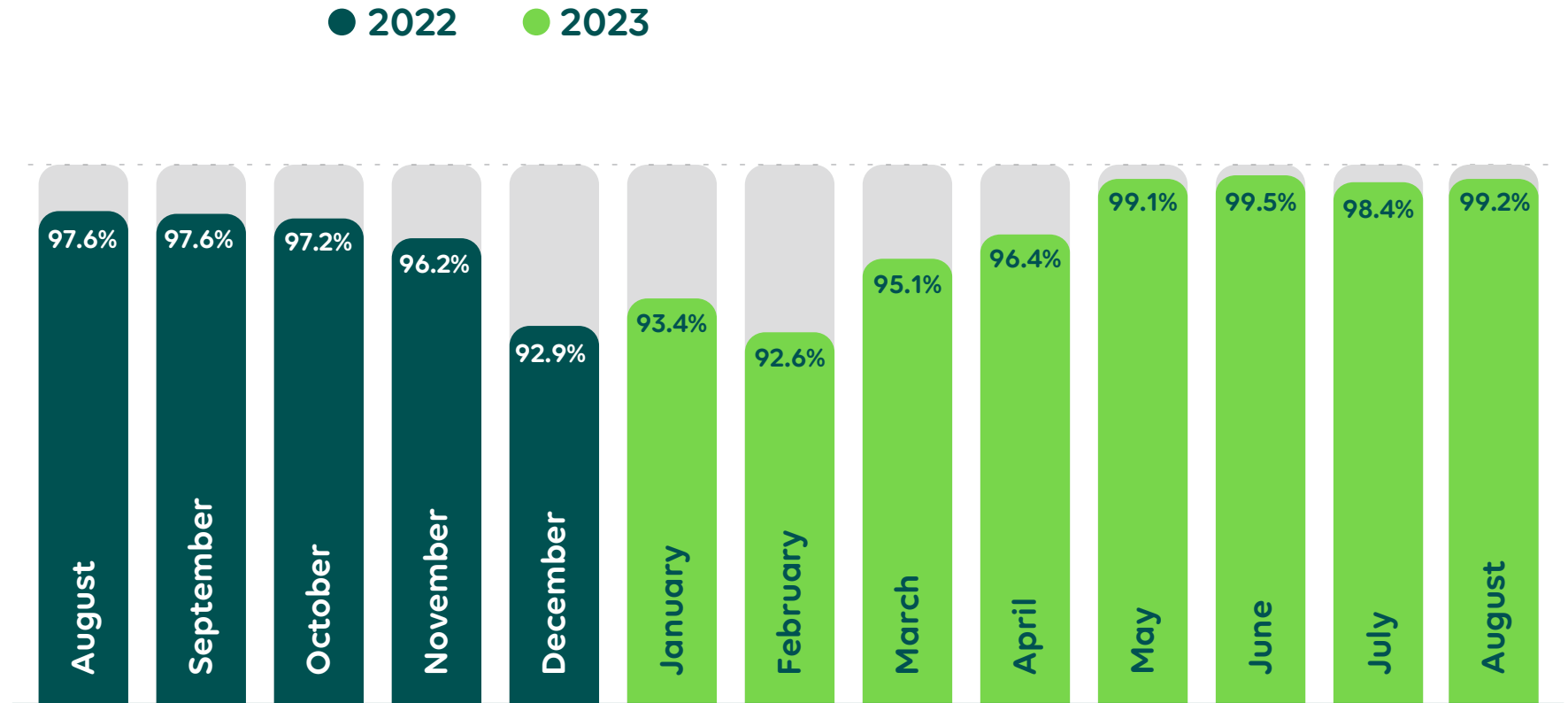
High-frequency UKG® shift data correlates each month with new employment gains reported by the U.S. Department of Labor — providing an indication of the direction of jobs recovery. The UKG data often comes into even closer alignment following ensuing Department of Labor revisions.

The UKG Workforce Recovery Index for August is 99.2

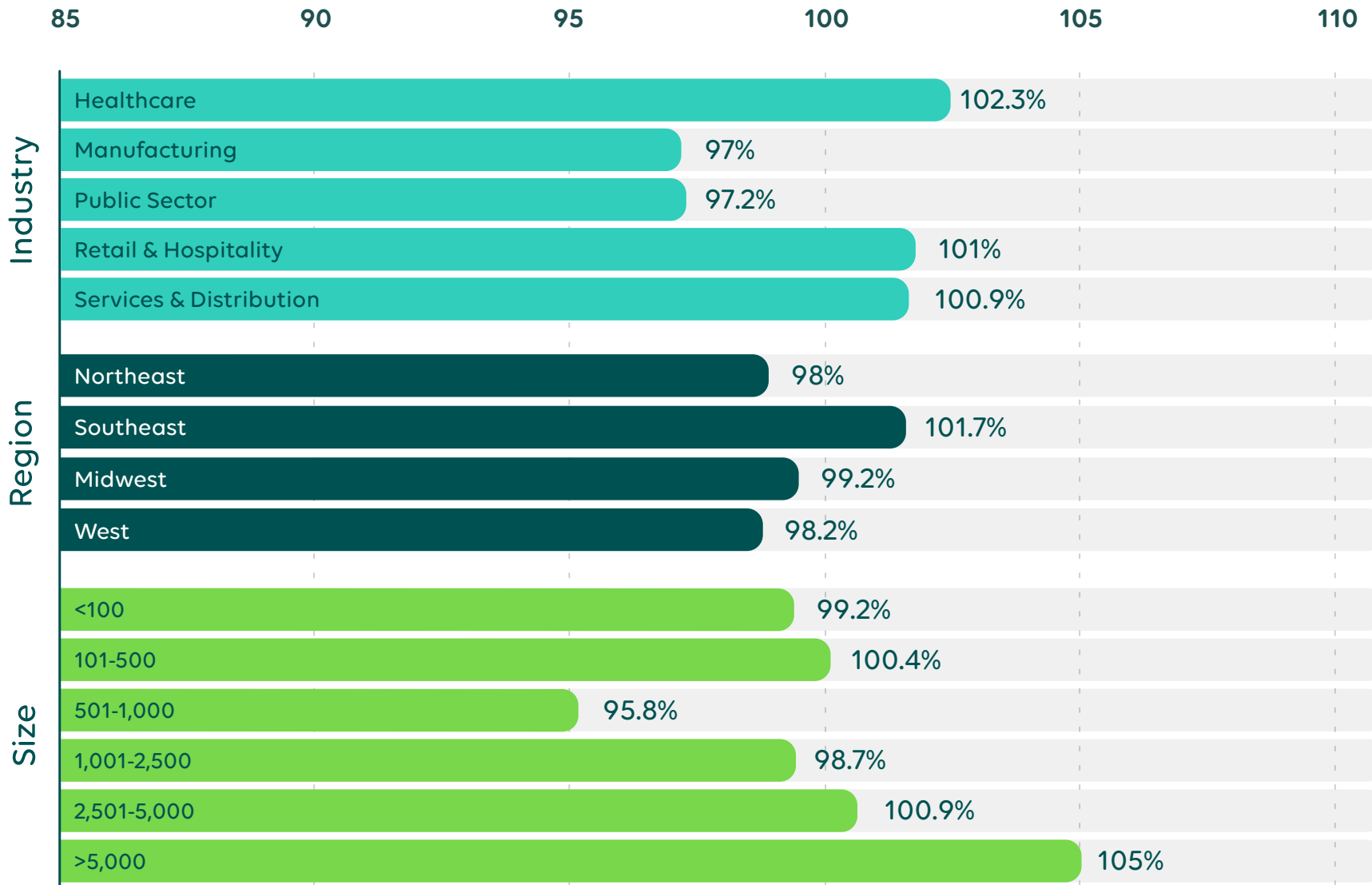


The UKG Workforce Recovery Index is a rolling 12-month scale that measures workforce activity levels at U.S. businesses. The index is the level of workforce activity relative to the same month one year ago and provides a directional indicator for anticipated changes in the labor participation rate.

UKG Workforce Recovery Scale



UKG Workforce Recovery Index



Healthcare remains steady for fifth consecutive month

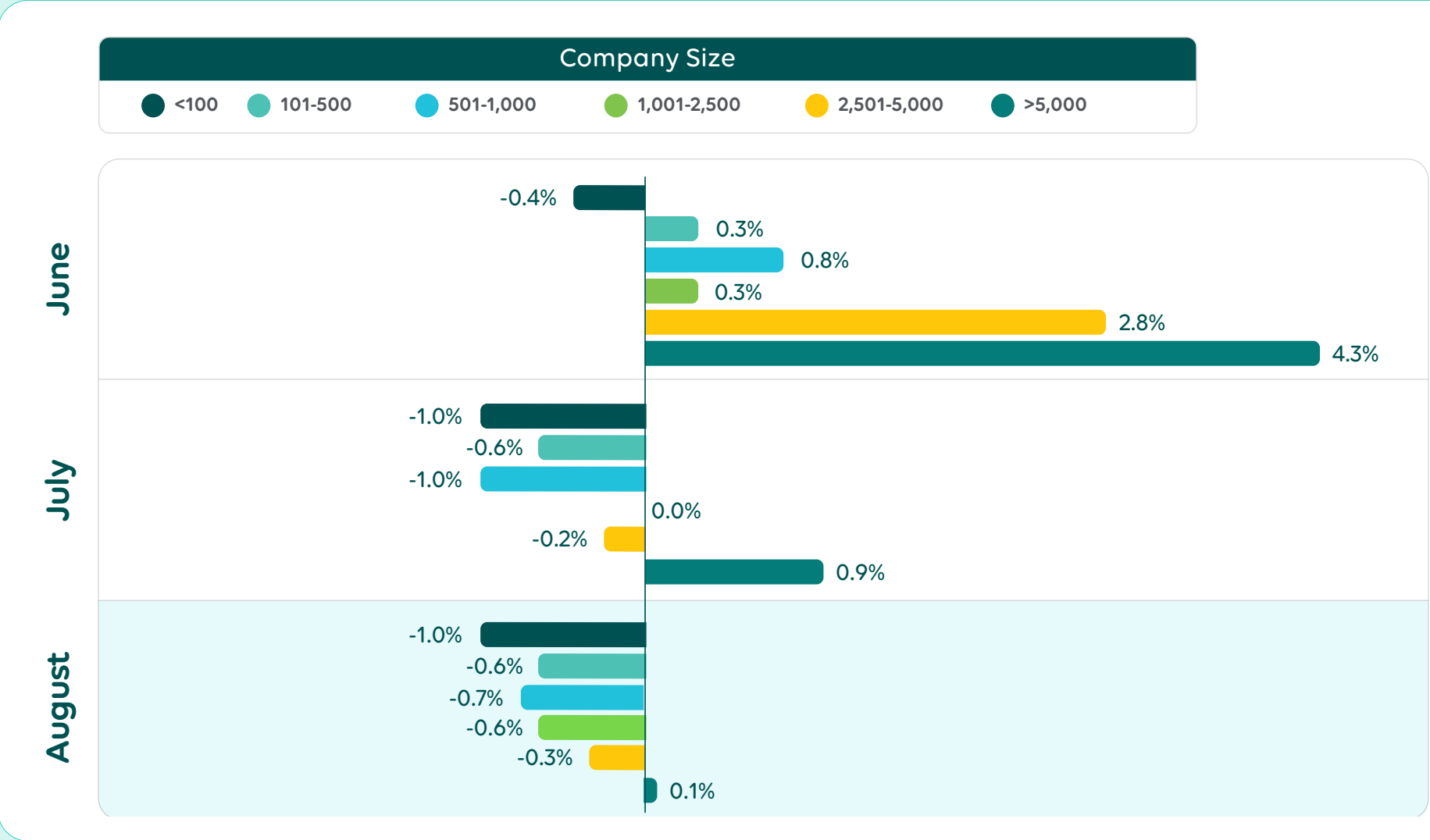
Examining the Workforce Recovery Index scale across industries, regions, or business size can provide a more detailed look at the often unequal distribution of economic momentum. The index is the level of workforce activity relative to the same month one year ago and provides a directional indicator for anticipated changes in the labor participation rate.

Shift recovery: Company size

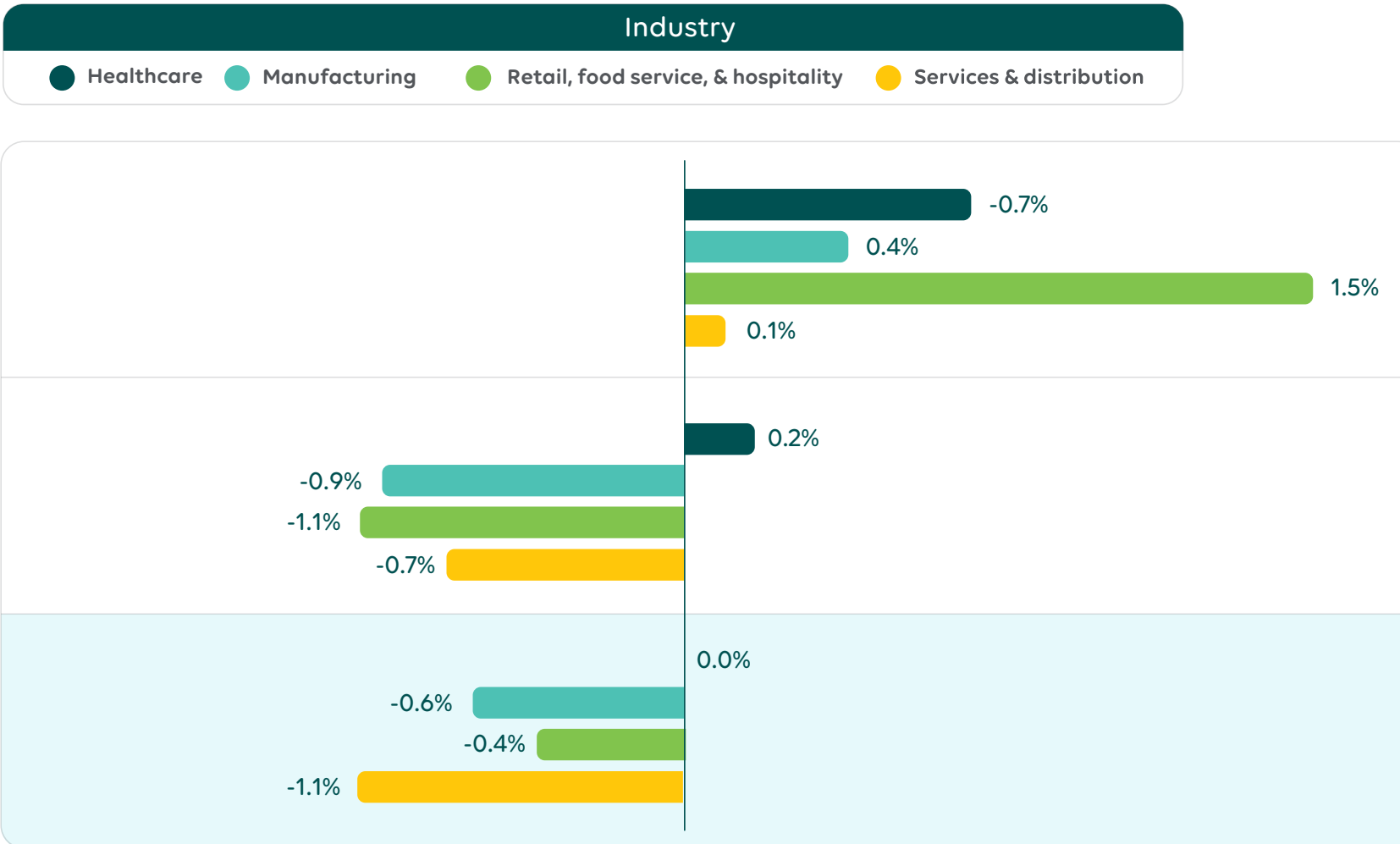
Smaller companies see continued declines



This data reflects month-over-month shift growth by company size as measured by time punches.



Shift recovery: Industry

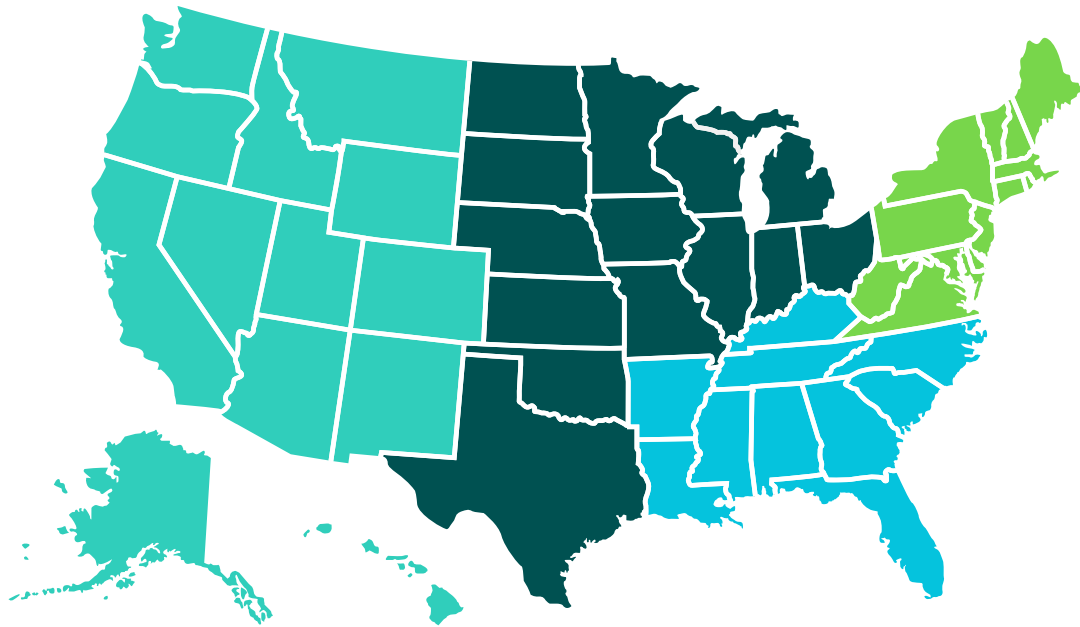


Services & distribution sees largest decline since Dec. 2022

This data reflects month-over-month shift growth by industry as measured by time punches.

Shift recovery: U.S. landscape

While the COVID-19 pandemic created regional inconsistencies in workforce activity from 2020-2022, large variations in regional changes today can often be attributed to localized events such as extreme weather emergencies.



● Northeast

June: 0.8%

July: -1.1%

August: 0.4%

● Southeast

June: 0.2%

July: -0.5%

August: -0.7%

● Midwest

June: 0.8%

July: -1.2%

August: -0.8%

● West

June: 0.4%

July: 0.9%

August: -1.2%

Upcoming Reports



Sept. 1: Employment Situation Report



Sept. 13: Consumer Price Index, Real Earnings Report



Oct. 3: Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey



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Methodology

The Workforce Activity Report by UKG is an index that measures week-by-week metrics including employee shifts worked and pay statements from 4.3 million employees across more than 35,000 U.S. businesses.

“Shifts worked” is a total derived from aggregated employee time and attendance data and reflects the number of times that employees — especially those who are paid hourly or must be

physically present at a workplace to perform their jobs — “clock in” and “clock out” via a time clock, mobile app, computer, or other device at the beginning and end of each shift.

¹Public Sector data, which includes K-12 education, is adjusted out of the report from June-September annually.

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