

Pandemic Exacerbates Risk for Vulnerable Workers

Unemployment Potential in Georgia

Workers most **vulnerable to automation** are also those with the **greatest risk** for work disruptions during the pandemic:



Those with the lowest levels of education



Women and people of color



Workers ages 16-23 and 56-74

2 million workers — 45% of the workforce

— **are at risk** for unemployment, reduced work hours or exiting the labor force due to economic impacts from the pandemic.

16% of workers are considered essential



33% of workers can work from home

and are therefore highly unlikely to be out of work in the pandemic.

based on employment in May 2019

The **percentage of vulnerable workers** varies by industry:



100%

Food Preparation and Serving



70%

Sales and Related



90%

Production Occupations



99%

Installation and Maintenance



56%

Transportation and Material Moving



460 thousand workers were officially **unemployed** while

222 thousand more were likely **out of work** or left the labor force.

Of these, **370 thousand** are highly **unlikely to be called back** to work.

SREB analysis based on May 2019 employment data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Other sources: The Economic Policy Institute and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis