

Statement from the U.S. Private Sector Job Quality Index (“JQI”) Team on Vulnerabilities of Jobs in Certain Sectors to the Covid-19 Economic Shutdown

Almost 56% of US production and non-supervisory jobs (about 59.5 million jobs) offer weekly incomes below the \$802 weighted average weekly income for all such jobs. Together, those low-quality jobs offer a weighted average of \$539 in weekly income, or just over \$28,000 per year.

There is a subset of these workers, in jobs often offering substantially less income than the above average, who are particularly vulnerable to cessation of economic activity due to the spreading pandemic. Many occupy front-line, customer-facing jobs that offer both low hourly wages and a limited number of hours of work per week.

In addition, there are several higher quality job sectors – such as air transportation – that are seeing shutdowns due to industry-specific, as opposed to generalized consumer, inactivity.

The JQI Team has prepared an advisory list of the sectors that we believe are likely to face the most severe levels of short-term job loss, divided into low and high quality job categories, respectively, as [defined by the JQI methodology](#).

In total, we estimate that over 37 million U.S. jobs may be vulnerable to potential layoffs in the short term.

In connection with the list, set forth on the following pages, the following should be noted:

- The job totals here incorporate only production and non-supervisory jobs. There are other management level jobs in each of the below sectors, although they are less likely to suffer layoffs.
- The list assumes that the Covid-19 crisis does not ultimately result in widespread, long-term, layoffs of goods producing workers (i.e. that the crisis will be of modest duration). It focuses on those workers in sectors that are effectively being forced to shut down as a result of social-distancing recommendations or shelter-in-place requirements. Accordingly, the list assumes that the freight transportation, warehousing and wholesaling sectors will continue to remain in relatively sustained operation.

The JQI Team wishes all good health and encourages full cooperation with government advisories aimed at restricting the transmission of the novel coronavirus, so as to limit the duration of this crisis.

**US Front Line "At-risk" Jobs During COVID-19 Crisis
Based on Job Quality Index ("JQI") Data**

Low-wage/Low-hour Jobs Below the JQI Benchmark Weekly Average

Income of \$801.47 (as of January 2020) Thousands of Jobs

Gasoline stations	798.00
General merchandise stores	2,841.90
Employment services	3,469.70
Business support services	749.90
Travel arrangement & reservation services	178.60
Museums, historical sites, and similar institutions	137.40
Amusements, gambling, and recreation industries	1,567.80
Education	3,273.70
Special food services	629.90
Drinking places, alcoholic beverages	342.90
Full-service restaurants	5,043.20
Limited-service restaurants	4,022.80
Cafeterias, grill buffets, and buffets	102.00
Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars	694.20
Membership associations & organizations	2,497.90
Other motor vehicle dealers	132.70
Auto parts, accessories, & tire stores	474.40
Furniture stores	184.30
Home furnishings stores	211.80
Building material and supplies dealers	959.40
Lawn and garden equipment and supplies stores	129.50
Clothing stores	799.40
Shoe stores	143.90
Jewelry, luggage, & leather goods stores	97.30
Sporting goods & musical instrument stores	396.30
Book stores & news dealers	68.40
Florists	49.30
Office supplies, stationery, & gift stores	183.40
Used merchandise stores	152.70
Other miscellaneous store retailers	289.50
Lessors of real estate	481.10
Offices of real estate agents and brokers	268.70
Performing arts companies	114.50
Spectator sports	124.50
Agents, promoters & managers of arts, sports, & similar events	152.30
Traveler accommodation	1,726.20
RV parks and recreational camps	56.90
Auto repair & maintenance services	774.40
Personal care services	631.60
Drycleaning and laundry services	254.30

TOTAL AT-RISK LOW QUALITY JOBS

35,206.70

Special Situation High-wage/High-hour Jobs Above the JQI Benchmark	
Average Income of \$801.47 (as of January 2020)	Thousands of Jobs
Retail electronics & appliance	373.90
Air transportation	434.30
Automobile dealers	1,110.90
TOTAL SPECIAL SITUATION HIGH QUALITY AT-RISK JOBS	1,919.10
TOTAL AT-RISK LOW QUALITY JOBS	<u>35,206.70</u>
TOTAL AT-RISK FRONT LINE JOBS	37,125.80