

New England Economic Update

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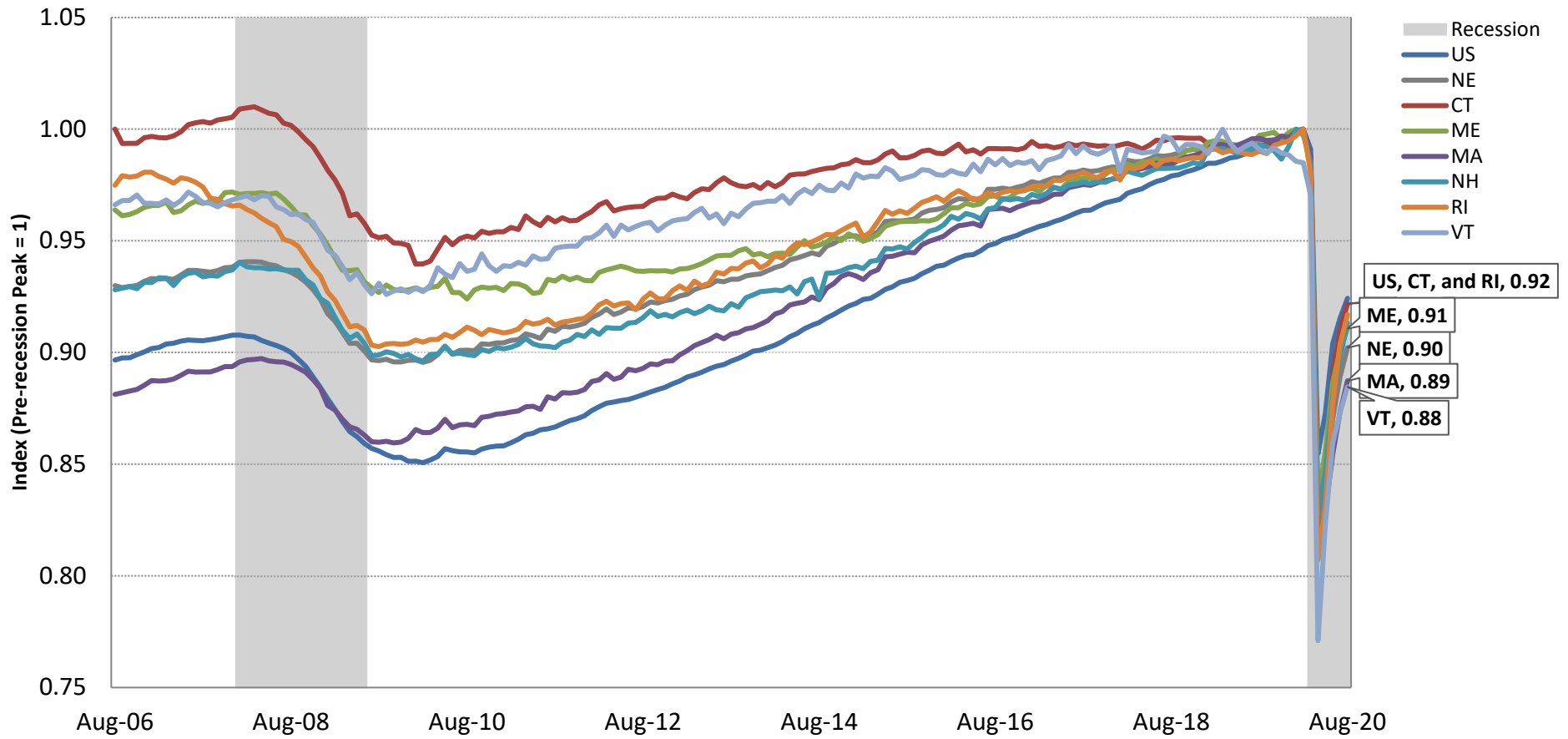
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Non-Agricultural Employment



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, NBER, Haver Analytics

Note: Peak values are determined after the recession of 2008-2009; they may differ for each region.

Employment Changes in the Pandemic Period

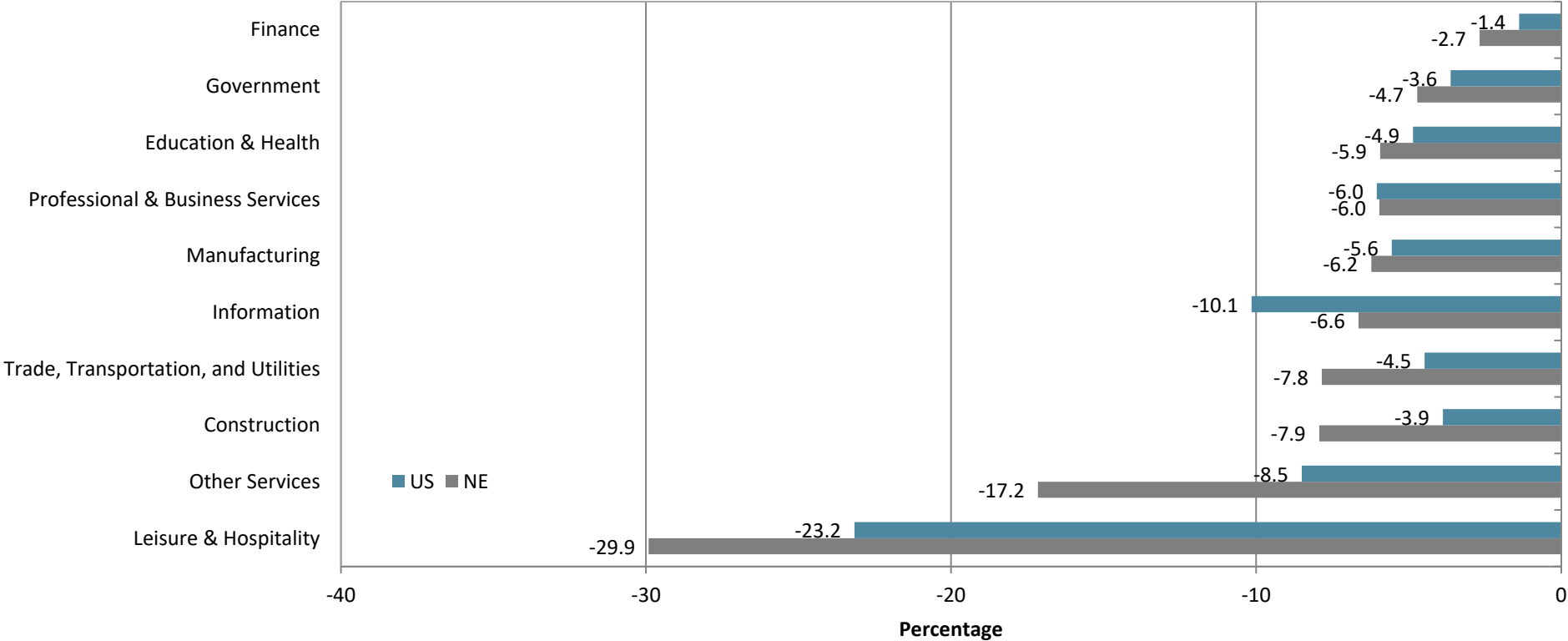
	Jobs Lost Feb-Apr		Jobs Gained Apr-Aug	
	Number (thous)	Percent	Number (thous)	Percent
United States	-22,160	-15%	10,611	8%
New England	-1,371	-18%	631	10%
Connecticut	-291	-17%	158	11%
Maine	-105	-16%	49	9%
Massachusetts	-691	-19%	272	9%
New Hampshire	-118	-17%	59	10%
Rhode Island	-98	-19%	56	14%
Vermont	-68	-22%	36	15%

Denominator for Percent Jobs Lost Feb-Apr is February Employment, denominator for Jobs Gained Apr-Aug is April Employment

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics

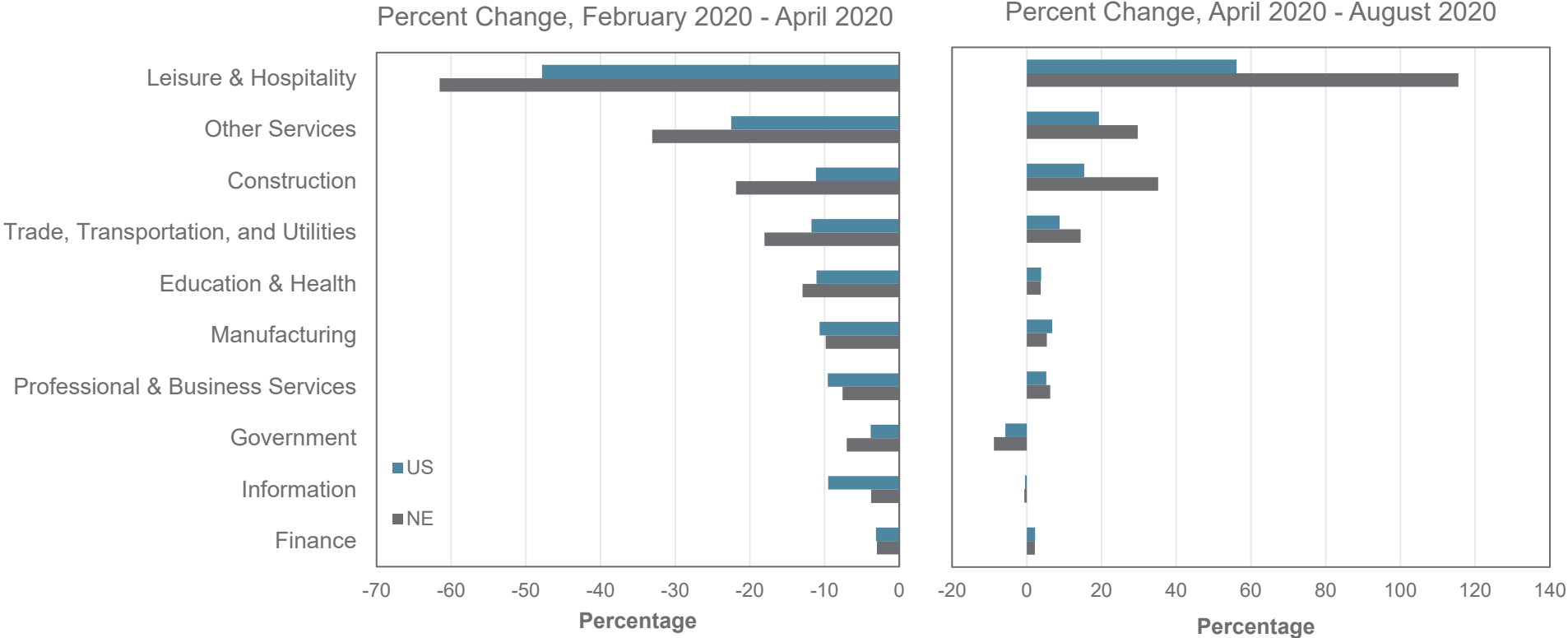
Employment Growth by Industry

Percent Change, August 2019 - August 2020



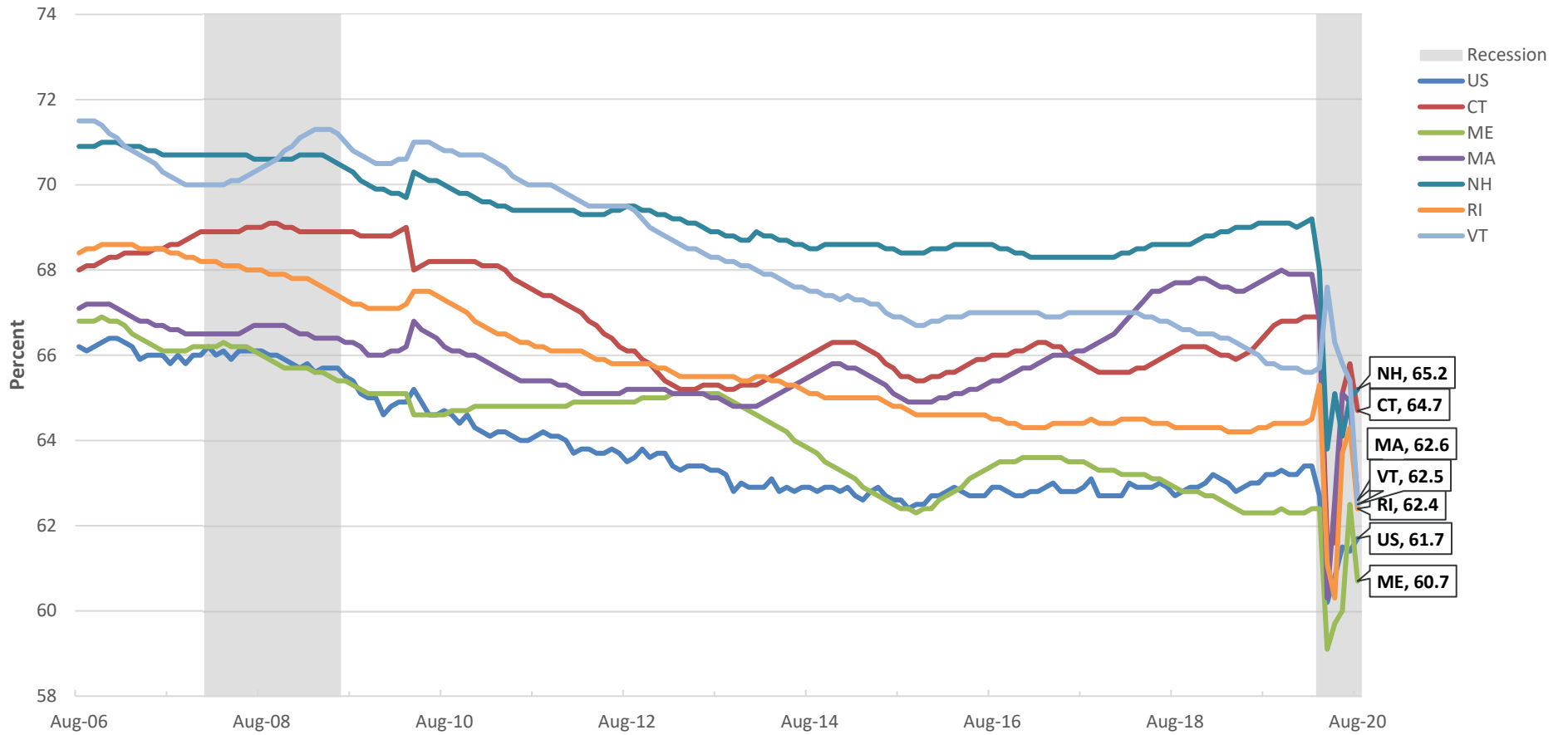
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics

Industry Losses and Gains in the Pandemic Period



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Haver Analytics, seasonally adjusted

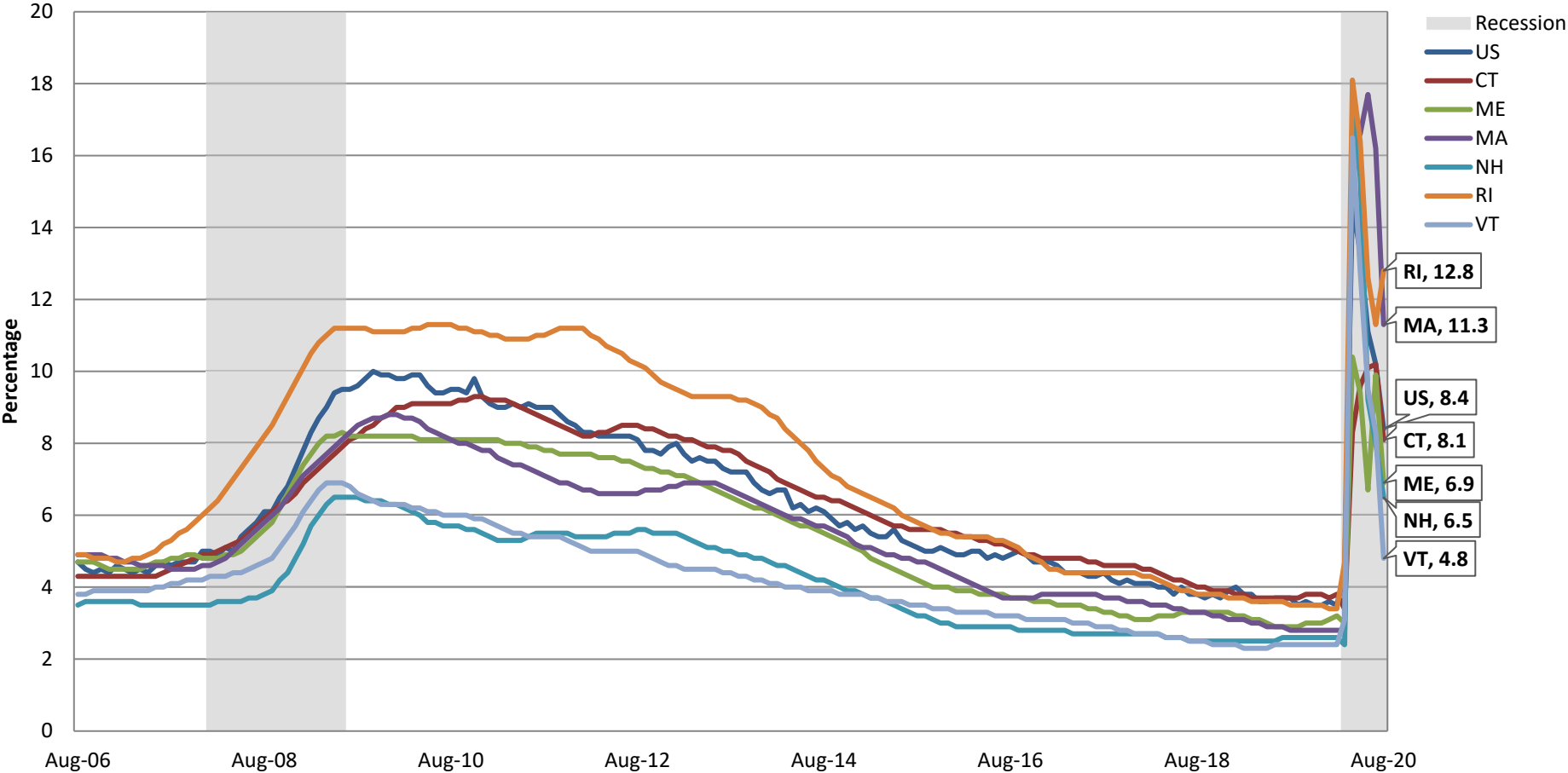
Labor Force Participation Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics

Note: Data are seasonally adjusted.

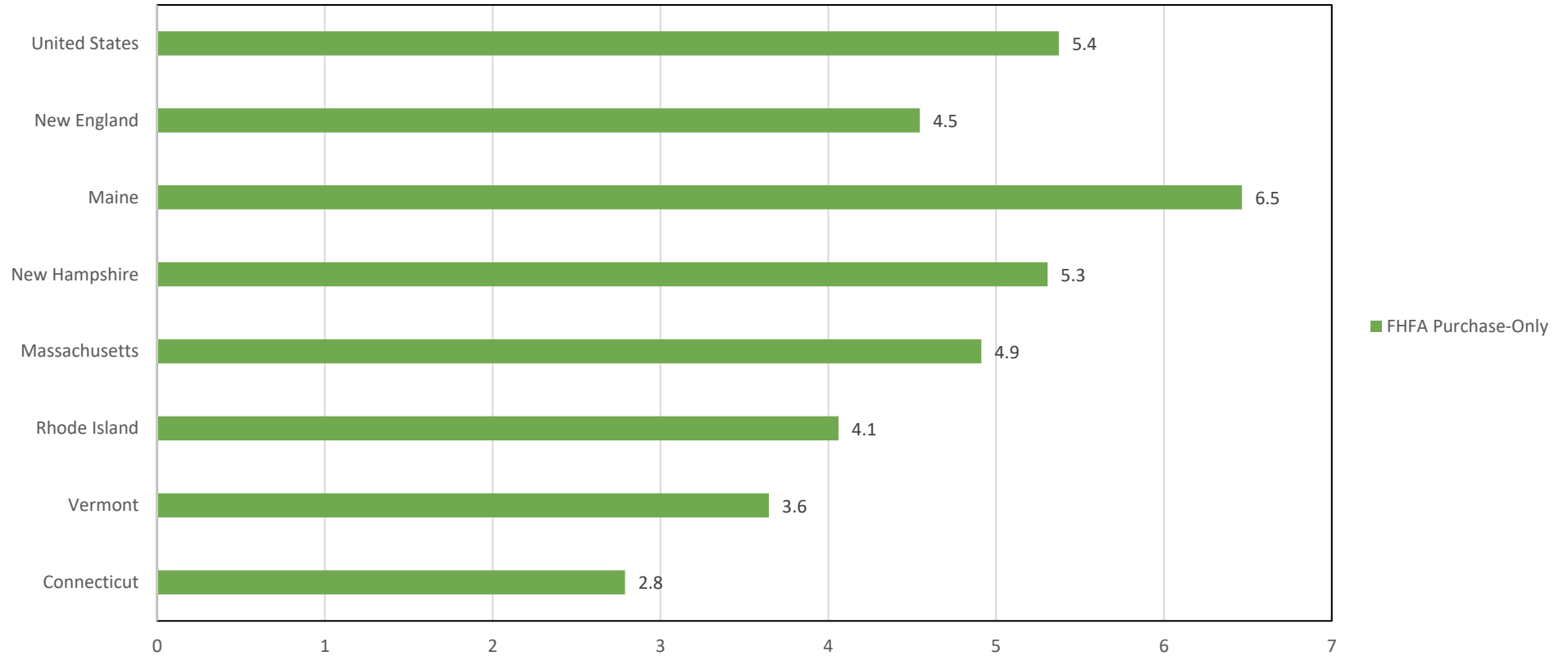
Unemployment Rates



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, NBER, Haver Analytics

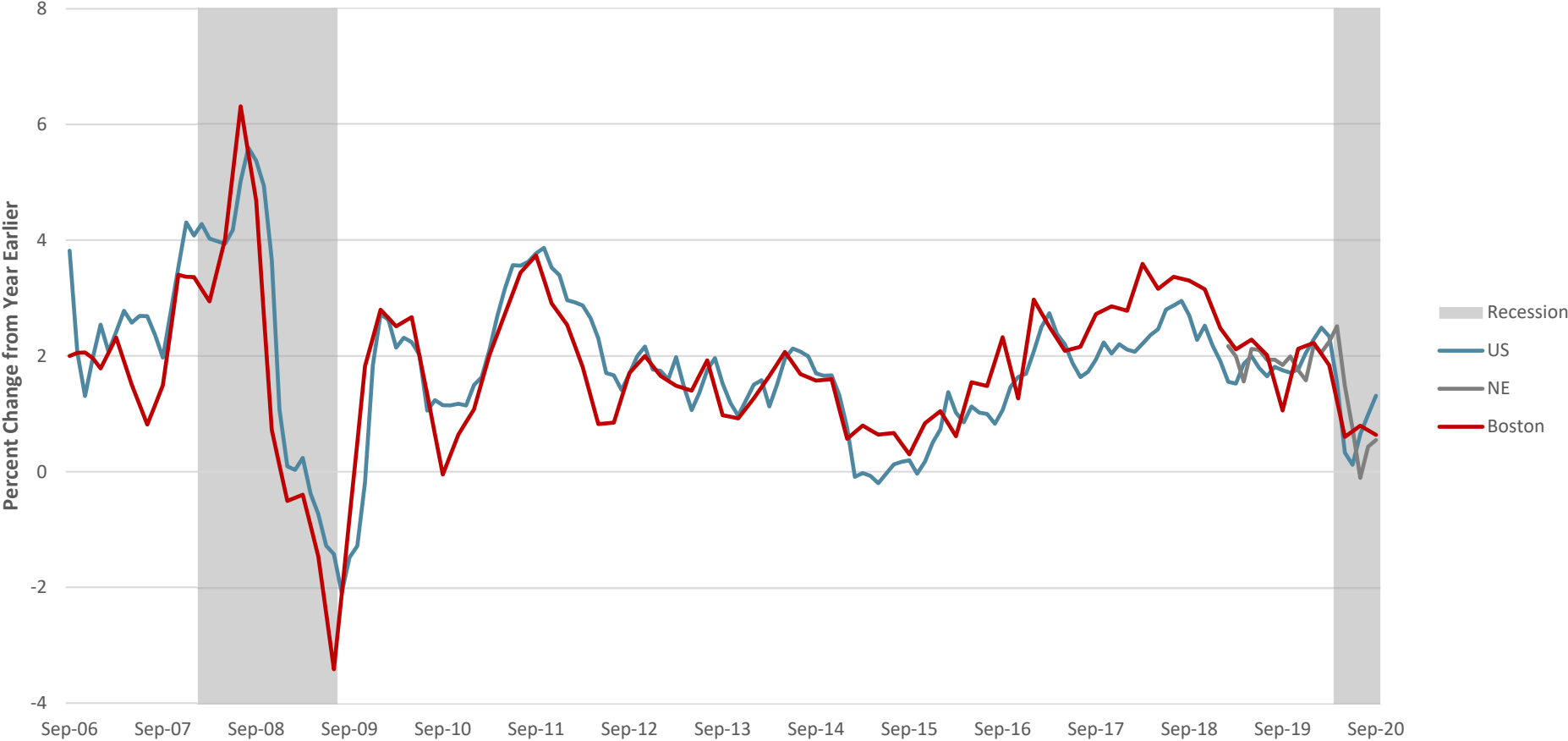
House Price Changes

Percent Change, Q2 2019 - Q2 2020



Source: FHFA, Haver Analytics

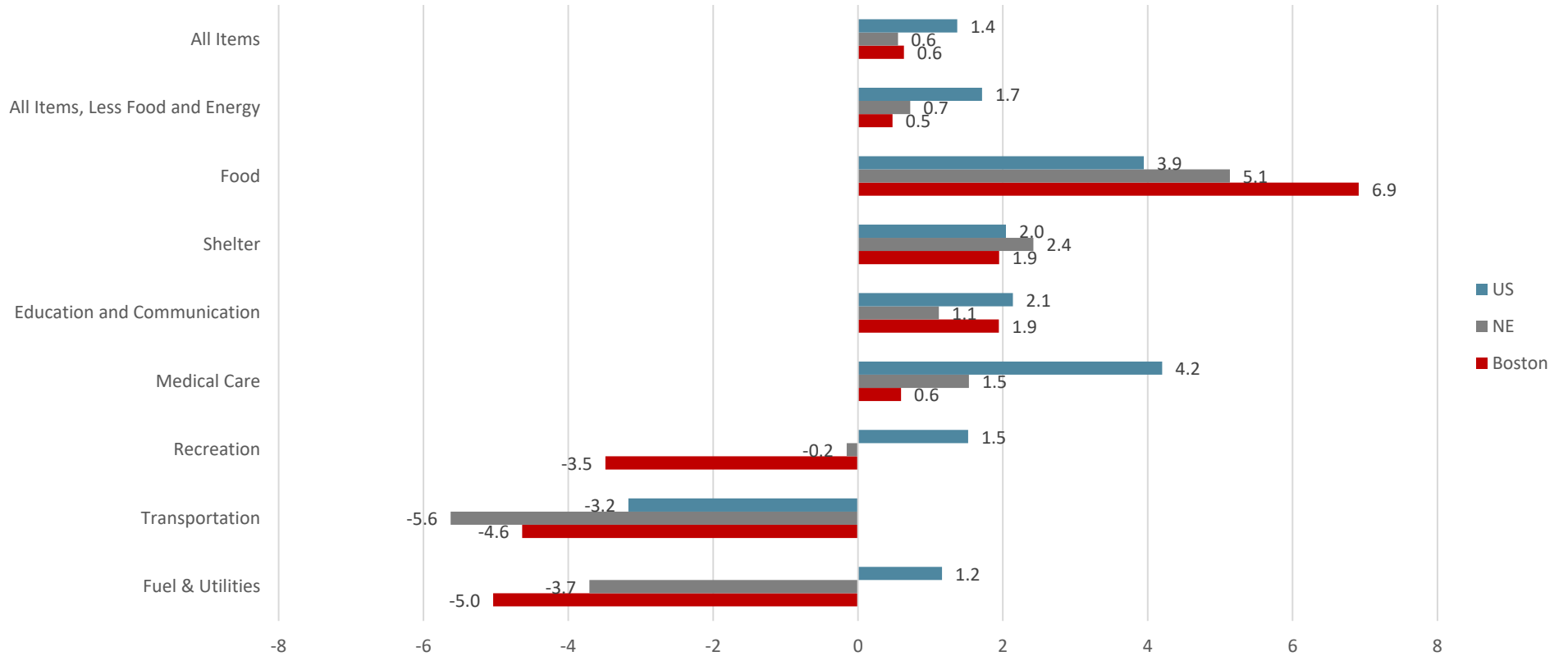
Consumer Price Index



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, NBER, Haver Analytics

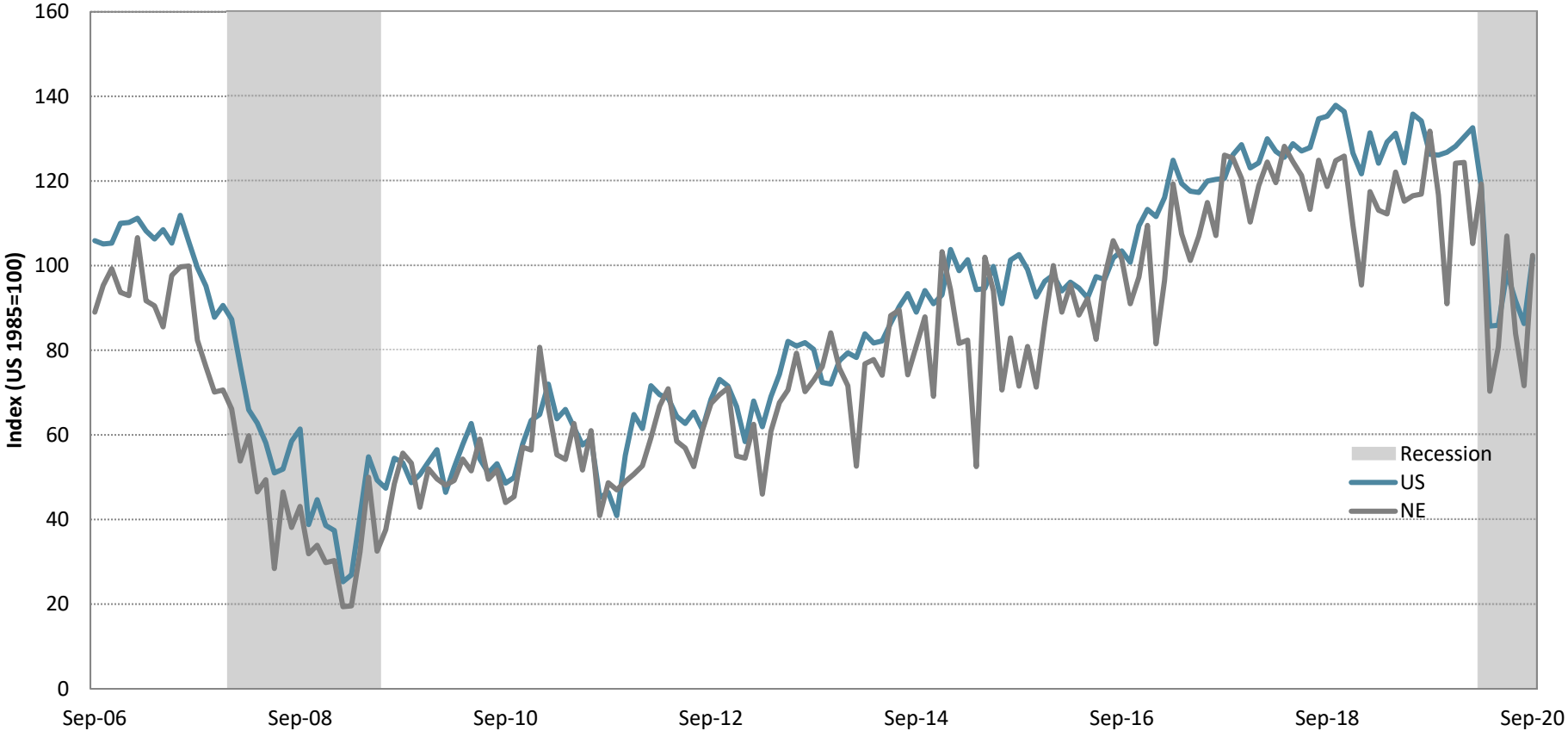
Components of the Consumer Price Index

Percent Change, September 2019 - September 2020



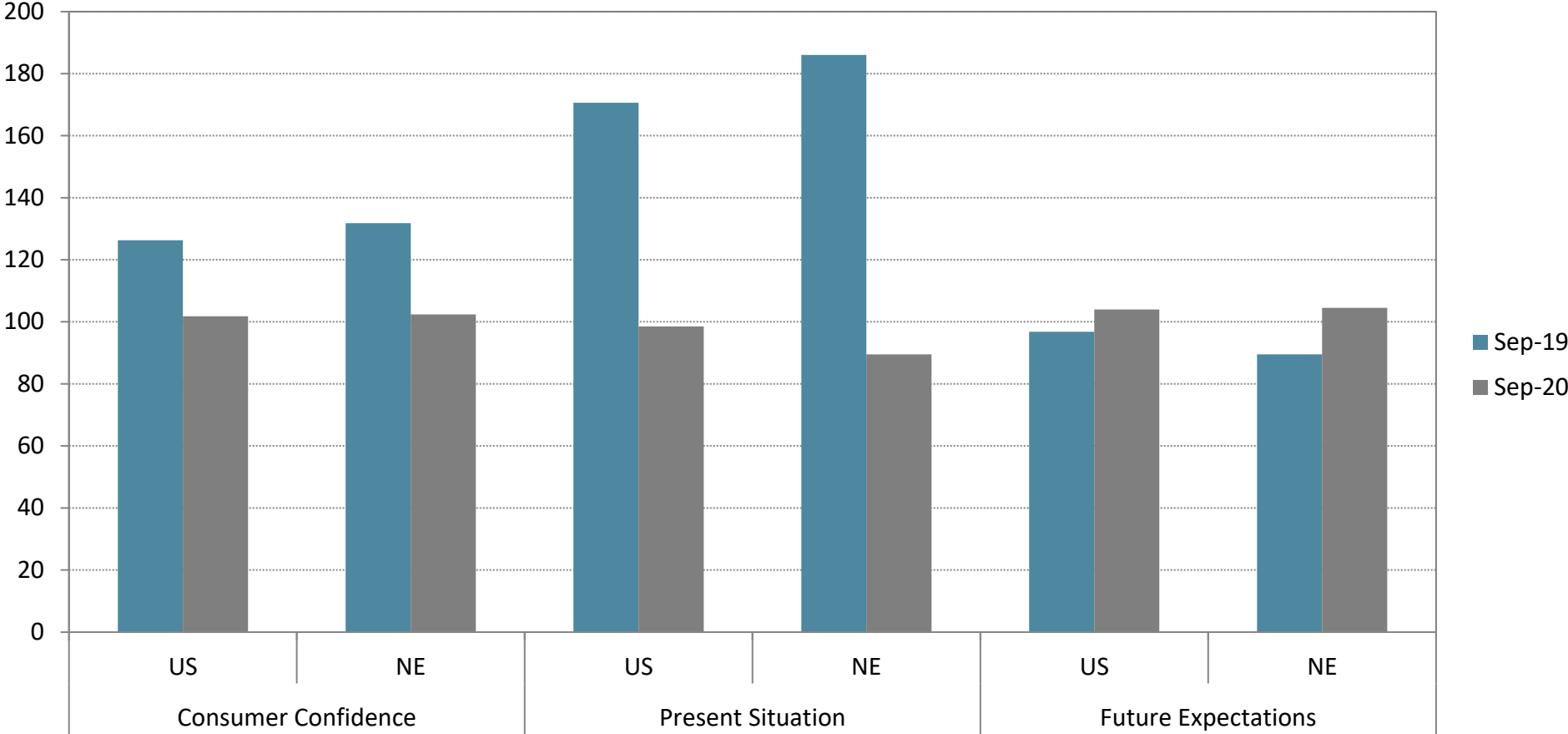
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Consumer Confidence



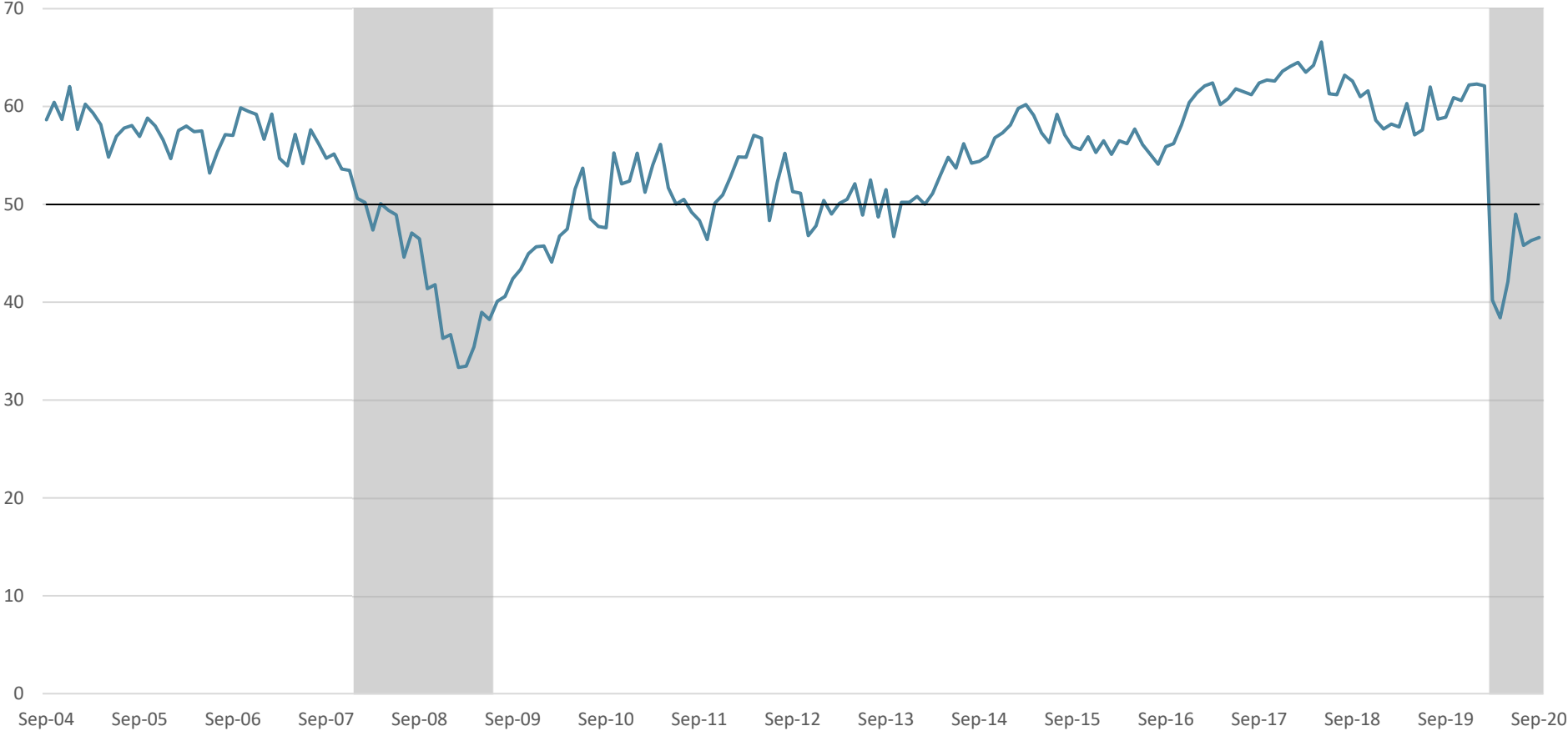
Source: The Conference Board, Haver Analytics

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Business Confidence in Massachusetts



Source: Associated Industries of Massachusetts

Concluding Observations

- COVID-19 pandemic has induced a sharp decline in employment
- Economic activity is returning but remains well below levels seen prior to the onset of the pandemic
- Industries requiring close in-person contact have been negatively impacted the most
- Housing markets are a rare bright spot of the economy with higher home prices than a year ago
- There is high uncertainty ahead, with the future path of the recovery largely depending on
 - The success of public health efforts to prevent further outbreaks
 - Economic policy actions taken to sustain households and businesses during a prolonged downturn and minimize long-term damage