

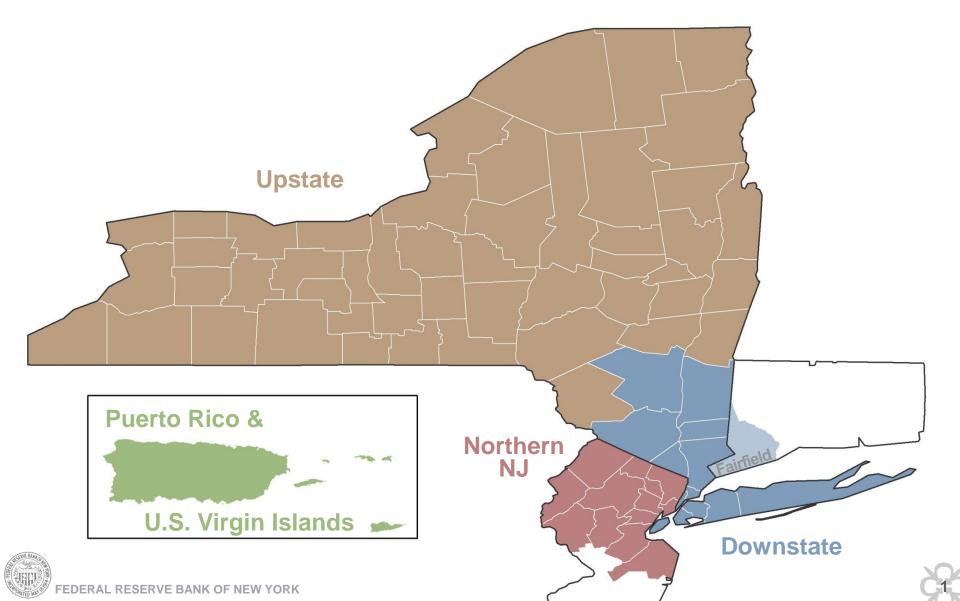
Job Growth in the Region

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The 2nd Federal Reserve District

Regions in the District



Overview

- The regional economy has continued to grow slowly over the past year, with many parts of the District seeing job gains.
- New York City remains on a strong growth trajectory, while job growth in upstate NY and northern NJ has been slower. Puerto Rico continues to lose jobs.
- Middle-wage jobs have finally started to return, though to different degrees across the region.

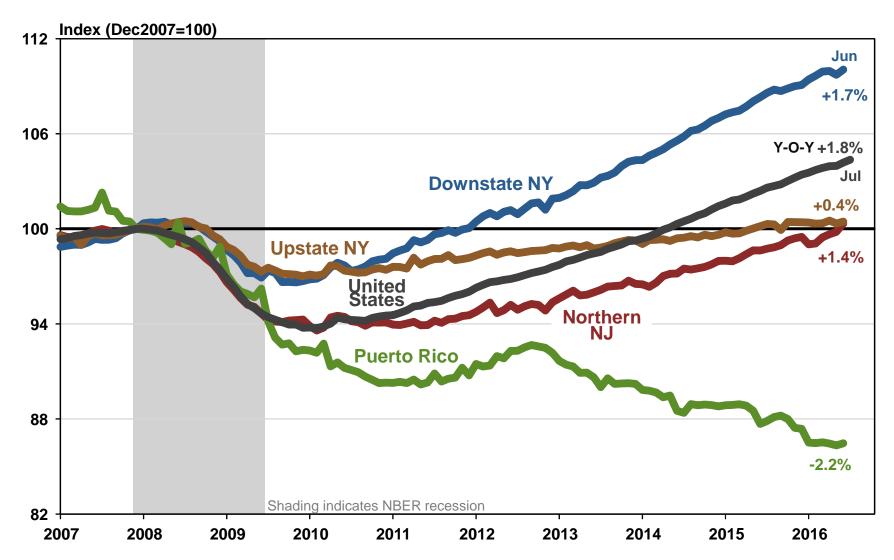




Recent Economic Performance

Regional Employment Trends

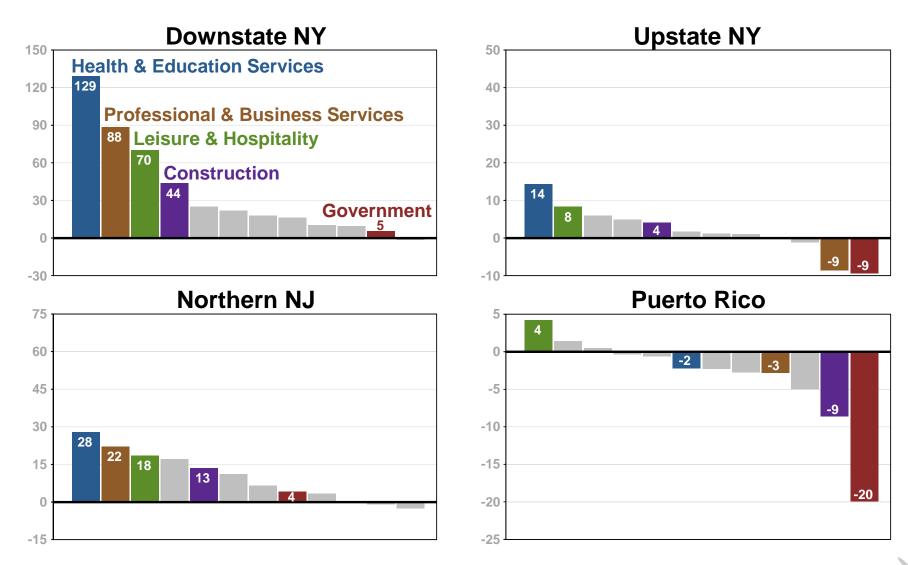
Indexes of Total Employment, Seasonally Adjusted





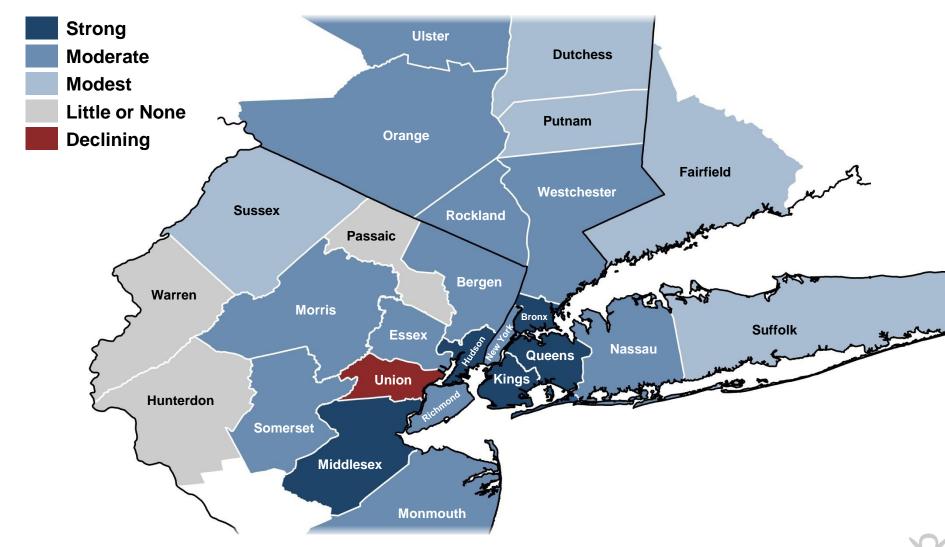
Sectors Driving Regional Job Growth

Net Change in Employment, Thousands, 2013-2016 (YTD)



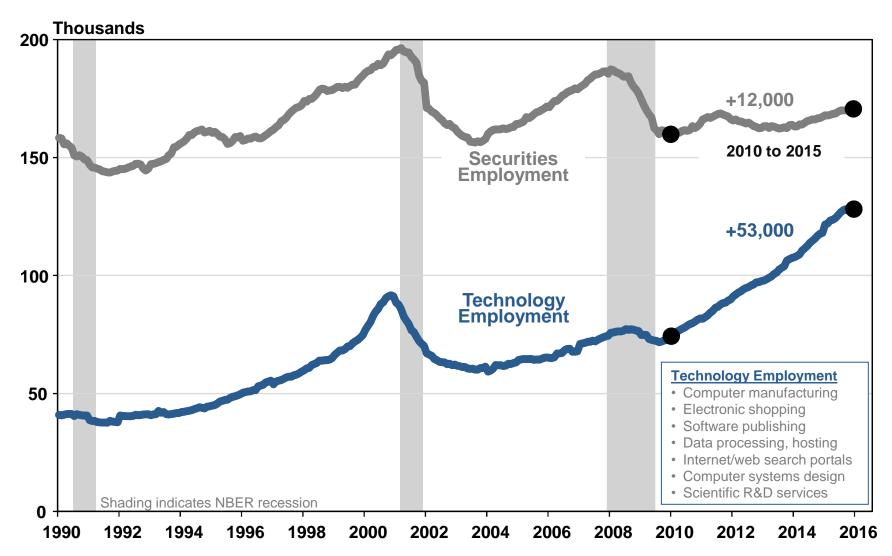
Recent Growth in and around New York City

2015 Private-Sector Job Growth



New York City's New Growth Sector

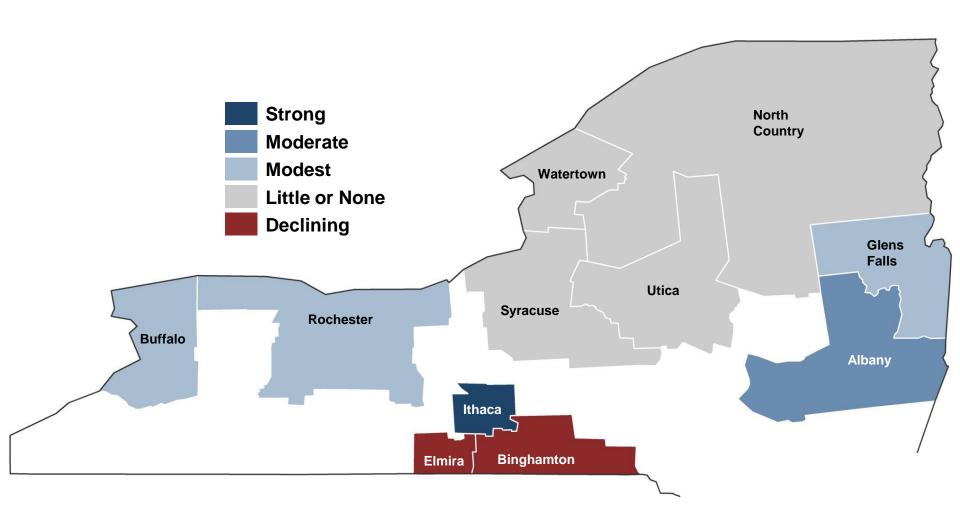
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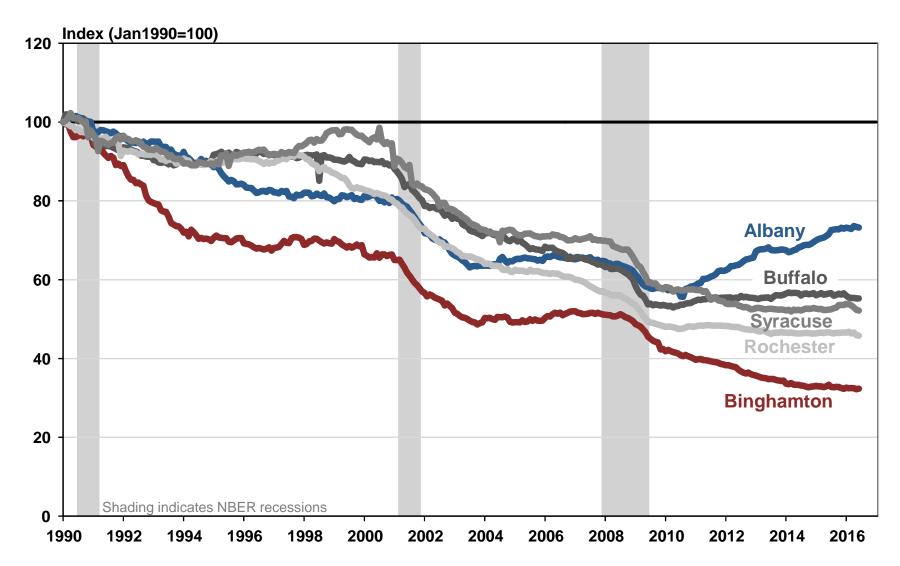
Recent Growth in Upstate NY

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Upstate Manufacturing Employment

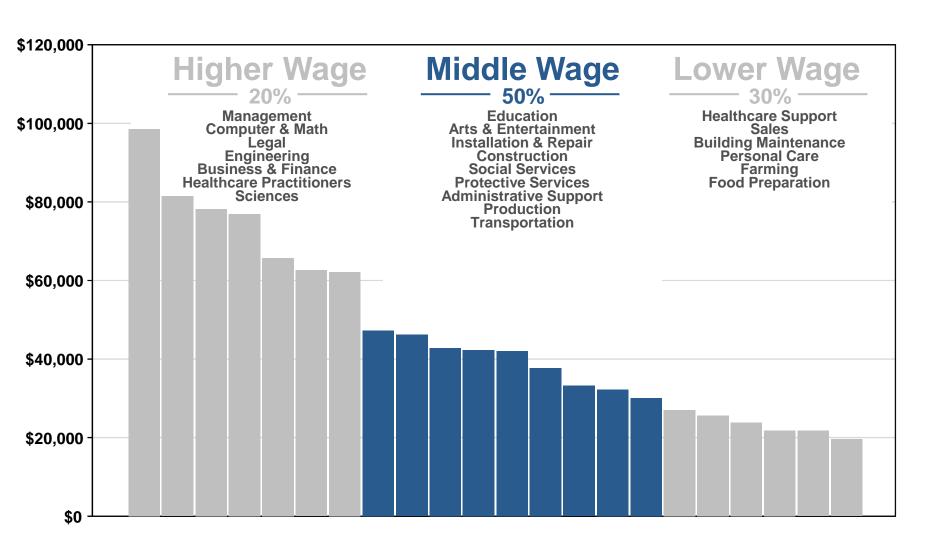
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The Return of Middle-Wage Jobs

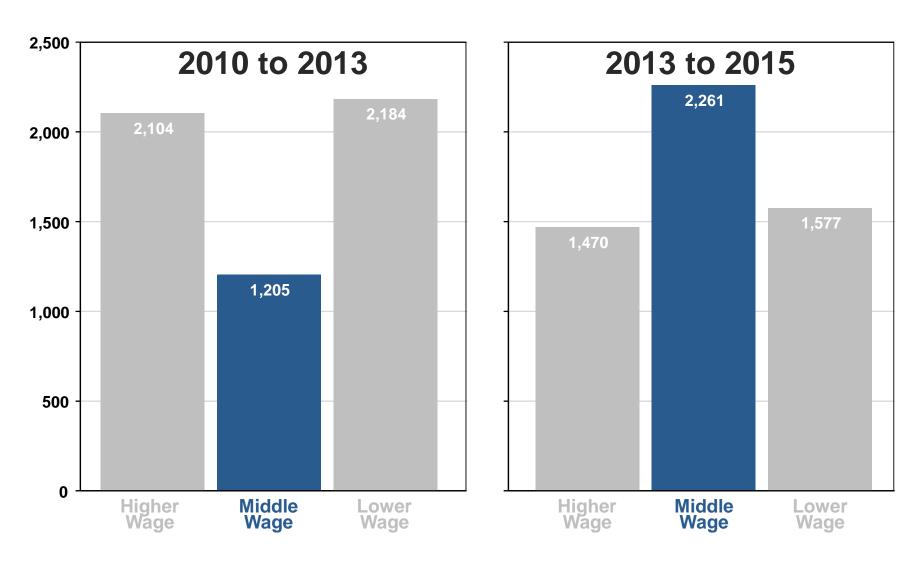
Job Categories

Based on 2015 Median Wages, United States



Job Gains in the United States

Net Change in Total Employment, Thousands





Middle-Wage Jobs Returning in the U.S.

• Growth in traditional blue collar jobs:

Construction [+400,000]

Production [+300,000]

Transportation [+500,000]

Installation & Repair [+250,000]

 Education jobs growing again as local government fiscal pressures have subsided. [+150,000]

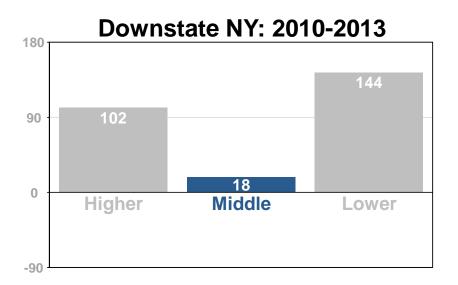
Rebound in Administrative Support jobs. [+400,000]

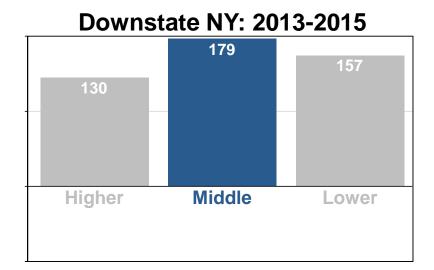


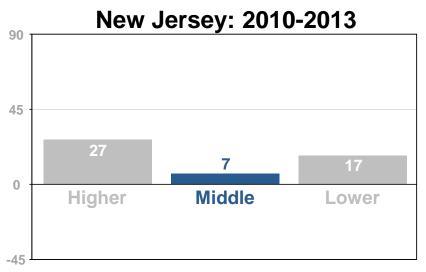


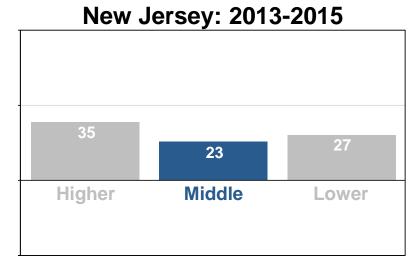
Job Gains and Losses in the Region

Net Change in Total Employment, Thousands







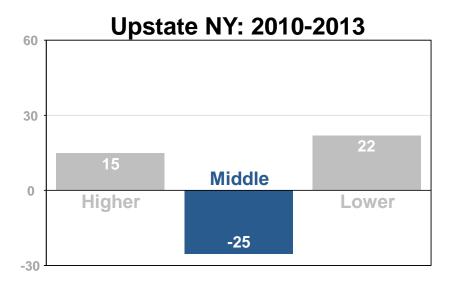


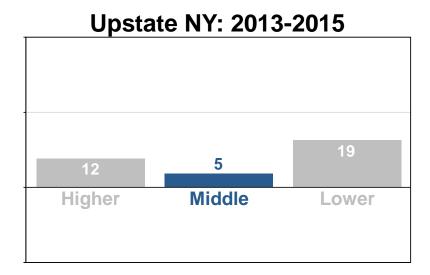


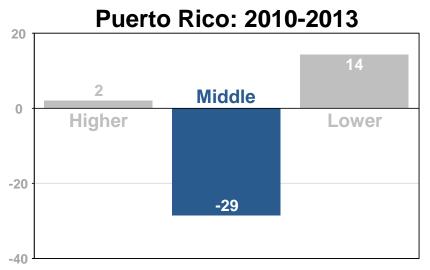
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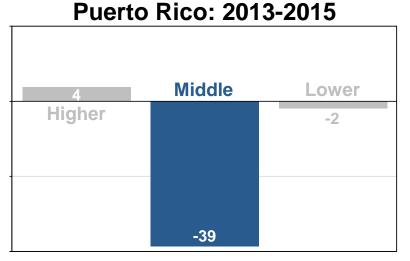
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Middle-Wage Job Gains Weak in Some Areas

Upstate NY

 Limited bounce back in Education and Construction jobs coupled with ongoing declines in Administrative Support and Production jobs.

New Jersey

Steep losses in Administrative Support and Production jobs.

Puerto Rico

 Broad-based declines in middle-wage jobs, with large job losses tied to the island's weak public sector (Education, Protection) along with an acceleration in Construction job losses.





Summary

 New York City continues to be an engine of growth in the region, with a burgeoning tech sector and widespread gains in middle-wage jobs.

 Growth has been slower in upstate NY and northern NJ, where middle-wage jobs have not bounced back as much.

 Puerto Rico continues to struggle under the weight of economic stagnation, a fiscal crisis, and out-migration.





Appendix

Recent Job Growth in the District

Percent Change in Total Employment, 2015Q2 to 2016Q2

