Charting the labor market: Data from the Current Population Survey (CPS)

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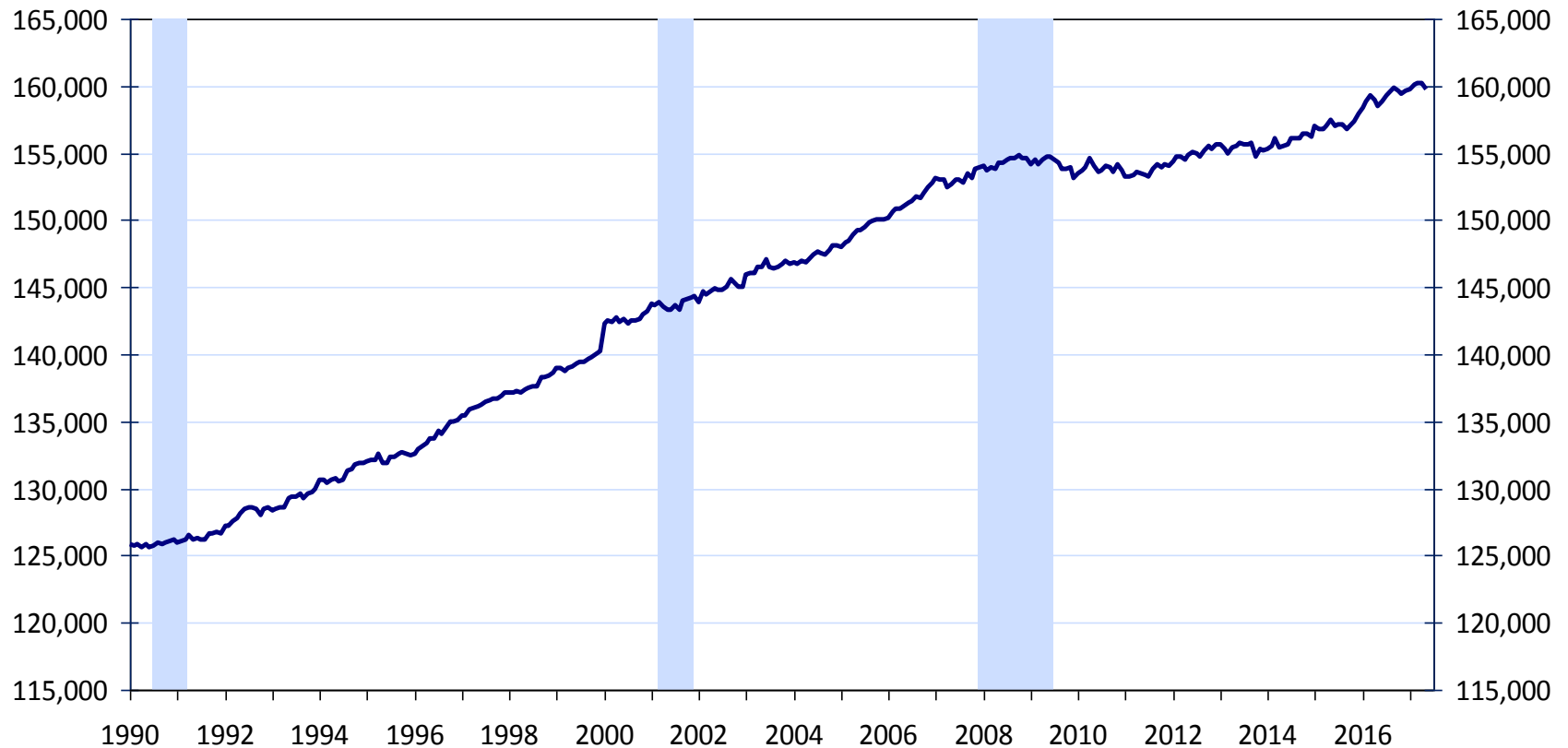www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf

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Chart 1. Civilian labor force
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Numbers in thousands

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS11000000.

Chart 2. Civilian labor force participation rate

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Percent

May 2017
62.7 percent

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS11300000.

Chart 3. Civilian employment
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Numbers in thousands
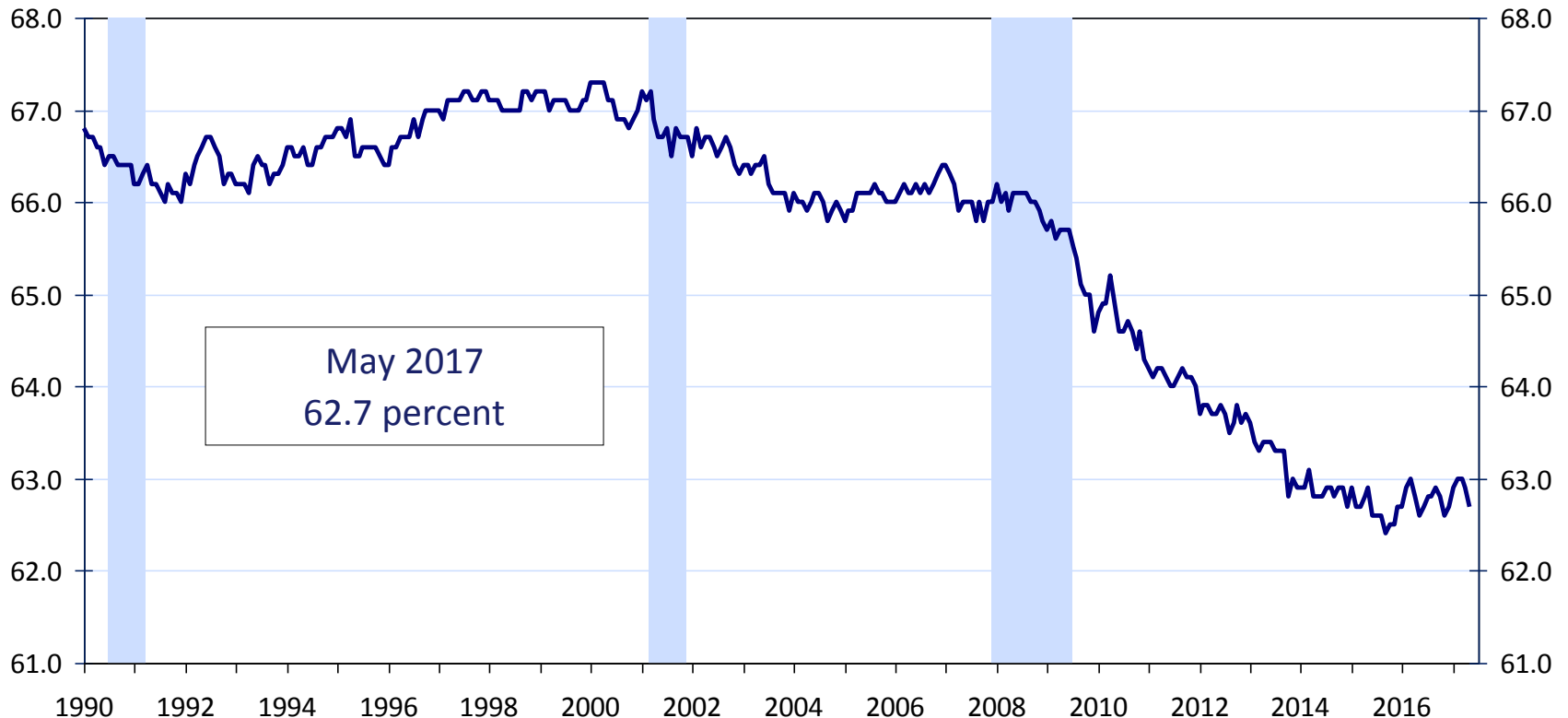

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Chart 4. Employment-population ratio
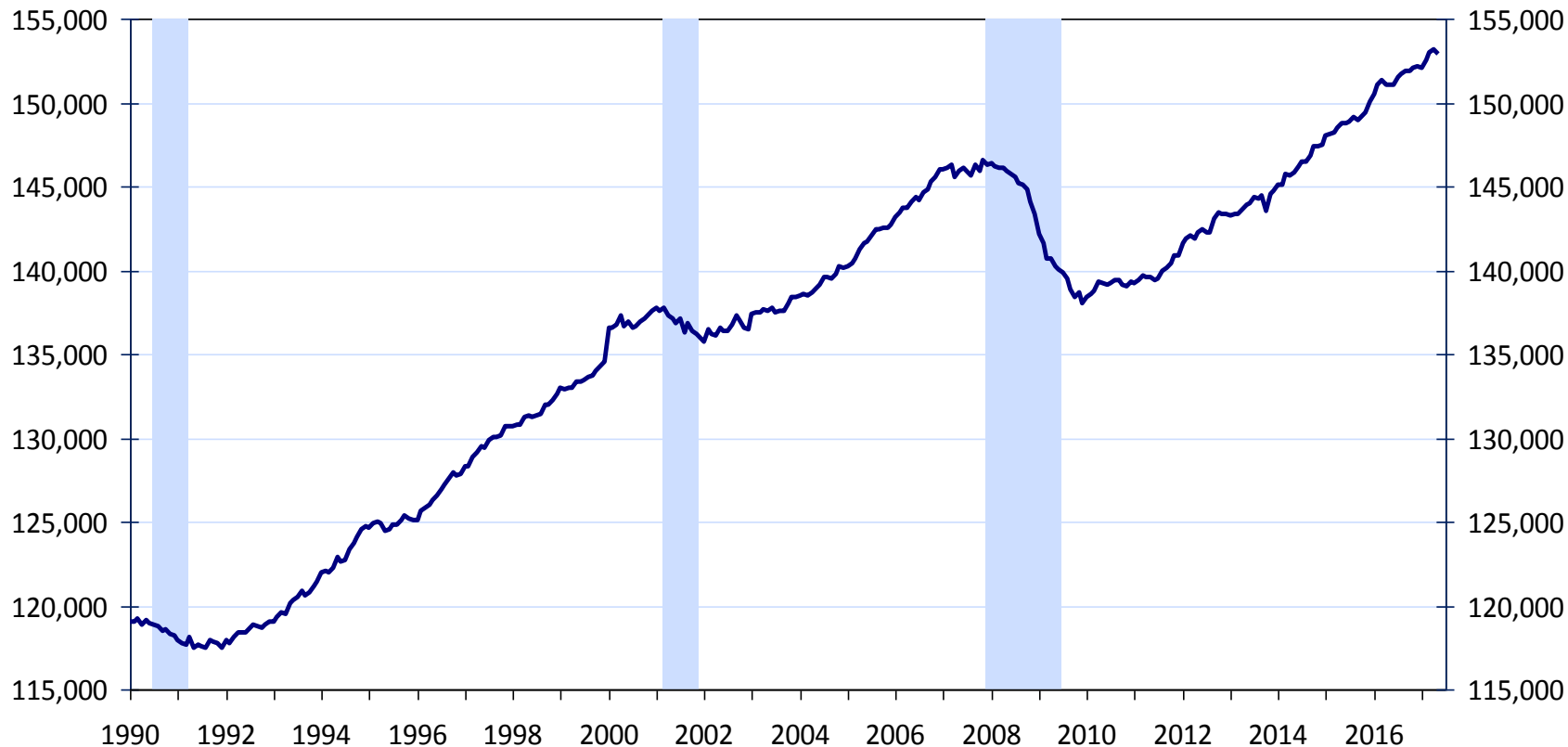
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Percent

May 2017
60.0 percent

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at
https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS12300000.

Chart 5. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Numbers in thousands

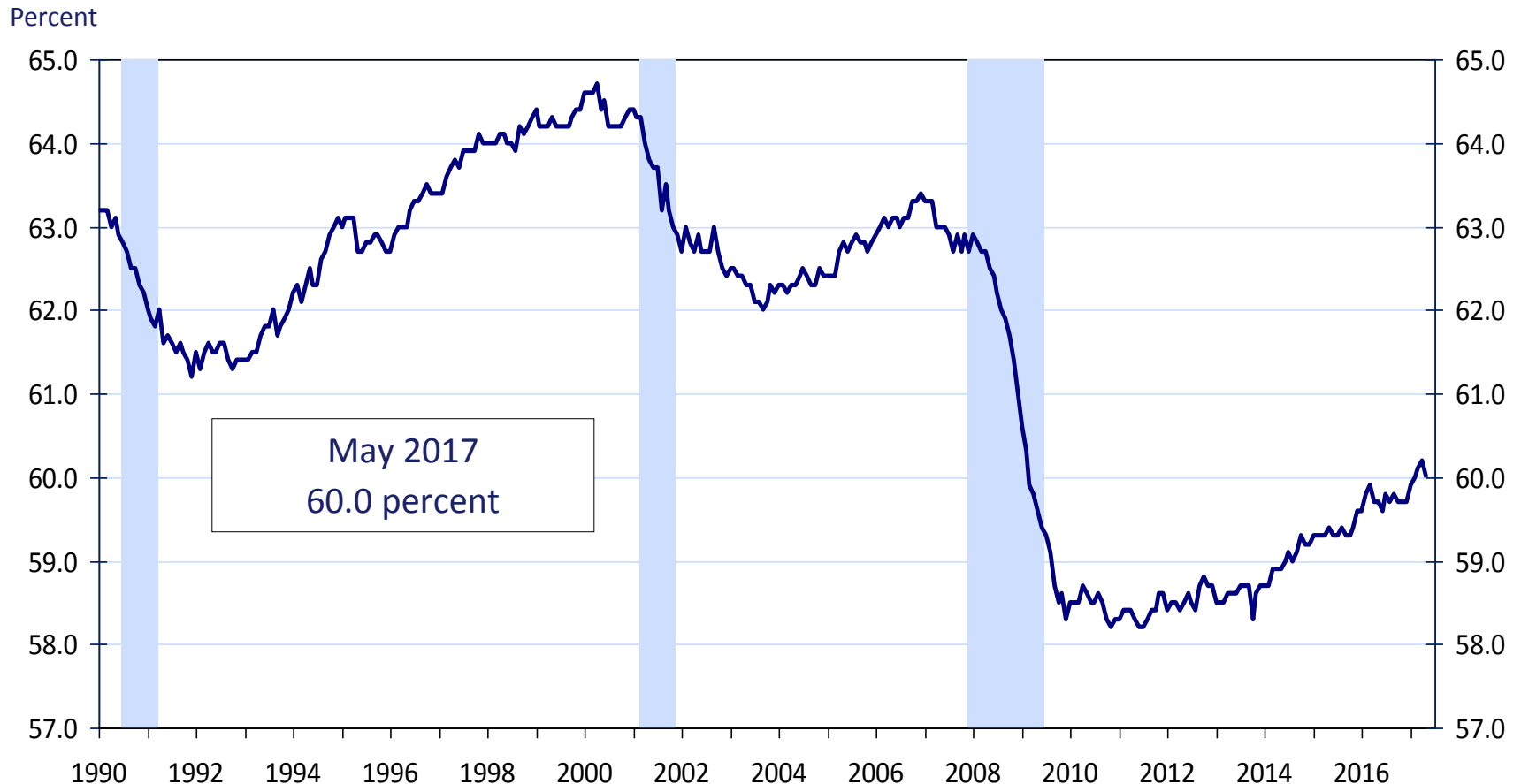Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS12032187.

Chart 6. Nonagricultural self-employed, unincorporated
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Numbers in thousands
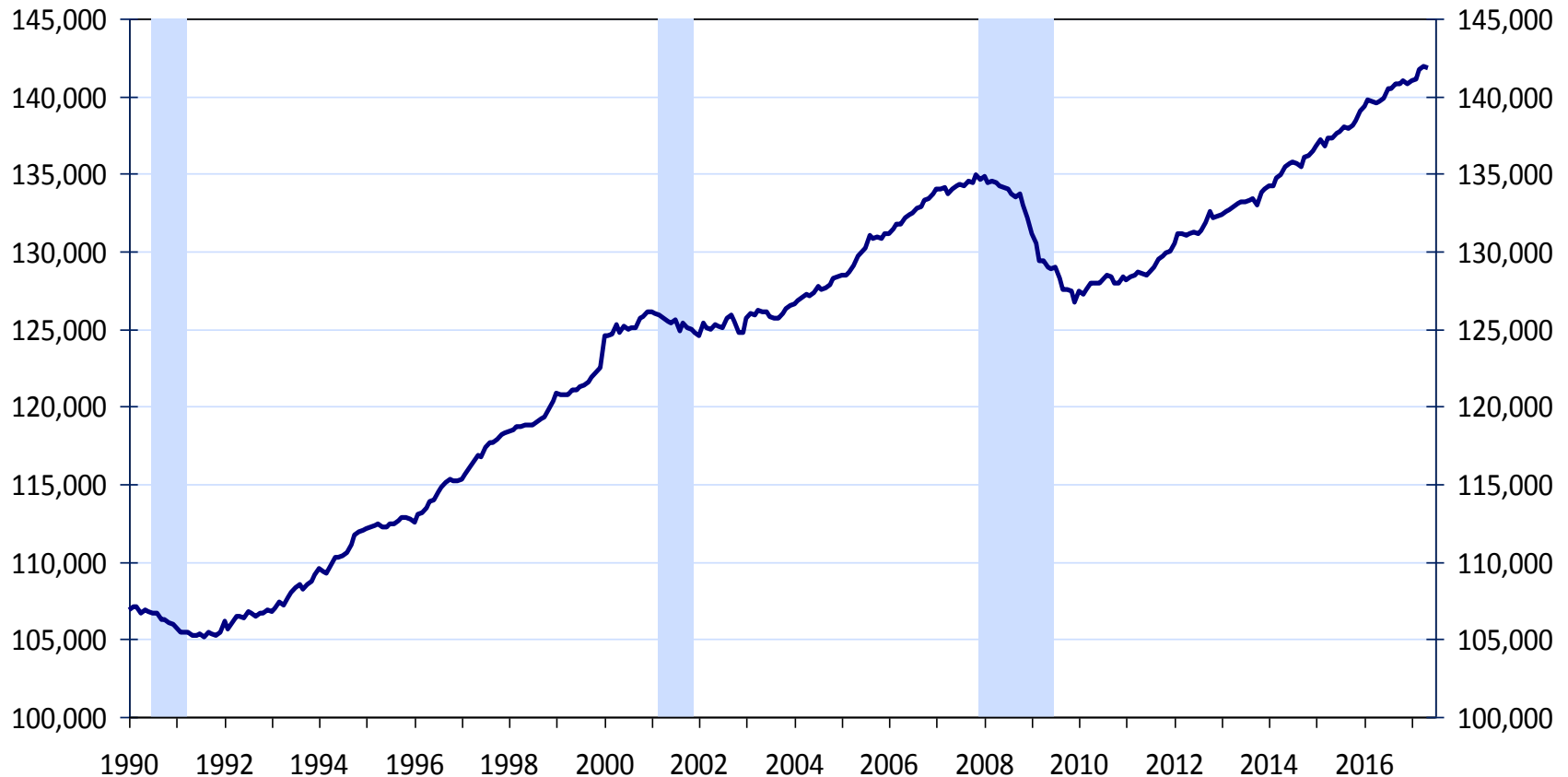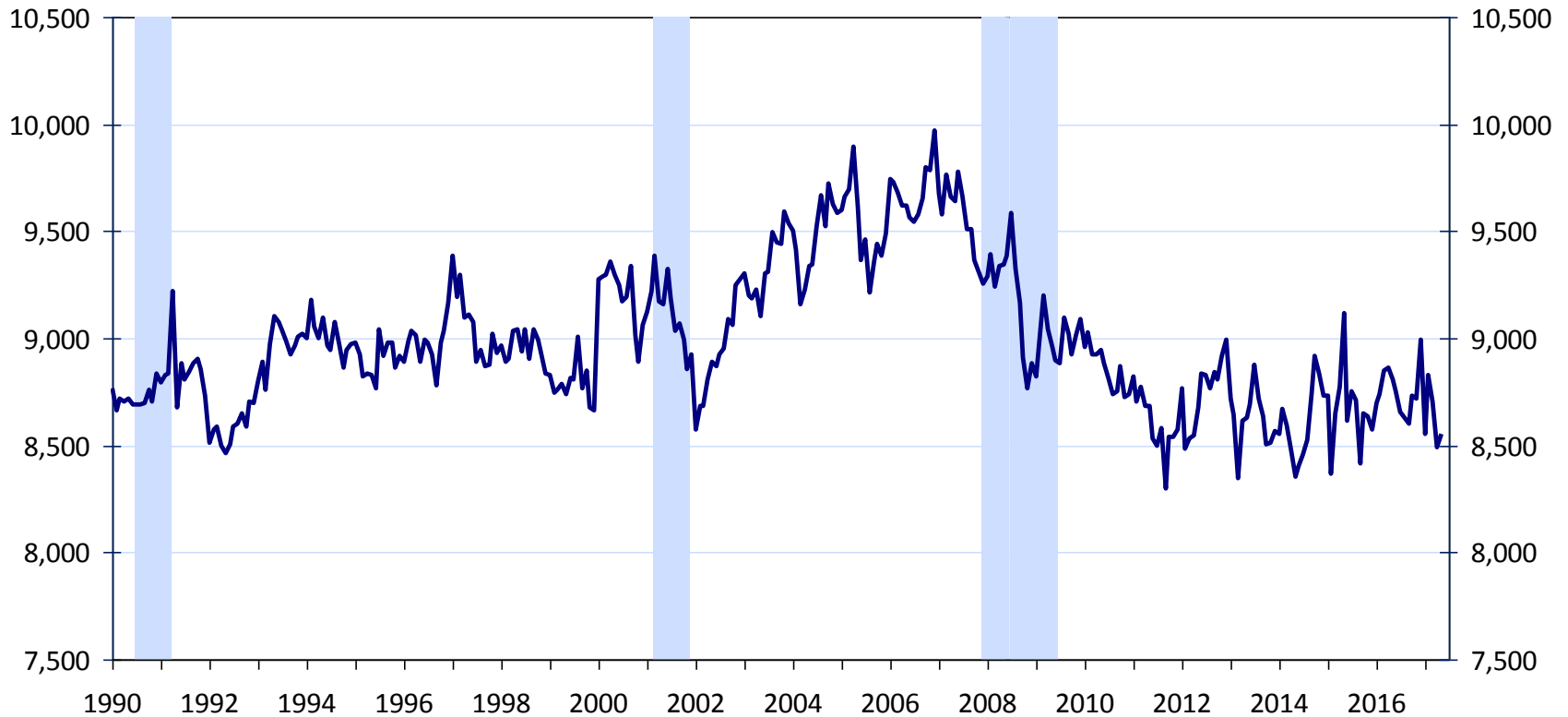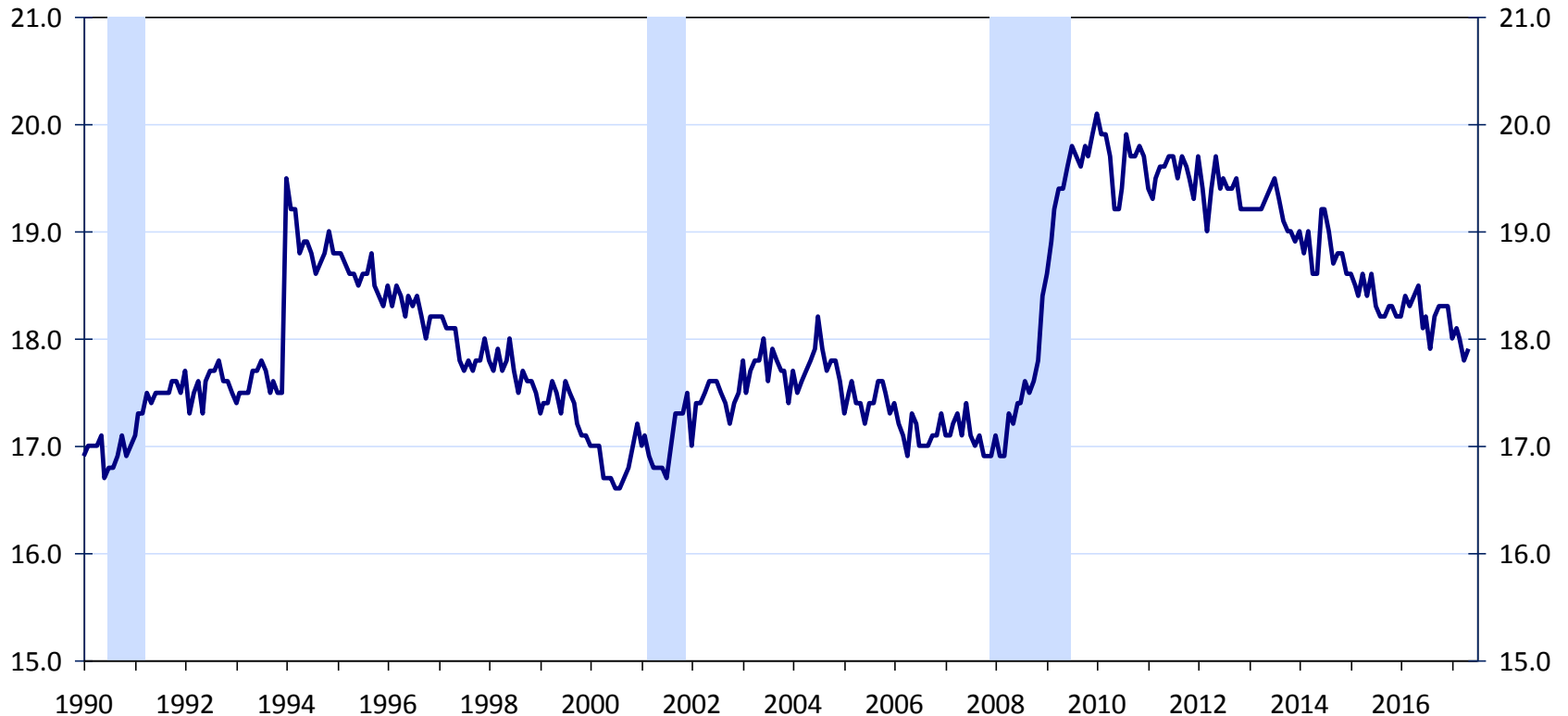

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS12032192.

Chart 7. Part-time workers as a percent of total employed

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Percent

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Beginning in 1994, data reflect the introduction of a major redesign of the Current Population Survey. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS12692153.

Chart 8. Employed part time for economic reasons
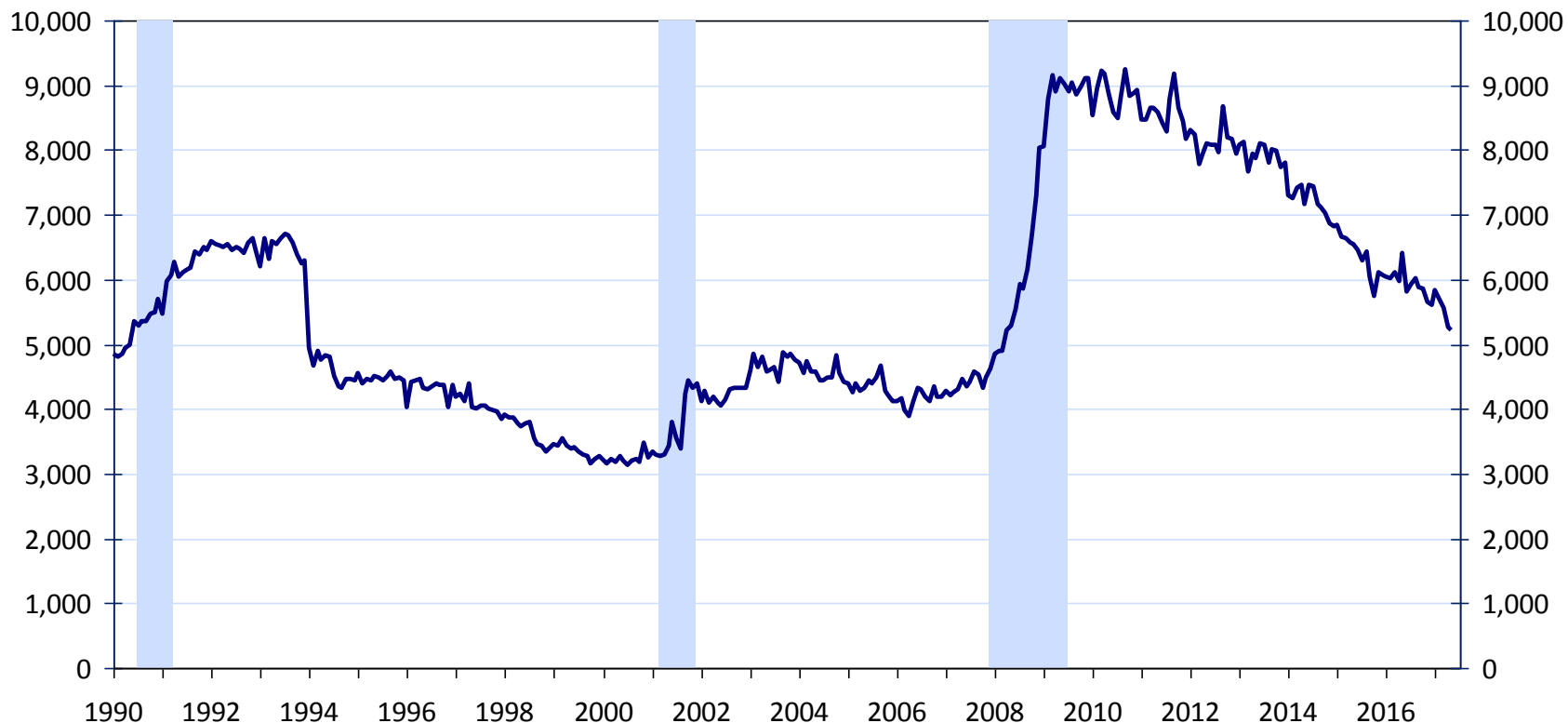Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017
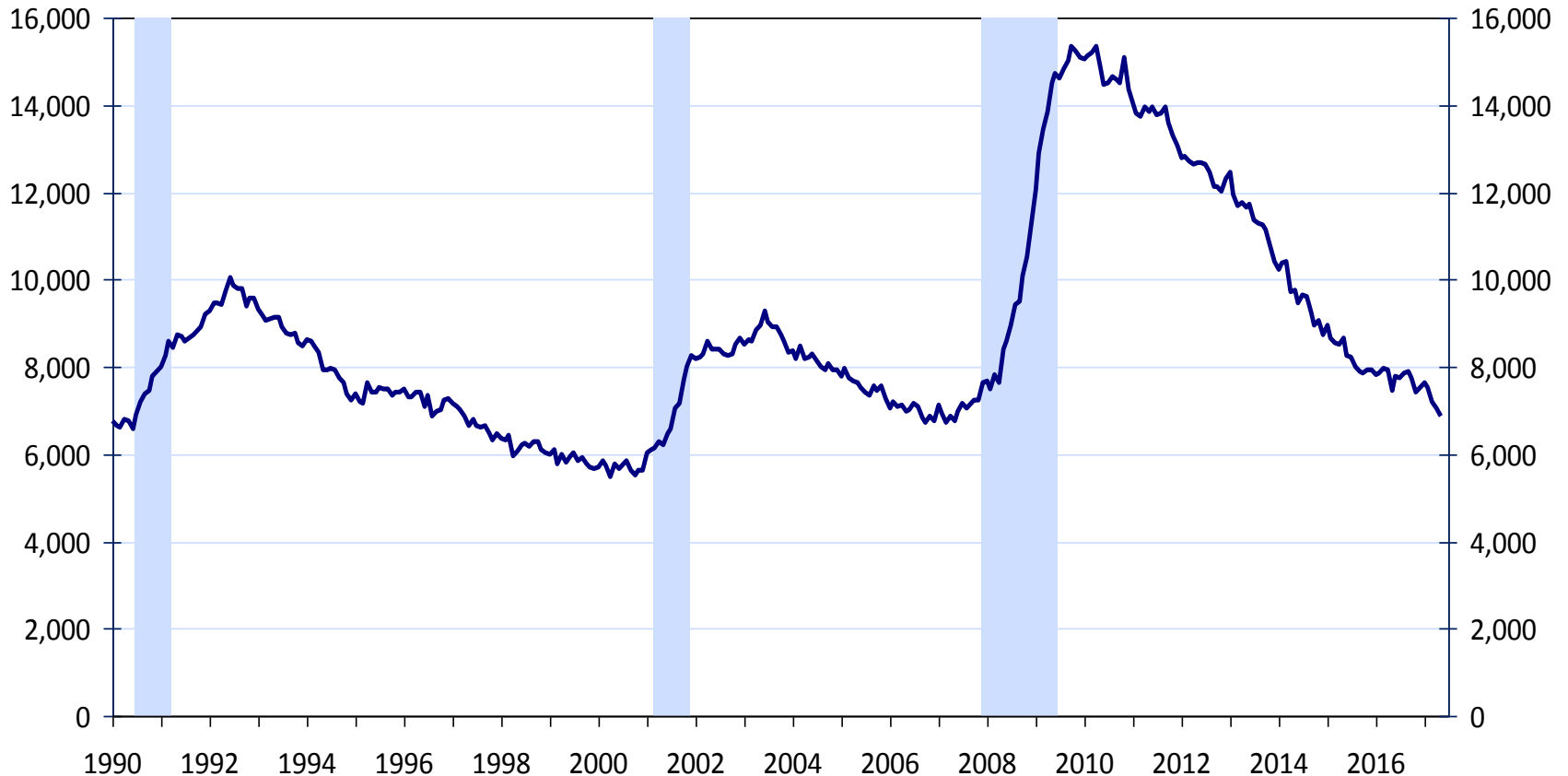
Numbers in thousands

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Beginning in 1994, data reflect the introduction of a major redesign of the Current Population Survey. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS12032194.

Chart 9. Civilian unemployment

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Numbers in thousands

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13000000.

Chart 10. Civilian unemployment rate
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Percent

May 2017
4.3 percent

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14000000.

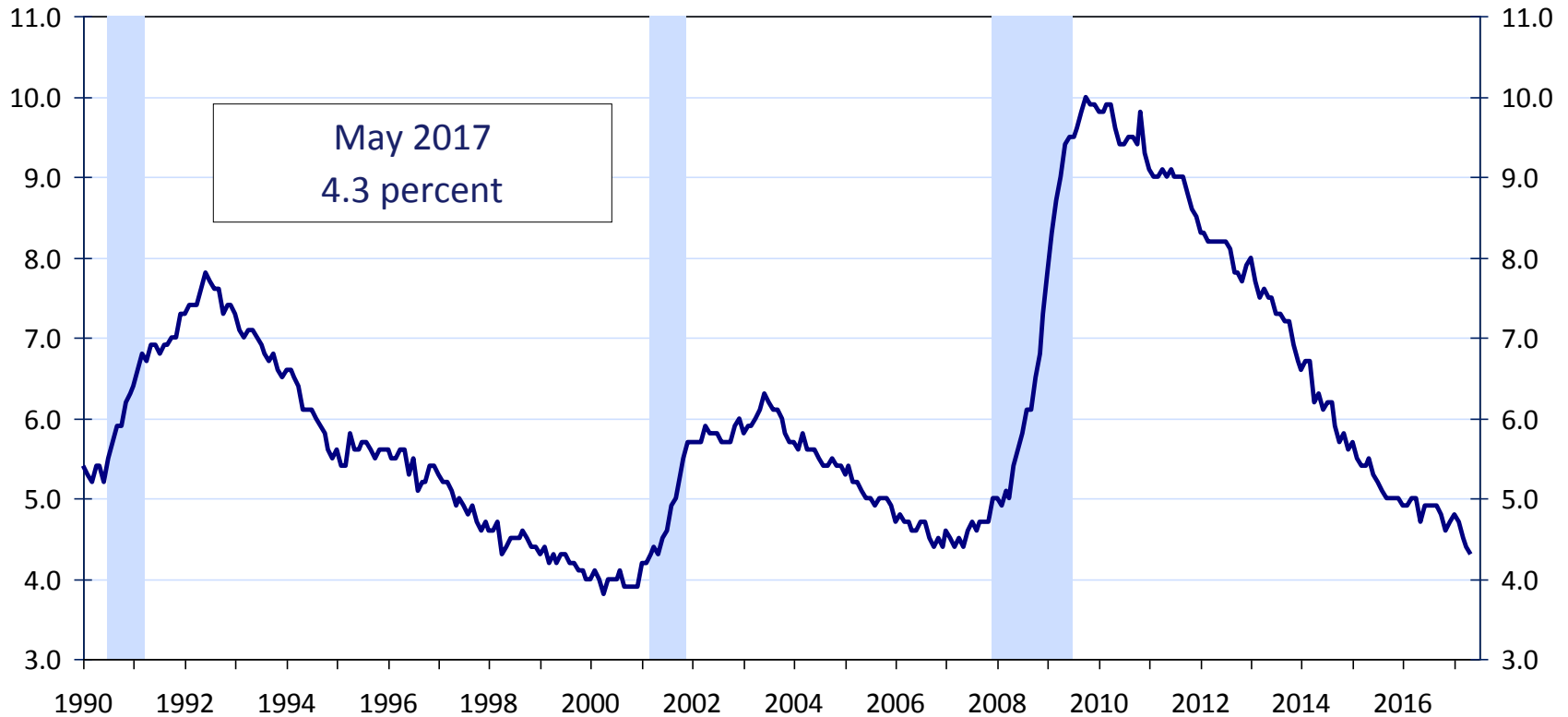# Chart 11. Duration of unemployment
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Numbers in thousands

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13008396&series_id=LNS13008756&series_id=LNS13008876&series_id=LNS13008636.

Chart 12. Long-term unemployed as a percent of total unemployed

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Percent

Percent unemployed 27 weeks and over
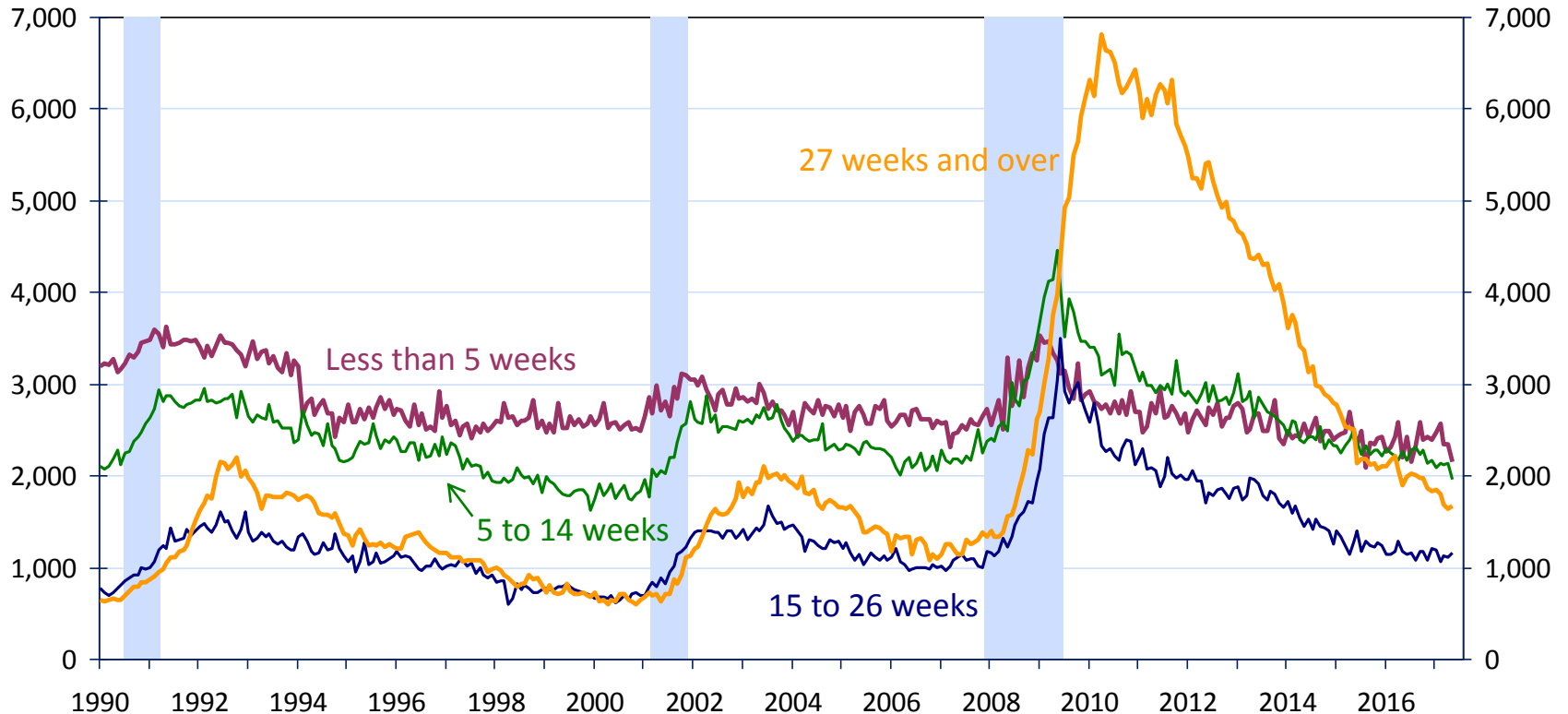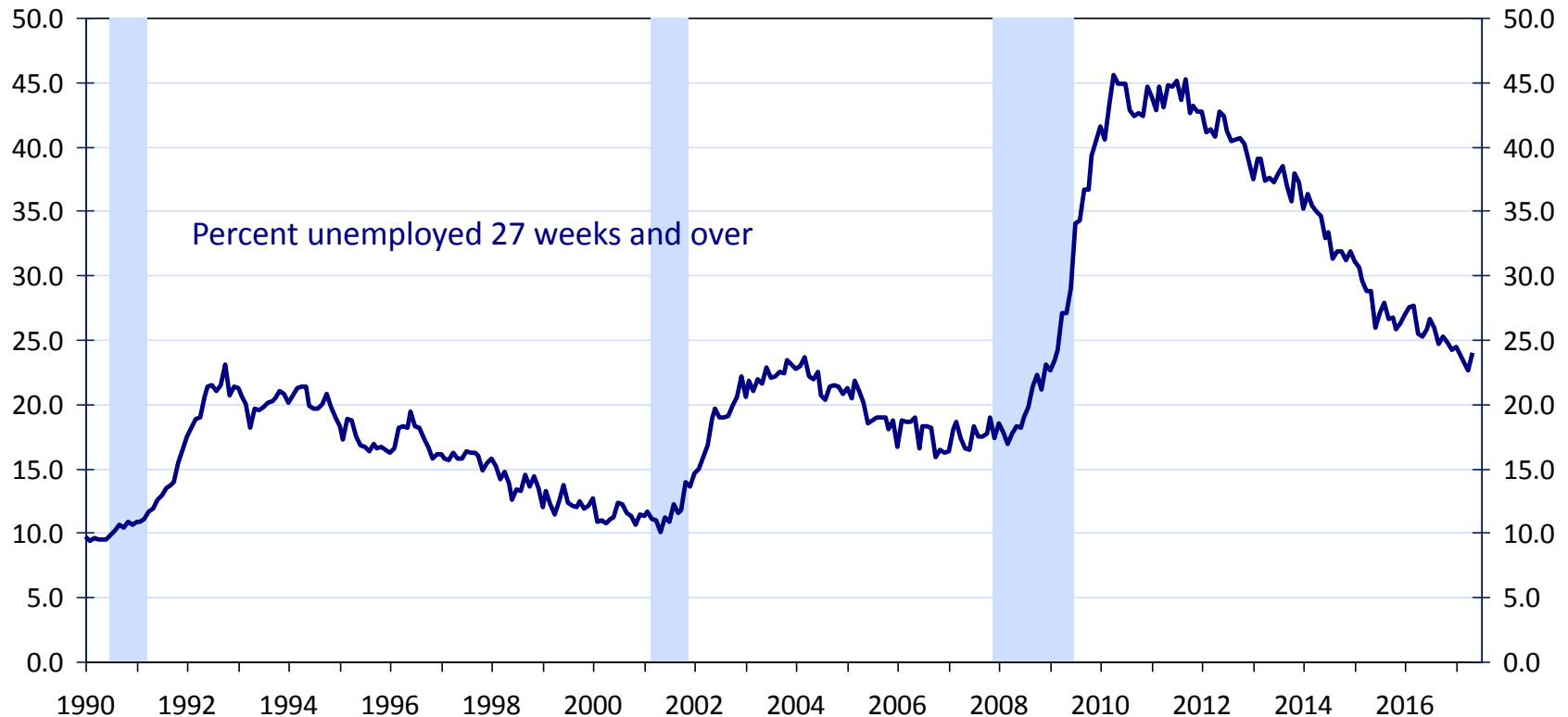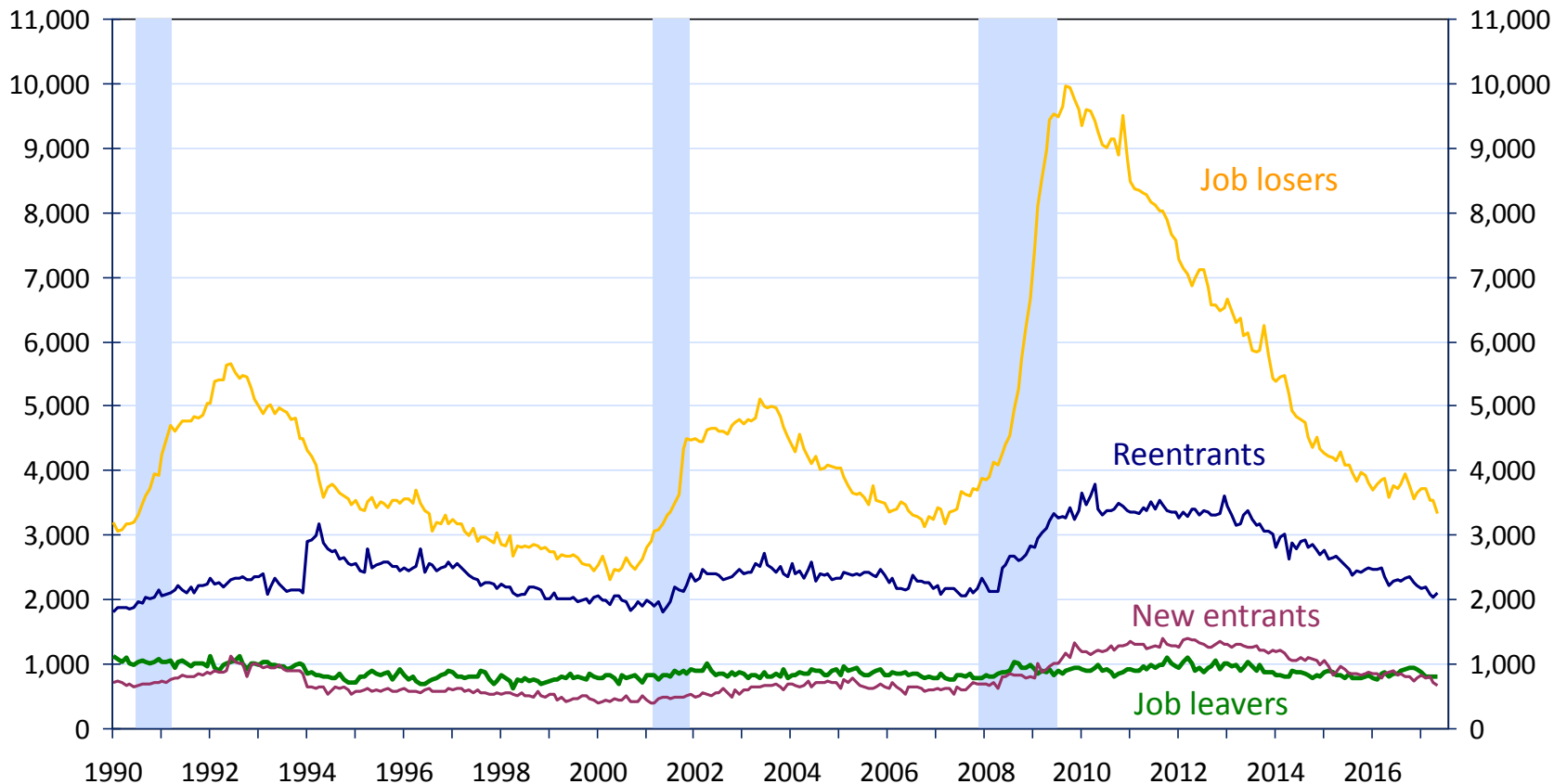
Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13025703.

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Chart 13. Reasons for unemployment
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Numbers in thousands

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13023621&series_id=LNS13023705&series_id=LNS13023557&series_id=LNS13023569.

Chart 14. Job losers by layoff status

Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Numbers in thousands

Not on temporary layoff
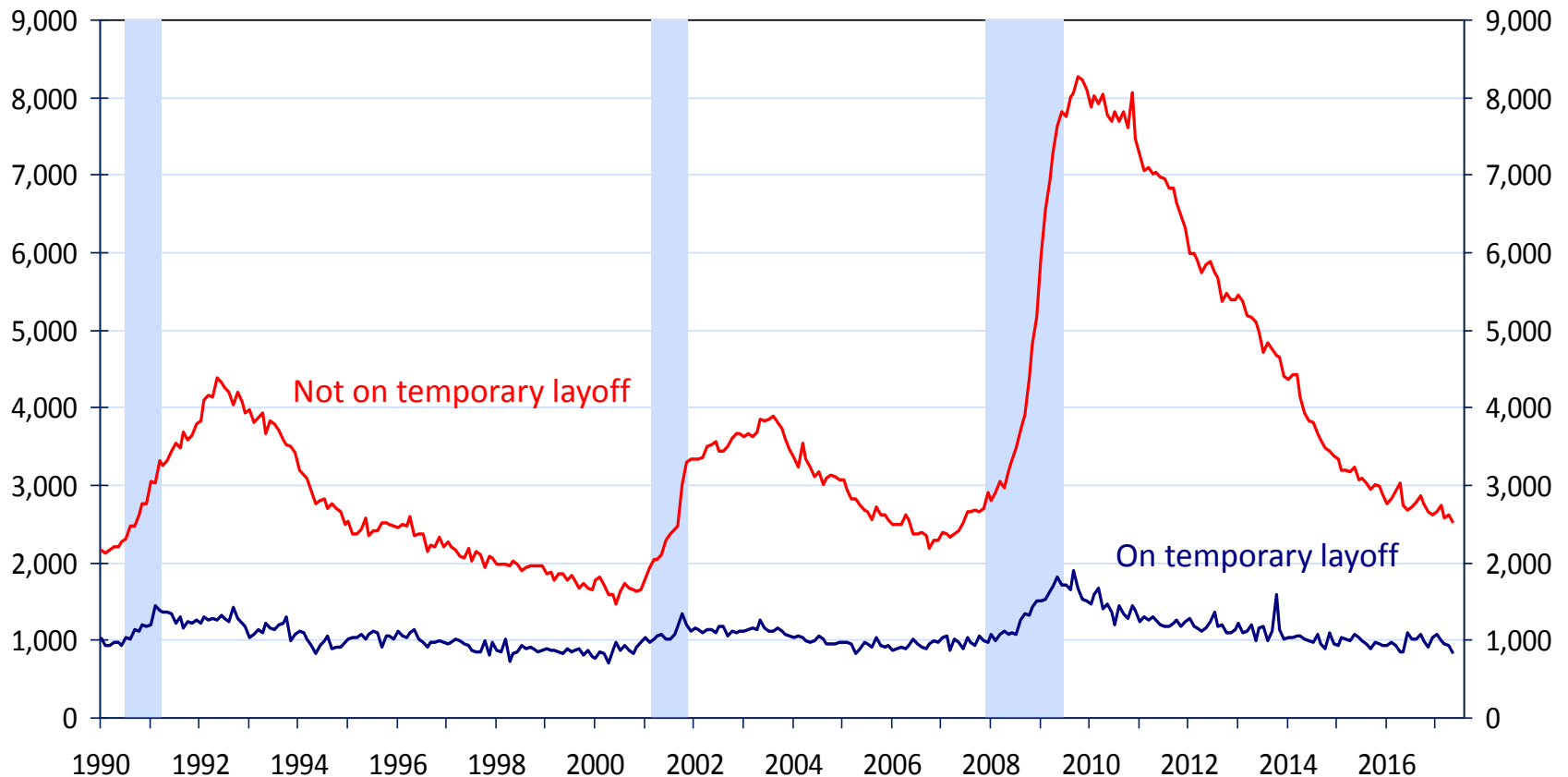
On temporary layoff

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13025699&series_id=LNS13023653.

Chart 15. Unemployment rates for adult men, adult women, and teenagers

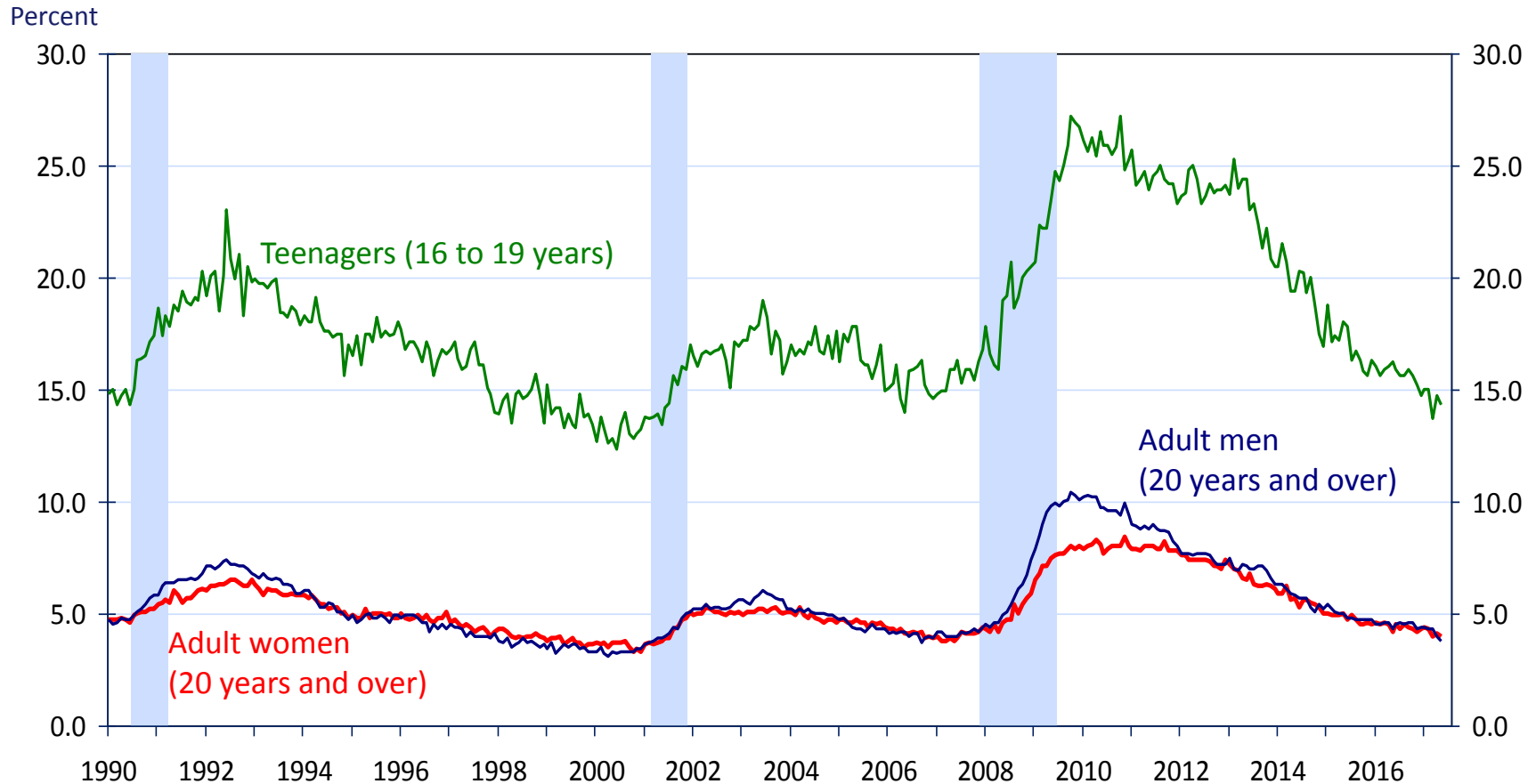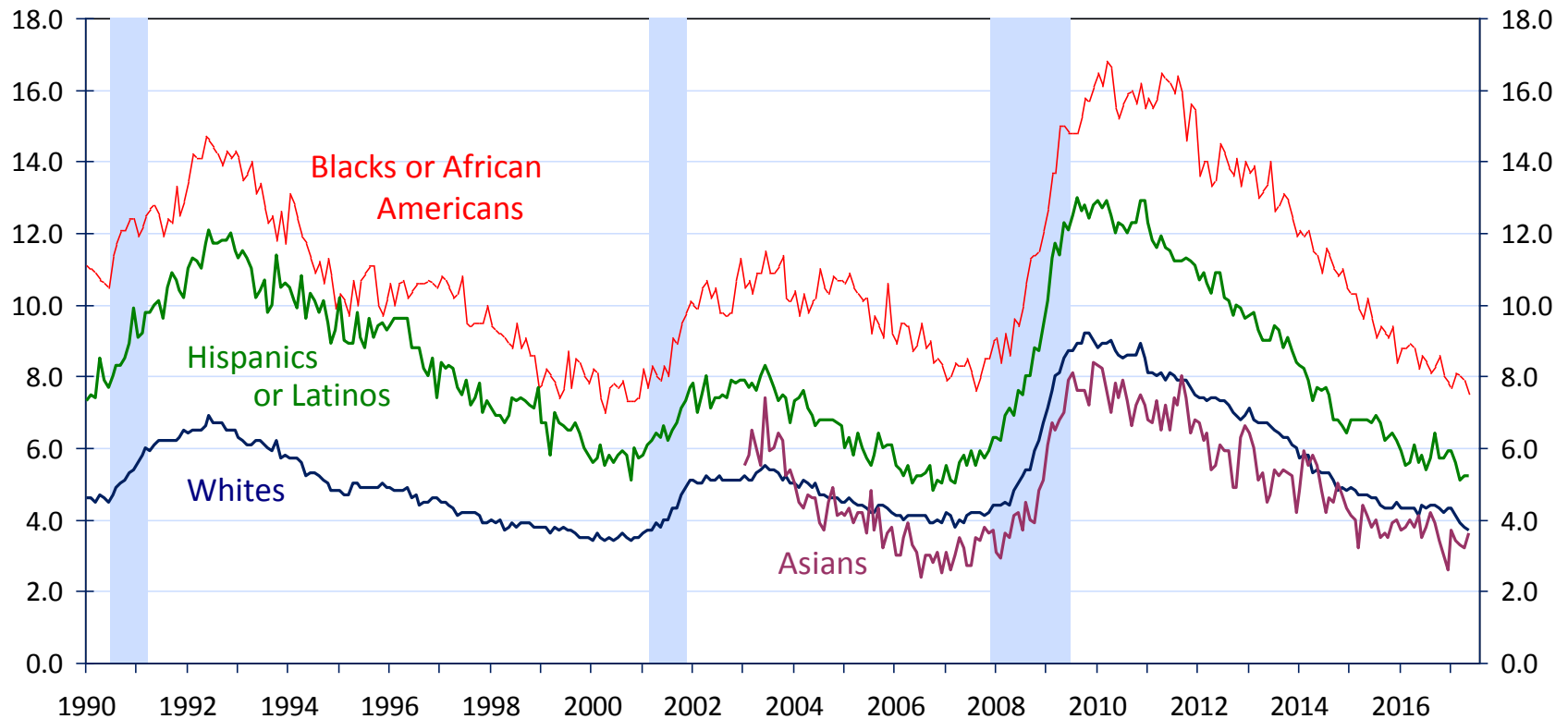## Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Percent

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14000025&series_id=LNS14000026&series_id=LNS14000012.

Chart 16. Unemployment rates by race and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
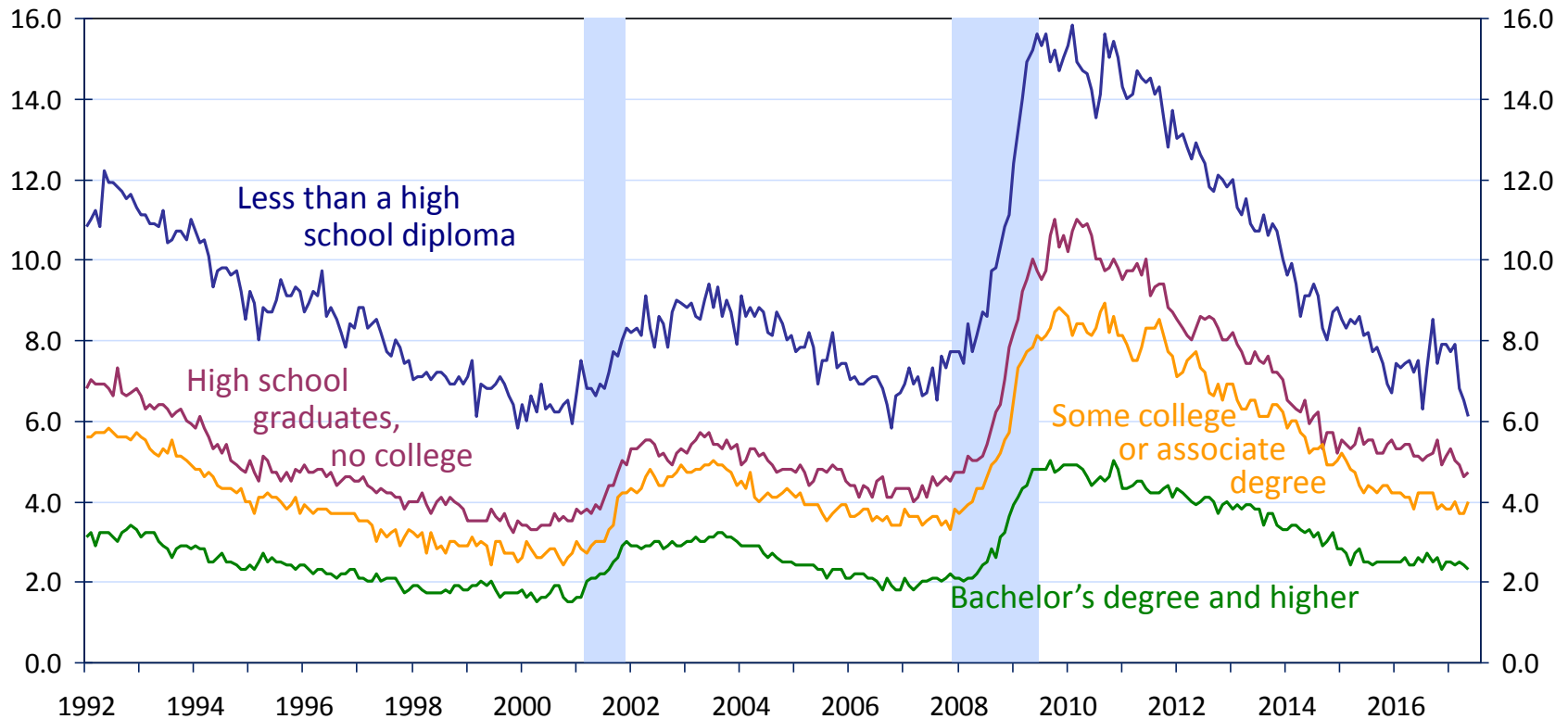
Seasonally adjusted, 1990–2017

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity could be of any race. Seasonally adjusted data for Asians are not available before 2003. Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14000003&series_id=LNS14000006&series_id=LNS14032183&series_id=LNS14000009.

Chart 17. Unemployment rates for persons 25 years and older by educational attainment

Seasonally adjusted, 1992–2017

Percent

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14027659&series_id=LNS14027660&series_id=LNS14027689&series_id=LNS14027662.

Chart 18. Persons not in the labor force who want a job

Seasonally adjusted, 1994–2017
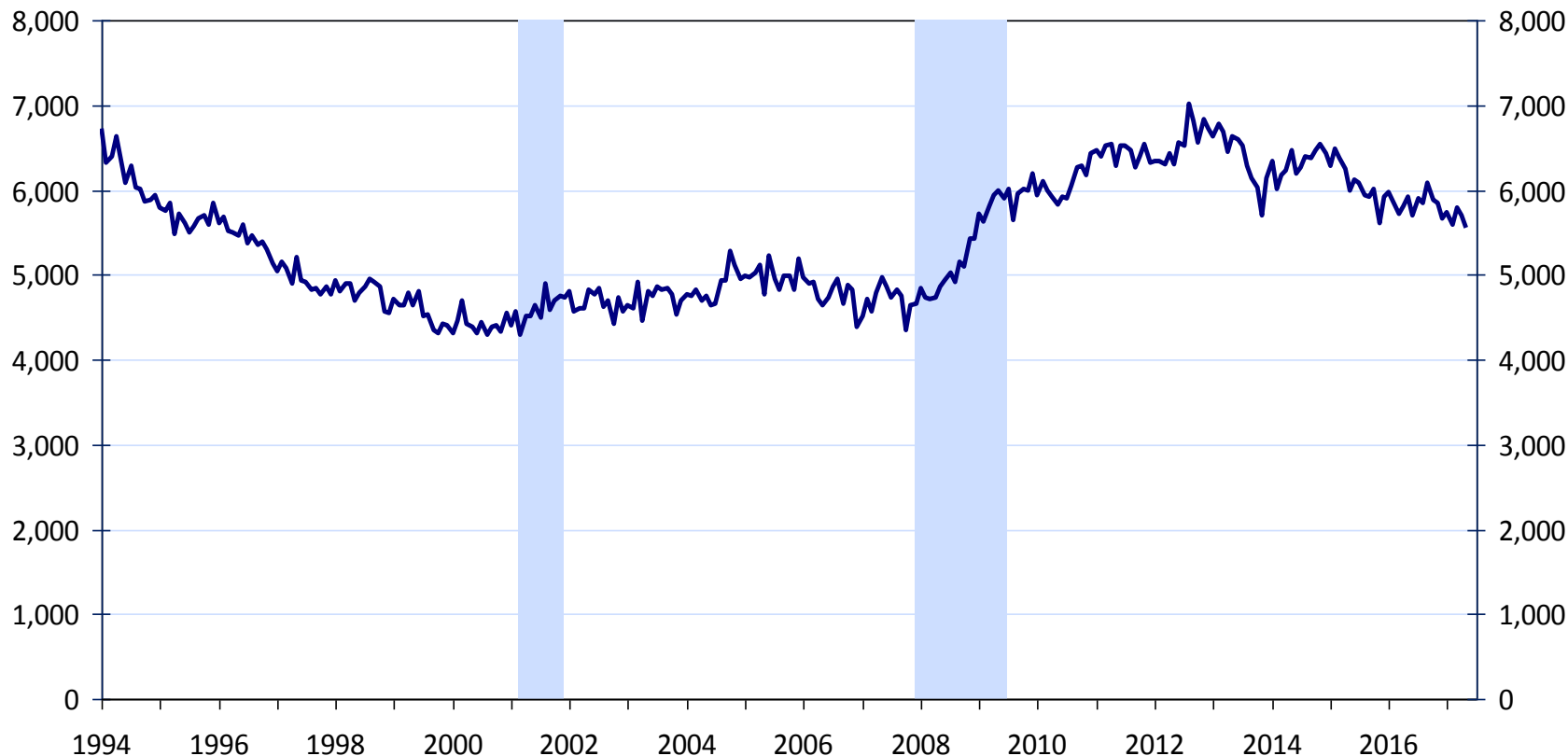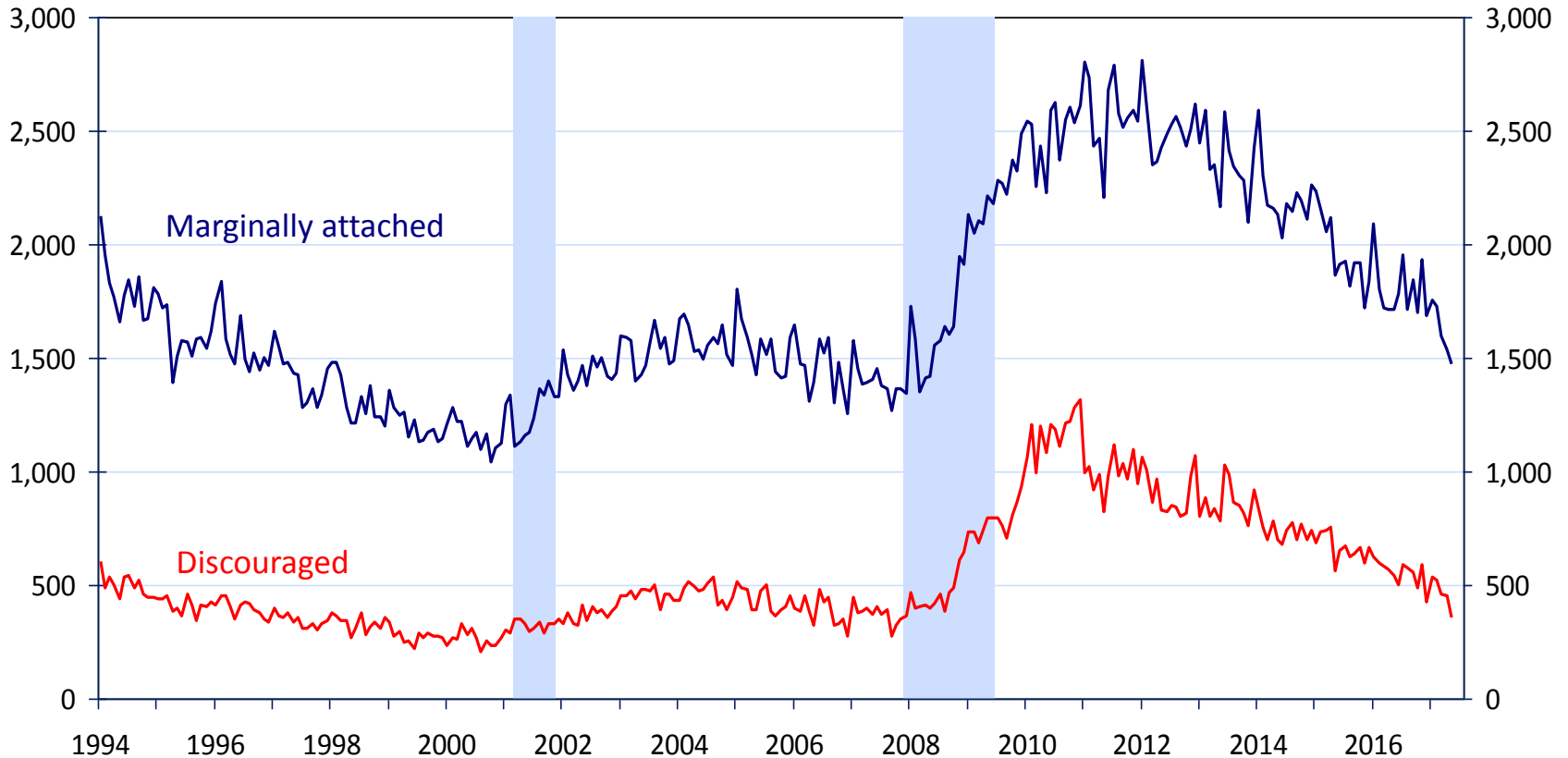
Numbers in thousands

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS15026639.

Chart 19. Persons not in the labor force, selected indicators
Not seasonally adjusted, 1994–2017

Numbers in thousands

Marginally attached

Discouraged

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNU05026642&series_id=LNU05026645.

Chart 20. Alternative measures of labor underutilization
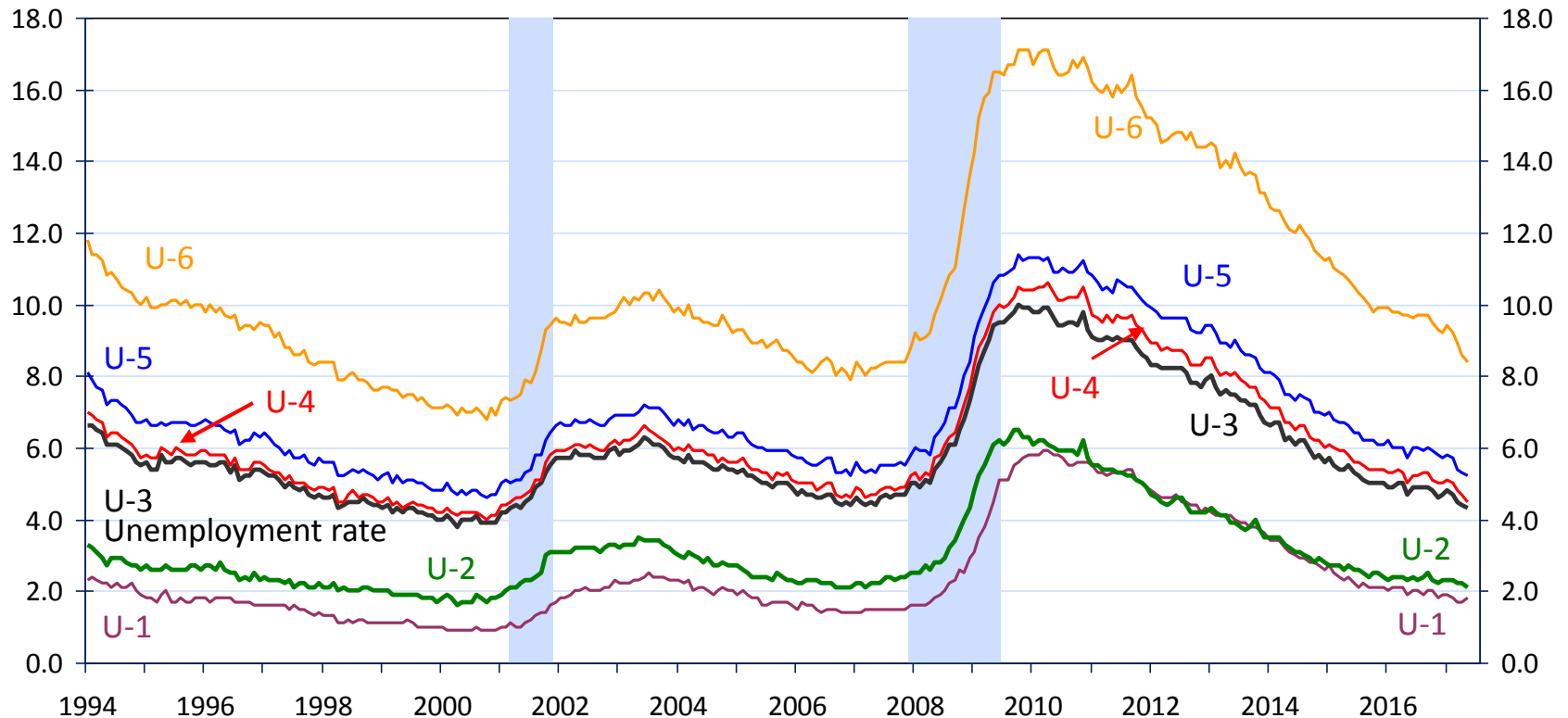## Seasonally adjusted, 1994–2017

Percent

Note: Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Data online at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13025670&series_id=LNS14023621&series_id=LNS14000000&series_id=LNS13327707 and at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS13327708&series_id=LNS13327709.