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Regional Economic Update

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Overview for the Region

I. Overall Economic Activity

- Activity has expanded at a healthy clip in New York City and New York State, and at a moderate pace in New Jersey
- Activity appears to have bottomed out in Puerto Rico, but as yet no strong signs of recovery

II. Labor Market

- Job growth rates in the region roughly matching or exceeding the nation; except in Puerto Rico where employment remains flat

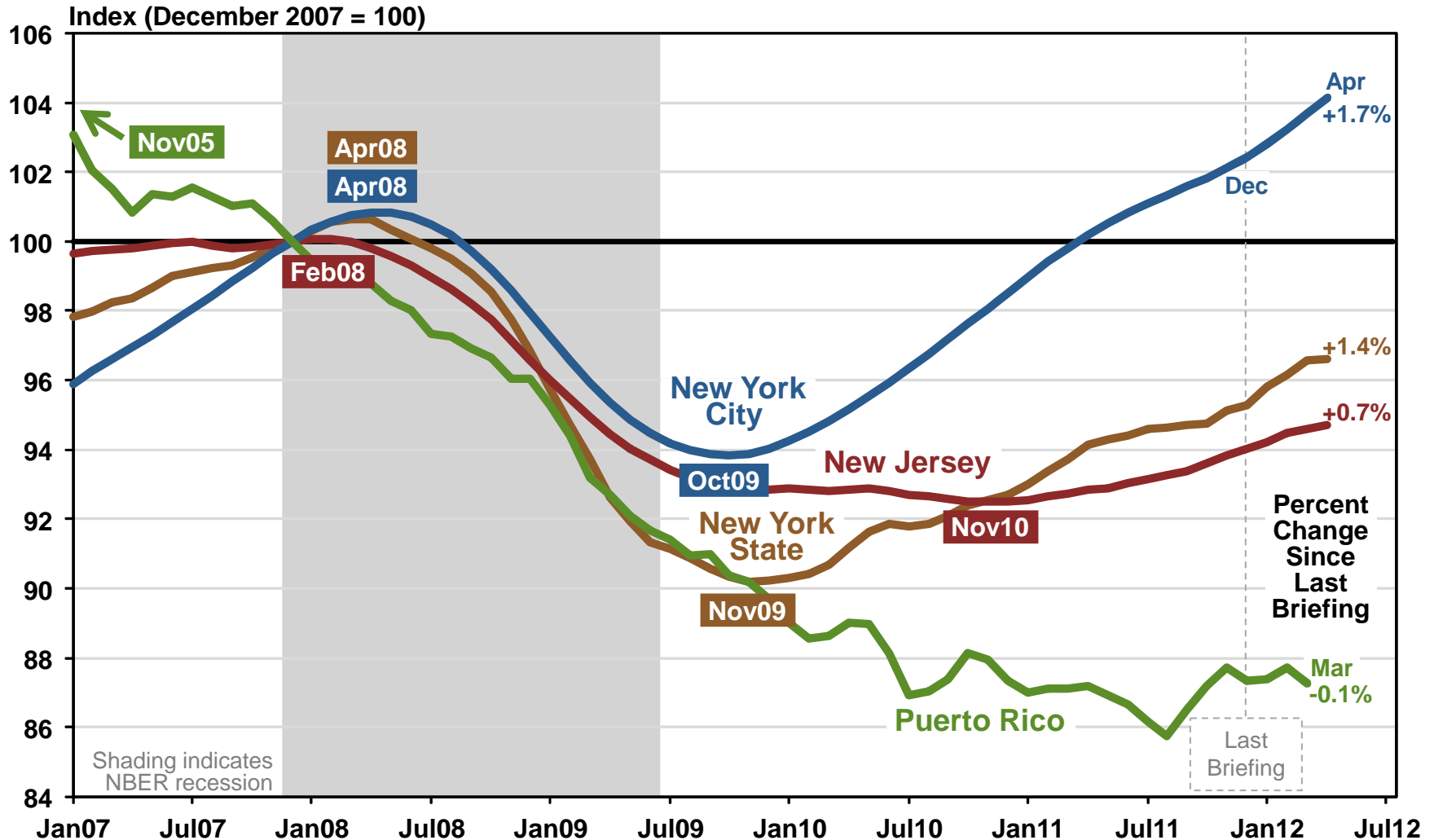
III. Housing and Household Finances

- Home prices have edged up across the region
- Many households in and around NYC remain under financial stress



Regional Economic Activity

Index of Coincident Economic Indicators (CEI)

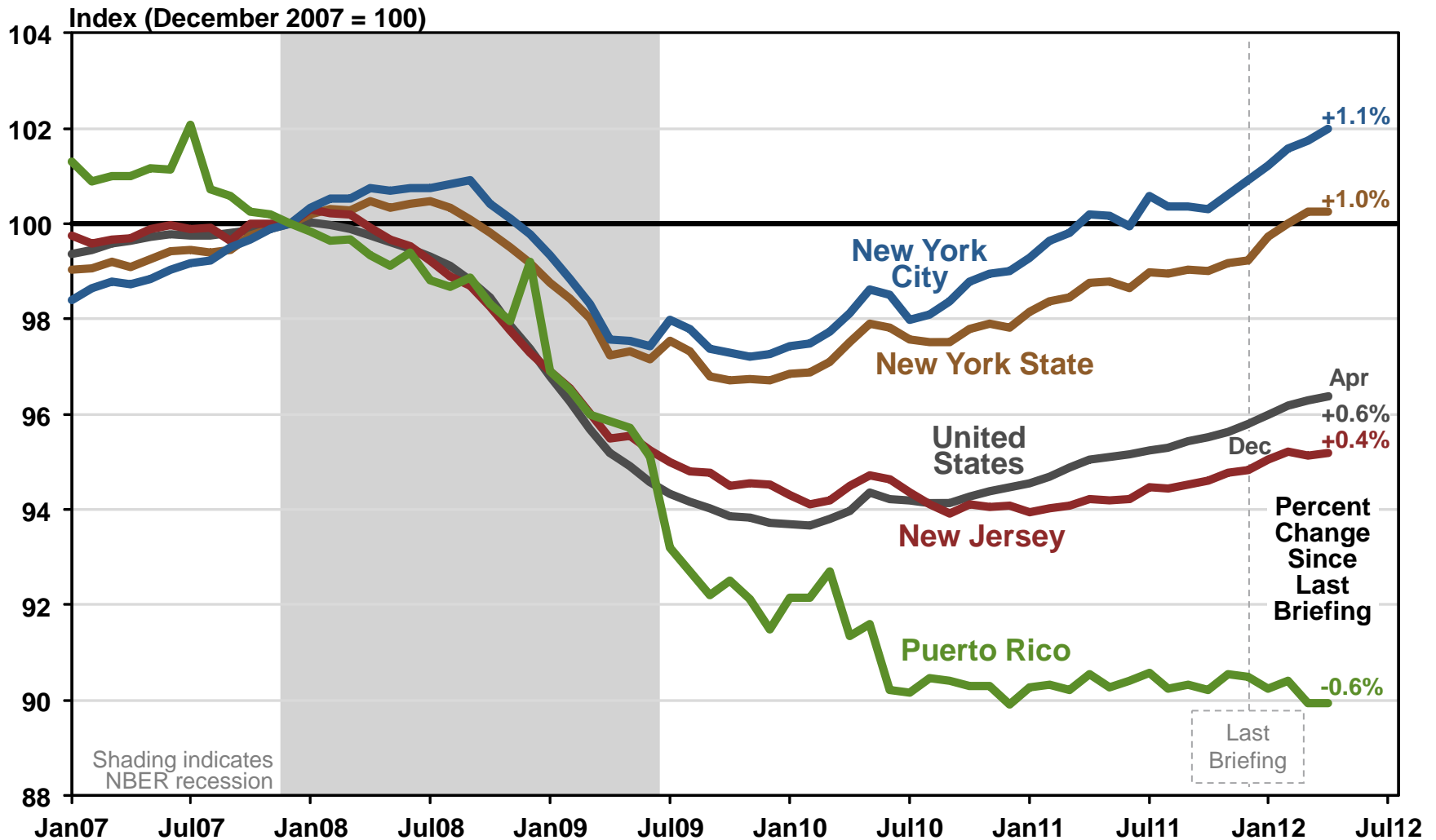


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Puerto Rico Government Development Bank

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

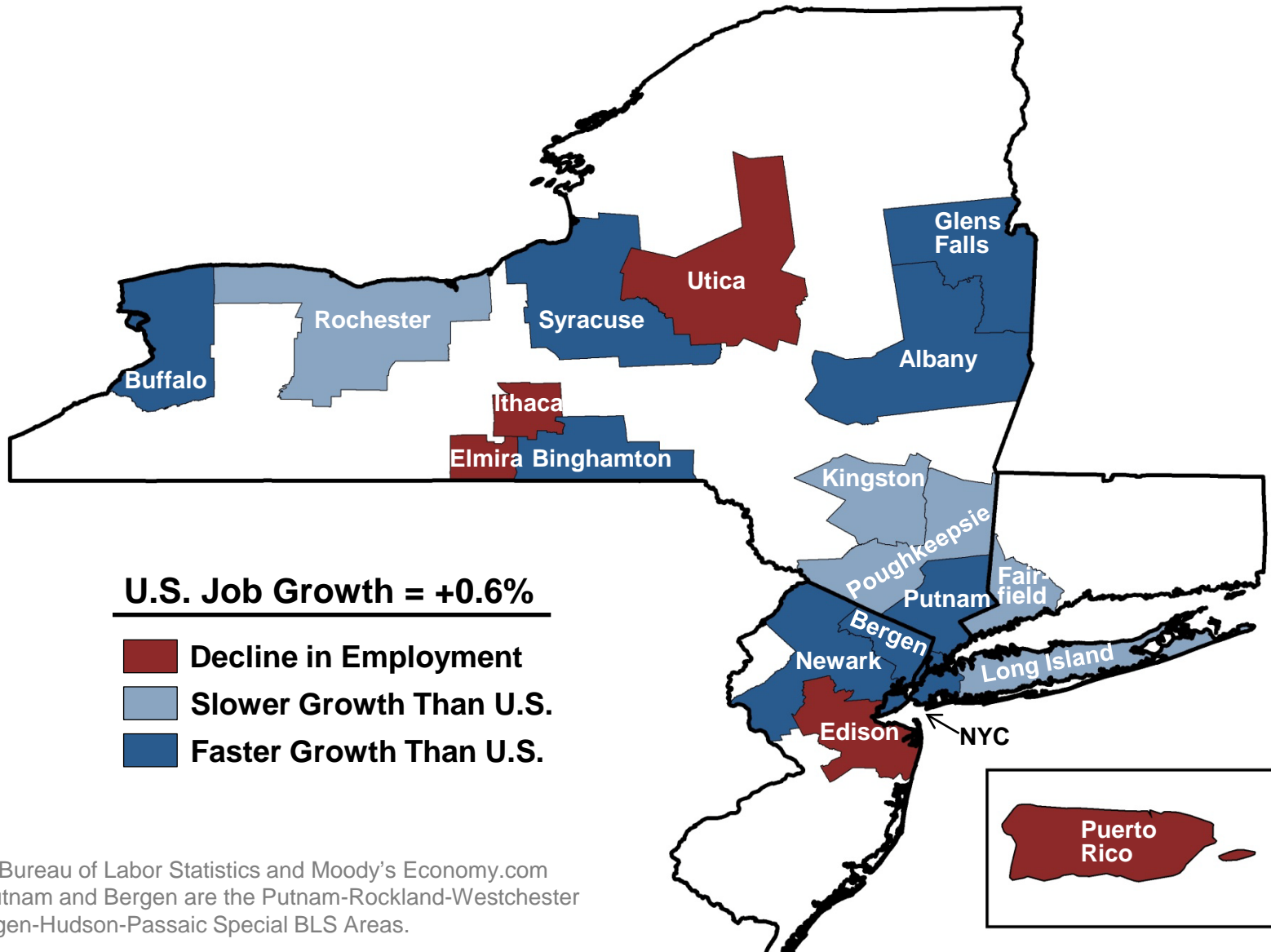
Regional Employment Trends

Seasonally Adjusted



Employment Change Within the Region

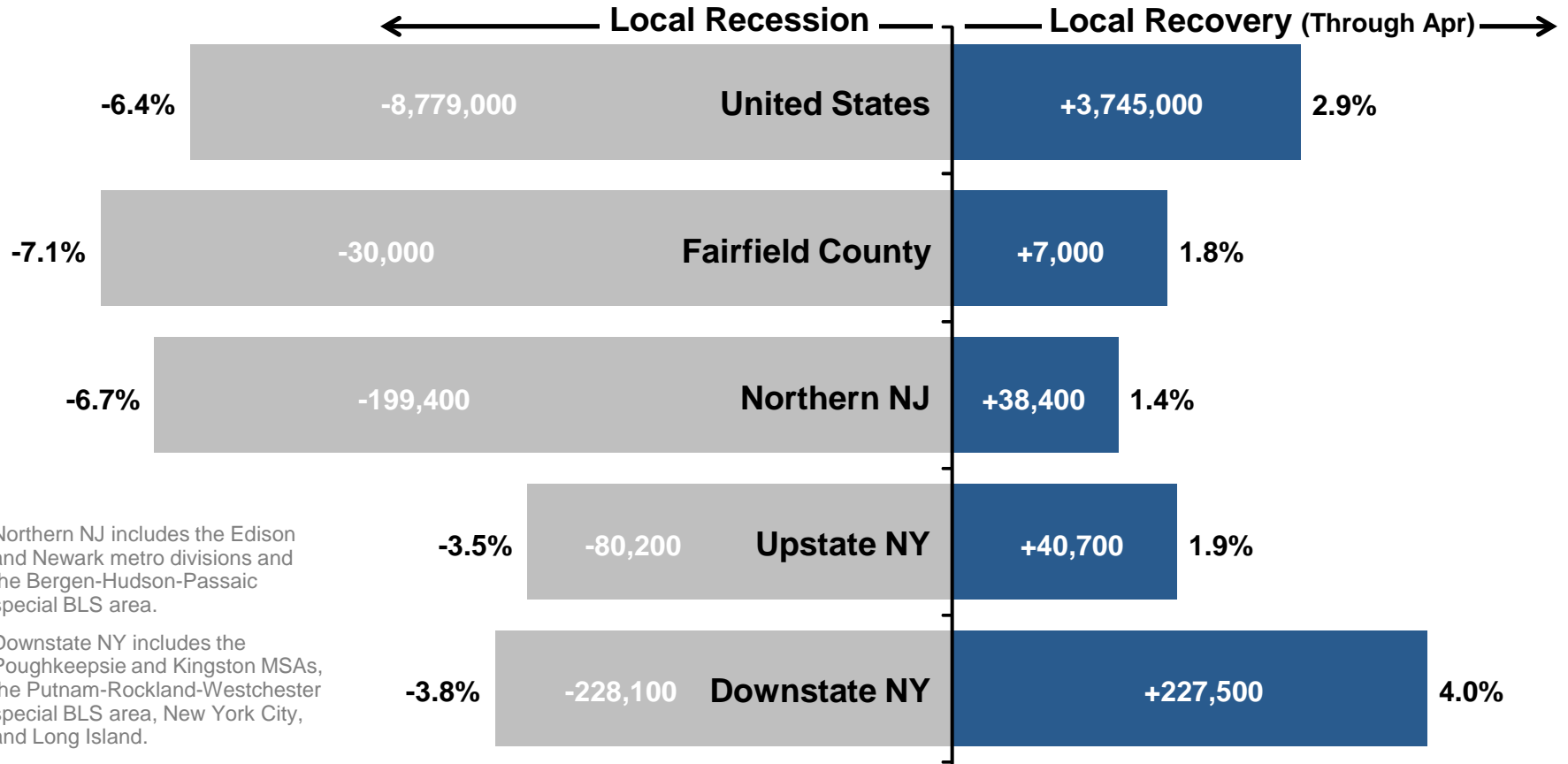
Percent Change, December 2011 to April 2012



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.

Job Change During Recession and Recovery

Change from Local Peak-Local Trough and Local Trough-April 2012



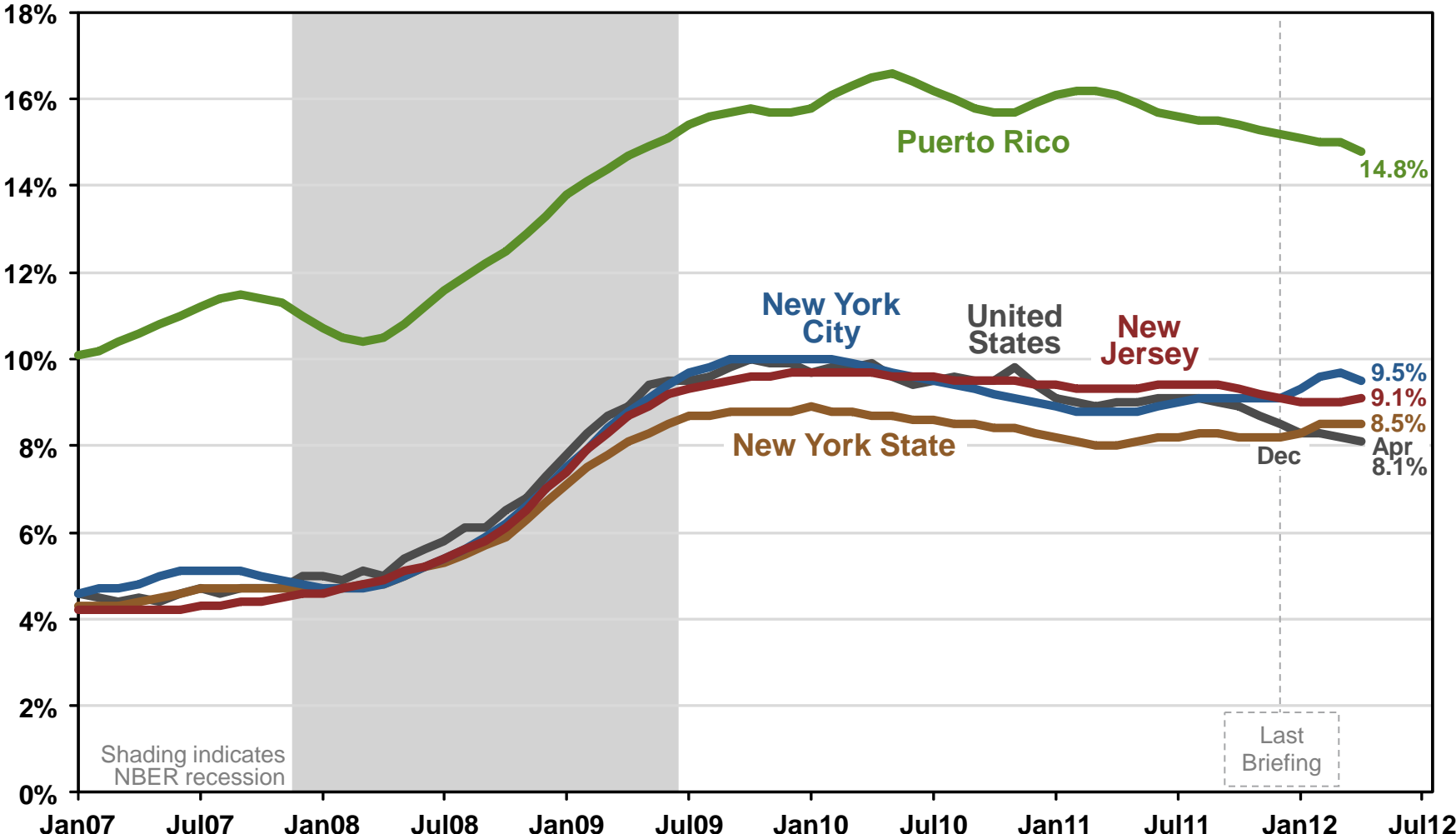
Northern NJ includes the Edison and Newark metro divisions and the Bergen-Hudson-Passaic special BLS area.

Downstate NY includes the Poughkeepsie and Kingston MSAs, the Putnam-Rockland-Westchester special BLS area, New York City, and Long Island.

Upstate NY includes the Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Syracuse, Binghamton, Ithaca, Elmira, Utica and Glens Falls MSAs.

Regional Unemployment Rates

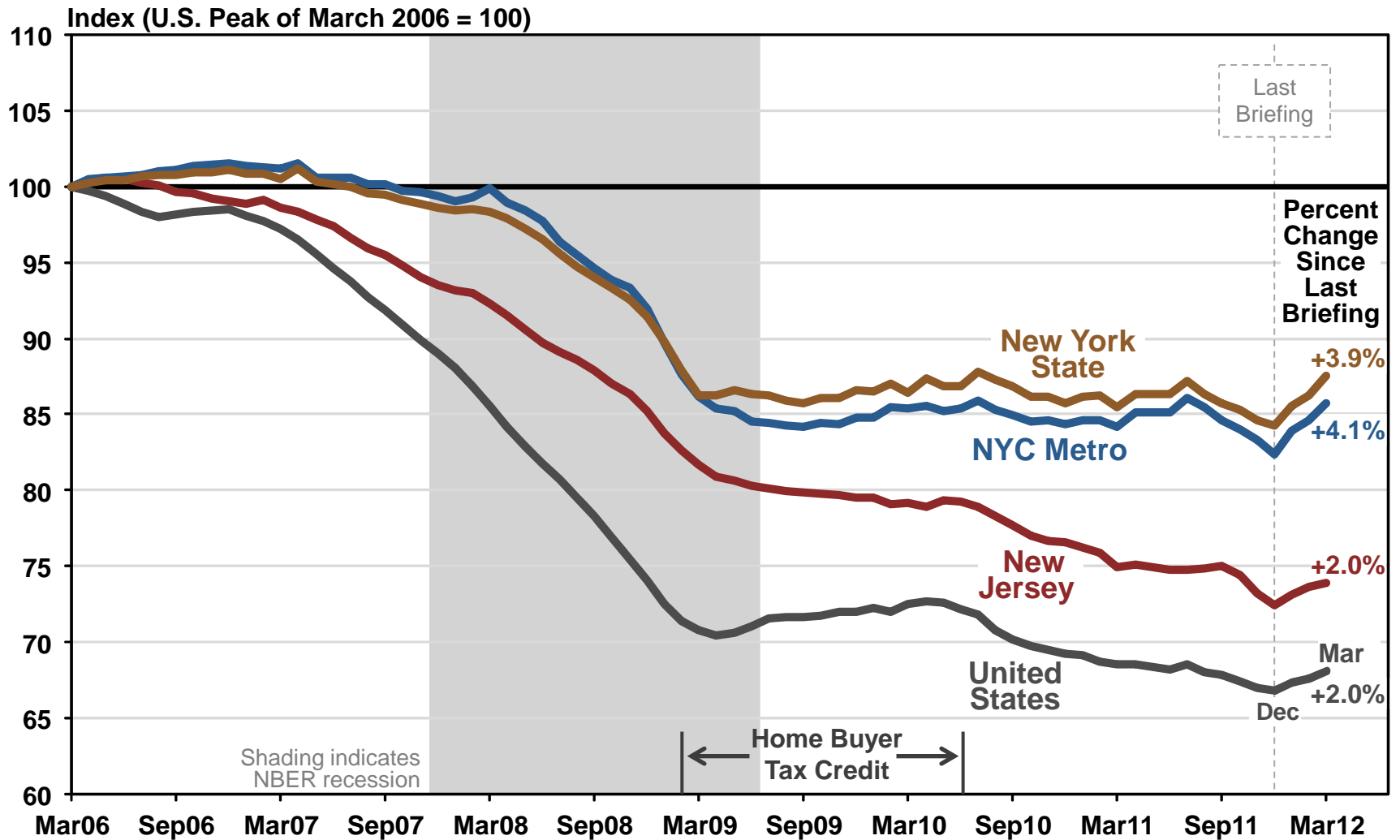
Seasonally Adjusted Rates



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

Regional Home Price Trends

CoreLogic Home Price Index, Seasonally Adjusted



Source: CoreLogic Home Price Index (including distressed sales); Seasonally adjusted by FRBNY staff.

Note: 'NYC Metro' refers to the 'New York-White Plains-Wayne NY-NJ Metro Division.'

Summary of Regional Conditions

Recovery in the region resumed in early 2012:

- Economic activity has picked up across the region, most notably in New York City; no recovery yet in Puerto Rico
- Employment on the rise in most parts of the region; NYC job counts now above pre-recession peak
- Modest home price pickup in the region so far this year

