

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

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## **Overview of Regional Conditions**

 After slowing through much of last year, business activity firmed in the New York-Northern New Jersey region through early February.

 Job growth in New York City has remained above the national pace. Northern New Jersey and much of upstate New York have seen little or no growth over the past year.

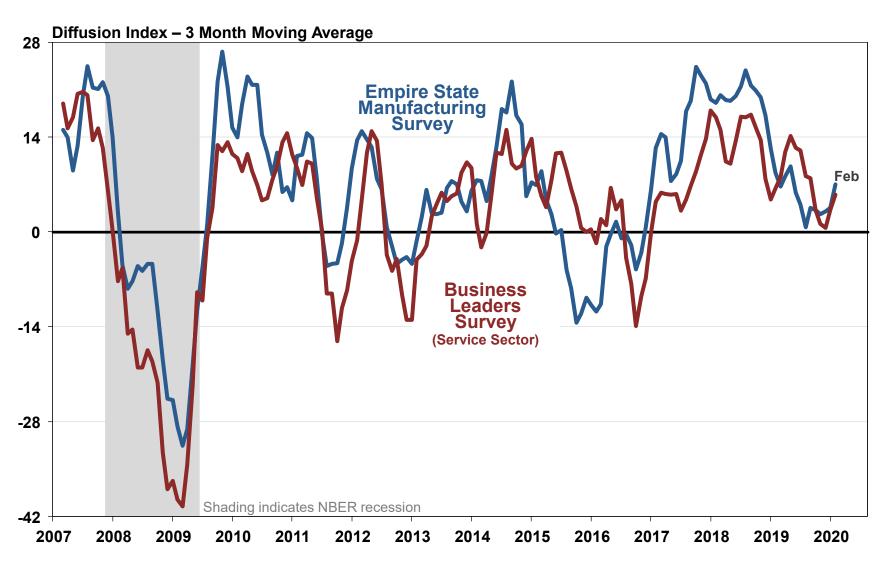
 The regional economy is beginning to experience some disruptions related to the coronavirus outbreak, and faces ongoing headwinds due to persistent labor shortages and trade uncertainty.





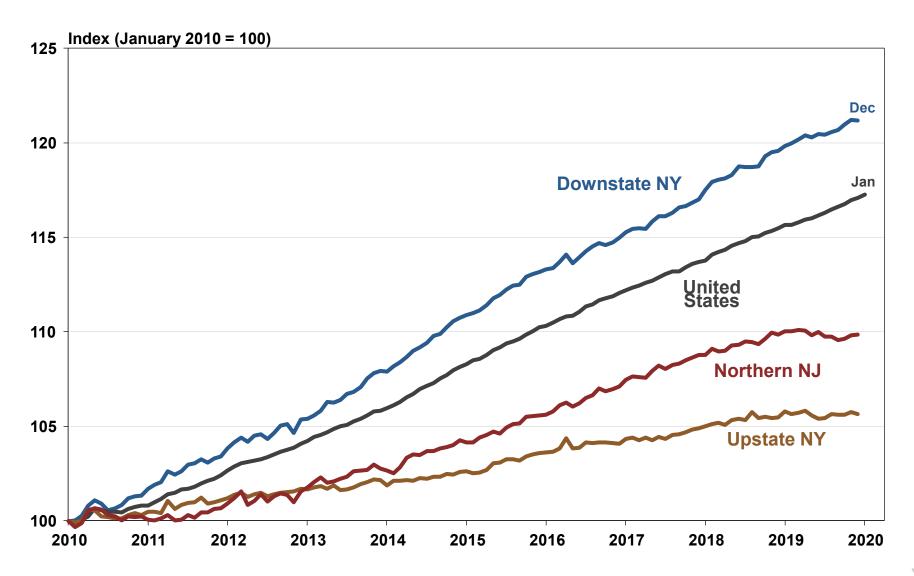
#### **Current Economic Conditions**

**New York Fed Regional Business Surveys** 



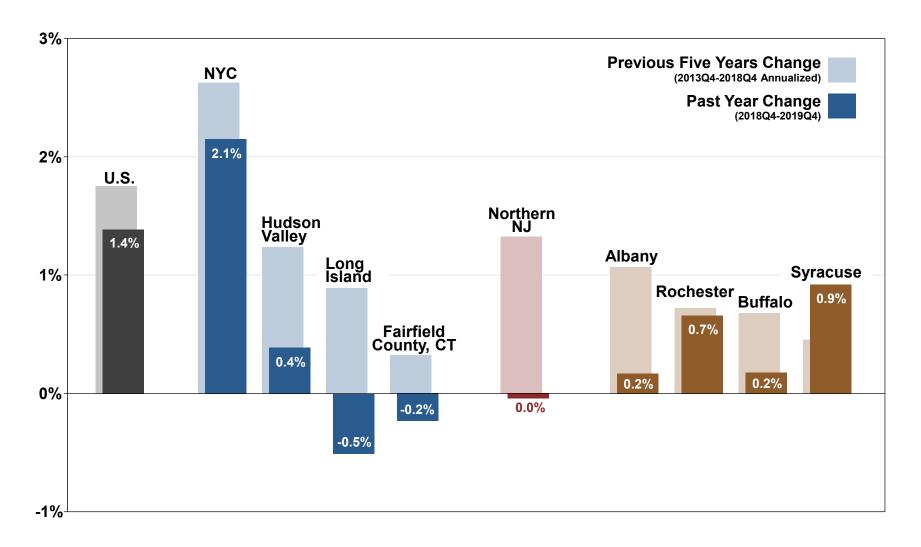
## Regional Employment Trends

Indexes of Total Employment, Seasonally Adjusted



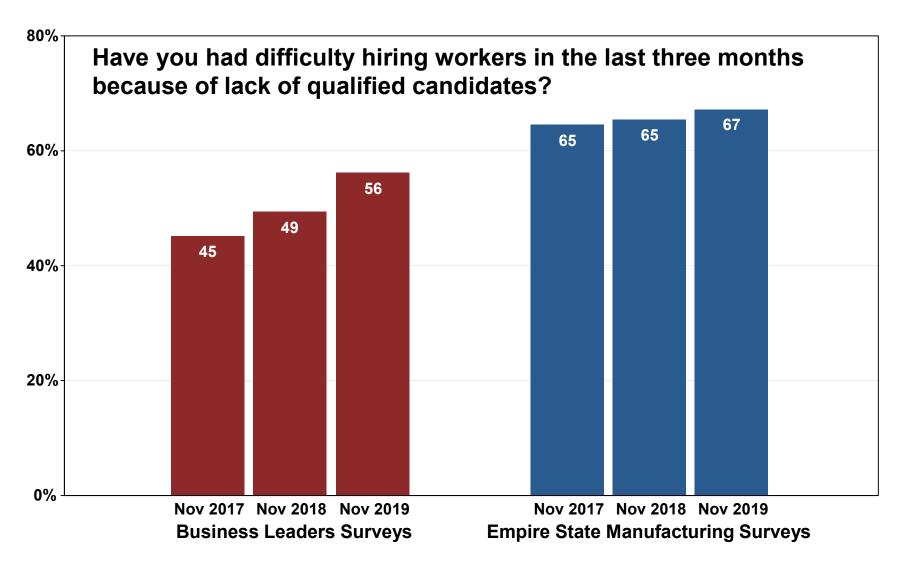
### Job Growth Has Slowed in the Region

#### **Annual Percent Change in Total Employment**



### **Surveys Point to Hiring Difficulties**

**New York Fed Regional Business Surveys** 



### **Trade Issues Affecting Local Businesses**

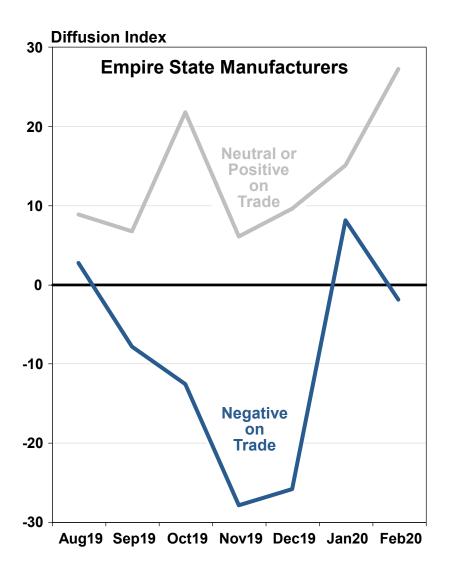
New York Fed Regional Business Surveys, August 2019

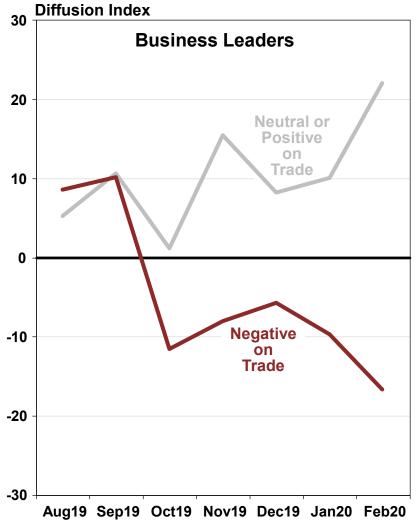
# Percentage of Respondents Reporting Adverse Effects from Trade Policy Changes on Bottom Line



## **Trade Issues Affecting Local Businesses**

New York Fed Regional Business Surveys, Business Activity







#### **Coronavirus Concerns**

- Some businesses in the region have started to express concerns about:
  - Supply disruptions and shipment delays
  - Reduced travel and tourism activity
  - General heightened uncertainty

