

Travel Trends Update

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Office Occupancies at half the pandemic level

- To understand commuting travel demands, we have been tracking telecommuting and office occupancy rates.
- At the height of pandemic, in mid-2020, Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey reported 59.5% of workers working from home in Washington, D.C. metro area, the highest in the nation*.
- Recent media reports suggest**:
 1. Office utilization in the DC region appears to be back to half the pre-pandemic level.
 2. Rate of recovery appears to have reached a plateau for now.

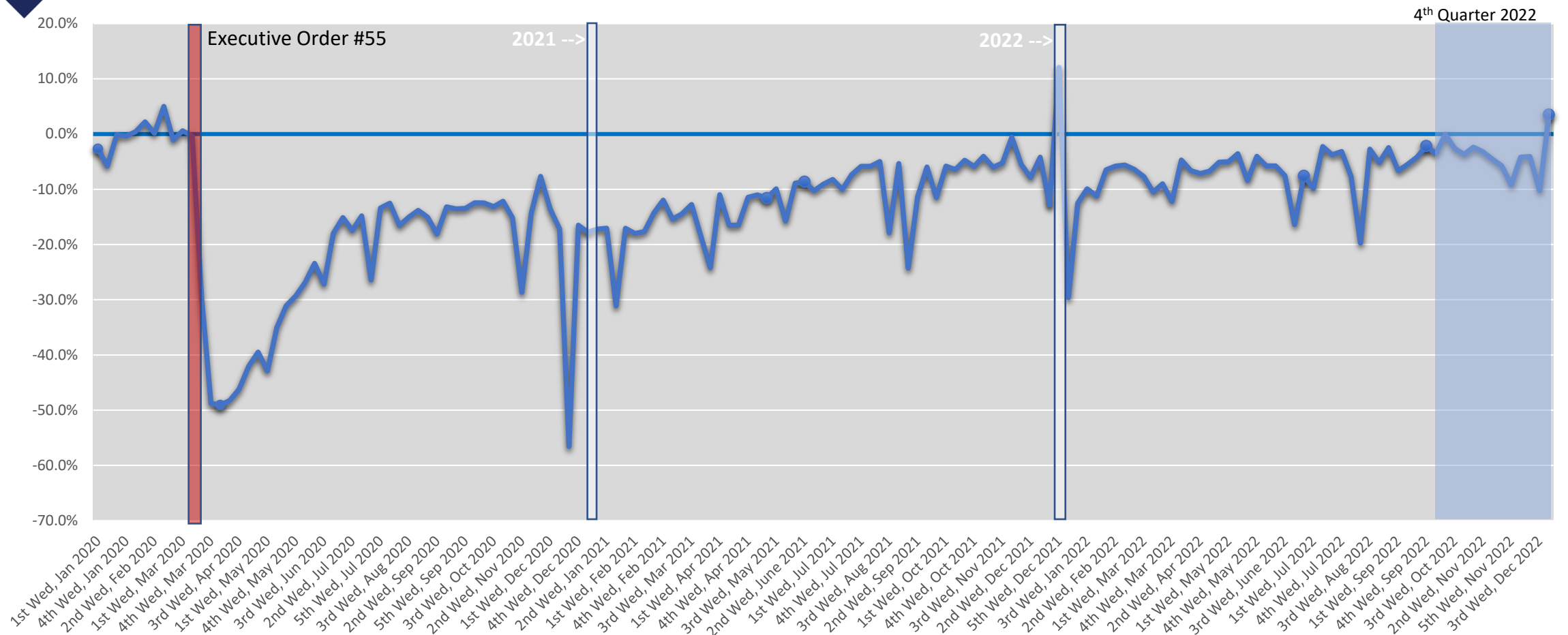
* Census Household Pulse Survey - https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/?measures=&s_metro=47900&mapAreaSelector=msa&barChartAreaSelector=msa

** Axios report: <https://www.axios.com/2023/02/03/office-occupancy-hits-post-pandemic-high>



Highway travel volumes are close to pre-pandemic levels

Changes in Highway Volumes - PM Peaks - Compared to Same Weeks in 2019



Data Source: VDOT COVID-19 Traffic Trend Tool - <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/simona.babiceanu/viz/COVID-19VirginiaTrafficVolumes/ByLinkidDir>



Transit ridership on local bus services is close to pre-pandemic levels

- On average, City of Alexandria's DASH reported about 15% above, and OmniRide was within 71% of pre-pandemic levels.

