

# How do banks propagate economic shocks?

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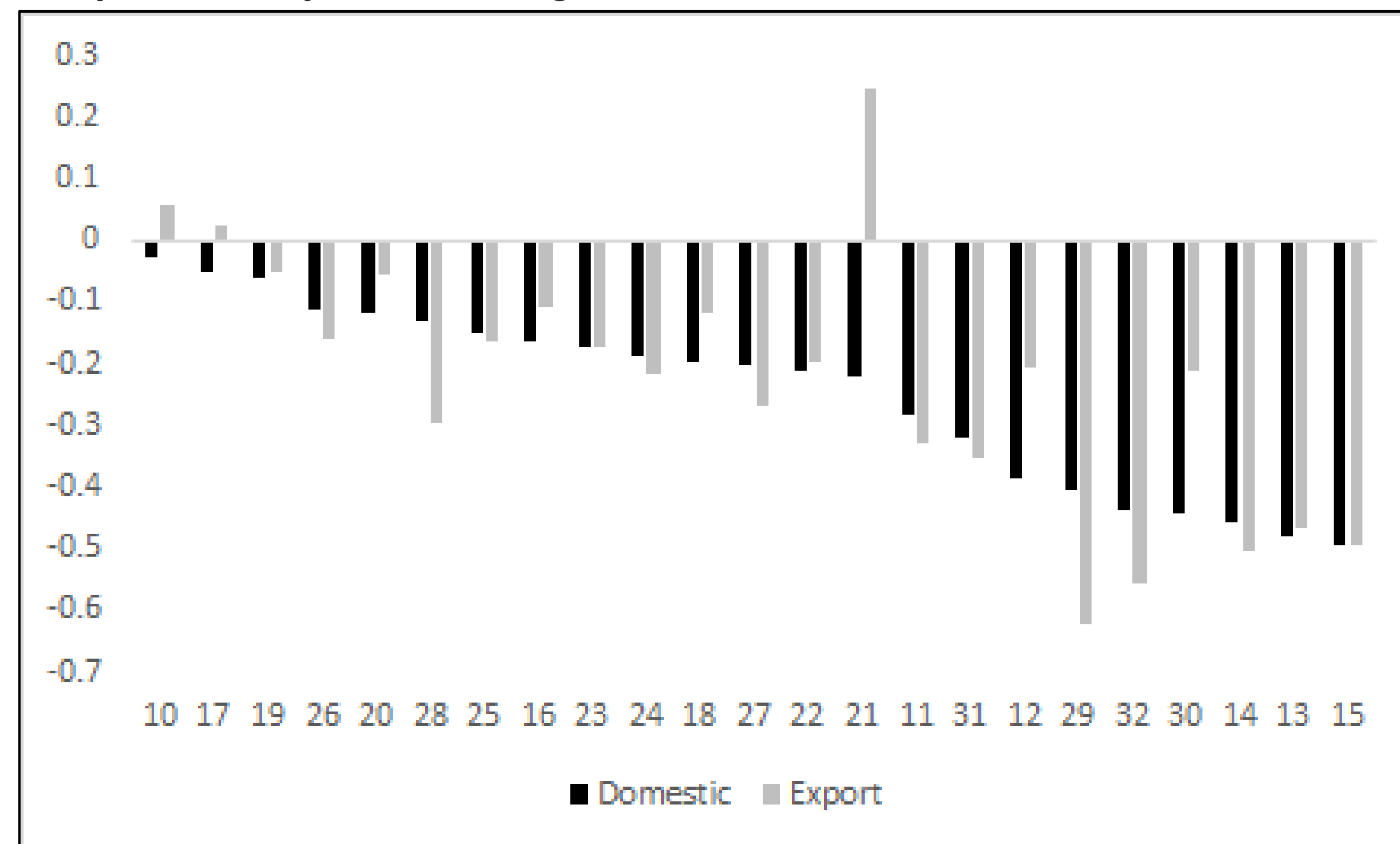
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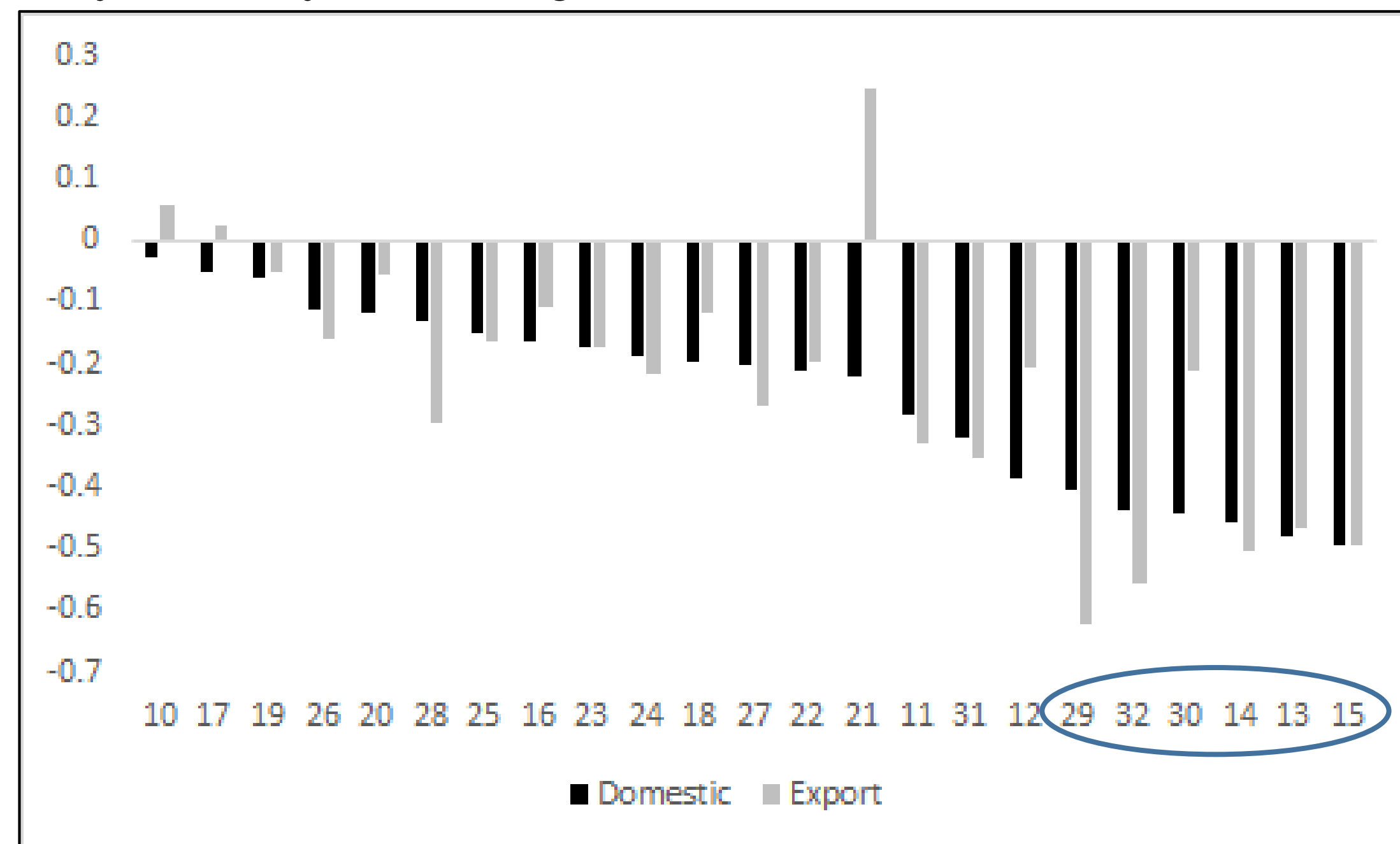
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## most affected industries

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13 – textiles

14 – wearing apparel

30 – other transport equipment

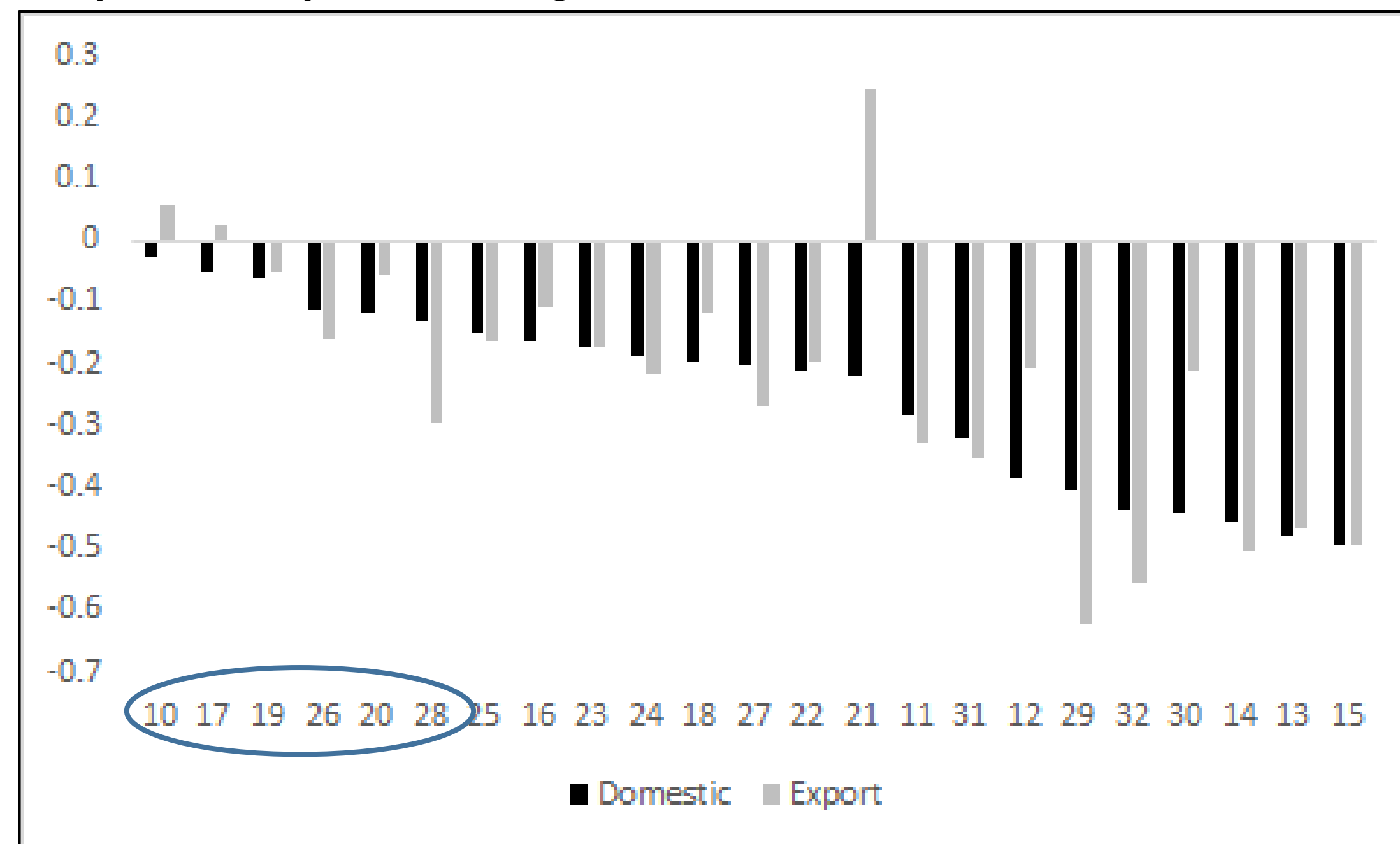
32 – other (jewellery, toys, musical inst.)

29 – motor vehicles and trailers

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## least affected industries

10 – food products

17 – paper and paper products

19 – refined petroleum products

26 – computer, electronic and optical prod.

20 – chemicals and chemical products

28 – machinery and equipment

# Motivation

## Idea:

Banks' exposure to the shock: ex ante heterogeneity in the amount of loans issued to the affected industries

## Research questions:

- 1) Did banks transmit the negative shock to the rest of the economy?
- 2) Are firms affected through their banks?

# Overview of Results

- Banks with a larger exposure to the negative shock supplied significantly less loans during the COVID-19 pandemic
  - A 1 percentage point increase in the exposure led to a 6.64 percent reduction in the loan amount
- Negative shock is transmitted from affected industries to unaffected industries via banks
  - Banks decreased their loans to firms operating in unaffected industries as well

# Overview of Results

- Firms, on average, could not avoid a reduction in their total loans
  - Firms with a 1 percentage point higher exposure experienced a significant drop in their loans by 4 percent
- Large firms could avoid the reduction – they switch to other banks
  - Firms with more than 500 employees
- Firms that had an existing relationship with a state-owned bank could borrow from state-owned banks
  - State-owned banks intermediate government support to the firms

# Related Literature

- Transmission of negative shocks via banks
  - Bank liquidity shocks (Gan, 2007; Khwaja and Mian, 2008; Paravisini, 2008; Chava and Purnanandam, 2011; Dursun-de Neef, 2019)
  - Interbank linkages of banks (Iyer and Peydro, 2011; Iyer et al., 2014; Cingano et al., 2016)
  - Spillover of shocks across geographies (Imai and Takarabe, 2011; Koetter et al., 2020; Berrospide et al.; 2016)
- Propagation of industry-level shocks
  - Input-output linkages (Acemoglu et al., 2012, 2016; Barrot and Sauvagnat, 2016; Atalay, 2017; Caliendo et al., 2018; Carvalho et al., 2021)

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# Empirical Framework

- COVID-19 pandemic is used as an exogenous negative shock on industry revenues
- Bank-specific exposure
  - ex ante heterogeneity in the amount of short-term loans issued to affected industries
- Diff-in-diff analysis
  - challenge: disentangle demand and supply side effects
  - firm-time fixed effects (Khwaja and Mian, 2008)

# Data

- Industry-level shock
  - industry revenues (Turkish Statistical Institute)
  - credit card spending (Banks Association of Turkey)
- Impact on banks' loan supply
  - monthly bank-firm level loan data from the credit register provided by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey
- Firm balance sheets and firm-level annual employment
  - collected by Revenue administration and Social Security Institute

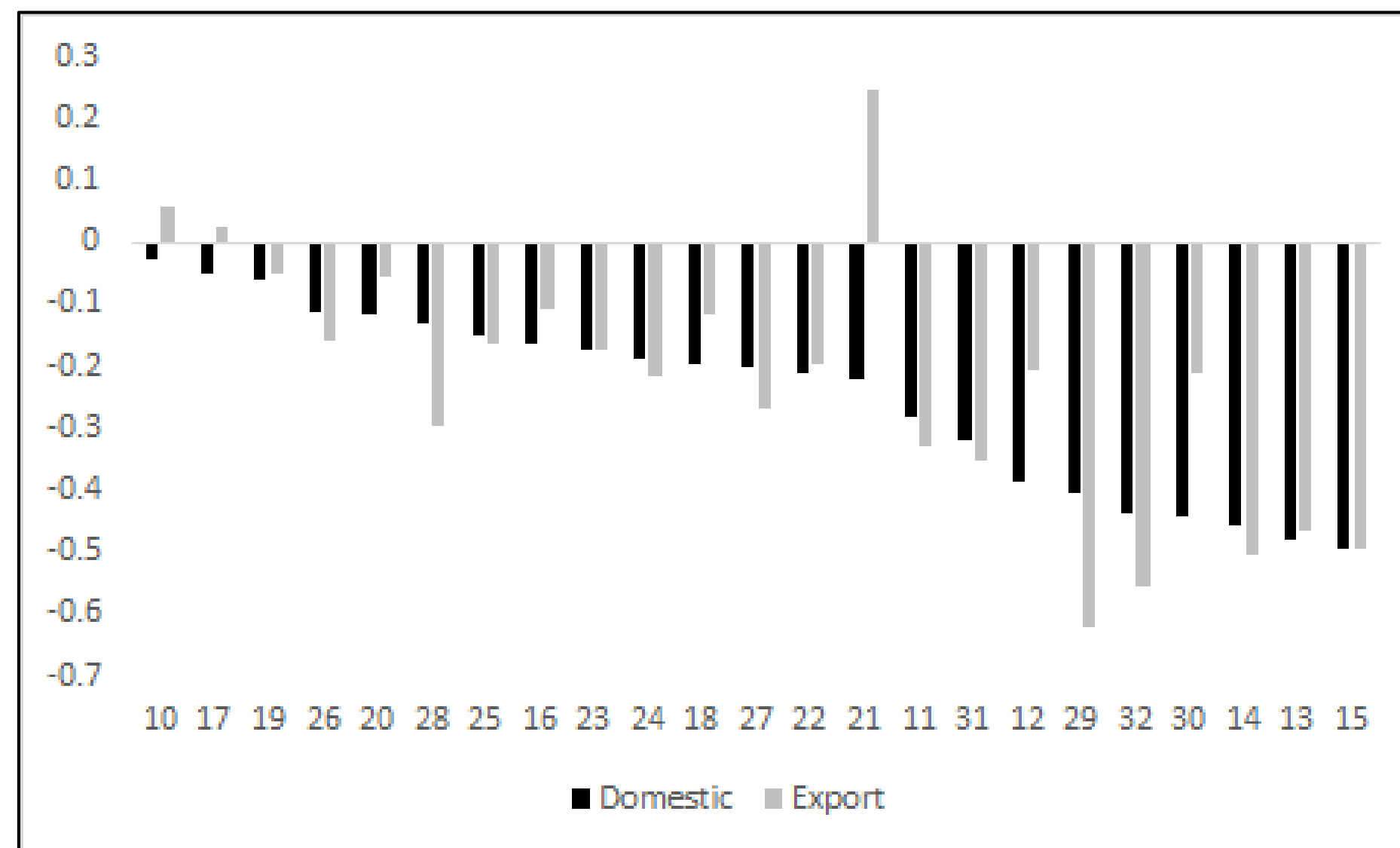
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- Tradable sectors
  - monthly revenue indexes at the NACE-2 digit industrial level
  - year-on-year changes in domestic and export revenues (deflated by PPI)



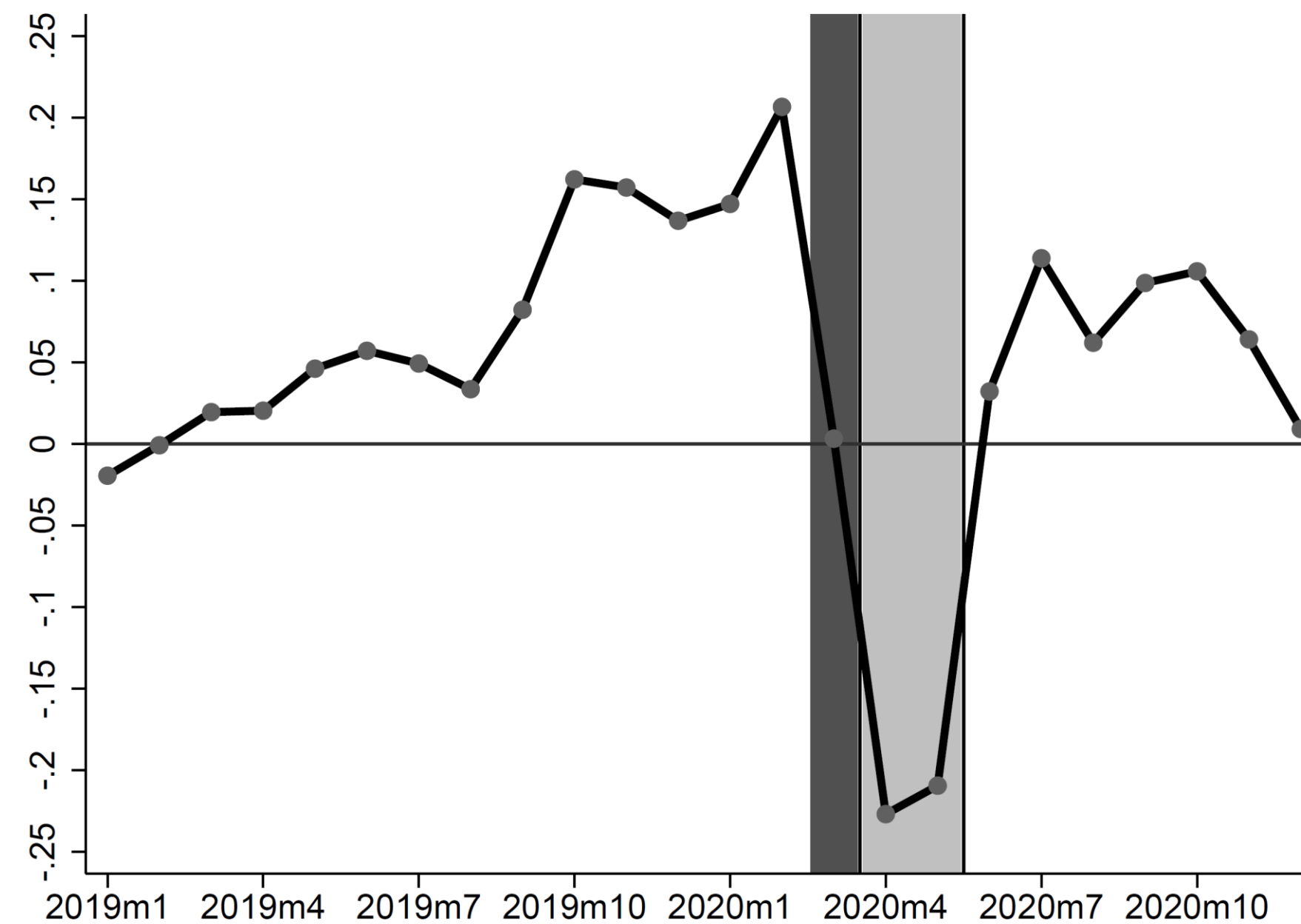
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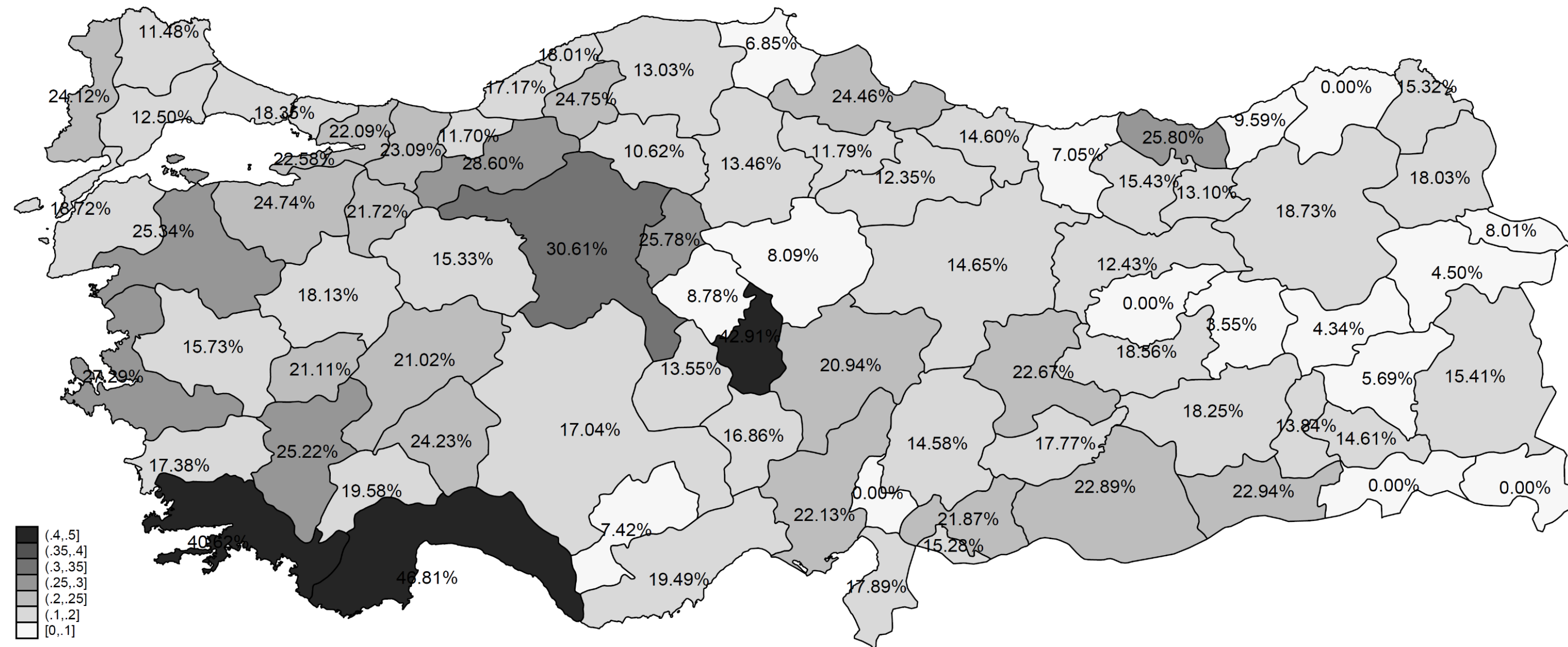
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- Non-tradable sectors
  - daily credit card spending in 250 spending categories for all provinces
  - year-on-year changes in monthly credit card spending (deflated by CPI)



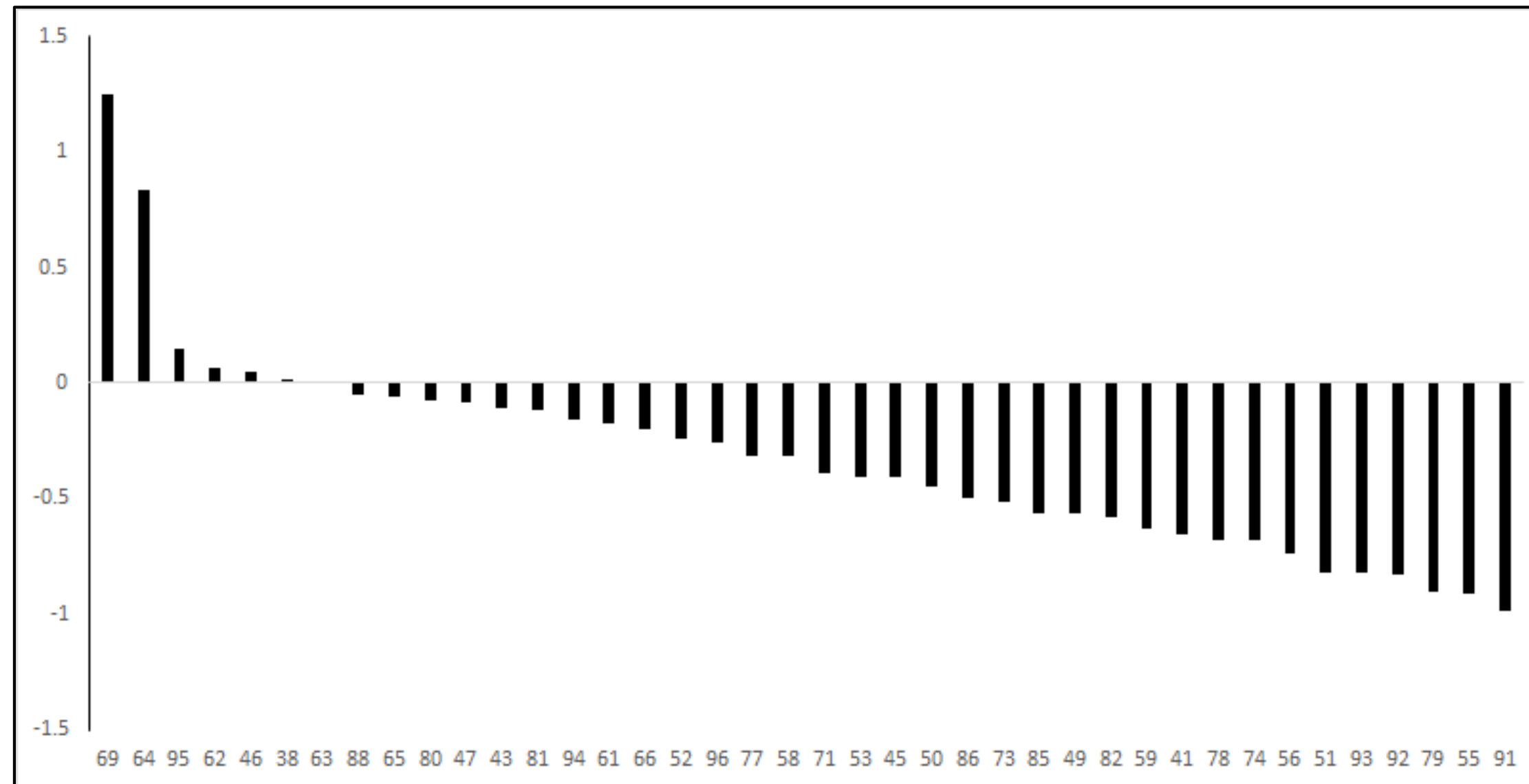
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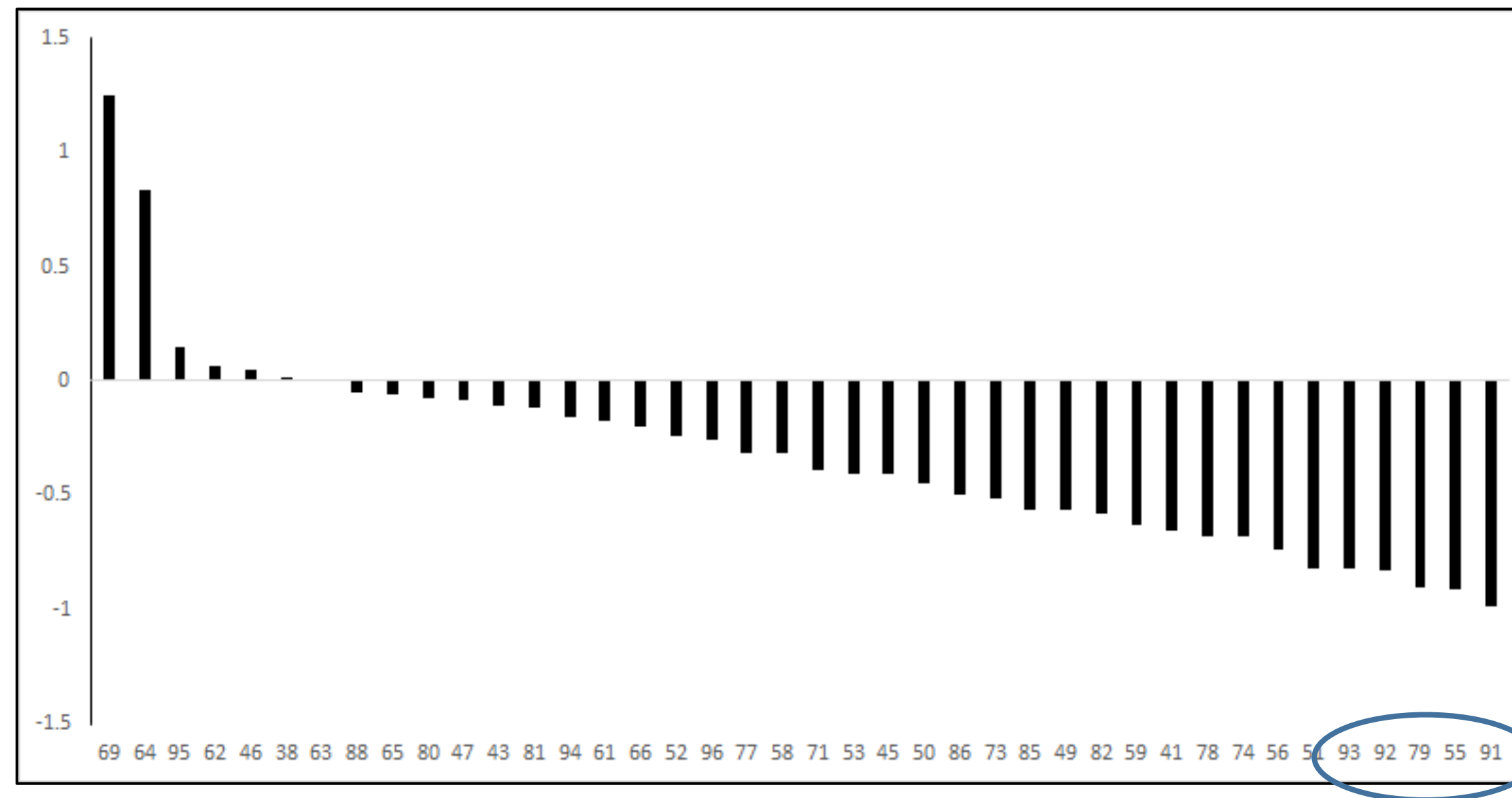
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## most affected industries

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55 – Hotels and similar

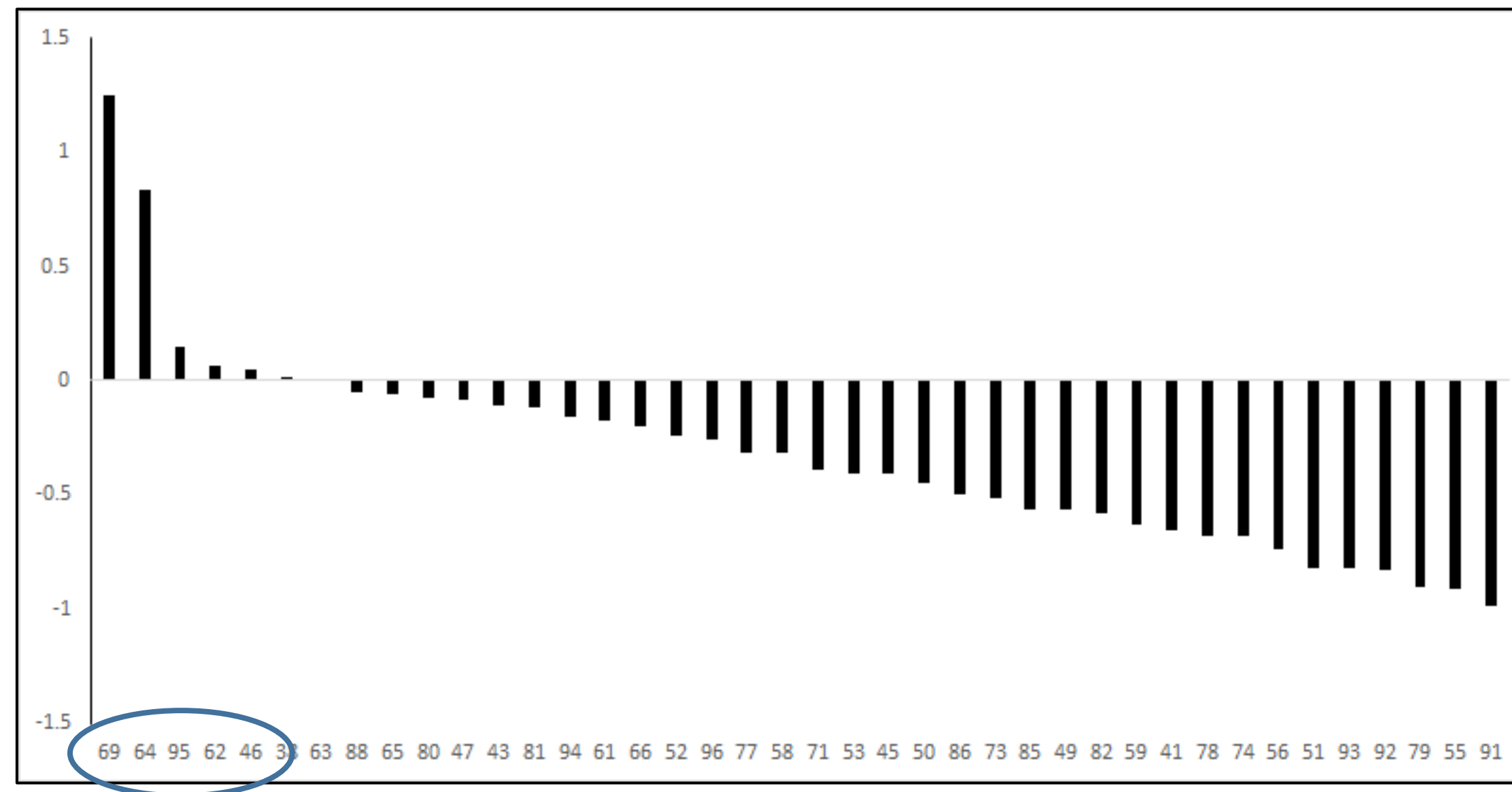
79 – Travel agencies

92 – Gambling and betting

93 – Sports, amusement and recreation

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## least affected industries

- 69 – Legal and accounting
- 64 – Financial service activities
- 95 – Repairs
- 62 – Computer programming and consultancy
- 46 – Wholesale trade

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shares calculated in December 2019

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- non-tradable sectors

$$Exposure_{i,n} = \sum_p \frac{Loans_{i,n,p}}{Loans_{i,n}} Exposure_{n,p},$$

decline in credit card spending  
in industry  $n$  and province  $p$

# Empirical Methodology

- Diff-in-diff estimation method

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- standard errors are clustered at the bank x year-month level

# Final Sample

- We focus on privately-owned commercial banks (27 banks)
  - exclude state-owned banks: less binding financial constraints and intermediate government support during the pandemic
- Firm x year-month fixed effects
  - only multi-bank firms are included (176,628 firms)
- In total, 7,998,882 monthly bank-firm observations

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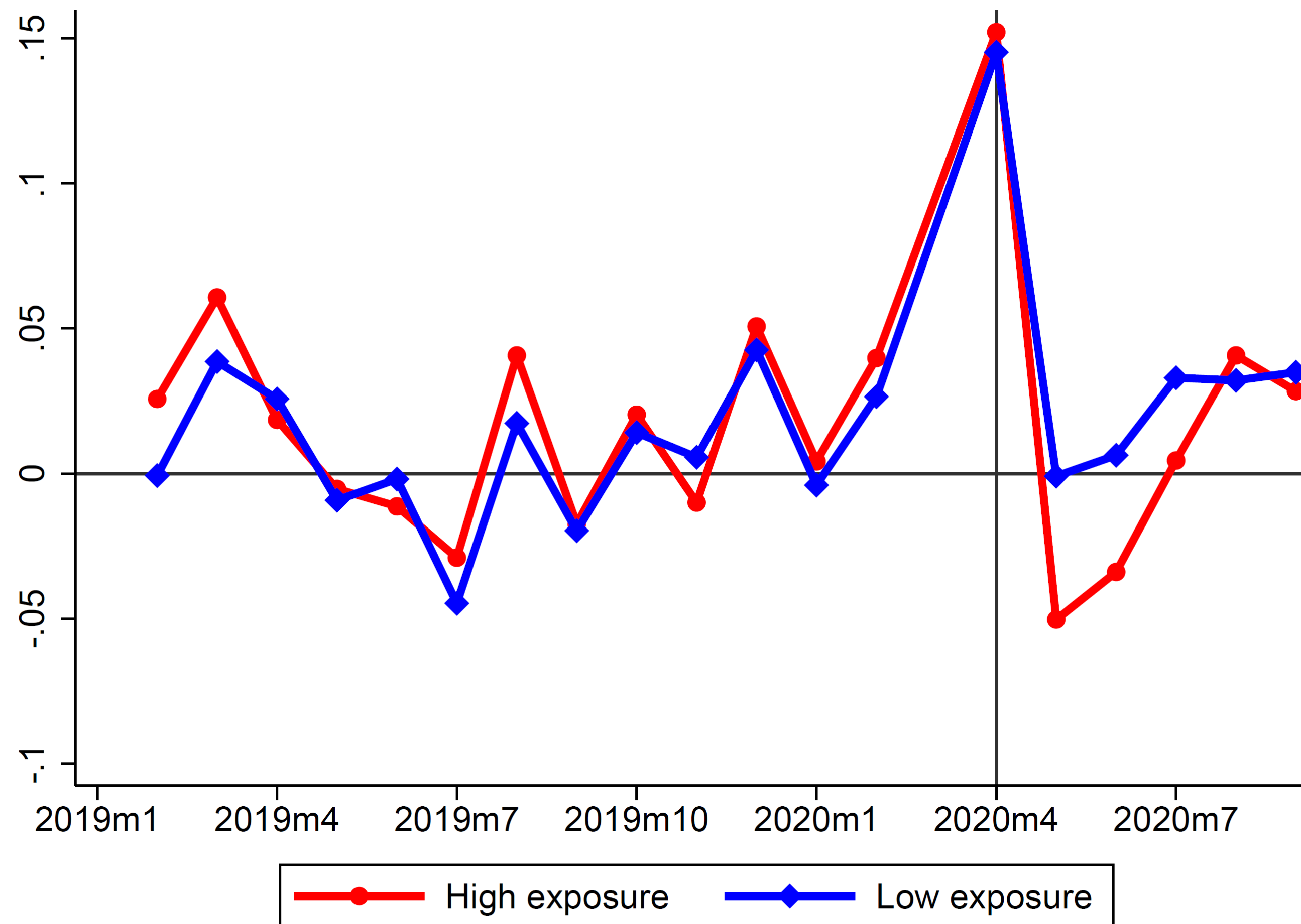
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log change in average loans by bank exposure



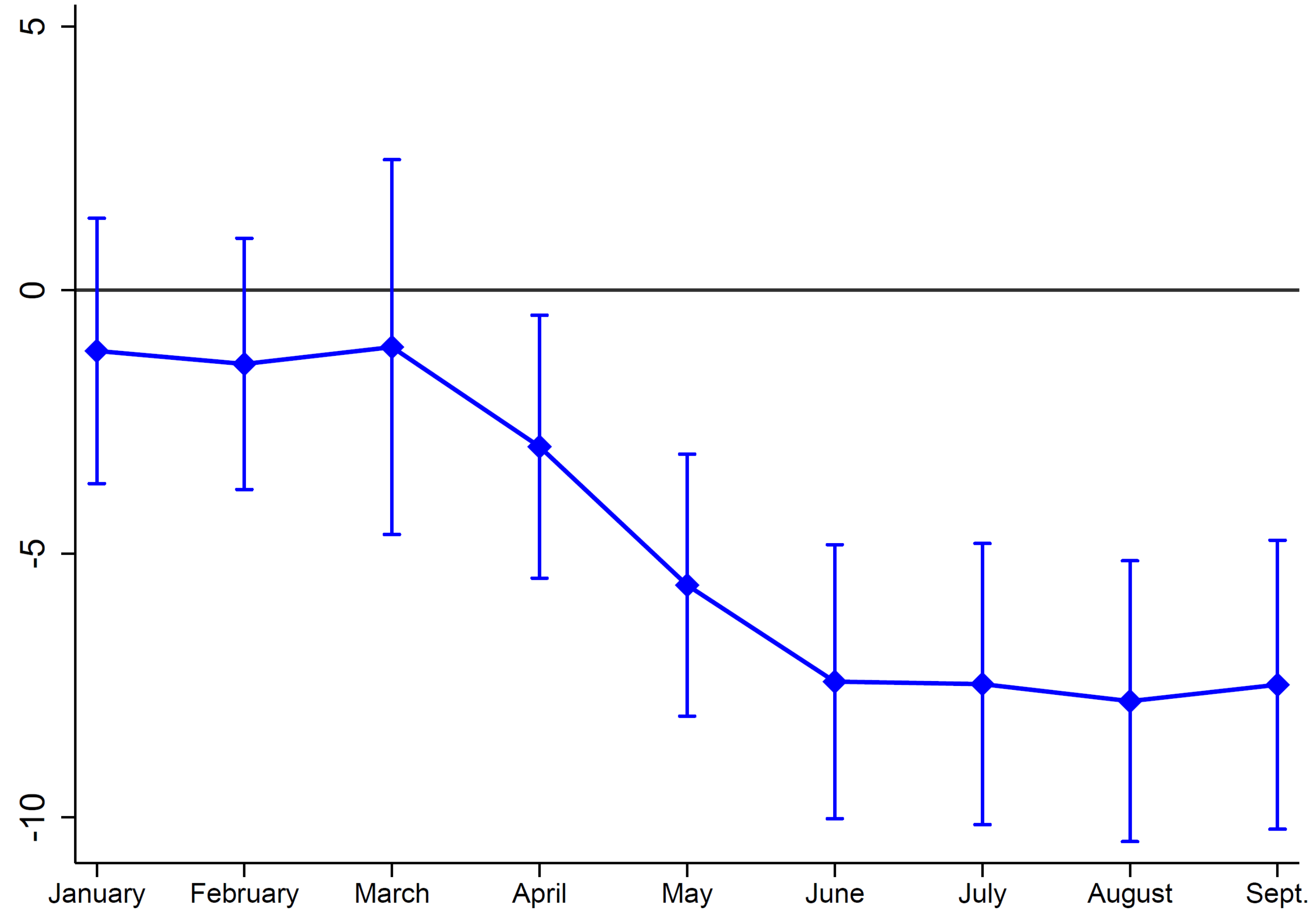
# Main Results

	Total loans (1)	Short-term loans (2)	Long-term loans (3)
<b>A- Main effect</b>			
Post x exposure	-6.42929*** (0.74741)	-7.52732*** (0.92541)	-8.94413*** (0.88764)
R-squared	0.913	0.870	0.944
N	7,998,882	6,461,979	3,236,316
<b>B- Monthly effects</b>			
April x exposure	-3.70352** (1.79474)	-2.84975** (1.34877)	-8.19529*** (1.85545)
May x exposure	-5.89784*** (1.21049)	-5.57519*** (1.49419)	-9.04003*** (1.06114)
June x exposure	-7.46207*** (1.14931)	-8.66790*** (1.34791)	-8.76738*** (1.48603)
July x exposure	-7.40921*** (1.26175)	-9.51883*** (1.27889)	-8.67894*** (1.56651)
August x exposure	-7.54376*** (1.38666)	-9.87282*** (1.24974)	-9.17271*** (1.92158)
September x exposure	-7.15358*** (1.34657)	-9.63658*** (1.24181)	-10.23669*** (2.16601)
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- Higher exposure leads to a significant reduction in banks' loan supply
- 1 p.p. increase in the exposure led to a 6.64 percent reduction
- Both short- and long-term loans are affected

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- Less- vs more-affected industries

	Less-affected industries			More-affected industries		
	Total loans	Short-term loans	Long-term loans	Total loans	Short-term loans	Long-term loans
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Post x exposure	-6.67450*** (0.71450)	-7.41333*** (0.97230)	-9.87973*** (0.97822)	-6.24386*** (0.74711)	-7.48094*** (0.87599)	-8.62280*** (0.84906)
R-squared	0.903	0.865	0.934	0.915	0.871	0.946
N	3,277,346	3,277,346	3,277,346	2,645,843	2,645,843	2,645,843

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- Reduction in banks' loan supply is of similar size across firms in less- and more-affected industries

# Main Results

- whether firm size matters

Total loans				
	Employment < 250 (1)	Employment ≥ 250 (2)	Employment ≥ 500 (3)	Employment ≥ 1000 (4)
Post x exposure	-6.73936*** (0.79145)	-3.11367*** (0.49973)	-3.04048*** (0.55829)	-2.50322*** (0.68268)
R-squared	0.907	0.912	0.870	0.909
N	7,763,268	235,614	180,421	17,475

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- Bank are more hesitant to decrease their loans to larger firms

# Firm-level Regression

- Diff-in-diff estimation method

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firm  $j$ 's exposure to the shock via its banks

- firm-level exposure:

$$Exposure_j = \sum_i \frac{Loans_{i,j}}{Loans_j} Exposure_i,$$

# Firm-level Results

	Total loans (1)	Bank exposure (2)	Number of banks (3)	State-owned share (4)
<b>A- Main effect</b>				
Post x exposure	-3.84251*** (0.30315)	-0.06805*** (0.00391)	-1.77516*** (0.21662)	0.16367*** (0.05008)
R-squared	0.899	0.889	0.920	0.826
N	5,549,367	5,549,367	5,549,367	5,549,367
<b>B- Monthly effects</b>				
April x exposure	-1.40784*** (0.30325)	-0.01092*** (0.00288)	-1.31427*** (0.20355)	0.25999*** (0.04706)
May x exposure	-2.88282*** (0.33849)	-0.04352*** (0.00394)	-1.45548*** (0.21955)	0.19783*** (0.05182)
June x exposure	-4.33092*** (0.33653)	-0.07036*** (0.00418)	-1.64166*** (0.23412)	0.17653*** (0.05411)
July x exposure	-4.84365*** (0.34527)	-0.08703*** (0.00497)	-2.01625*** (0.23990)	0.13821** (0.05548)
August x exposure	-4.78704*** (0.35277)	-0.09603*** (0.00511)	-2.02324*** (0.24915)	0.12058** (0.05663)
September x exposure	-4.91509*** (0.35841)	-0.10355*** (0.00507)	-2.23281*** (0.26065)	0.08314 (0.05730)
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- Firms could not avoid a reduction in their total loans
- 1 p.p. increase in firms' exposure led to an almost 4 percent drop

# Firm-level Results

- Government support through state-owned banks

	Without state-owned bank relationship				With state-owned bank relationship			
	Total loans	Bank exposure	Number of banks	State-owned share	Total loans	Bank exposure	Number of banks	State-owned share
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Post x exposure	-4.81021*** (0.41575)	-0.05220*** (0.00432)	-0.70027*** (0.21013)	-0.09137* (0.05413)	-2.81100*** (0.39893)	-0.09716*** (0.00777)	-3.20009*** (0.48500)	0.46799*** (0.10247)
R-squared	0.847	0.904	0.919	0.409	0.903	0.825	0.900	0.727
N	3,540,952	3,540,952	3,540,952	3,540,952	1,990,869	1,990,869	1,990,869	1,990,869

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- Firms with an existing relationship with a state-owned bank experienced a significant increase in the share of its loans from state-owned banks
- As a result, they had a significantly less reduction in their total loans

# Firm-level Results

- Less- vs more-affected industries

	Less-affected industries				More-affected industries			
	Total loans (1)	Bank exposure (2)	Number of banks (3)	State-owned share (4)	Total loans (5)	Bank exposure (6)	Number of banks (7)	State-owned share (8)
Post x exposure	-4.13593*** (0.51824)	-0.07474*** (0.00609)	-1.40268*** (0.36960)	0.17505** (0.08019)	-3.61572*** (0.48439)	-0.09562*** (0.01252)	-2.15948*** (0.38424)	0.28156*** (0.09071)
R-squared	0.898	0.858	0.922	0.924	0.791	0.876	0.920	0.821
N	2,086,085	2,086,085	2,086,085	2,086,085	2,067,175	2,067,175	2,067,175	2,067,175

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- Firms in both types of industries experienced a significant reduction in their loan supply

# Firm-level Results

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Post x exposure	-3.90016*** (0.30860)	-4.67089*** (1.75140)	-2.69234 (2.95507)	-2.10404 (2.99810)
R-squared	0.895	0.805	0.908	0.907
N	5,470,850	71,126	27,680	10,717

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- Large firms could switch to other banks and avoid a reduction in their total loans

# Firm-level Results

- Impact on firm sales

	All (1)	Tradable industries (2)	Non-tradable industries (3)
Q2 x industry exposure	-0.72816*** (0.00890)	-0.83989*** (0.02680)	-0.72757*** (0.00943)
Q3 x industry exposure	-0.12301*** (0.00878)	-0.03103 (0.02467)	-0.13033*** (0.00935)
Q2 x exposure	-0.89483*** (0.27749)	0.10173 (0.46102)	-1.54909*** (0.34408)
Q3 x exposure	-0.82129*** (0.28178)	-1.03885** (0.47216)	-0.76715** (0.34855)
R-squared	0.921	0.915	0.945
N	575,151	145,897	429,254

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- Higher exposure to the shock led to a significant drop in firm sales

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- Negative shocks affecting certain industries can be transmitted to the rest of the economy through banks
  - identification: exogeneity and heterogeneity of industry-level shocks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
  - highlight the interconnectedness of the economy through financial intermediaries
- Large firms could avoid the shock by switching to less-exposed banks
- Firms that had a relationship with a state-owned bank could alleviate it by borrowing from state-owned banks