

# Estimated Impacts of COVID-19 on NYISO Load

Analysis through 1/31/2021

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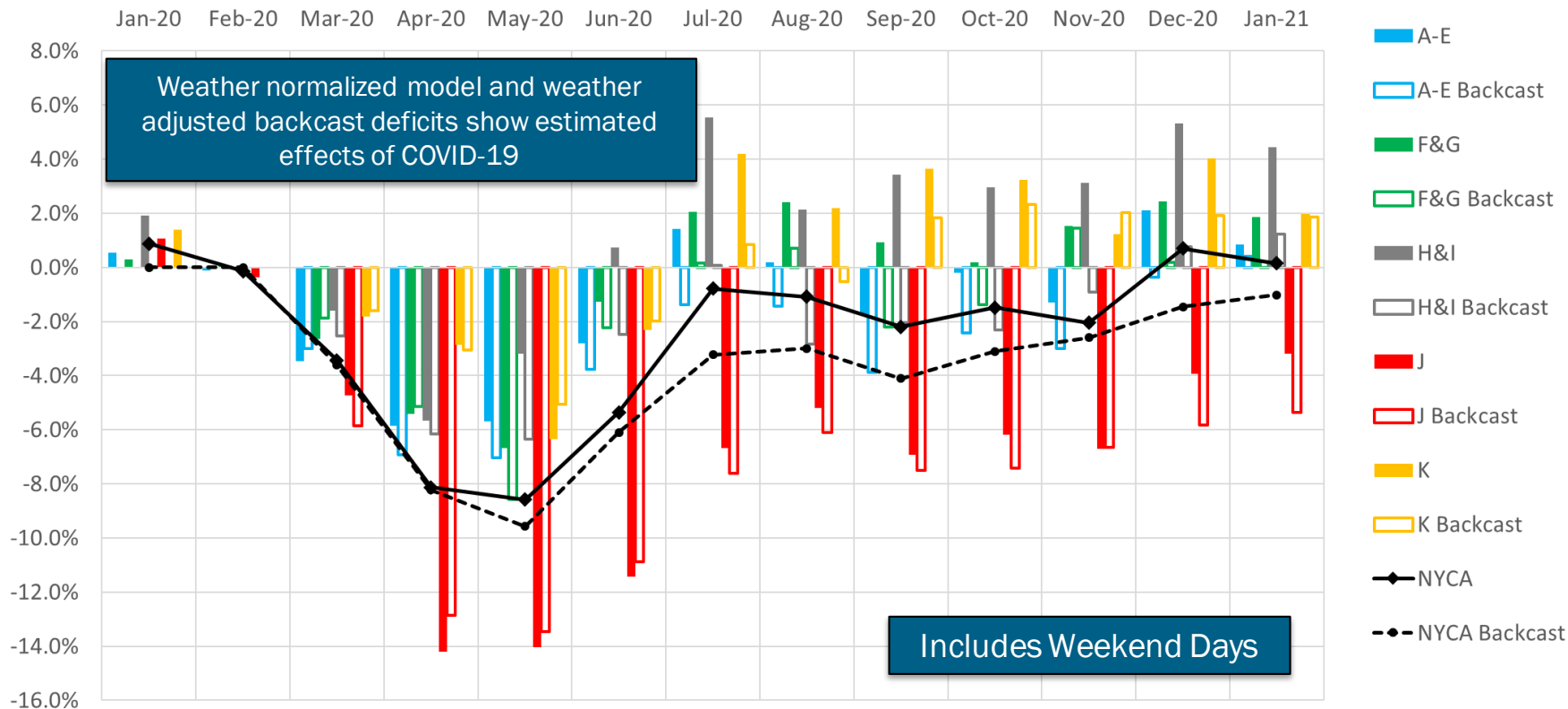
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**COVID-19 Tracking Update**

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# Impacts on Daily Energy by Month

Weather Normalized and Backcast Monthly Energy Use - % Versus Expected/Actual (Areas)



# Model Explanation - Impacts on Daily Energy by Month

## Actual Difference

- Equals: Actual Load – Expected Load
- Expected Load is the 2020 pre-COVID baseline annual load forecast, shared out on a daily basis using the 10-year history of daily weather-normalized energy
- This difference reflects the total change in load relative to expected levels, including weather, economic, virus, and any other impacts

## Weather Normalized Difference

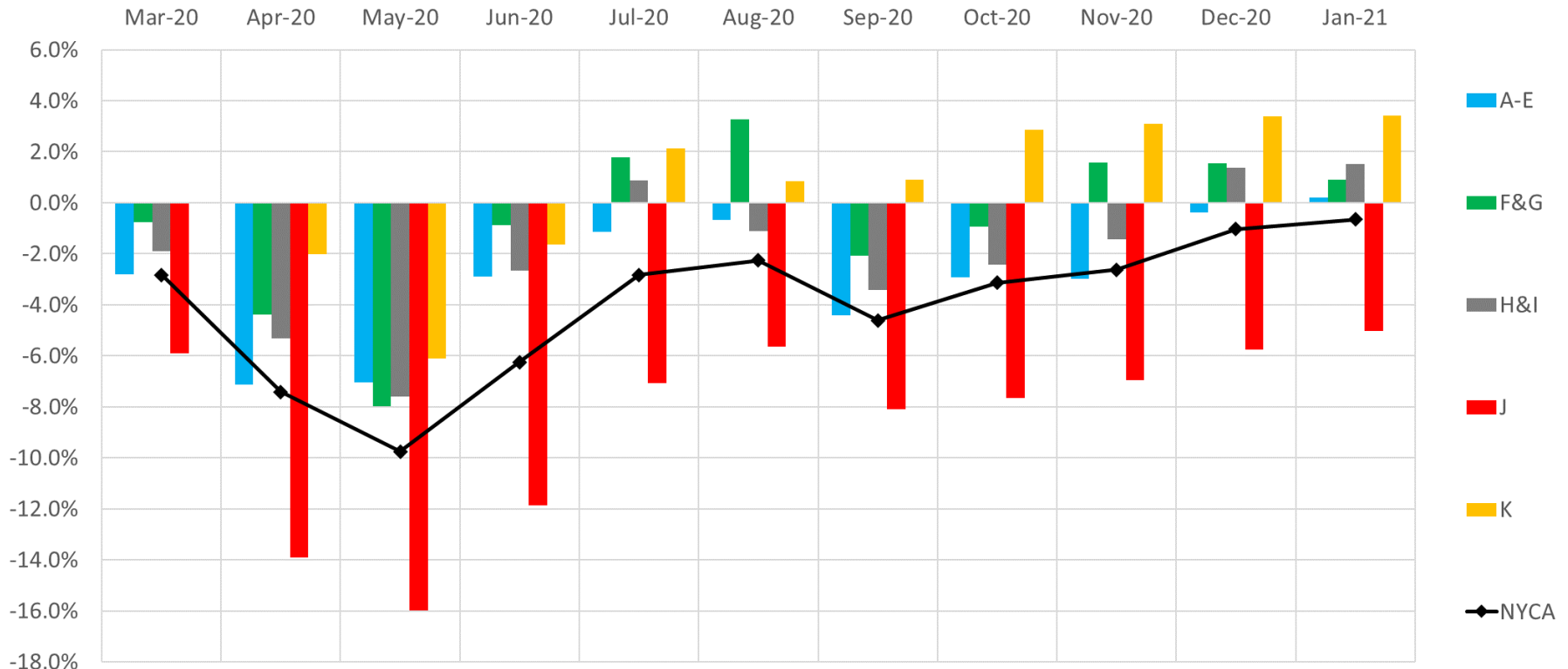
- Equals: Weather Normalized Load – Expected Load
- Weather Normalized Load is calculated via Zonal models regressing daily energy against daily weather variables and binaries. These models estimate what the load would have been on a given date under normal weather conditions
- These models are fit through the most recent 12 months of data, and have recent weather response signals.
- Expected Load is equivalent to that defined in the Actual Difference calculation
- This difference reflects non-weather driven changes in load levels, including economic, virus, and other impacts. The comparison is weather neutral as normal weather is used on both sides of the comparison

## Weather Adjusted Backcast Difference

- Equals: Actual Load - Backcast Load
- Backcast Load is the load generated by the Zonal hourly day-ahead models using actual weather, where the model estimation period ends in February. Thus, these backcasts estimate what the load would have been on a given day under pre-COVID conditions
- These models were fit through February, so they do not contain the most recent weather response signals
- This difference reflects non-weather driven changes in load levels, including economic, virus, and other impacts. The comparison is weather neutral as actual weather is used on both sides of the comparison

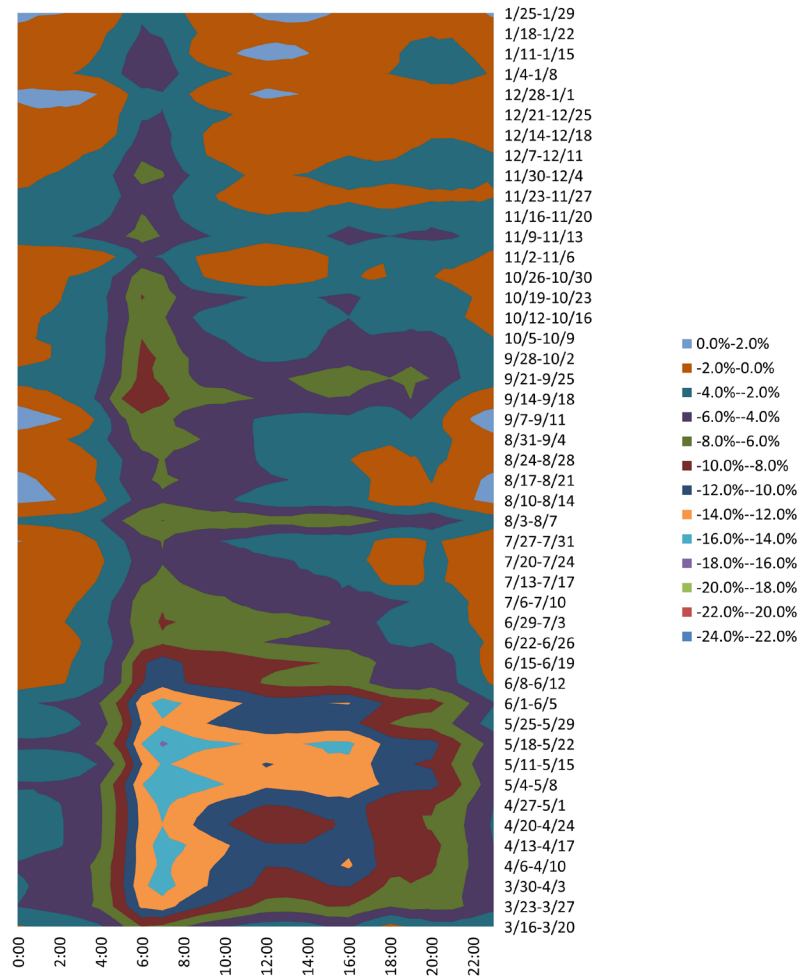
# Regional Impacts on Peak Demand

2020-2021 Backcast Peaks - % Versus Actual (Areas)

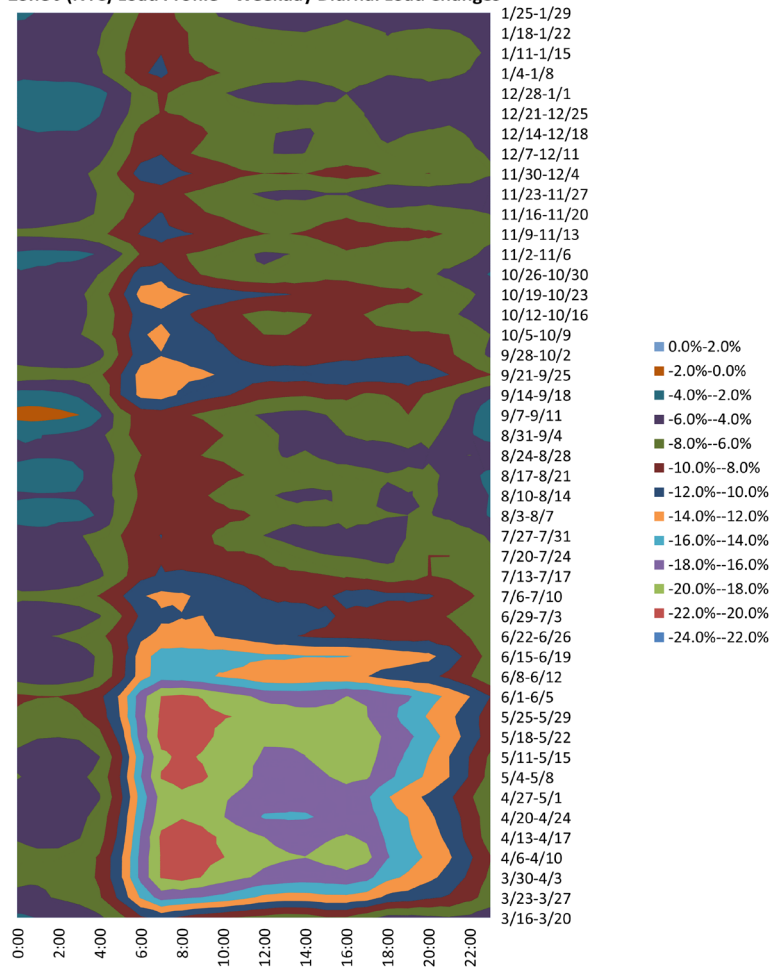


# Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns

NYCA Load Profile - Weekday Diurnal Load Changes



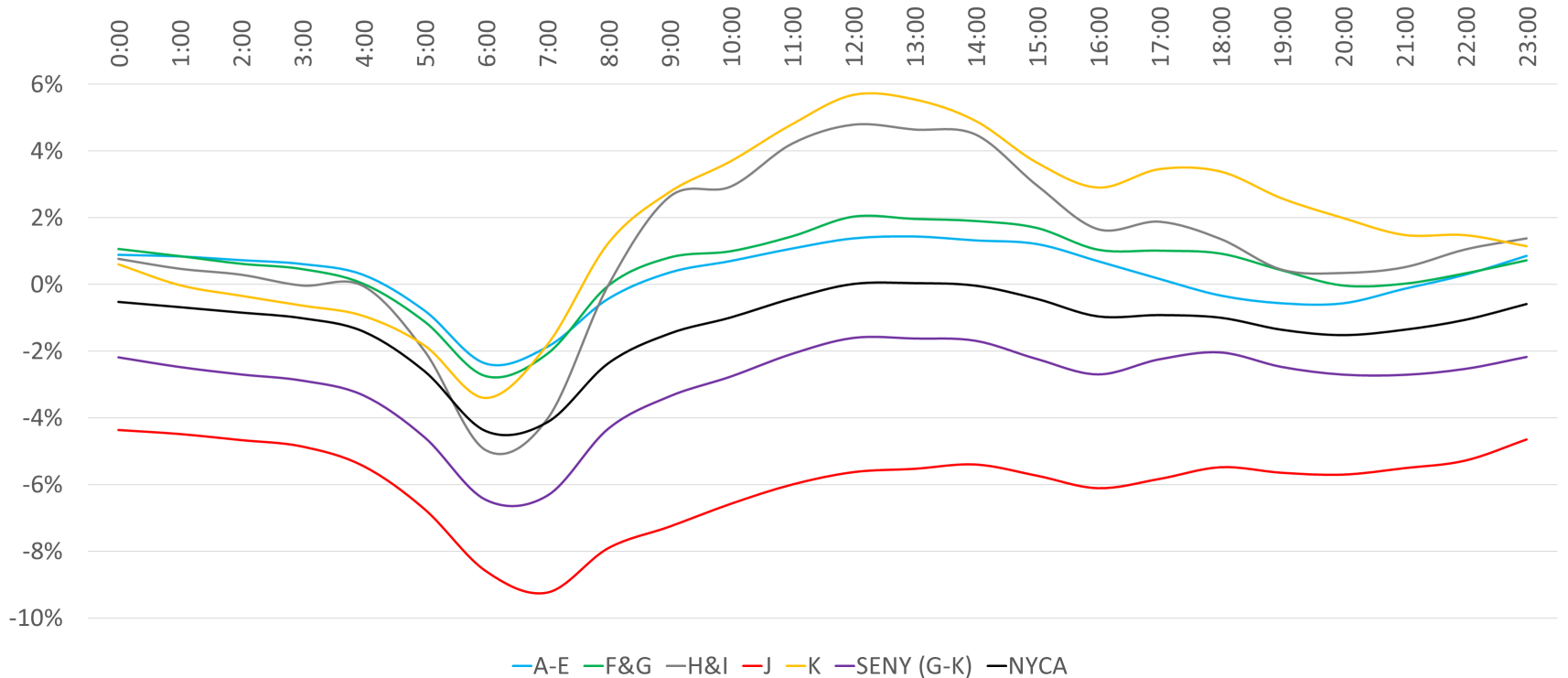
Zone J (NYC) Load Profile - Weekday Diurnal Load Changes



# Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns

# Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns (Area)

Average Hourly Deviation from Expected by Area, 1/1 through 1/29 (Weekdays)



# Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns (Area)

Hour	A-E	F&G	H&I	J	K	SENY (G-K)	NYCA
0:00	1%	1%	1%	-4%	1%	-2%	-1%
1:00	1%	1%	0%	-4%	0%	-2%	-1%
2:00	1%	1%	0%	-5%	0%	-3%	-1%
3:00	1%	0%	0%	-5%	-1%	-3%	-1%
4:00	0%	0%	0%	-5%	-1%	-3%	-1%
5:00	-1%	-1%	-2%	-7%	-2%	-5%	-3%
6:00	-2%	-3%	-5%	-9%	-3%	-6%	-4%
7:00	-2%	-2%	-4%	-9%	-2%	-6%	-4%
8:00	0%	0%	0%	-8%	1%	-4%	-2%
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20:00	-1%	0%	0%	-6%	2%	-3%	-2%
21:00	0%	0%	1%	-6%	1%	-3%	-1%
22:00	0%	0%	1%	-5%	1%	-3%	-1%
23:00	1%	1%	1%	-5%	1%	-2%	-1%

Average Hourly  
Load Deficit  
By Area  
1/1 - 1/31  
(Weekdays)



# Impacts on Hourly Load Patterns (Zone)

Hour	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
0:00	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-1%	1%	-4%	1%
1:00	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-2%	2%	-4%	0%
2:00	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	-2%	2%	-5%	0%
3:00	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	-3%	2%	-5%	-1%
4:00	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-3%	2%	-5%	-1%
5:00	-1%	-1%	-1%	1%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-5%	0%	-7%	-2%
6:00	-2%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-2%	-3%	-7%	-4%	-9%	-3%
7:00	-2%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-4%	-9%	-2%
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21:00	0%	1%	-1%	-1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-6%	1%
22:00	0%	2%	-1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	-5%	1%
23:00	0%	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	-5%	1%

Average Hourly Load Deficit by Zone, 1/1 - 1/31 (Weekdays)

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