NEW ENGLAND ECONOMIC UPDATE

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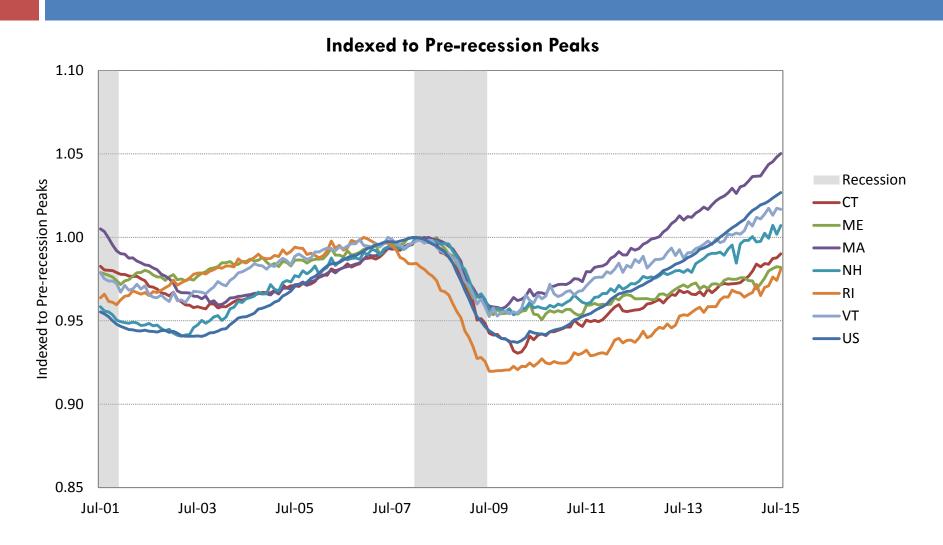




Overview

- The employment situation in New England continues to improve.
- Inflation is low, driven by lower prices in oil and energy services.
- House prices have increased in the region compared to one year ago.
- The economic outlook remains positive.

Non-Agricultural Employment

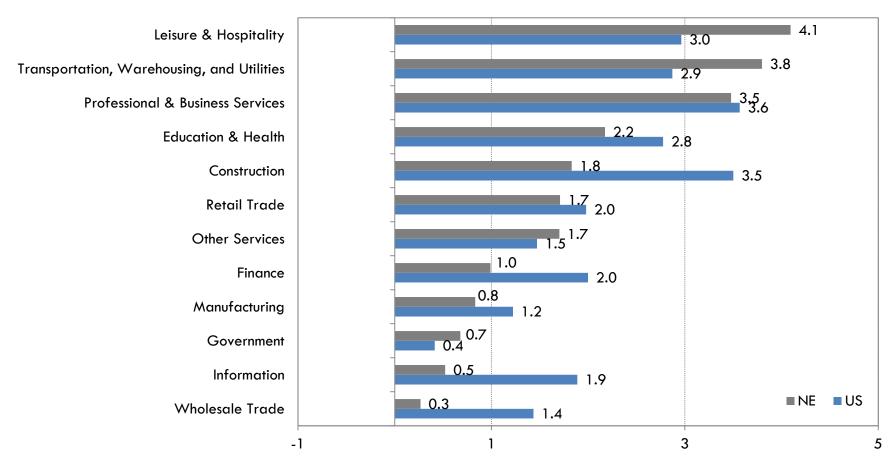


Employment Growth Rates

	Annual Long-term Trend	Last 12 months		Since Peak	
	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
United States	1.4	2.1	2,915,000	2.7	3,706,000
New England	0.8	1.7	122,900	2.2	153,200
Connecticut	0.5	1.8	30,600	-1.0	-1 <i>7,</i> 000
Maine	1.2	0.7	4,400	-1.8	-11,200
Massachusetts	0.8	2.0	69,300	5.0	167,100
New Hampshire	1.5	1.2	7,600	0.7	4,600
Rhode Island	0.6	1.3	6,200	-1.9	-9,500
Vermont	1.3	1.5	4,800	1. <i>7</i>	5,200

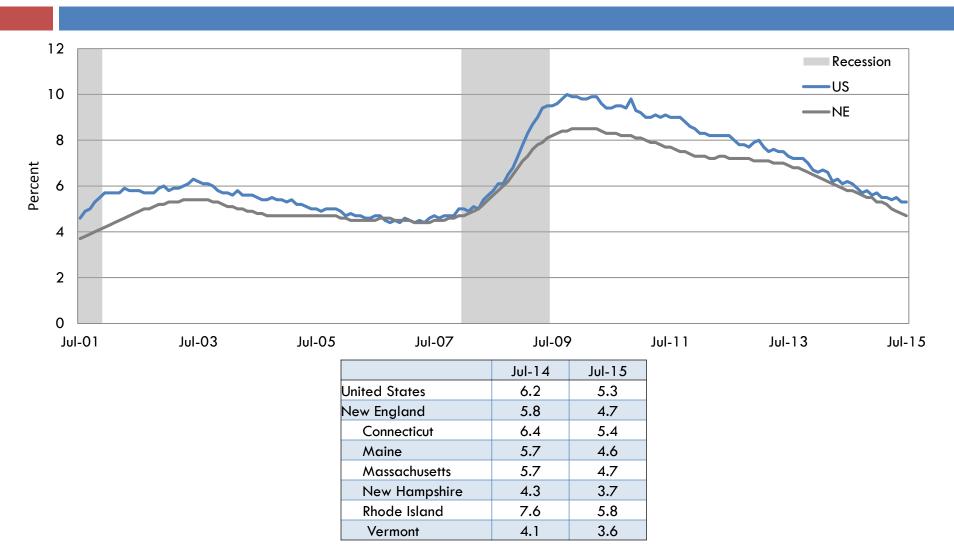
Employment Growth by Industry

Percent Change, July 2014 - July 2015



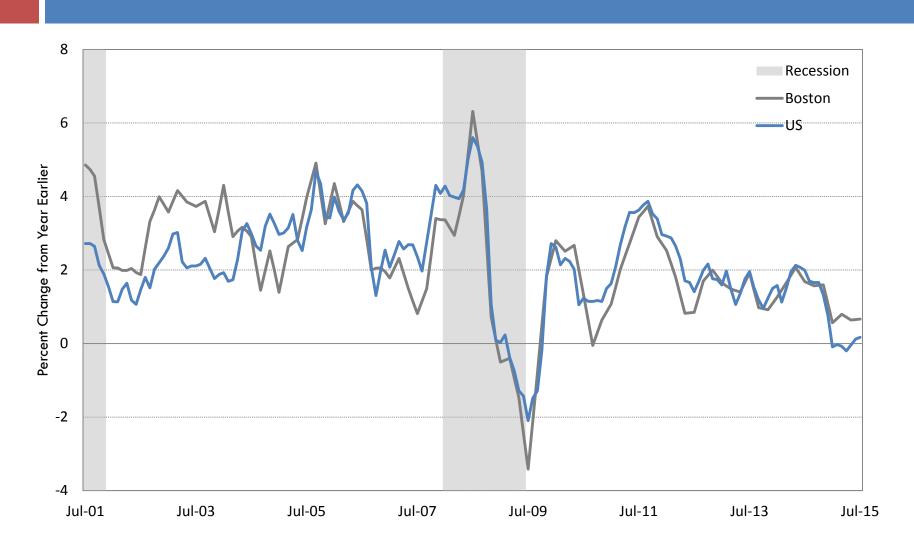
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Unemployment Rates



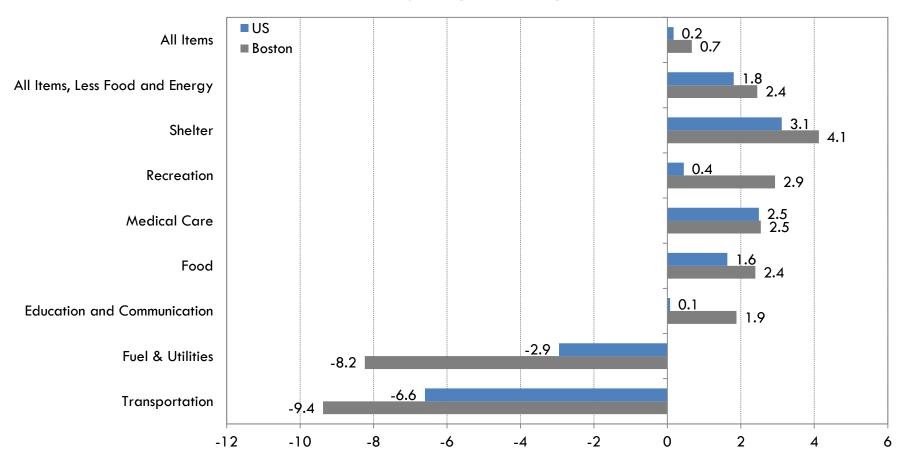
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Consumer Price Index



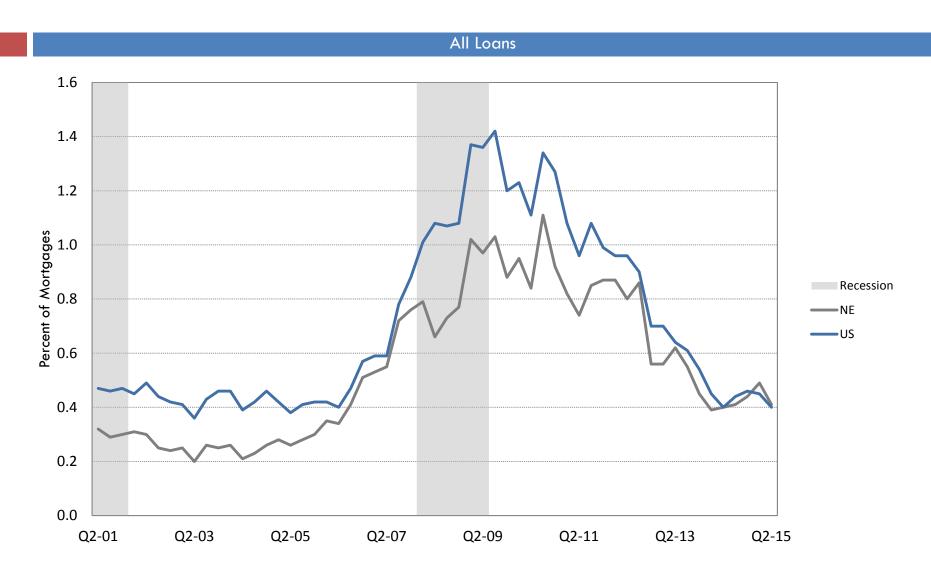
Components of the Consumer Price Index

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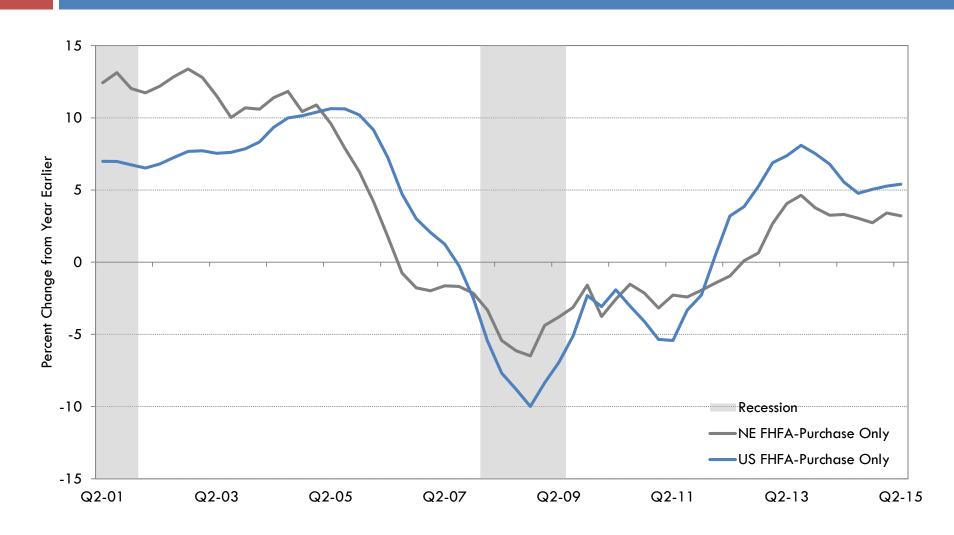


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Foreclosures Started



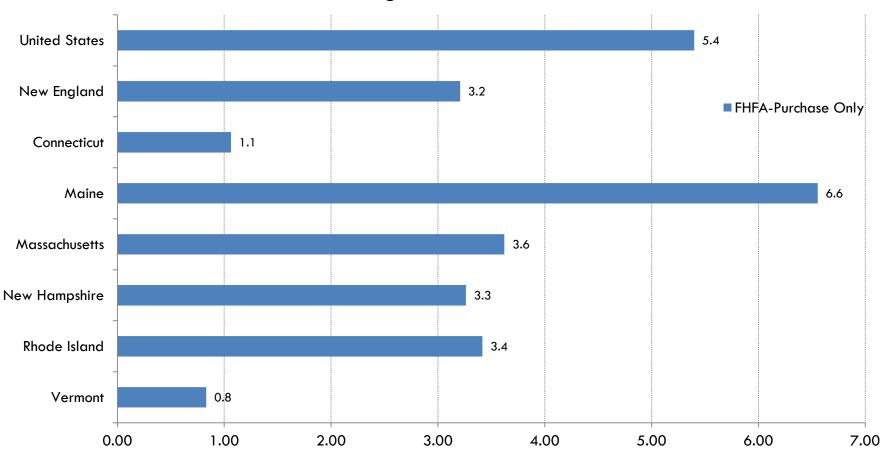
Repeat-Sales Home Price Index



Source: FHFA, NBER, Haver Analytics

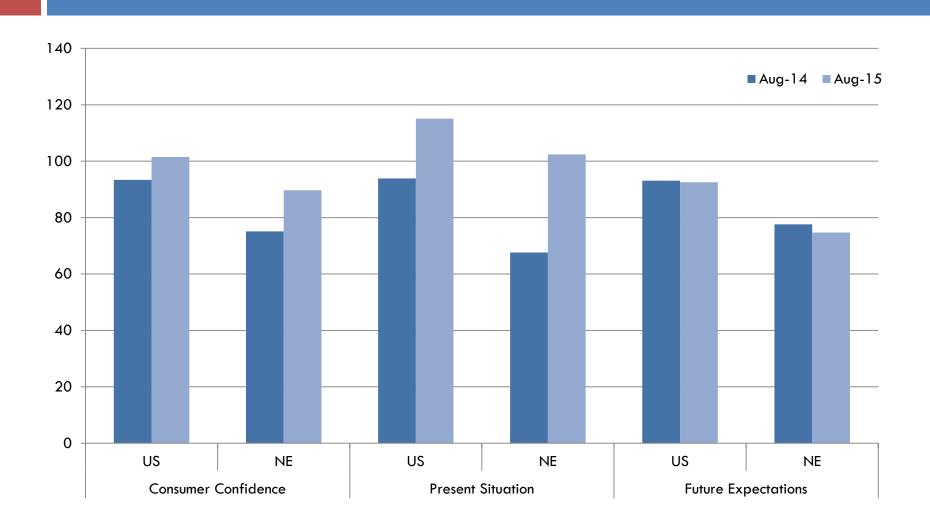
House Price Changes





Source: FHFA, Haver Analytics

Consumer Confidence



Concluding Observations

- New England's labor market continues to show progress.
- Prices are generally stable.
- Housing market recovery is ongoing, even despite the harsh winter.

Consumer sentiment is positive about both the present and future economy.