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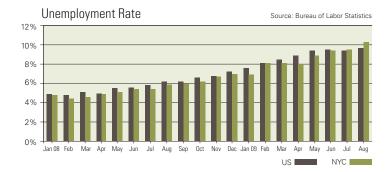
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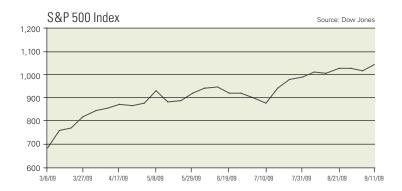
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NYC Unemployment Rate 10.3% in August

- For the second consecutive month, the unemployment rate in New York City was higher than the nation's. At 10.3%, unemployment in the city is at its highest level since May 1993.
- Private sector employment decreased by almost 97,000 in the past 12 months, including 40,000 jobs in the financial sector.
- It's important to remember that unemployment is a lagging indicator, and tends to increase even after the economy starts to improve.







Residential Units in Manhattan Source: NYC Dept of Finance Units Туре % of Total 474,191 62.9% Rental Cooperative 167,512 22.2% Condominium 77,593 10.3% Condop 23,267 3.1% 3-Family 4,449 0.6% 2-Family 4,352 0.6% 0.3% 1-Family 1,979

Stock Prices Up Over 50% from March Lows

- The S&P 500 index finished the week ending September 11th at 1,042.73, its highest level in almost a year.
- Stocks have now recovered 53% from the lows set the first week of March.
- Optimism about economic recovery continues to grow, aided by a recent statement from the chairman of the Federal Reserve that the recession is most likely over.

Mortgage Rates Decline

- For the third straight week, rates for 30-year mortgages declined, averaging 5.04% for the week ending September 17th.
- Rates are now at their lowest level since the end of May, and almost 0.75% lower than a year ago.

Almost 2/3 of Manhattan Residential Units Are Rentals

- Recent data from the Department of Finance's 2009 Tax Roll shows that 474, 191 of Manhattan's 753, 343 residential units are located in rental buildings, 63% of the total.
- The most common form of ownership was in cooperatives, which account for 22% of all units, while condos comprised 10%.

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