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This Labor Market Looks Nothing Like Most Recessions

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The labor market in the first seven months of 2022 looks nothing like the labor market in most recessions. Friday's [jobs report](#) was unambiguous. Far from losing steam, the labor market recovery has been firing on all cylinders.

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It's easy to imagine the labor market going from white-hot in 2021 to red-hot in the first half of 2022, and reaching a more sustainable temperature through the second half. It's hard to imagine the labor market entering a deep freeze any time soon.