

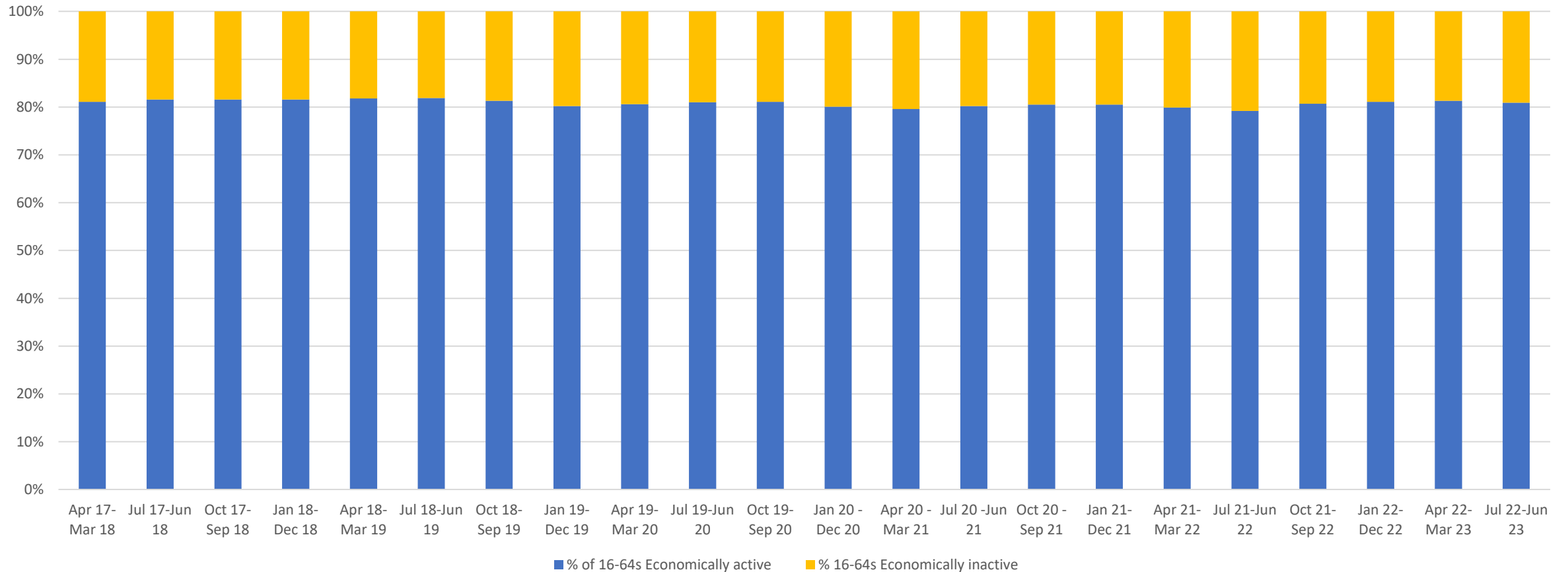
SUFFOLK ECONOMIC ACTIVITY UPDATE

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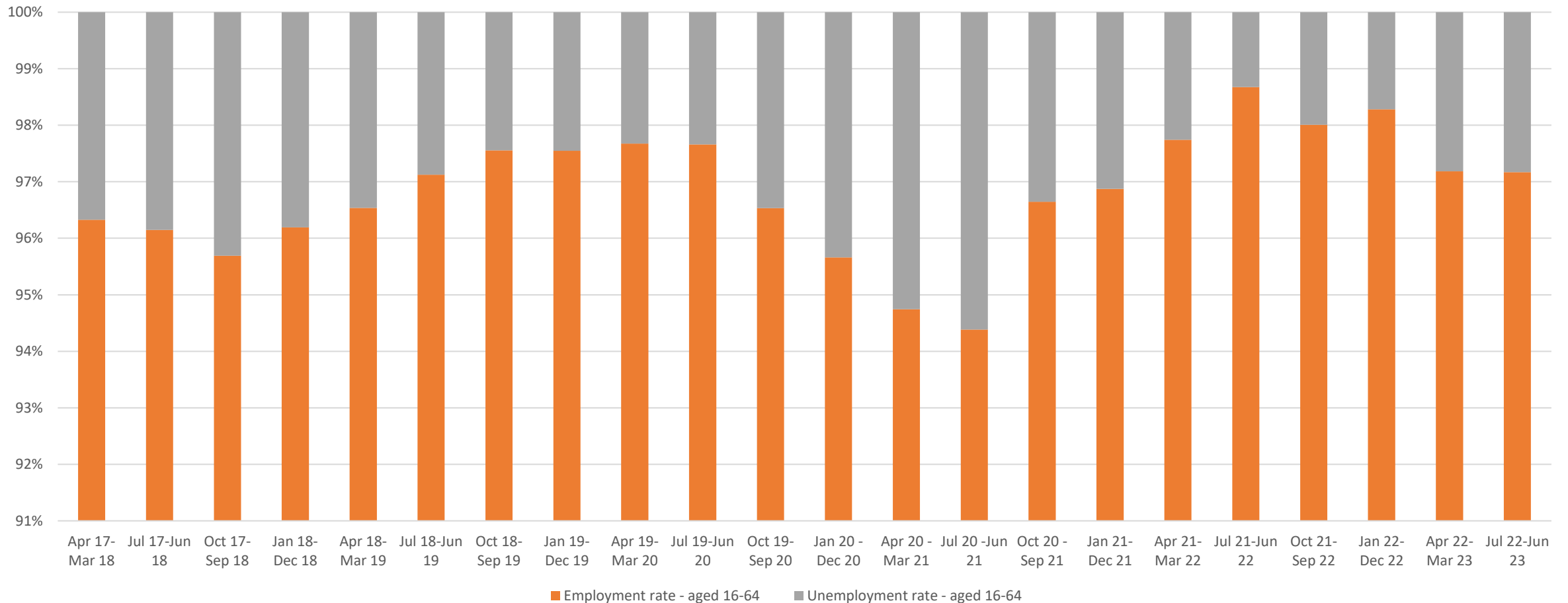
Based on latest official statistics, 355,500 (80.9%) of Suffolk's 16-64s were economically active, while 84,000 (19.1%) were inactive. This means a marginal decrease in those active and increase in those inactive.

Economically Active and Inactive, Suffolk
(Source: ONS, APS)



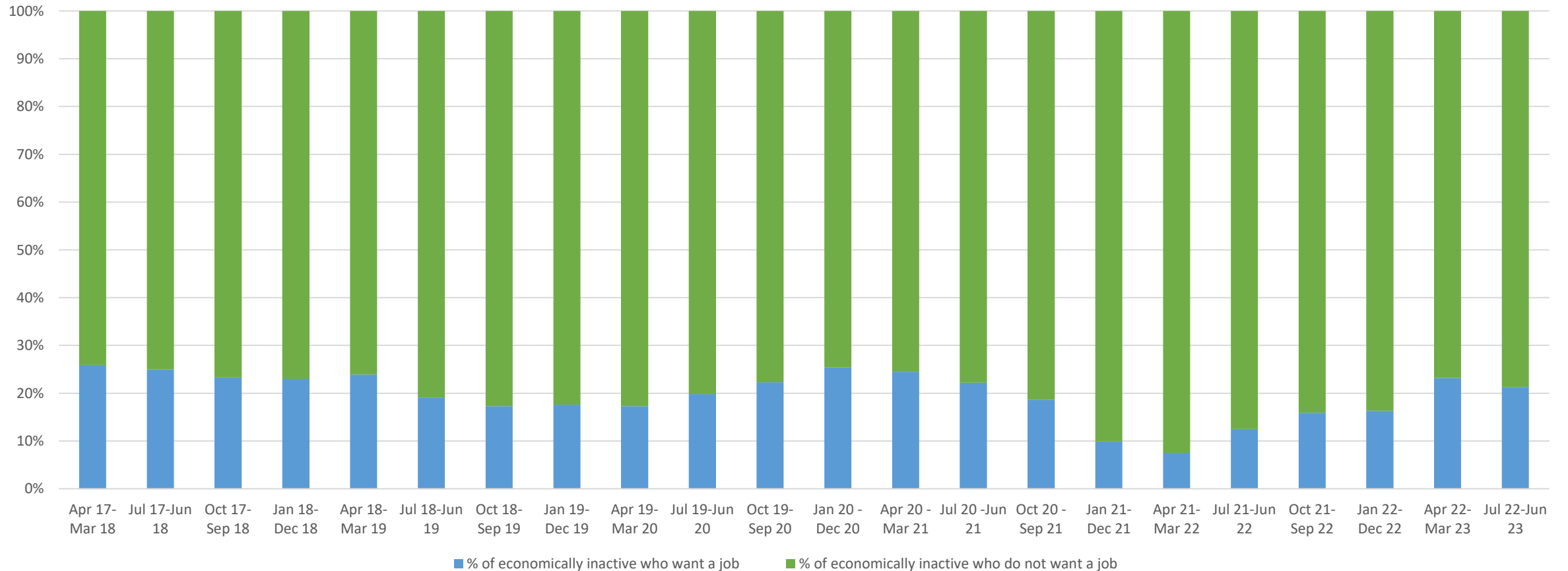
Of those 16-64s that are economically active in Suffolk, 347,300 (97.7%) were employed and 8,300 (2.3%) were unemployed.

Breakdown of those that are **economically active**, employed vs. unemployed, Suffolk (Source: ONS, APS)



The majority (66,100 or 78.7%) of those 16-64s that are inactive in Suffolk, are not looking for a job. On average, this number is now higher than pre-COVID. However, there are also 17,900 who would like a job.

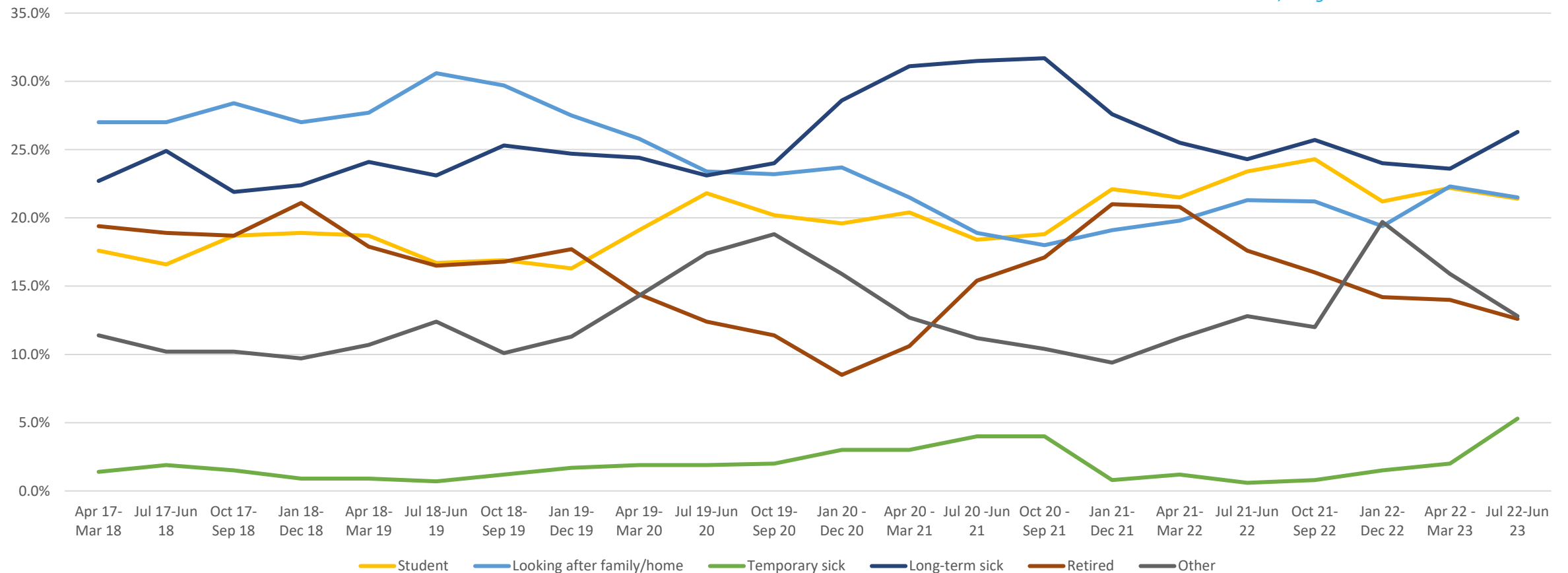
Breakdown of those **economically inactive**, want a job vs. do not want a job, Suffolk
(Source: ONS, APS)



Those that are economically inactive due to long-term sickness have proportionally been the largest group since September 2020. The proportion of those temporary sick is at its highest point in 5 years. The proportion of students has also increased somewhat, while those that look after family/home and those retired have overall decreased somewhat over the past 5 years (this could be because these groups need additional incomes due to pandemic and cost-of-living crisis).

Reasons for economic inactivity, Suffolk
(Source: ONS, APS)

Note - detail on type of temporary / long-term illness unavailable.



The number of 16+ who are inactive with a health condition or illness lasting more than 12 months has not changed much over the past 5 years.

Economic activity by health conditions or illnesses lasting more than 12 months, Suffolk
(Source: ONS, APS)

