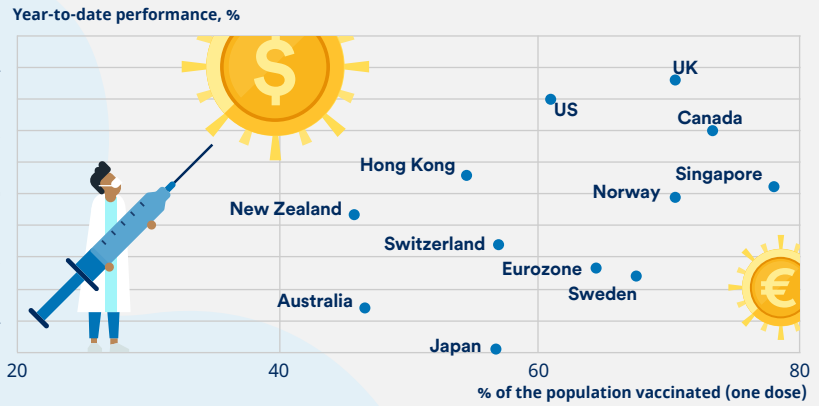
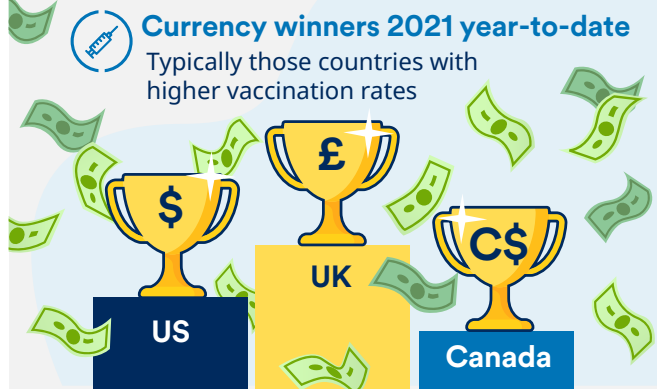


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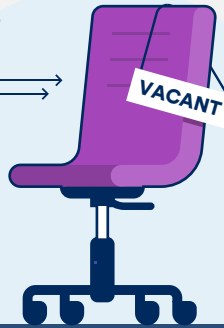
Note: Currency performance is based on nominal effective exchange rates (NEER) except for the US which is based on the DXY index. Source: Our World in Data, Schroders Economics Group, Refinitiv Datastream, 31 August 2021.

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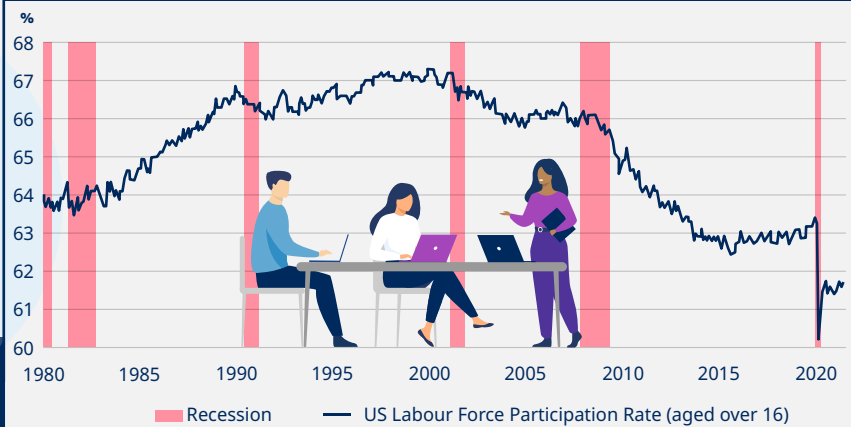
Many job vacancies are going unfilled as a result of worker shortages

- Due to a reluctance to increase social contact
- childcare considerations
- enhanced unemployment benefits (in the US)



The participation rate shows the percentage of the population working or looking for work and is a broad measure of worker availability

US participation ratio has yet to recover



Source: Refinitiv Datastream, Schroders Economics Group, Markit, 18 August 2021.

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Source: Schroders Economics Group, September 2021

Source: Schroders as at September 2021.

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