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What Kinds of Jobs Have Been Created During the Recovery?

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Overview

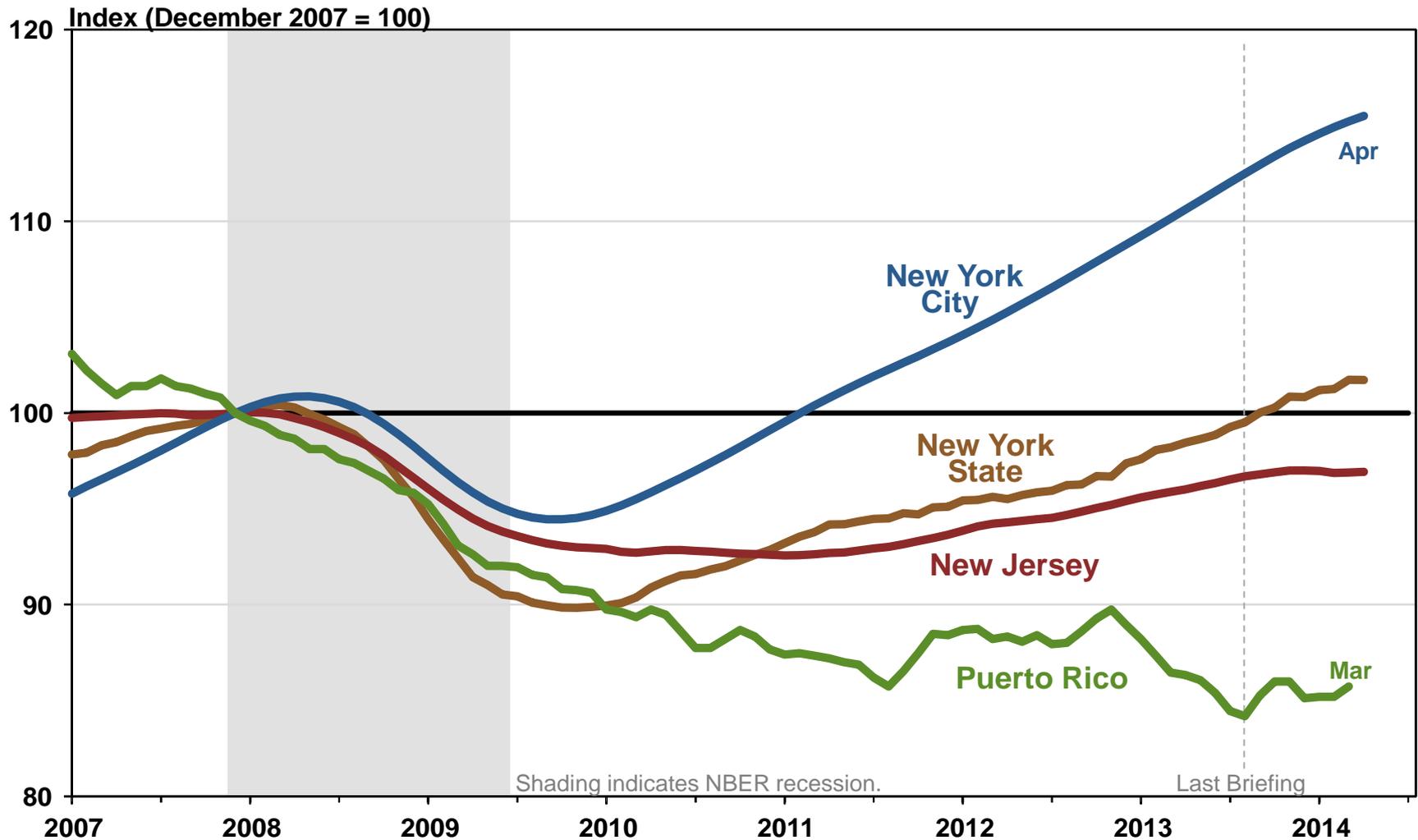
- Recent Economic Performance
 - New York City remains on strong growth trajectory, some weakness in Northern NJ to start the year, and signs of firming in Puerto Rico
- Status of the Jobs Recovery
 - A growing number of places in the region have gained back the jobs lost during the Great Recession
- Types of Jobs Lost and Gained
 - Middle-skill jobs were hardest hit during the recession and have not come back
 - During the recovery, job growth has been concentrated at the higher and lower ends of the skills distribution



Recent Economic Performance

Regional Economic Activity

Indexes of Coincident Economic Indicators

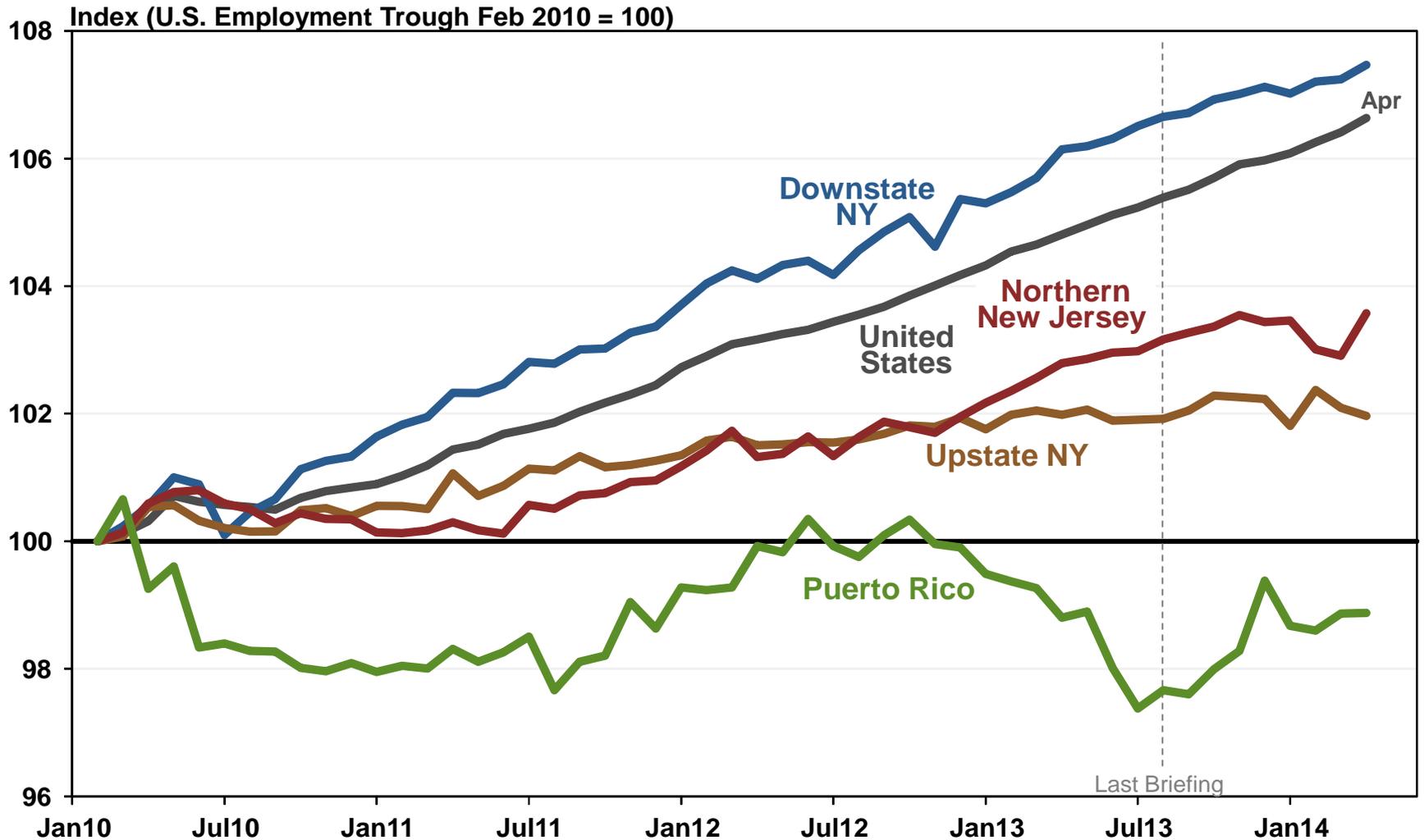


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico.

Note: The Puerto Rico composite index is based on a different methodology than the indexes produced by the FRBNY.

Recent Job Growth

Index of Total Employment, Seasonally Adjusted



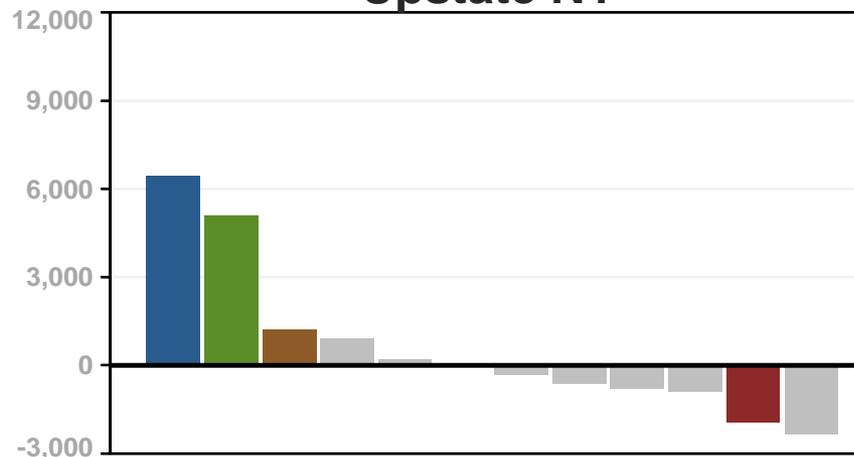
Sectors Driving Regional Job Growth

Change in Employment over Past Year (as of April 2014)

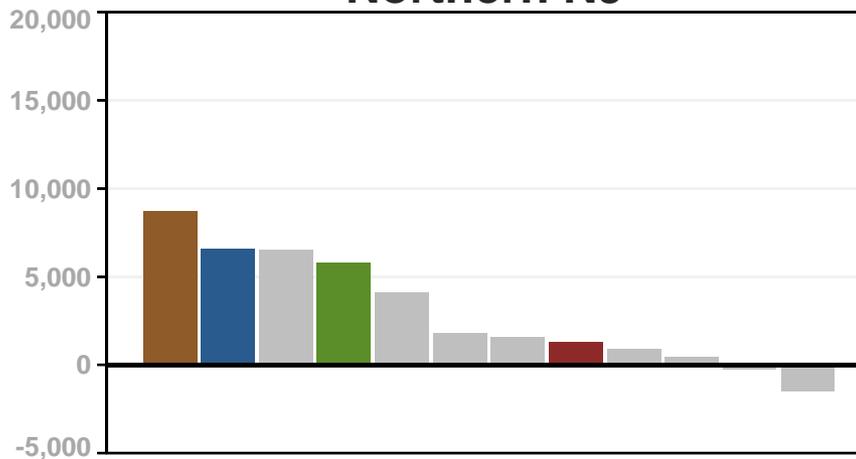
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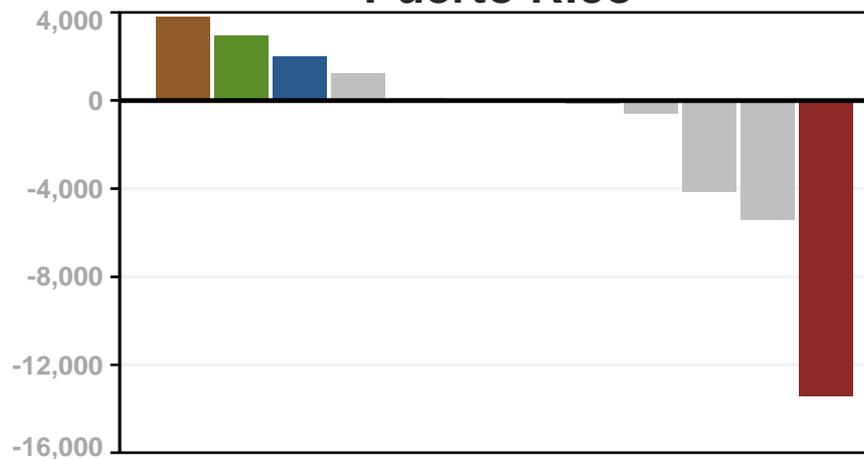
Upstate NY



Northern NJ



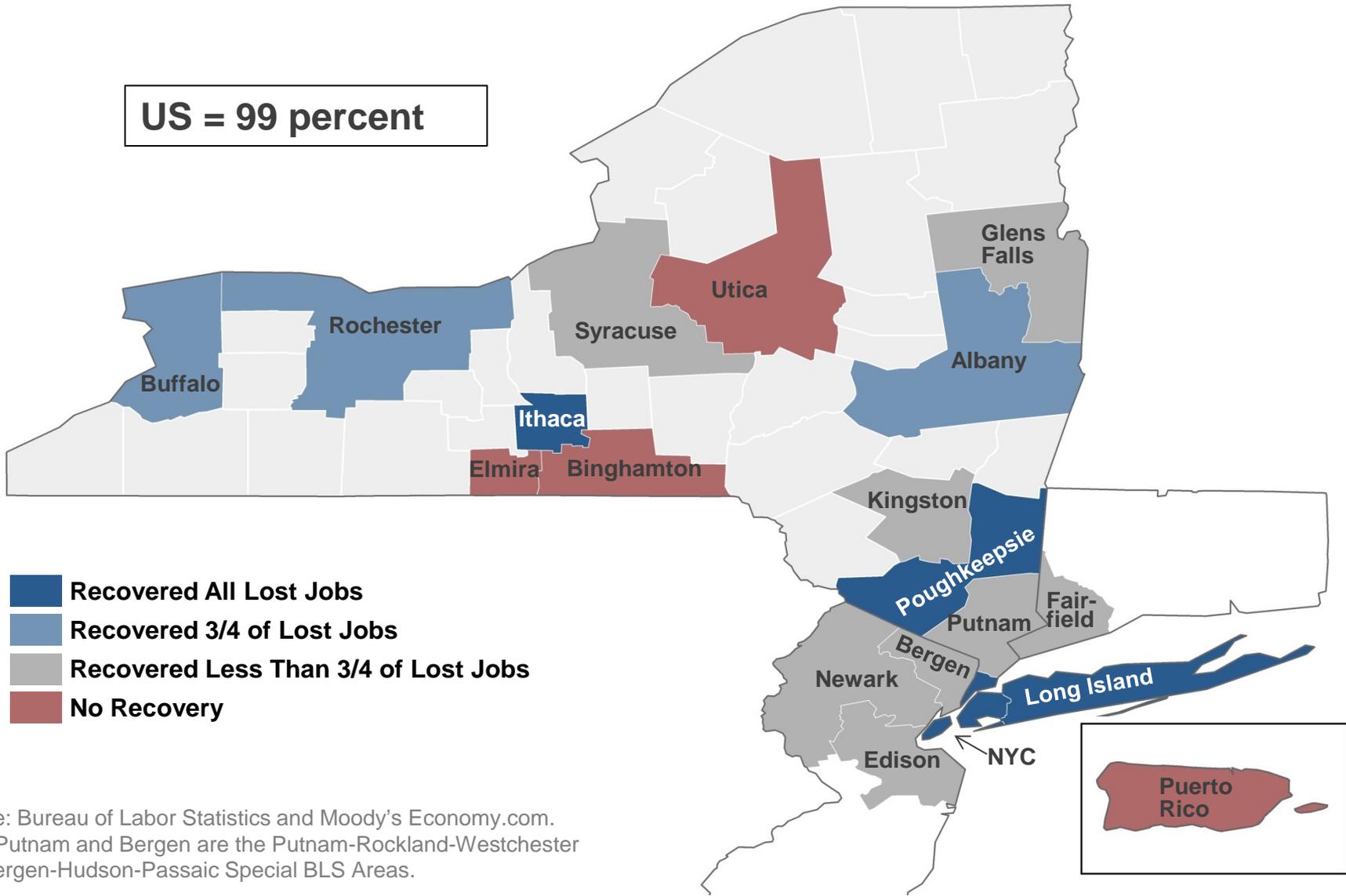
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Status of the Jobs Recovery

Share of Lost Jobs Gained Back

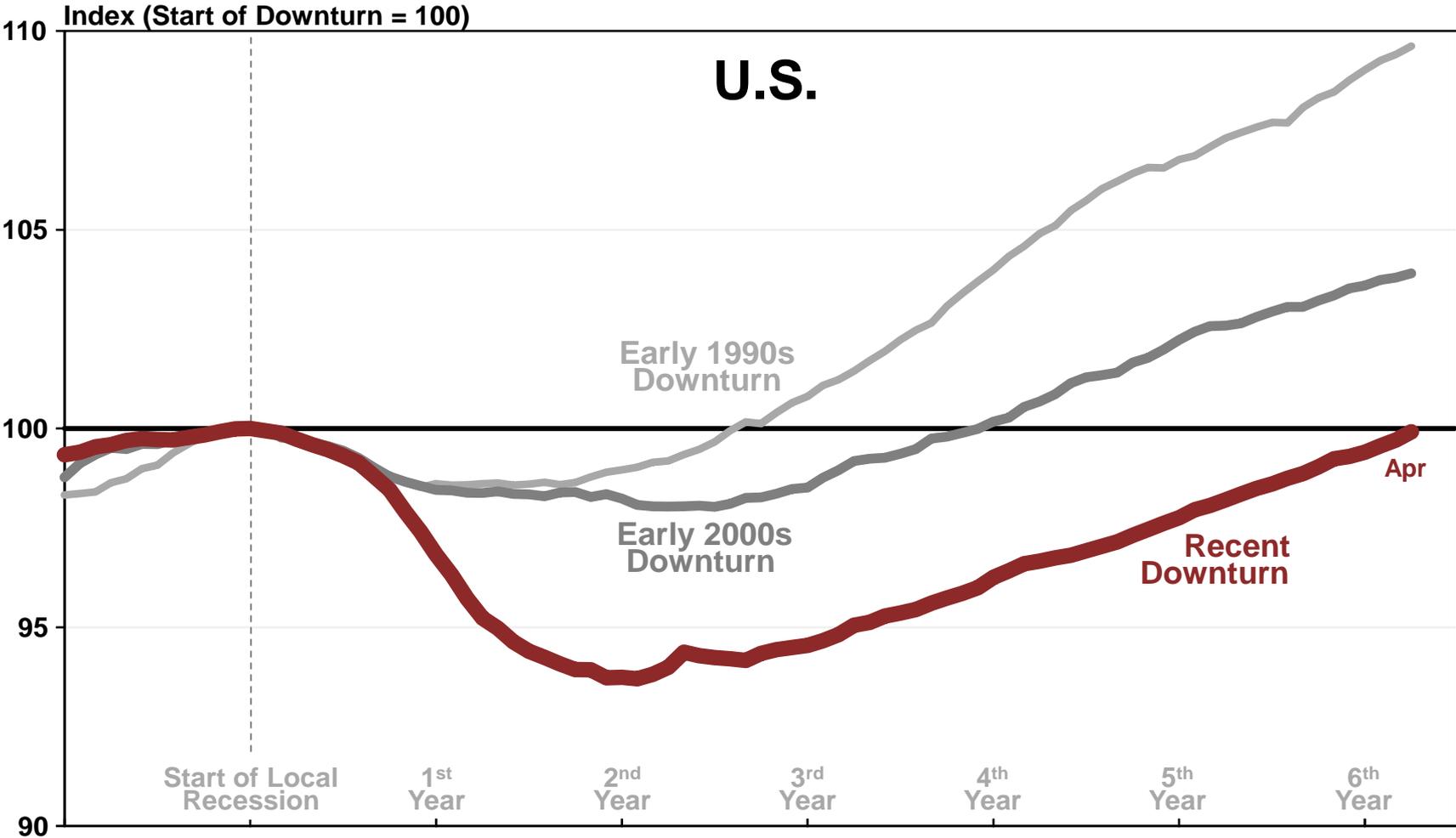
Local Total Employment Trough to April 2014



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Moody's Economy.com.
Note: Putnam and Bergen are the Putnam-Rockland-Westchester and Bergen-Hudson-Passaic Special BLS Areas.

Comparison to Previous Recessions

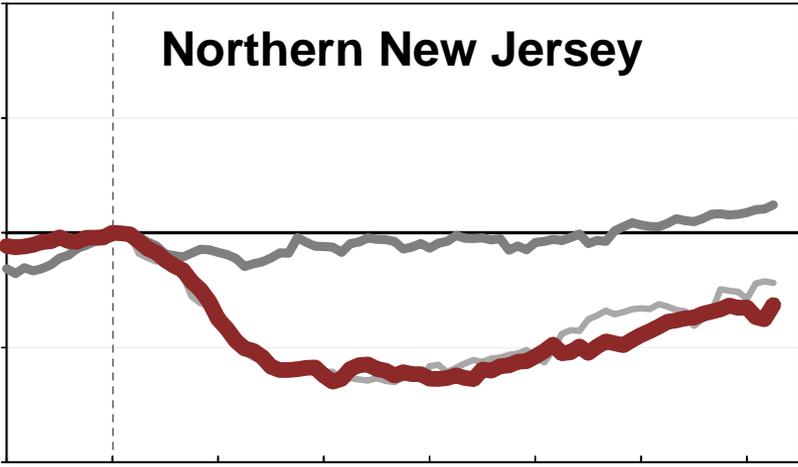
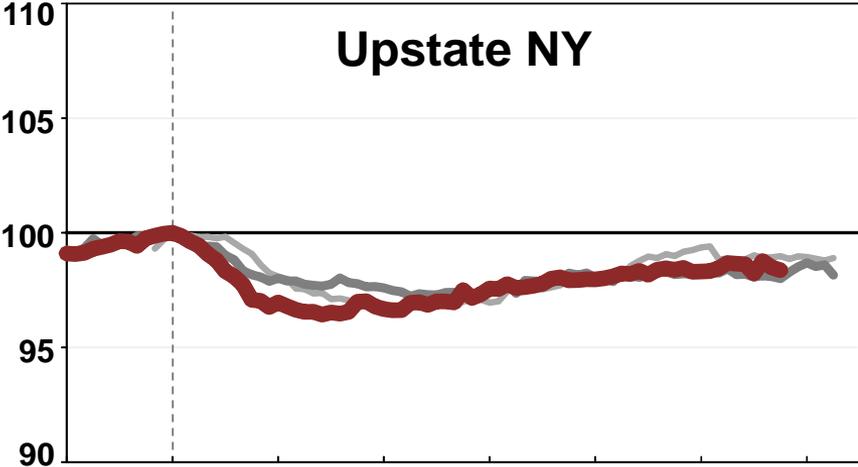
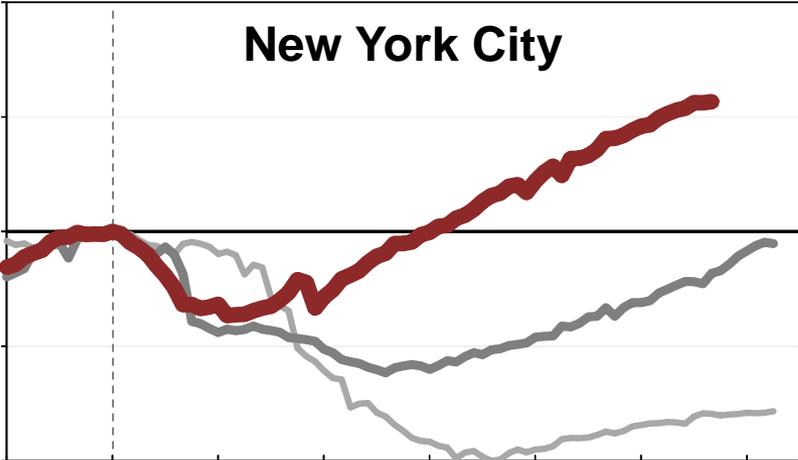
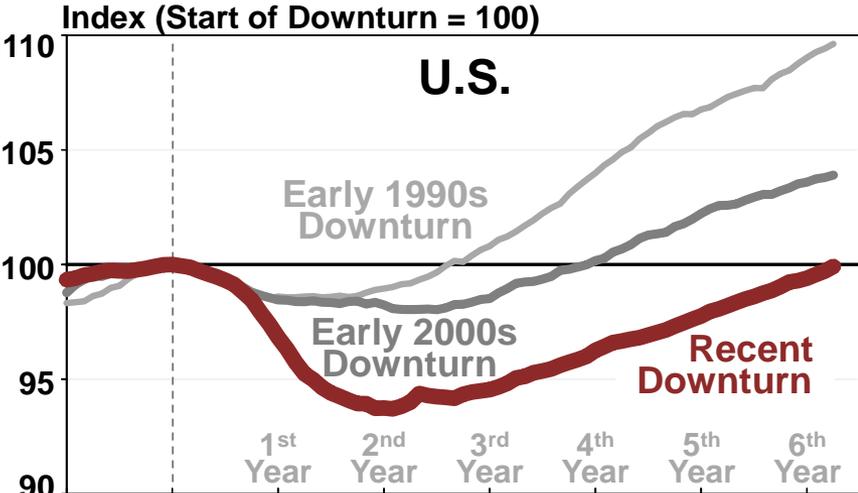
Total Employment Indexed to Local Employment Peak



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

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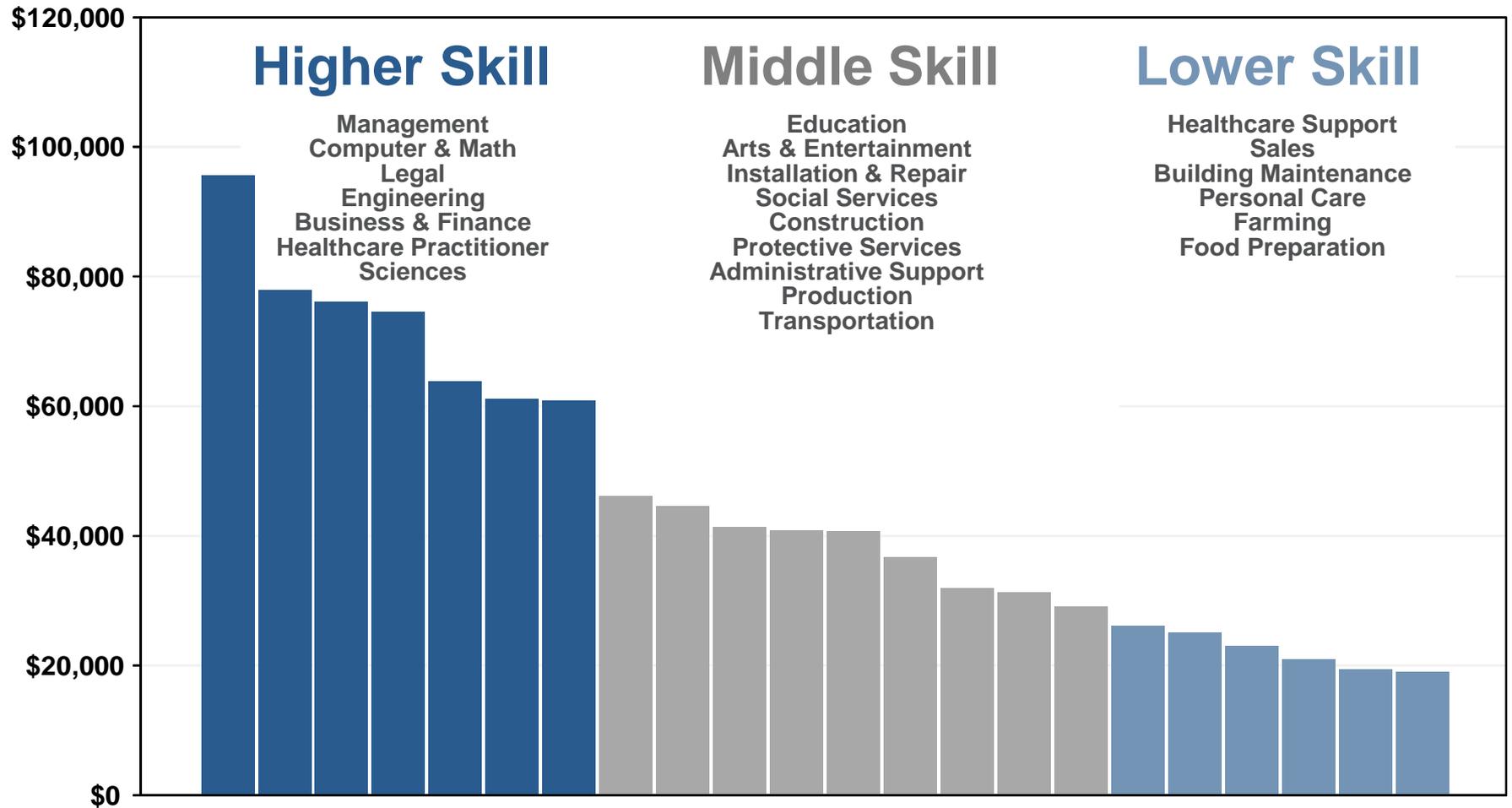


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Types of Jobs Lost and Gained

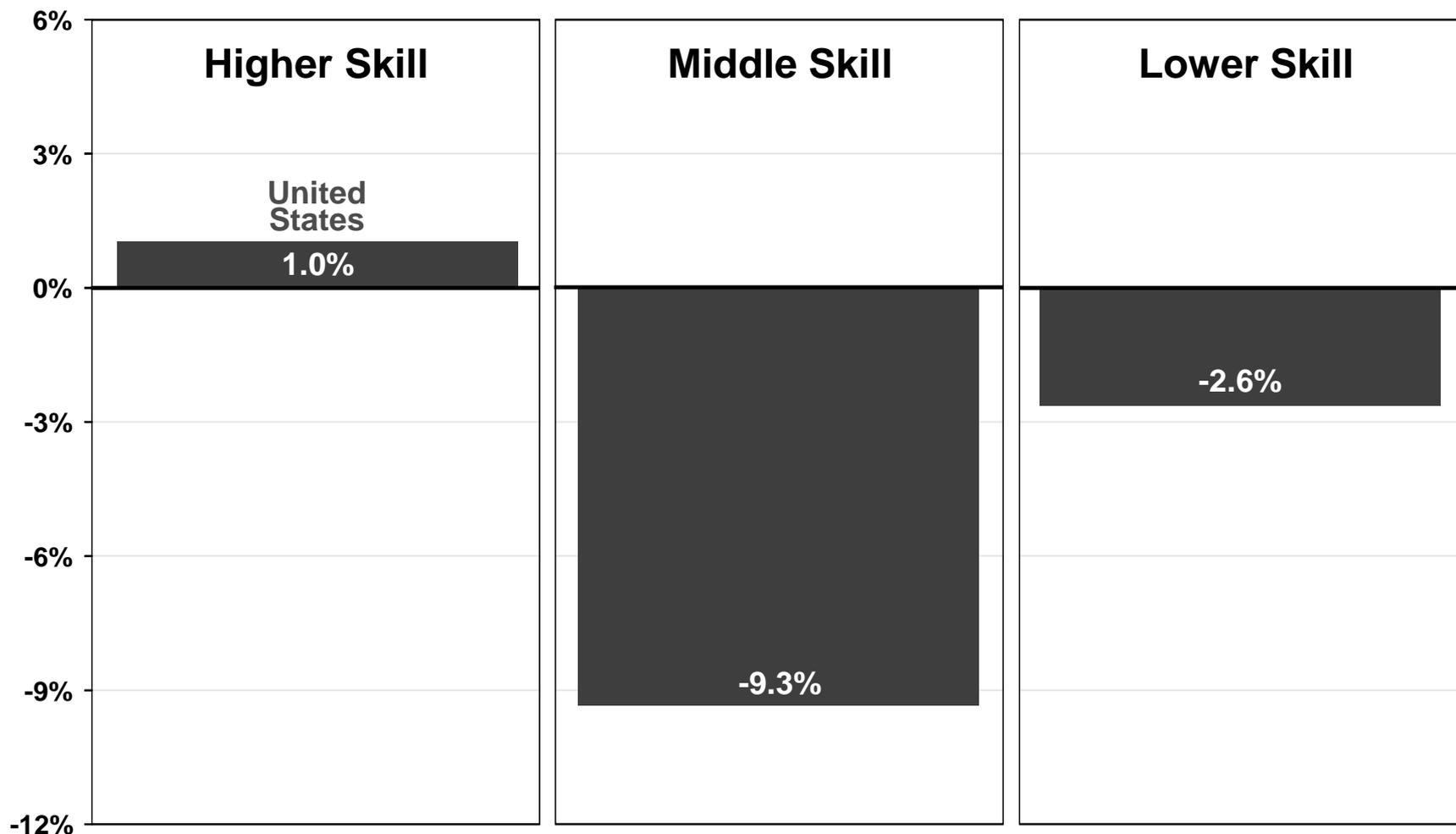
Grouping Occupations into Skill Categories

Based on 2013 Median Wage, United States



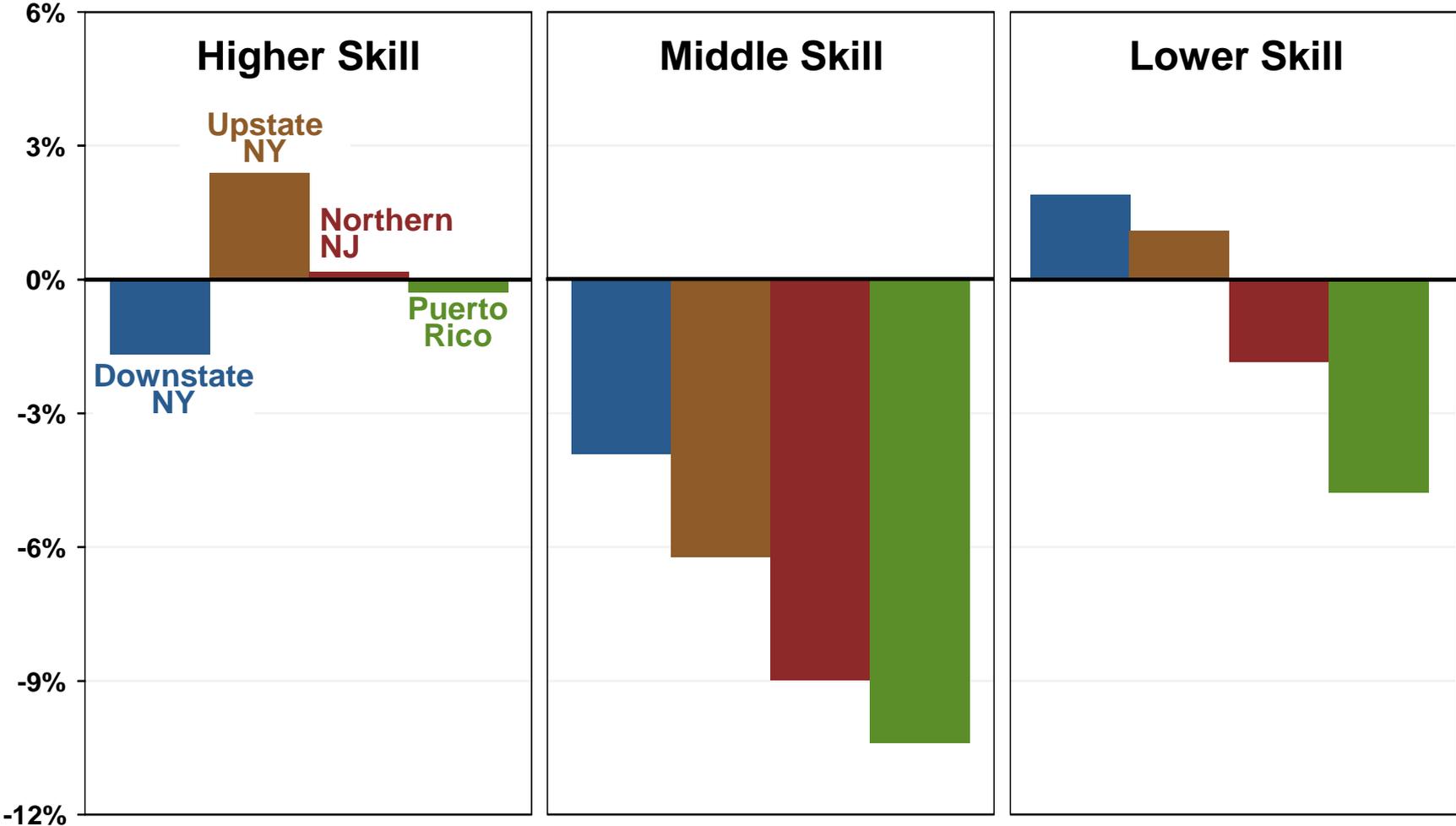
Job Change During the Great Recession

Percent Change, United States, 2007 to 2010



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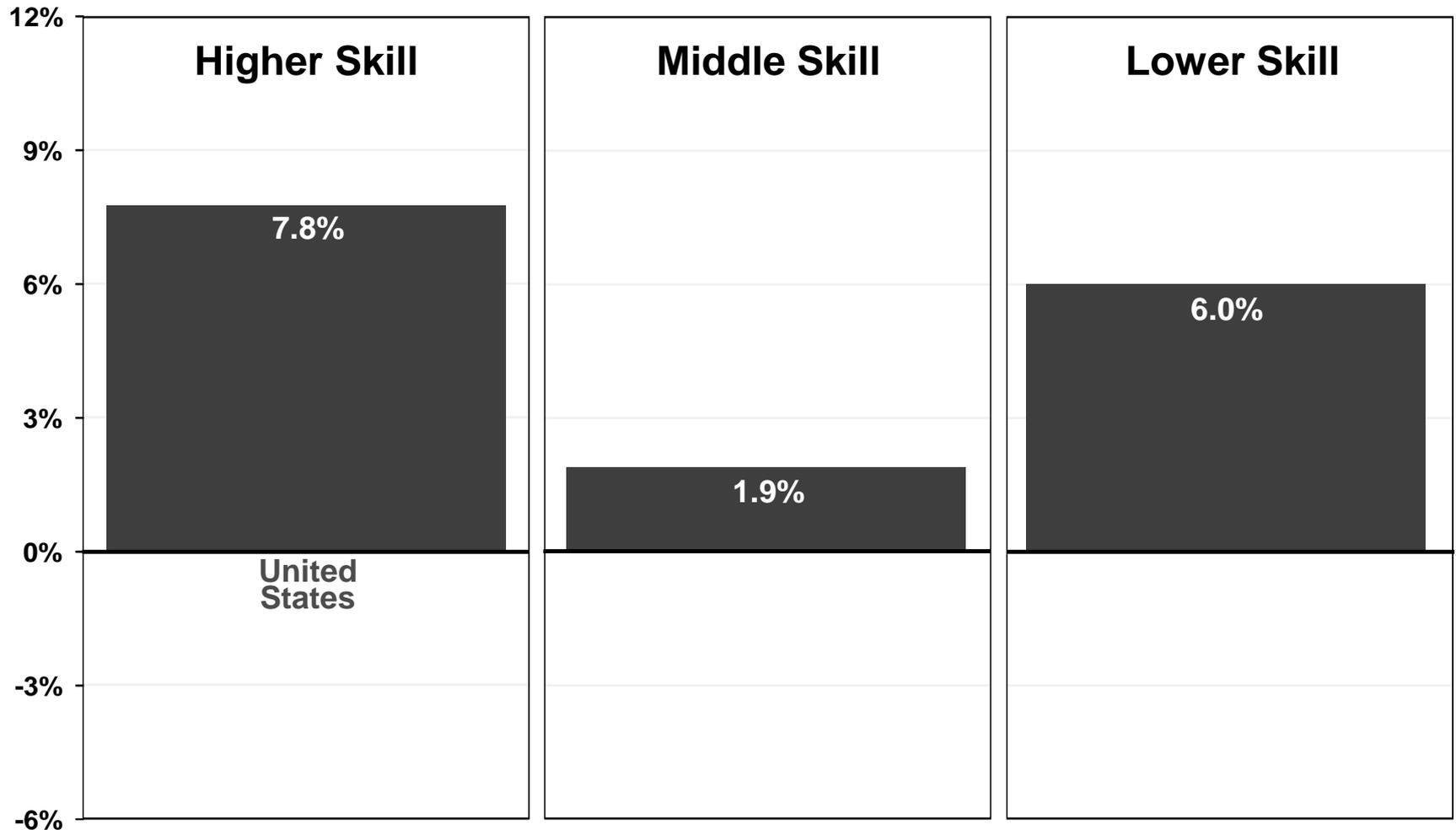
Percent Change, Region, 2007 to 2010



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics.

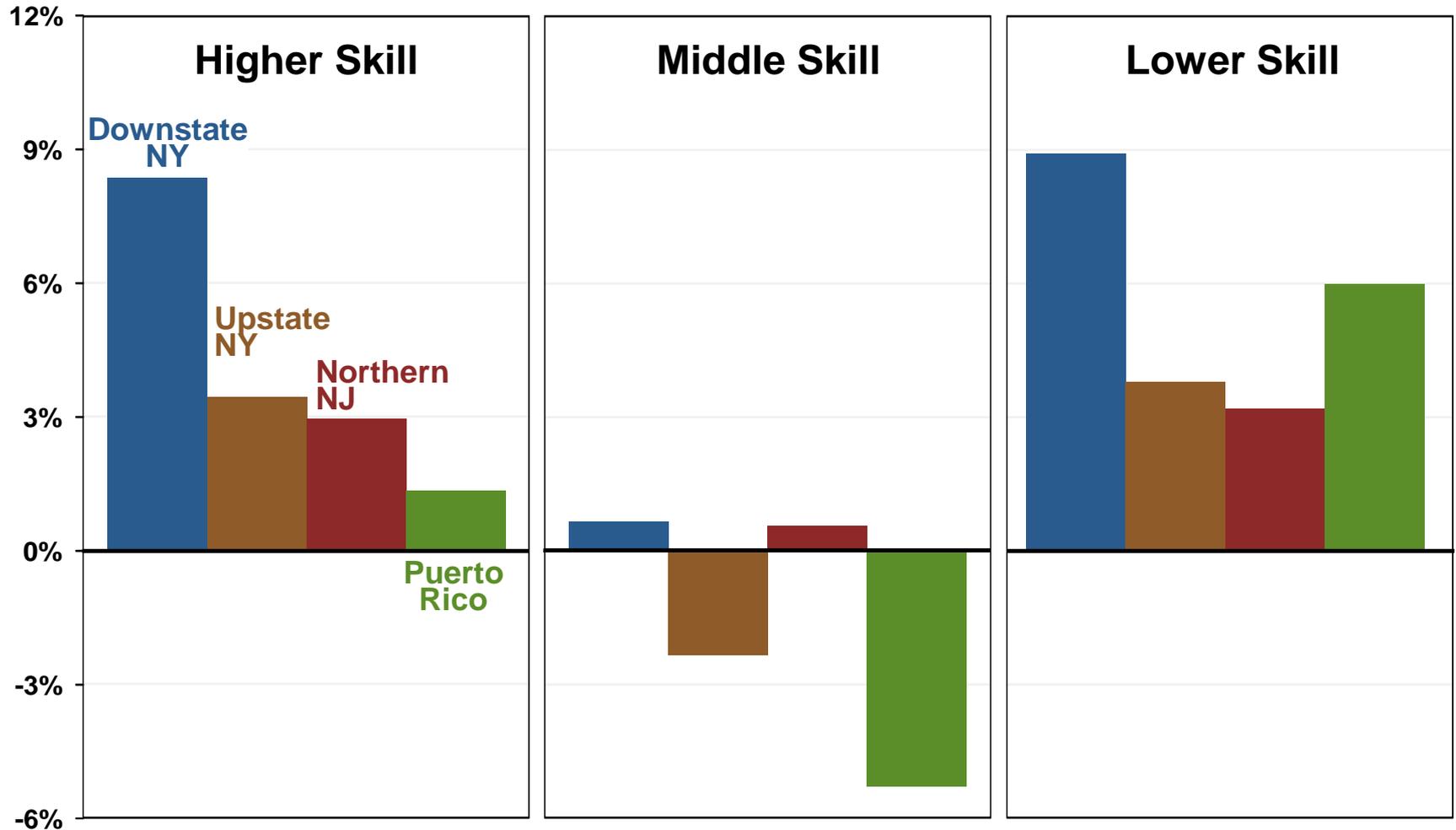
Job Change During the Recovery

Percent Change, United States, 2010 to 2013



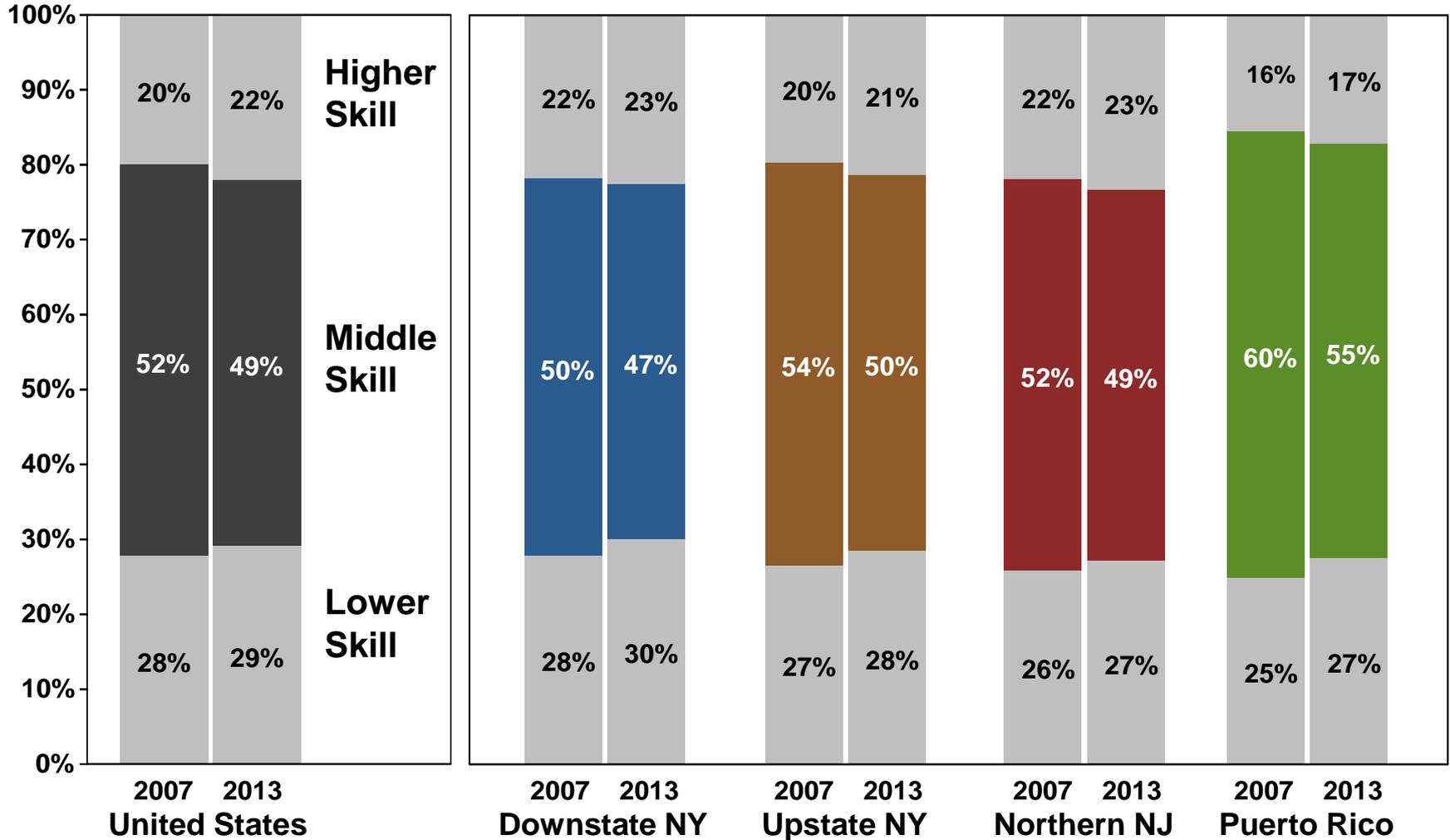
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A Shrinking Middle

Share of Jobs by Skill Group, 2007 and 2013



Summary

- A growing number of places in the region have gained back the *number* of jobs lost during the Great Recession
- However, the *types* of jobs in the region have changed
 - Middle-skill jobs lost during the recession have not come back
 - Higher- and lower-skill jobs have grown during the recovery
- Job opportunities in the middle have continued to shrink



Appendix

Unemployment Rates

Seasonally Adjusted, Local Peak and April 2014

