### U.S. and Western Oklahoma Economic Update

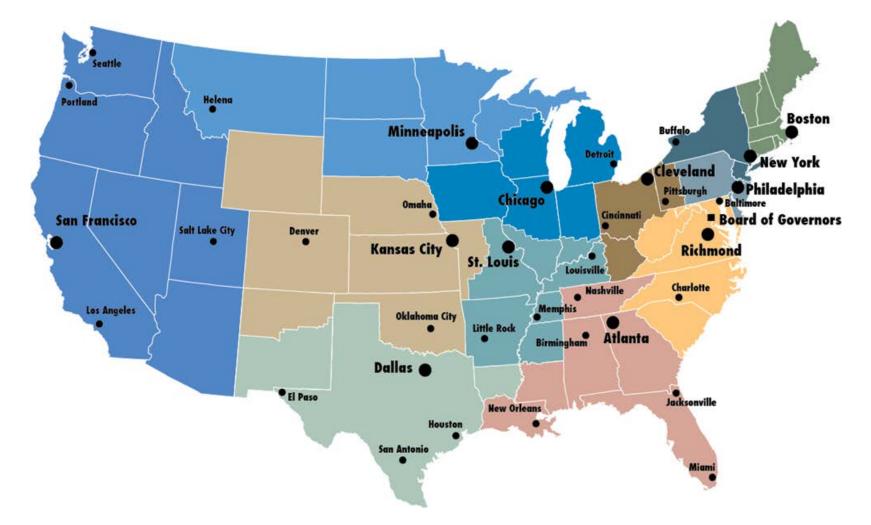
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### Structure & Functions of the Federal Reserve



#### The "Fed" consists of three main entities:

- Board of Governors: 7 members appointed by U.S. President
- Federal Reserve Banks: 12 total; semi-independent by design
- Federal Open Market Committee: 19 members; 12 voting

#### **Primary responsibility areas:**

- Monetary policy
- Bank regulation
- Financial services

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- Research on U.S. and Oklahoma economies; energy and manufacturing sectors
- Economic and financial education outreach, including to low/moderate income
- Examinations of Oklahoma financial institutions (~50 banks, ~175 holding cos.)

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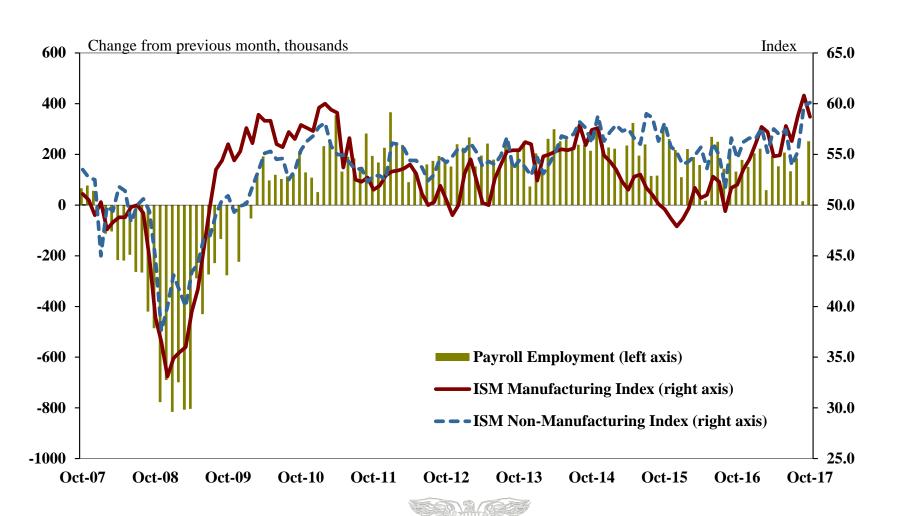
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# The U.S. Economy and Monetary Policy

## Monthly data on business activity and employment show U.S. growth remained strong in early Q4

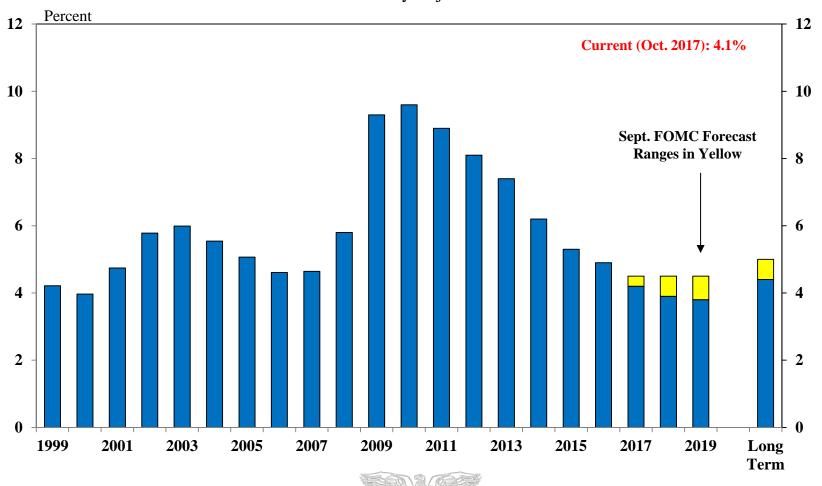
**U.S. Payroll Employment and Business Indexes** 



FOMC: "Although the hurricanes caused a drop in... employment...the unemployment rate declined further."

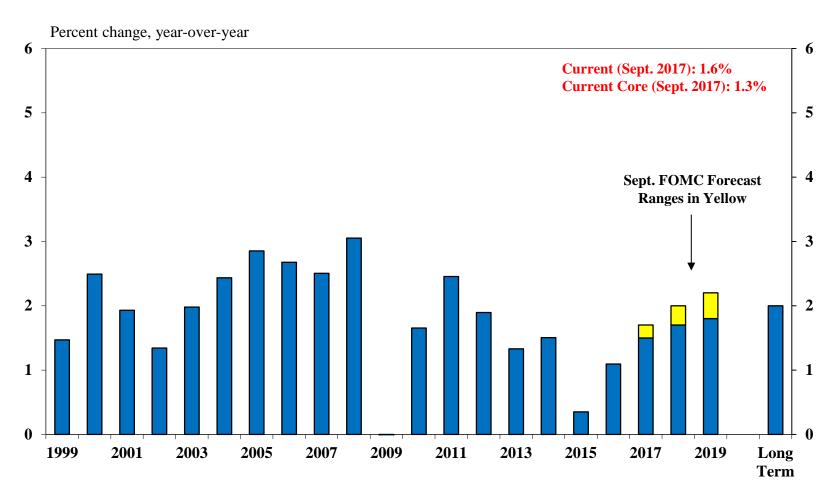
### **Unemployment Rate**

Seasonally Adjusted



### FOMC: "Inflation...is expected to...stabilize around the Committee's 2% objective over the medium term"

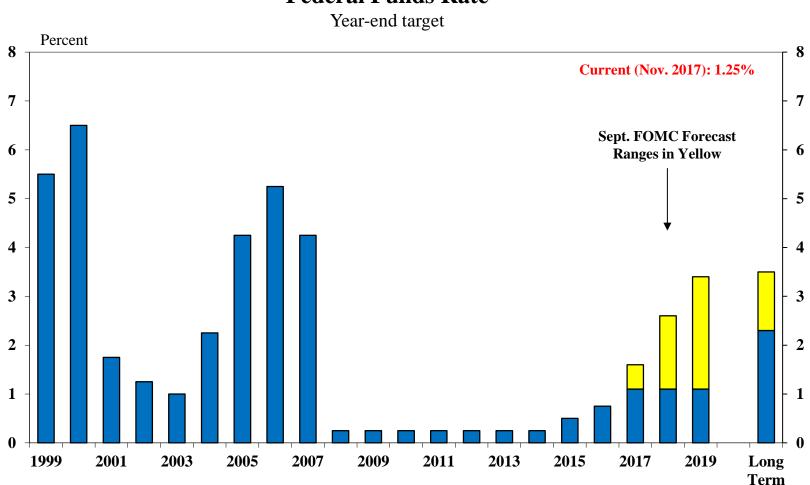
#### **PCE Inflation Index**





### FOMC: "The Committee expects...conditions will evolve in a manner that will warrant gradual [rate] increases"

#### **Federal Funds Rate**

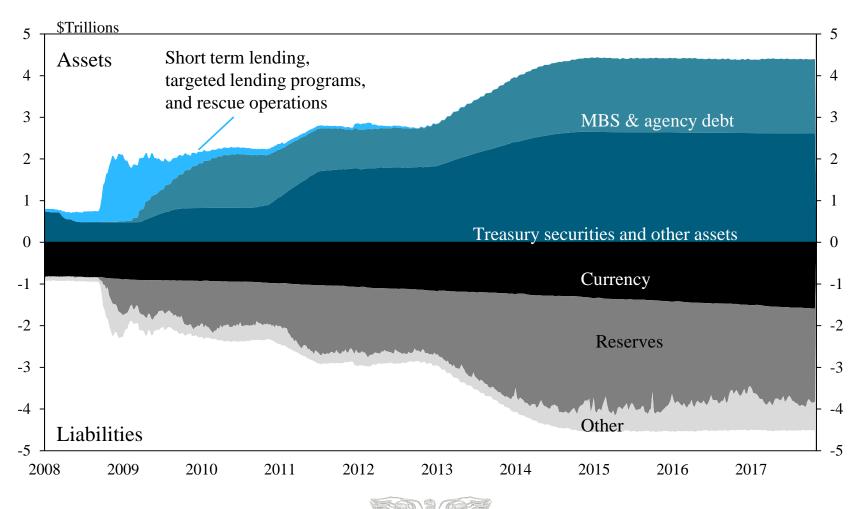




Sources: Federal Reserve Board, FOMC

# FOMC: "The balance sheet normalization program initiated in October 2017 is proceeding."

#### **Federal Reserve Balance Sheet**

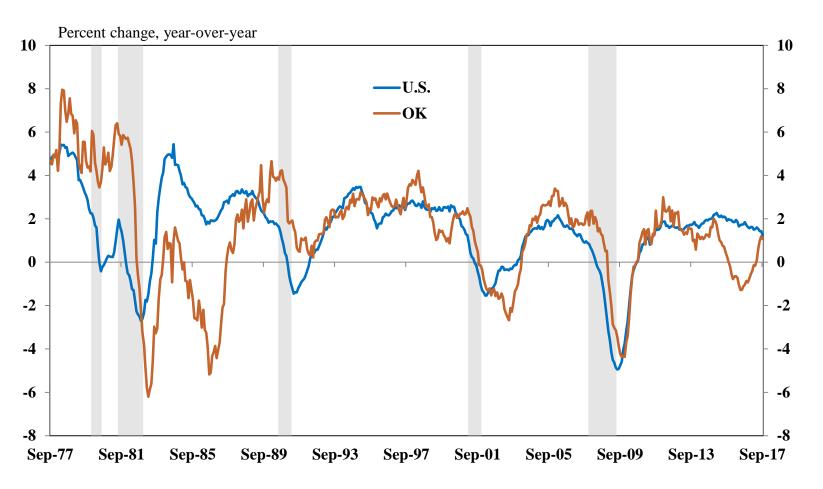


Source: Federal Reserve Board

# Trends in the Western Oklahoma Economy

### 2015-16 was the largest divergence between U.S. & OK job growth since the '80s, but the gap has closed

#### **Payroll Employment Growth**

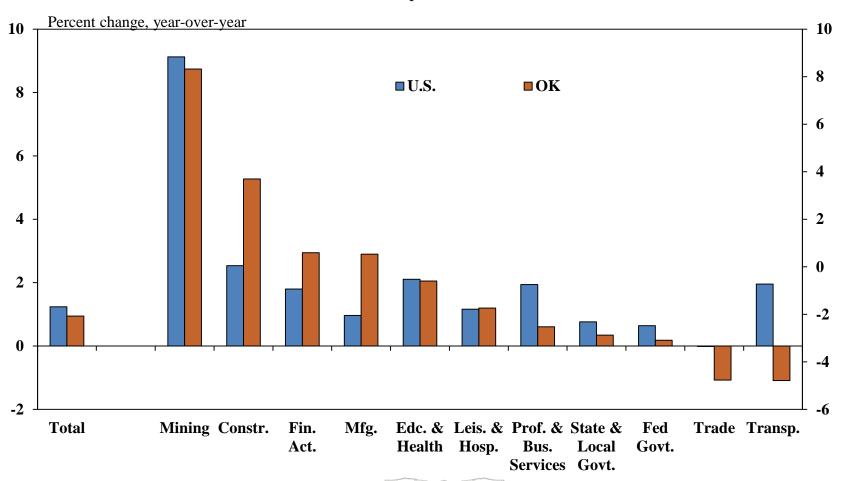




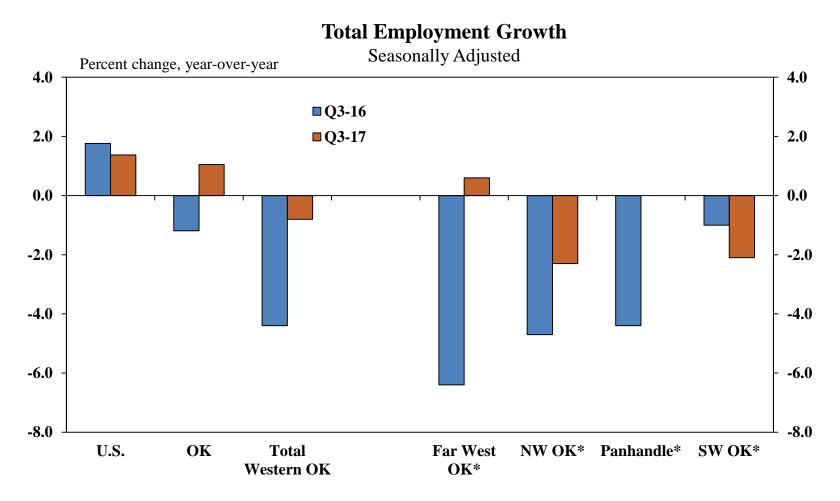
### State job growth in 2017 has been led by energy and construction, but most other sectors have also grown

#### Oklahoma Job Growth by Industry

Sept-17



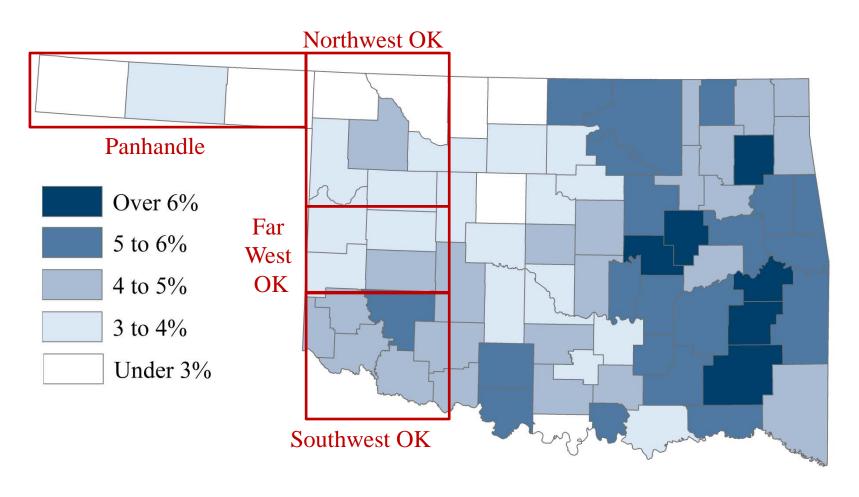
### Employment trends have also improved in most of western Oklahoma this year, though more slowly



\*Includes the following counties: Far West OK – Beckham, Roger Mills, Custer, Washita; NW OK – Harper, Woods, Ellis, Woodward, Dewey; Panhandle – Cimarron, Texas, Beaver; SW OK – Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Tillman

## Unemployment in nearly all of western OK is back below 5%, suggesting tight labor is limiting growth

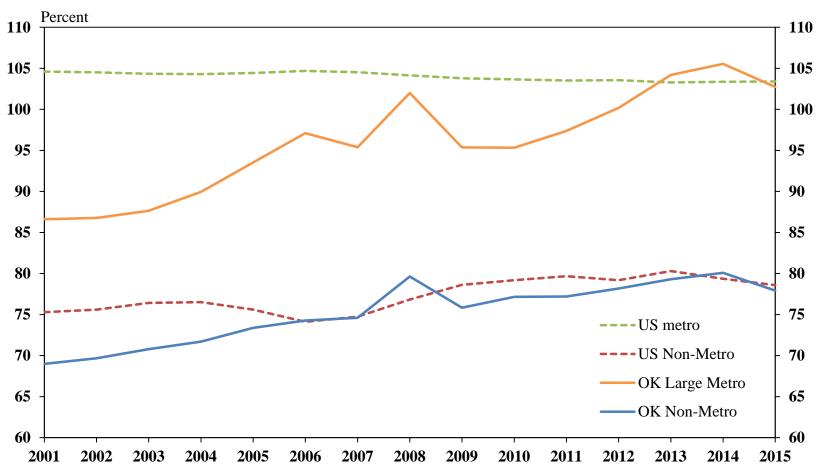
#### **September 2017 Unemployment Rates**



### Looking longer-term, per capita incomes in both metro and non-metro Oklahoma have improved this century

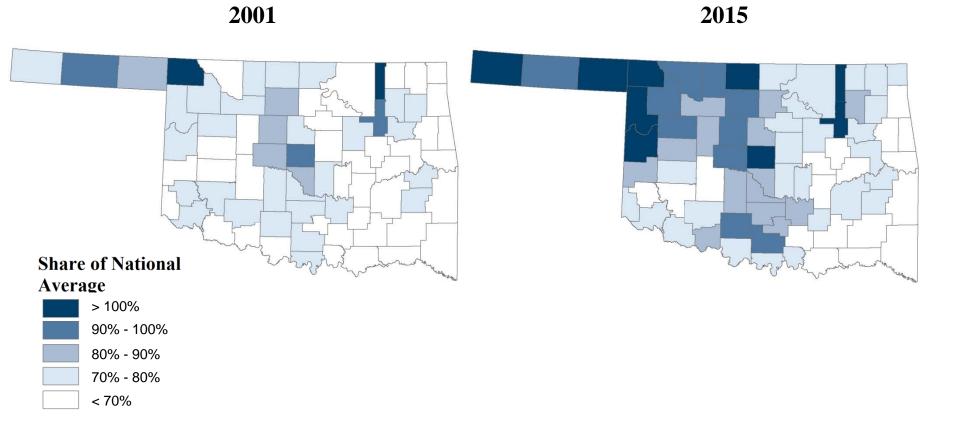
U.S. Non-Metro vs. OK Non-Metro Per Capita Income

As a Share of National Average



# Some of the biggest improvements in per capita incomes have been in western Oklahoma

### Oklahoma Per Capita Income





### Ag and energy, of course, dominate the western Oklahoma economy, and both have had a good century

Western Oklahoma Personal Income Share by Industry 2015

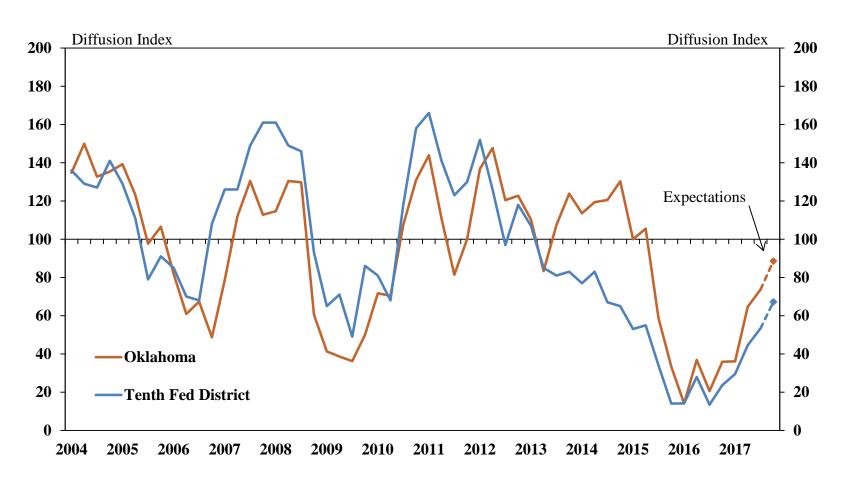
	Percent of Total Income		W OK Location	Avg Annual Growth in Western OK
Industry	Western OK*	U.S.	Quotient	2001-2015
Mining	14.2	1.6	8.9	13.3
Transp. & Utilities	7.1	4.6	1.5	9.3
Prof. & Business Services	3.1	20.3	0.2	9.0
Construction	5.7	6.1	0.9	8.7
Manufacturing	6.1	10.1	0.6	7.7
Agriculture	13.8	0.8	16.6	6.1
Information	0.9	3.5	0.3	5.5
Trade	9.3	11.6	0.8	5.1
Leisure & Hospitality	2.3	4.7	0.5	3.9
State & Local Government	13.8	13.2	1	2.7
Financial Activities	2.3	7.1	0.3	2.1
Federal Government	5.3	3	1.7	1.8
Education & Health	3	13.3	0.2	1.4

Note - Location quotient is the division of local share by national share

<sup>\*</sup>Includes the following counties: Beckham, Roger Mills, Custer, Washita, Harper, Woods, Ellis, Woodward, Dewey, Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Tillman

# The agriculture sector in the state remains rather weak, but less so than last year or in nearby states

#### **Farm Income Indexes**

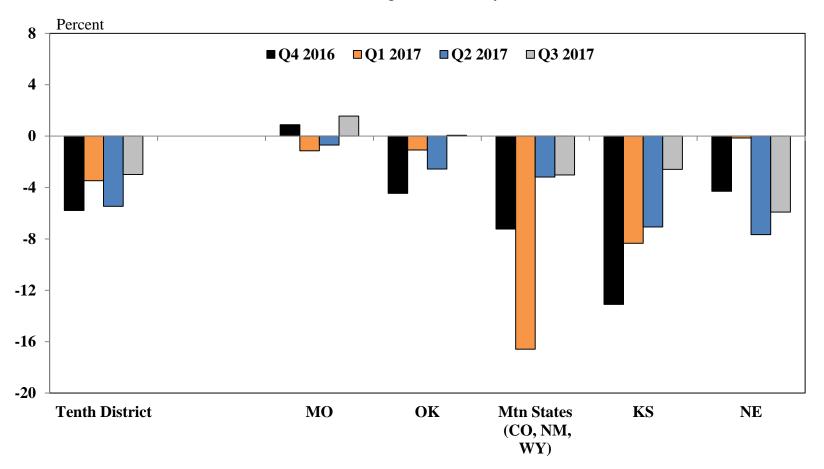




# Oklahoma farmland values also stabilized in Q3 after falling slightly in previous quarters

#### **Tenth Fed District Farmland Values**

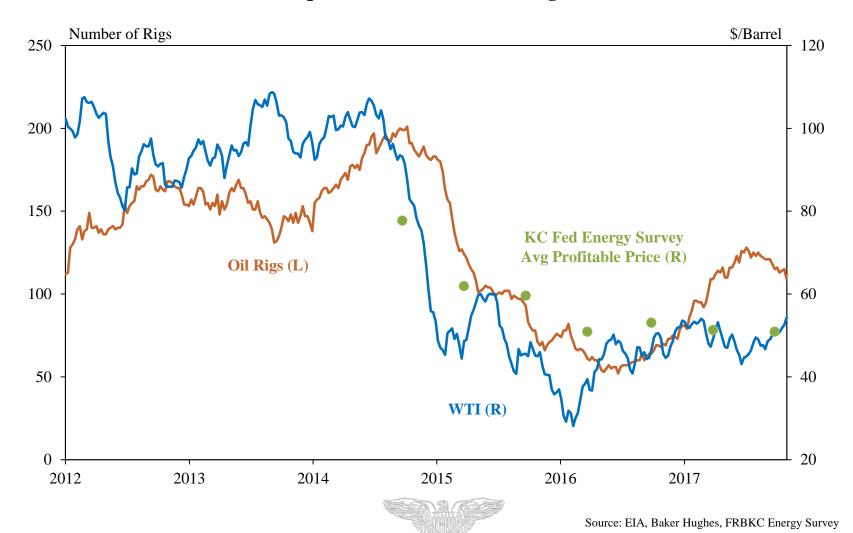
Percent Change, Year-over-year





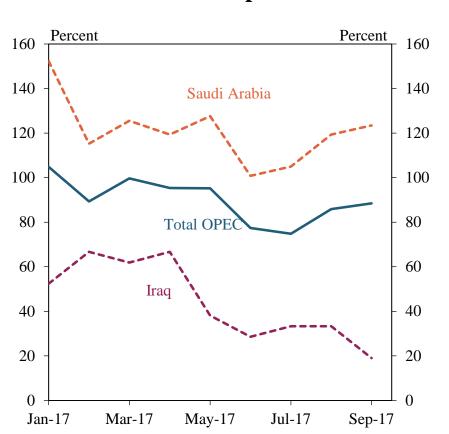
### The number of oil rigs in Oklahoma rose strongly in the first half of 2017 but has since tapered off

#### WTI Spot Price vs. Oklahoma Rig Count

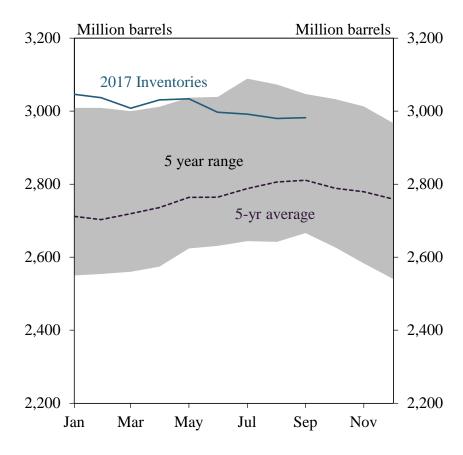


### OPEC compliance with cuts has also improved recently, helping push down world oil inventories

#### **OPEC Compliance**



#### **OECD Petroleum Inventories**

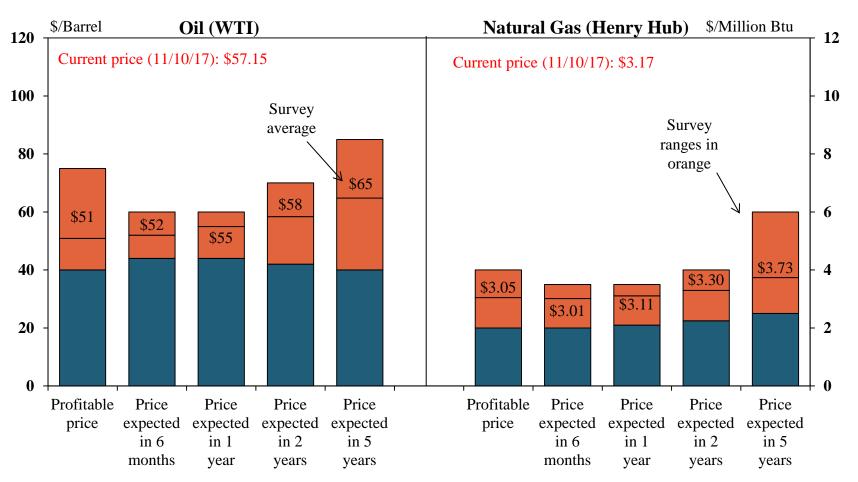




Sources: IEA, EIA

### Oil prices are now profitable for most regional energy firms but are not expected to rise much further

#### **Tenth District Energy Survey Profitable Prices and Near-term Expectations**





### Summary

- The U.S. economy continues to grow and the Fed has been tightening monetary policy
- The western Oklahoma economy was hurt by low oil prices in 2015-16, but is now stabilizing
- Stronger energy activity and some improvement in ag have been key reasons for the rebound



### **Questions?**

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