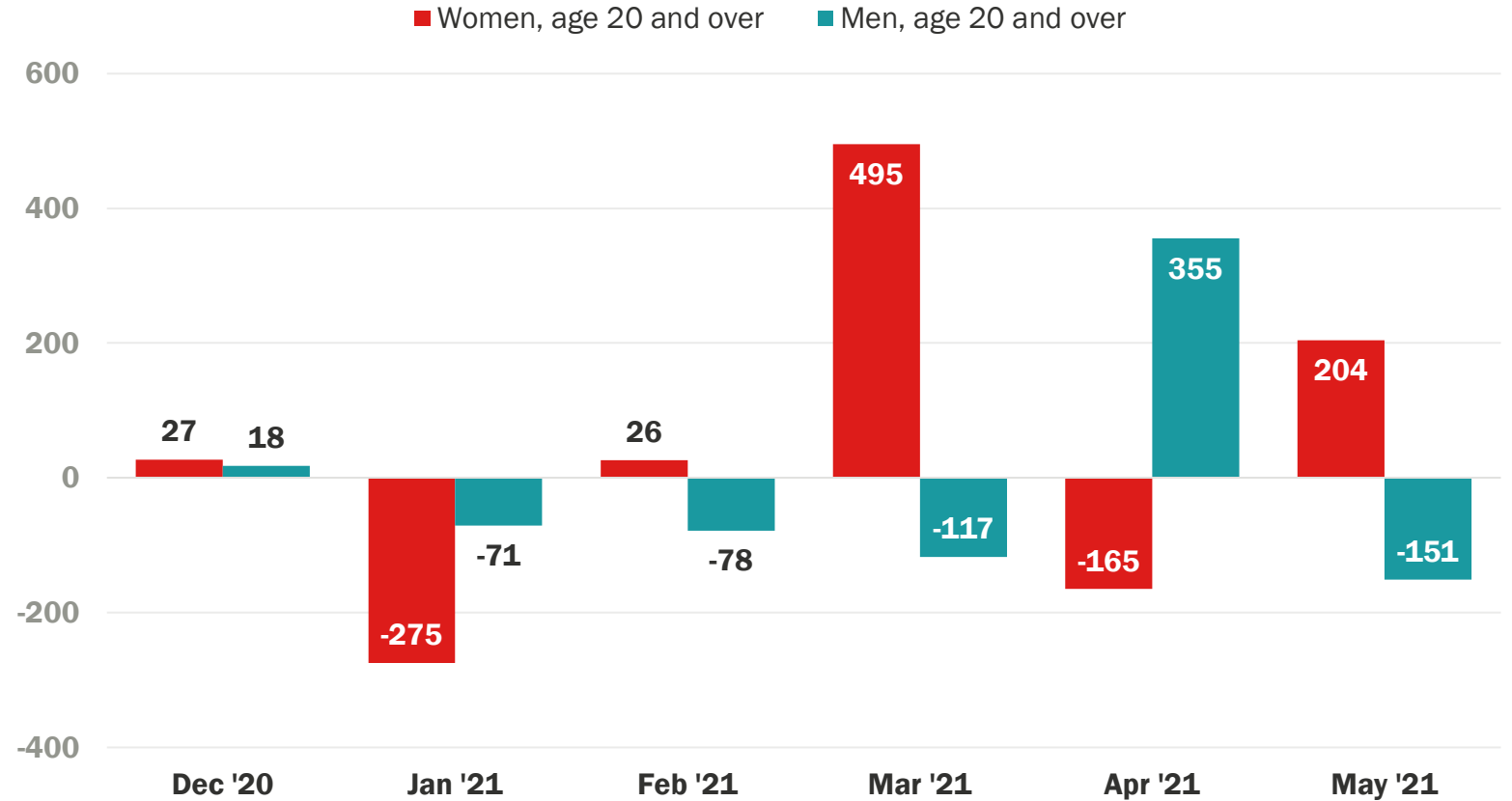


More women joined the labor force in May following a decline in April.

As of May, there were **1.79 million** (or 2.4%) less women in the labor force than there were in February 2020. Comparing the same period, there were **1.75 million** (or 2.1%) less men in the labor force.

U.S. Labor Force Participation by Gender

Change by previous month (in thousands)

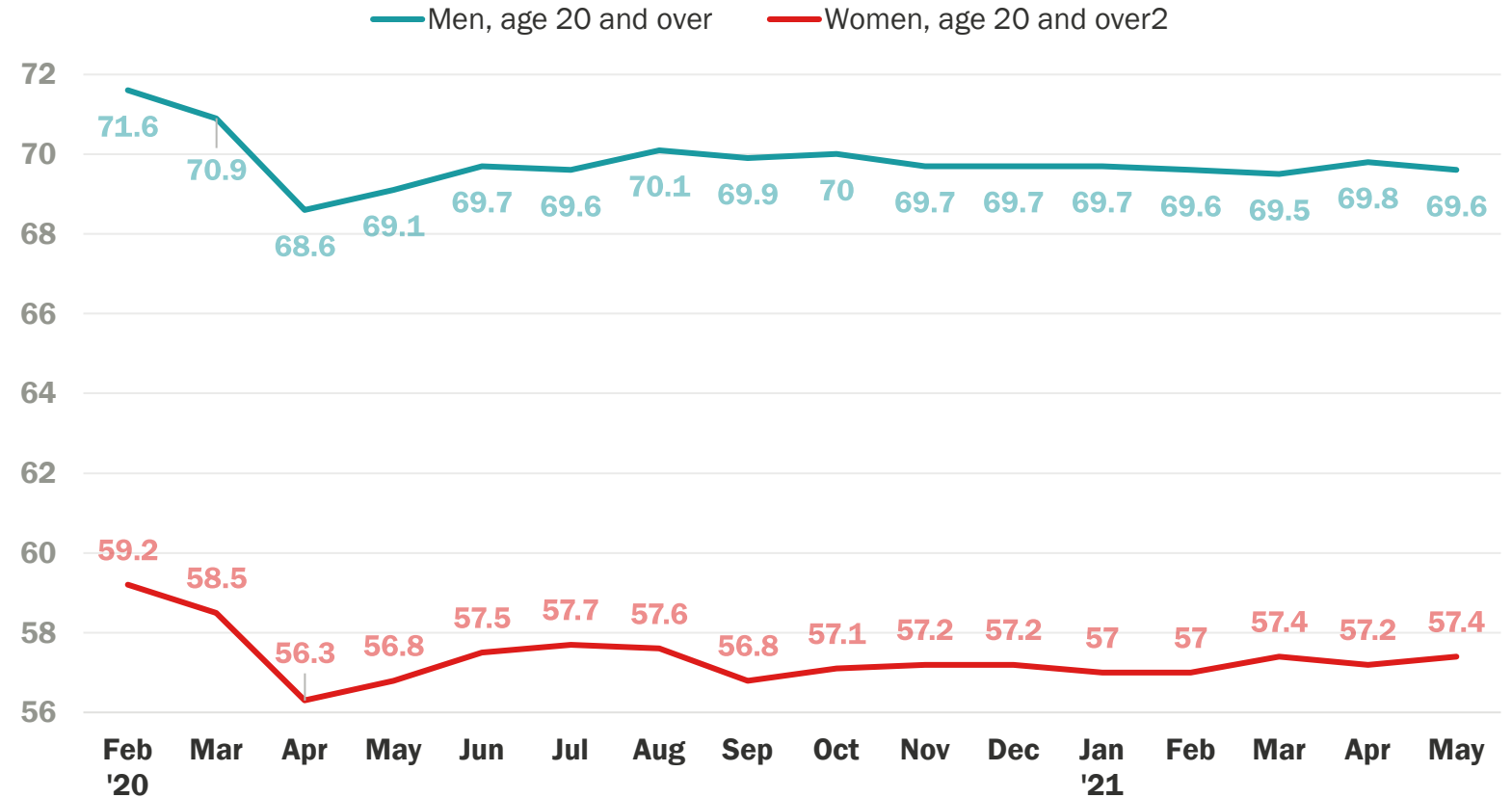


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

The labor force participation rate for women increased in May after a drop in April.

The labor force participation rate for women ages 20 and over is still **1.8** percentage points below its pre-pandemic level, compared to a **2.0** point decline for men.

U.S. Labor Force Participation Rate by Gender



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