Looking Into 2020

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While the expansion has been long, employment has been less robust

The Midwest, generally, fared well through the recession.
However, the Midwest recovery was in the middle
Deep declines during the Great Recession coupled with average growth

The Midwest has lagged in the recovery

Nonfarm Employment Index by Census Region (2007 = 100)

The Midwest still makes things

Service employment lags the other regions

Private Services Providing Employment Index by Census Region (2007 = 100)

For all industries output is growing faster than employment

Nonfarm Business Output and Employment in United States
(1990-2019)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Upjohn Institute
Productivity gains appear to have affected manufacturing trends

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