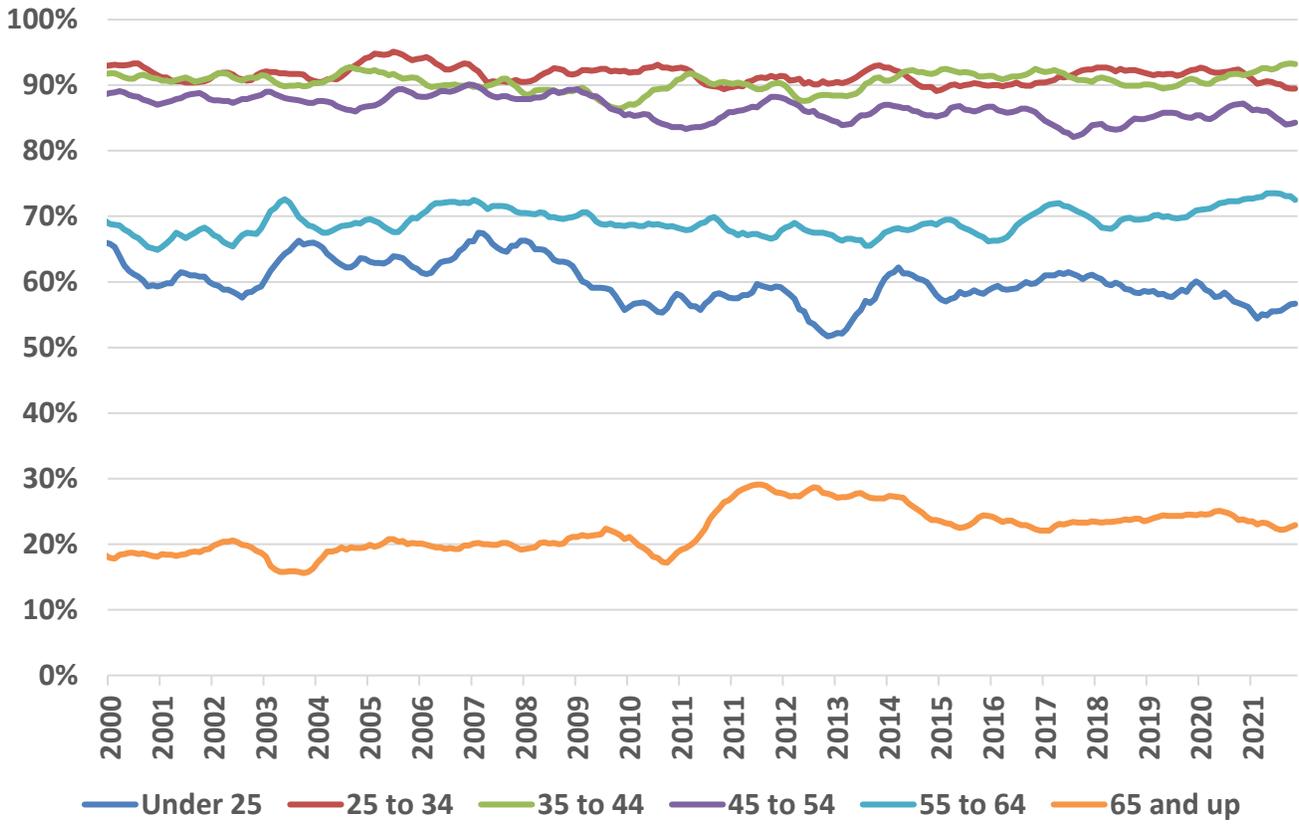


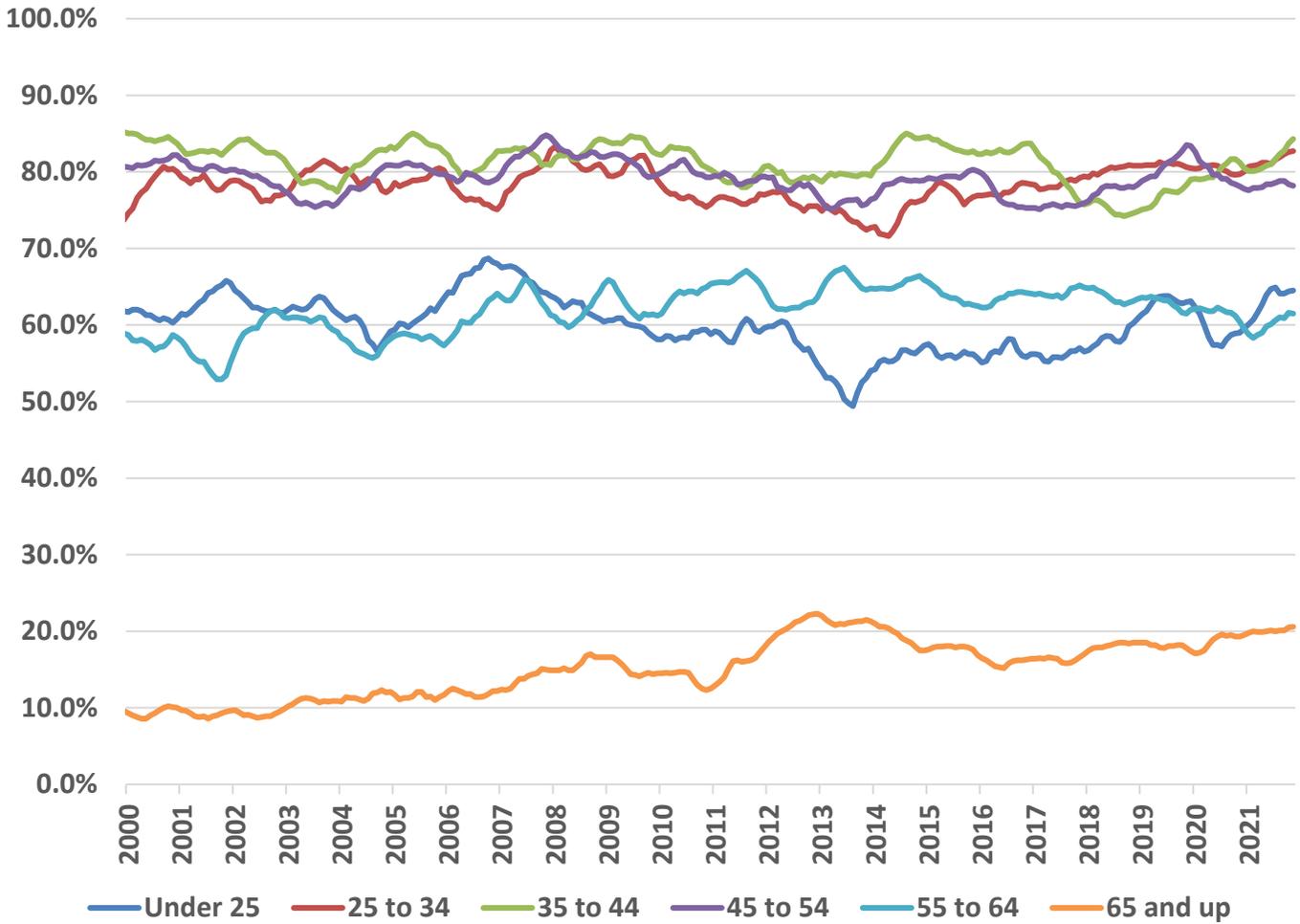
Follow-up items from Barbara Wagner, Chief Economist, Montana Department of Labor & Industry

1. A [copy of my presentation](#) with the label added for MT and the U.S. on the labor force participation rates slide.
2. Rep. Carlson asked for Montana's labor force participation rates by age and gender. The breakdown by age is available on our job tracking dashboard at <https://lmi.mt.gov/home/job-tracking>, then click on the Finding Workers tab. The breakdown by age is at the bottom of the first tab, with the pulldown by age group. We will have to create the estimates for each age*gender sub-category from the microdata. *See below.*
3. I was also asked for the data from the household pulse survey about the number of Montanans out from work due to being sick from COVID or caring for someone with COVID (including any close contacts). *See below.*
4. On the questions regarding the sample size for the business survey on childcare, 3,305 surveys were mailed and 1,648 responses returned for a response rate of 50%. That is reasonably high response for a business survey. More details can be found on page 7 of the report and in the appendix. The report is available at <https://lmi.mt.gov/docs/Publications/LMI-Pubs/Special-Reports-and-Studies/ChildcareReport2020.pdf>.
5. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis also worked with the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) at the University of Montana on a tandem survey of parents. This report was conducted from Jan. to April 2020, and can be found on BBER's website at <http://www.bber.umt.edu/pubs/health/ChildCare2020.pdf>
6. Amy also wanted to distribute the white paper on the supply and demand analysis used to quantify the child care shortages in Montana, which should answer any additional follow-up questions regarding that metric. This paper was written with contributions from MT Kids Count and MT DPHHS. <https://lmi.mt.gov/docs/Publications/LMI-Pubs/Special-Reports-and-Studies/ChildCareDesertsWhitePaper-FINAL.pdf>
7. Lastly, to answer Rep. Beard's question about when childcare licensing originated, the earliest effective date for the administrative rules of Montana – section 35.95 – [Licensure of Day Care Facilities](#) is 9/8/2000. However, DPHHS should be able to provide a definitive answer. Obviously, we are better at talking about the labor market and economy than about childcare licensing timelines, as that is under DPHHS jurisdiction.

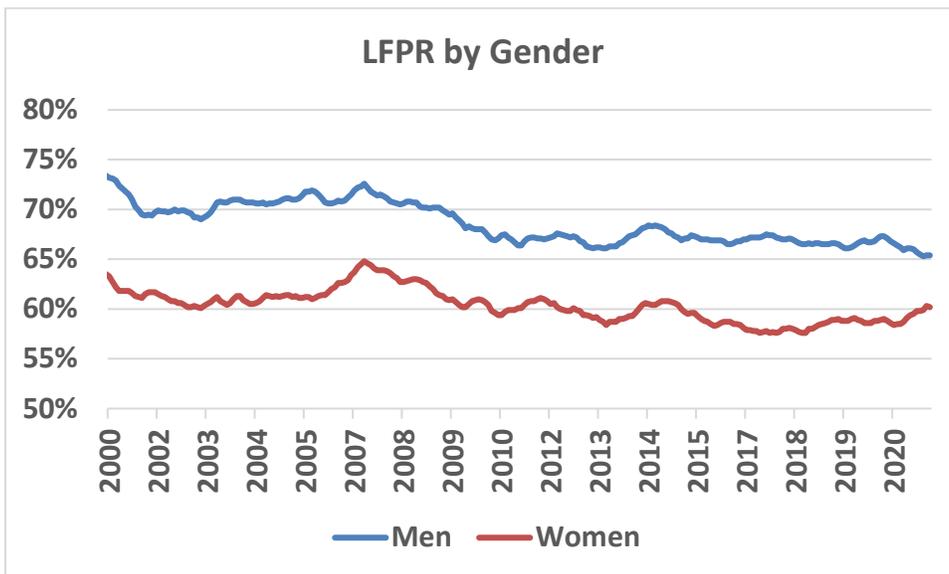
Men, LFPR by Age Group

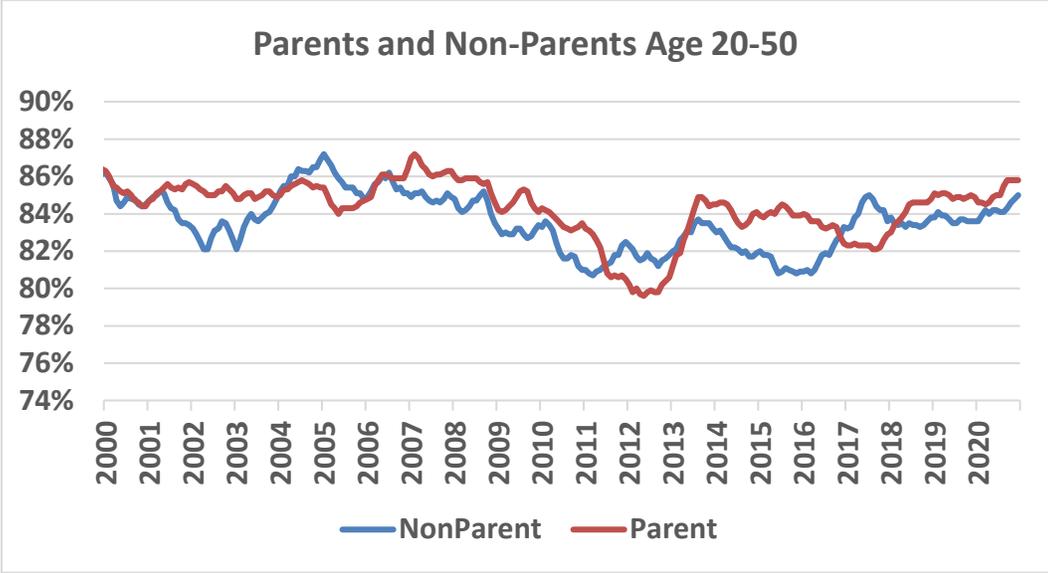
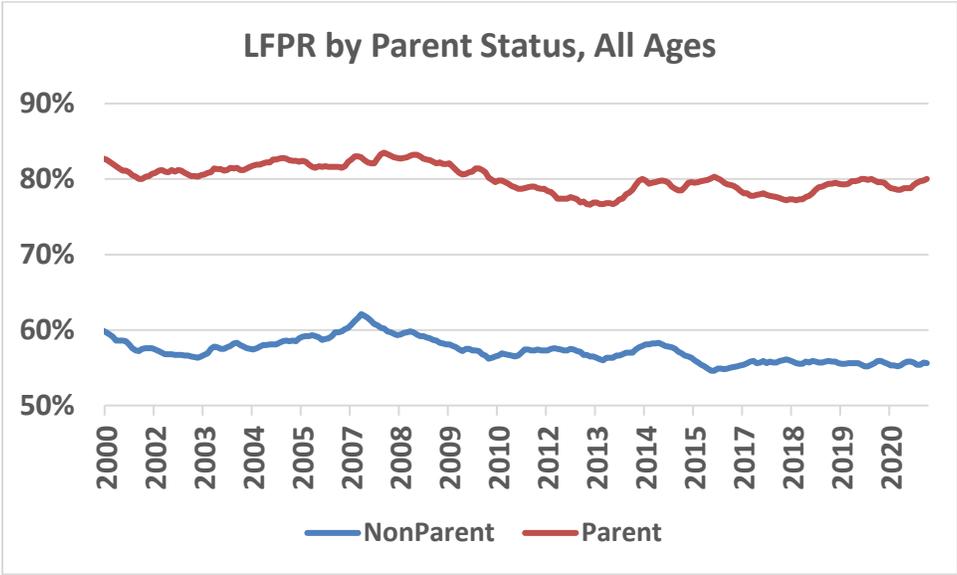


Women LFPR by Age Group



LFPR by Gender





LFPR by Parent Status and Gender Age 20-50

