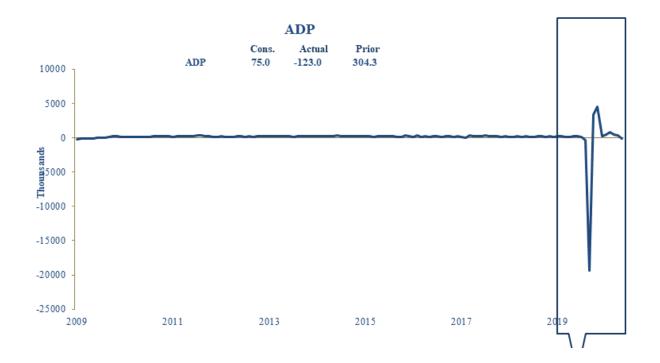
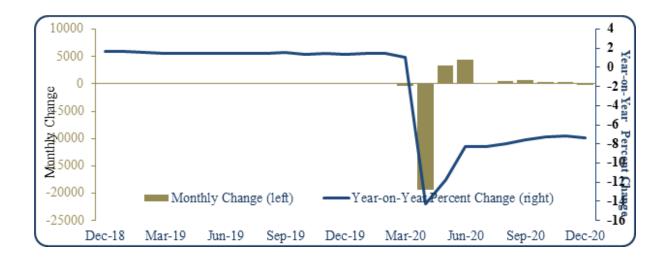


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## **ADP Employment: More Job Losses To End 2020**

**Bottom Line:** ADP reported lower employment across most sectors in businesses both large and small in December amid renewed shutdowns for the spike in Covid cases. Sharply below the consensus for a gain of 75k, the decline of 123k jobs was dominated by job losses in the services industry, which continued to bear the brunt of the shutdowns. But even manufacturing, which has mostly continued to lead the recovery, saw job losses. Overall, this is a concerning report ahead of Friday's payroll report, leaving the potential for a downside miss versus expectations of +73k. While some sectors like housing and manufacturing remained strong into year-end, weaker labor markets offer concern for consumption growth going forward.





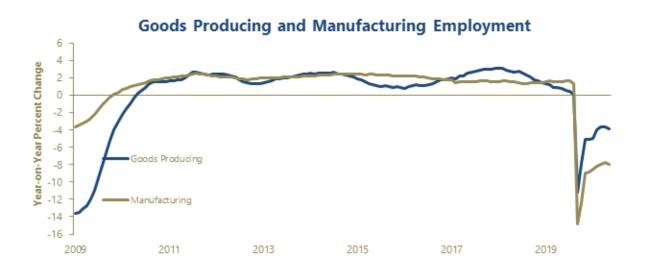
**ADP National Employment** FELL by -123k in December, compared with the consensus estimate for a gain of 75k.

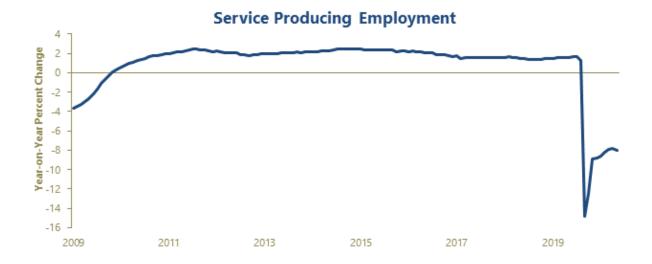
Meanwhile, the revisions to the prior 3 months added an additional 2k to the previous estimate. Over the past 12 months, private payrolls have decreased by an average of -791k per month, pushing employment to 7.4% BELOW its year-ago level.

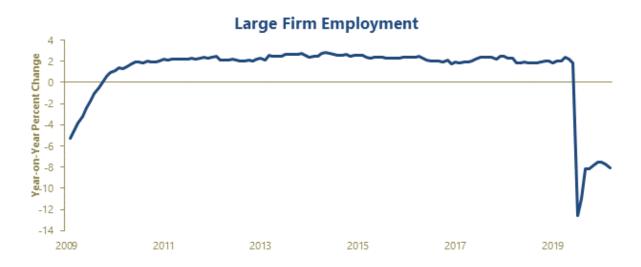
**Jobs in Goods-Producing Industries** FELL by 18k jobs as **Manufacturing** lost 21k workers. Against that, **Construction** gained 4k jobs.

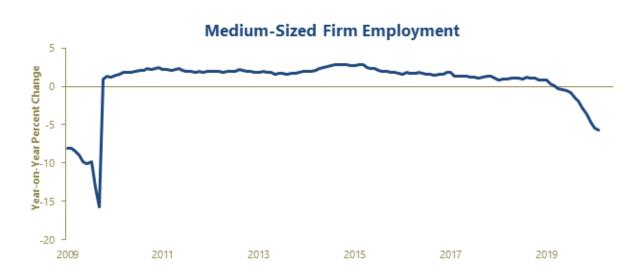
Service-Producing Industries FELL by -105k jobs with Professional/Business Services hiring 12k workers, Trade/Transport/Utilities subtracting -51k, and Financial Activities increasing by 2k workers.

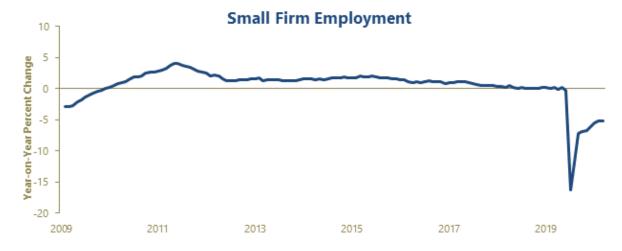
**Small Firms** fired 13k workers, **Medium-Sized Firms** grew by 37k employees while **Large Firms** cut 147k positions.











-	Dec-20		Oct-20	Sep-20	Three Month	Six Month	Twelve Month	2019	2018	Five Year	Ten Year
	Monthly Change				Average Monthly Change						
ADP National Employment Previous Report	-123	<b>304</b> 307	<b>409</b> 404	<b>754</b> 754	197	340	-791	149	176	182	180
Goods Producing Industries Construction Manufacturing Other	-18 4 -21 0	29 22 7 1	24 9 12 3	199 60 132 7	11 11 -1 1	47 18 28 2	-68 -10 -50 -7	13 12 2 0	44 21 21 3	27 21 9 -2	27 15 11 0
Service Producing Industries Professional/Business Ser Financial Activities Trade/Transport/Utilities Other	-105 12 2 -51 -69	275 59 8 30 178	385 67 8 63 247	555 84 29 182 260	185 46 6 14 119	293 67 7 57 162	-723 -108 -10 -125 -481	136 32 12 14 78	131 35 13 13 71	155 36 13 22 84	153 42 9 27 75
Addendum: Small Firms Medium Firms Large Firms	-13 37 -147	118 142 44	158 161 89	203 247 304	88 113 -5	102 110 128	-145 -202 -445	4 36 110	3 52 120	24 45 113	35 39 106

Source: ADP & Moody's Analytics via Bloomberg. Our calculations.

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