# Economic Conditions and Recent Trends in New England and Southern Vermont

Robert K. Triest
Vice President and Director, New England Public Policy Center
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
robert.triest@bos.frb.org

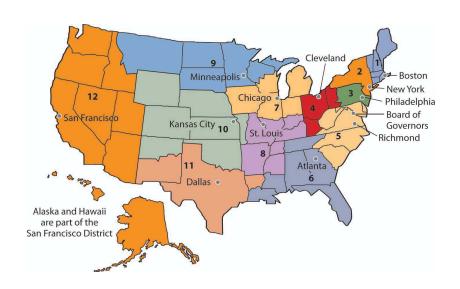
Southern Vermont Economic Development Summit May 24, 2017

The views expressed in this presentation are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston or the Federal Reserve System. Slides by Sam Richardson.

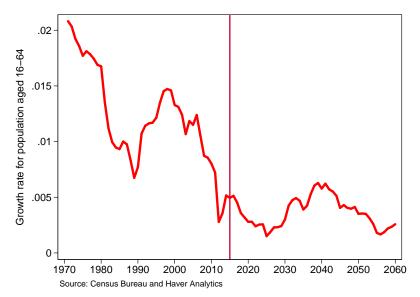




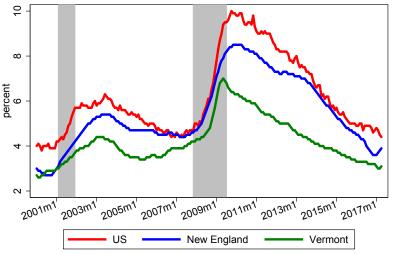
#### Federal Reserve Districts



## United States working age population growth has slowed



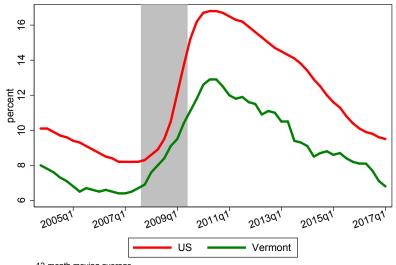
## Civilian unemployment rate (U-3)



US, NE, VT Seasonally adjusted

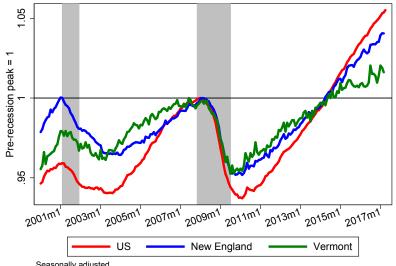
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Household Survey and Haver Analytics Southern Vermont includes Bennington and Windham counties

#### U-6 labor underutilization rate



12-month moving average Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Haver Analytics

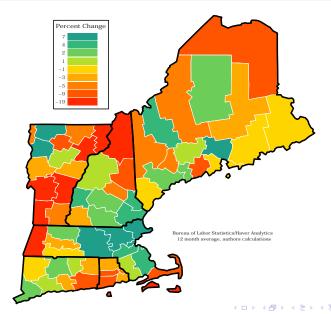
### Payroll Employment



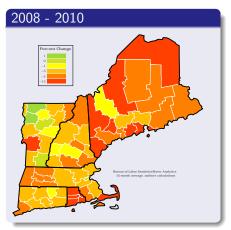
Seasonally adjusted

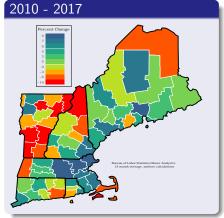
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Establishment Survey and Haver Analytics

# Employment Change from March 2008 - March 2017



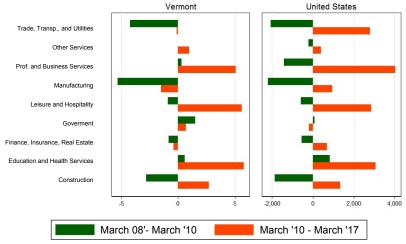
## Employment Change from March 2008 - March 2017





# Employment change by supersector

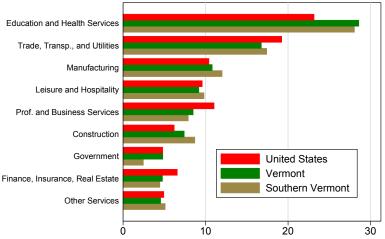
#### Industry employment growth, thousands of jobs



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Establishment Survey and Haver Analytics

#### Employment shares by supersector

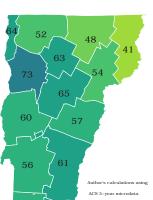
#### Vermont and U.S. employment shares by supersector



Estimates from 2015 ACS 5-year sample Southern Vermont includes Bennington and Windham counties

#### **Educational Attainment in Vermont**

Percentage of population aged 25+ with more than high school education

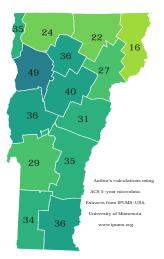


Extracts from IPUMS-USA

University of Minnesota

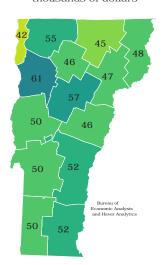
www.ipums.org

Percentage of population aged 25+ with at least a 4 year degree



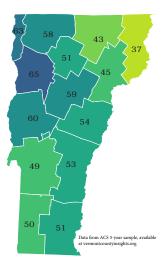
### Income and Earnings in Vermont

Average compensation per job (part time and full time), thousands of dollars



Economic Conditions and Recent Trends in New England and Southern Vermont, May 24

Median household income, thousands of dollars



# The Federal Open Market Committee meets 8 times yearly





William Dudley



Lael Brainard



Charles Evans



Stanley Fischer



Patrick Harker



Neel Kashkari FOMC Alternate Members:



Jerome Powell



Gooding



Loretta Mester





Michael Strine



John Williams

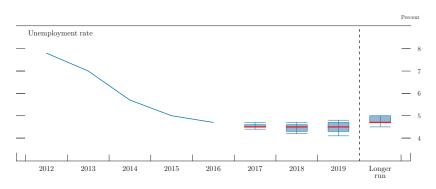
# SEP: (March 2017) Growth in Real GDP

Figure 1. Medians, central tendencies, and ranges of economic projections, 2017–19 and over the longer run



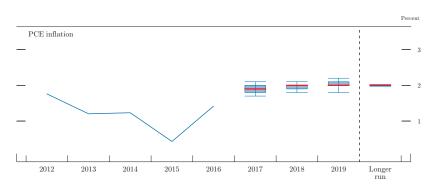
Source: https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcprojtabl20170315.pdf

# SEP: (March 2017) Unemployment Rate



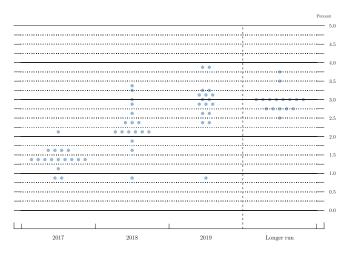
Source: https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcprojtabl20170315.pdf

# SEP: (March 2017) PCE Inflation Rate



Source: https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcprojtabl20170315.pdf

## SEP: (March 2017) Timing of Policy Firming



Source: https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/files/fomcprojtabl20170315.pdf

Note: each dot represents the judgement of one FOMC participant of the midpoint of the appropriate target range for the Federal Funds Rate at the end of the calendar year.