

THE JOBS GAP & *SOCIAL JUSTICE IRELAND'S* EMPLOYMENT MONITOR

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Social Justice Ireland's **Employment Monitor**

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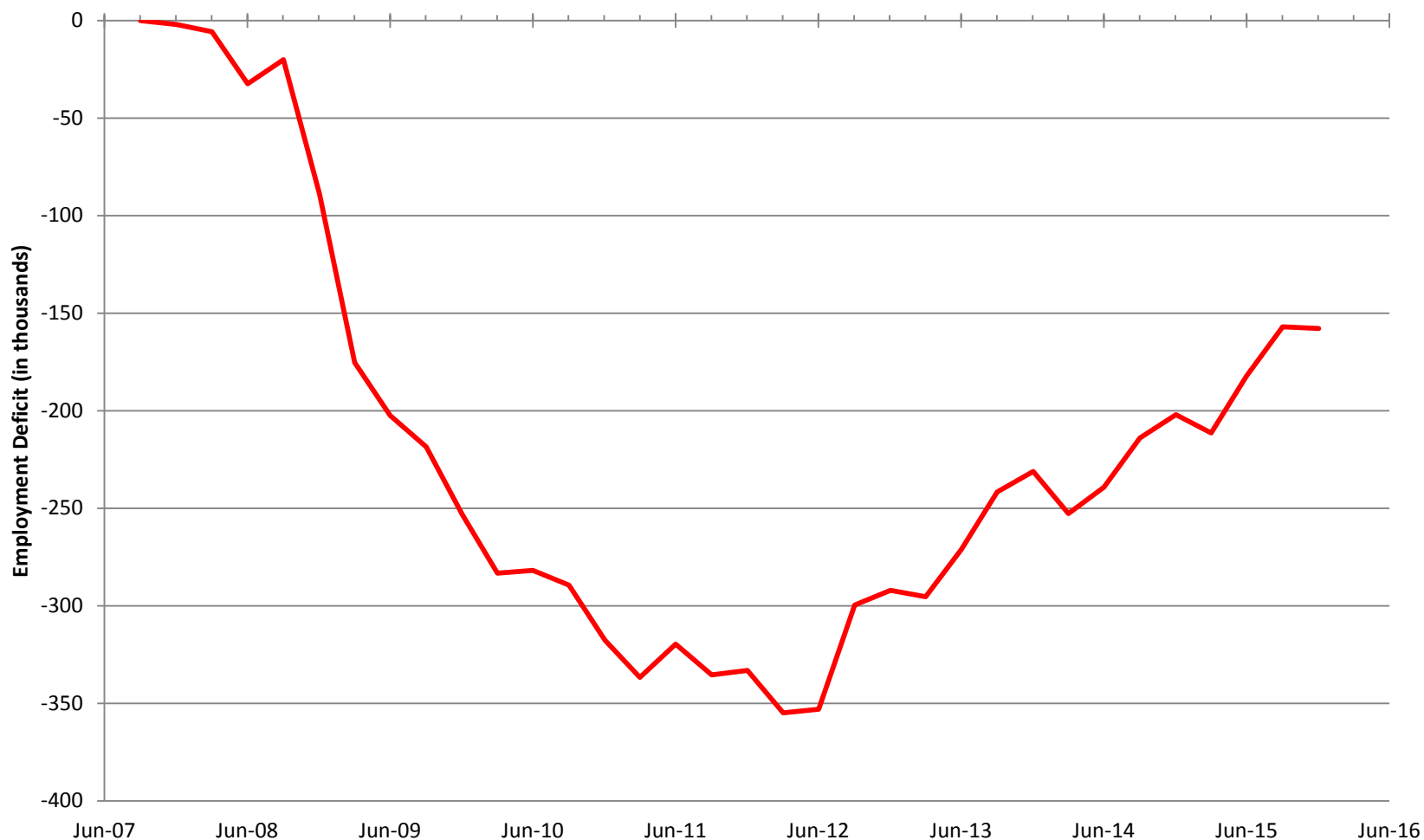
- **headline unemployment rate** in April 2016 was **8.4%**
- a decrease (seasonally adjusted) of
 - **0.2%** over the last 3 months
 - **1.3%** over the last 12 months
- **44,100 jobs created** in the 12 months to December 2015
- **Long-term unemployment rate remains high**, at 4.7%
- (approx 55% of those unemployed)
- There was an **increase in the Labour force** of 18,000 over the last 12 months

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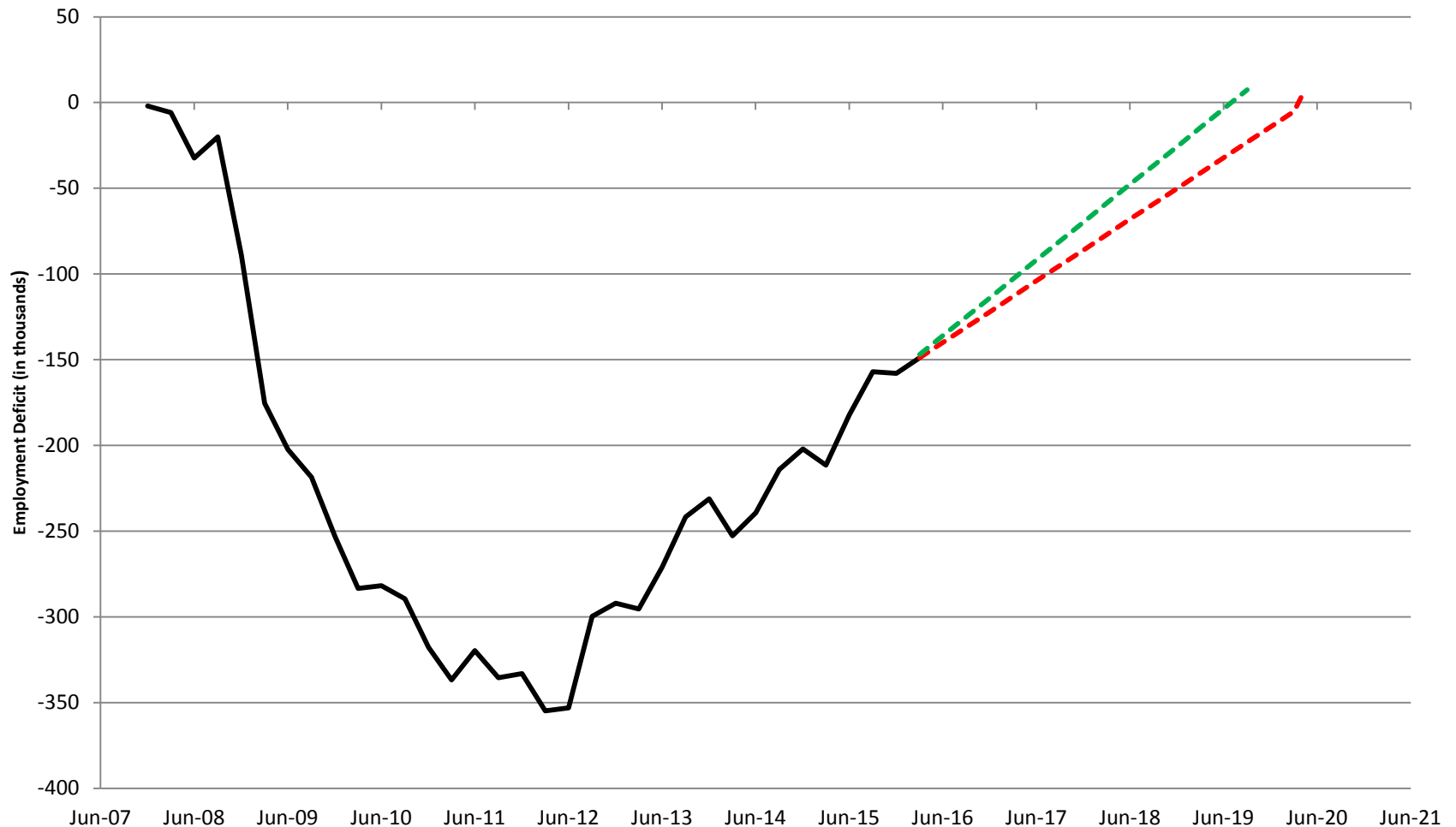
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- positive job creation in the Irish economy, year on year, since **Q3 2012**
- Current total of **1,983,000** jobs
- **157,900** short of the pre-recession peak of 2,140,900, recorded in Q3, 2007
- No longer sufficient to aim for this, though

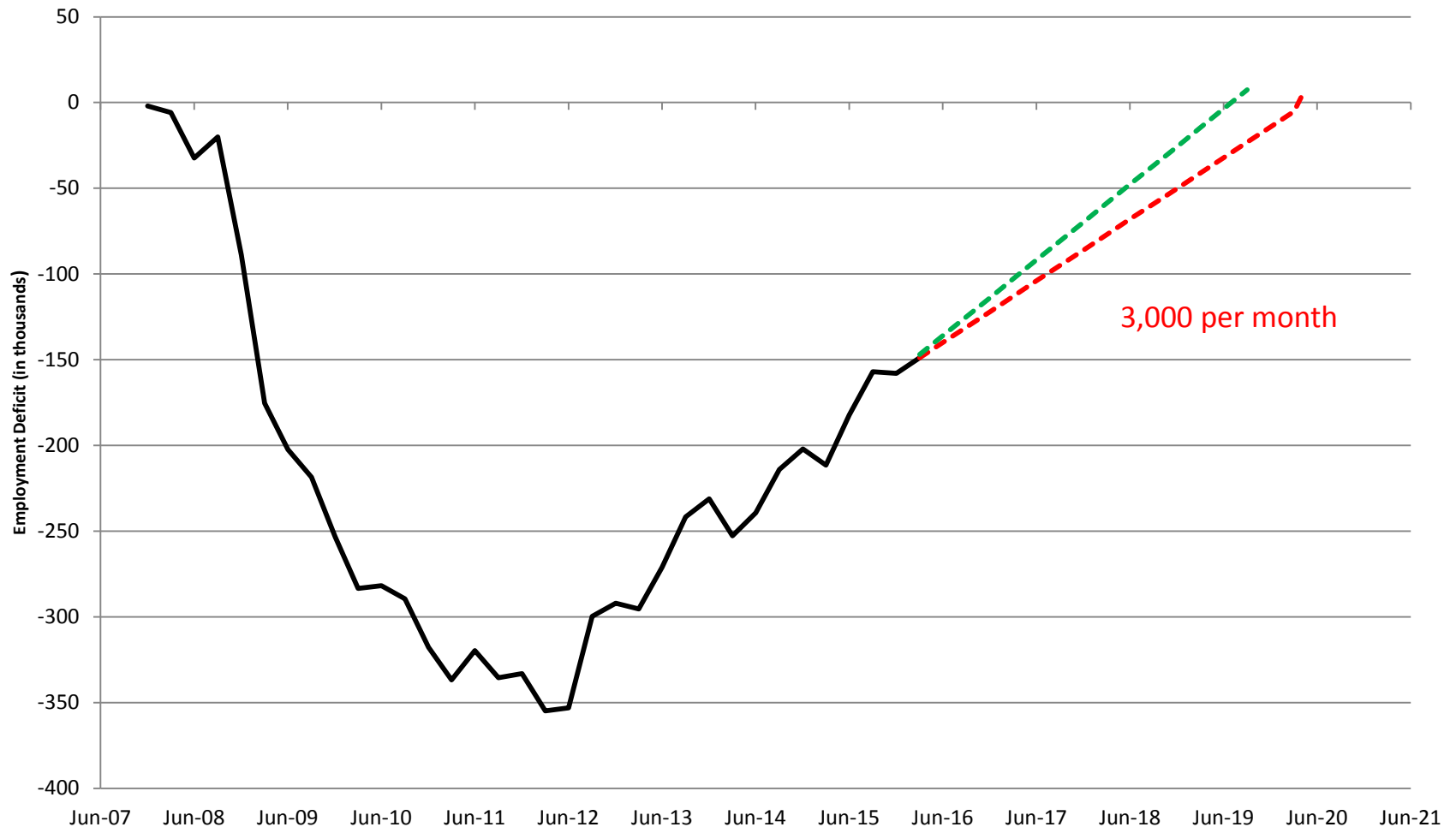
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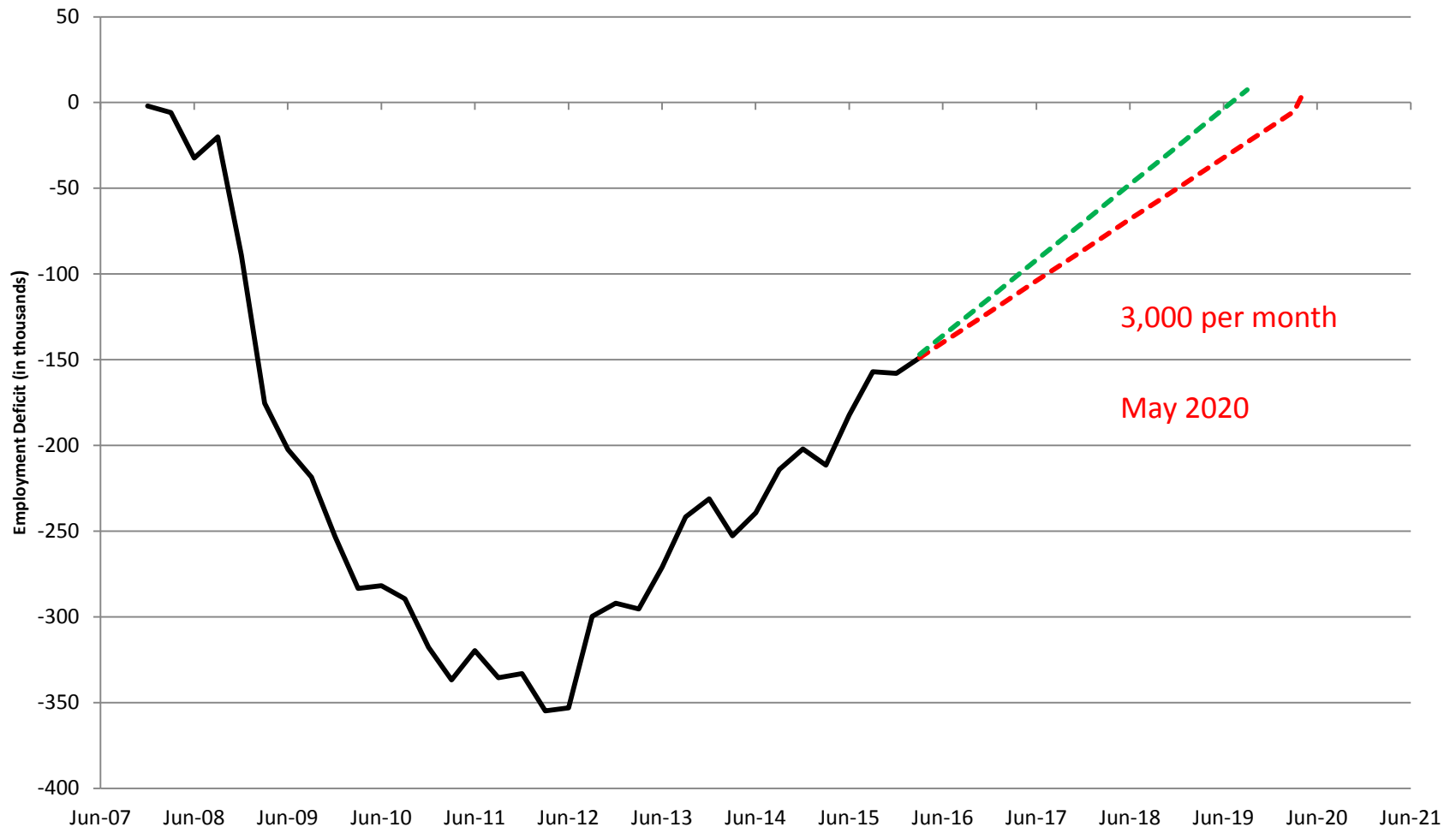
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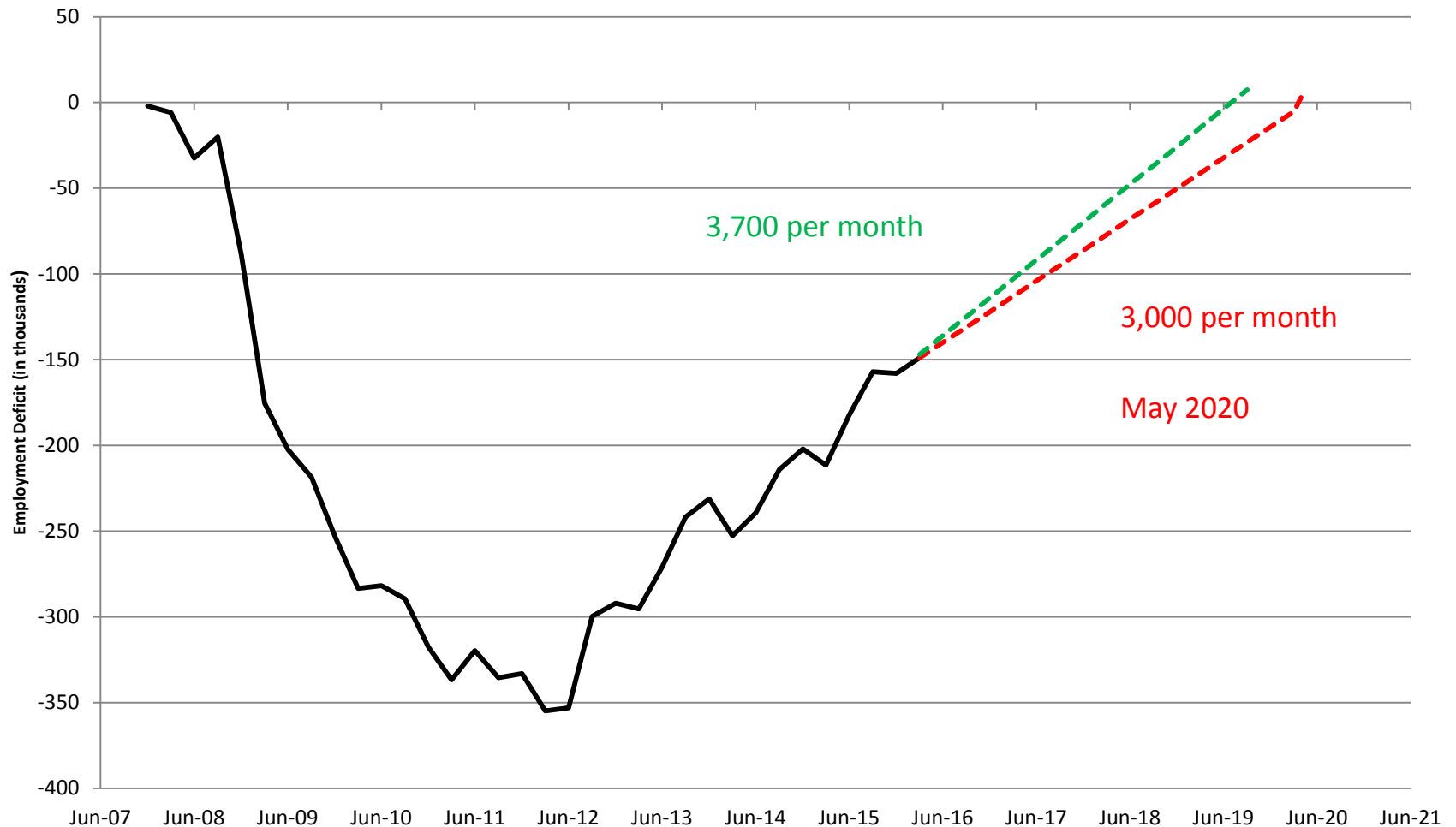
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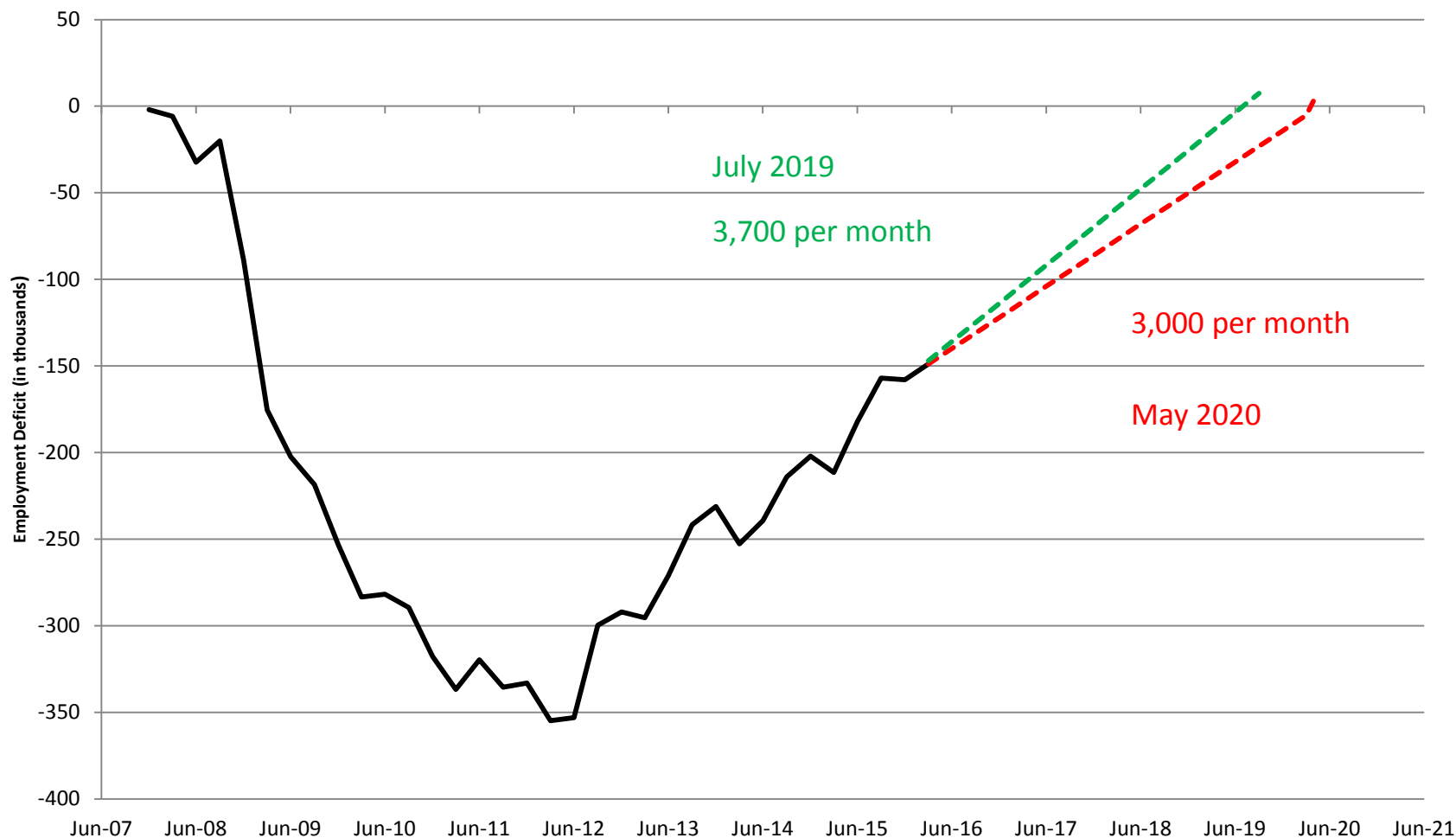
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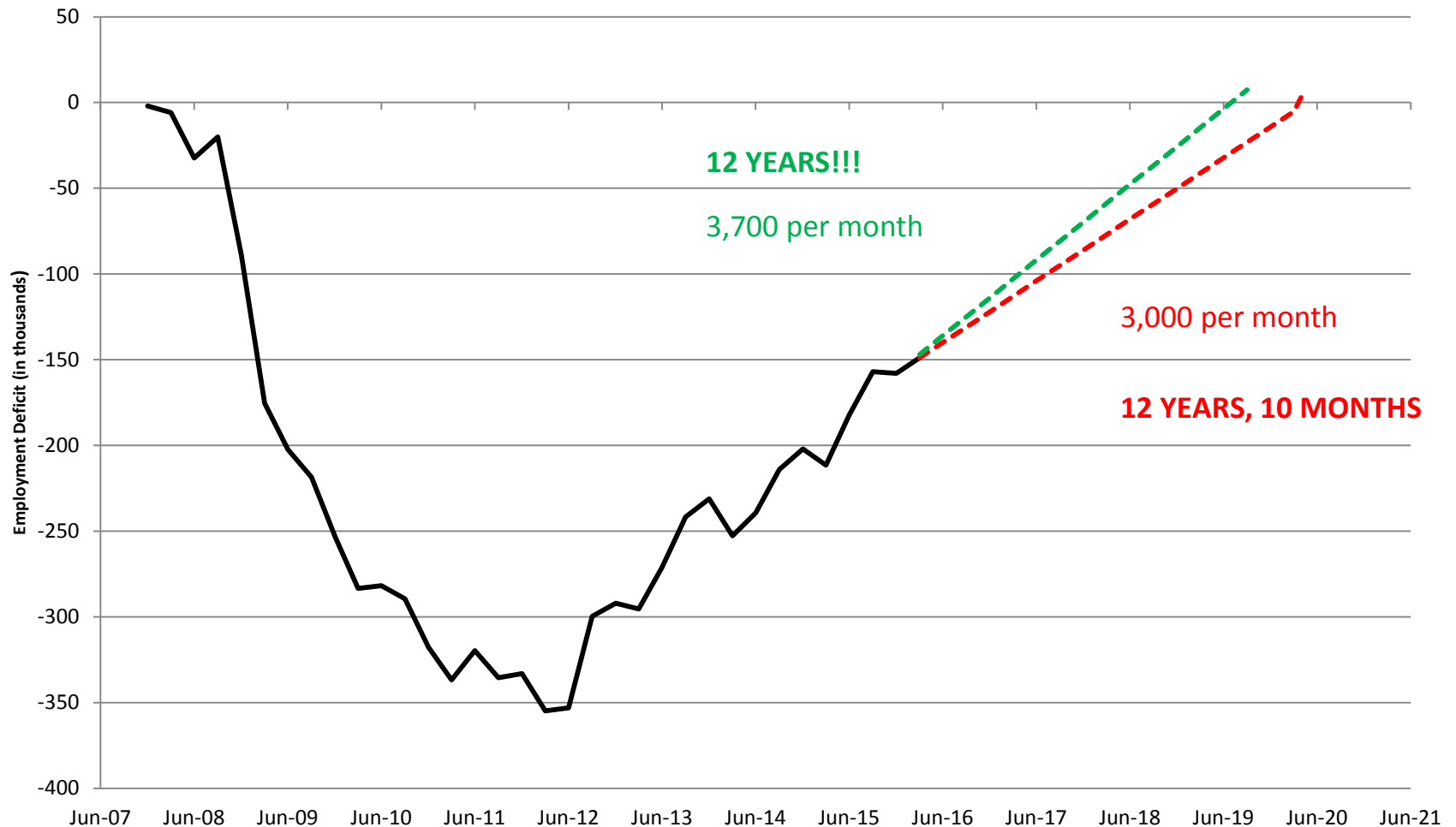
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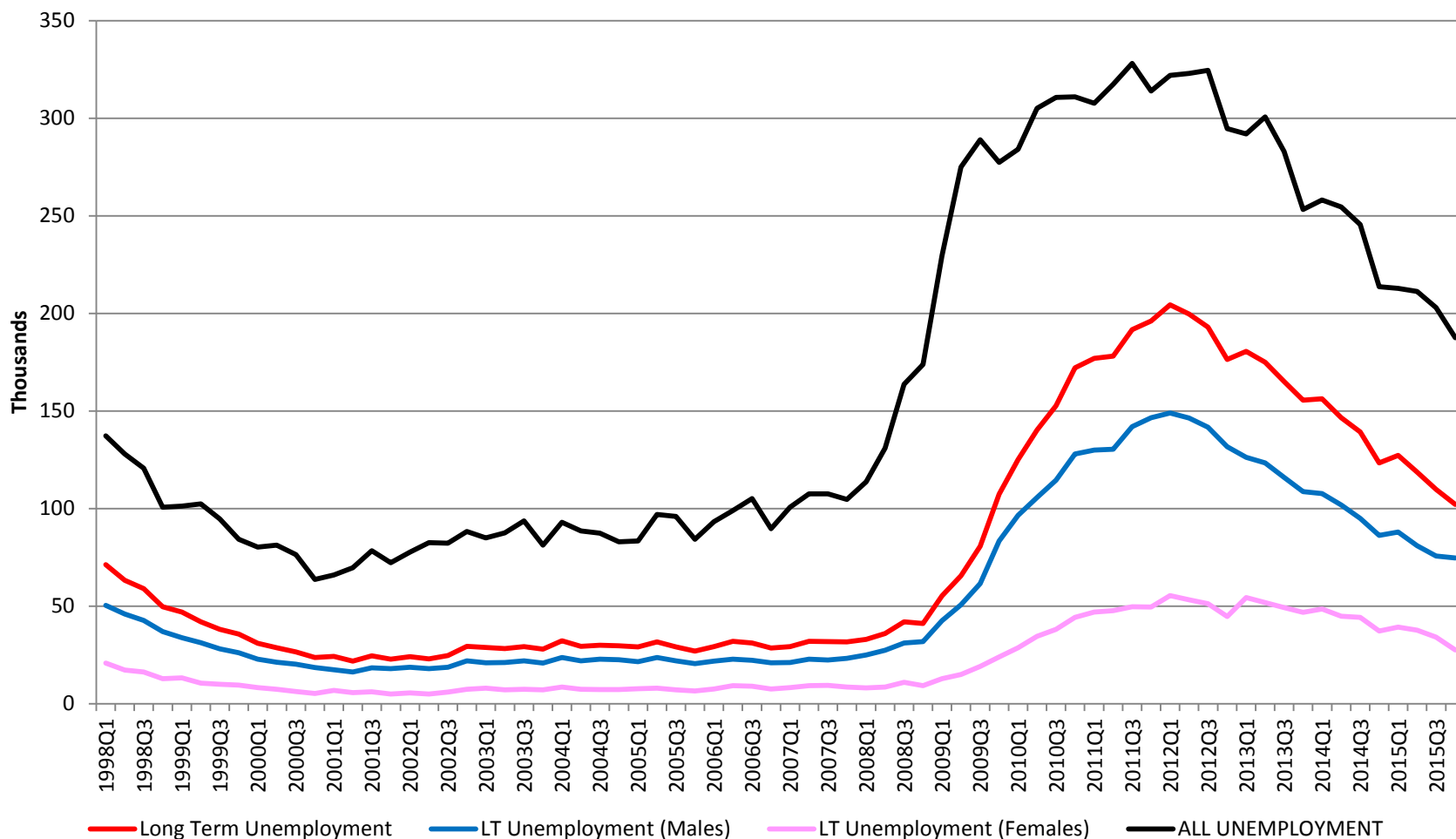
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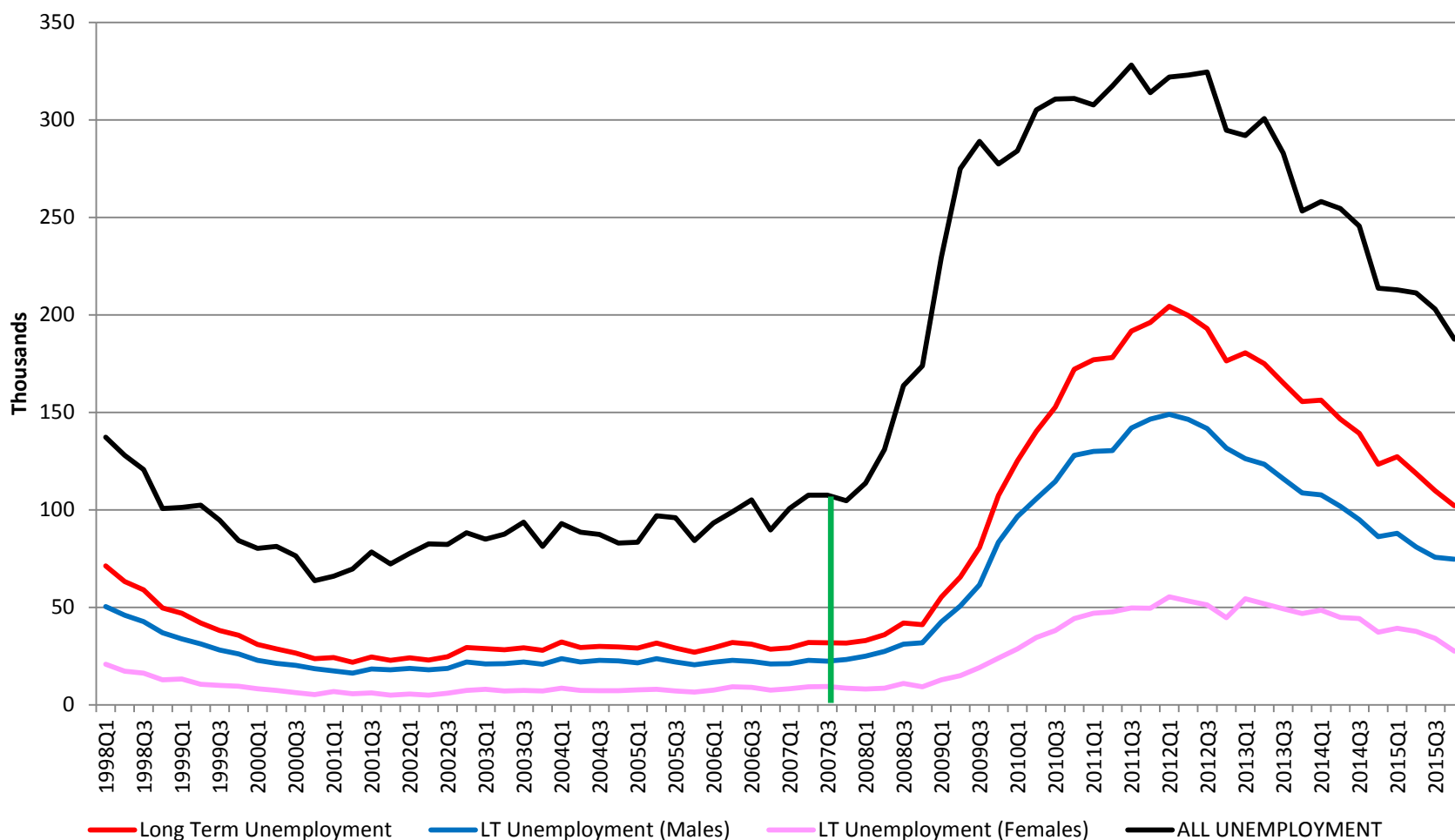
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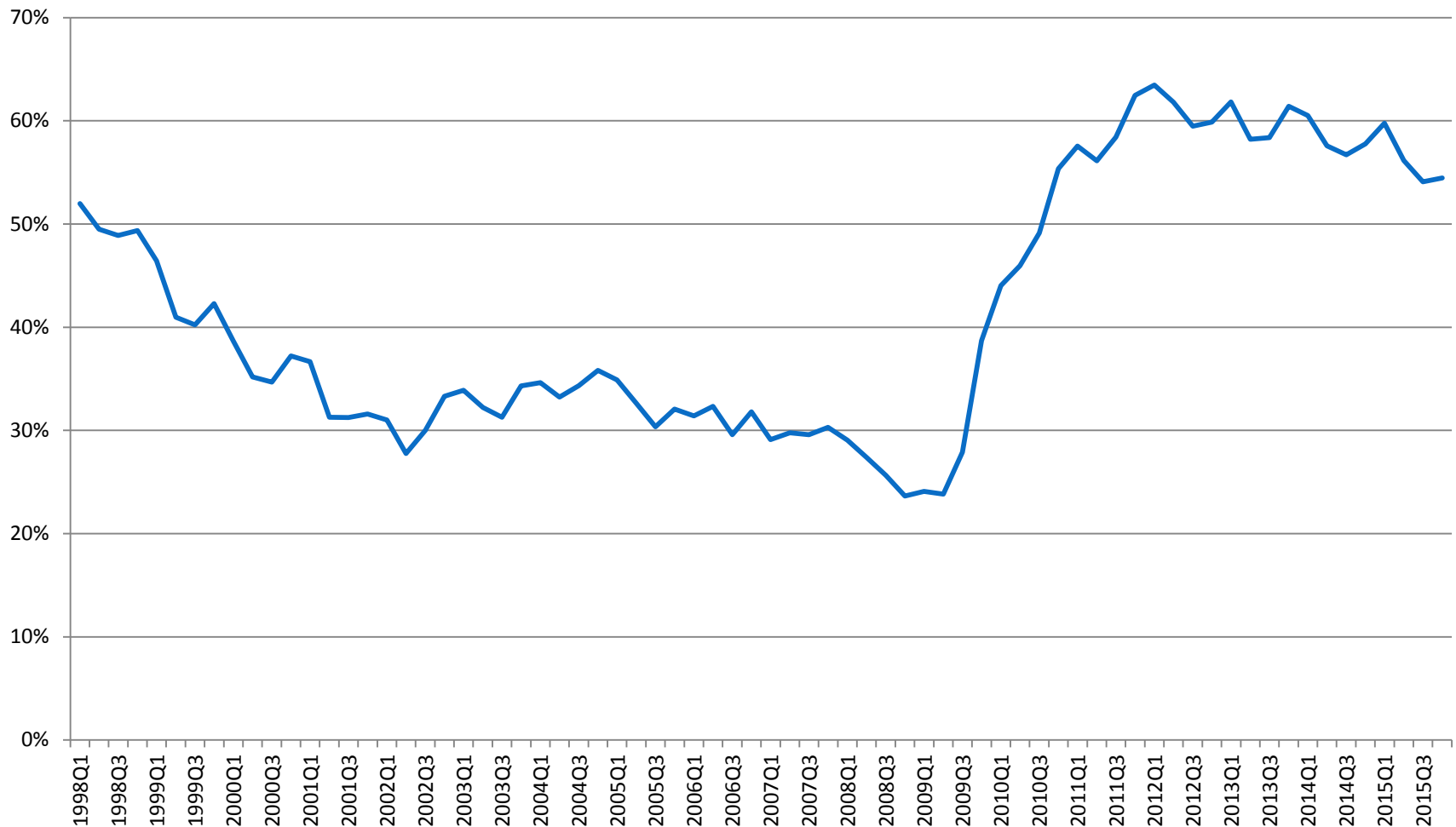
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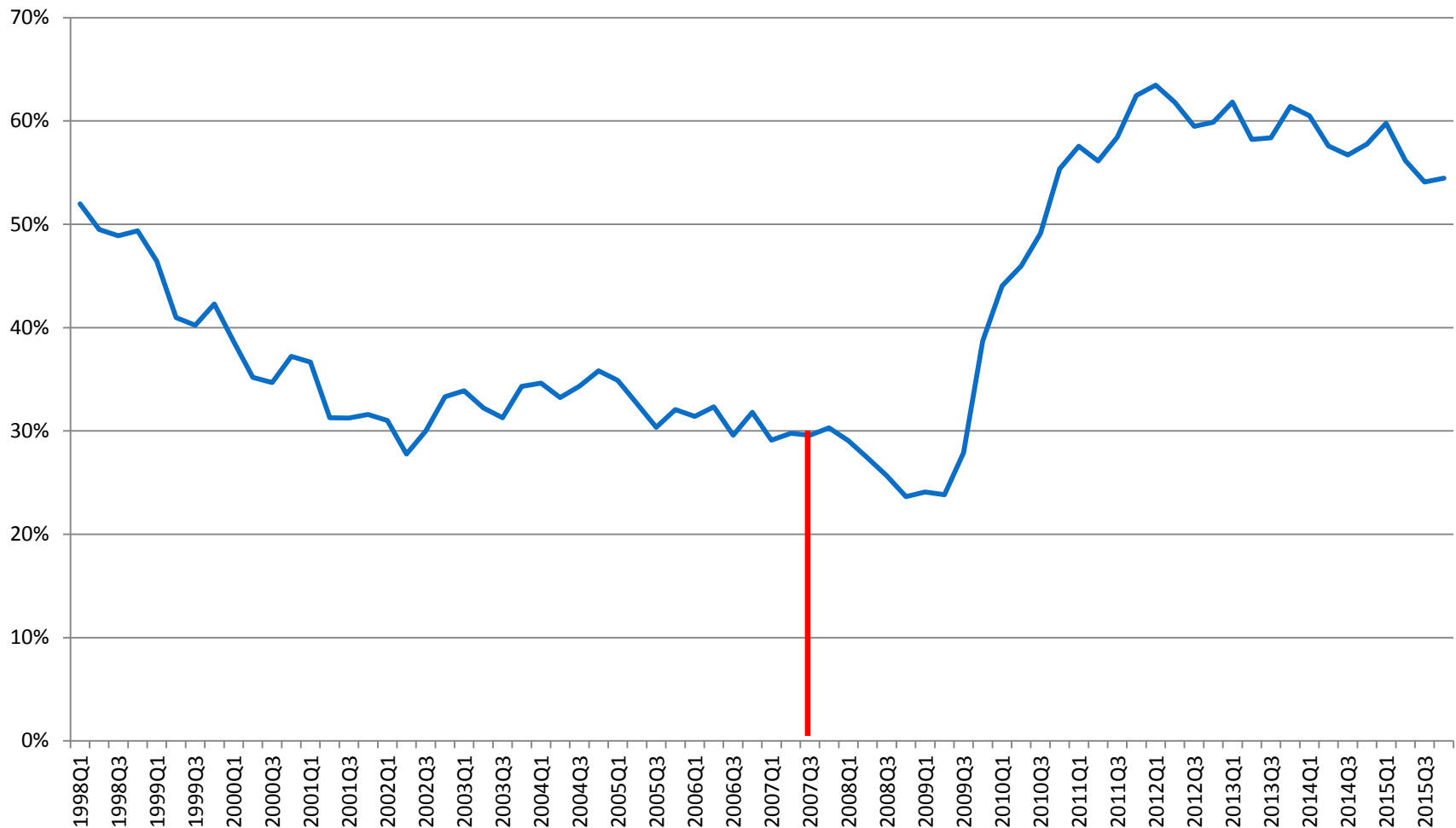
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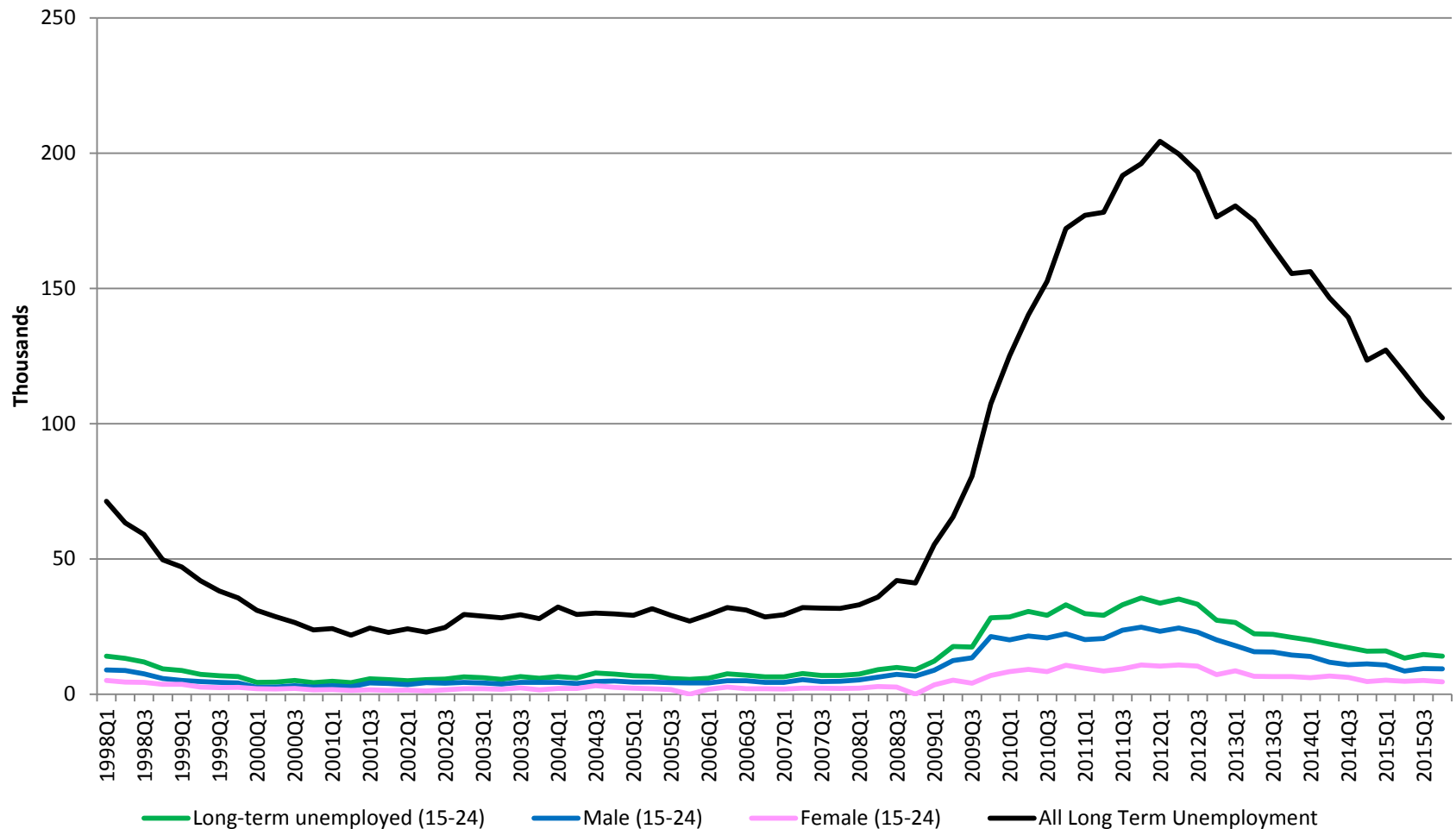
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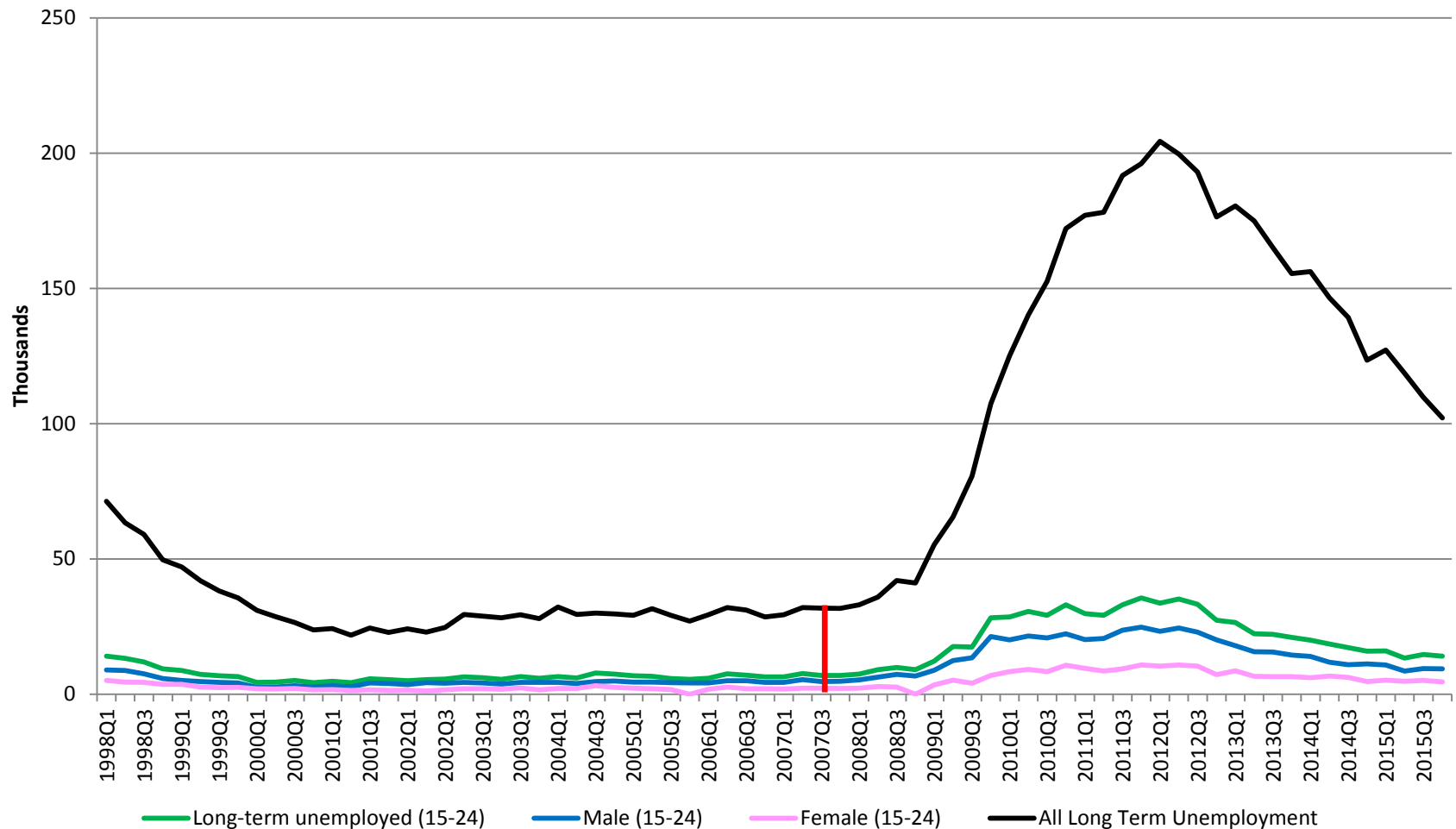
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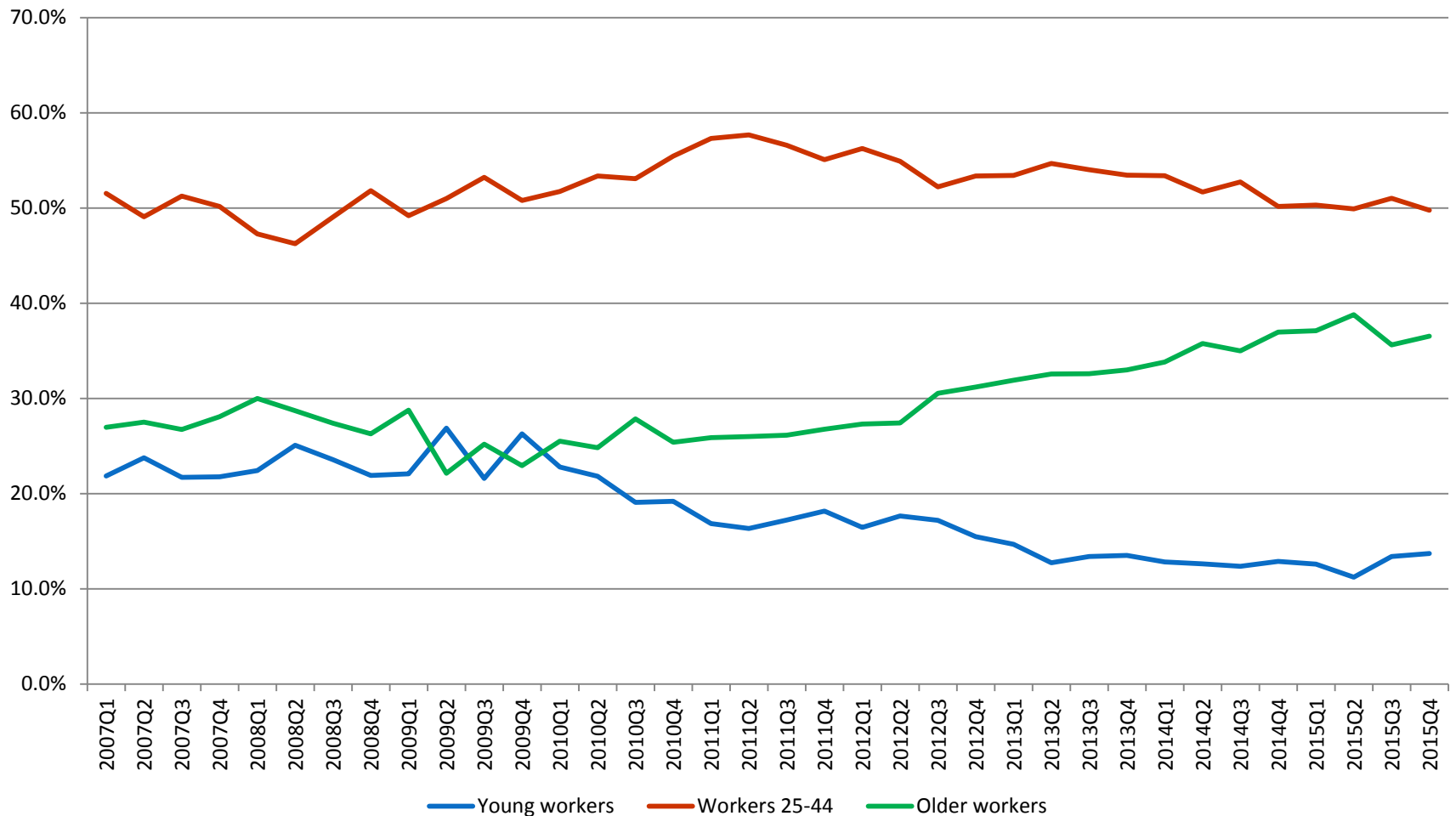
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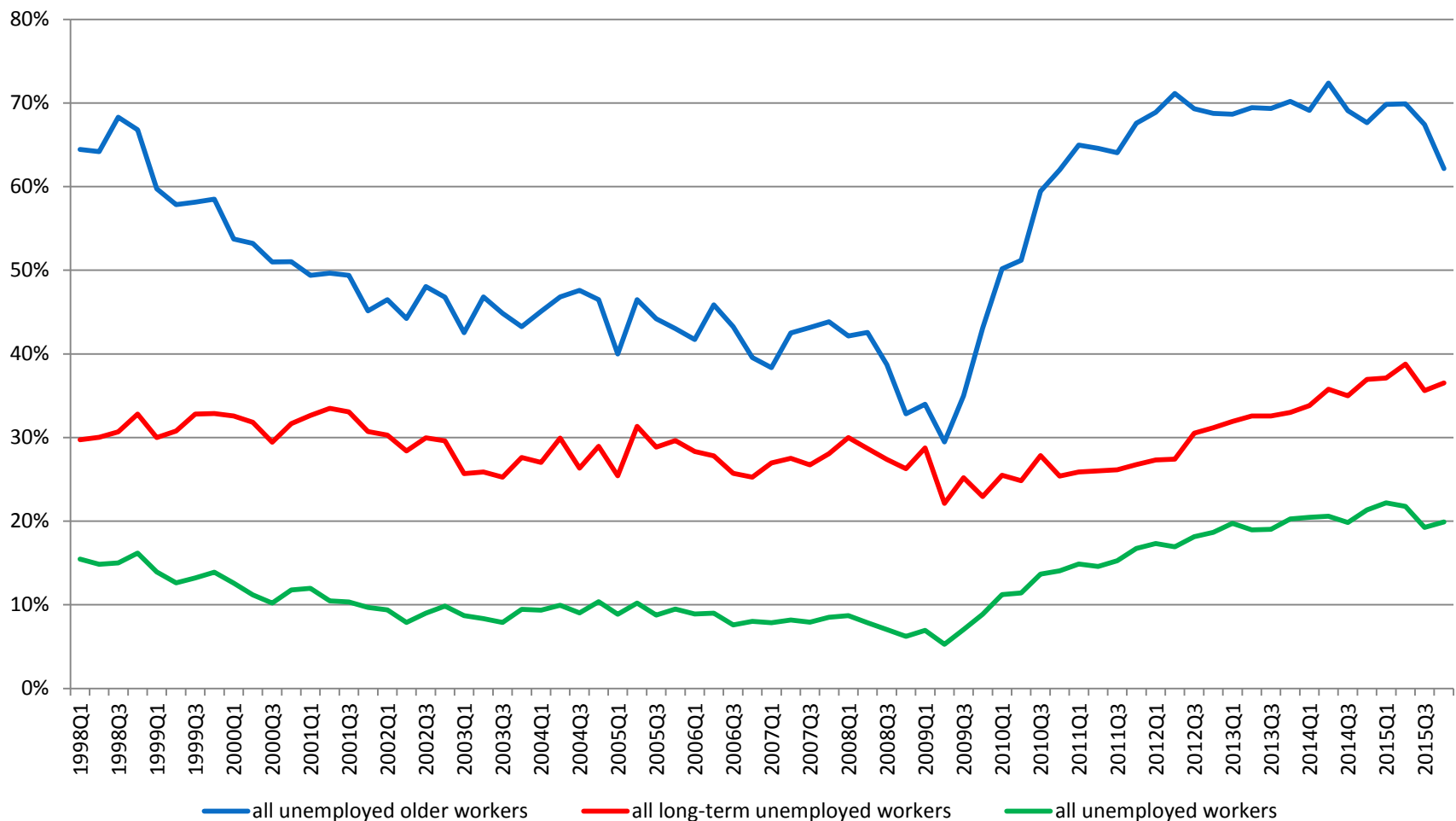
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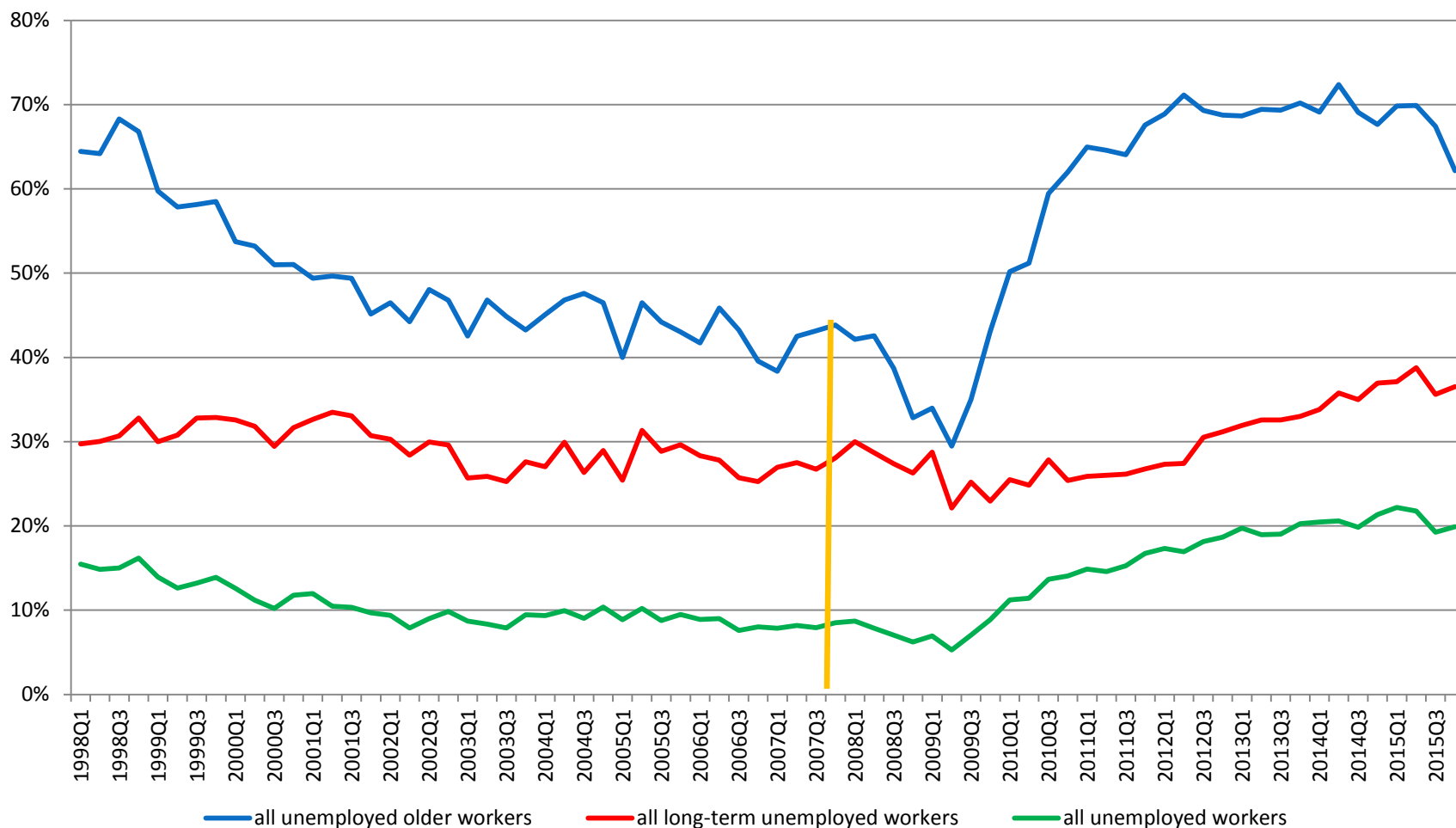
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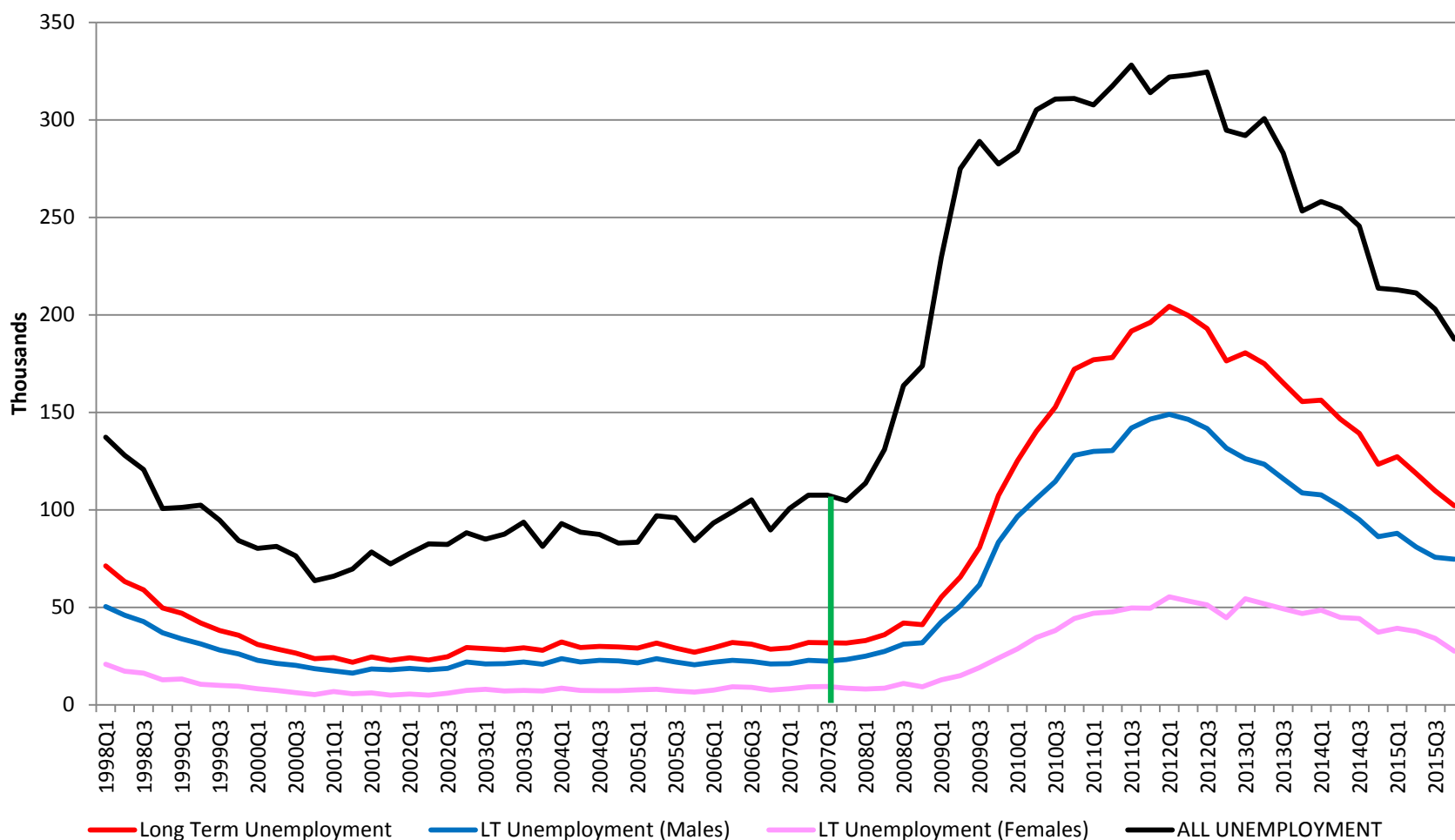
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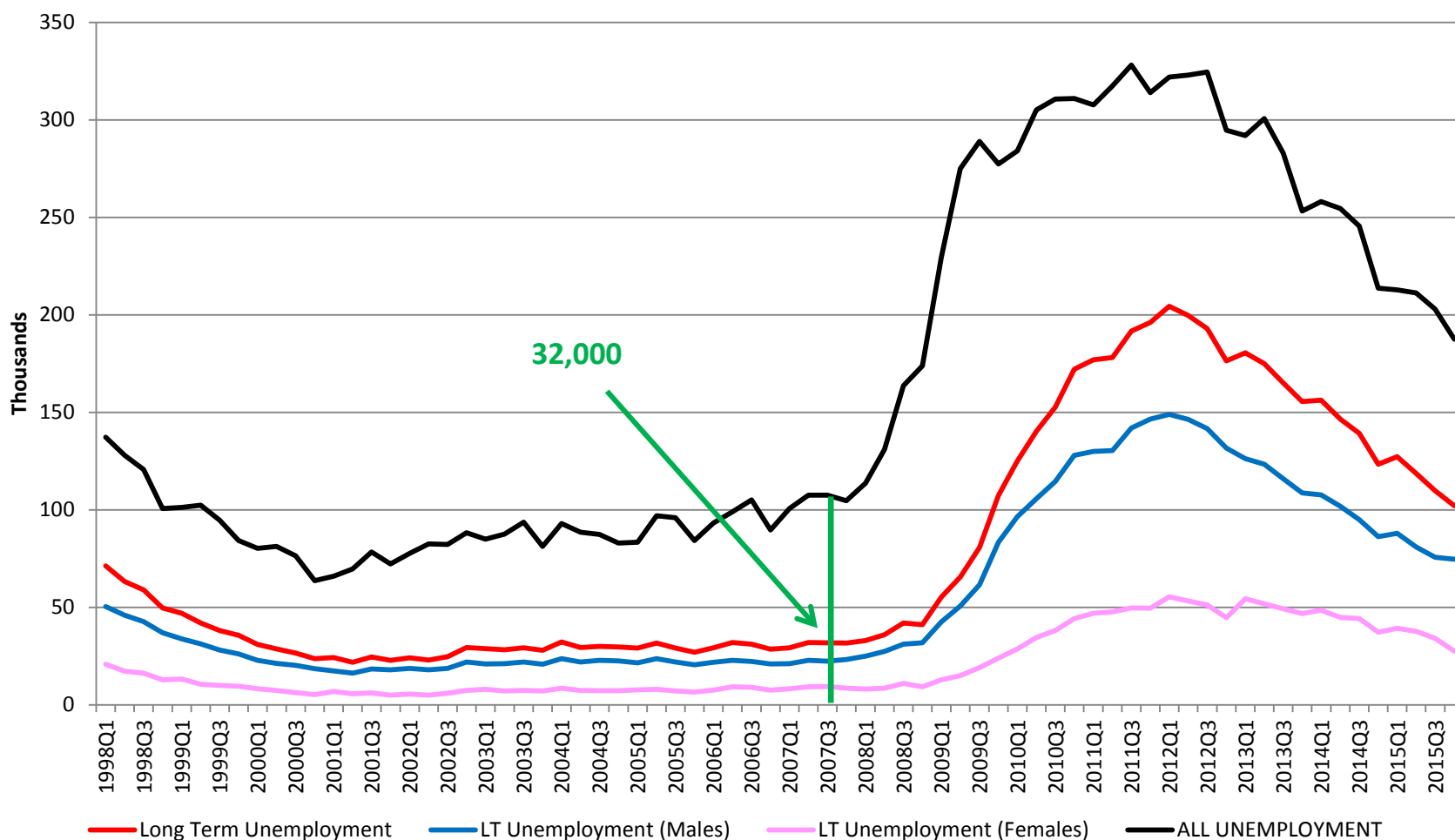
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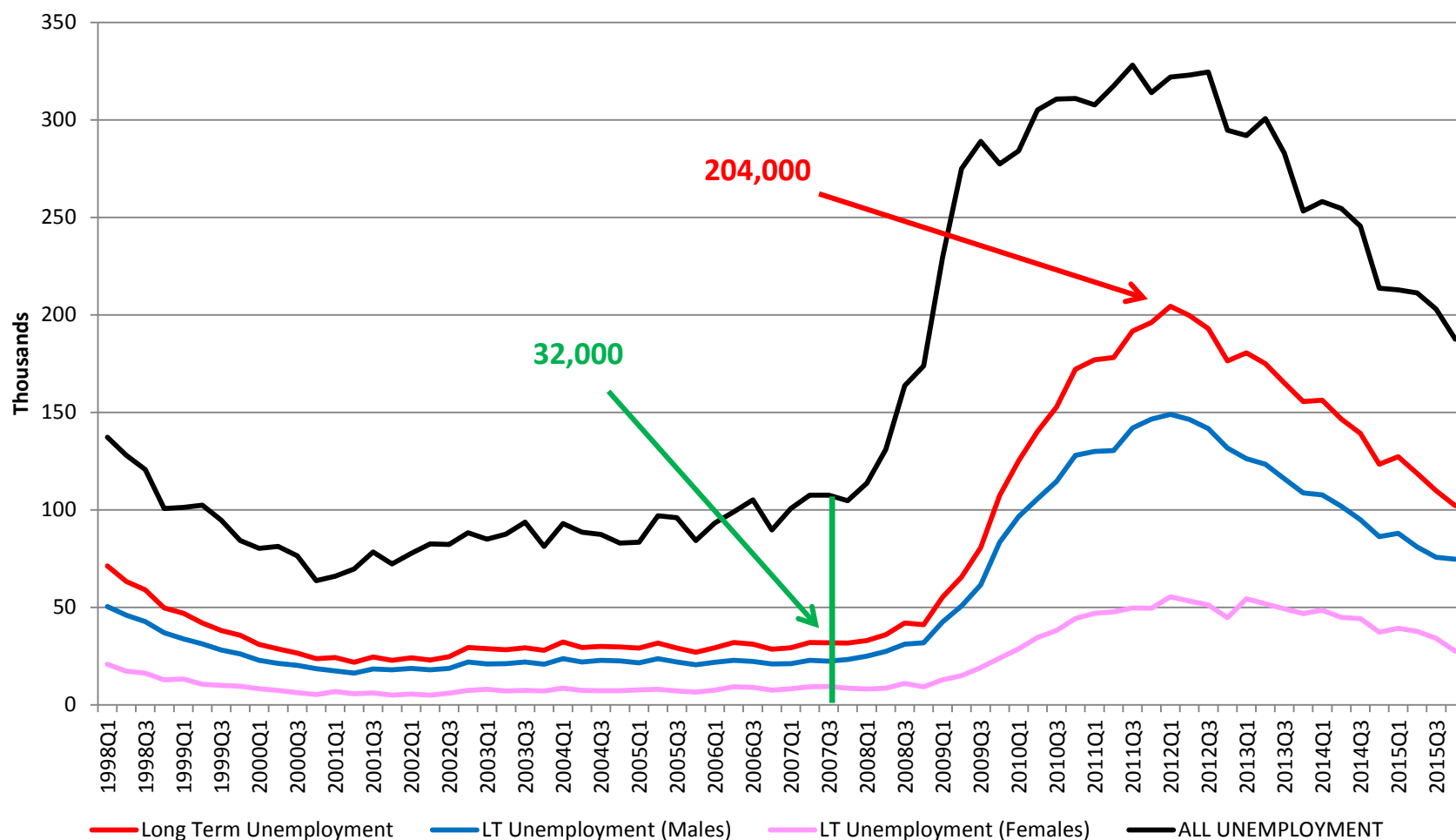
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CONCLUDING REMARKS



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