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Chile | Mercado laboral continúa cerrando la brecha: restan 385 mil puestos por recuperar

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La tasa de desempleo bajó a 7,2% en el trimestre terminado en diciembre (Fig .1), ubicándose en línea con las expectativas del mercado y por sobre las nuestras (Bloomberg: 7,2%; Scotia: 7,0%). La caída con respecto al trimestre anterior se explicó por el mayor incremento del empleo (1,4% m/m) en comparación con la dinámica de la fuerza de trabajo (1,0% m/m). Con esto, la tasa de desempleo del año 2021 promedió 8,9% (2020: 10,8%).

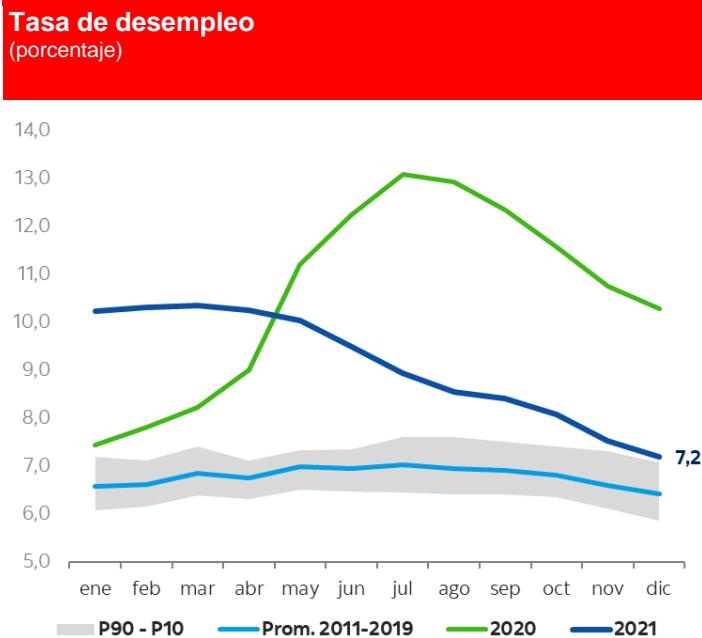
En diciembre, se crearon 120 mil empleos respecto del mes previo, lo que permitió seguir cerrando la brecha respecto del nivel anterior a la pandemia. Si se compara el número de ocupados en el trimestre terminado en diciembre respecto de los ocupados en febrero de 2020, la diferencia se redujo hasta 385 mil personas, de las cuales 208 mil corresponden a empleos formales y 177 mil a informales (Fig. 2 y 3). **Es decir, se crearon 81 mil empleos formales y 39 mil empleos informales.**

Por sectores económicos, la construcción ratificó el dinamismo mostrado en meses previos, manteniendo su nivel de empleo por sobre el observado antes de la pandemia. Asimismo, la minería superó el nivel pre-COVID en diciembre, mientras que el comercio y la industria manufacturera se encuentran en niveles muy similares (Fig. 4). Los sectores de servicios siguen rezagados.

El sector de agricultura lideró la creación de empleo respecto del mes previo (+38 mil). A pesar de ello, el sector mostró un dinamismo algo menor al estacional. También destacó la creación de empleo en el comercio (Fig. 5), que fue principalmente de empleos asalariados. A diferencia de agricultura, el comercio en diciembre mostró un dinamismo mayor a lo estacional (Fig. 6). En cuanto al empleo formal, destacó la creación en los sectores de comercio (+32 mil) y agricultura (+27 mil). Asimismo, los sectores de agricultura (+16 mil) y transporte (+14 mil) fueron los que más crearon empleo informal.

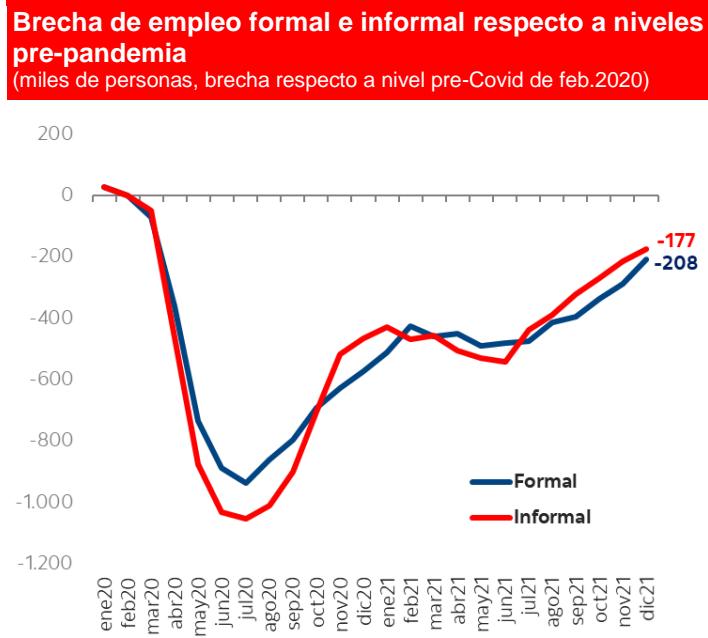
IMACEC se ubicaría en 10,5% a/a. Las cifras sectoriales se ubicaron algo por debajo de las expectativas, principalmente para el sector de comercio. La producción manufacturera se expandió 2,3% a/a (Bloomberg: 2,6%), la producción minera aumentó 0,6% a/a, mientras que las ventas del comercio minorista crecieron 15,3% a/a (Bloomberg: 20,5%; Scotia: 19,0%).

Figura 1



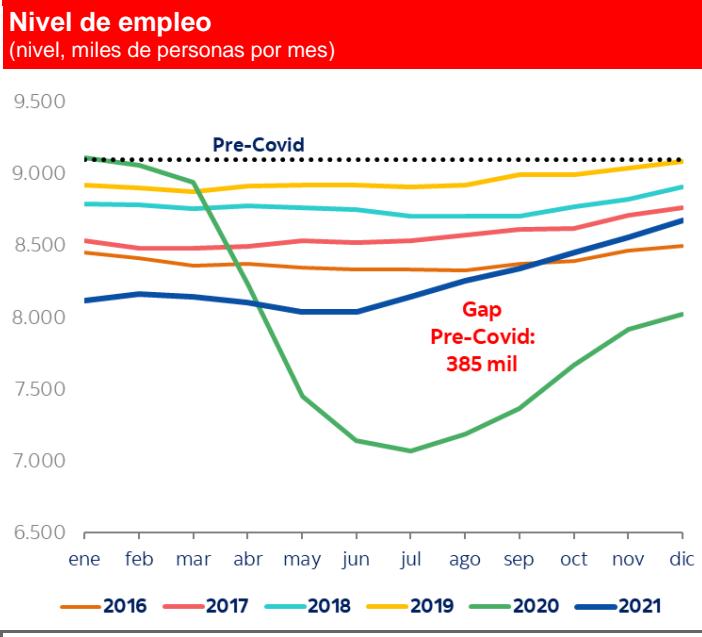
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Figura 2



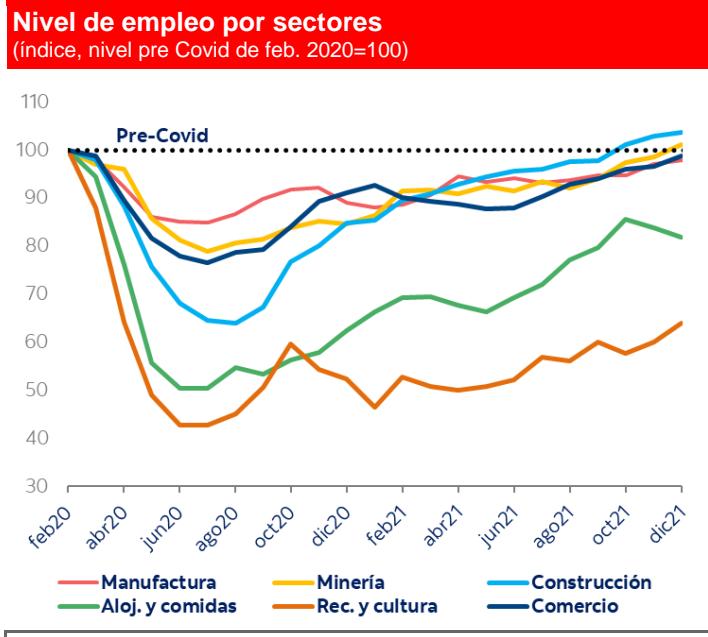
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Figura 3



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Figura 4



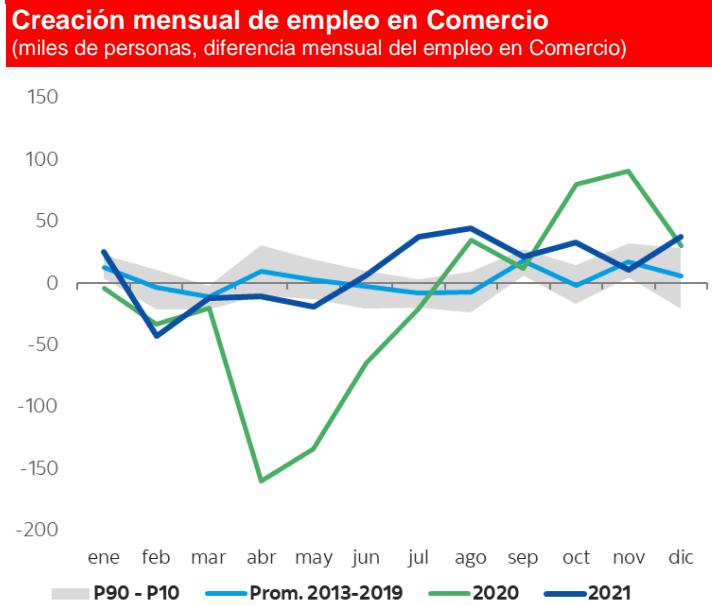
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Figura 5



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Figura 6



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