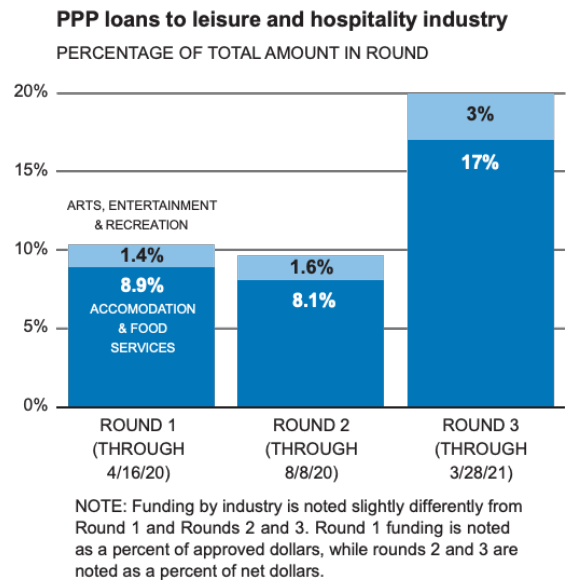
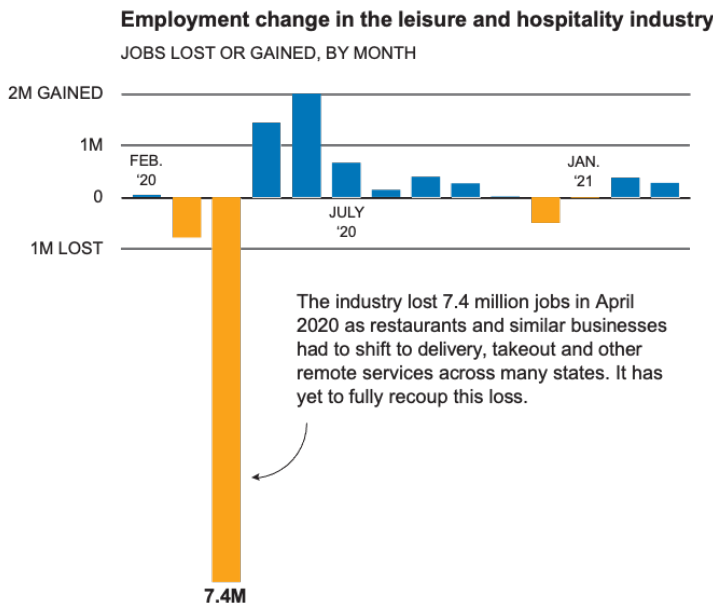
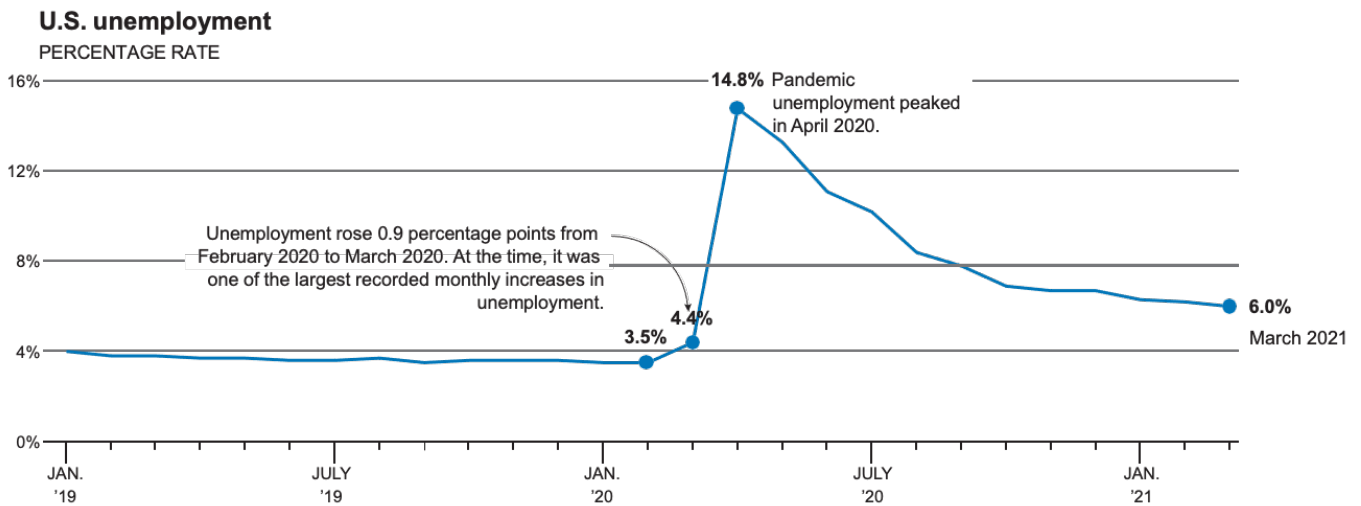




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March unemployment falls, still above pre-pandemic levels

The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 6 percent in March as the economy continued to recover from the coronavirus pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, unemployment was at less than 4 percent. The economy added 916,000 jobs in March, led by gains in the leisure and hospitality industry, which was hard-hit by the pandemic. Within this industry, food services and restaurants saw the largest uptick in employment by total jobs added.



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Small Business Administration