

### **Economic Conditions in the Region**

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# **Overview of Regional Conditions**

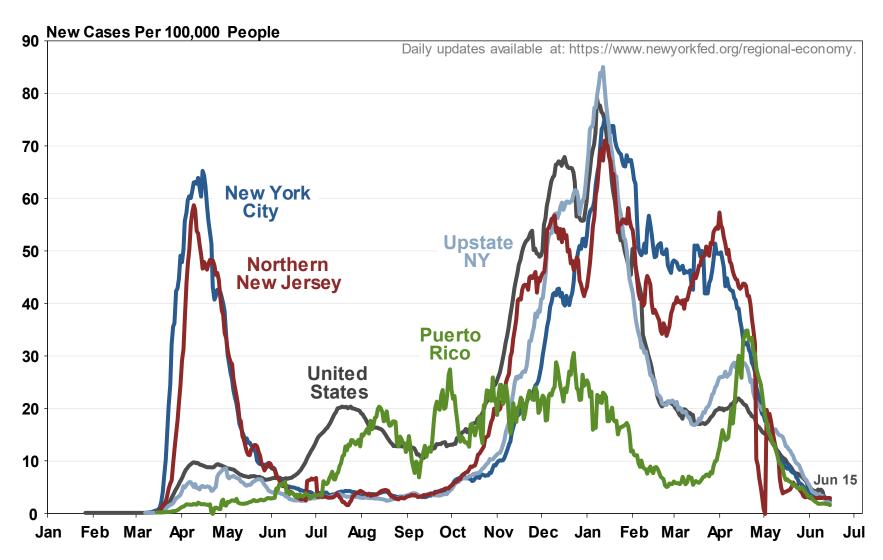
- With vaccinations rising and the spread of Covid-19 declining to low levels, business activity has rebounded strongly.
- Labor market conditions have continued to improve, though employment remains well below pre-pandemic levels, particularly in New York City and in the leisure & hospitality sector.
- Home prices have increased sharply through the pandemic, while rents in New York City have rebounded modestly but remain well below pre-pandemic levels.





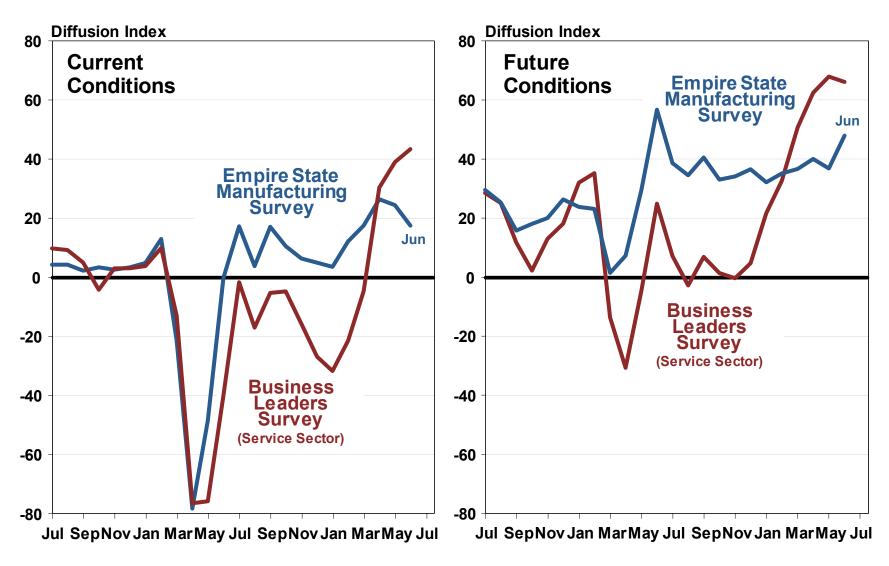
## Coronavirus Spread in the Region

Daily New Cases Per Capita, 7-Day Average



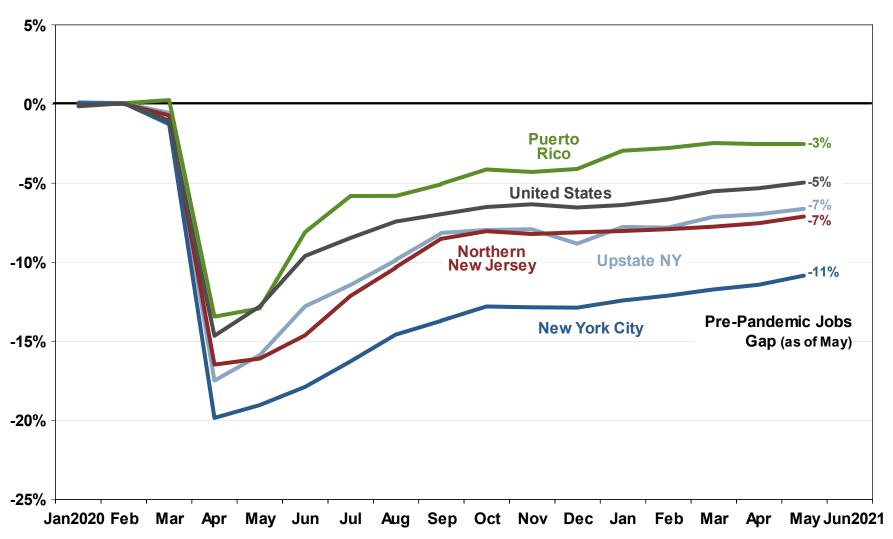
## **Strong Rebound in Business Activity**

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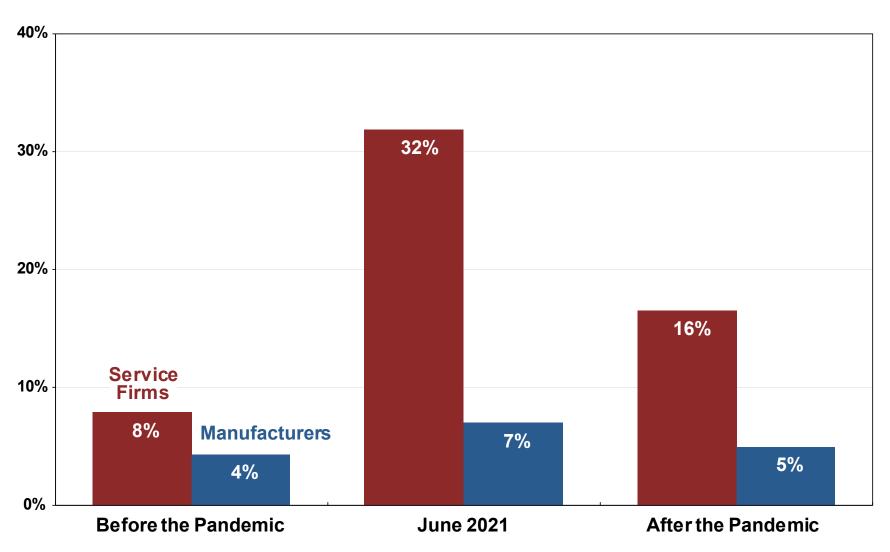
## **Employment Still Below Pre-Pandemic Levels**

Percent Change in Total Employment Since Feb 2020



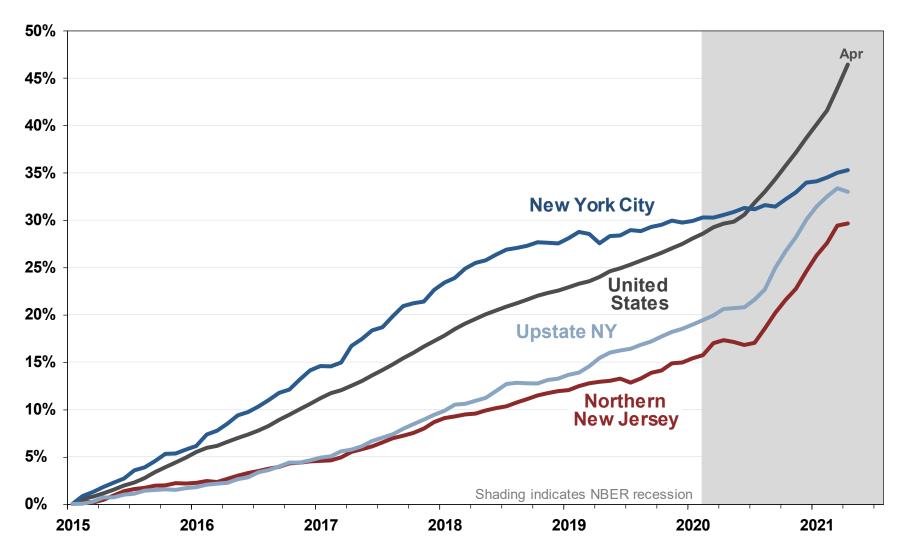
## The Future of Work in the Region

**Average Share of Work Done Remotely** 



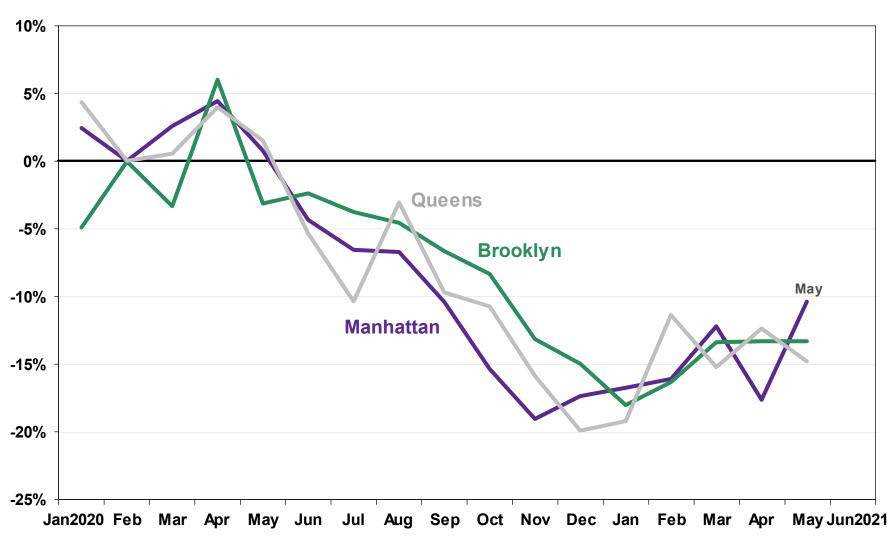
# **Sharp Rise in Home Prices**

Percent Change in Home Prices, Indexed to Jan 2015



#### NYC Rents Have Rebounded But Remain Soft

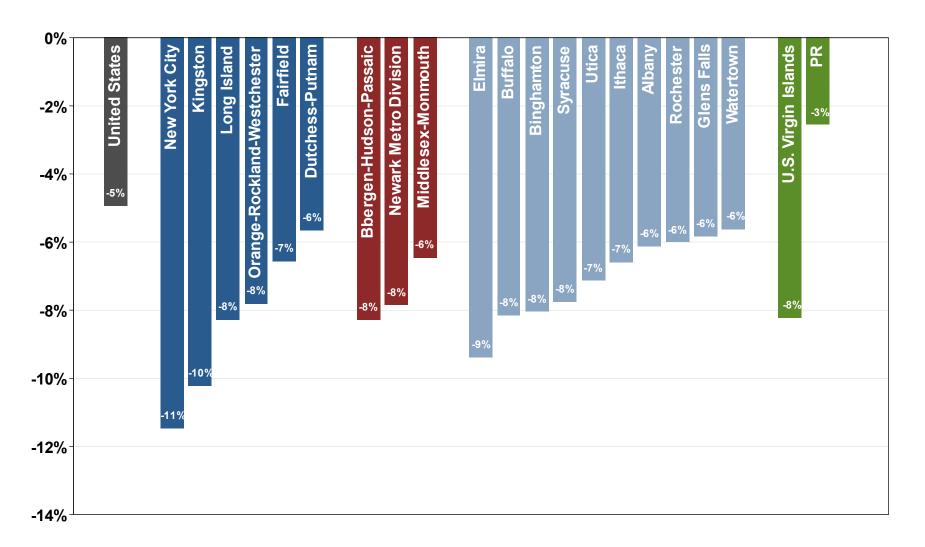
Percent Change in Median Rents, Indexed to Feb 2020



# Reference Slides

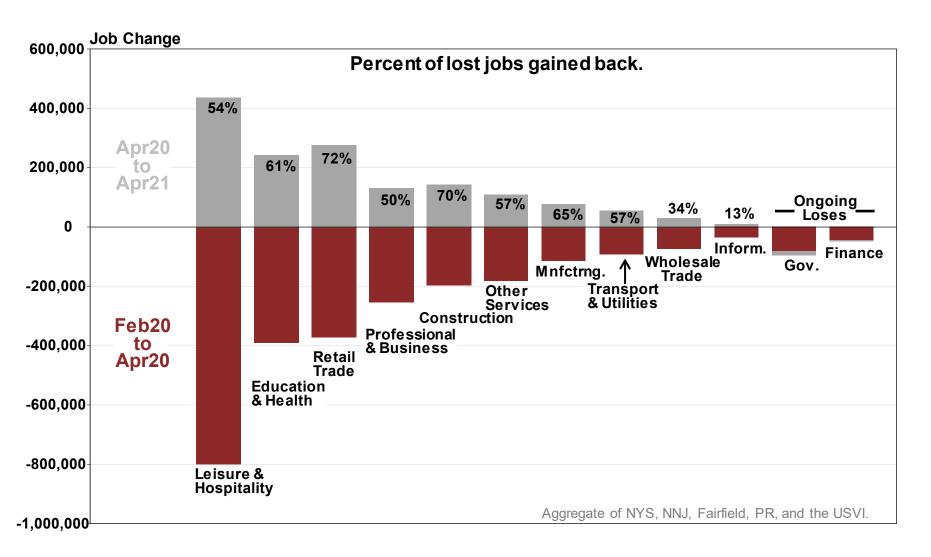
# Pre-Pandemic Jobs Gap by Local Area

Percent Below Pre-Pandemic Employment Level (as of April 2021)



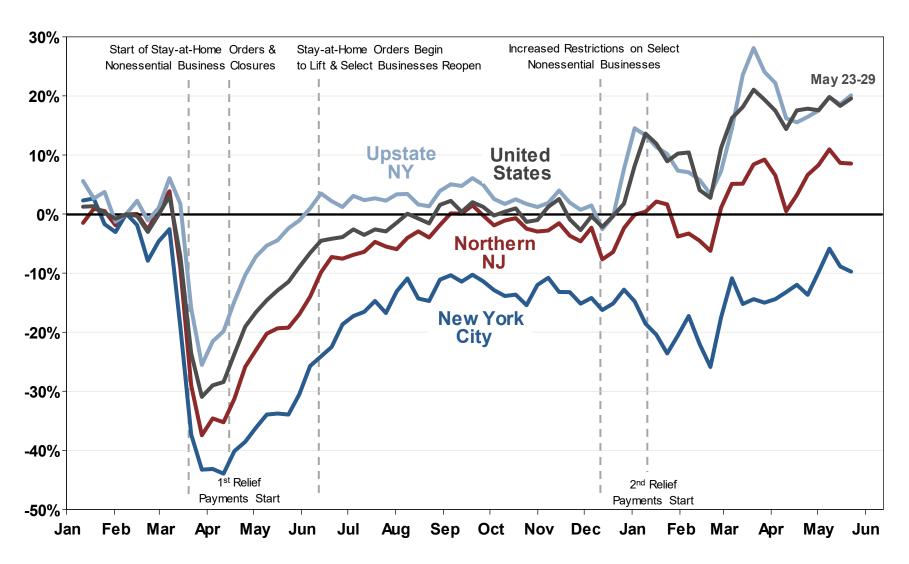
#### Job Losses and Gains in the Second District

#### Change in Employment Level by Sector



# **Strong Consumer Spending Outside of NYC**

Percent Change in Debit & Credit Card Spending Since Feb 2020



# Widespread Pricing Pressures in the Region

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