NEW ENGLAND ECONOMIC UPDATE

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Overview

- New England sees continued job growth
- Home price appreciation is robust
- Inflation is low
- Consumer confidence is up
Non-agricultural Employment

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, NBER, Haver Analytics
Employment Growth by Industry

Percent Change, July 2016 - July 2017

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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics
Unemployment Rates

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, NBER, Haver Analytics
Labor Force Participation Rate

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, NBER, Haver Analytics
Unemployment Rates within New England

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics
U-6 Rates
(4-Quarter Average)

Note: U-6 includes total unemployed, plus all marginally attached workers, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, NBER, Haver Analytics
Housing Price Changes within New England

Percent Change, Q2 2016 - Q2 2017

United States | 6.6
New England   | 5.7
Rhode Island  | 7.9
Massachusetts | 7.4
Maine         | 6.5
New Hampshire | 5.5
Vermont       | 3.6
Connecticut   | 2.2

Source: FHFA, Haver Analytics
FHFA Purchase-Only Home Price

Indexed to Pre-recession Peaks

Recession

US
CT
ME
MA
NH
RI
VT

Source: FHFA, Haver Analytics
Consumer Price Index

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics
Consumer Confidence

Source: The Conference Board, Haver Analytics
Concluding Observations

- Labor market is tight
- Housing prices continue to rise
- Overall inflation is low
- New England consumers show mixed feelings about the present and the short-term future