Economic Outlook



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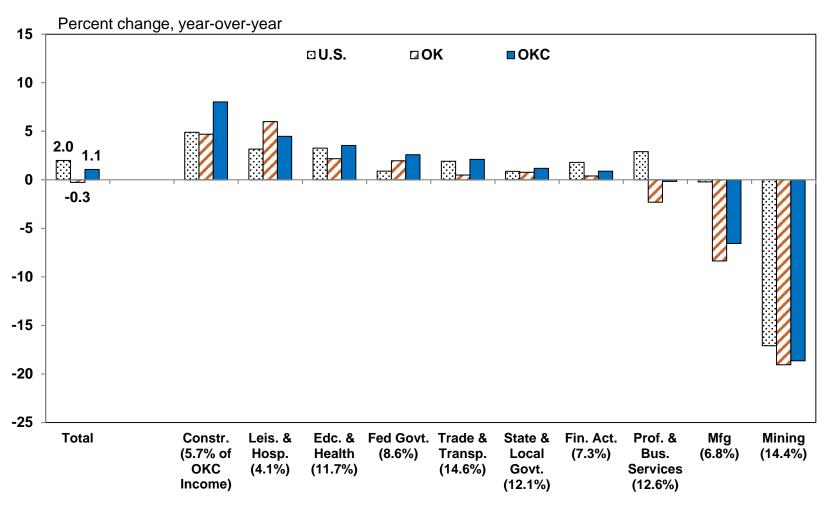
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OKC area employment has held up fairly well despite sizable energy and factory job losses

Job Growth by Industry

March 2015 to March 2016

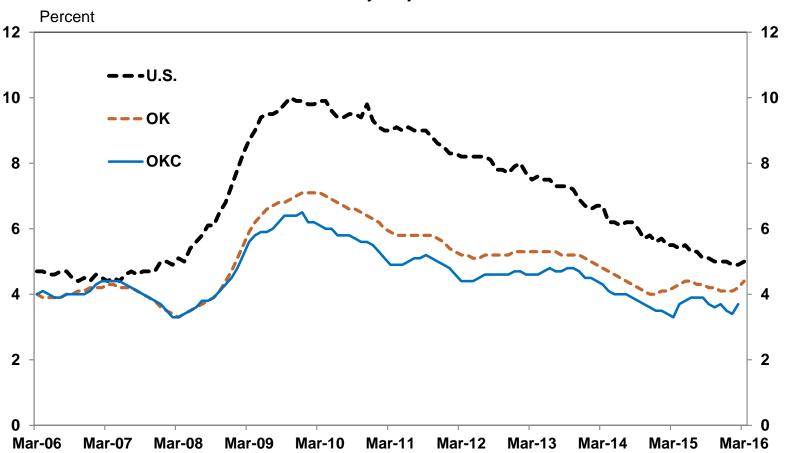




With many workers finding jobs in other industries, unemployment still remains low

Unemployment Rate

Seasonally Adjusted

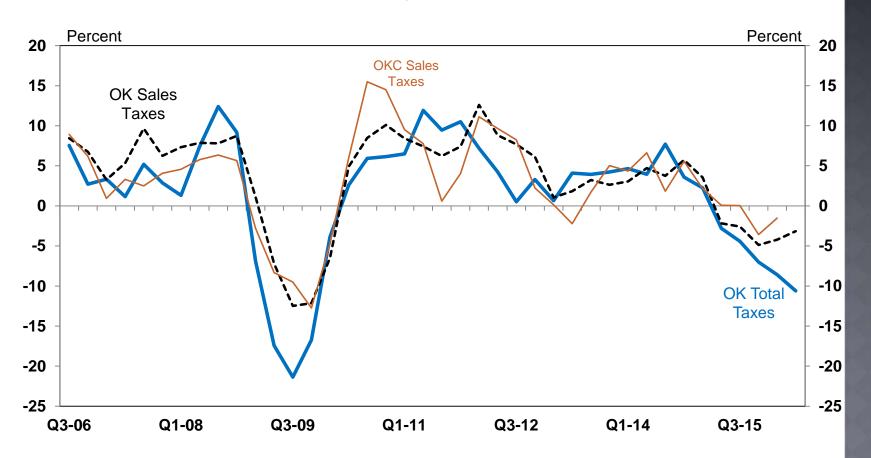




But declining tax receipts are creating difficulties for government budgets

State and City Tax Receipts

Through Q2-16*

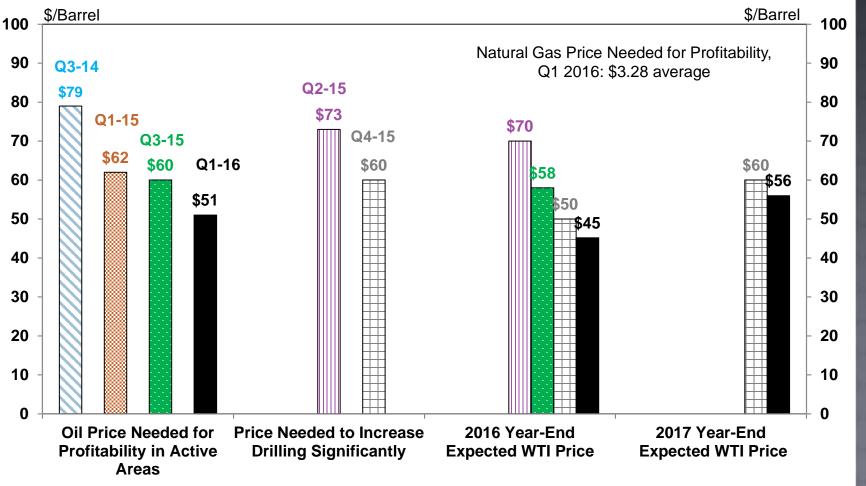




In the energy sector, profitable prices for oil (and natural gas) are above current prices

KC Fed Energy Survey Special Questions

Q3 2014 to Q1 2016





The KC Fed's Q1 energy survey showed more declines expected, but at slower rate

KC Fed Energy Survey Indexes

