

# North Clark County Economic Update

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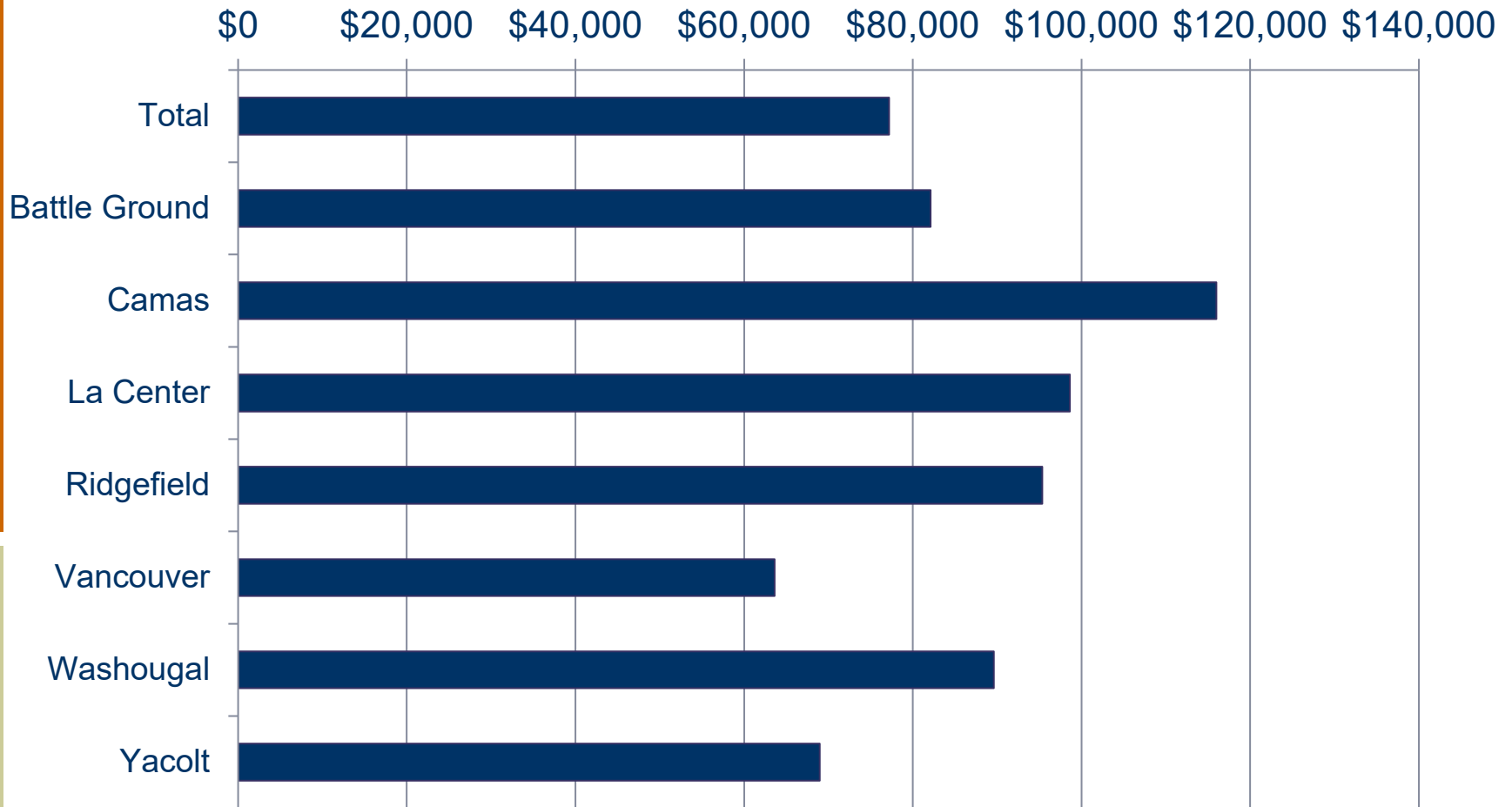
# Land acknowledgement

Since time immemorial, what we now call the Columbia Gorge was part of a densely-settled region of indigenous people, primarily the Chinook but others as well, along the Columbia River, who created communities and summer encampments and a sophisticated cultural heritage. The area was rich in salmon, camas root, wapato, bitterroot, berries, deer, elk and waterfowl. Between 1820 and 1850 diseases brought by Europeans killed up to 90 percent of the native people, and from 1850 onwards U.S. troops enforced treaties under which natives gave up land rights and were forced to move to reservations. Fort Vancouver served as a holding center for natives captured in conflict before they were forcibly settled elsewhere. We take this moment to thank the original caretakers of this land and to reflect upon our shared history as a small step toward reconciliation and repair of our relationships.

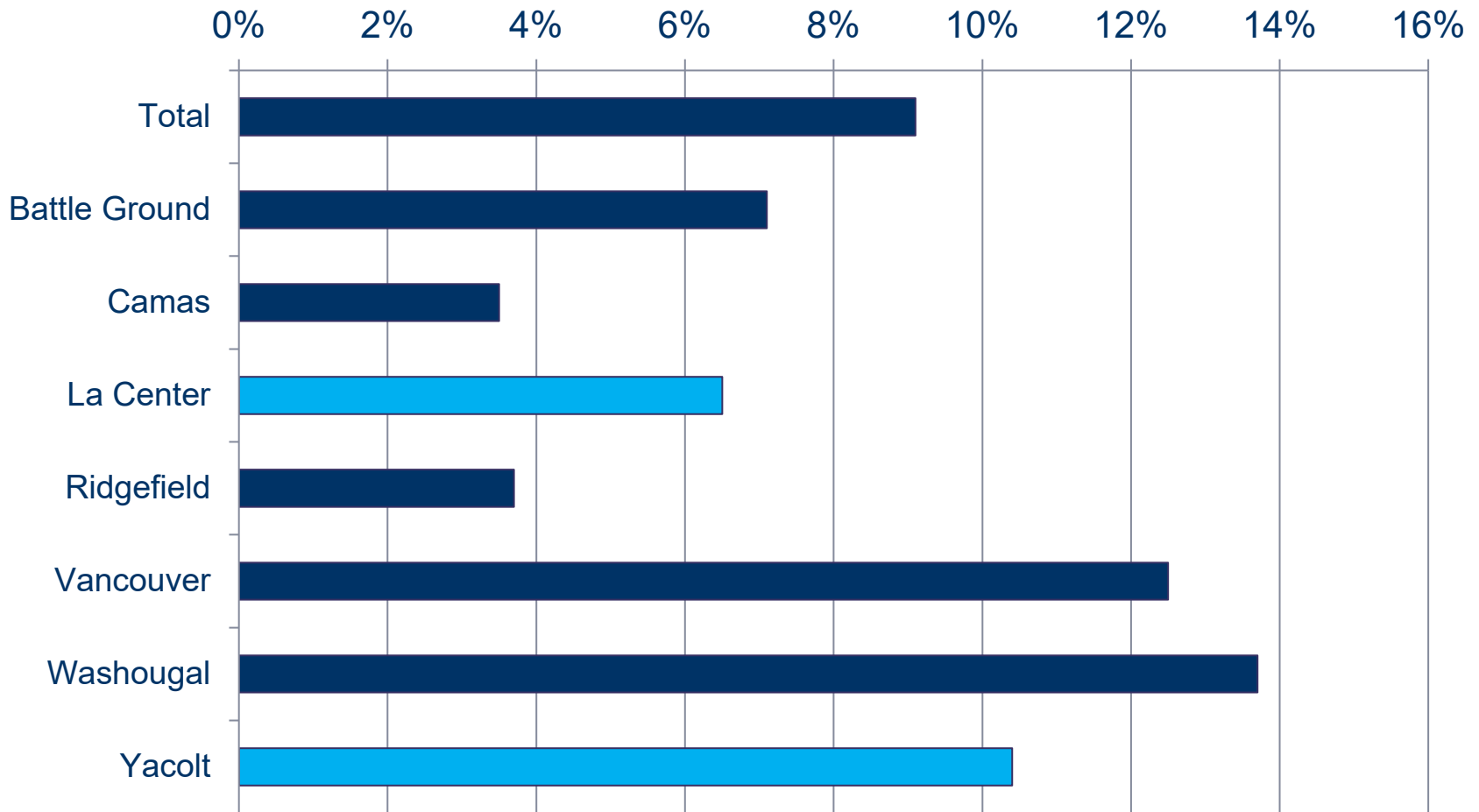


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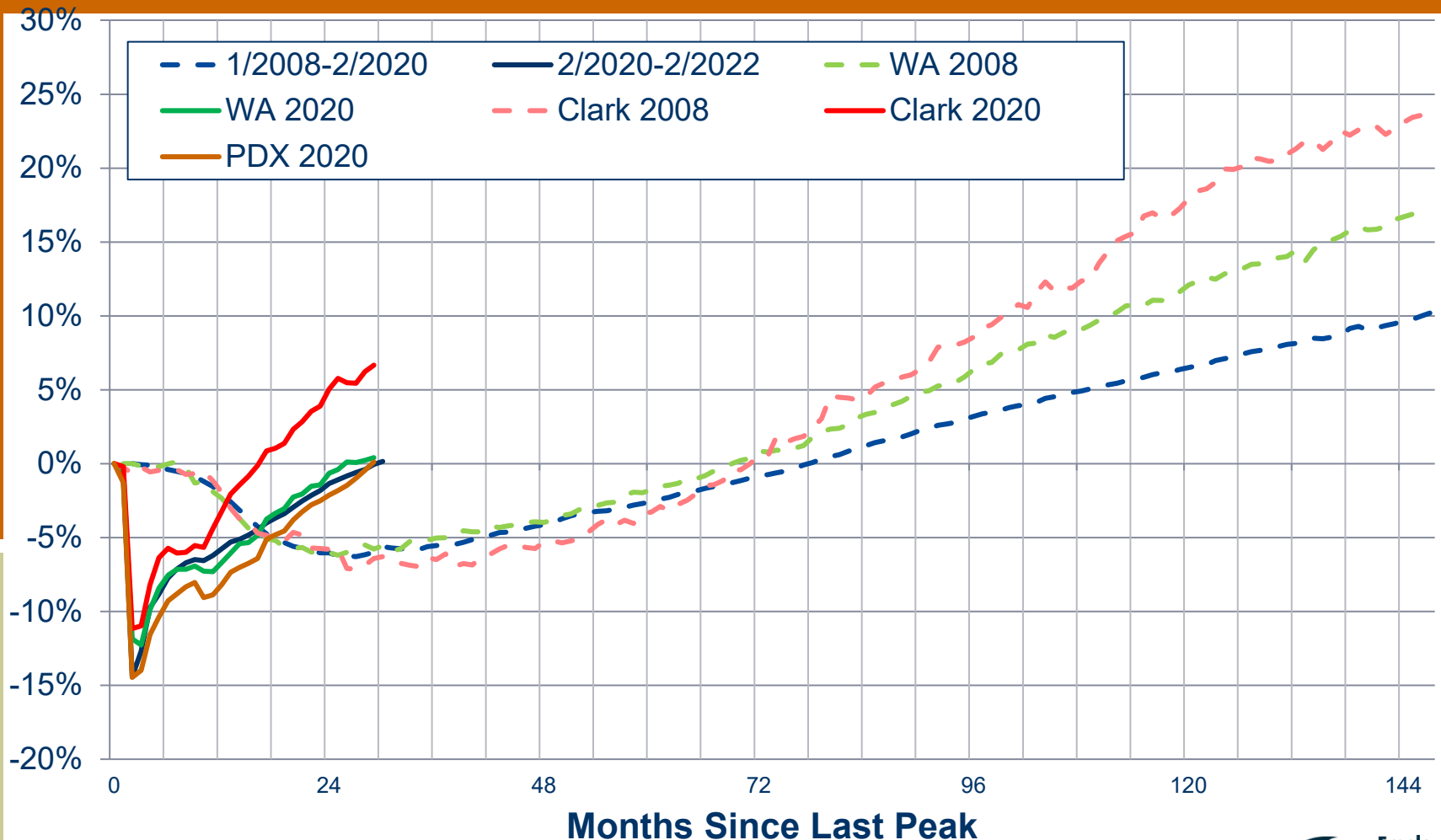
# Median Household Income, 2016-2020



# Poverty Rate, 2016-2020

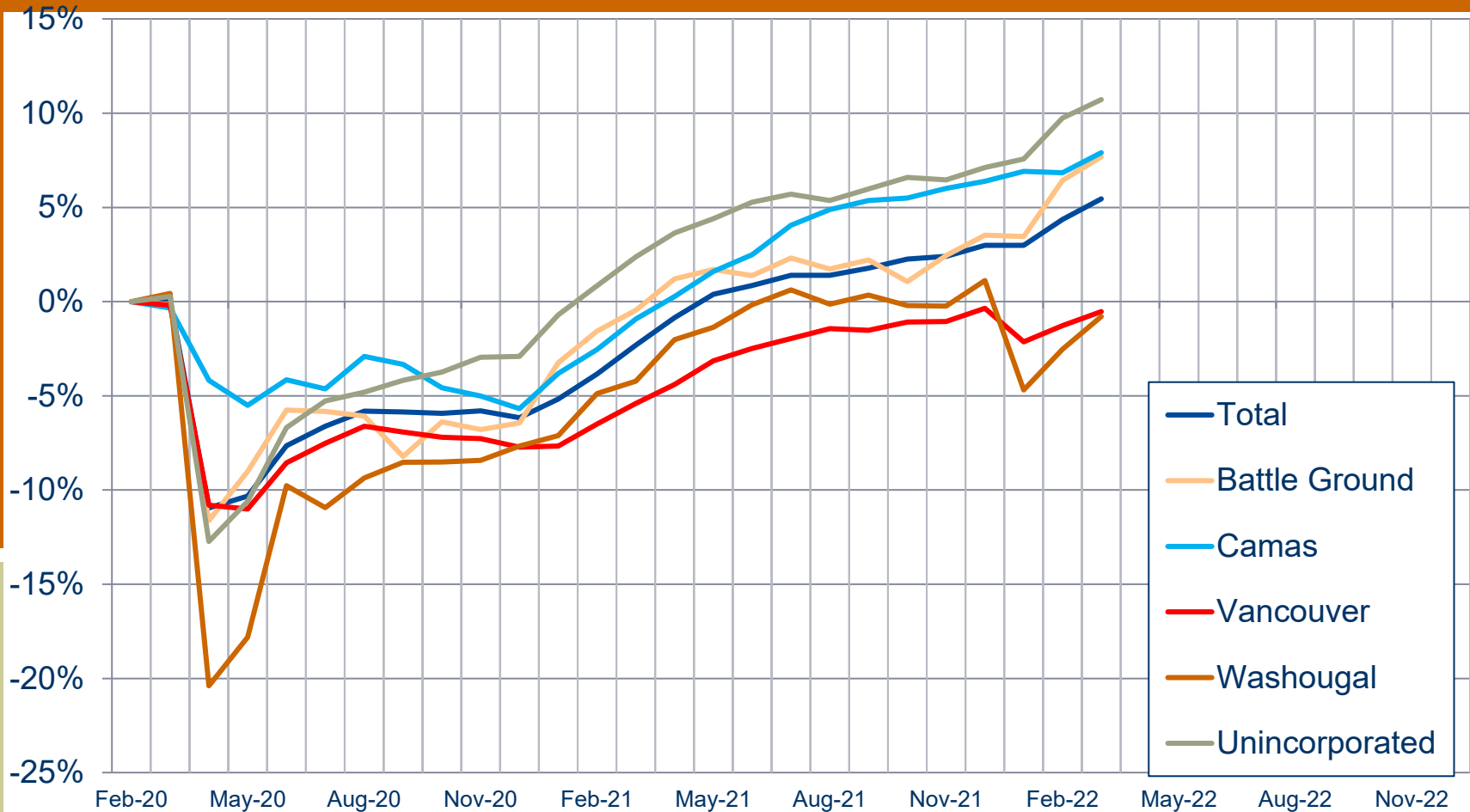


# Change in Nonfarm Jobs Through 1.75 Business Cycles



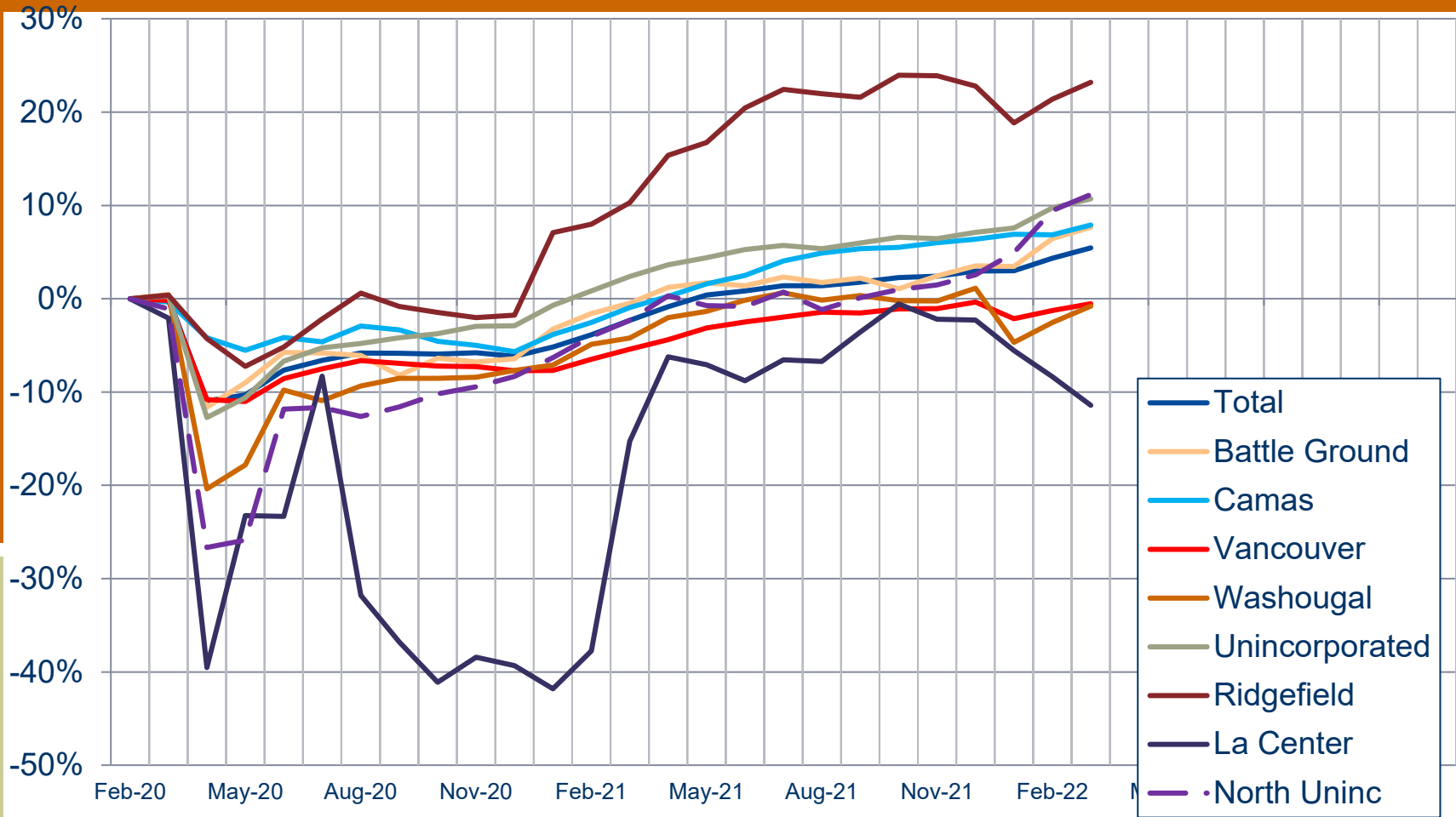
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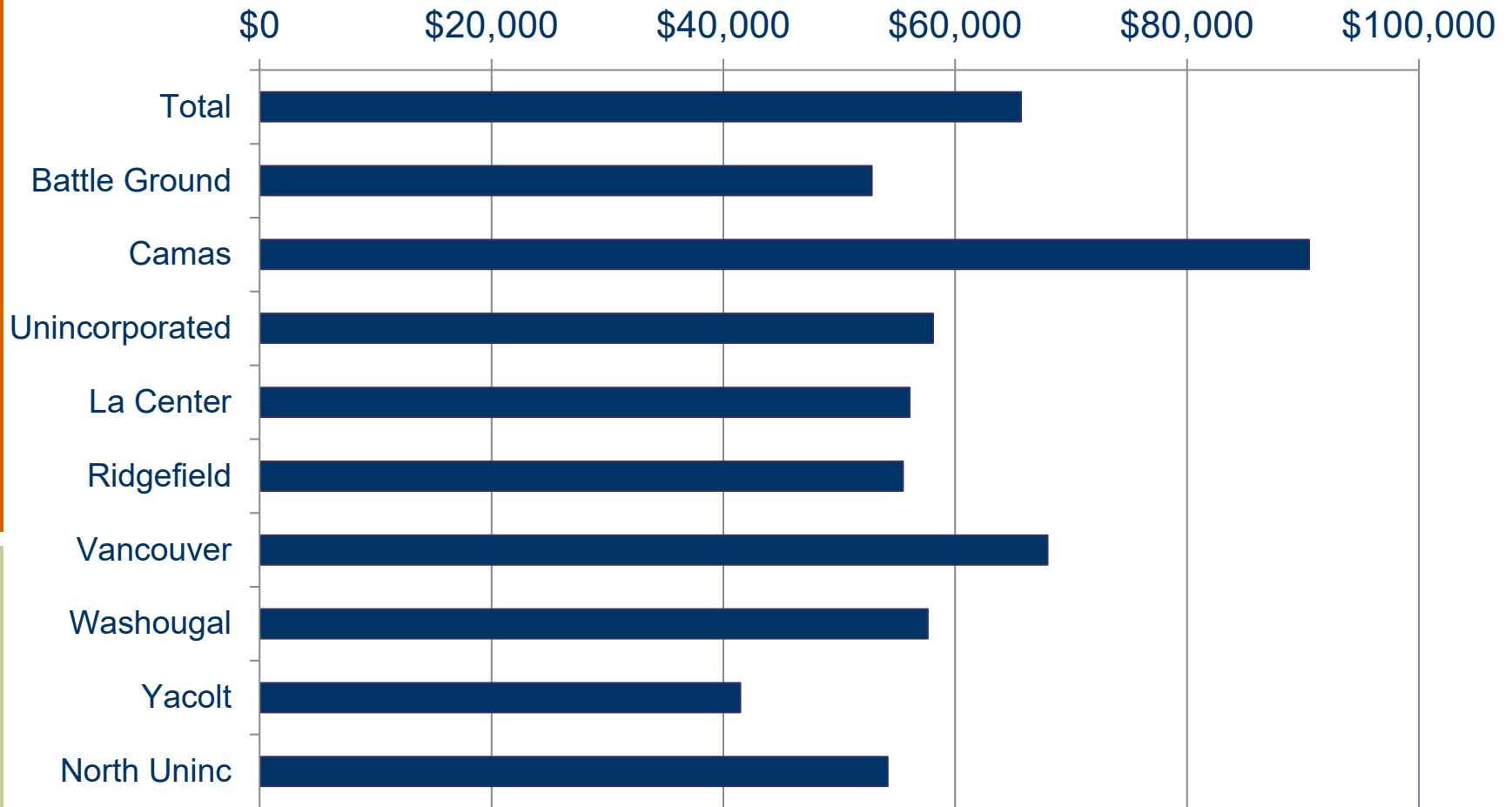
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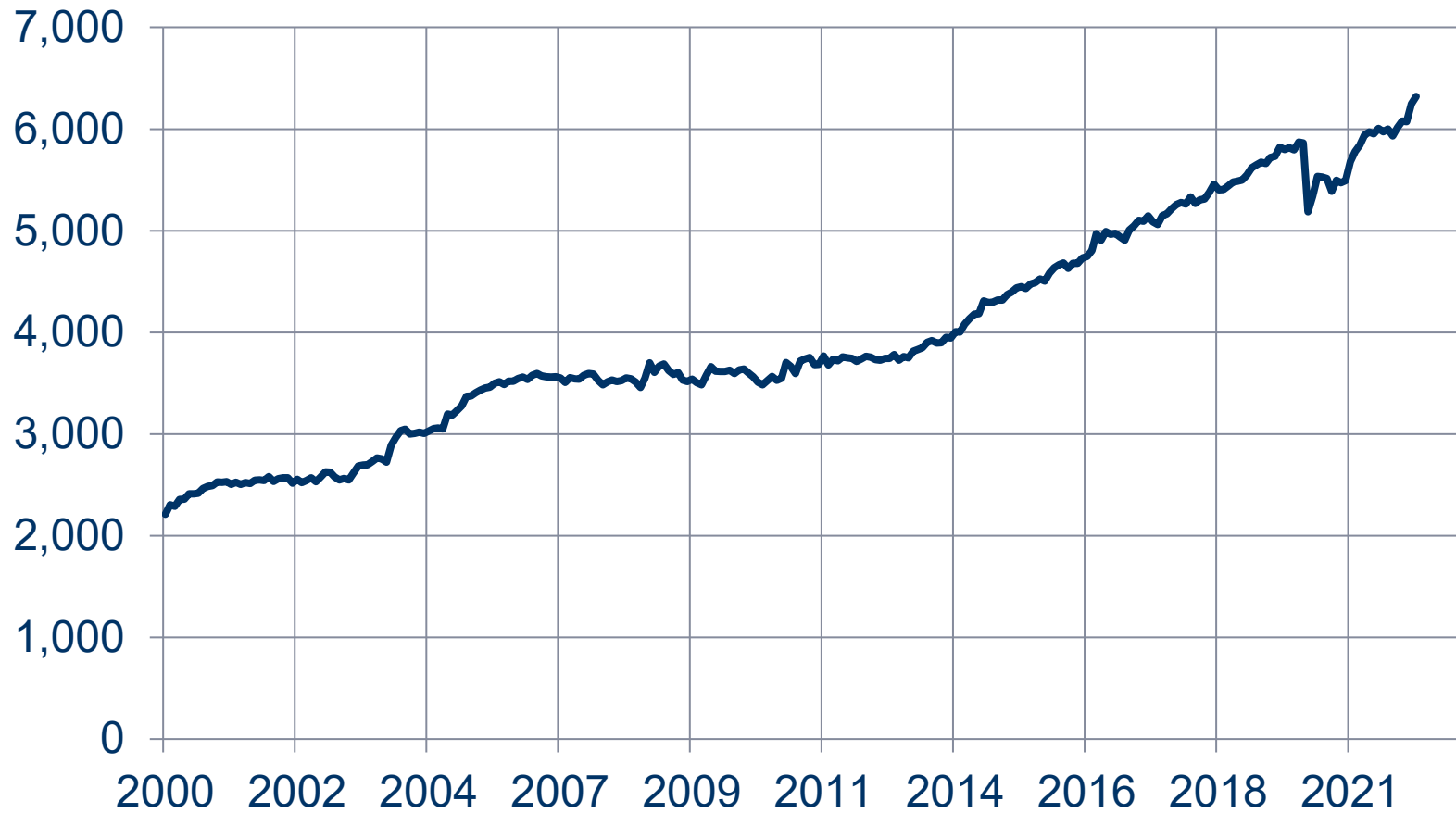
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# Average Annual Wage, 2021

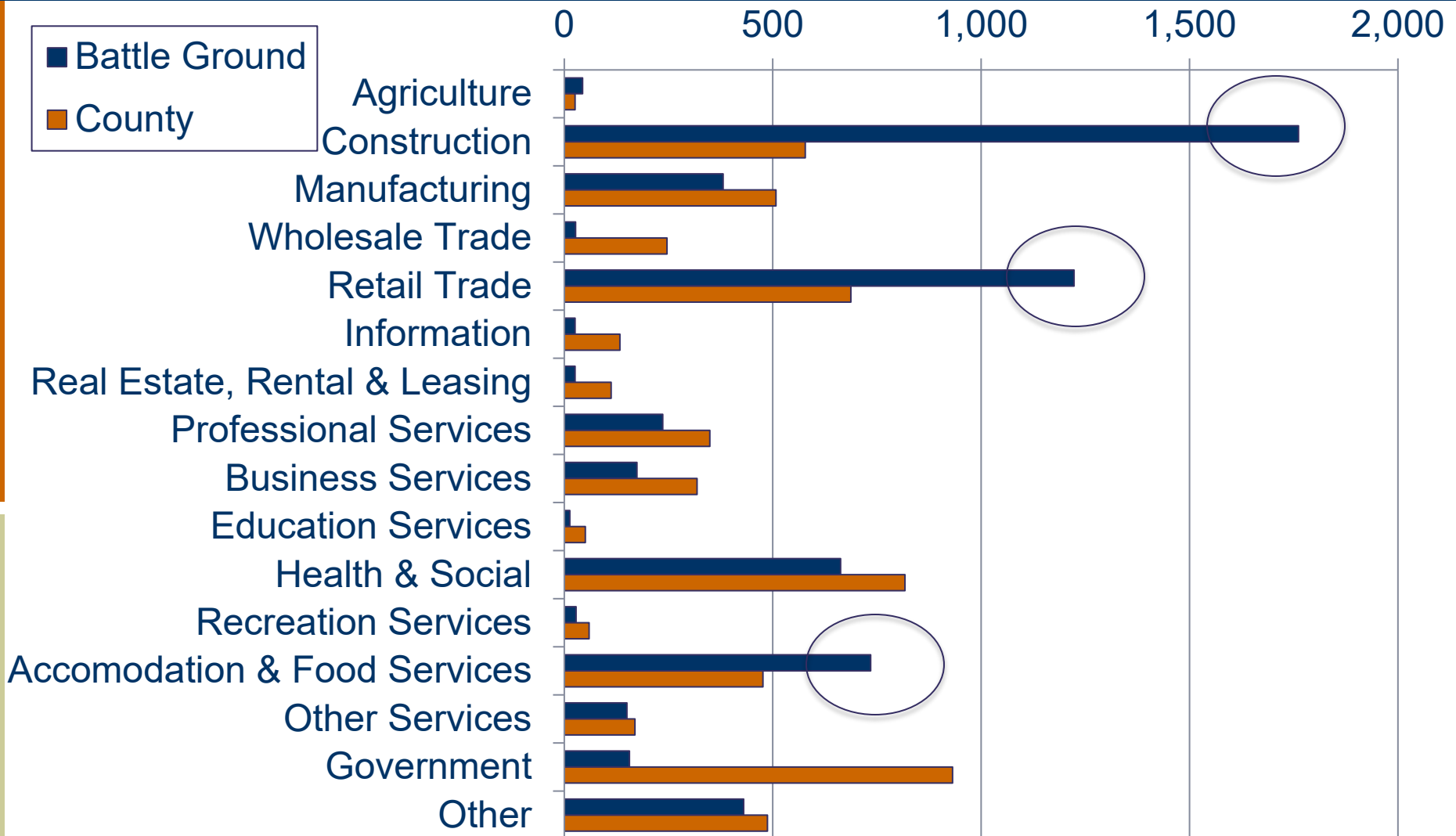


# Battle Ground Employment

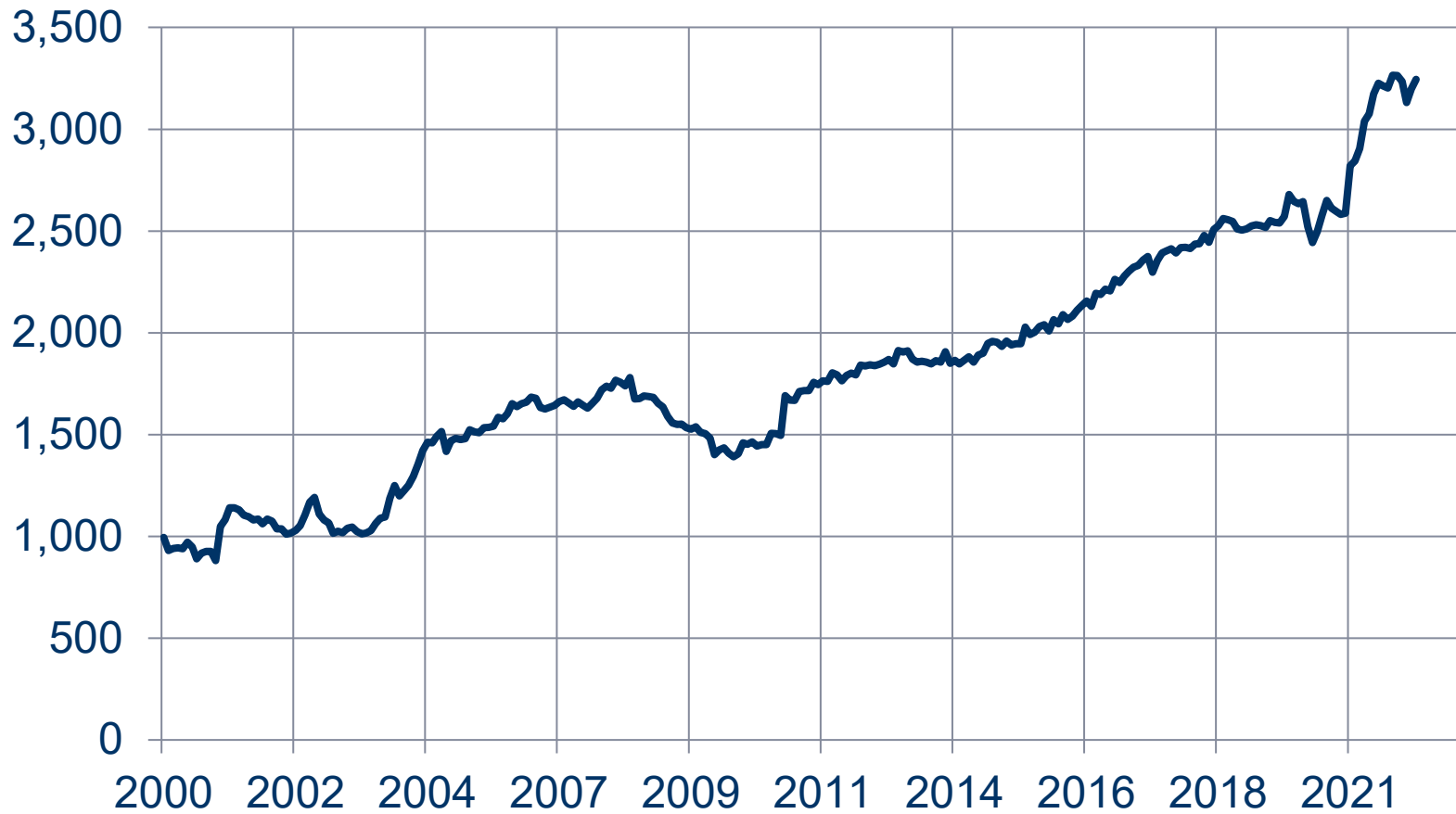


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# Employment by industry

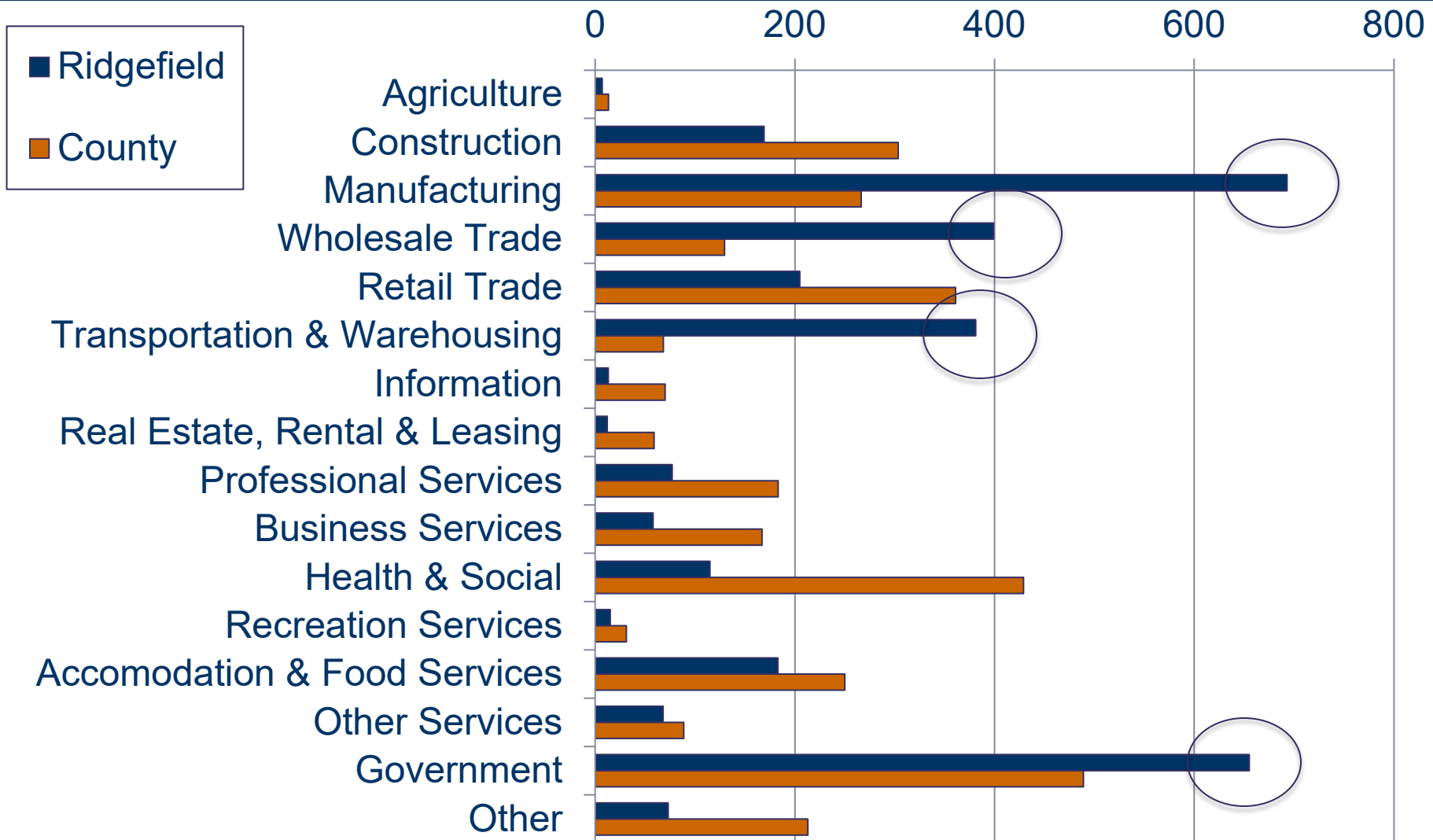


# Ridgefield Employment

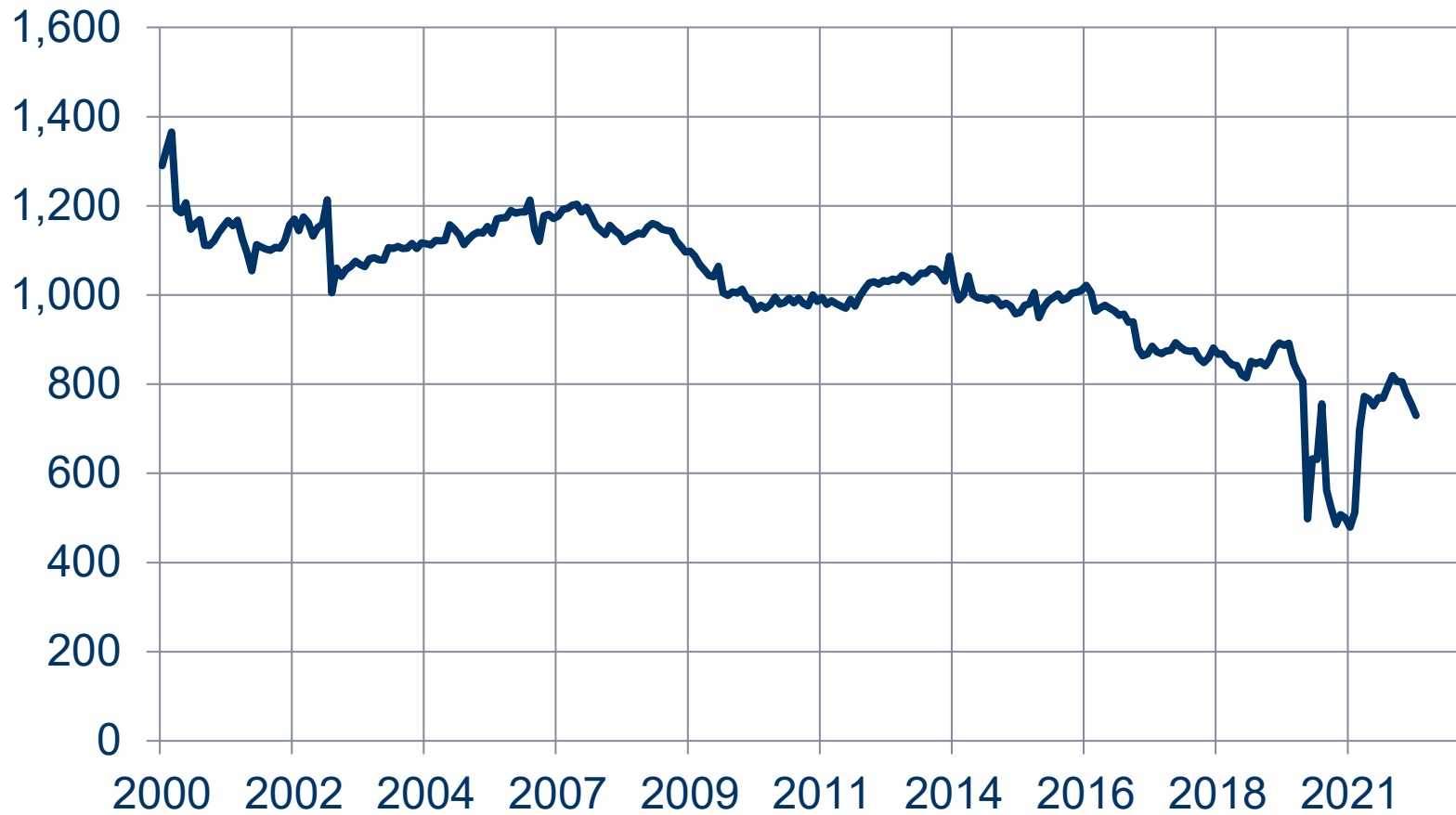


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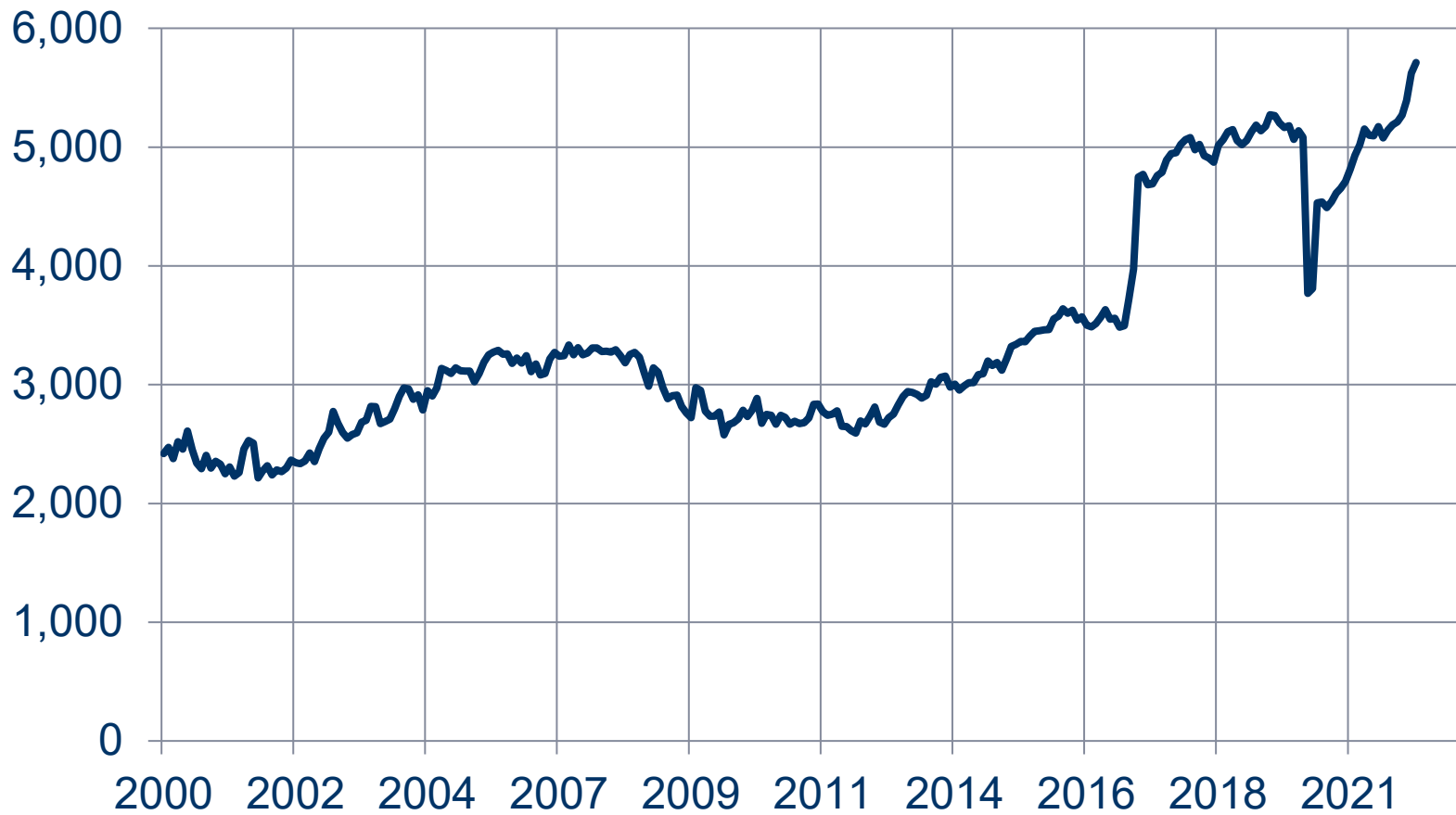


# La Center Employment



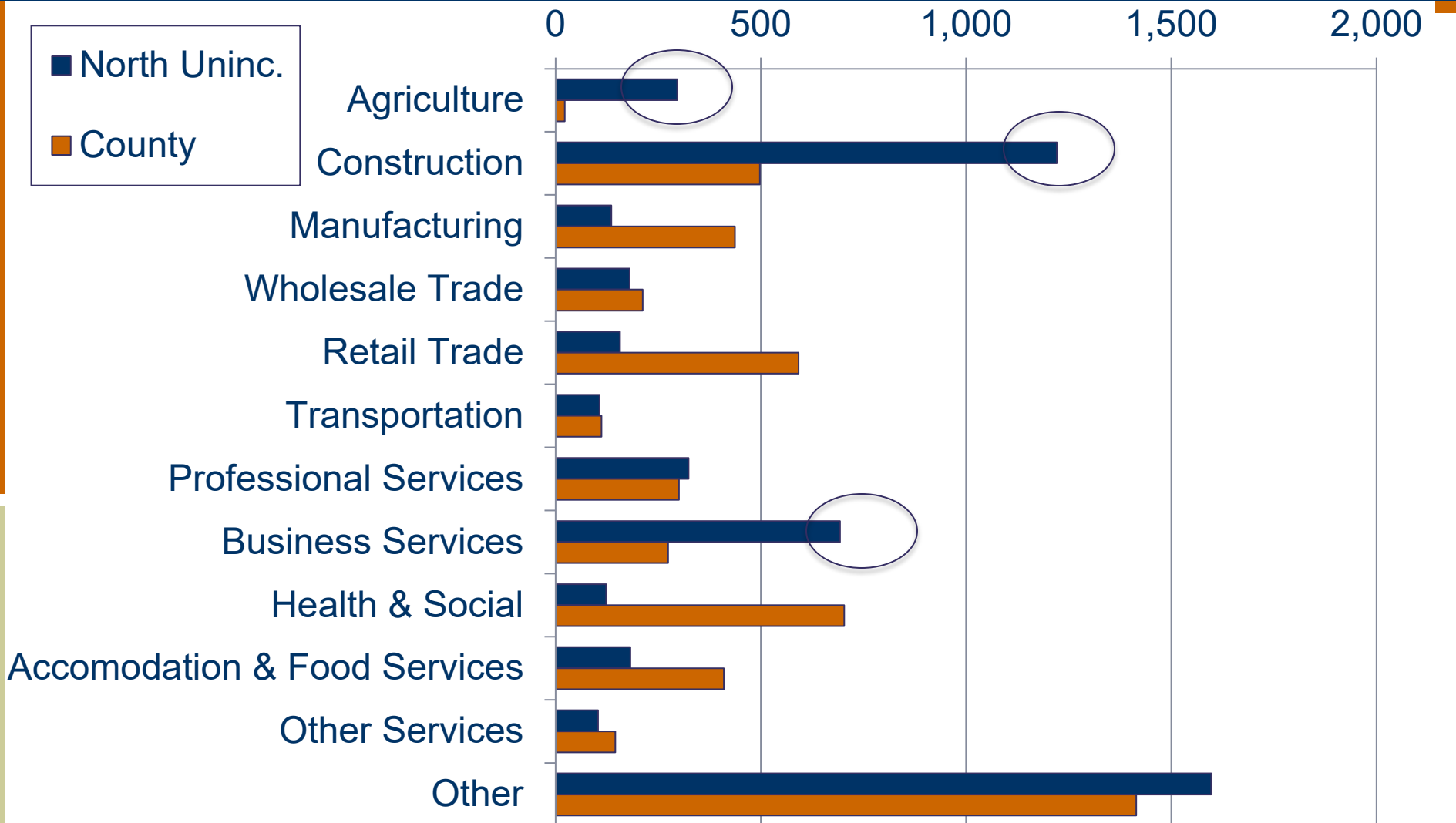
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# North Unincorporated



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# Summary

- Overall, North County jobs have been recovering from the recession
  - Especially jobs in Ridgefield
  - Not so much jobs in La Center
- Wages pay less than average
- Incomes tend to be higher than average, poverty lower than average

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