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#### Overview of Regional Economic Conditions Presented to Long Island Association Jason Bram

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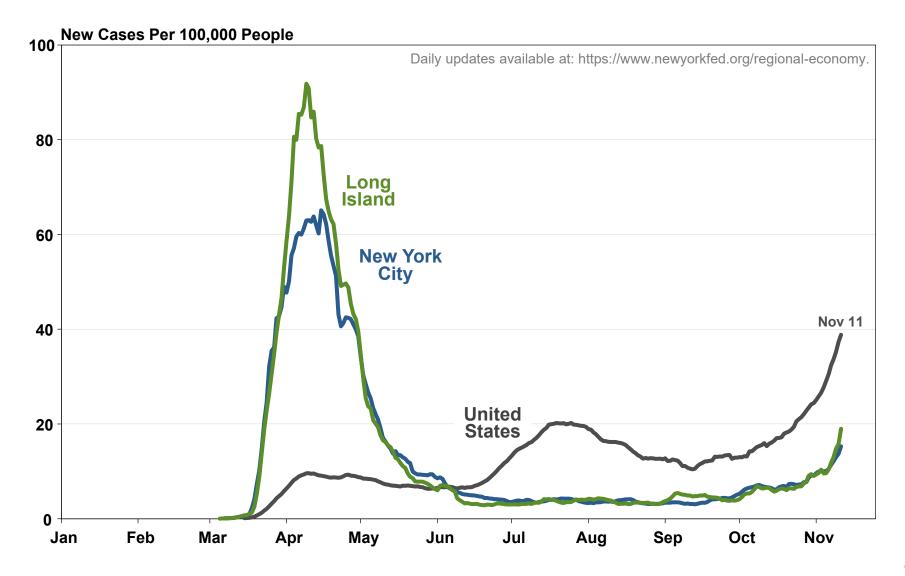
# Summary

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



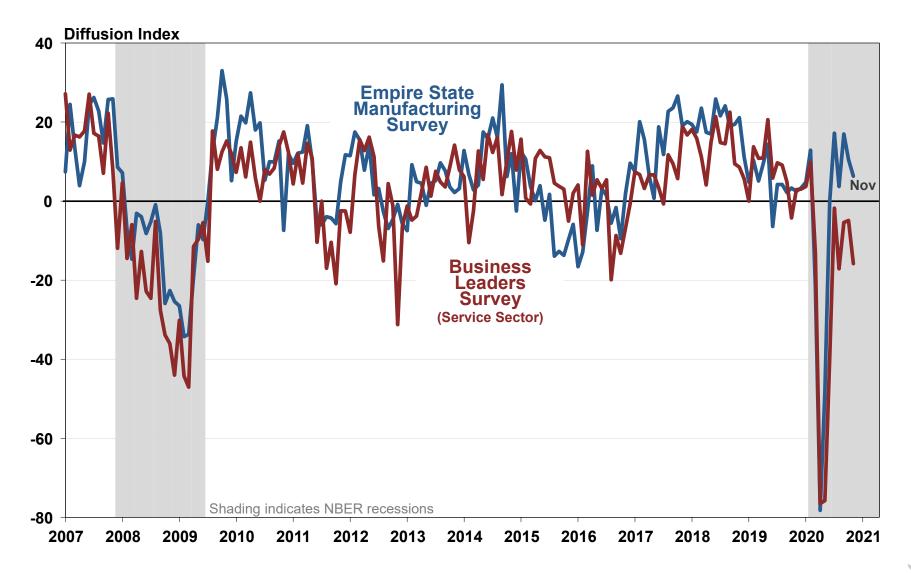
#### **Coronavirus Case Growth**

**Daily New Cases Per Capita, 7-Day Average** 

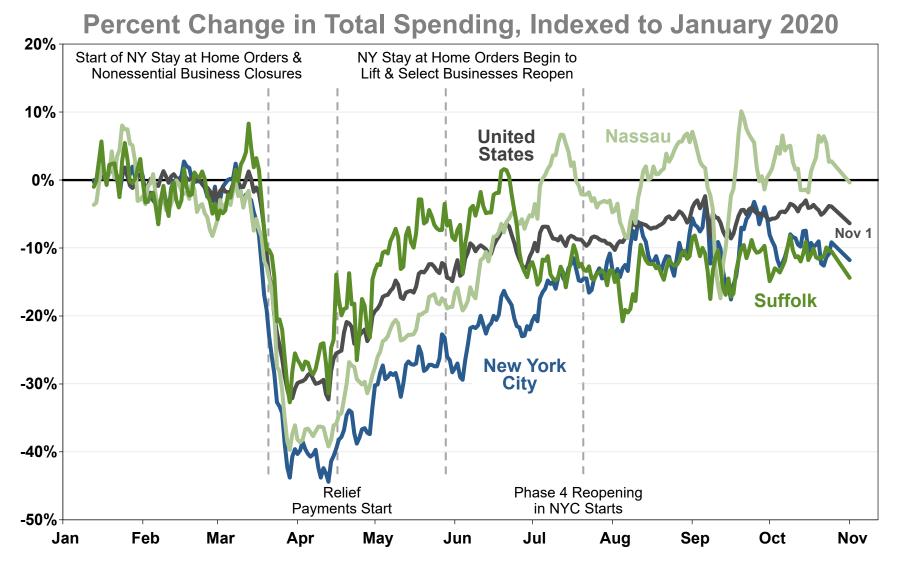


### Many Local Businesses Still Struggling

New York Fed Regional Business Surveys, Current Conditions



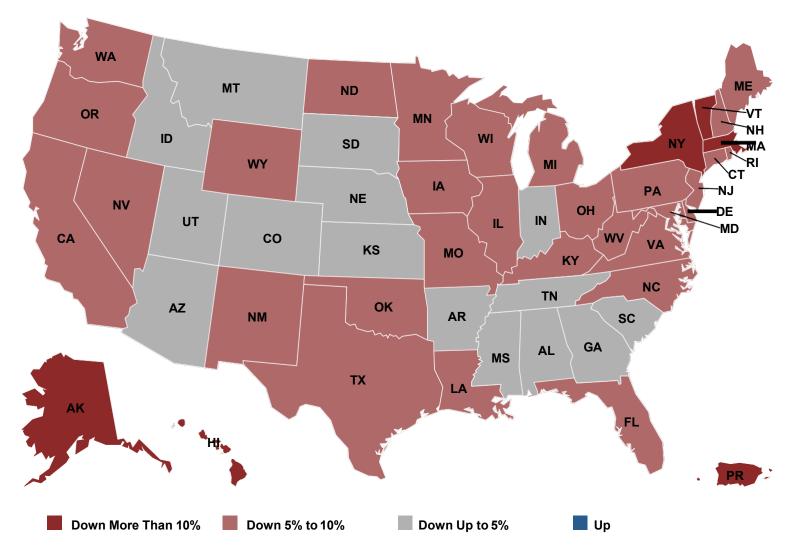
# Consumer Spending Has Recovered in Nassau but Not Suffolk County



Source: Opportunity Insights Economic Tracker and Affinity Solutions.

### **Recent Private-Sector Job Trends**

Year-Over-Year Percent Change as of September 2020

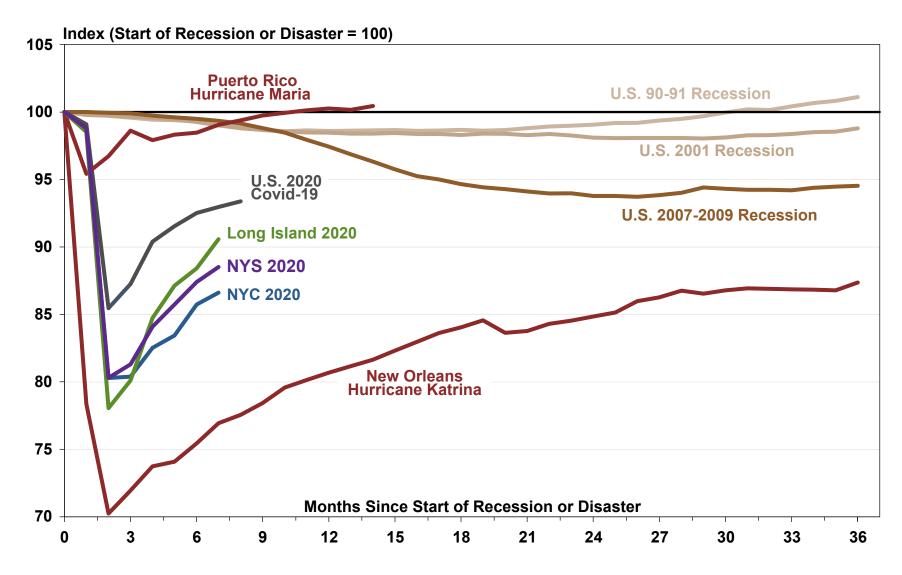


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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Moody's Economy.com.

#### **The Pandemic Resembles a Natural Disaster**

Indexes of Total Employment, Seasonally Adjusted

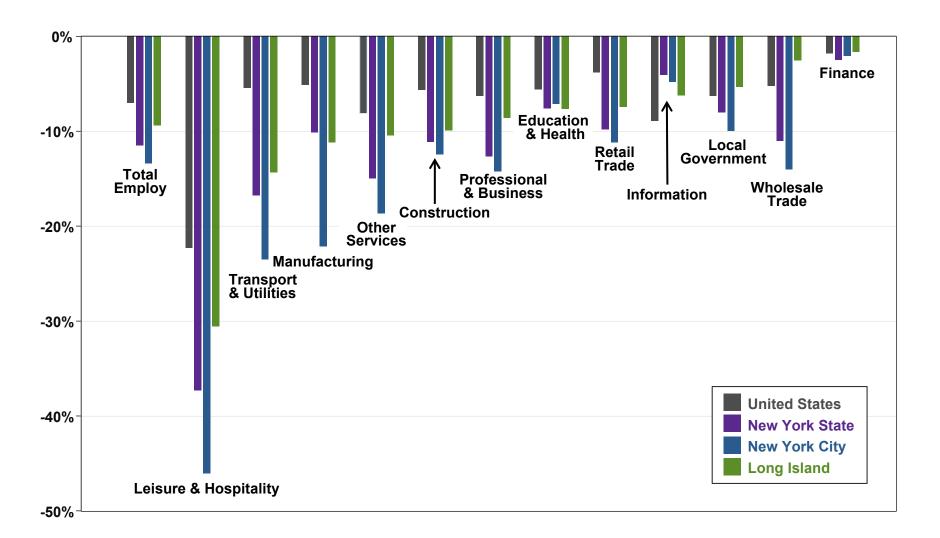


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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Moody's Economy.com; data are early benchmarked by New York Fed staff.

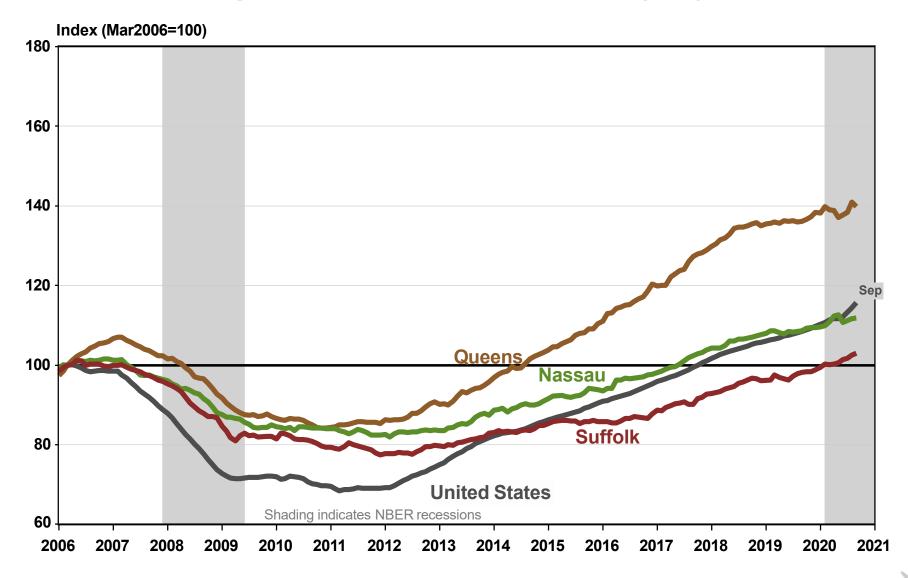
### **Jobs Lost by Industry**

**February to September Percent Change in Employment** 



### **Home Prices**

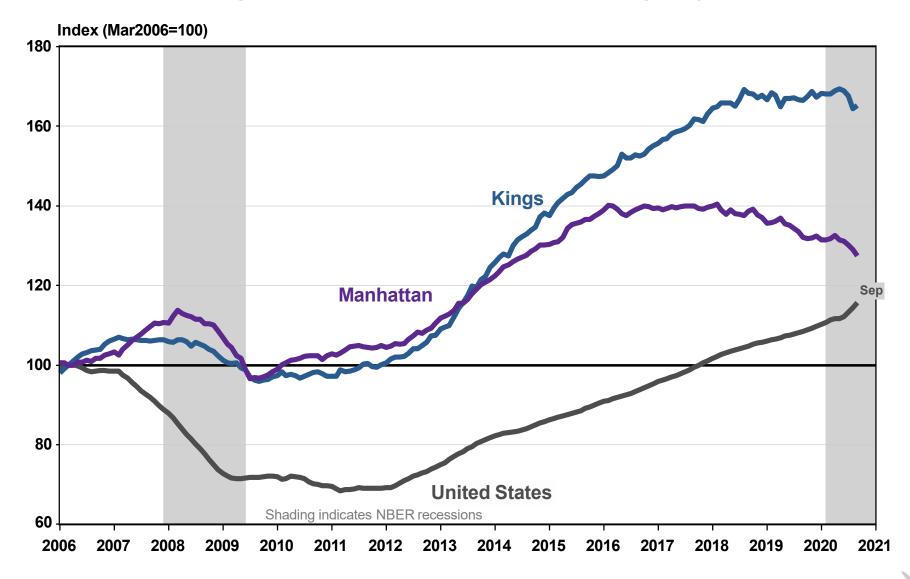
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