NEW ENGLAND ECONOMIC UPDATE

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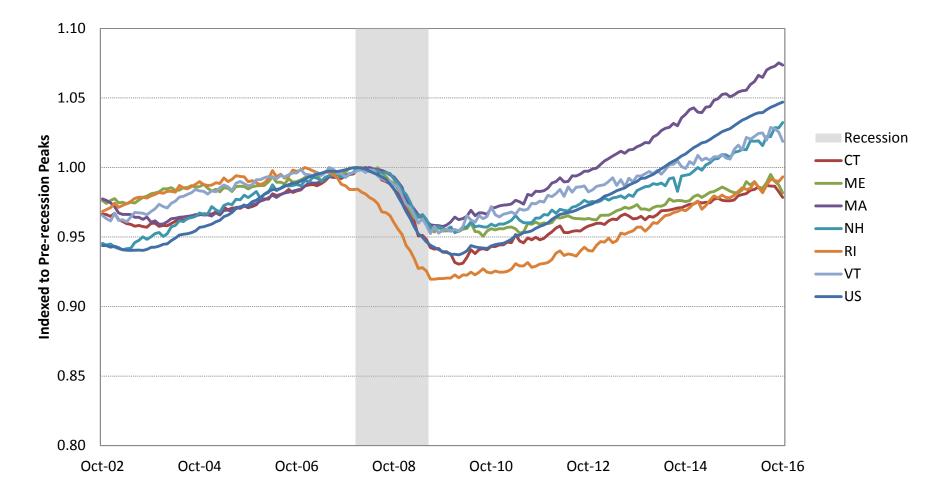
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Overview

- The labor market in New England continues to improve, with stronger performance in some states.
- Inflation still low but rose modestly, driven by growth in energy prices.
- House prices have increased in the region compared to one year ago.
- Consumers appear more confident about the economic outlook.

Non-Agricultural Employment



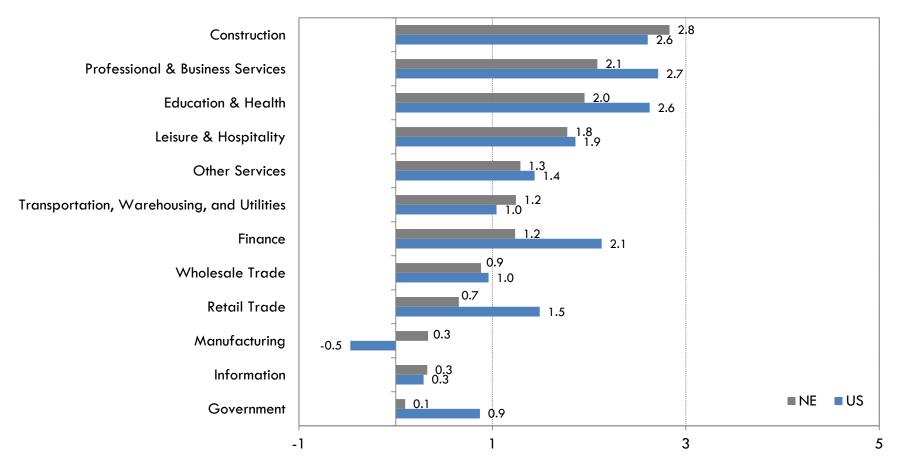
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Employment Growth Rates

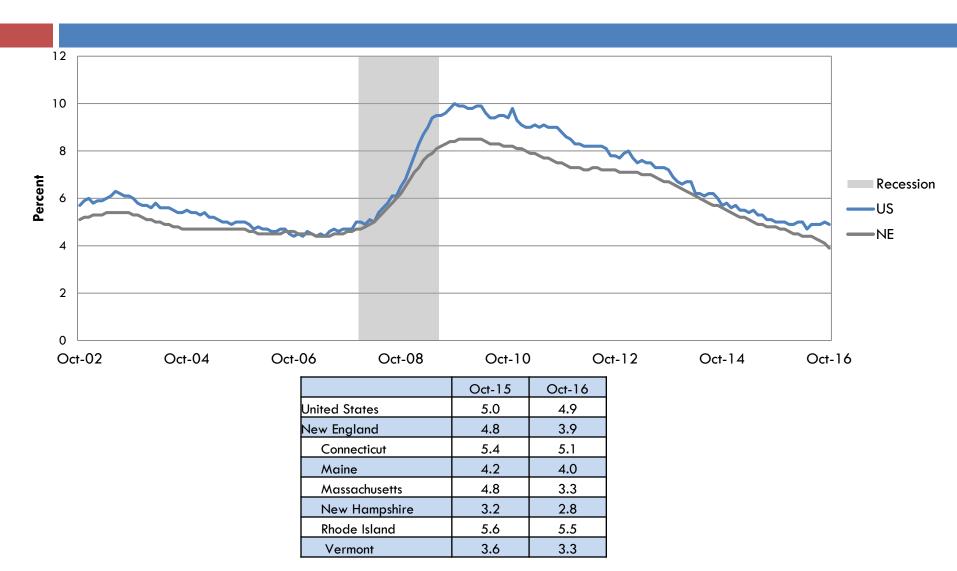
	Annual Long-term Trend	Last 12 months		Since Peak	
	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
United States	1.4	1.7	2,357,000	4.7	6,520,000
New England	0.8	1.3	96,800	3.3	234,400
Connecticut	0.5	0.2	3,200	-2.2	-36,900
Maine	1.2	0.0	-200	-1.8	-11,400
Massachusetts	0.8	2.0	71,400	7.4	245,200
New Hampshire	1.5	2.1	14,000	3.2	21,100
Rhode Island	0.7	1.4	6,600	-0.7	-3,300
Vermont	1.3	0.6	1,800	1.9	5,800

Employment Growth by Industry

Percent Change, October 2015 - October 2016

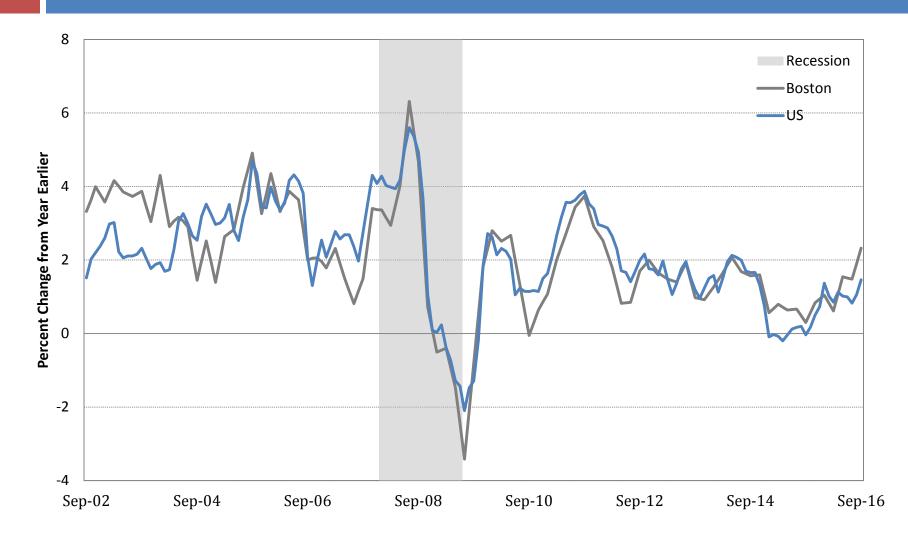


Unemployment Rates



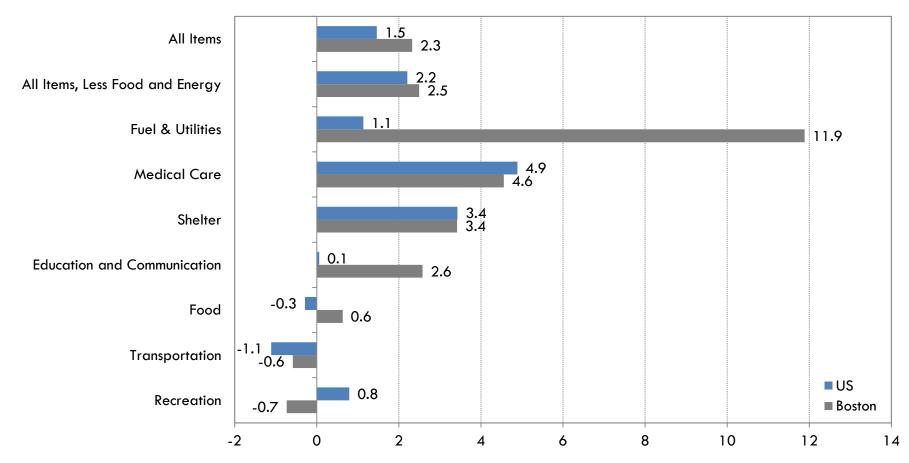
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Consumer Price Index



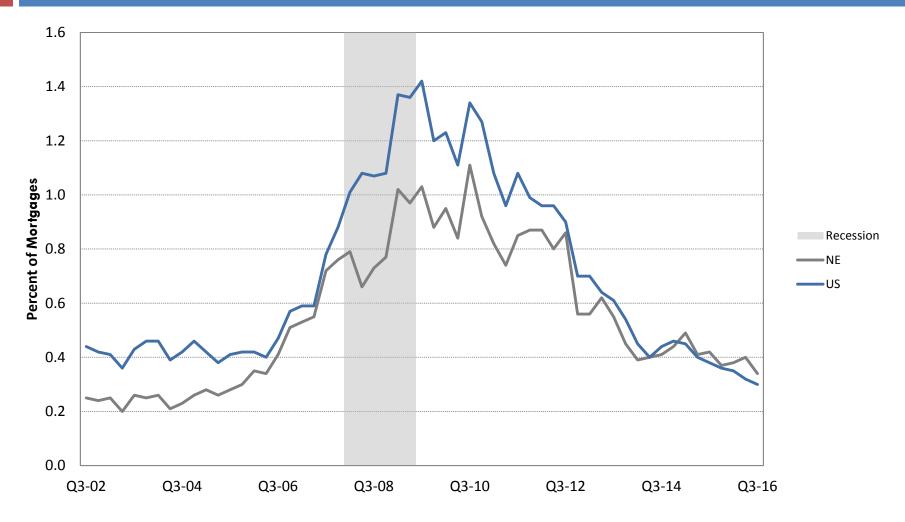
Components of the Consumer Price Index

Percent Change, September 2015 - September 2016

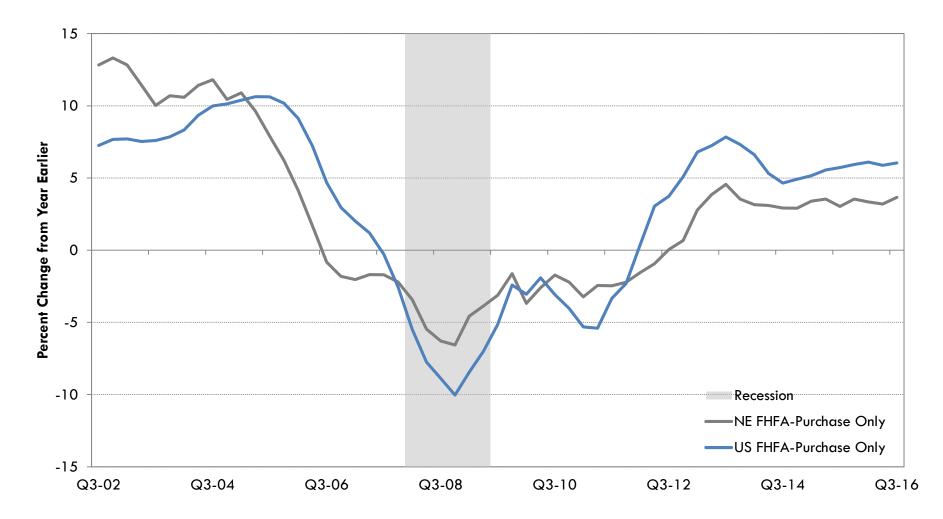


Foreclosures Started

All Loans

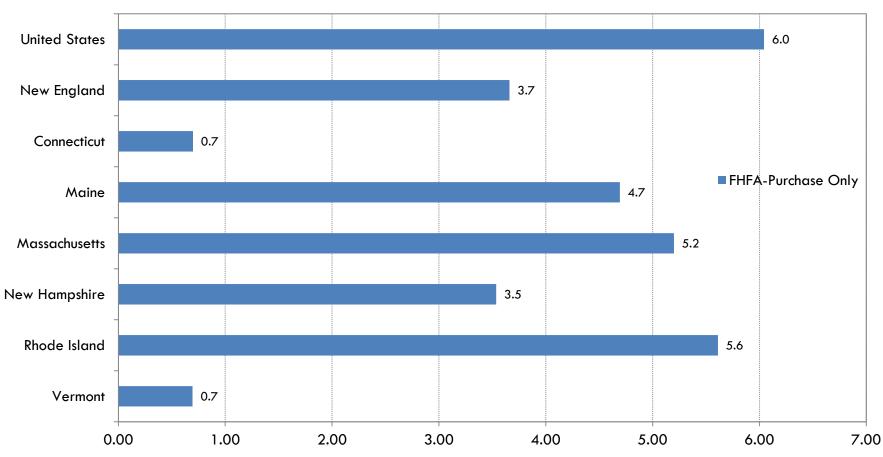


Repeat-Sales Home Price Index

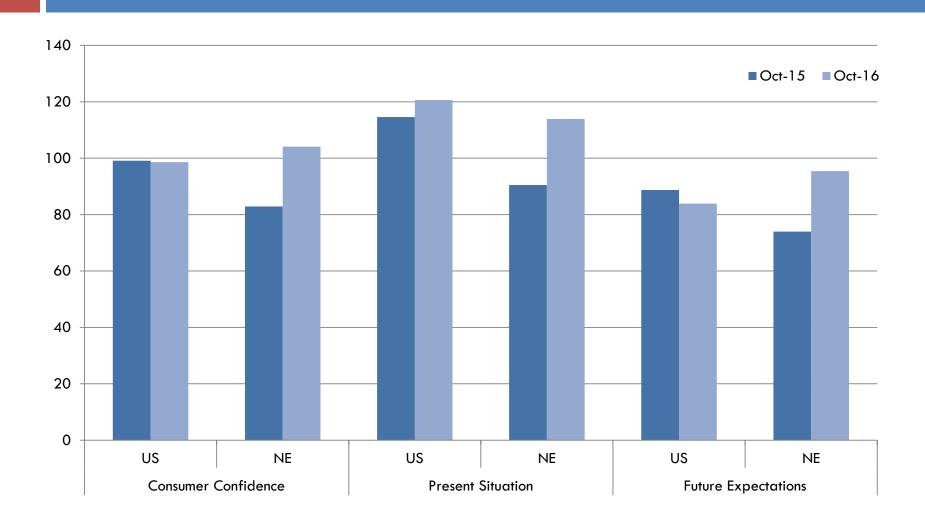


House Price Changes

Percent Change, Q3 2015 - Q3 2016



Consumer Confidence



Source: The Conference Board, Haver Analytics

Concluding Observations

- New England's labor market as a whole shows growth in employment and low unemployment.
- Moderate rise in overall inflation.

- Housing prices continue steady growth.
- Consumer sentiment is increasingly positive about both the present and future economy.