



NAB ECONOMICS DATA INSIGHTS

WEEK ENDING 12 MARCH 2022

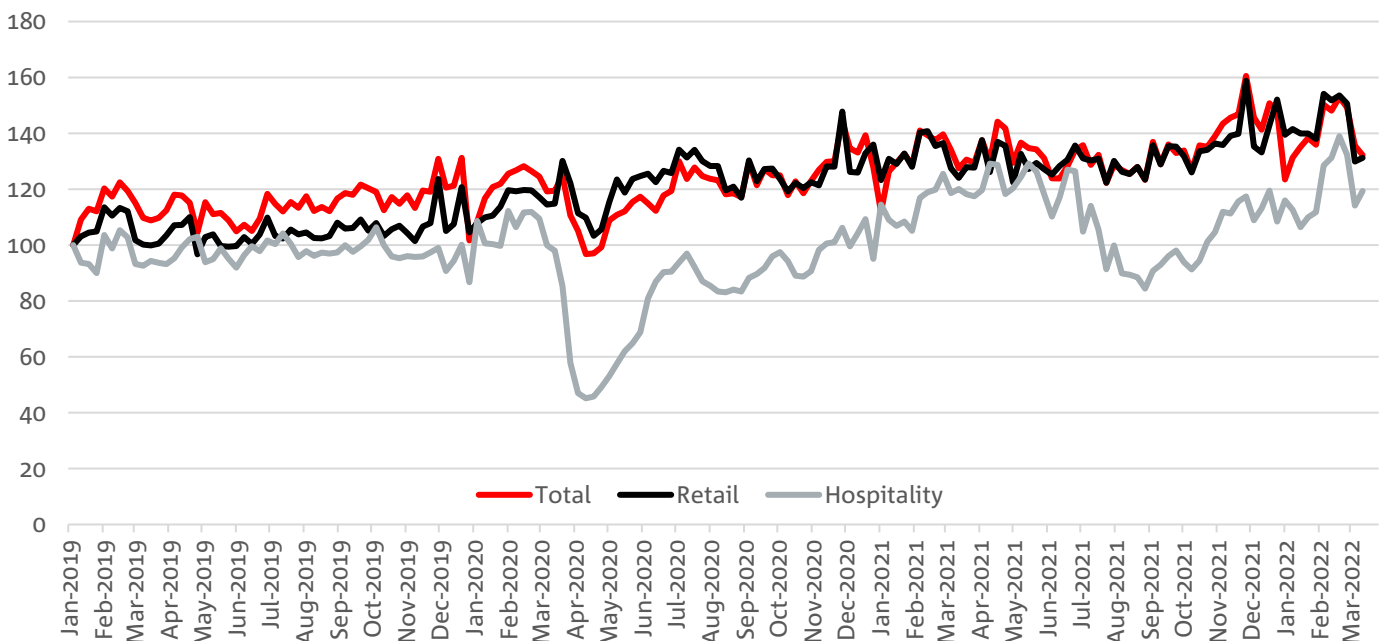
COMMENTS FROM NAB GROUP CHIEF ECONOMIST ALAN OSTER

- Our latest weekly consumer tracking data to 12 March shows a sizeable drop in spending over the past two weeks compared to the previous four. While the decline appears substantial, we remain of the view that underlying trends are still broadly encouraging. We see the decline driven by essentially three factors: technical parameters around seasonality from February to March; flooding in large areas of eastern Australia; and heightened covid concerns in Western Australia, which is only now experiencing its first major outbreak.
- While the floods caused major damage in parts of Queensland and New South Wales, their impact on the overall series is already passing. Queensland spending increased last week (from a flood-induced low the week prior) and New South Wales spending remained similar to other eastern states. Likewise, while Western Australian consumers remain anxious with omicron circulating, we expect their behaviour to essentially follow those of eastern states, where consumption bounced back as cases fell.
- Overall, our seasonally adjusted consumption series stood at 132.2 for the week ending 12 March 2022, using a 2019 base. This was a decline from the week prior (135.6). Retail stood at 131.2 last week, slightly higher than the week prior (129.9) but below the levels seen in February. Hospitality recovered slightly from a large drop at the start of the month, standing at 119.4 compared to 114.1 the week prior. The hospitality index is now basically level with the same time in 2021 (120.0).
- Our total inward credits data declined last week, albeit from a very strong print the week prior. Overall, 2022 continues to outperform 2021 and even pre-pandemic 2019.

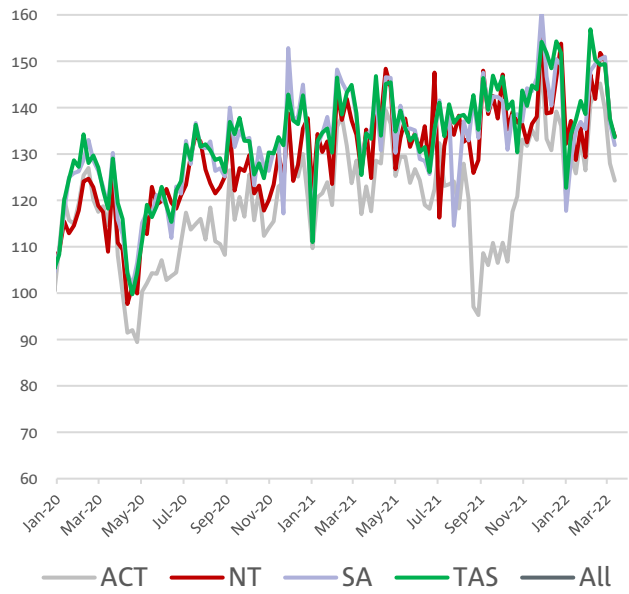
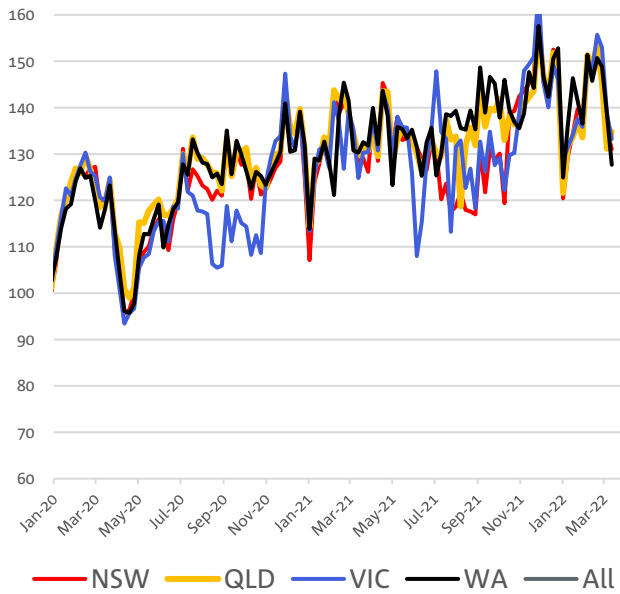
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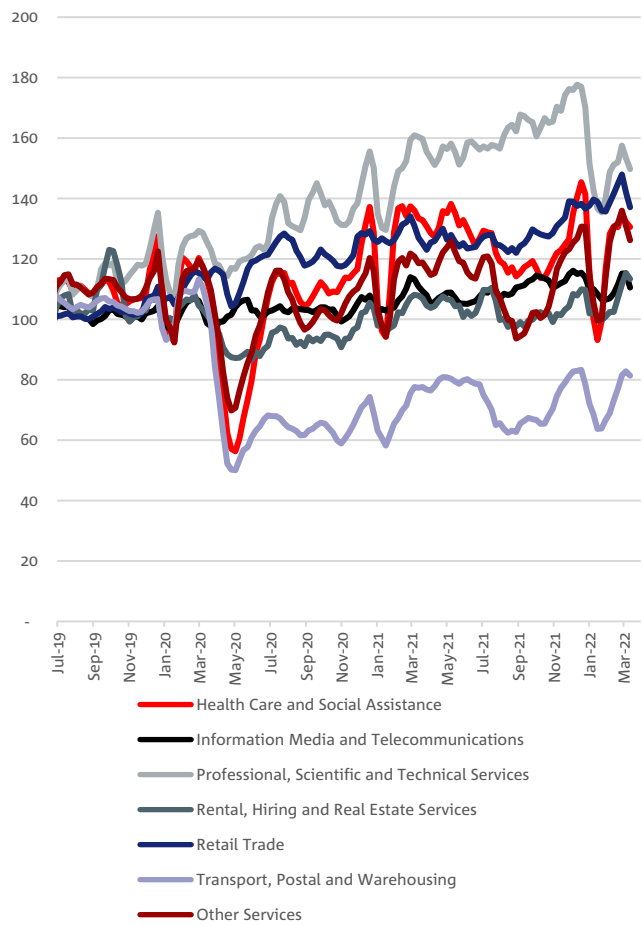
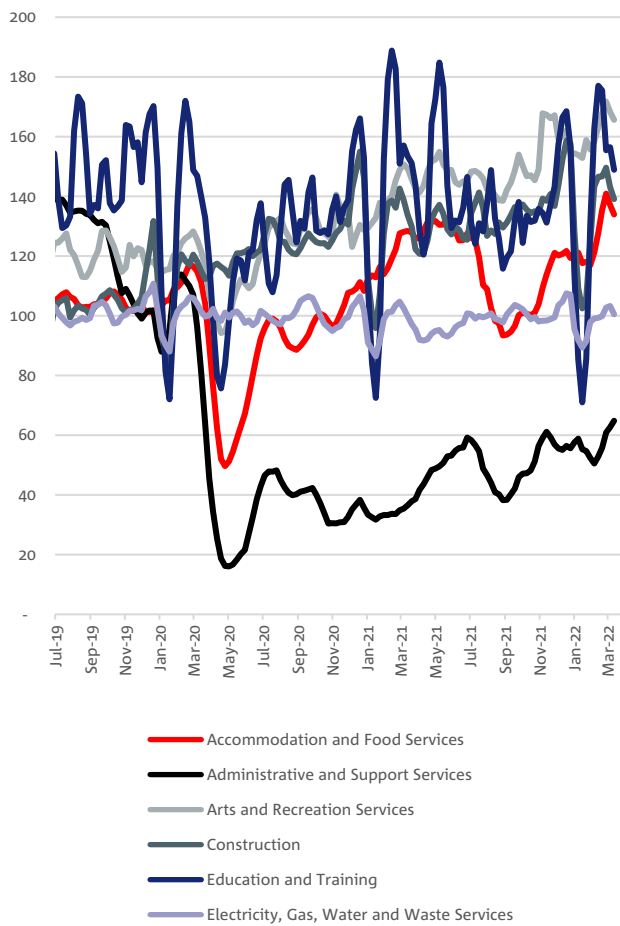
WEEKLY INDEX- JANUARY 2019 BASE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



CONSUMPTION BY STATE (INDEX, 2019 BASE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

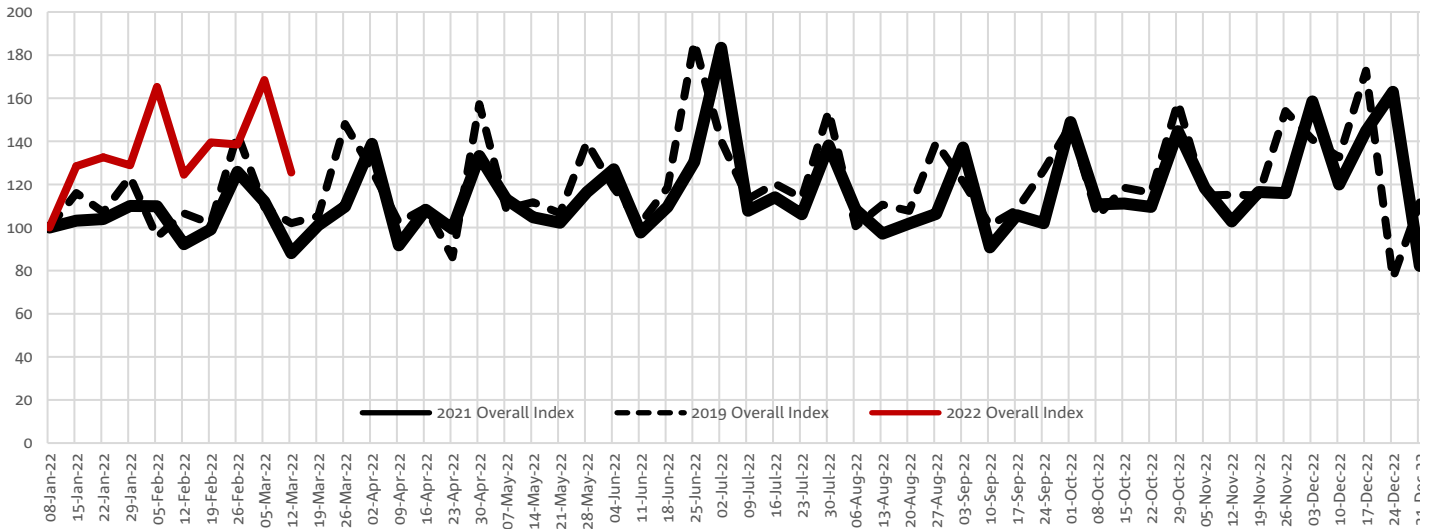


CONSUMPTION BY INDUSTRY (INDEX, 2019 BASE, 4 WK MOVING AVERAGE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

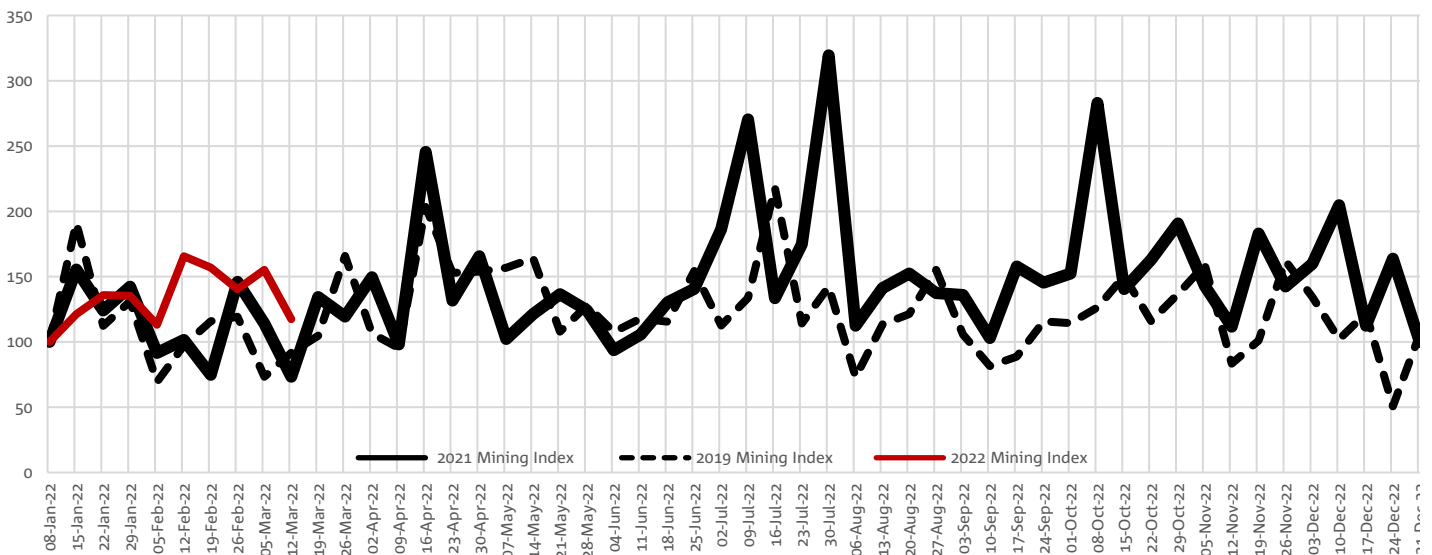


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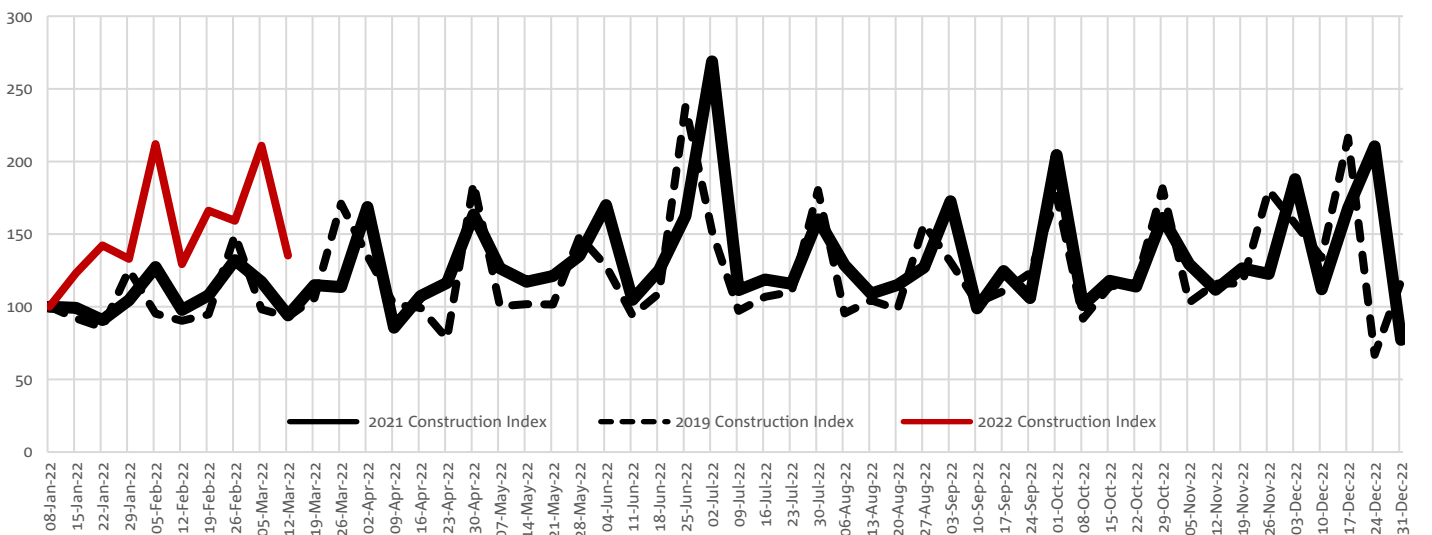
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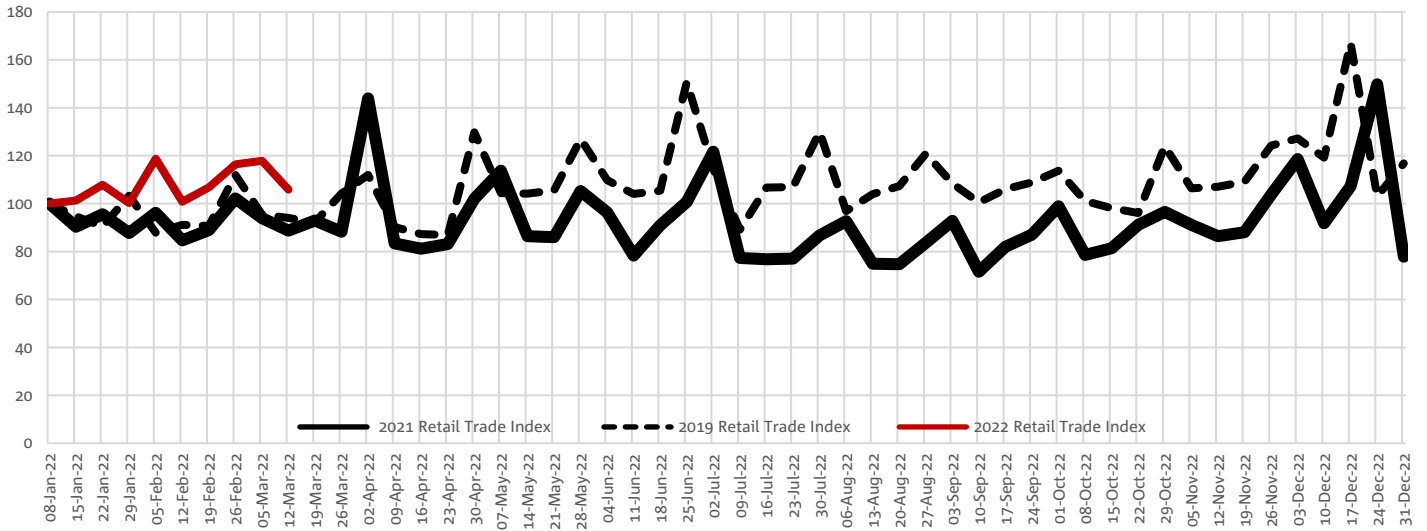
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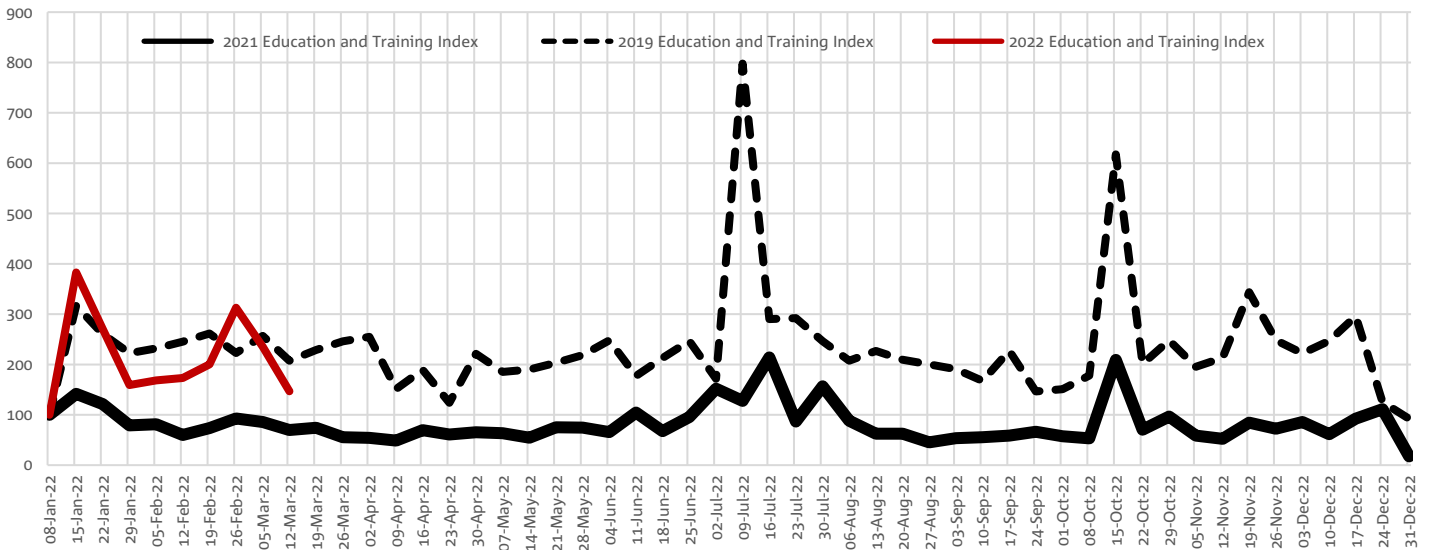
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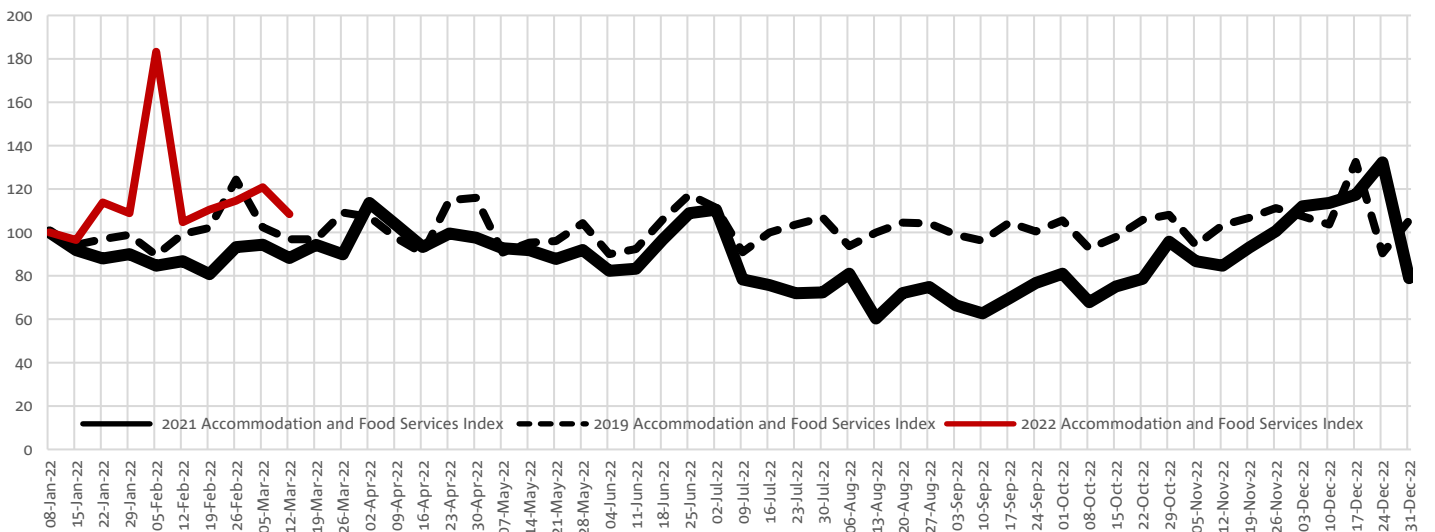
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