

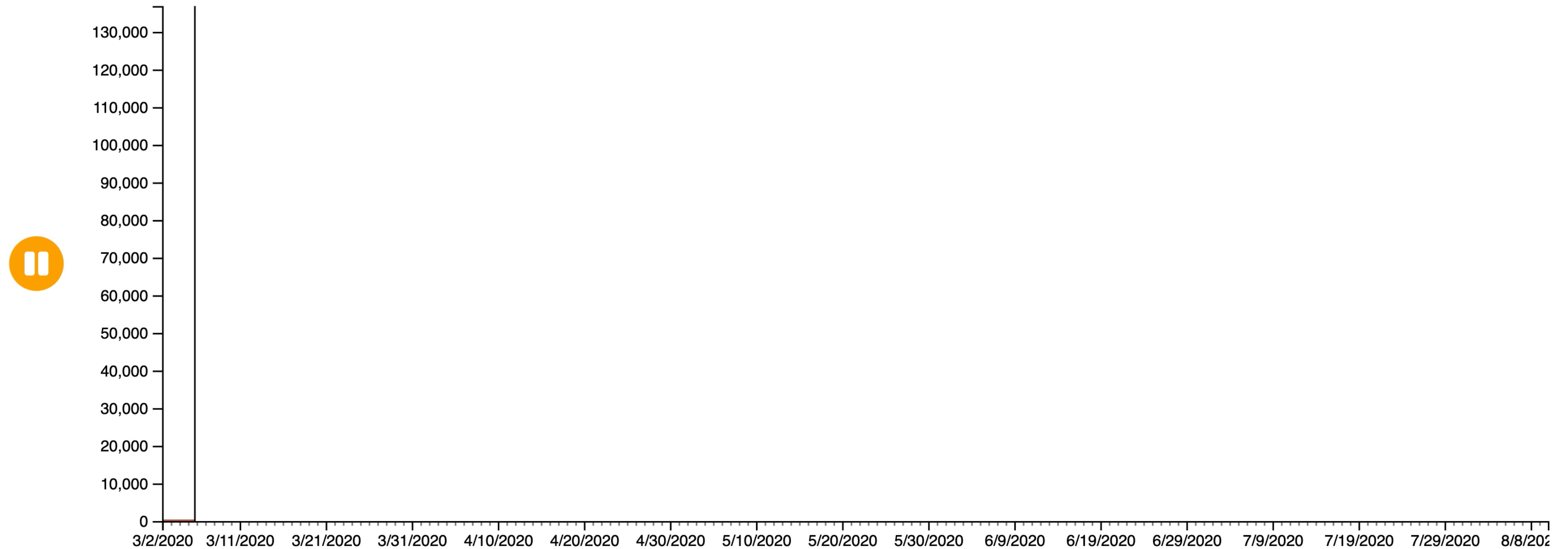


Coronavirus and North Carolina



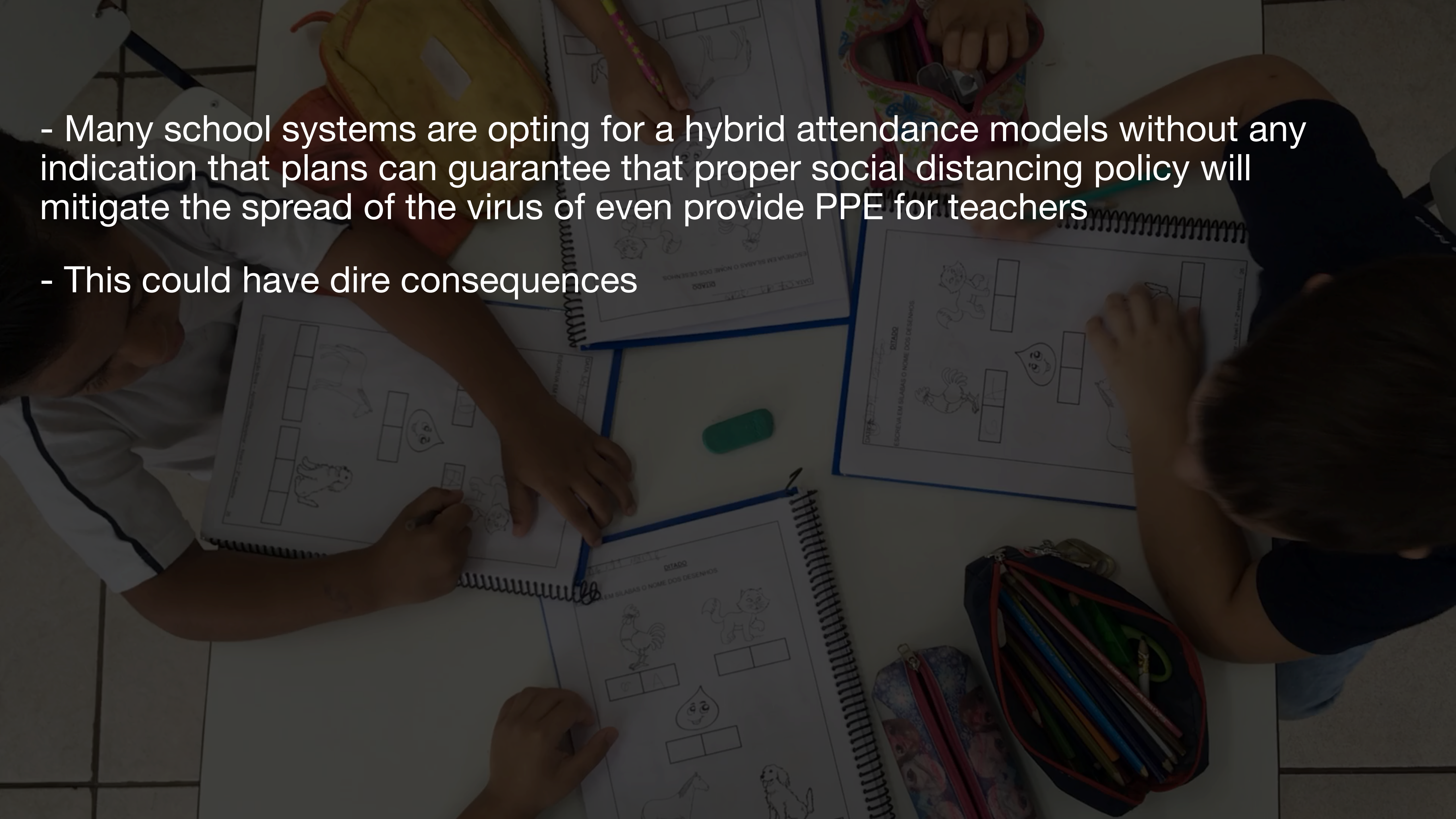
A grim trajectory

Cumulative COVID Cases by Day in North Carolina



3/5/2020
Total: 2

- Many school systems are opting for a hybrid attendance models without any indication that plans can guarantee that proper social distancing policy will mitigate the spread of the virus or even provide PPE for teachers
- This could have dire consequences



Older Children Spread the Coronavirus Just as Much as Adults

- Study with a sample size of 65,000
- Suggests that school reopening will trigger outbreaks
- Children between 10 and 19 spread the virus as well as adults
- Children are less likely to show symptoms
- Study finds that schools reopen without precaution will create clusters of infection

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Millions of Seniors live with school-age children

19% Asian or Pacific Islanders

Older Adults live with school-age children

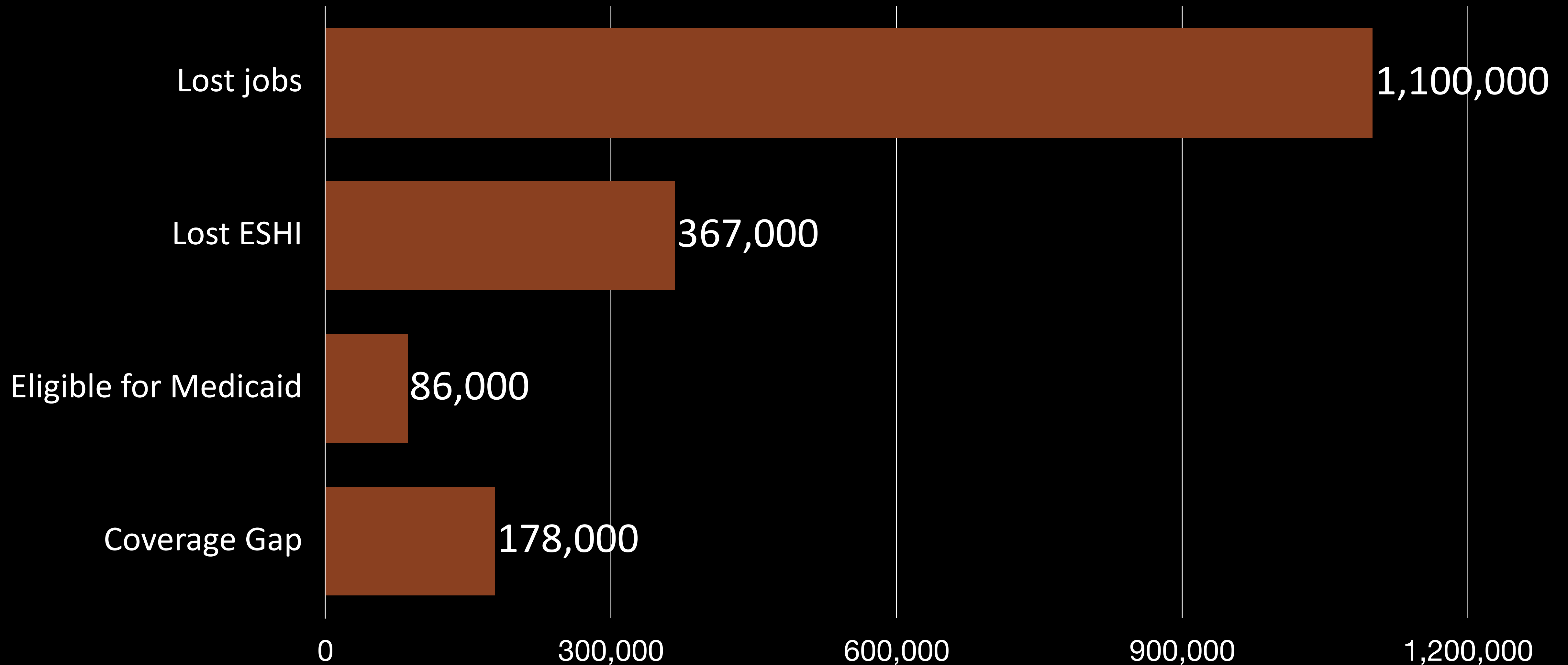
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- 88,000 seniors in NC live with 120,000 school-aged children
- Nationwide, 6% of people age 65 or older, or about 3.3 million people, lived in a household with a school-age child (ages 5-18)
- Older people of color are significantly more likely to live with a school-age child compared to their White counterparts.

Medicaid and North Carolina



North Carolina pandemic job loss and ESHI



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

Medicaid enrollment is up in North Carolina

From February to June

4.6 percent



95,000 people



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

Without more federal help, NC will be under pressure, worsening access to care and undermining the COVID-19 response

- The growing need for Medicaid coincides with an unprecedented state budget crisis. North Carolina is facing a shortfall in tax collection revenue in 2020 and 2021
- 6.2 FMAP increase enacted by Families First was a good first step
- But much smaller than the Great Recession FMAP increase
- It will end whenever the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declares the public health emergency over

What we are doing

- Making it clear to NC congressional delegation that FMAP increase needs to be larger and sustained for as long as necessary
- Working with organizational and community partners to ensure that messaging is consistent and being delivered efficiently
- Reminding congressional leadership of the importance of Medicaid expansion in the midst of the pandemic