



COVID-19 Response + Recovery

Cross-Functional Team Update

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez



2. City Attorney Overview

November 22, 2021

Overview

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Karla Nieman



Greg Abbott v. City of El Paso

❖ **September 30, 2021:**

- ❖ 8th Court of Appeals denied City's request to keep Temporary Injunction in place
- ❖ City's Mask Mandate paused

❖ **October 5, 2021:**

- ❖ City submitted reply brief

❖ **October 12, 2021:**

- ❖ Governor's reply brief filed
- ❖ Amount of time spent on lawsuit: 395 hours

❖ **November 12, 2021**

- ❖ 8th Court of Appeals date of submission
- ❖ Court of Appeals can issue opinion any time after submission date



E.T., by and through her parents, et al. v. Mike Morath, in His Official Capacity as the Commissioner of Texas Education Agency (TEA), et al.

- ❖ GA-38 prohibits implementation of mask mandates
- ❖ Lawsuit alleging that TX AG's enforcement of GA-38 against schools violates the Americans with Disability Act
- ❖ Plaintiffs asserts GA-38 places them in imminent danger if they return to school or forces them out of the public school system
- ❖ The court concluded that GA-38 violates the ADA and other federal laws & permanently enjoined the AG from prohibiting school districts from requiring masks



BST Holdings, LLC., et. al v. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) et. al

- ❖ September 9, 2021 President Biden directed OSHA to implement and enforce an Emergency Temporary Standard on COVID-19 vaccinations for employers with 100 or more employees
- ❖ November 5, 2021- Private companies & several states sued to challenge the validity of the Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) issued by OSHA
- ❖ Plaintiffs also filed an emergency motion to stay enforcement of OSHA's ETS
- ❖ November 6, 2021- U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals granted the stay
- ❖ November 12, 2021- Court extended the stay

3. Team Lead Report



a. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

COVID-19 Summary



COVID-19
SITUATIONAL
MONITORING

November 17, 2021



Positive Tests

331

New

154,262

Cumulative

COVID-19 Deaths

0

New

2857

Cumulative

Active

4,934

Recovered

146,300

Hospitalized

232

In ICU

84



COVID-19
Community
Scorecard

Stage 2



Infection
Rate

1



Testing

3



Investi-
gations

4



Healthcare
Readiness

1



At-Risk
Population

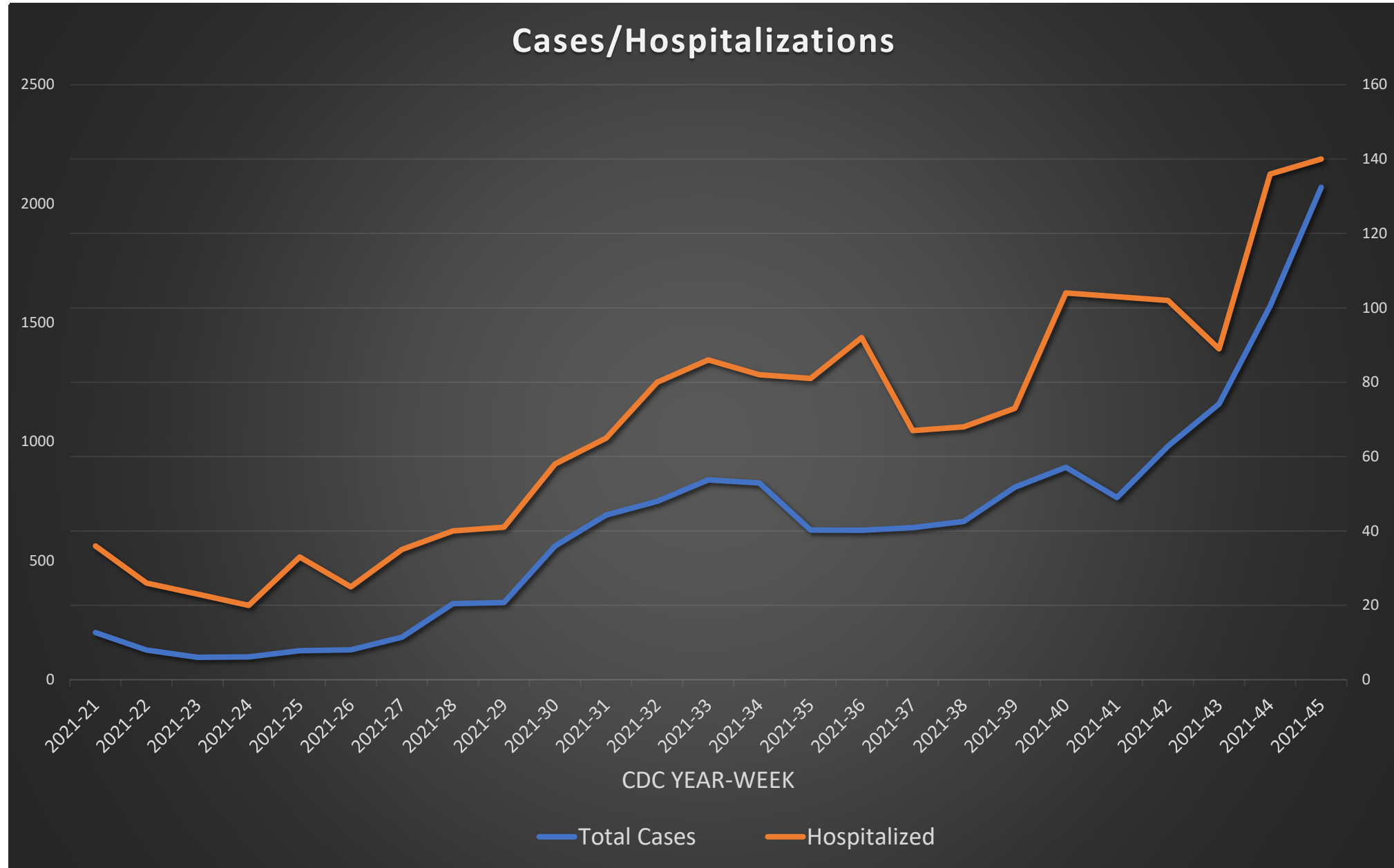
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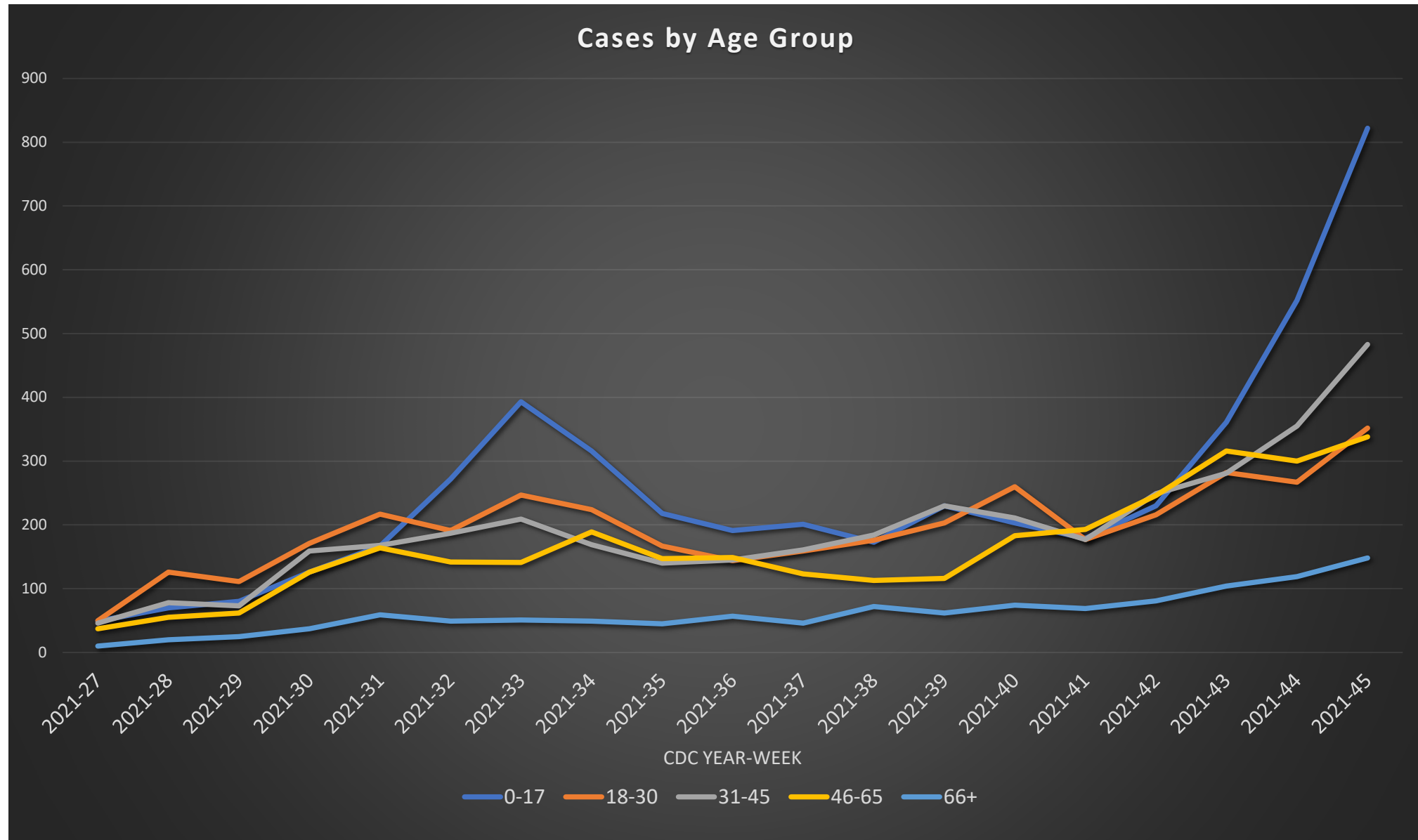


COVID-19
Vaccinations

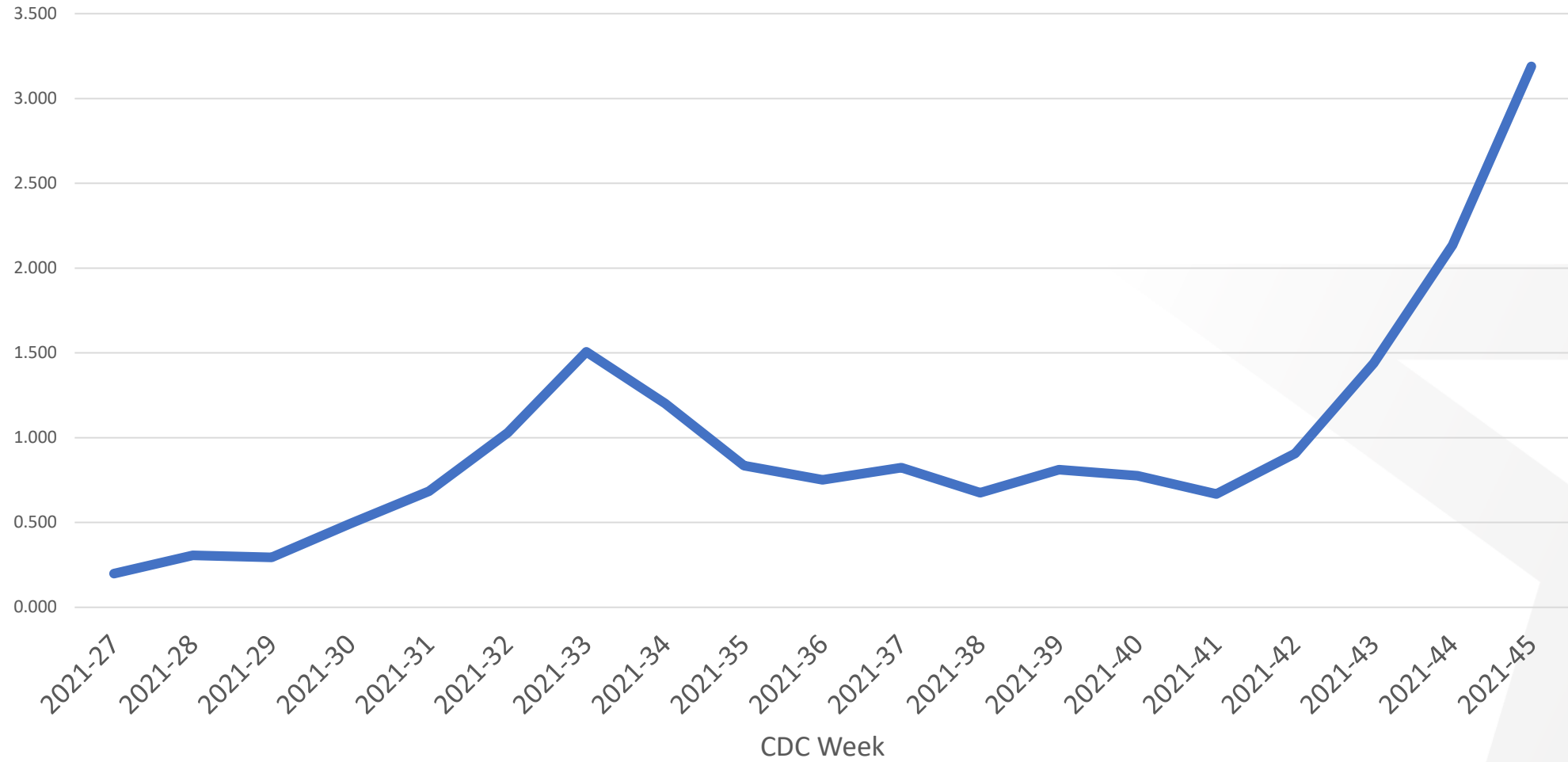
- ❖ New Cases per capita (7-day avg) grew 175% in only 1 month
- ❖ Hospitalized patients now rising rapidly \approx 200 patients
- ❖ We continue moving forward with vaccination of eligible population
- ❖ Pandemic continue to be fueled by the unvaccinated
- ❖ We STRONGLY continue recommending practicing prevention with vaccination and non-pharmacological interventions

Cases/Hospitalizations

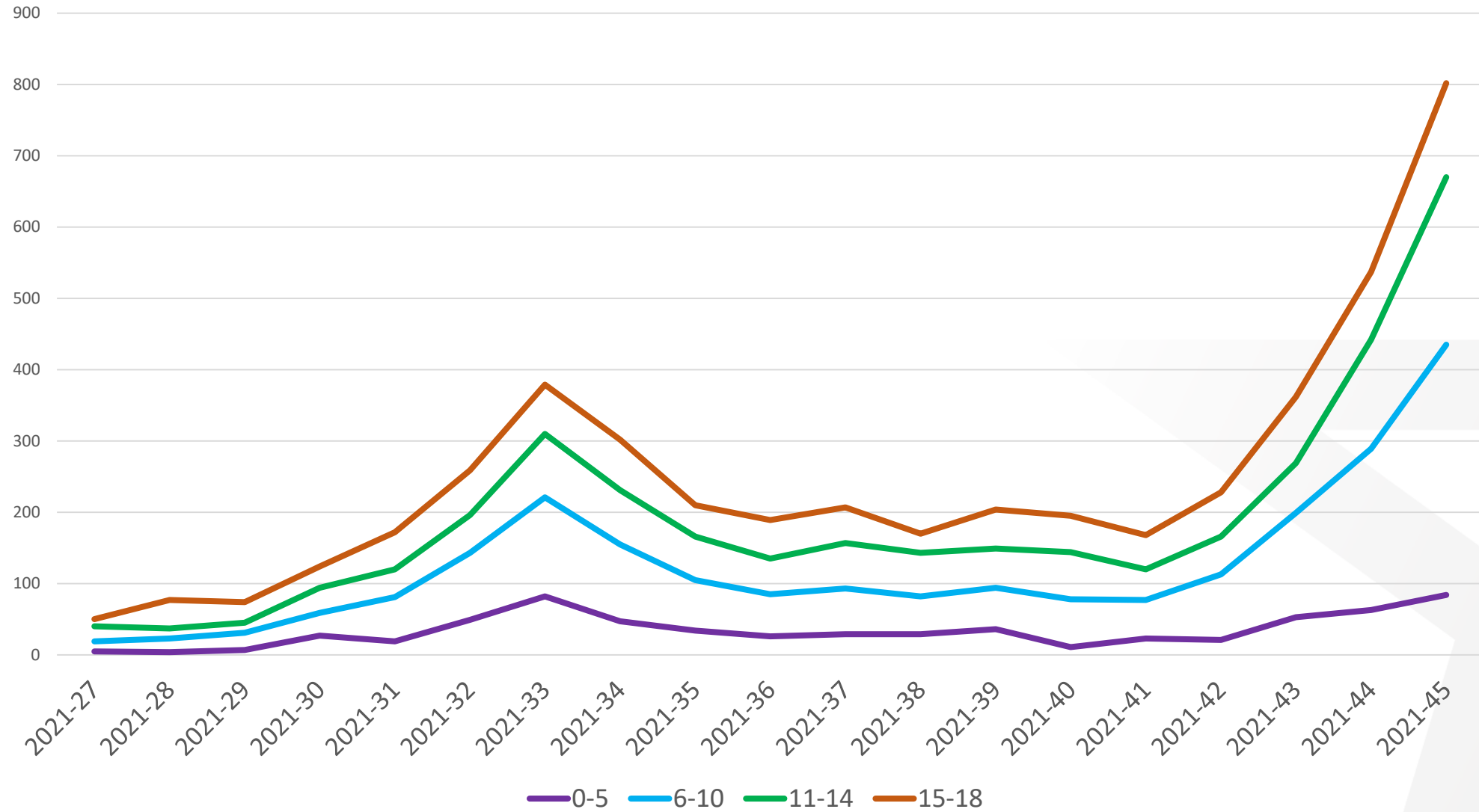




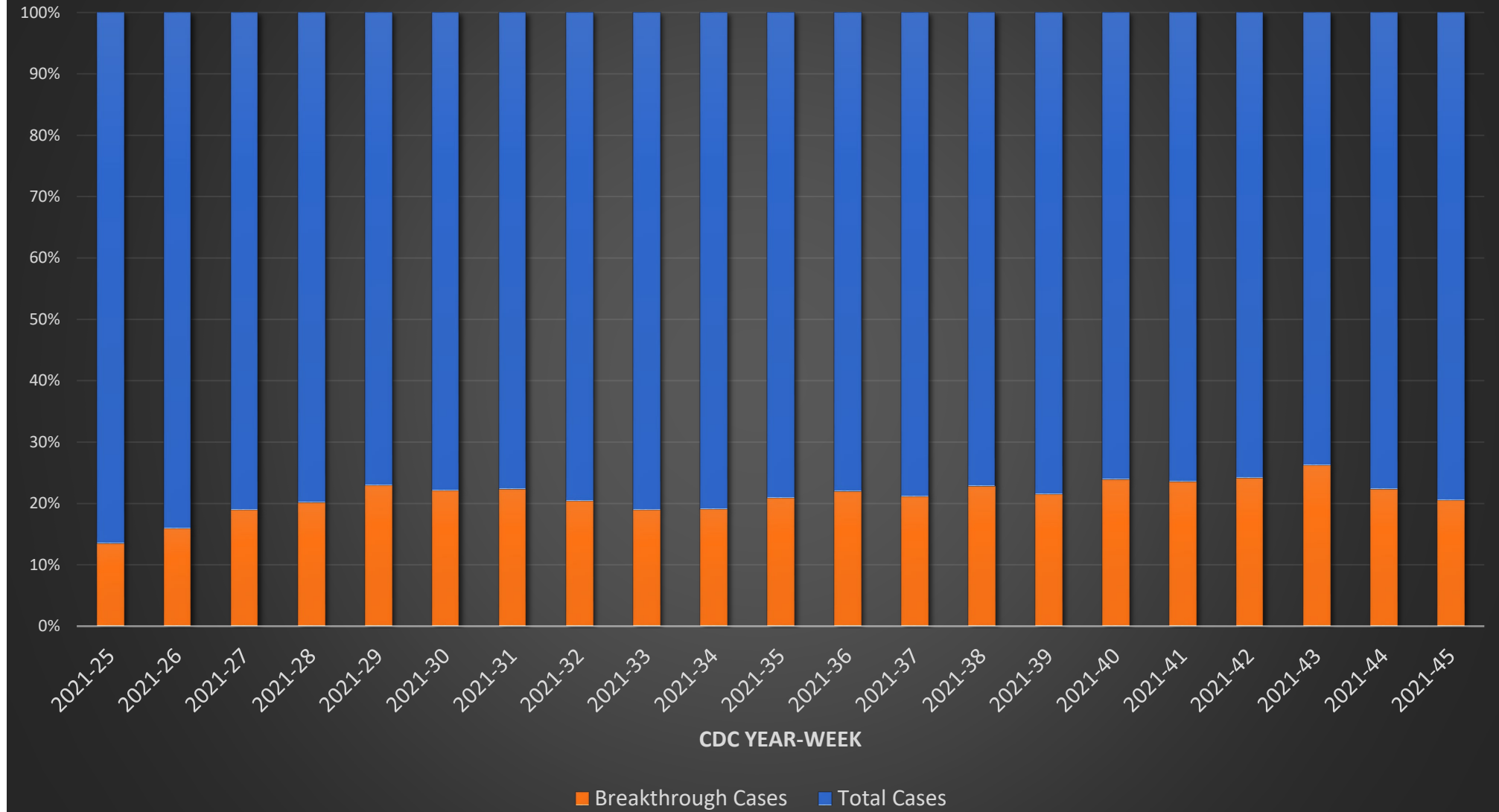
School-age Children (Cases per 1,000)



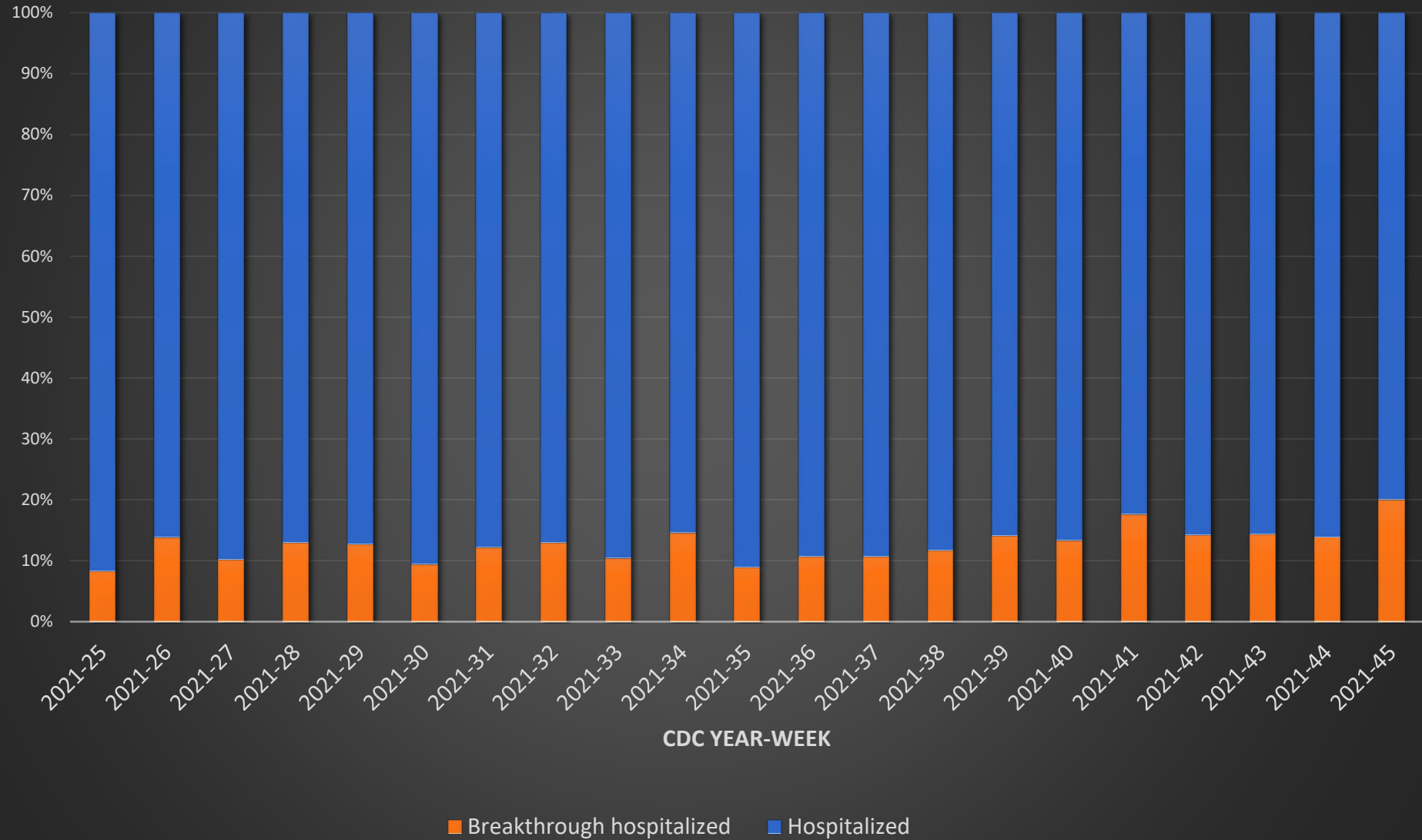
School Age Children Cases



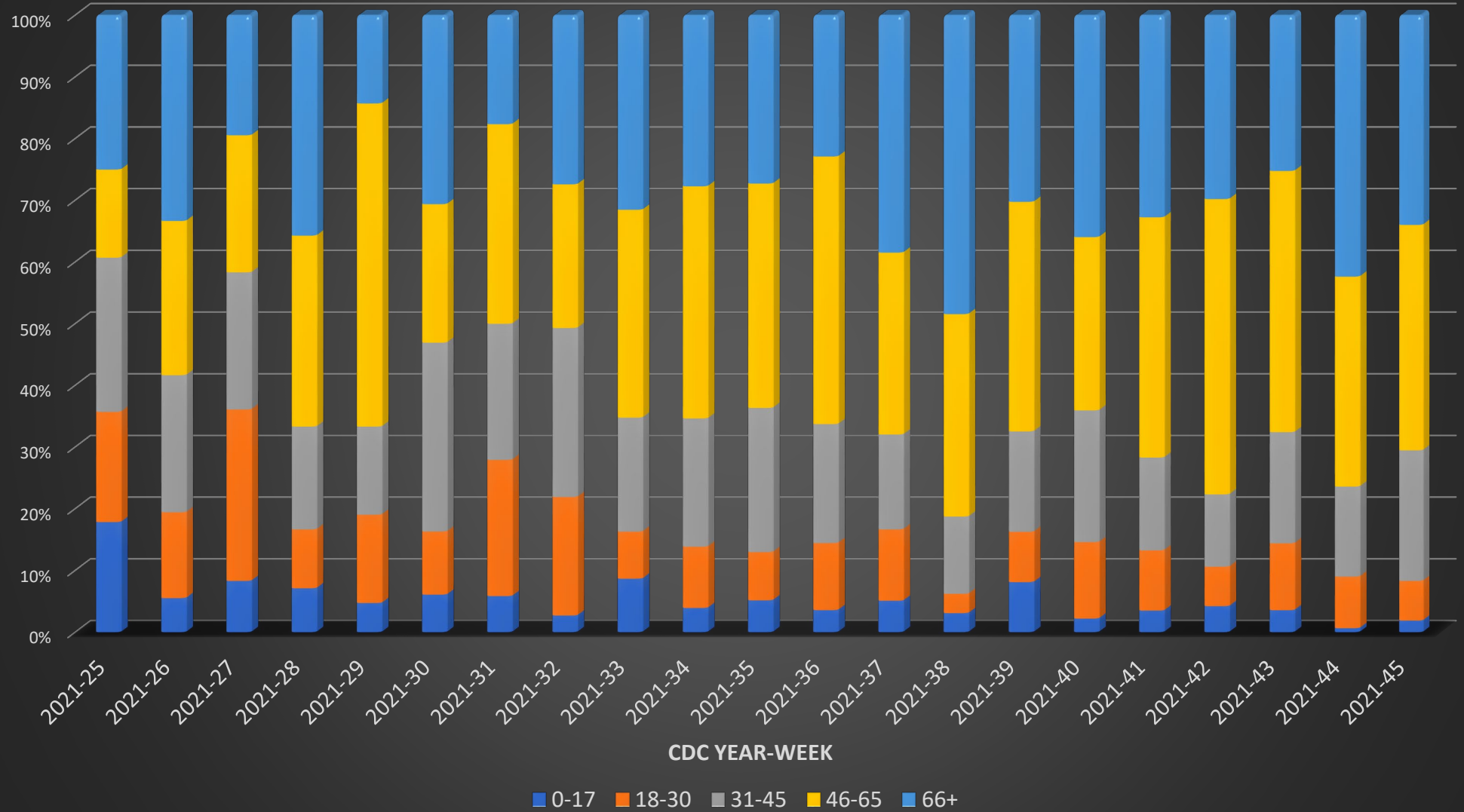
Unvaccinated Cases



Unvaccinated Hospitalized



Hospitalization Age Distribution



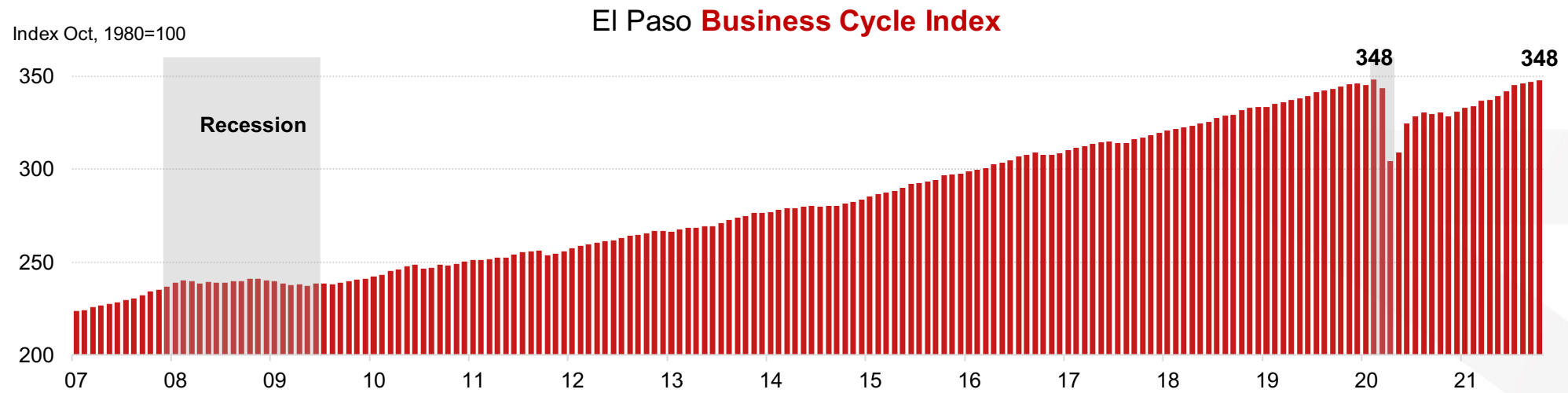


b. Data Analysis

David Coronado

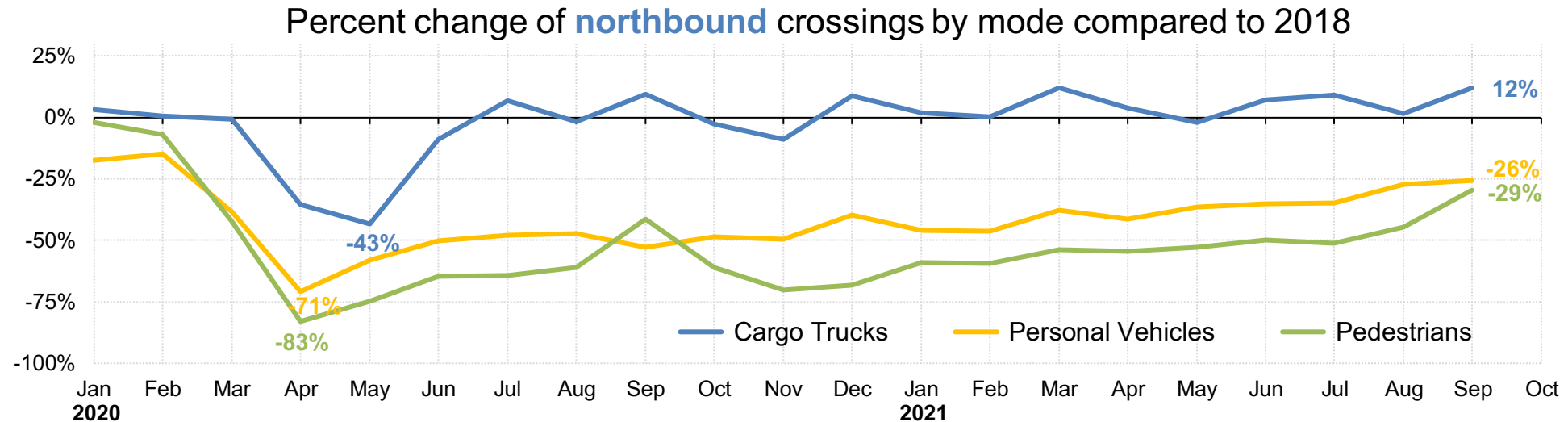
Business Cycle Index

The path to economic recovery seems to be **gaining steam** driven by **lower unemployment**

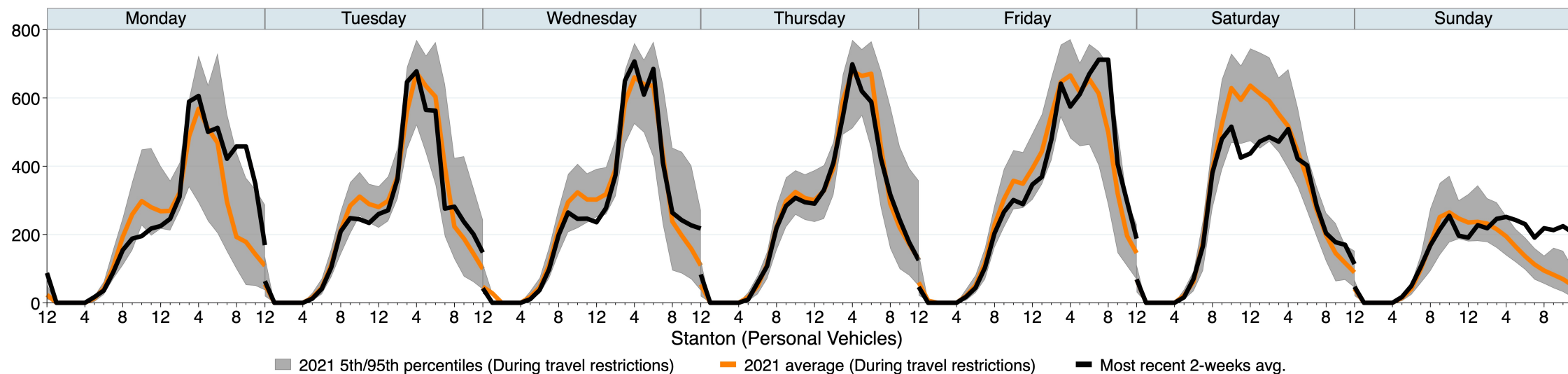


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Last observation: October, 2021

International Bridge Crossings

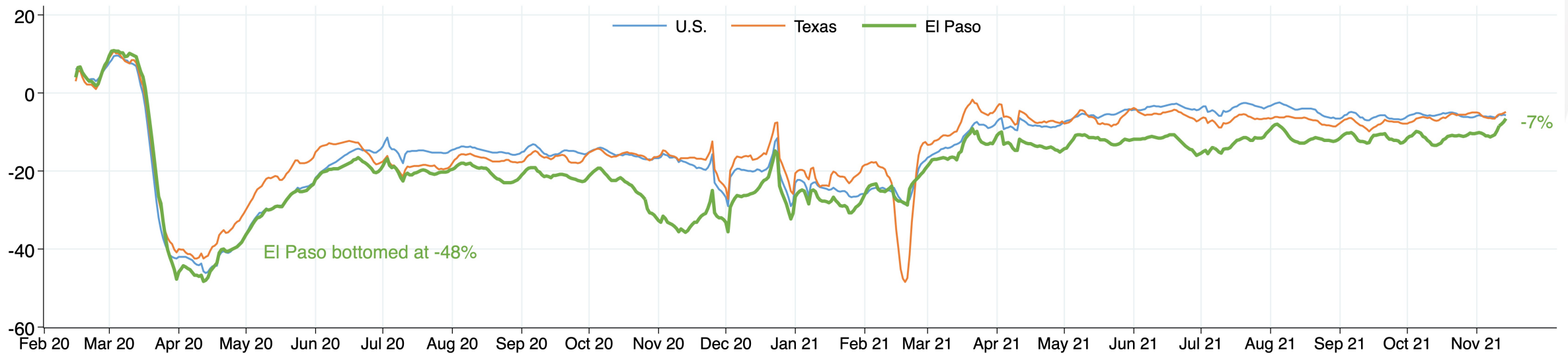


Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection compiled by the City of El Paso International Bridges. Last observation: September, 2021



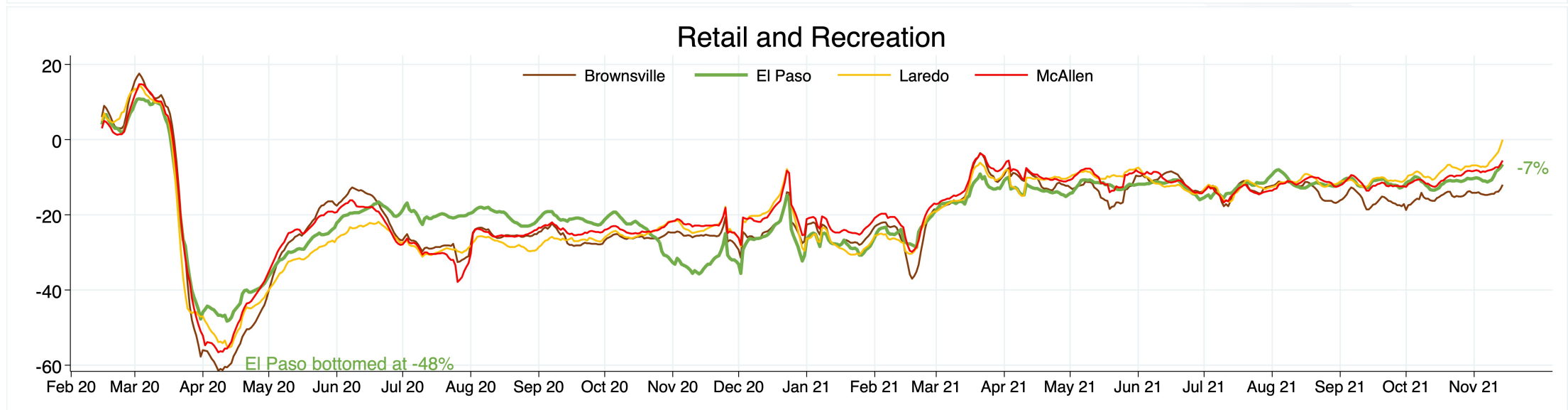
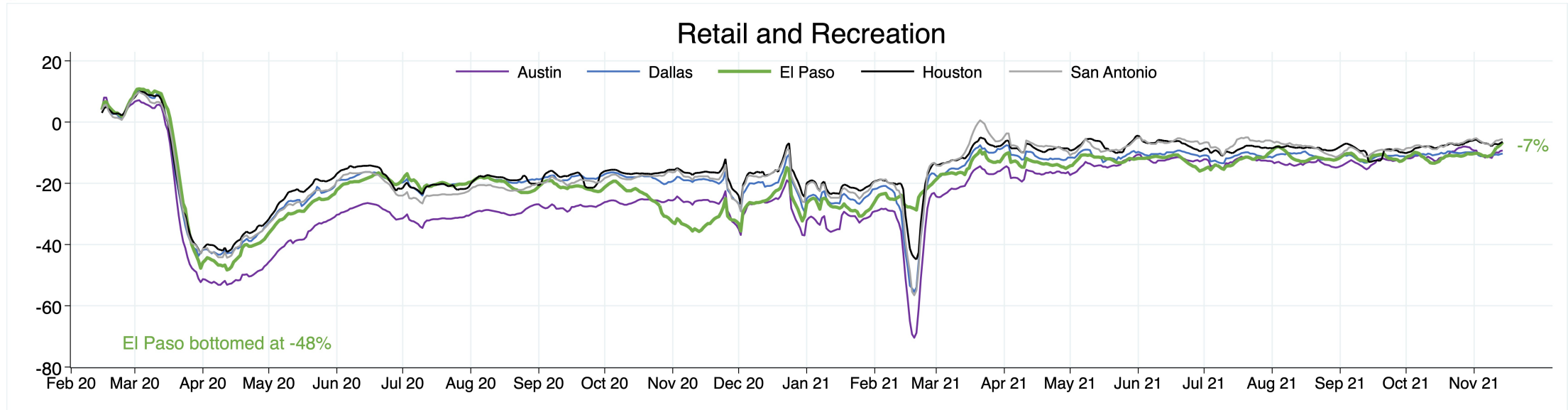
Google Mobility Data

Retail and Recreation



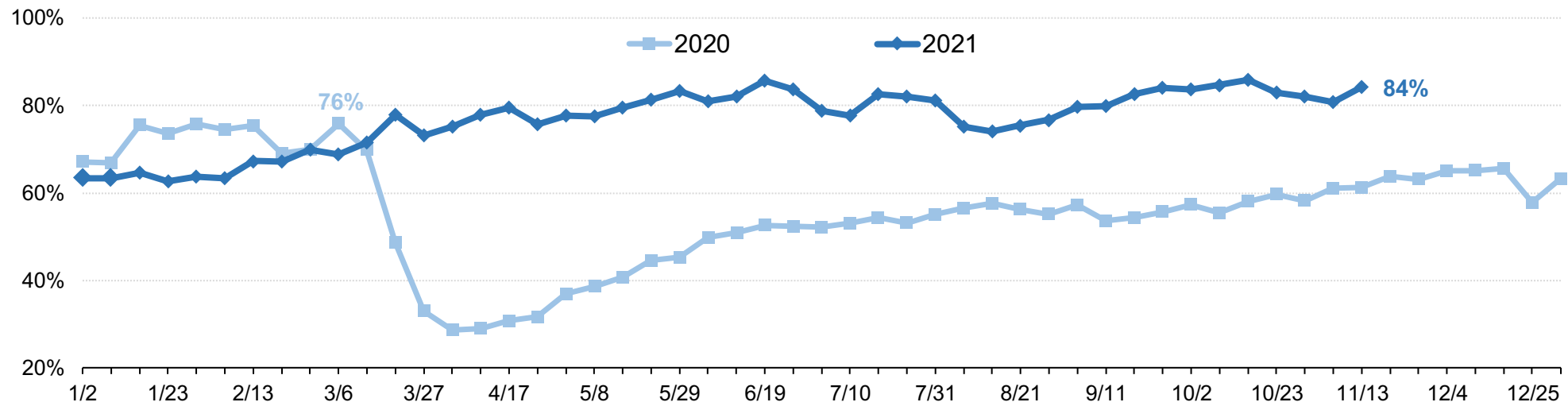
Source: Google LLC. Graphs Reflect weekly averages. Last observation November 14, 2021. Percent change of mobility compared to January 3-February 6 (Baseline) for that day of the week.

Google Mobility Data



Hotel Occupancy

Hotel Occupancy (weekly average) **above** pre-pandemic levels (**84%**)

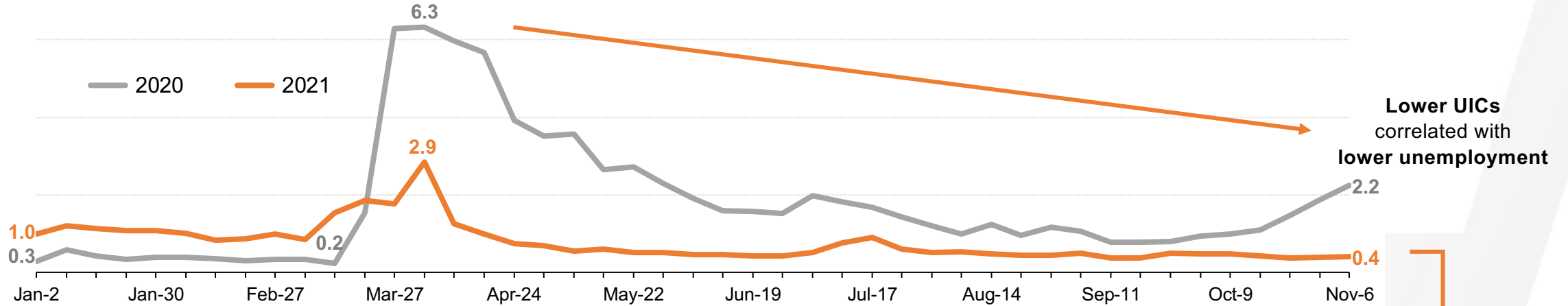


Source: Destination El Paso. Last observation: November 13, 2021

September 2021
U.S. – 61.6%
TX – 60.4%

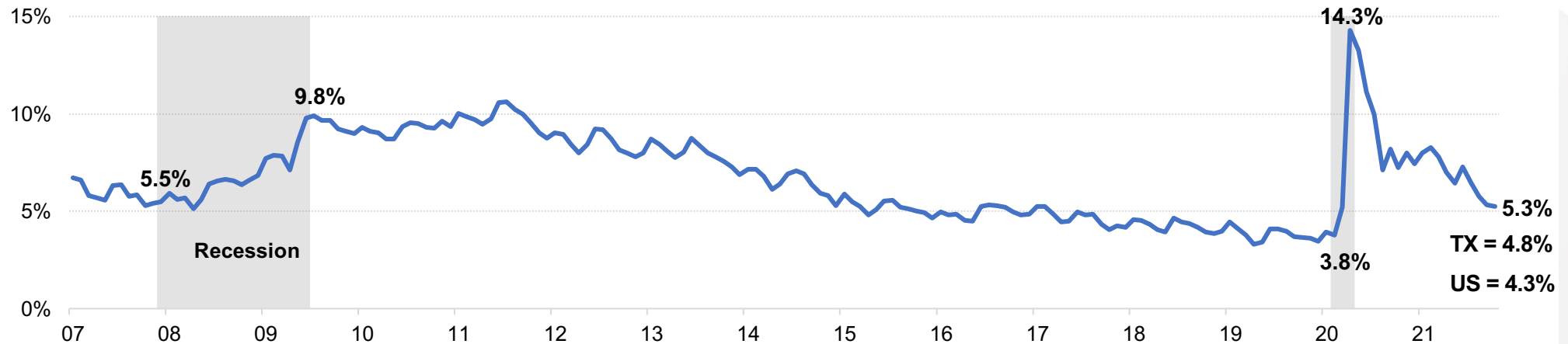
El Paso County Unemployment

El Paso County Weekly **Unemployment Insurance Claims** (in thousands)



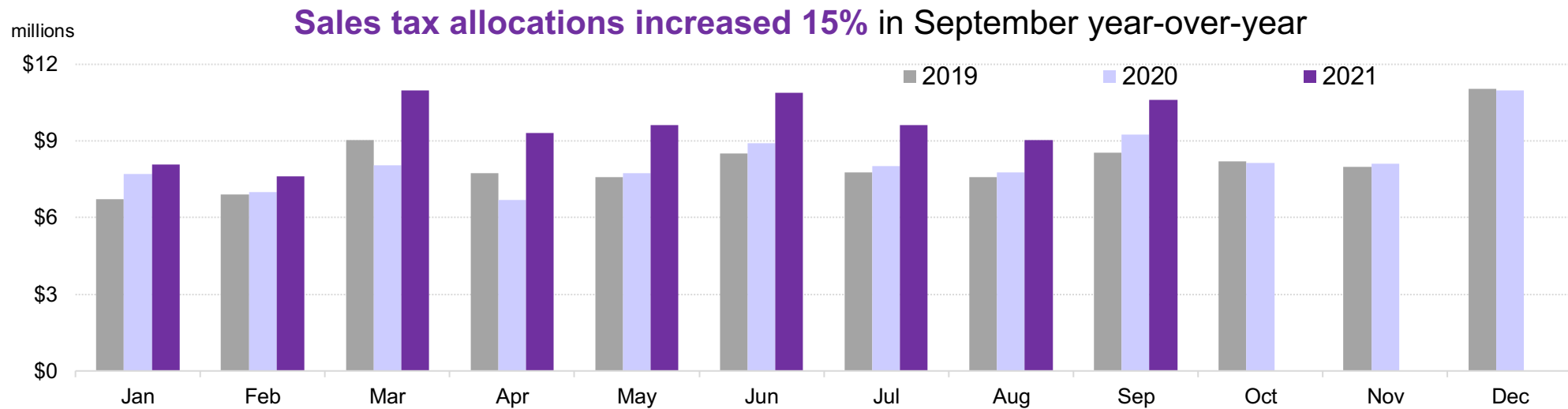
Source: Texas Workforce Commission. Last observation: November 6, 2021

El Paso County Monthly **Unemployment Rate** peaked at 14.3%



Source: Texas Workforce Commission. Last observation: October, 2021

Retail Sales (allocations)



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Last observation: September, 2021

4. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez



Thank you!