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# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

GOTHENBURG REGION



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## Stronger position for key markets

REAL GDP GROWTH – FORECAST 2021-2022 (IN %) FOR SWEDEN AND SOME OF THE GOTHENBURG REGION'S KEY EXPORT MARKETS

Country	Share of region's exports	2021	↗ → ↘	2022
Sweden*		4.4%	↘	3.6%
USA	14.4%	6.3%	↘	4.1%
Belgium	10.9%	5.1%	↘	3.6%
Norway	9.7%	3.2%	↗	3.8%
China	9.5%	8.4%	↘	5.6%
Germany	8.3%	3.2%	↗	4.6%
Denmark	7.3%	3.3%	→	3.3%
Finland	5.7%	3.0%	↘	2.9%
United Kingdom	5.1%	7.1%	↘	5.6%
Netherlands	3.8%	3.4%	↗	3.5%
France	3.4%	5.9%	↘	4.2%
GDP growth for Gothenburg region's top 10 export markets (weighted by export share)	78.1%	5.0%	↘	4.1%
Eurozone		4.7%	↘	4.3%
World		5.9%	↘	4.4%

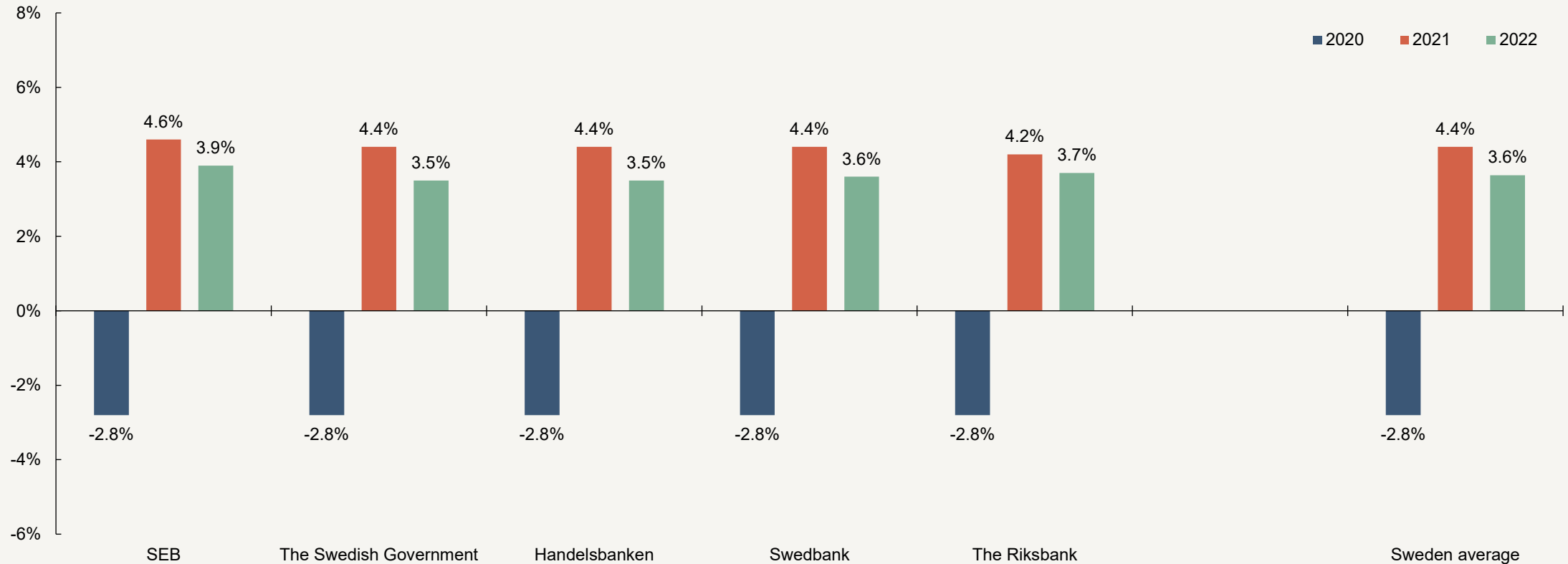
Source: SEB, Swedbank, Handelsbanken, OECD (August 2021) and EU (July 2021)

\* Average of the five last forecasts in the summary produced by the National Institute of Economic Research based on data from SEB, the Swedish Government, Handelsbanken, Swedbank and The Riksbank.



# Good expectations for Sweden's economic growth

THE FIVE LATEST FORECASTS OF SWEDEN'S GDP GROWTH (IN %) 2020-2022



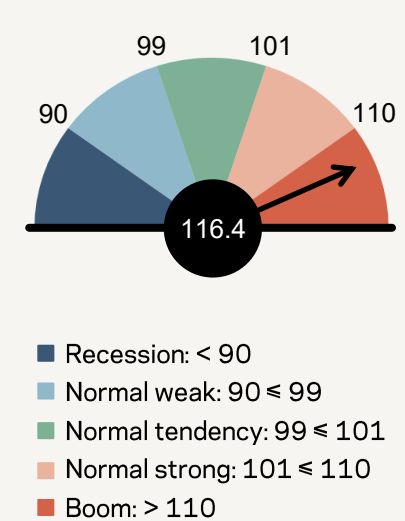
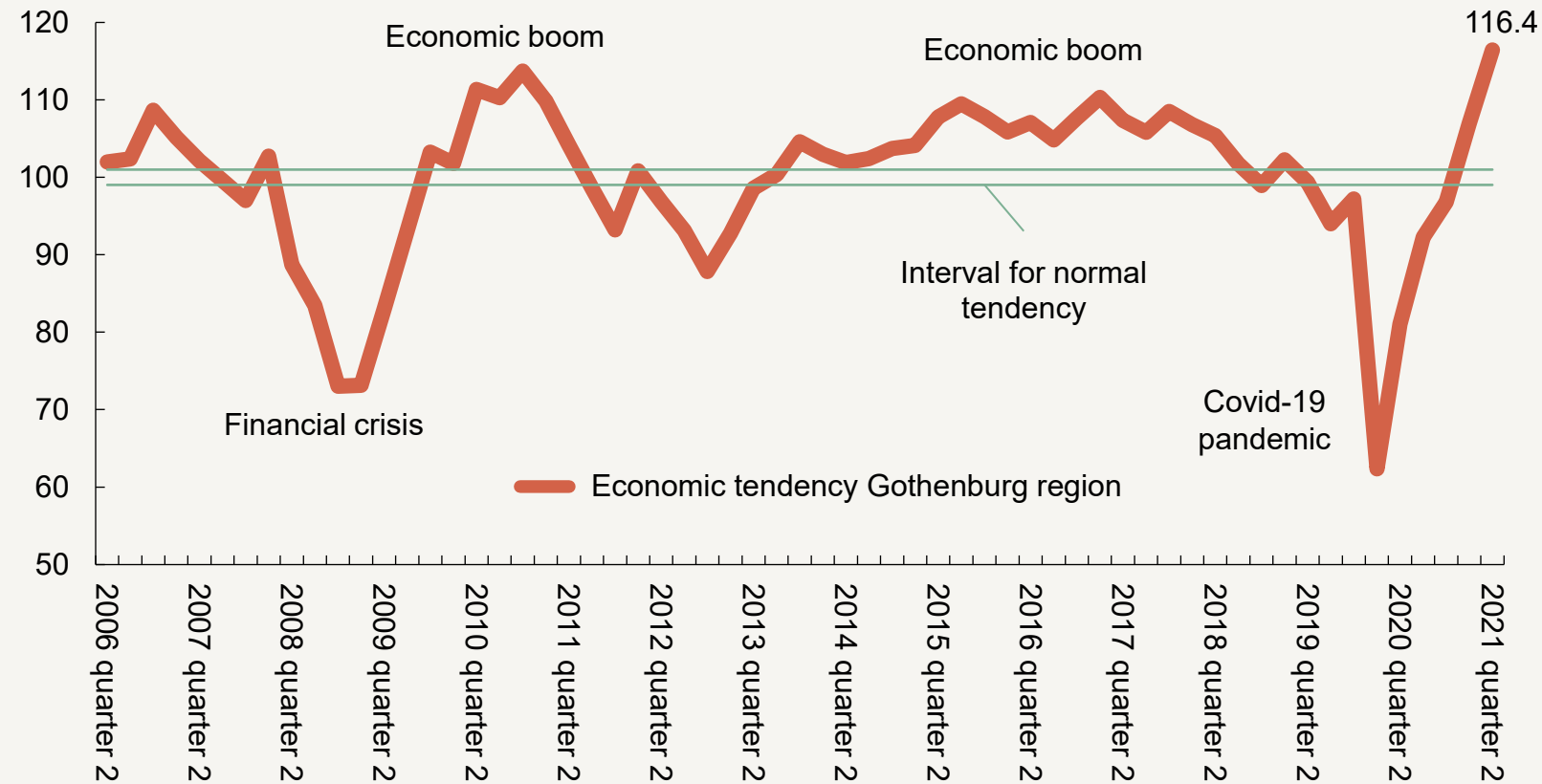
Source: National Institute of Economic Research

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# Economic tendency in the region gears up to a boom

ECONOMIC TENDENCY INDICATOR FOR BUSINESSES IN THE GOTHENBURG REGION – PER QUARTER FROM 2006



1,533 companies in Gothenburg region's business environment got the survey. 730 companies answered, which gives a response rate of 48 per cent. Survey period:

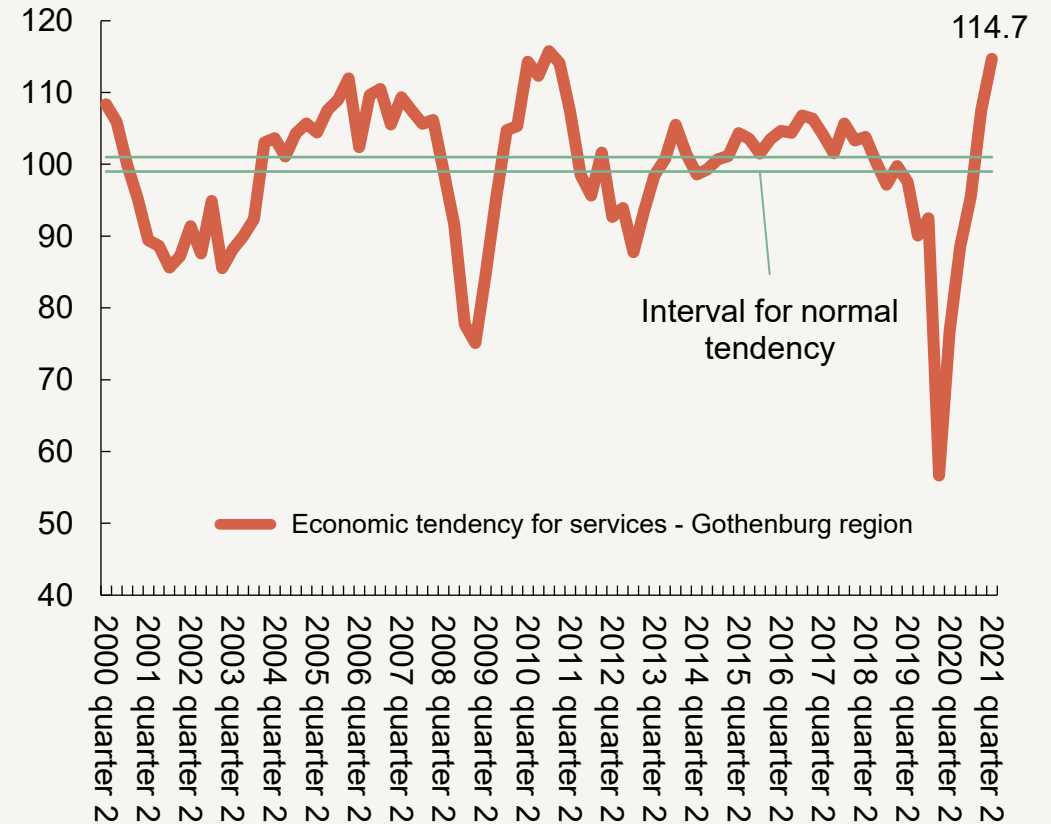
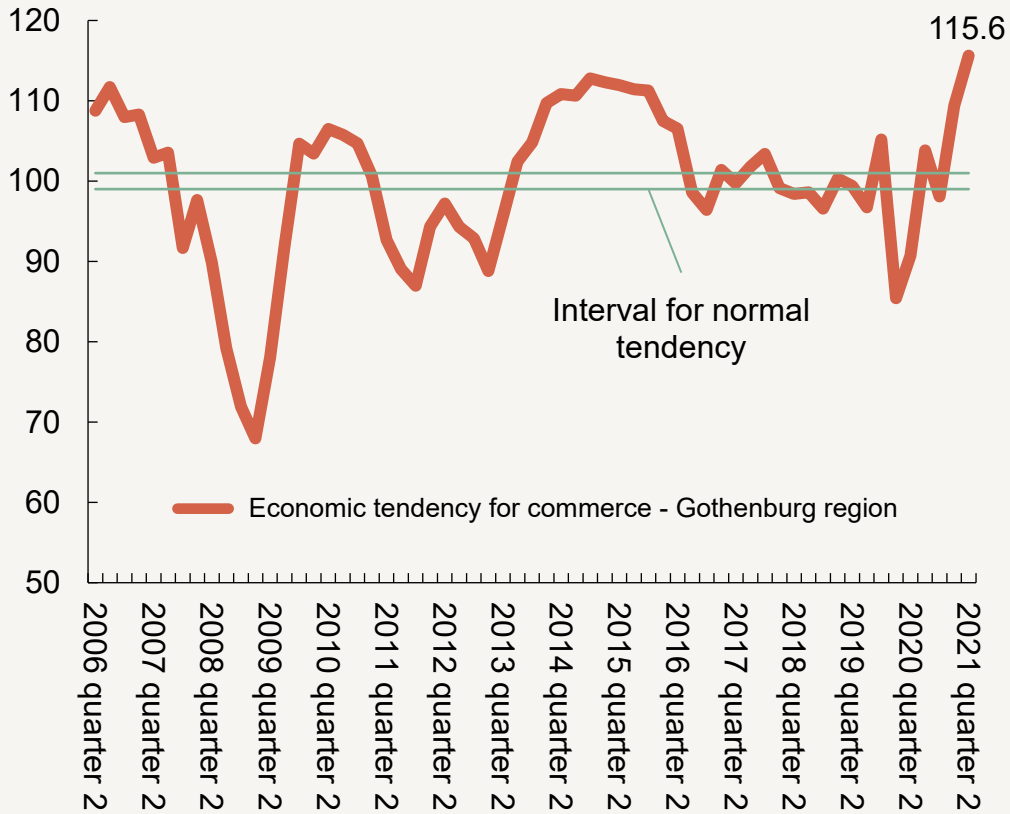
30 June 2021 - 21 July 2021

Source: National Institute of Economic Research



# Booming tendencies in both commerce and services

## ECONOMIC TENDENCY INDICATOR PER SECTOR FOR BUSINESSES IN THE GOTHENBURG REGION



Source: National Institute of Economic Research

Interval for economic tendency:

- Recession: < 90
- Normal weak:  $90 \leq 99$
- Normal tendency:  $99 \leq 101$
- Normal strong:  $101 \leq 110$
- Boom: > 110





# Job growth within commerce and services

EMPLOYED PER SECTOR IN THE GOTHENBURG REGION - NET BALANCE PER QUARTER FROM 2006

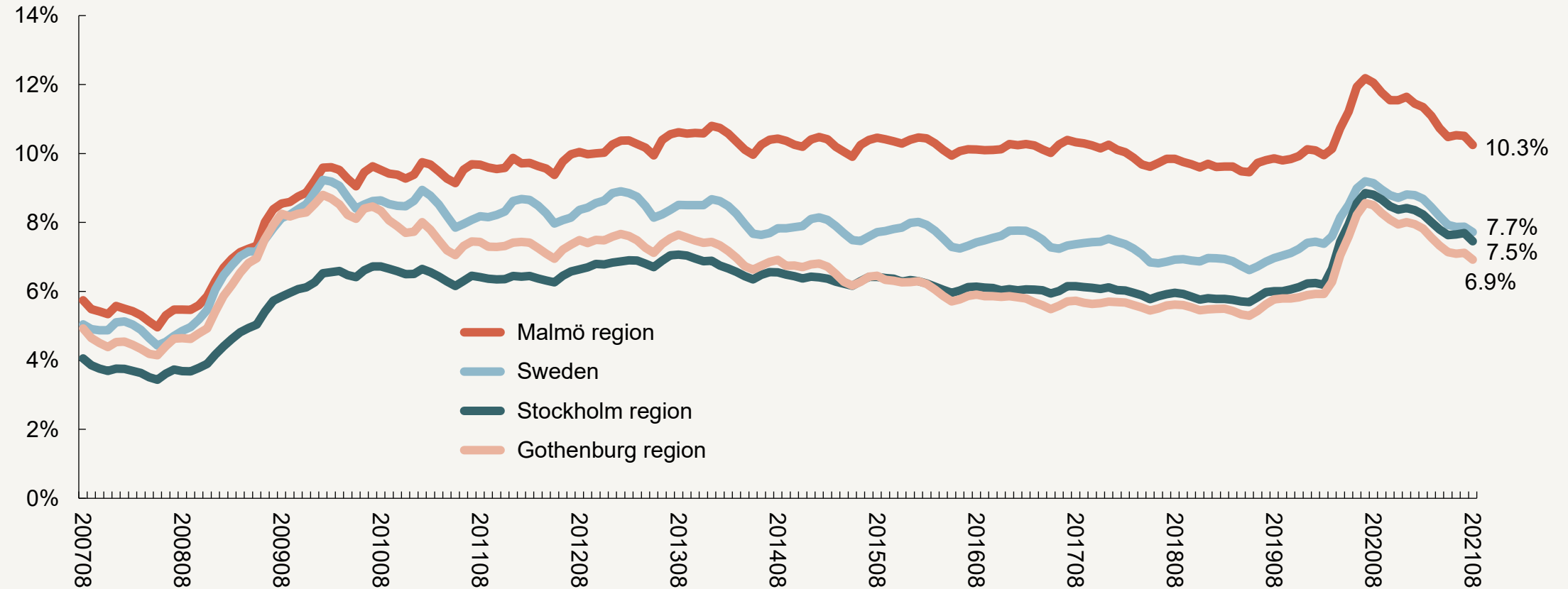


Source: National Institute of Economic Research



# The region's unemployment goes below seven per cent

UNEMPLOYED AND PEOPLE IN LABOUR MARKET POLICY PROGRAMMES -  
PERCENTAGE OF THE WORK FORCE AGED 16 TO 64



Source: Swedish Public Employment Service and Statistics Sweden



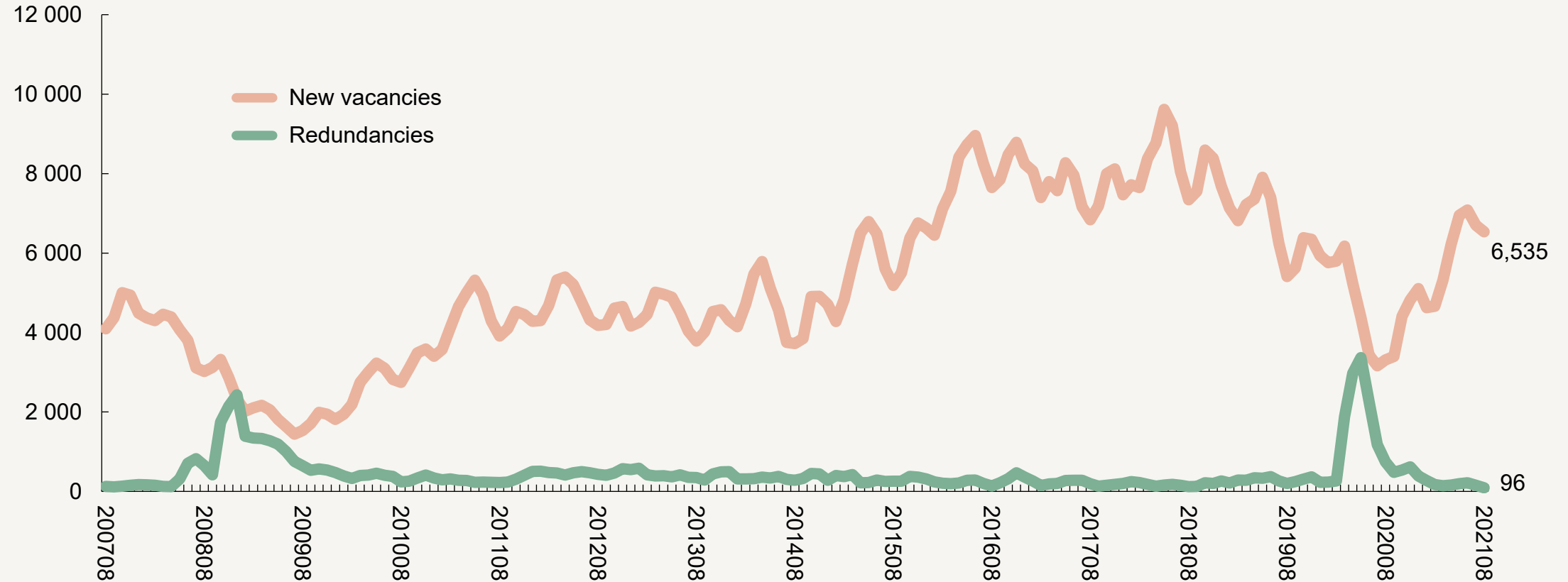
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## Many new vacancies and few redundancies in the region

NEW VACANCIES FOR PERMANENT POSITIONS AND REDUNDANCIES IN THE GOTHENBURG REGION - THREE-MONTH ROLLING AVERAGE



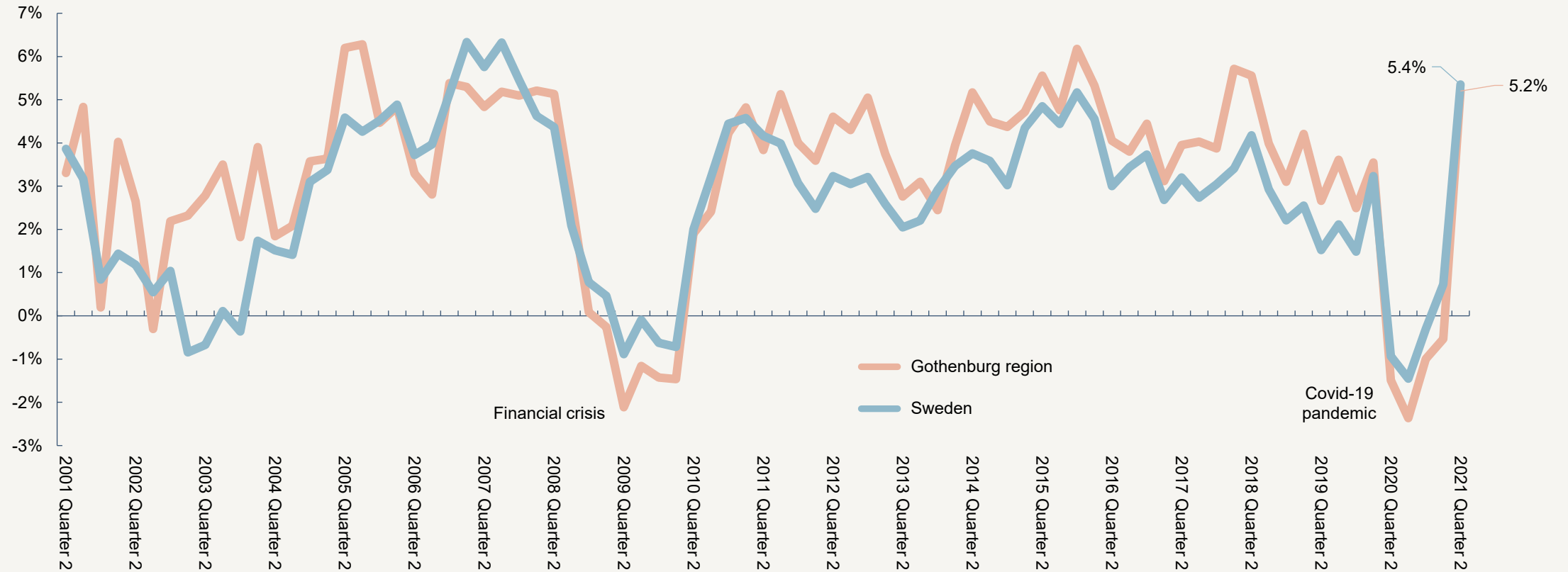
Source: Swedish Public Employment Service





# Strong wage sum growth within the private sector

REAL GROWTH IN WAGE SUMS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR - CHANGE COMPARED TO THE SAME QUARTER PREVIOUS YEAR



Source: Statistics Sweden

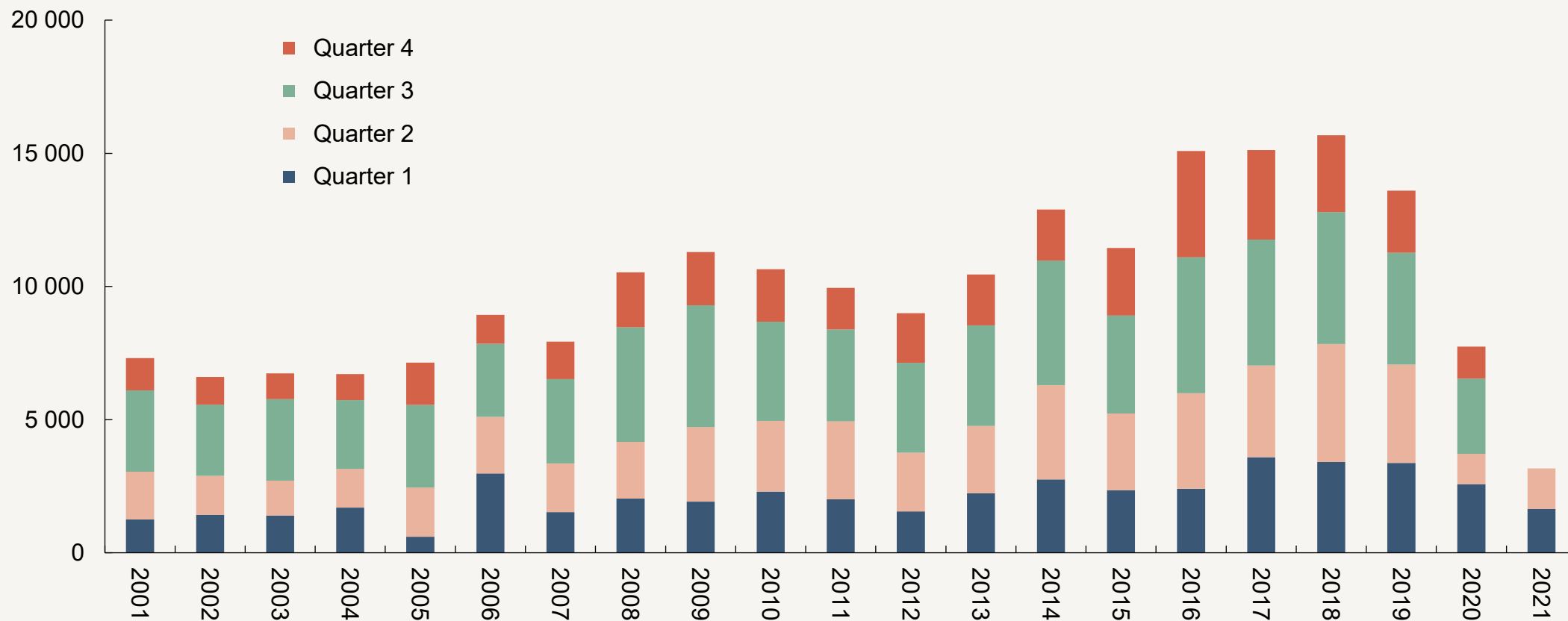


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# Weak population growth continues the first half of 2021

POPULATION GROWTH PER QUARTER IN THE GOTHENBURG REGION



Source: Statistics Sweden



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## Latest period shows a decrease in housing prices

PRICE DEVELOPMENT OF FLATS AND HOUSES, JULY 2021 COMPARED TO  
1, 3, 6 AND 12 MONTHS BACK IN TIME

Housing type	City / region	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months
		June 2021 - July 2021	April 2021 - July 2021	January 2021 - July 2021	July 2020 - July 2021
Flats	Gothenburg	-0.6%	0.0%	2.6%	6.2%
	Stockholm	-1.2%	-0.4%	2.2%	8.4%
	Malmö	-0.5%	0.3%	6.3%	14.4%
	Sweden	-0.8%	0.0%	3.1%	8.7%
Houses	Gothenburg region	-1.9%	-1.2%	4.4%	17.5%
	Stockholm region	-1.2%	-0.8%	5.8%	16.0%
	Malmö region	-1.1%	0.1%	10.1%	19.7%
	Sweden	-0.9%	0.0%	6.8%	16.6%

Source: Valueguard



## Lower level of bankruptcies and affected employees

NUMBER OF BANKRUPTCIES AND AFFECTED EMPLOYEES IN  
THE GOTHENBURG REGION, BY SECTOR – MARCH TO JULY

Sector	March 2019 – July 2020		March 2020 – July 2021	
	Bankruptcies	Employees	Bankruptcies	Employees
Commerce	210	1,812	201	1,629
Construction	144	525	177	751
Hotels and restaurants	91	346	100	298
Business services	186	324	177	374
Transportation and warehousing	48	153	62	193
Manufacturing and mining	48	142	37	123
Information and communication	47	141	32	36
Other service companies	37	65	40	72
Healthcare and care	15	54	19	26
Financial services and insurance	18	30	17	1
Other sectors	226	64	167	98
<b>Gothenburg region total</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>3,601</b>

Source: Statistics Sweden and Growth Analysis



## Table summarising the economic situation in Gothenburg region

Indicator	2021	2020	Change
Economic tendency, Q2	116.4	81.1	+35.3 units
Total wage sum (real SEK bn), Q2	59.42	56.69	+4.8%
Private sector wage sum (real SEK bn), Q2	45.78	43.51	+5.2%
Unemployment, August			
Total 16-64 years	6.9%	8.5%	-1.6%-p.
Domestically born 16-64 years	3.9%	5.3%	-1.4%-p.
Foreign-born 16-64 years	16.3%	18.8%	-2.5%-p.
Total 18-24 years	8.8%	11.9%	-3.1%-p.
Domestically born 18-24 years	6.1%	9.2%	-3.1%-p.
Foreign-born 18-24 years	20.4%	25.4%	-5.0%-p.
Job vacancies, Jun – Aug (monthly average)	6,535	3,313	+97.3%
Redundancies, Jun – Aug (monthly average)	96	743	-87.1%
Population, Q2	1,052,757	1,045,560	+0.7%
Number of bankruptcies, Mar-Jul*	1,029	1,070	-3.8%
Affected employees, Mar – Jul*	3,656	3,601	-1.5%
New car registrations, Q2	10,062	6,214	+61.9%
Air passengers, May-Jul (monthly average)	148,269	31,589	+369.4%
Guest nights, Q2 (monthly average)	202,348	100,983	+100.4%

Source: National Institute of Economic Research, Statistics Sweden, Swedish Public Employment Service, Growth Analysis, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth and Swedish Transport Agency

\* Refers to the sum for March 2020 - July 2021 compared to the same period in 2019 / 2020.





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BUSINESS REGION GÖTEBORG – A PART OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG IN COOPERATION WITH THE REGION