Overview of Regional Economic Conditions
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Summary

• The pandemic initially hit the NYC metro region much harder than the rest of the U.S. back in March. The recent outbreak here has not yet come close to the infection rates of the 1st wave, but the trend is concerning.

• The historically sharp economic decline across the region is evident in measures of employment, business sentiment, and consumer spending.
  - Nassau County has not been hit as hard as Suffolk or NYC, at least in terms of consumer spending.

  ▪ As is typical with disasters, leisure & hospitality has suffered more than any other sector, though every sector has seen job losses.
    - Construction—which typically booms after disasters due to rebuilding—has been a laggard this time.

• One bright spot has been the housing market—at least the purchase market, aside from much of New York City.
Coronavirus Case Growth

Daily New Cases Per Capita, 7-Day Average

New Cases Per 100,000 People


Daily updates available at: https://www.newyorkfed.org/regional-economy.
Many Local Businesses Still Struggling
New York Fed Regional Business Surveys, Current Conditions

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
Consumer Spending Has Recovered in Nassau but Not Suffolk County

Percent Change in Total Spending, Indexed to January 2020

Source: Opportunity Insights Economic Tracker and Affinity Solutions.
Recent Private-Sector Job Trends

Year-Over-Year Percent Change as of September 2020

The Pandemic Resembles a Natural Disaster

Indexes of Total Employment, Seasonally Adjusted

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

February to September Percent Change in Employment

-50%
-40%
-30%
-20%
-10%
0%

United States
New York State
New York City
Long Island

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

CoreLogic Home Price Index, Seasonally Adjusted

Index (Mar2006=100)

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