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January's Jobs Report Underscores Urgency of Vaccination Push

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... [jobs in January](#), but that rate, if it held, would take the year's average employment rate back to the prepandemic level of February 2020. Good thing, then, that hiring should pick up as more consumers get vaccinated and more money gets distributed by the federal government—but the latest numbers suggest it could be a rough slog until then.