

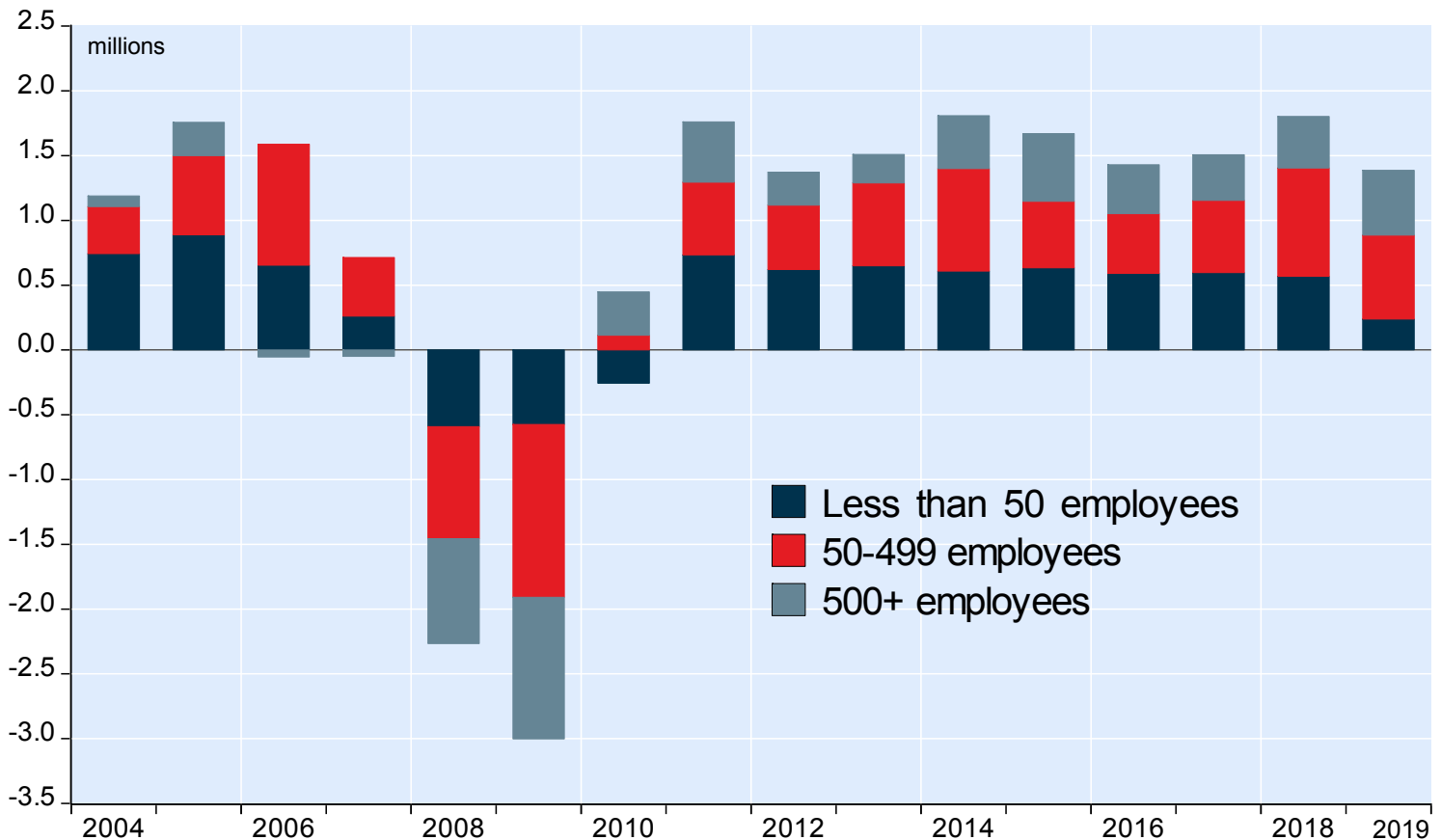
U.S. Watch

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Nearly 1.4 million private sector jobs were created in the first eight months of 2019 in the U.S. according to the ADP. As today's *Hot Chart* shows, firms with 500 or more employees have created roughly half a million private sector jobs so far this year. In other words, those large firms account for 36% of private sector job creation this year, the highest share since 2010. Such growing dependence on large firms arguably makes the U.S. labour market more vulnerable to the escalating U.S.-China trade war – recall that 43% of sales of S&P500 companies come from outside of the U.S. As such, unless there is a meaningful truce between those two superpowers, it's hard to see U.S. job creation maintaining the pace in 2020.

U.S.: Can large firms keep driving job creation in 2020?

Private sector employment creation in first eight months of every year according to ADP, by firm size



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