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Chile | Tasa de desempleo sigue en 7,9% a pesar de mejor creación de empleo

Mayor ejecución presupuestaria habría apoyado la recuperación del empleo en el mes

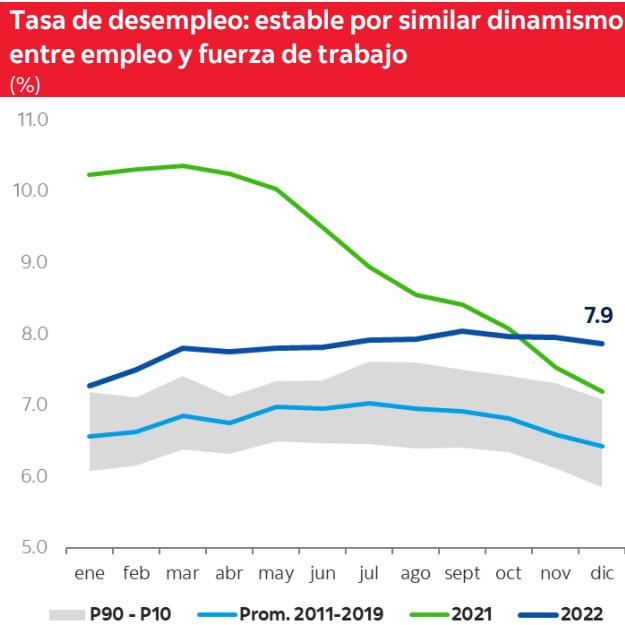
La tasa de desempleo se mantuvo en 7,9% en el trimestre móvil terminado en diciembre (Fig. 1), en línea con las expectativas. La fuerza de trabajo creció 0,8% m/m, mientras que el empleo se expandió 0,9% en el mismo periodo (Fig. 2). En otras palabras, se crearon 82 mil empleos, siendo la mayor expansión de los últimos doce meses.

En diciembre se crearon 52 mil empleos formales respecto al mes anterior. Casi dos tercios del total correspondieron a empleos en empresas o sectores formales, dentro de los cuales la mayoría se concentraron en servicios administrativos, agricultura e industria. En contrapartida, el comercio destruyó empleos formales, por primera vez desde agosto.

Extensión del IFE laboral luce ambiciosa en cuanto al objetivo de creación de empleo formal. Este mes, el gobierno presentó un plan de impulso fiscal que considera una nueva extensión del IFE laboral por tres meses, que tiene el objetivo de crear 600 mil nuevos empleos formales. El registro de diciembre mejora la perspectiva de otorgamiento de este beneficio, que en el segundo semestre de 2022 solo fue capaz de otorgar poco más de 50 mil subsidios en promedio al mes, según cifras de la Subsecretaría del Trabajo.

La subejecución de inversión pública alcanza USD1.900 millones, concentrada en vivienda y OO.PP. Con cifras a noviembre, el ritmo de ejecución del gasto en inversión alcanzó 65%. Si se hubiera ejecutado a un ritmo similar al año 2019, se habrían creado 110 mil empleos formales más -respecto de los 287 mil que se crearon en 2022- considerando las elasticidades públicas presentadas por la Dipres. **No descartamos que la recuperación en la creación de empleo formal en diciembre podría estar explicada en parte por una mayor ejecución de la inversión pública en el último mes del año,** cifra que será dada a conocer esta tarde por parte de la Dipres.

Figura 1



Fuente: INE, Scotiabank Economics.

Figura 2



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