



# ECONOMICS The Heym Report July 2019

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| NYC | Emp | oyment | (thousands) |
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Source: NYS Dept of Labor

| INDUSTRY                              | JUN-19  | JUN-18  | NET<br>CHANGE | PERCENT<br>CHANGE |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| Education and Health<br>Services      | 1,054.3 | 989.4   | 64.9          | 6.6%              |
| Professional and Business<br>Services | 784.2   | 768.9   | 15.3          | 2.0%              |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities  | 641.3   | 632.3   | 9.0           | 1.4%              |
| Local Government                      | 497.5   | 489.7   | 7.8           | 1.6%              |
| Information                           | 212.3   | 206.4   | 5.9           | 2.9%              |
| Other Services                        | 198.0   | 195.3   | 2.7           | 1.4%              |
| Leisure and Hospitality               | 477.2   | 475.2   | 2.0           | 0.4%              |
| Construction                          | 160.9   | 160.3   | 0.6           | 0.4%              |
| Federal Government                    | 48.8    | 48.5    | 0.3           | 0.6%              |
| State Government                      | 43.5    | 43.6    | -0.1          | -0.2%             |
| Manufacturing                         | 69.3    | 71.4    | -2.1          | -2.9%             |
| Financial Activities                  | 476.6   | 480.5   | -3.9          | -0.8%             |
| Total                                 | 4,663.9 | 4,561.5 | 102.4         | 2.2%              |

# **Strong Hiring Continues in NYC**

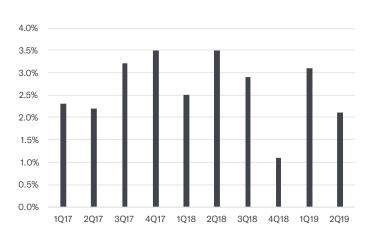
- Employment in NYC rose by 102,400 jobs in the 12 months ending June, a 2.2% increase.
- Education and health services (+64,900) continued to account for the largest share of new jobs, while financial activities (-3,900) and manufacturing (-2,100) were the only sectors to see a decline in employment.
- New York City's unemployment rate was 4.3% in June, unchanged from the prior month.

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#### Real GDP Growth

Source: BEA

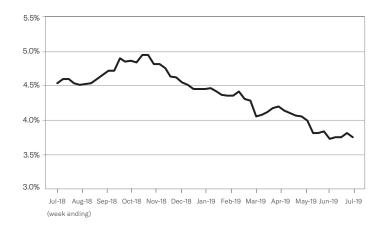


# US Economic Growth 2.1% in 2Q19

- Real GDP rose at a 2.1% annual rate in the second quarter, a 1% decline from the prior quarter, but better than expected.
- Consumer spending rose 4.3%, its best reading since 4Q17.
- The biggest drags on growth were business investment and trade.

## Average 30-Year Mortgage Rate

Source: Freddie Mac



# Mortgage Rates Remain Near Three-Year Lows

- Rates for 30-year conventional mortgages averaged 3.75% in the week ending July 25th, down from 3.81% the prior week.
- Concerns over a slowdown in global economic growth have pushed rates down 1.19% since the middle of November.
- One year ago, 30-year rates were averaging 4.54%.