U.S. & Oklahoma Economic Outlook

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Structure and Functions of the Federal Reserve System

• The "Fed" consists of three main entities:

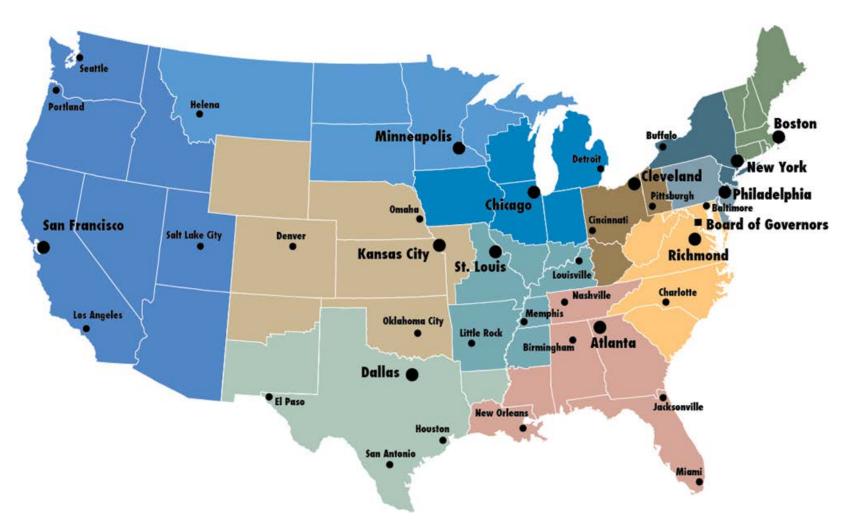
- Board of Governors: 7 members appointed by U.S. President
- <u>Federal Reserve Banks</u>: 12 total; semi-independent by design
- Federal Open Market Committee: 19 members; 12 voting

• As with most central banks, the Fed's primary responsibilities fall within four general areas:

- <u>Lender of last resort</u> provide liquidity in times of crisis
- Monetary policy promote full employment and low inflation
- <u>Bank regulation</u> ensure safety and soundness of banks
- Financial services bank for banks, bank for federal govt.



Federal Reserve Districts and Office Locations



The Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Functions and purposes – 45 staff

- Connect the nation's central bank to Oklahoma communities, businesses, and banks
- · Research on U.S. and Oklahoma economies, economic education and outreach
- Examinations of Oklahoma financial institutions (49 banks, 178 holding companies)

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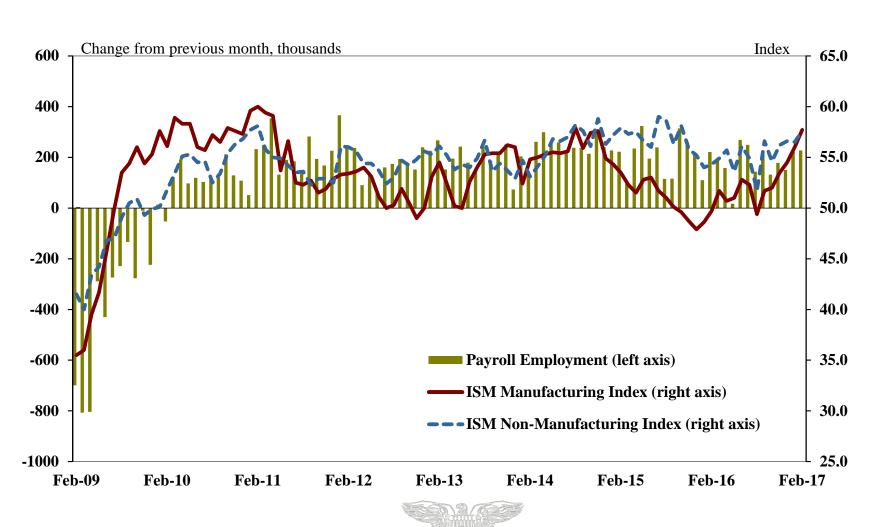
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The U.S. Economy and Monetary Policy

U.S. economic growth has picked up in early 2017 after an up-and-down 2016

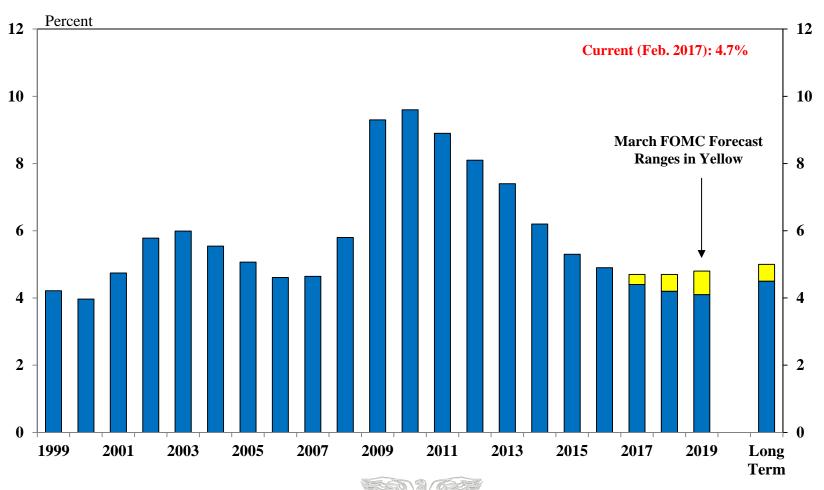
U.S. Payroll Employment and Business Indexes



U.S. unemployment has fallen to long-term average levels

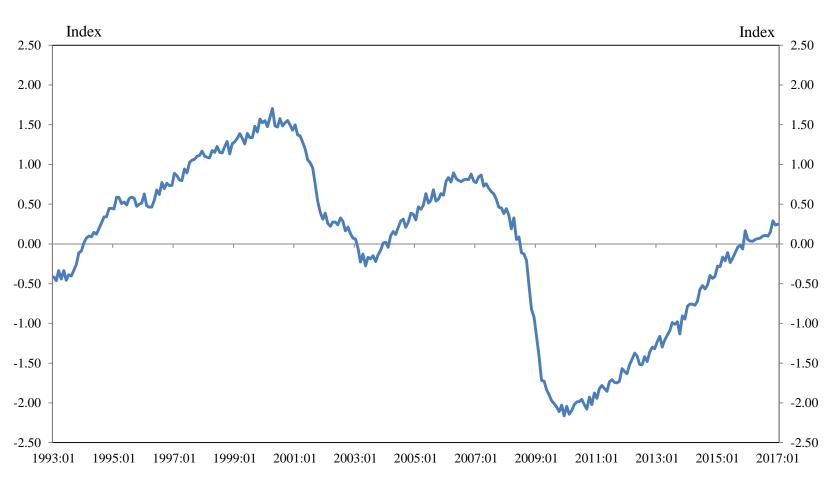
Unemployment Rate

Seasonally Adjusted



Broader measures of labor market conditions also show a return to normalcy

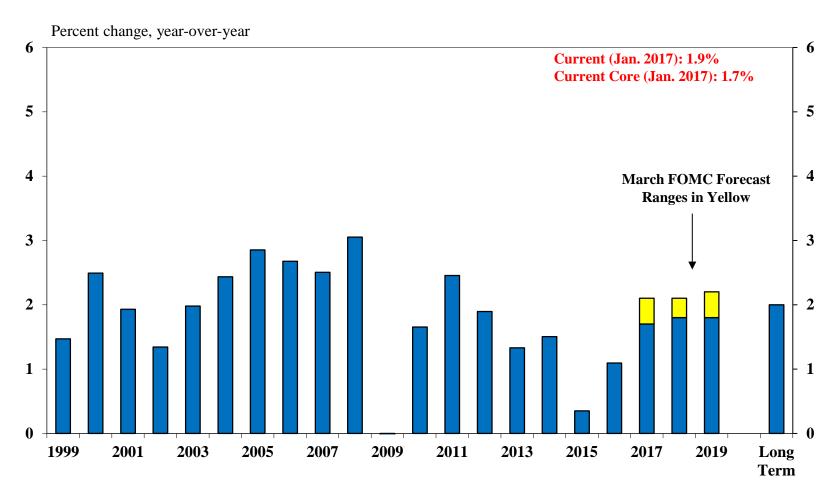
U.S. Labor Market Conditions Index





Inflation has been low the past couple of years but has recently returned to near the long-term target

PCE Inflation Index

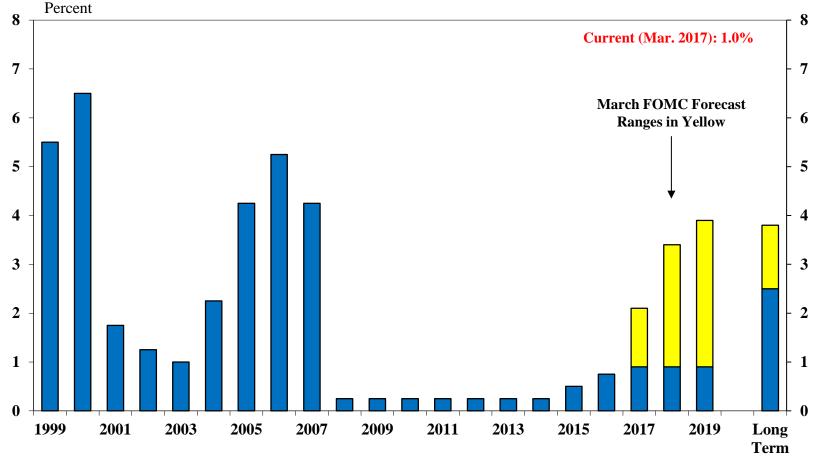




"The [Federal Open Market] Committee expects... only gradual increases in the federal funds rate"

Federal Funds Rate

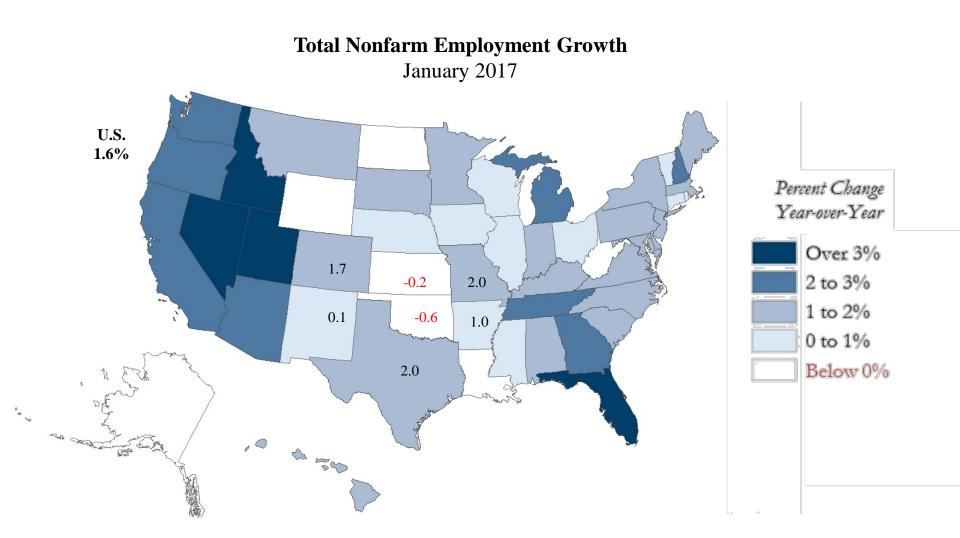
Year-end target





Trends in the Oklahoma Economy

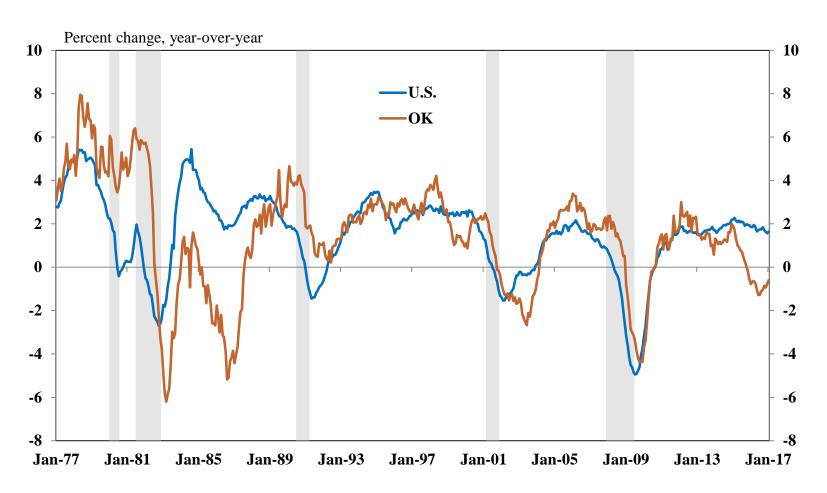
Job growth across the U.S. diverged widely in 2016, with Oklahoma in a slight jobs recession





2016 was the largest divergence between U.S. and Oklahoma job growth since the 1980s

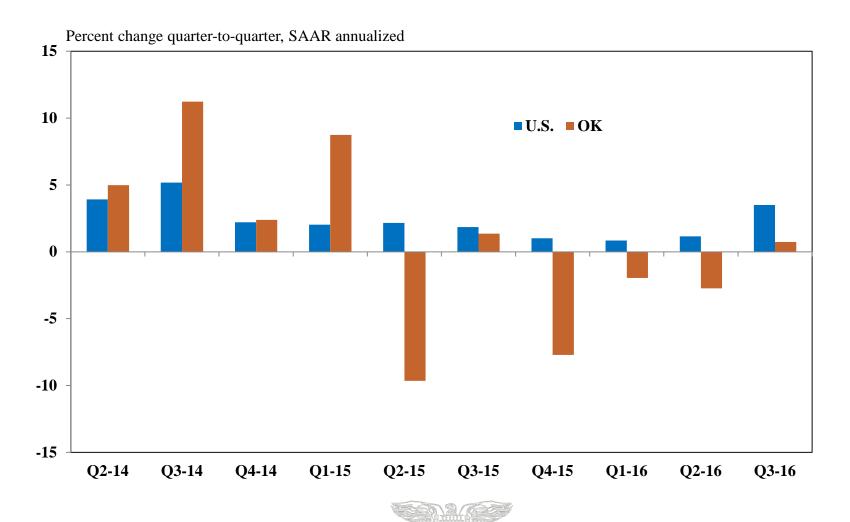
Payroll Employment Growth





Oklahoma's real GDP also fell 3 straight quarters starting in late 2015, but rose slightly in Q3 2016

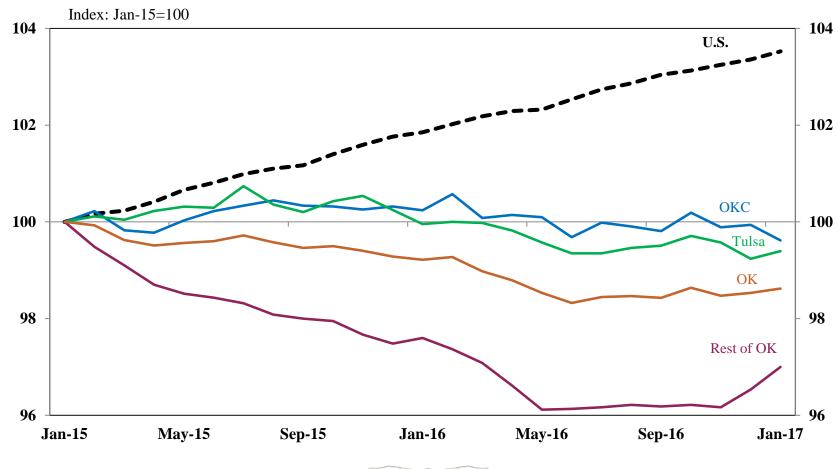
Real GDP Growth



The two large metro areas have generally held up better than other parts of the state

Level of Payroll Employment

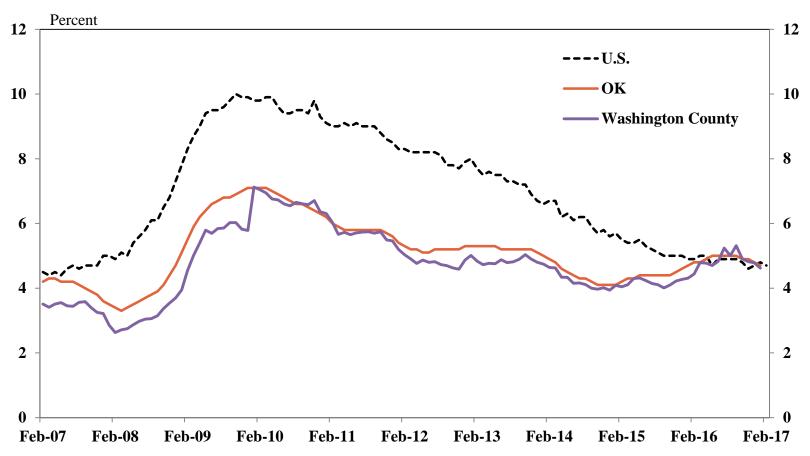
Through January 2017



Unemployment ticked up last year but has come down lately in both the state and Washington Co.

Unemployment Rates

Seasonally Adjusted

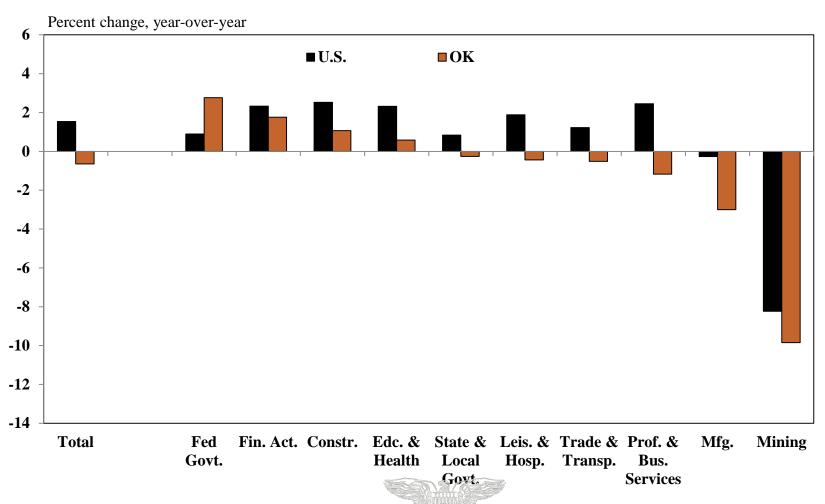




Spillover has occurred from energy to other industries, but jobs in some industries are still up

Job Growth by Industry

Jan-17



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Energy remains the driving factor in and around the Bartlesville area

Washington County Personal Income Share by Industry 2015

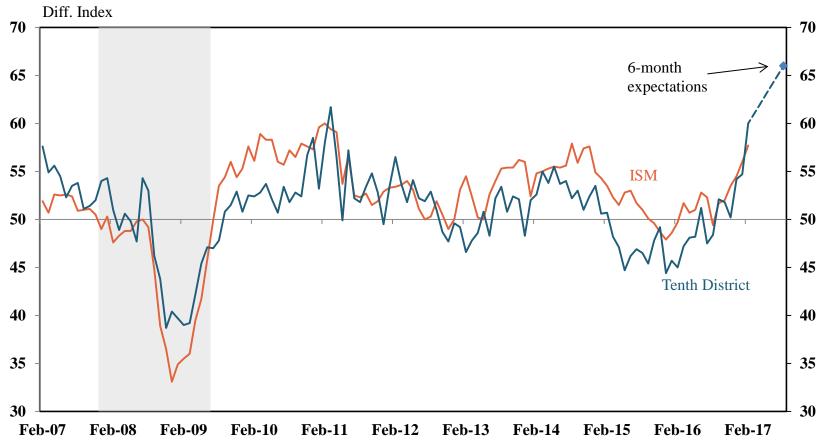
	Percent of Total Income		Wash. Co. Location	OK Location
Industry	Wash. County	U.S.	Quotient	Quotient
Mining	27.9	1.6	17.6	7.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	36.1	16.2	2.2	1.4
Manufacturing	7.9	10.1	0.8	0.9
Agriculture	0.6	0.8	0.7	2.0
Education & Health	8.4	13.3	0.6	0.8
Leisure & Hospitality	1.9	4.7	0.4	0.8
Construction	2.4	6.1	0.4	1.0
State & Local Government	5.1	13.2	0.4	1.0
Financial Activities	2.7	7.1	0.4	0.5
Professional and Business Services	6.1	20.3	0.3	0.6
Information	0.6	3.5	0.2	0.4
Federal Government	0.4	3.0	0.1	1.3

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

Overall factory activity in the region has improved lately, with considerable optimism

Manufacturing Composite Indexes,

Seasonally Adjusted



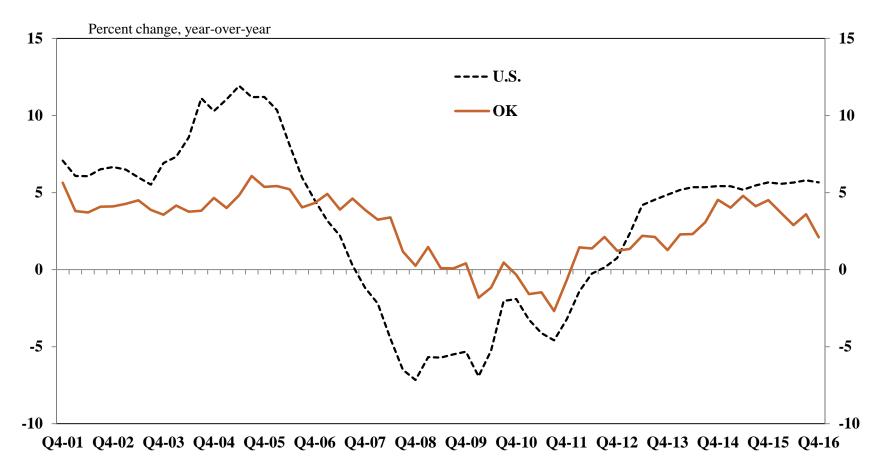


Source: ISM, FRBKC

Home price growth in Oklahoma has slowed, but remains moderately positive

FHFA Home Price Index

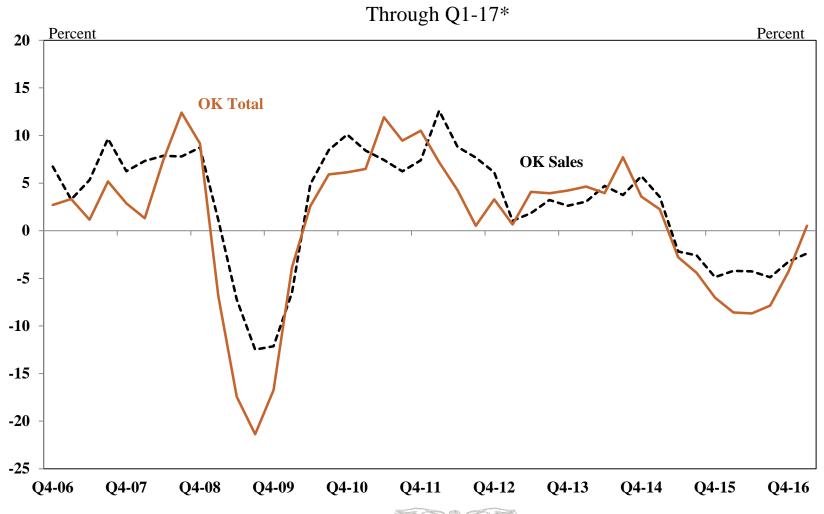
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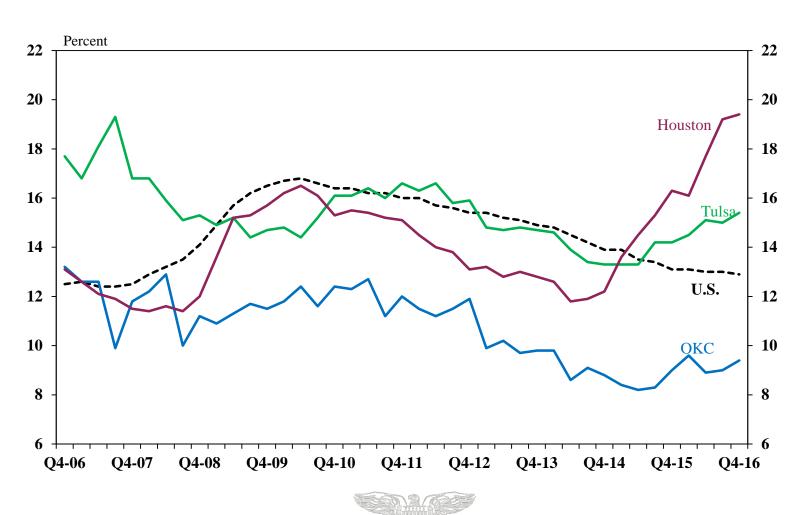
State tax revenues are finally showing signs of stabilization, after 2 years of declines

Tax Receipts



Office vacancy rates have risen slightly in the two large metros, but much less than Houston

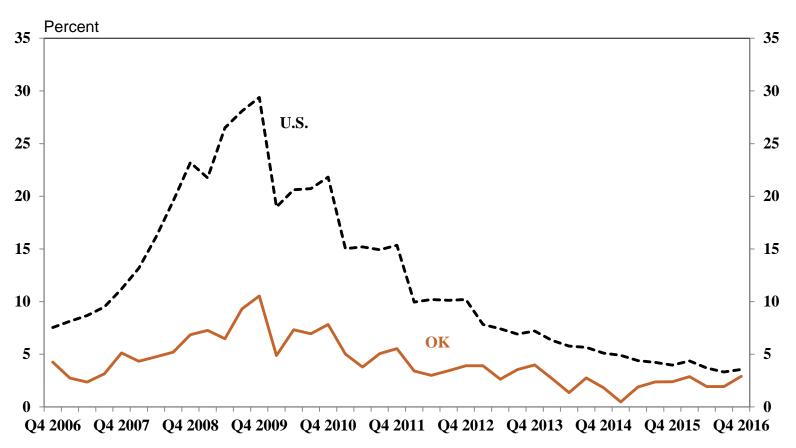
Metro Office Vacancy Rates



And nearly all banks in Oklahoma remain profitable

Share of Banks Not Making a Profit

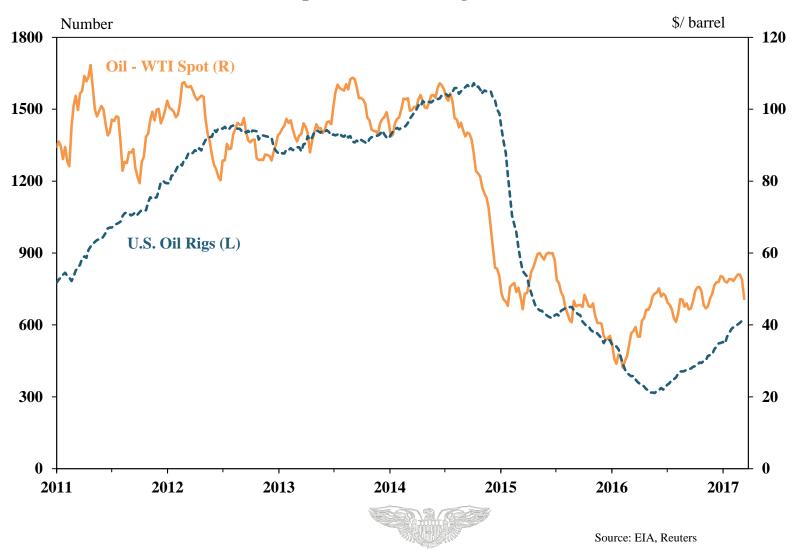
Commercial Banks





Oil prices' recent rise to \$50/barrel has boosted drilling, and OPEC's November action has helped

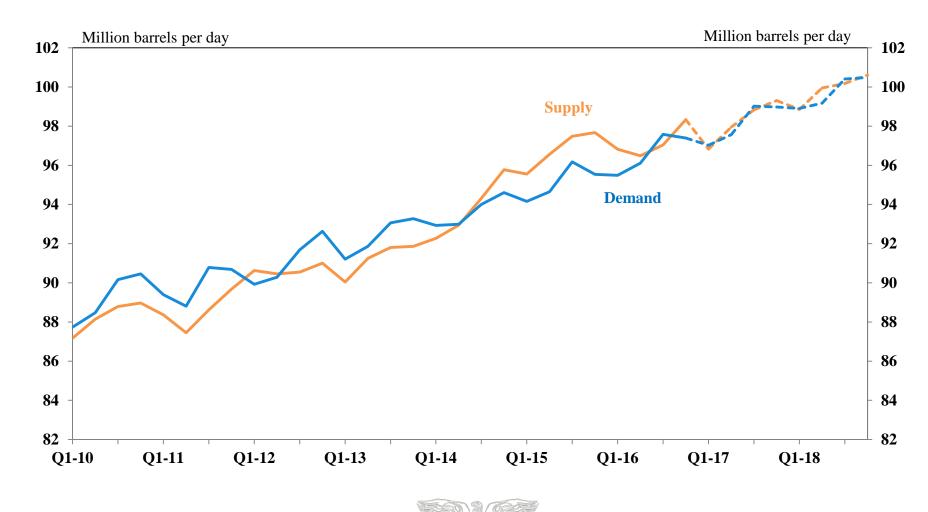
Oil Spot Prices and Rig Counts



World oil supply and demand are expected to come (and stay) in line this quarter

Global Oil Supply and Demand

March 2017 Forecast

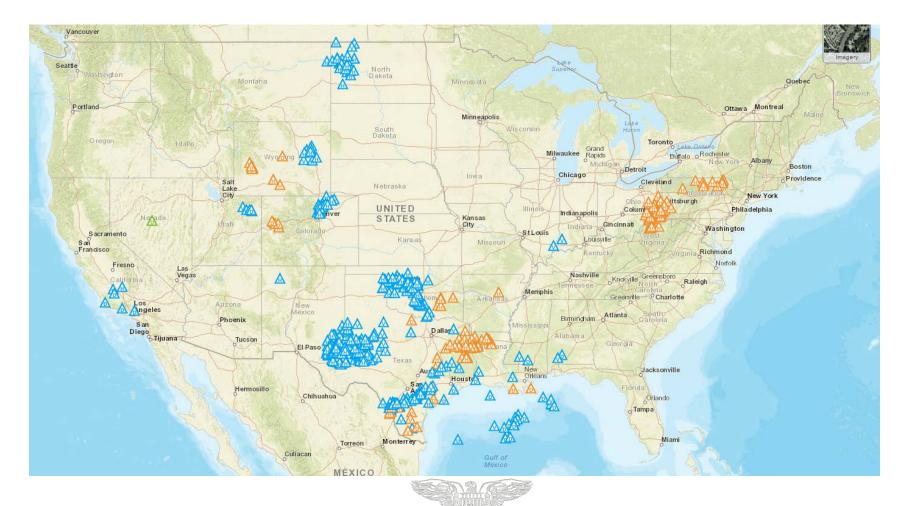


Source: EIA

The most active drilling areas now are in west Texas and northwest Oklahoma

Current Drilling Rig Locations,

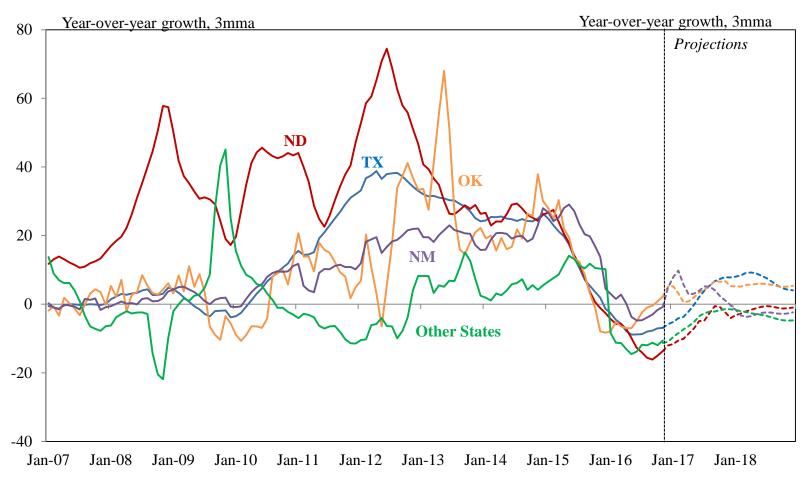
As-of February 3, 2017



Source: Baker Hughes

And oil production in Oklahoma and Texas is expected to continue to grow through 2018

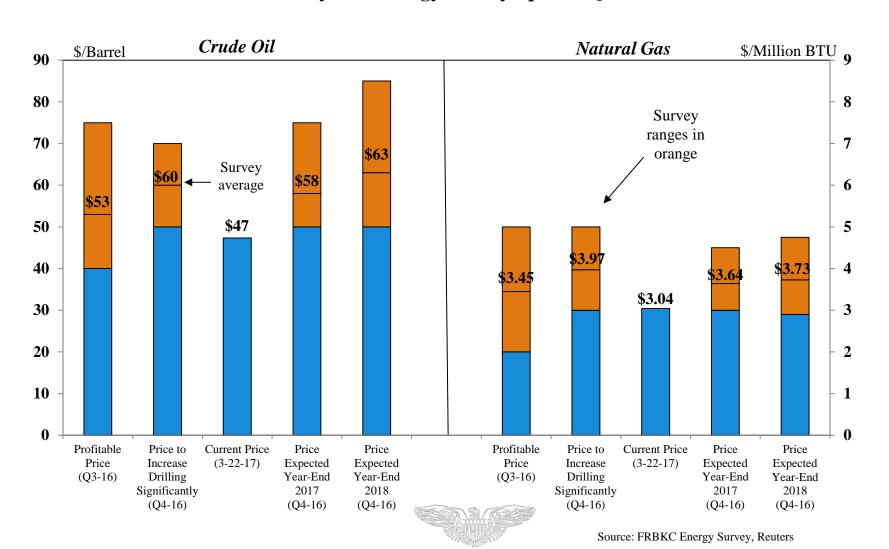
Oil Production by State





But firms say energy prices need to be a bit higher for a sizable increase in activity

Kansas City Fed Energy Survey Special Questions



Summary

- The U.S. economy continues to grow, and the Fed has raised interest rates
- Oklahoma's economy has been hurt by low commodity prices, as well as spillover to related industries like manufacturing
- However, conditions in real estate, banking, and labor markets have held on fairly well, and some growth and optimism has returned



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