

# The Fed, Monetary Policy, and the U.S. Economy

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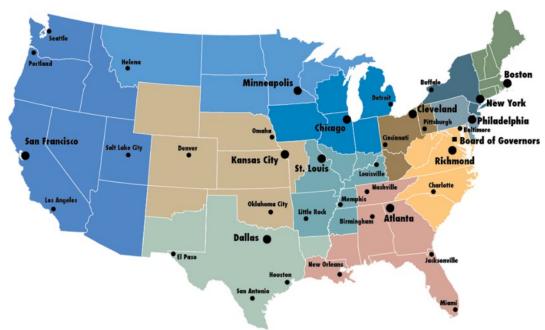
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### Structure & Functions of the Federal Reserve



#### 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

### The Federal Reserve's Role in Monetary Policy

### Dual Mandate from U.S. Congress:

- 1) Maximum employment
- 2) Price stability

### Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC):

#### **Board of Governors**

- Jerome H. Powell, Chairman
- · Richard H. Clarida, Vice Chairman
- Randal K. Quarles, Vice Chairman of Supervision
- Lael Brainard
- Michelle W. Bowman
- Open
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#### **Reserve Bank Presidents**

- John C. Williams, New York, Vice Chairman
- Patrick T. Harker, Philadelphia
- Robert S. Kaplan, Dallas
- Neel Kashkari, Minneapolis
- Loretta J. Mester. Cleveland
- Thomas I. Barkin, Richmond
- Raphael W. Bostic, Atlanta
- Mary C. Daly, San Francisco
- · Charles L. Evans, Chicago
- · James Bullard, St. Louis
- Esther L. George, Kansas City
  - Eric Rosengren, Boston

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

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### Functions and purposes ~ 50 staff

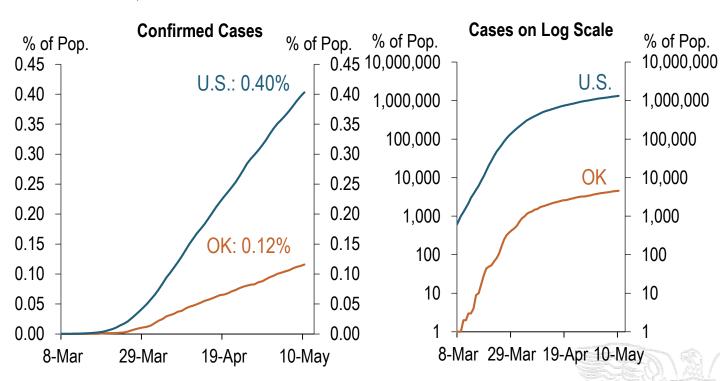
- Research on U.S. and Oklahoma economies; energy sector and business survey focus
- Examinations of Oklahoma financial institutions (~45 banks, ~175 holding cos.)
- Community development programming for low and moderate income groups, workforce focus
- Economic education and public outreach programming

### 2020 OKC Fed Branch Board of Directors

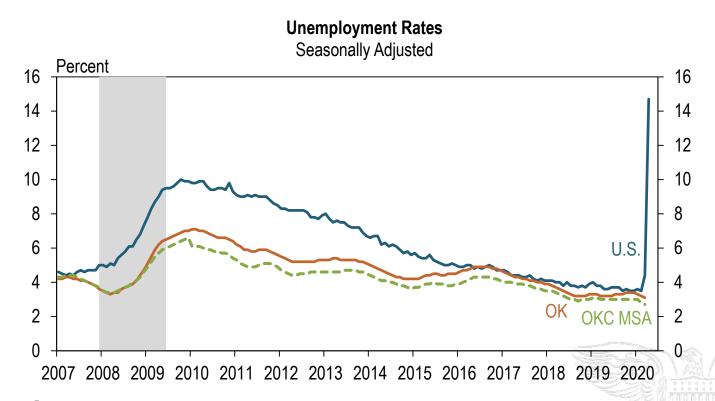
- Tina Patel (chair), Co-Owner & CFO, Promise Hotels, Tulsa
- Walt Duncan, President, Duncan Oil Properties, Oklahoma City
- Susan Plumb, Chair & CEO, Bank of Cherokee County, Tahlequah
- · Brady Sidwell, Principal, Sidwell Strategies, Enid
- Chris Turner, President & CFO, First State Bank, Oklahoma City
- Katrina Washington, Owner/Broker, Stratos Realty, Oklahoma City
- Dana Weber, Chair & CEO, Webco Industries, Sand Springs



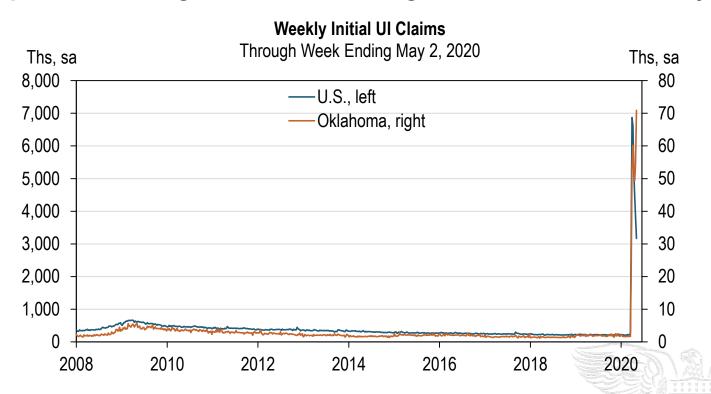
# In early 2020, cases of COVID-19 spread rapidly across the nation, and cases in Oklahoma have risen



# In early 2020 prior to COVID-19, unemployment rates were at historic lows

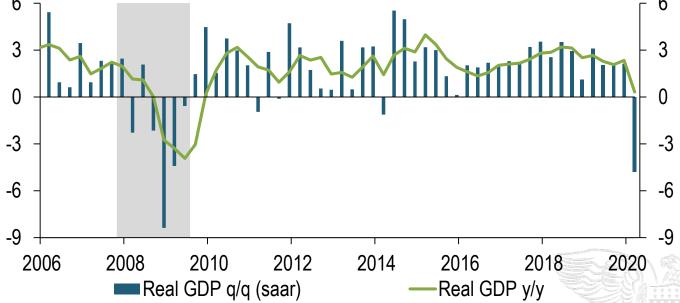


# New state claims for unemployment insurance surged past record highs in March and again the first week of May

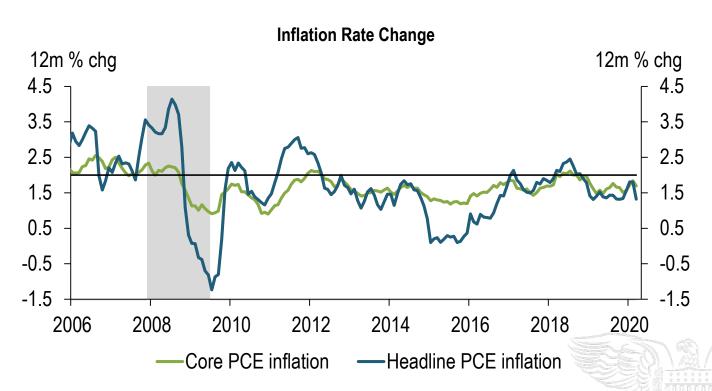


# U.S. GDP decreased 4.8 percent in the first quarter of 2020, despite solid months in January and February





### Inflation is likely to remain subdued in the near term



### **Questions for discussion today**

- In what ways has the spread of coronavirus, including government directives (shelter-in-place, essential businesses, etc.), affected your business?
- How has access or lack of access to credit opportunities further affected your operations, employment, and capital spending plans in this time?



## Community Development at the Fed

### **Mission of the Department**

Develop the capacity of low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals, their communities and the organizations that serve them to create widely shared prosperity and economic opportunity.

- Promote fair and impartial access to financial products through research, relationship building and resource development.
- Grounded in the Community Reinvestment Act
- Focused on low- and moderate-income communities
- Responsive to local needs and opportunities



## Areas of Focus

- Community Development Investments
- Small Business and Economic Development
- Workforce Development
- Digital Inclusion
- Research and Analysis

Relationships, Research and Resources



### Investment Connection

#### **Investment Connection**

Investment Connection brings community and economic development organizations together with the funding community.



### Requirements

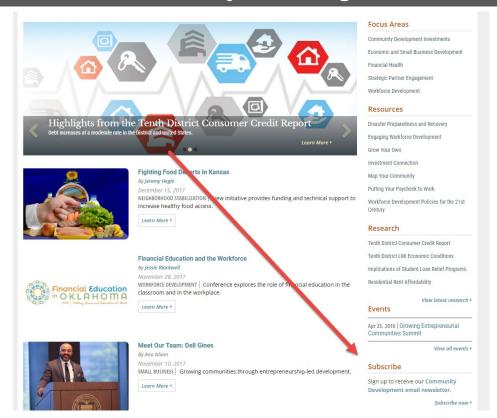
- Nonprofit or CDFI
- CRA eligible activity
- One year of reviewed or audited financials.
- Request depends on capacity and project need.
- Online application: http://investmentconnection.kcfed.org

#### Over \$34 million in connections

"There are many valuable non-profit organizations in our communities. We like to find partners that align with the bank's strategic initiatives so that both the non-profit and the bank find value. Investment Connection has helped Guaranty Bank identify new partners that fit into our CRA initiatives."

Nancy Taylor, Guaranty Bank

## www.kansascityfed.org/community



## Questions?



