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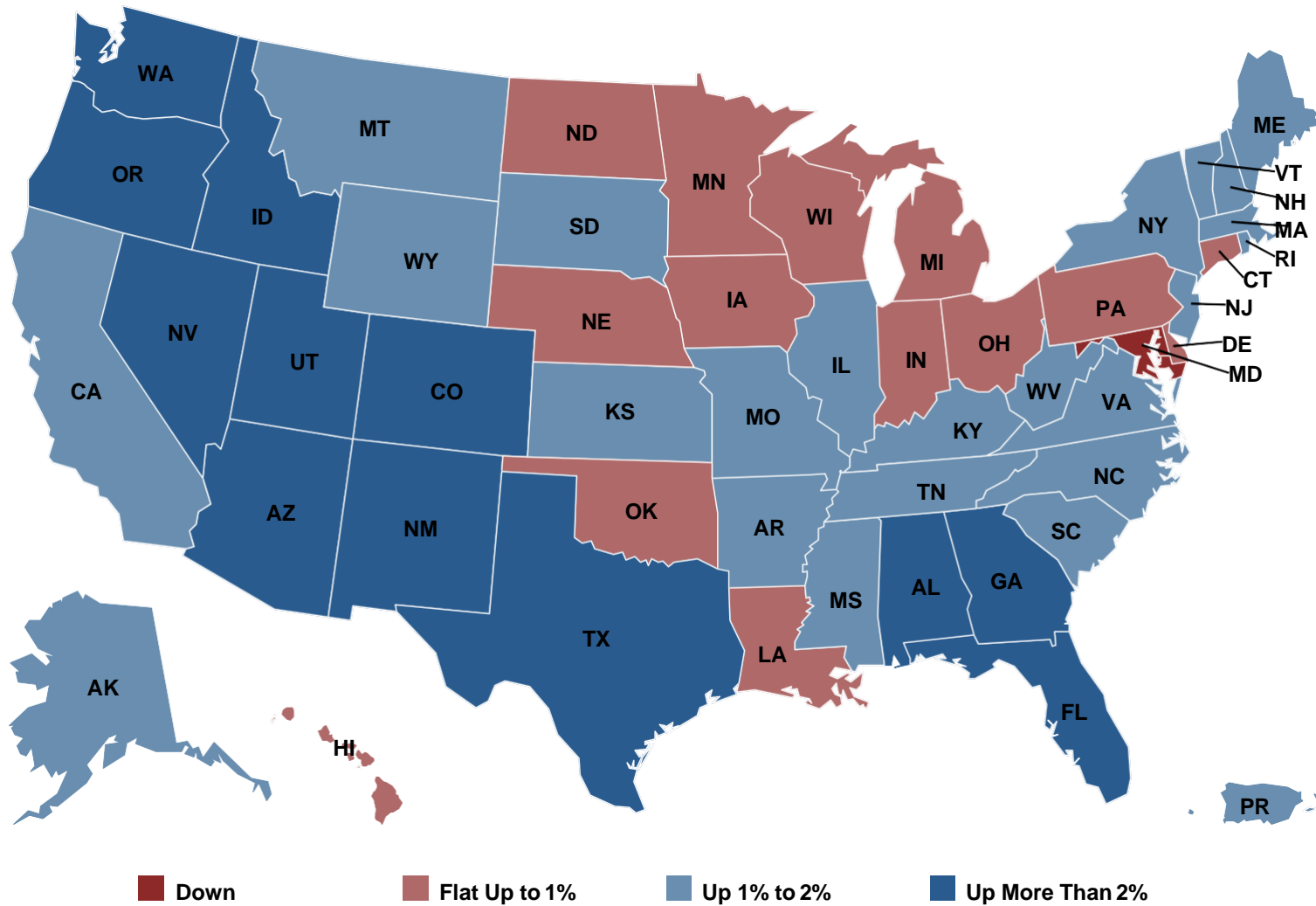
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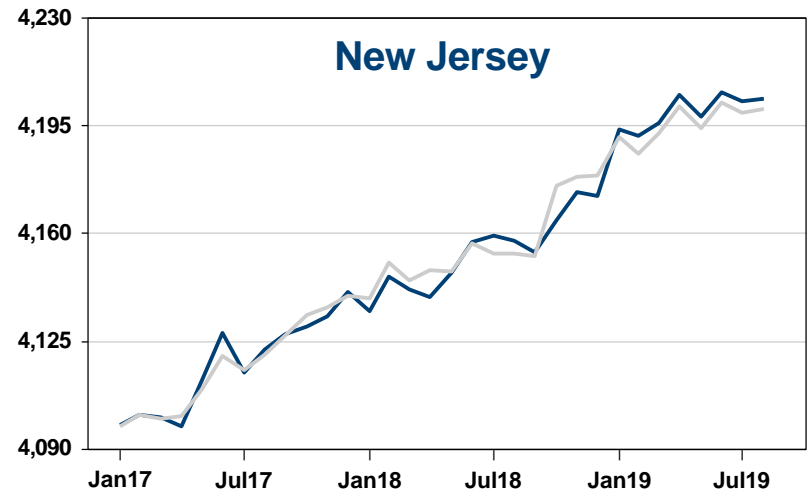
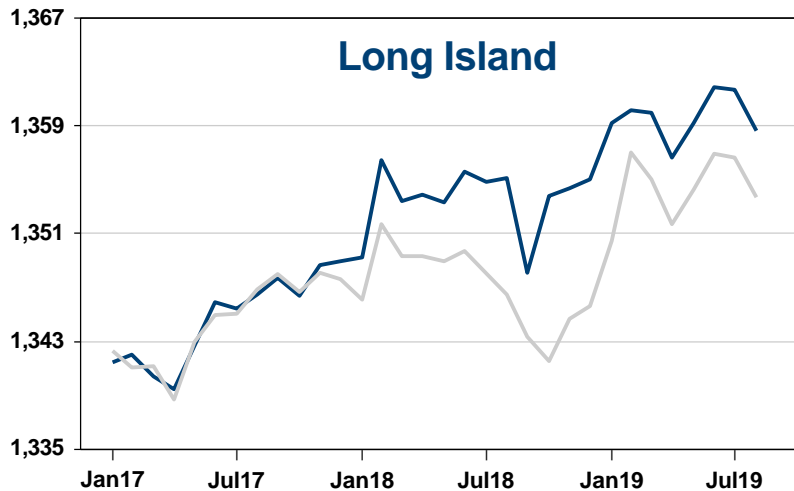
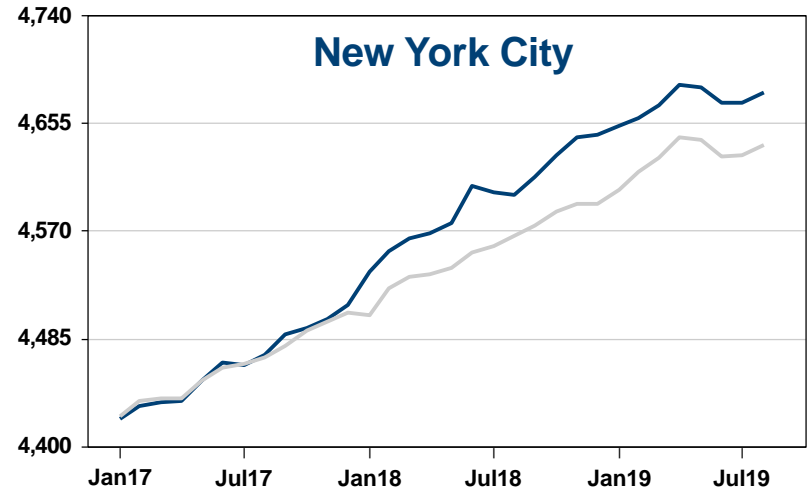
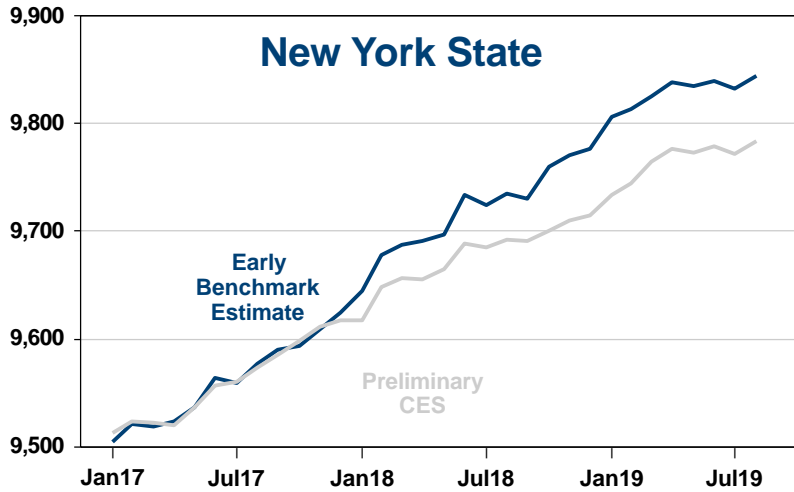
Recent Private-Sector Job Trends

Year-Over-Year Percent Change as of August 2019



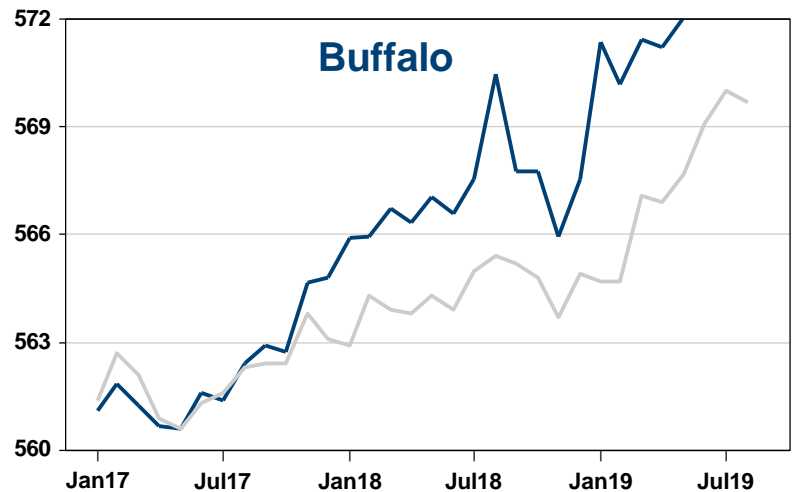
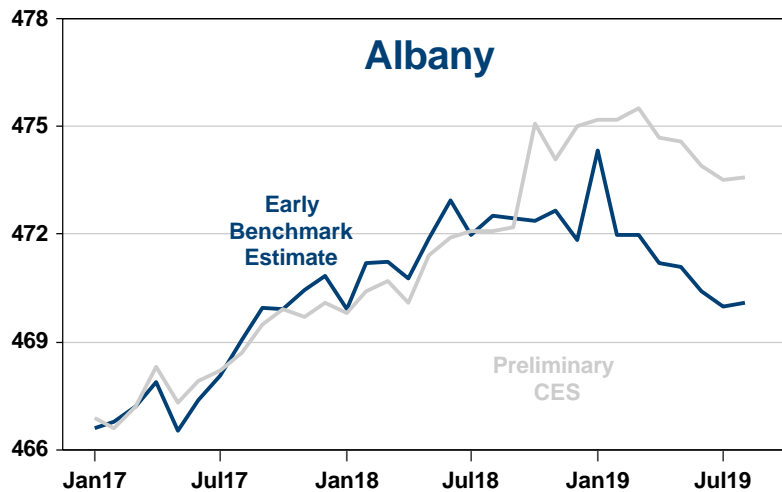
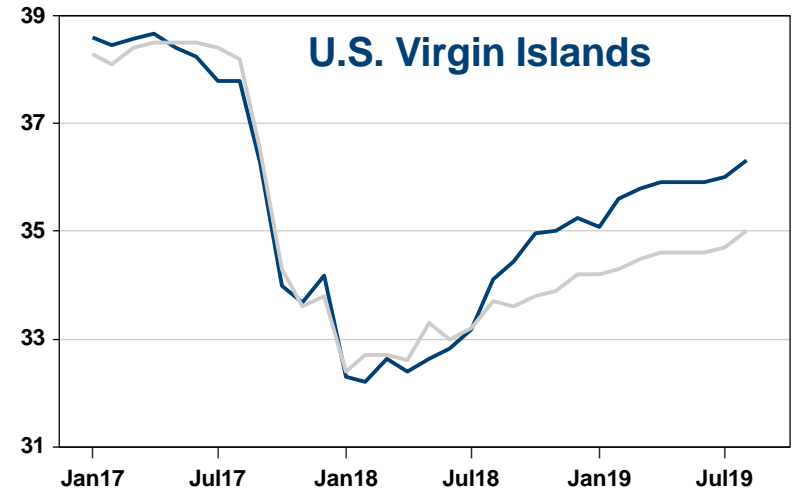
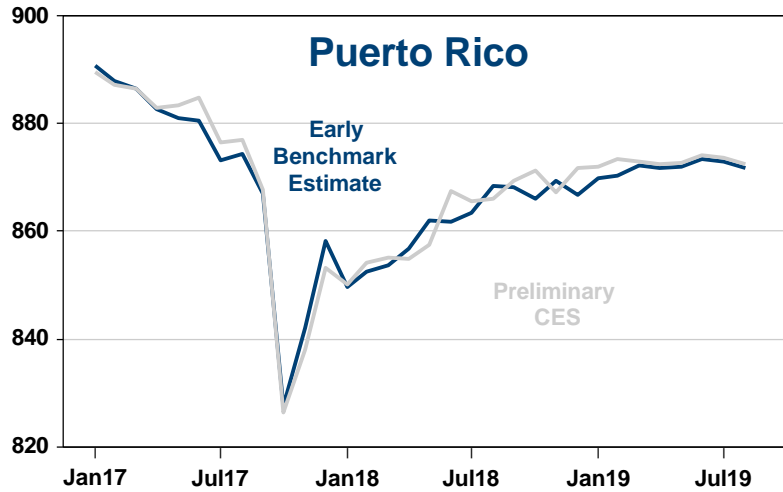
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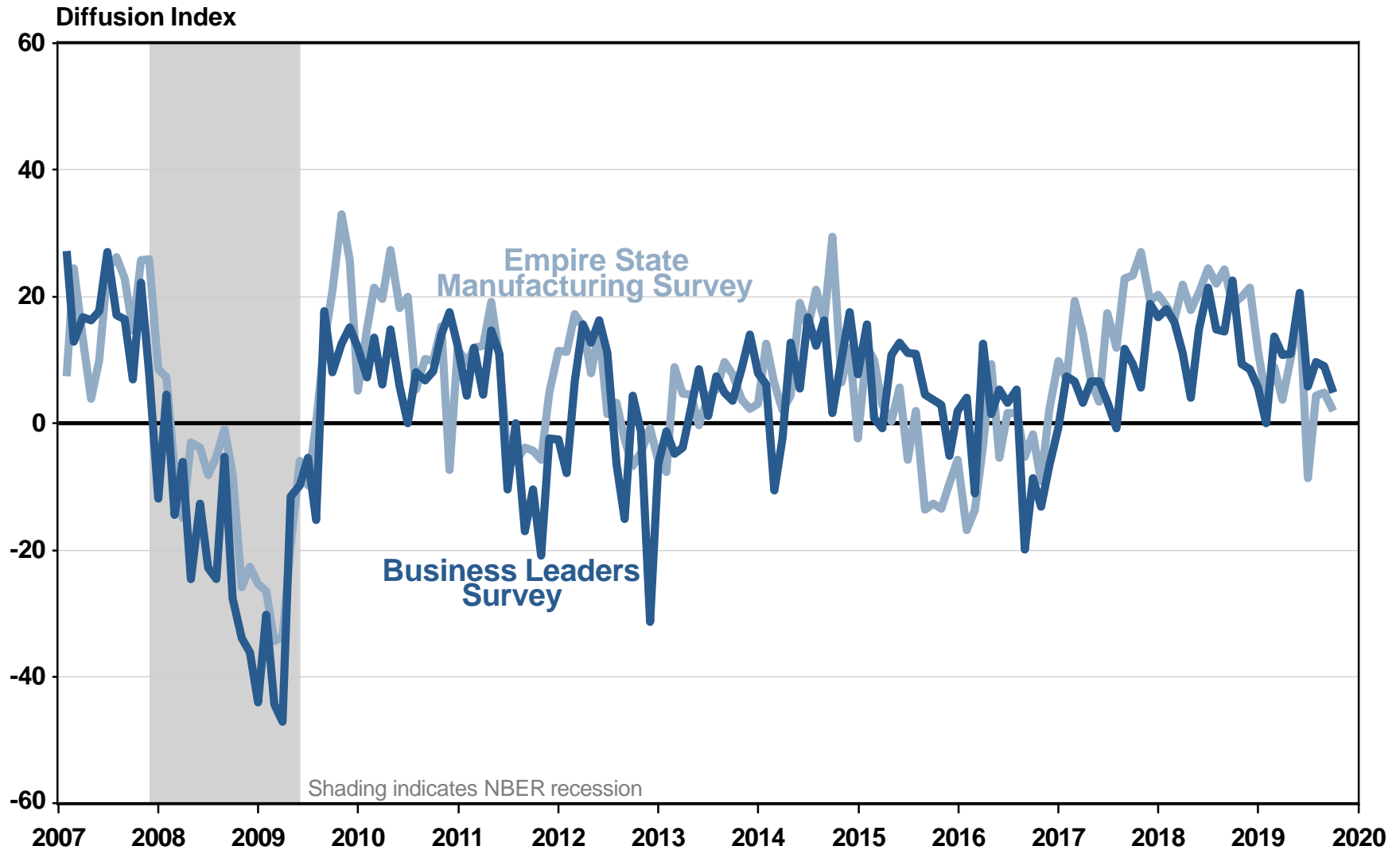
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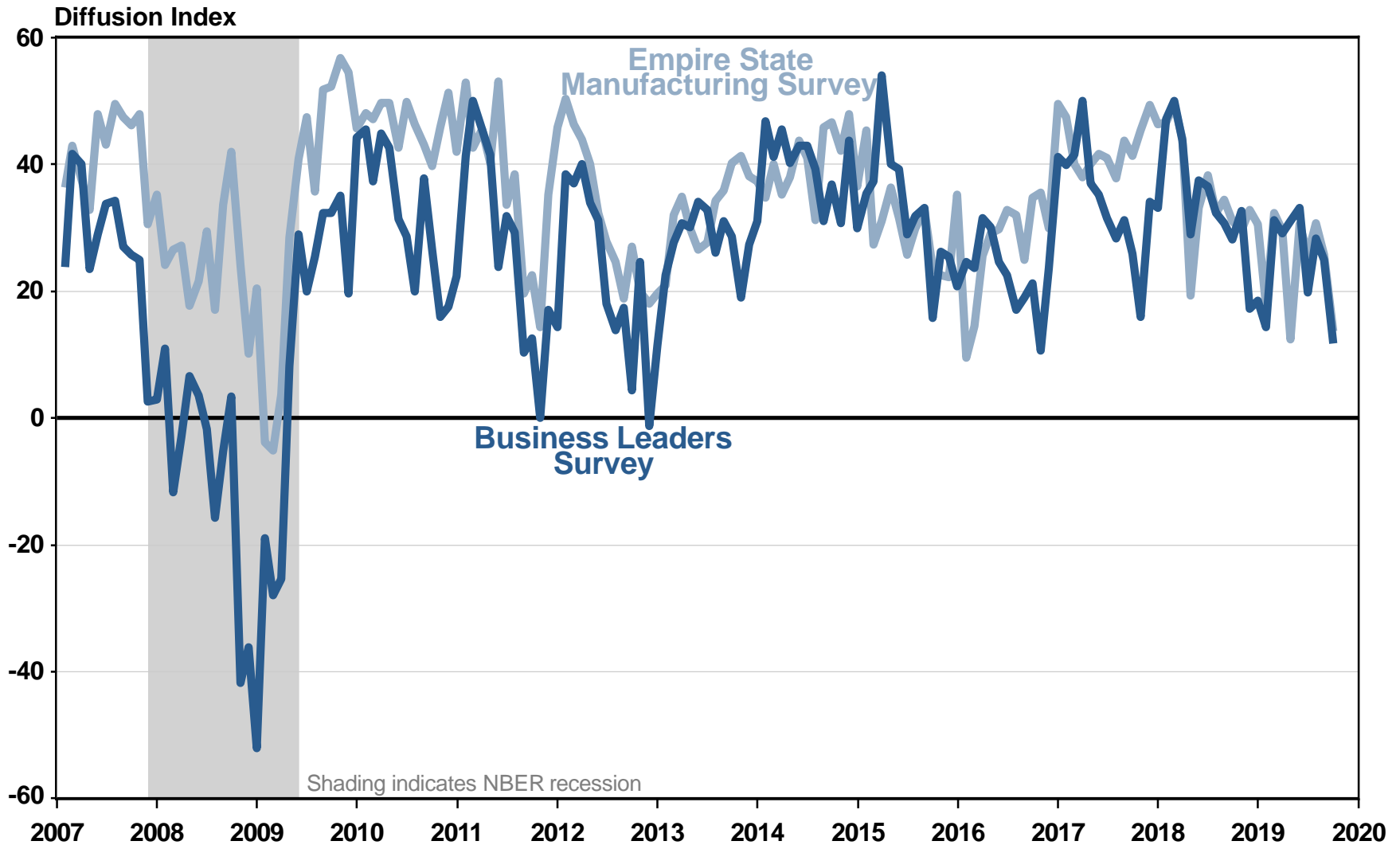
Current Economic Conditions

FRBNY Business Surveys, Current Conditions



Future Economic Conditions

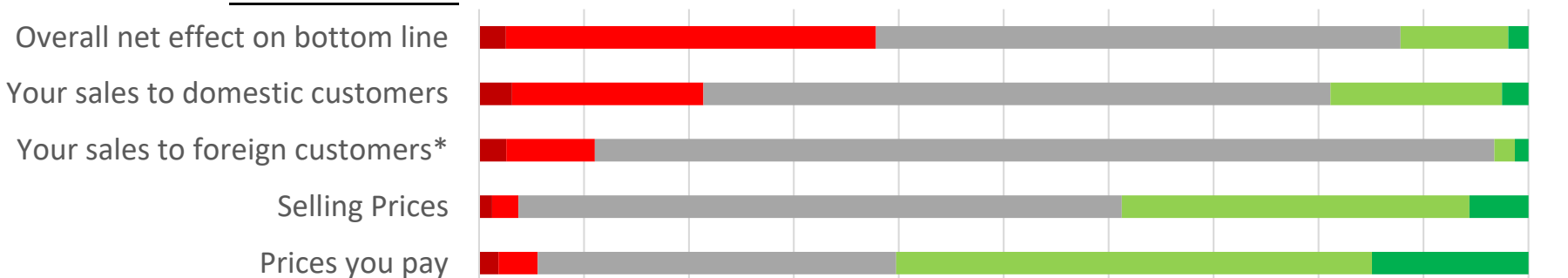
FRBNY Business Surveys, Conditions Six Months Ahead



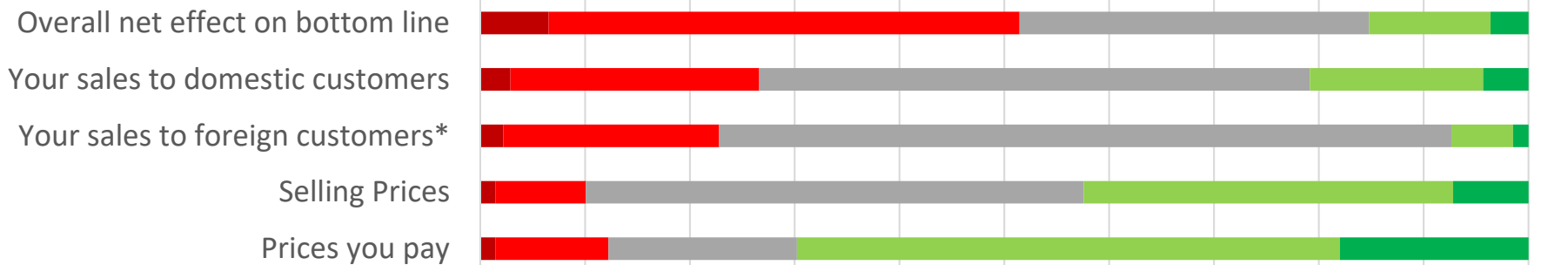
August 2019 Survey on Trade & Tariffs

What effect do you see changes in U.S. trade policies having on each of these components of your business this year (2019)?

Manufacturers



Service Firms



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Percentage of Respondents

- Significant Downward Effect
- Slight Downward Effect
- No Effect
- Slight Upward Effect
- Significant Upward Effect

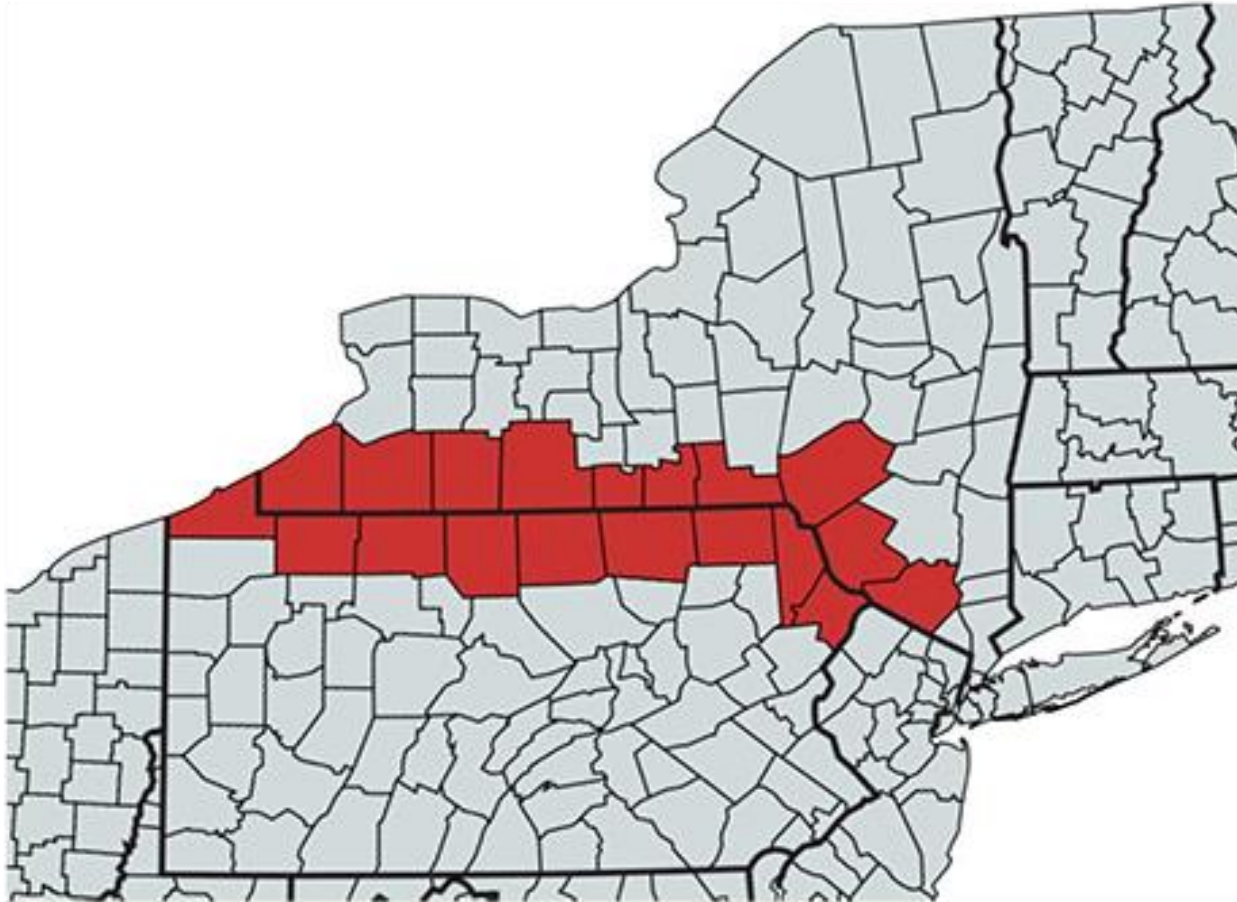
April 2019 Survey of NY Service-Sector Firms on the Minimum Wage

Please indicate what effect you think this increase in the minimum wage has had, for your operations in New York State, on each of the following?



Minimum Wage Effects along the NY/PA Border

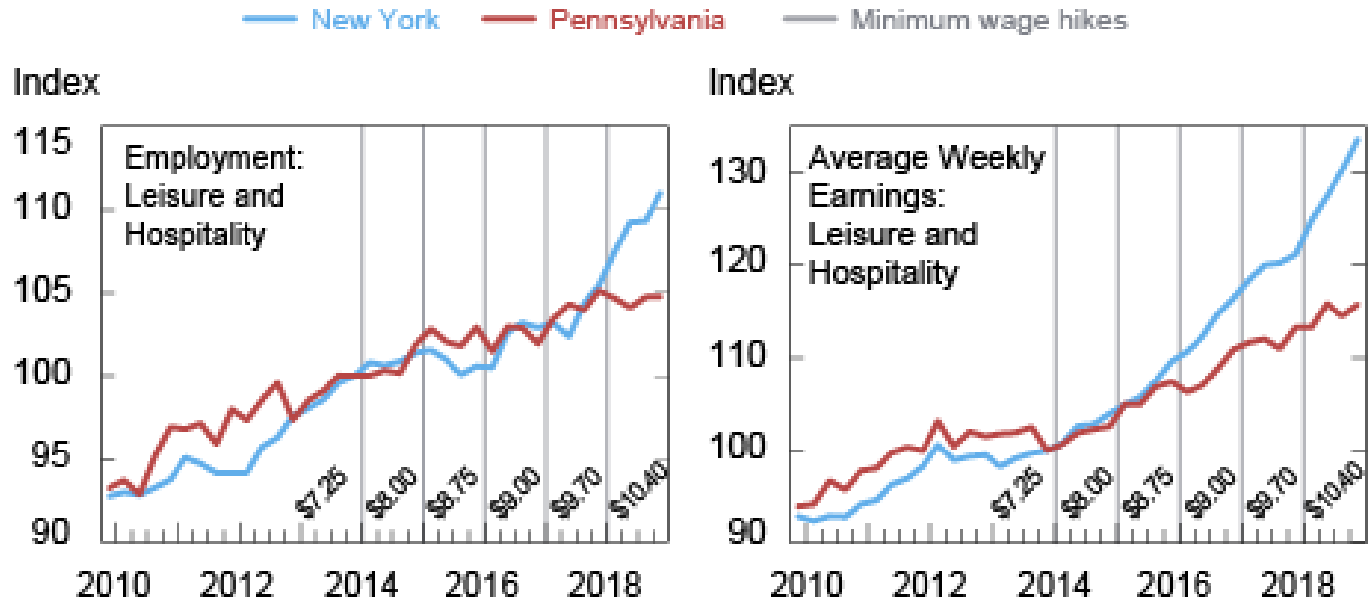
Data Are Drawn from Nineteen New York-Pennsylvania Border Counties



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Earnings Rose More in New York than Pennsylvania Counties with No Adverse Employment Effects



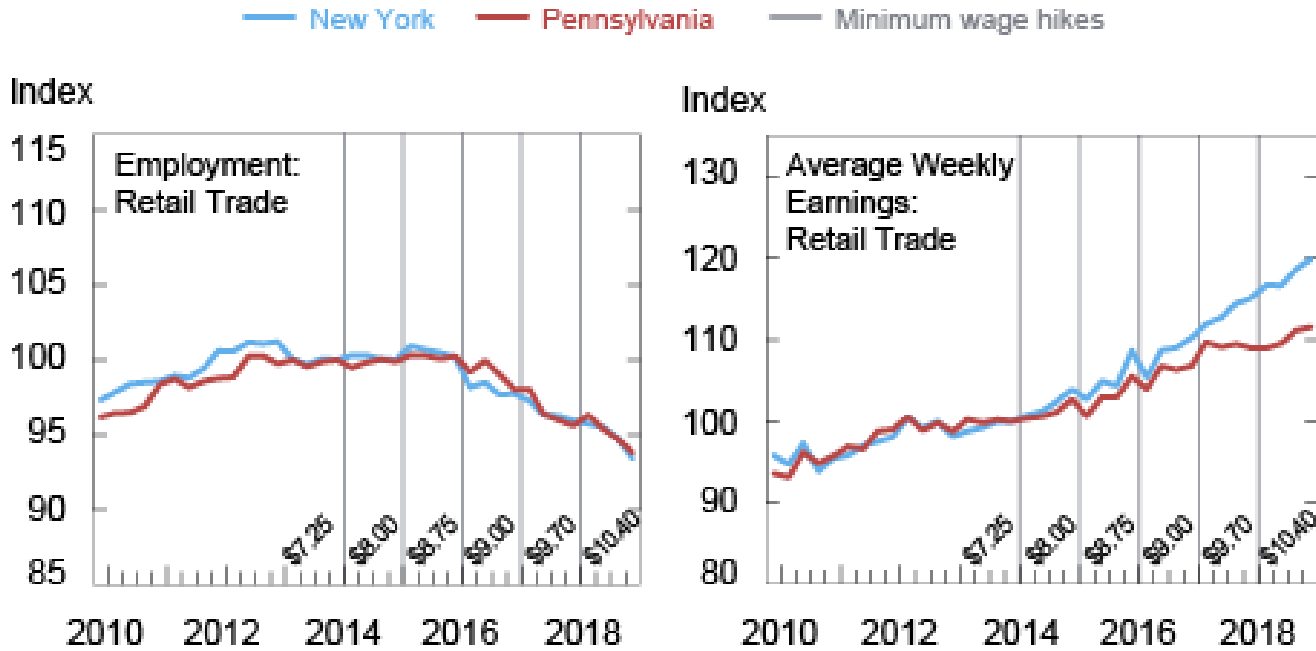
Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages; Moody's Economy.com.

Notes: Employment and average weekly earnings for the leisure and hospitality sector in both states are indexed to 100 in 2013:Q4, the quarter before New York's first minimum wage increase. Vertical lines indicate dates of gradual increases in New York's minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour prior to 2014 to \$10.40 per hour in 2018. Blue and red lines indicate averages for the counties along the New York-Pennsylvania border for each state.

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Minimum Wage Effects along the NY/PA Border

Even in a Shrinking Sector, Job Loss across States Was Similar as Wages Diverged



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Regional Recap

- Job growth has slowed in New York City & New Jersey but has picked up in Upstate New York.
- Business surveys point to slowing growth, diminished optimism.
- Businesses express fairly widespread concern about tariffs and trade tensions (uncertainty) and NY's rising minimum wage.
- A recent analysis of 10 upstate NY counties suggests that the rising minimum wage has not had adverse employment effects thus far.