

# DEMOGRAPHIC DROUGHT

How the approaching sansdemic\* will transform the labor market for the rest of our lives



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## Boomers exiting of the labor force causing major waves

## The Boomer Generation (1946-1964) shaped our world

They were a massive population of college educated, hard working, money focused, and upskill driven people.

#### Women, in particular, drove the U.S. labor force forward.

41%

1968

31%

60%



40%

Source: Statista 2021

Percentage of the U.S. population who have completed four years of college or more from 1940 to 2020, by gender

## Boomers generated massive household wealth gains





1995

1975

\$5K

1955



Baby boomers born: 1946-1960 [Ages: 62-75] U.S. avg retirement age: 63 [official retirement age: 66]



40M

30M



Source: BLS

## Fewer people on the sidelines looking for work

Boomers (55+) were also increasingly not looking to work



4M

8M

The U.S. Pre-Covid

In 2016, **Millennials** became the largest generation in the labor force

Note: Labor force includes those ages 16 and older who are working or looking for work. Annual averages shown.



Source: Pew Research Center analysis of monthly 1994-2017 Current Population Survey.



#### From 2014-2019

The number of people working part-time because they wanted to soared while those who had to for economic reasons dropped by 50%



 2009
 2010
 2011
 2012
 2013
 2014
 2015
 2016
 2017
 2018
 2019

Source: BLS

## **Current labor crisis**

Not just a perfect storm, a hurricane, tornado and earthquake rolled into one



Jan 2017

Jan 2019

Jan 2020

Jan 2021

64%

59%

Demand for labor is at a record high but...

## Very few people are returning to work



#### People who are unemployed

#### People who are out of the labor force



Age Workforce
Gaps to Pre-
Covid

	<b>5M</b>	
	621K	4.4M
55+ yrs.	134K	3.4M
25-54 yrs.	422K	1.2M
20-24 yrs.	65K	-146K

Unemployed Excess\*

Not in Labor Force Excess\*

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Internal Analysis \*Excess is based on the pre-Covid persistent baseline

2000



## Why are we not recovering faster?

## 7 factors contributing to our current labor crisis

- Misalignment
- Very low immigration
- Temporary shutdowns/CARES
- Accumulated wealth
- Massive retirements
- Opioids and overdoses
- Self employed increase

# The U.S. is highly educated

And more educated people have a higher labor force participation rate

**8.7M** Less than a High School Diploma **44.8% Participation Rate** 

> **36M** High School Graduates **55.7% Participation Rate**

**36M** Associates Degree 62.7% Participation Rate

61M Bachelors Degree and higher 72.3% Participation Rate

45M with no college education

97M with college education

## Roughly 6.5M of the 11M open jobs in America

need to be filled by people without a college degree

4.4M open jobs require a college degree

6.2M open jobs don't require a college degree 2.6M unemployed with college education 2.1M unemployed with no college education

10.6M total open jobs

4.7M total unemployed

## Younger working populations are drying up.

Many sub \$20/hr jobs are filled by people in their early 20s.



Civilian noninstitutional population

# **3**x

## In 2015, we had three times as many unemployed lower skilled job workers per job opening than we have now.

Source: BLS, JOLTS, Internal Analysis

Nursing care facilities competing for scarce resources and feeling the Great Resignation.

#### Nursing homes struggled most during the recovery

Change in jobs since Feb. 2020



## Immigration was nearly non-existent in 2020



#### Foreign-Born Immigration 2012-2021\*

\*Vintage 2021 adjusted for COVID-19 pandemic.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau Vintage 2020 and 2021 Population Estimates, U.S. Department of Justice, the Institute of International Education, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the U.S. State Department Bureau of Consular Affairs and Refugee Processing Center.

## The CARES act added up to 4 trillion dollars to the U.S. economy

Includes CARES checks, tax deferrals, loan forgiveness, payroll protection act.



2021

Pandemic relief ended Sept. 6th. At that time, 8.9M checks were still being issued.



**10.4M** total open jobs

8.9M people collecting pandemic relief

# Government assistance went into personal income which in turn appears to have then made it into savings. But, savings have been eroded.

States that ended pandemic aid in June: **4.1% UR** States that ended in September: **5.4%** 



## Will we see people returning to work?

## Boomers retired at a dangerous speed in 2020

Fueled by a healthy stock market, a lifetime of dual income earnings and IRAs allowed



Source: Pew Research Center analysis of July, August and September, Current Population Survey monthly files (IPUMS)

+3.2M

## Labor force participation (55+) not recovering



#### **LFPR 55+**

## From July '20 to July '21, the US recorded a record 100K overdose deaths.

An estimated 800K prime age men are out of the labor force due to opioids.



72,151 deaths from drug overdoses in 2019

Source: CDC data via CNN, July 17th, 2021 Provisional data released by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics.

2020 deaths 2019 deaths

### 25M Americans lost their jobs during the pandemic

## Many of those who lost their jobs are not interested in working anymore

In May 2021 the US Chamber surveyed



Americans who lost their jobs due to the pandemic

Are actively 3Mlooking for a job (32%)3.5M Are not actively looking for a job Remain on the 1.6M sidelines this year Never expect to return to work

## The future labor crisis

You can't employ what you don't have

## **Q: Will this ever get better?**

We have 2 big concepts we have to understand.

An increasing **population** can come from 3 areas

- 1. Rising births (organic growth)
- 2. Inter-country migration
- 3. Immigration

An increasing **workforce** comes from an increasing population but can also come from increasing labor force participation. Therefore, we must know why people aren't working and see if that can be addressed. (see previous section)

# We're living below the 2.1 birth replacement rate

We can't employ what we don't have


### From 2009 to 2019, birth rates plunged across the U.S. Below 2.1 replacement rate



In 2009, 14 of the 50 US states were having children at or above the replacement rate, with Utah leading the way at 2.47.

By 2019, no US states remained at or above the replacement rate. 5 states saw TFRs slip to historic lows below 1.5-roughly on par with Japan.

## In 2020, the US had its lowest birthrate in history



**Total Fertility Rate** 

1.95

2.5

# From 2011 to 2021, the vast majority of the US saw their working age population shrink



### Change in Over-65 Population, 2011-2021

The US over-65 population has grown by 16.1M people in the last decade.

### Change in Under-25 Population, 2011-2021

The US under-25 population has declined by 2M people in the last decade.

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# Any recent growth is due to population shifts, not organic growth

Net Domestic Migration, July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021



Florida	+220,890
Texas	+170,307
Arizona	+93,026
North Carolina	+88,673
South Carolina	+64,833
Tennessee	+61,390
Georgia	+50,632
Idaho	+48,876
Utah	+32,200
Nevada	+25,327

California	-367,299
New York	-352,185
Illinois	-122,460
Massachusetts	-46,187
Louisiana	-30,312
New Jersey	-27,766
District of Colum	bia -23,030
Maryland	-19,871
Minnesota	-13,453
Hawaii	-12,603

Age 2019 US school age population (birth-22 years)



4.5M

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Immigration will become less reliable

## Most developed nations are below replacement level



# The new paradigm

Everything was designed to limit how many people made it to the hiring manager, now, you need to make sure as many as possible make it through.

## **Short term**



Raise wages Offer non-wage incentives



Go to where the potential workers are Keep your people, stage your rewards



Onboard and train quickly

# Long term



Make workforce planning an executive level conversation



Identify your best workers quickly and have career paths ready for them



Re-invest in industrial engineering – How can you combine jobs or get rid of wasteful steps



<u>Partner</u> with Prisons, Colleges, High Schools, Trade Schools

### Learnings from "Hidden Workers: Untapped Talent"\*

Fix your job descriptions and your ATS screening parameters

Make sure your application process is quick and easy to understand.

The entire process, including your ATS, should be set-up to keep as many people as possible in the funnel, not remove them. 1

Keep job descriptions short

2

Only include the must-have items and highlight how performance will be measured. Why?

Emphasize soft skills as much as hard skills based on your current workers who have been promoted multiple times.

#### **Examples of hidden workers**

### Learnings from "Hidden Workers: Untapped Talent"\*

Focus on specific groups of untapped talent pools vs all

Why? It is cheaper to make some adjustments than a bunch

2	2	2
People with less advantaged backgrounds	People with a disability	Long term unemployed
2	2	2
Chronic health problems	Mental health challenges	Substance abuse history
0	2	0
People with spotty employment	Caregivers	Ex-offenders
0	2	
Veterans	Post retirees	



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