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# **Economic Conditions in the Region**

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# **Overview**

• Regional business activity has been weak, some signs of stabilization.

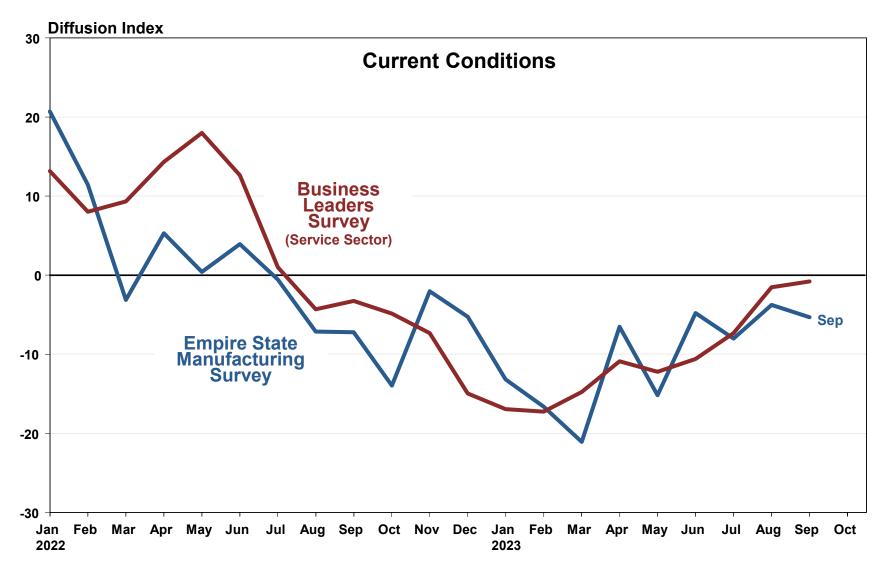
• Job growth has slowed but remains solid.

• Persistent worker shortages are contributing to outsized job shortfalls.



# **Regional Business Activity Showing Signs of Stabilizing**

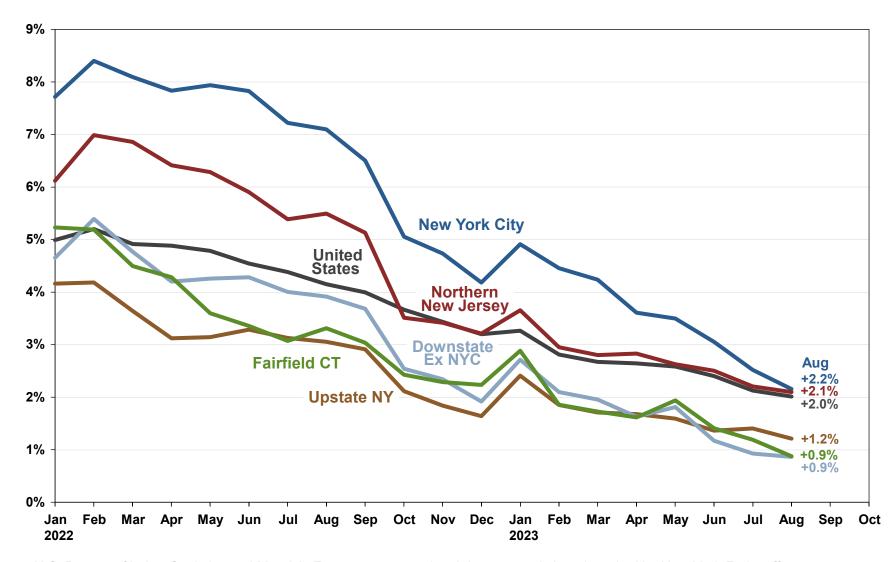
**New York Fed Regional Business Surveys** 



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York; indexes shown as a 3-month moving average.

#### Job Growth in the Tri-State Region Has Slowed

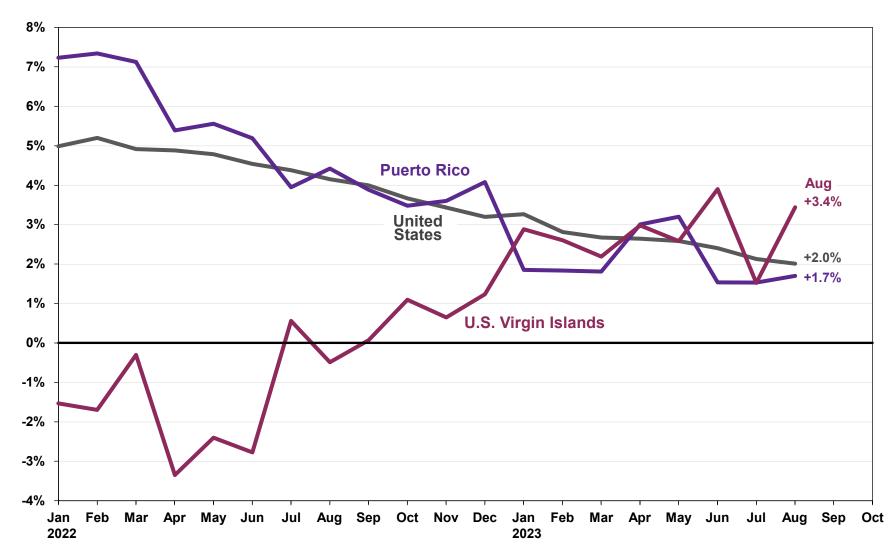
Year-Over-Year Percent Change



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

# Job Growth Slowing in Puerto Rico, Picking Up in the USVI

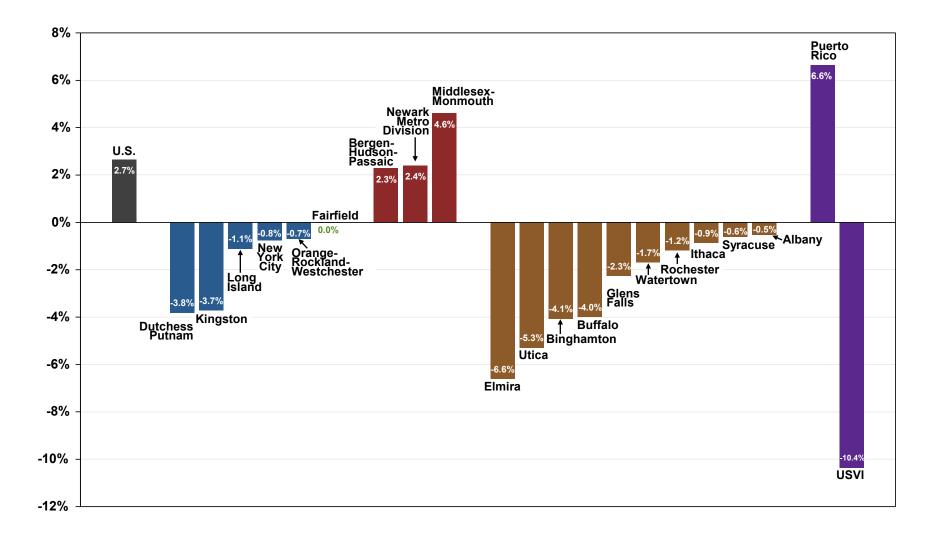
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# Sizeable Job Shortfalls Remain in Parts of the Region

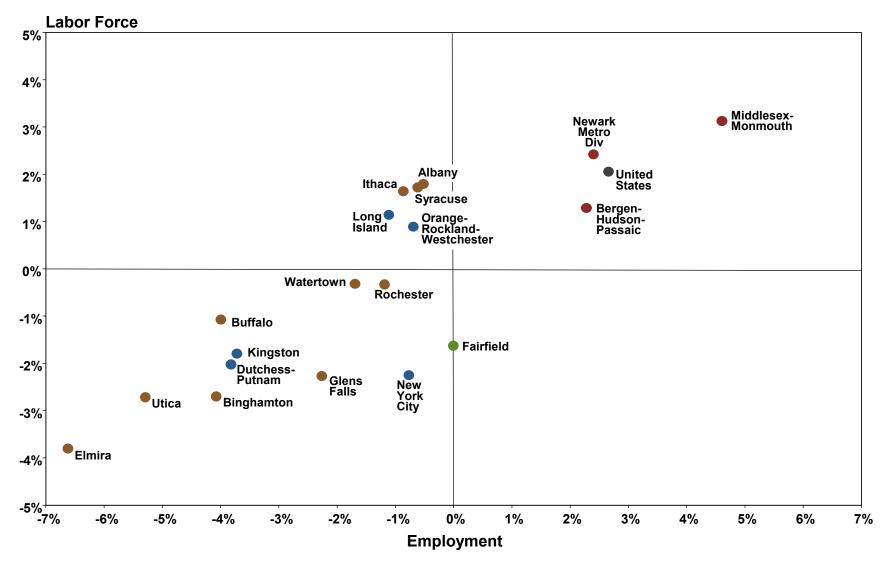
Percent Above/Below Pre-Pandemic Employment Levels, Aug 2023



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# **Worker Shortages Contributing to Job Shortfalls**

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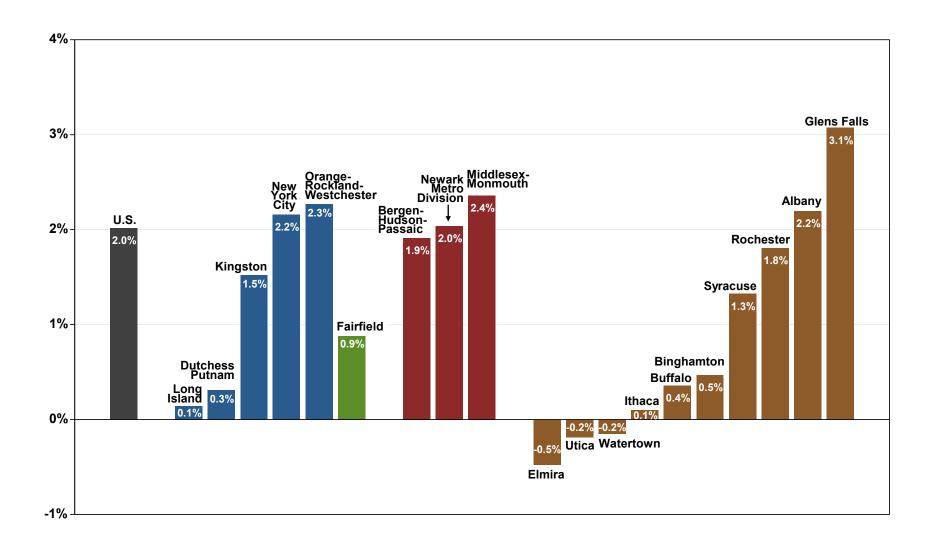
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# **Reference Slides**

#### **Recent Job Growth by Local Area**

Year-Over-Year Percent Change, Aug 2023



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