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Regional Economic Conditions

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Coronavirus Spread in the Region

Daily New Confirmed Cases Per Capita, 7-Day Average



Consumer Spending Has Rebounded

Percent Change in Total Spending



Source: Opportunity Insights Economic Tracker and Affinity Solutions.

Current Economic Conditions

FRBNY Business Surveys, Current Conditions



Future Economic Conditions

FRBNY Business Surveys, Conditions Six Months Ahead



The Pandemic Resembles a Natural Disaster

Indexes of Total Employment, Seasonally Adjusted



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Moody's Economy.com; data are early benchmarked by New York Fed staff.

Resilience in New York City's Key Sectors

Number of Jobs in Thousands





Recap

- The COVID spread across the region has receded substantially since the start of the year, though northern NJ has seen a recent uptick.
- Consumer spending has rebounded though New York City has lagged.
- Business leaders remain dreary about current conditions but have grown more optimistic about the outlook.
- After rebounding a little less than halfway from the initial pandemic-driven drop-off, employment leveled off in the final months of 2020. Job trends look more like natural disasters than a typical recession.
- New York City's key securities and tech sectors have not seen sharp job losses; tech jobs now outnumber securities jobs.

APPENDIX CHARTS

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Estimated % Change in Wages Paid

Business Leaders (Service Sector) Survey



Estimated % Change in Wages Paid

Empire State Manufacturing Survey



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Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Regional Business Surveys, Supplemental Questions.

FRBNY Early Employment Benchmark

Total Employment in Thousands, Dec 2020 (QCEW Q22020)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Moody's Economy.com, and FRBNY calculations.

NYC Securities Employment

Seasonally Adjusted Levels



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Home Prices

CoreLogic Home Price Index, Seasonally Adjusted



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Source: CoreLogic Home Price Index (including distressed sales).

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Home Prices

CoreLogic Home Price Index, Seasonally Adjusted



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