

# U.S. and Oklahoma Economic Outlook

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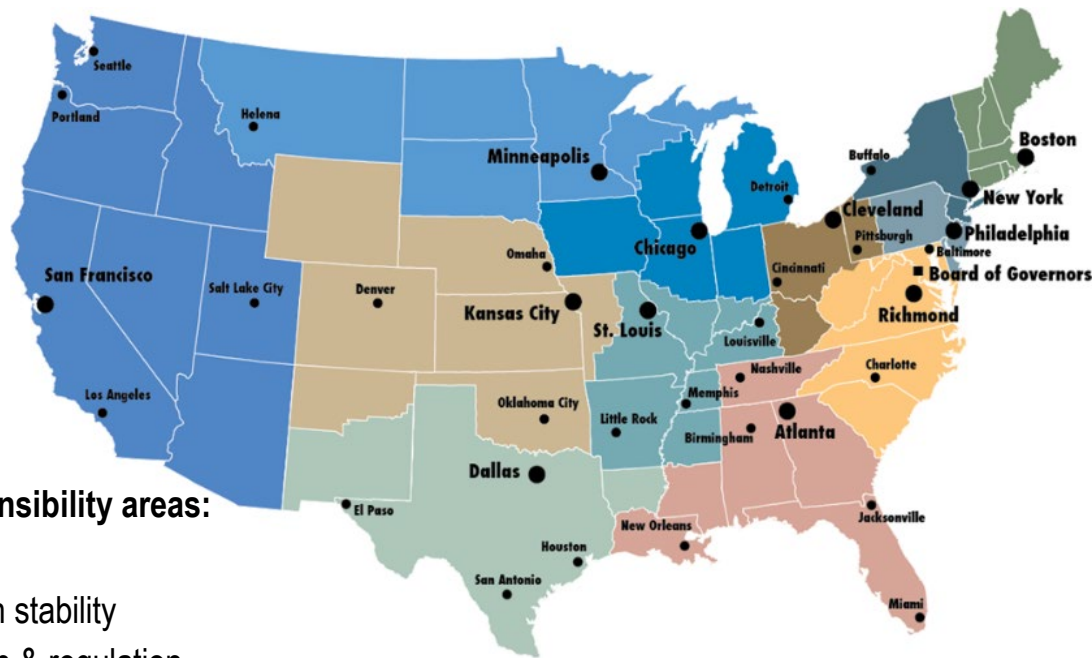
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# Structure & Functions of the Federal Reserve



## 5 primary responsibility areas:

- Monetary policy
- Financial system stability
- Bank supervision & regulation
- Payment system safety & efficiency
- Consumer protection & community development

## 3 primary entities:

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



# 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.)
  - Risk analysis and IT development for bank exams; exam assistance for other Fed offices
  - Community development and economic education programming for low/moderate income groups and students
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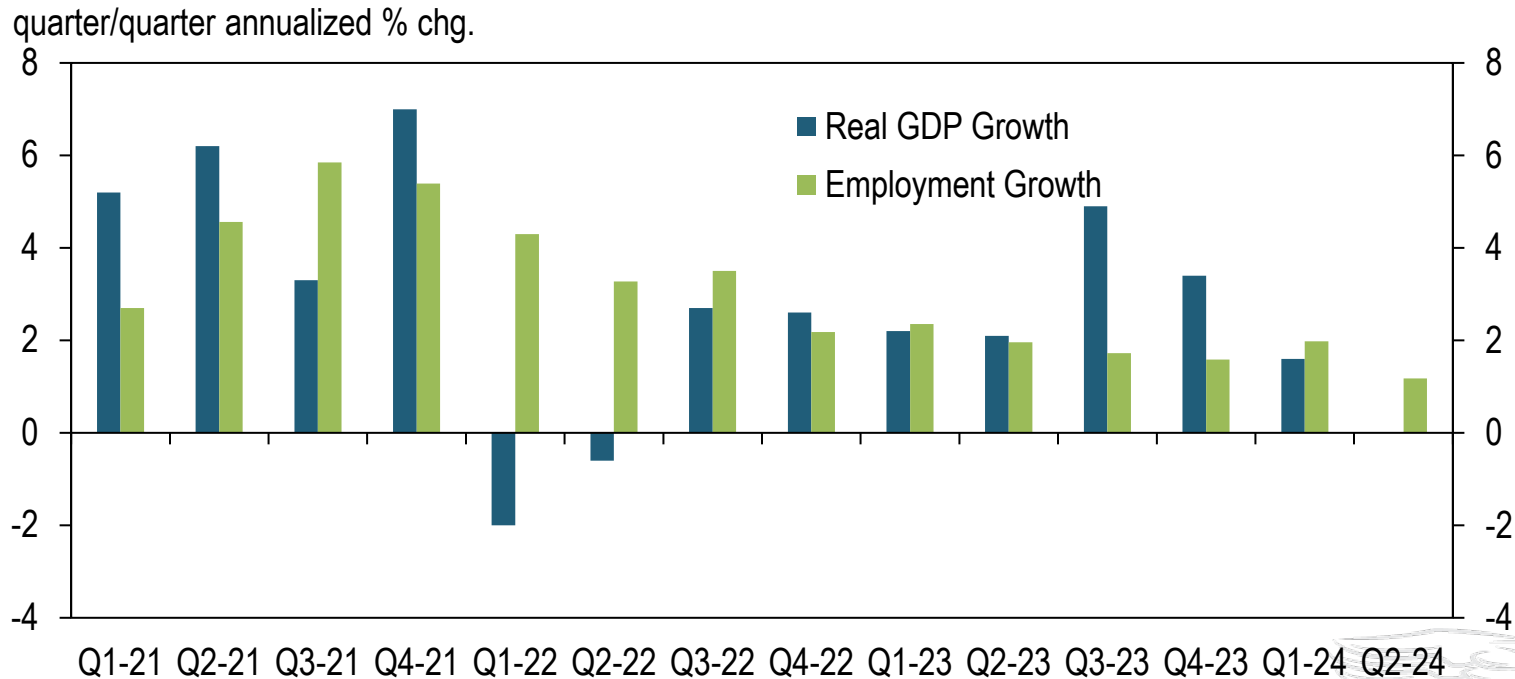
## Overview

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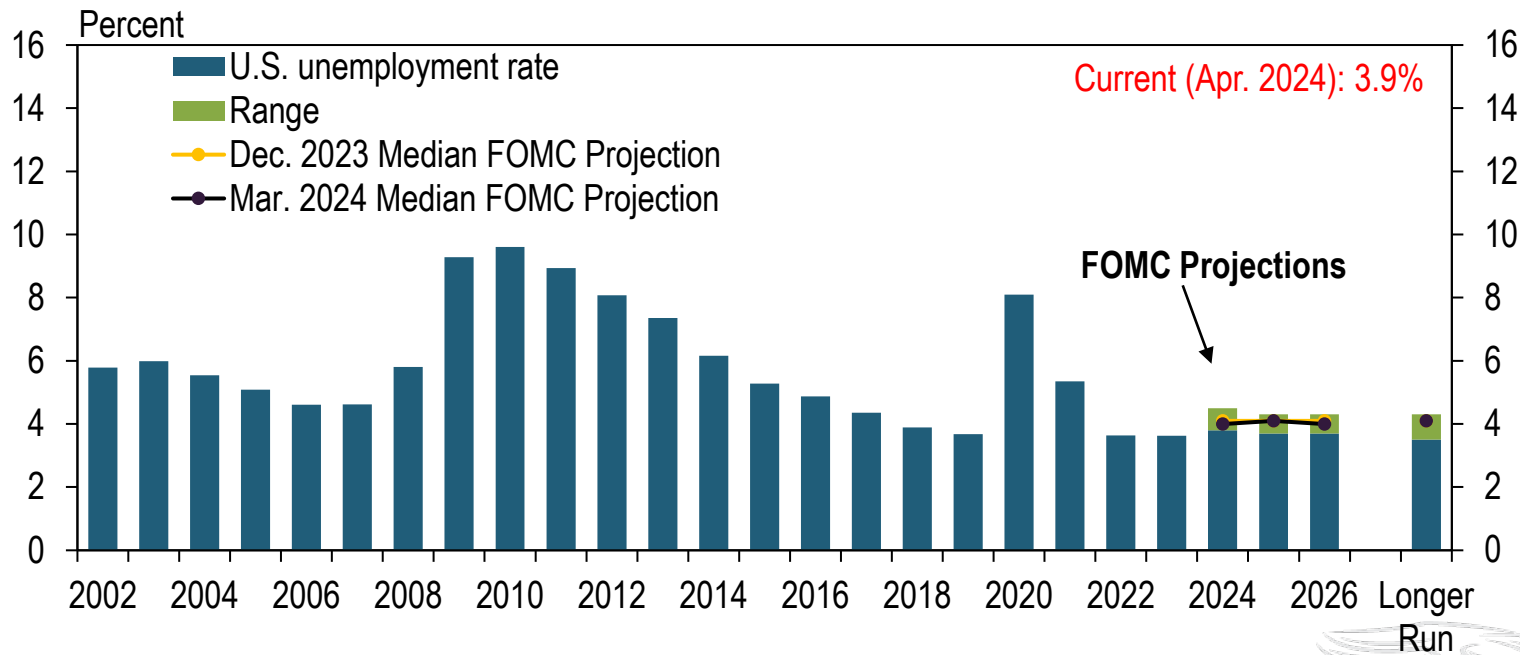
# U.S. GDP growth slowed in Q1, and employment growth eased in April

Quarterly U.S. Economic Growth

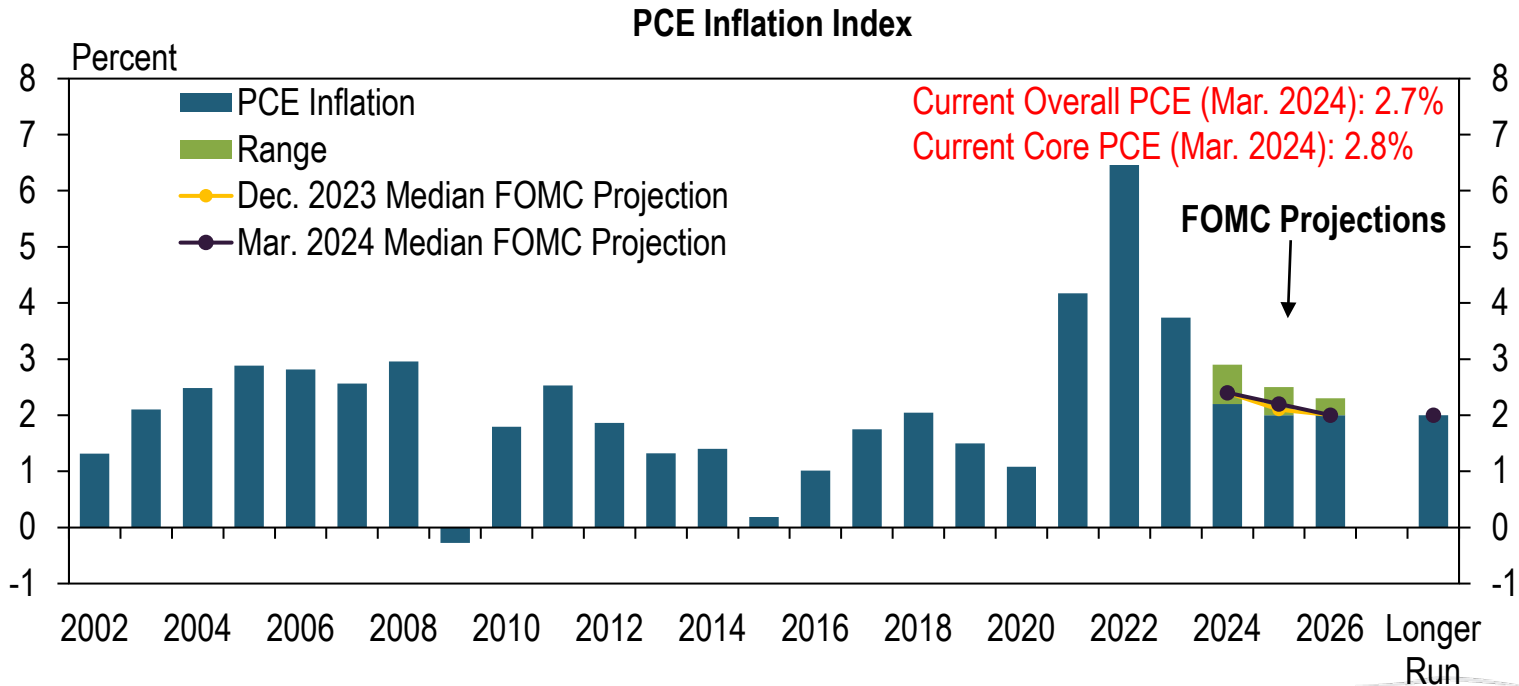


# U.S. unemployment remains historically low and is projected to remain low in coming years

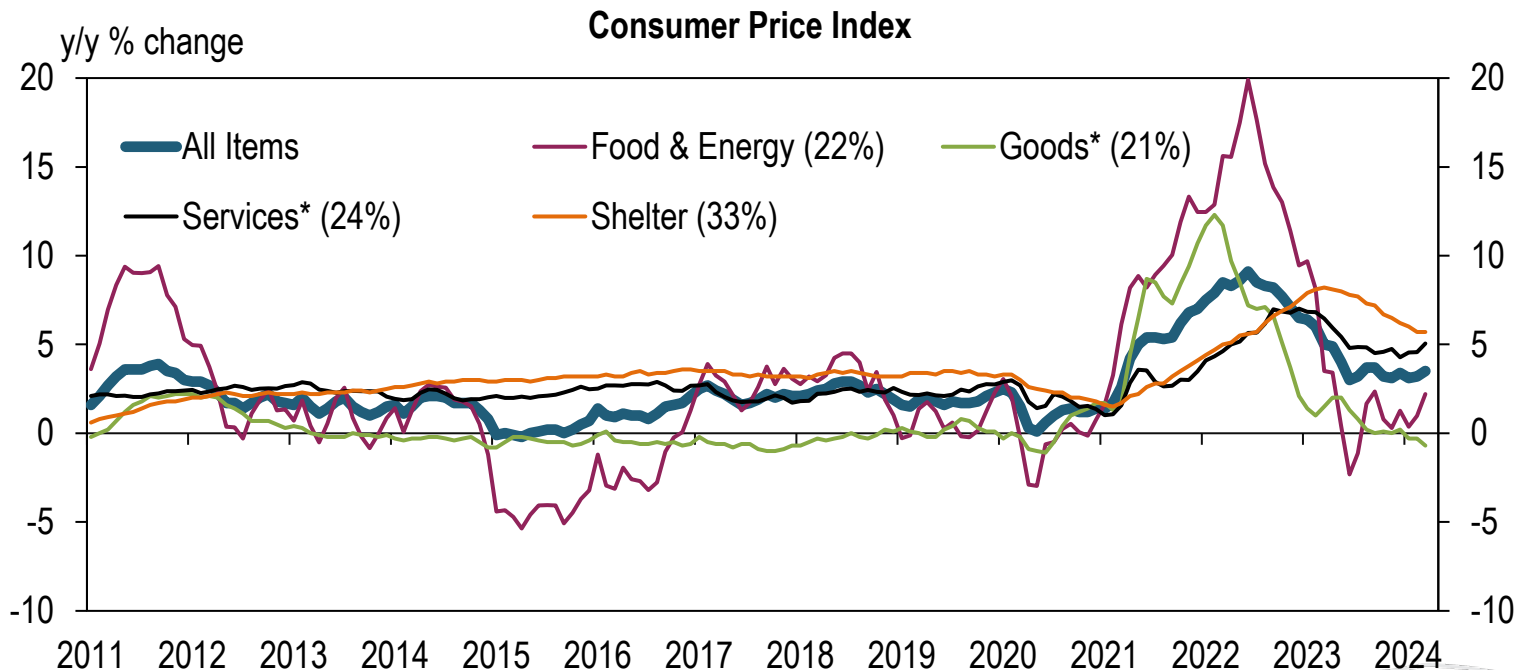
## U.S. Unemployment Rate



Although inflation has come down from 2022 peaks and is expected to fall further, it remains above longer-run levels



# CPI inflation ticked up again to 3.5% in March, as goods prices fell but energy and services prices rose and shelter remains elevated

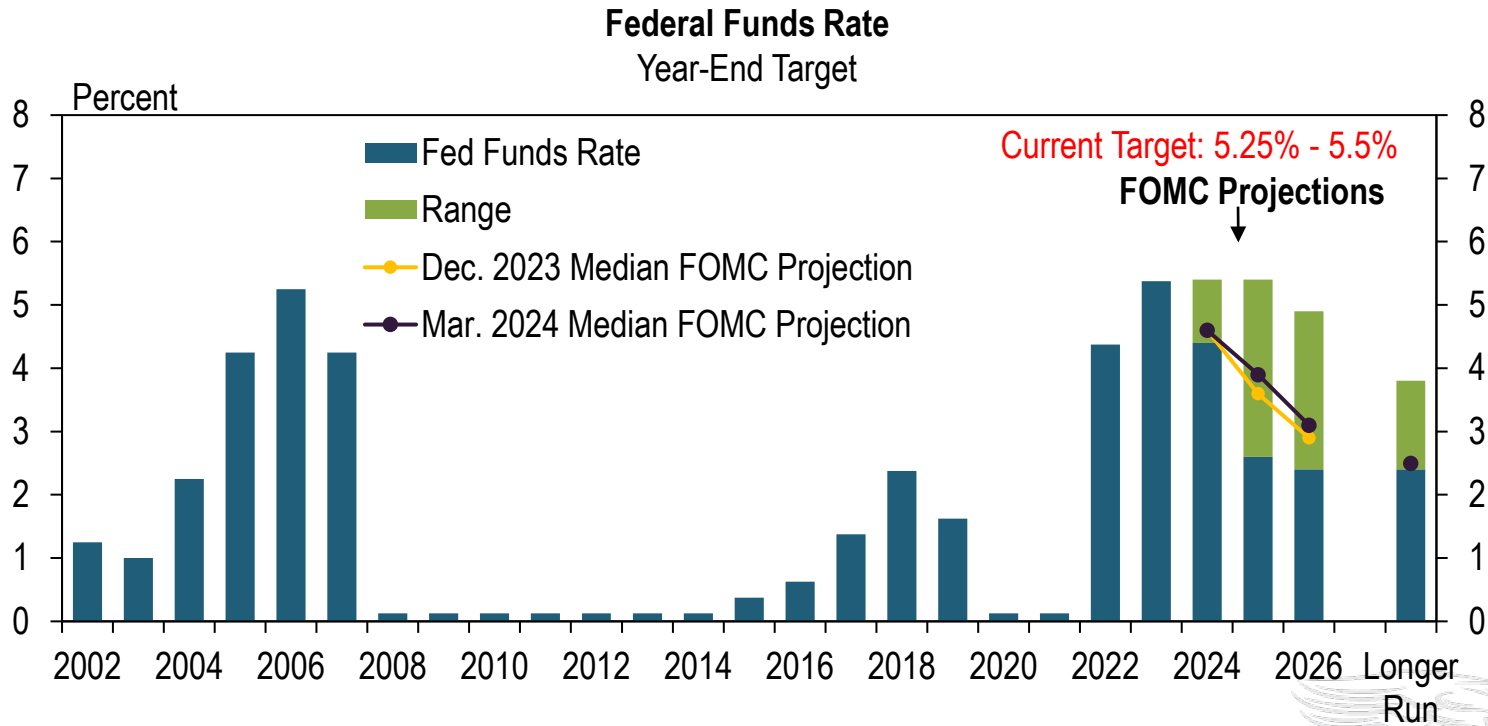


\*Goods excluding Food; Services excluding Energy.  
 Note: Relative Importance as Share of CPI shown in parenthesis.



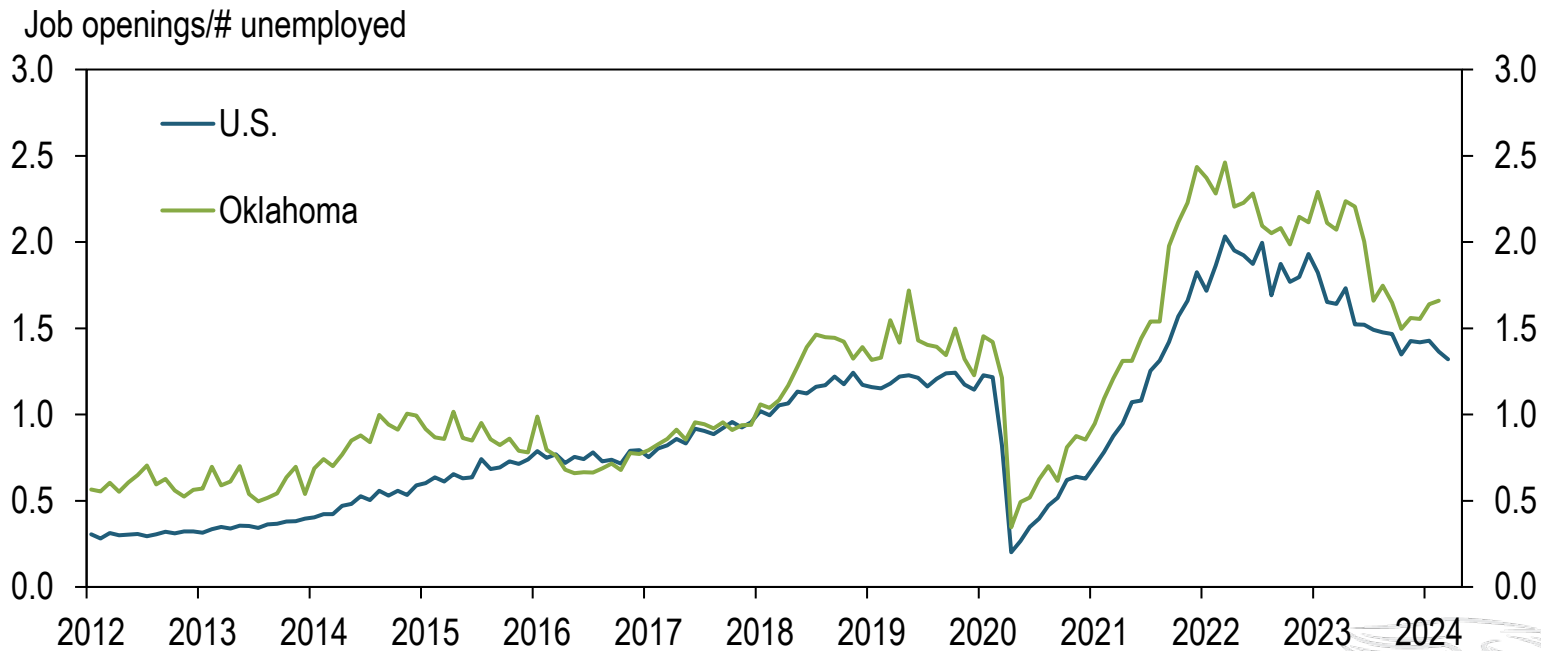


# The Fed held the federal funds rate steady again in May, after raising future projections somewhat



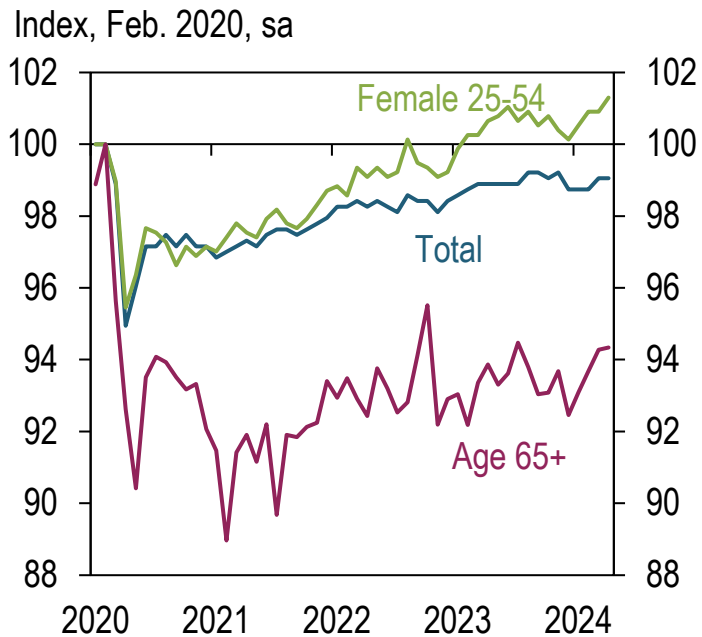
# Job openings still exceed unemployed workers, but have returned to near pre-pandemic levels

**Job Openings/Unemployment Ratio**

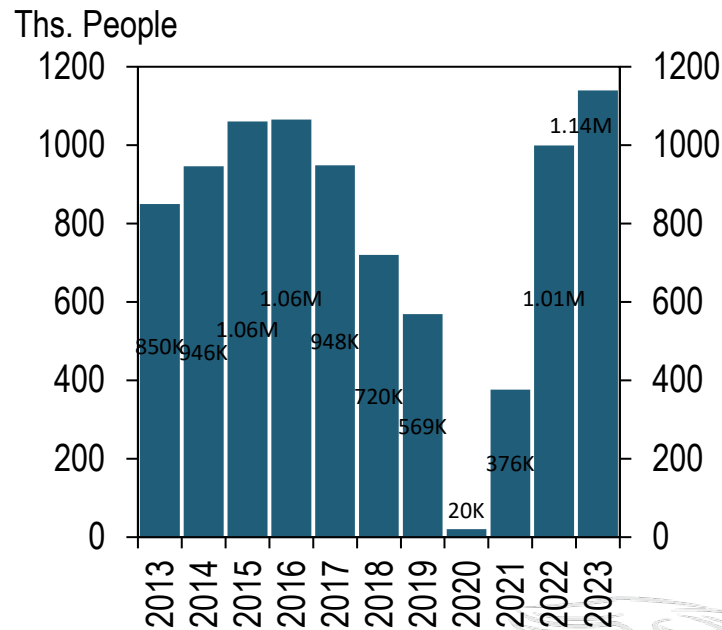


# Labor force participation still lags, mostly due to older workers, while immigration rebounded last year after several low years

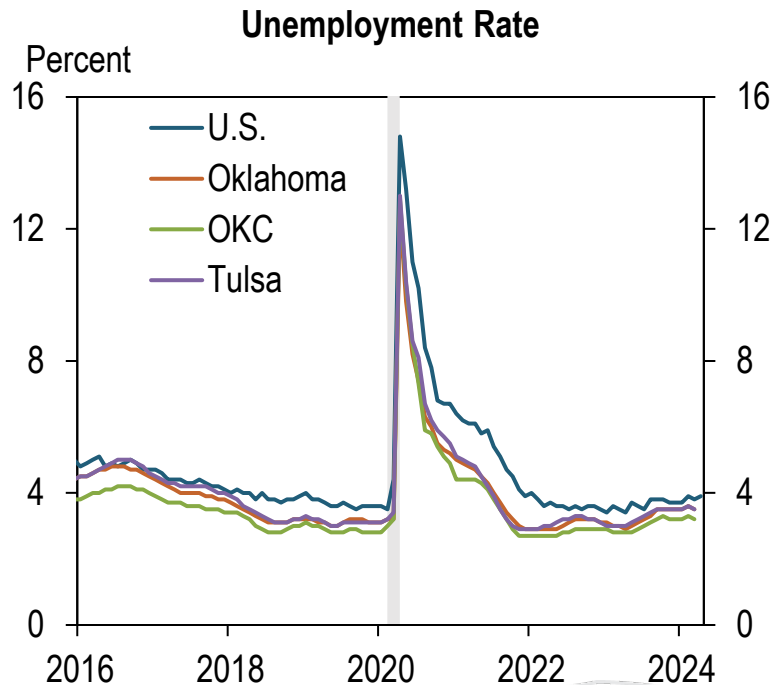
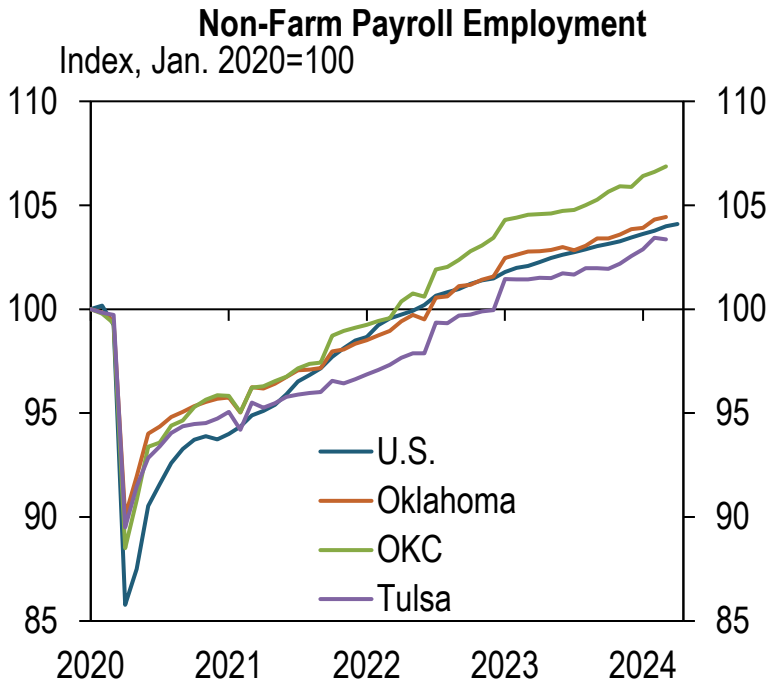
**U.S. Labor Force Participation Rate**



**Net International Immigration to the U.S.**

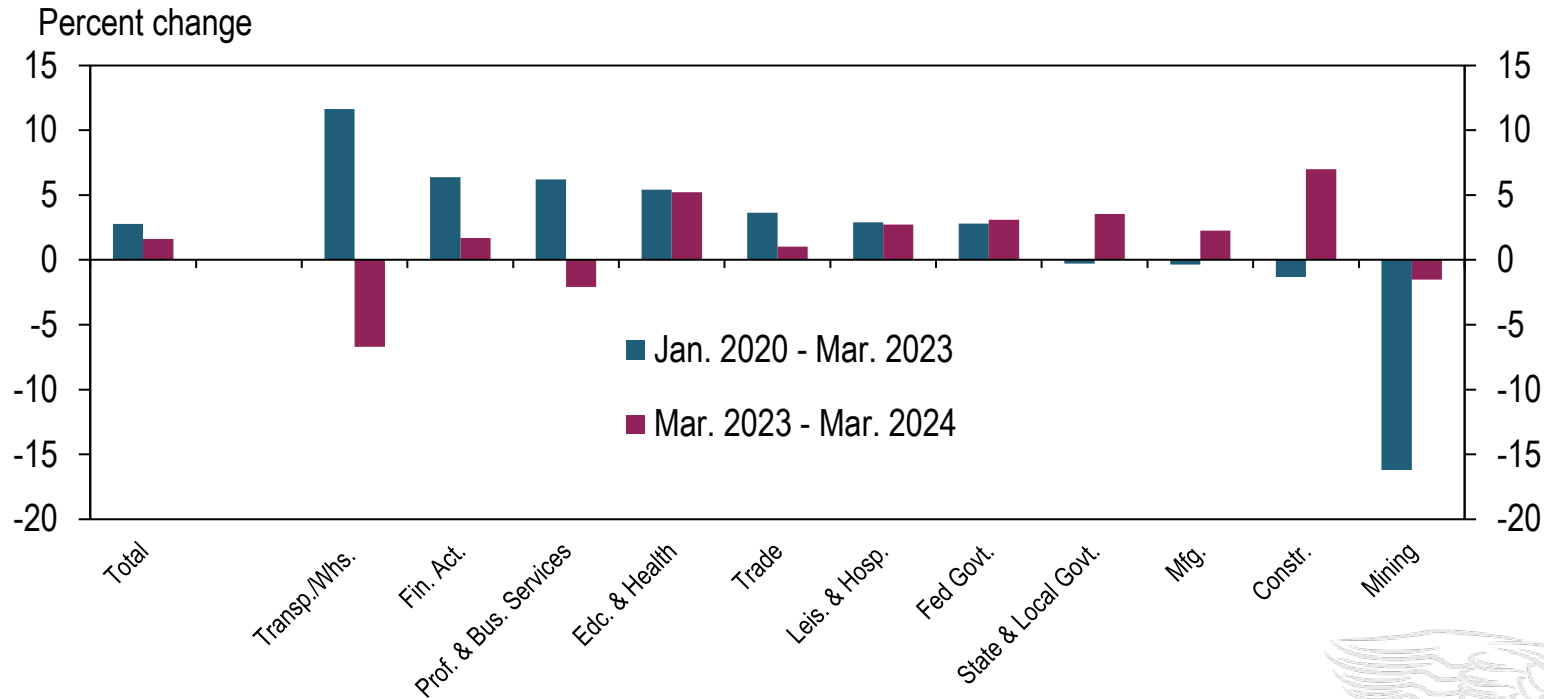


# Jobs in Oklahoma have continued to grow in 2024, while unemployment remains very low



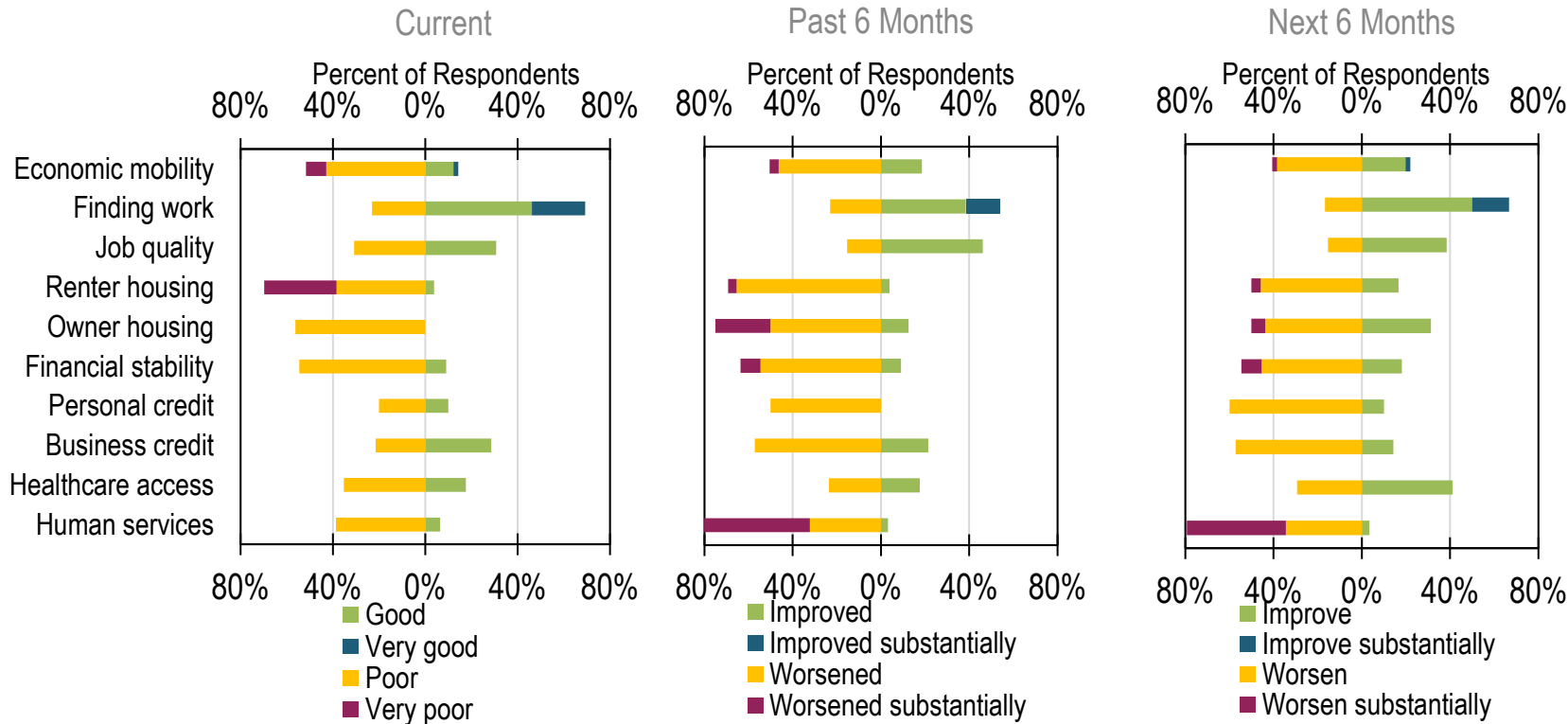
# Most Oklahoma sectors added jobs over the past year, but job growth varies more relative to pre-pandemic levels

Oklahoma Job Growth by Industry



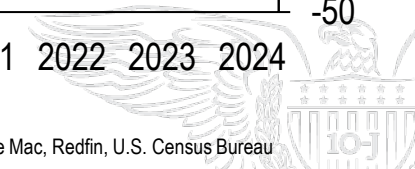
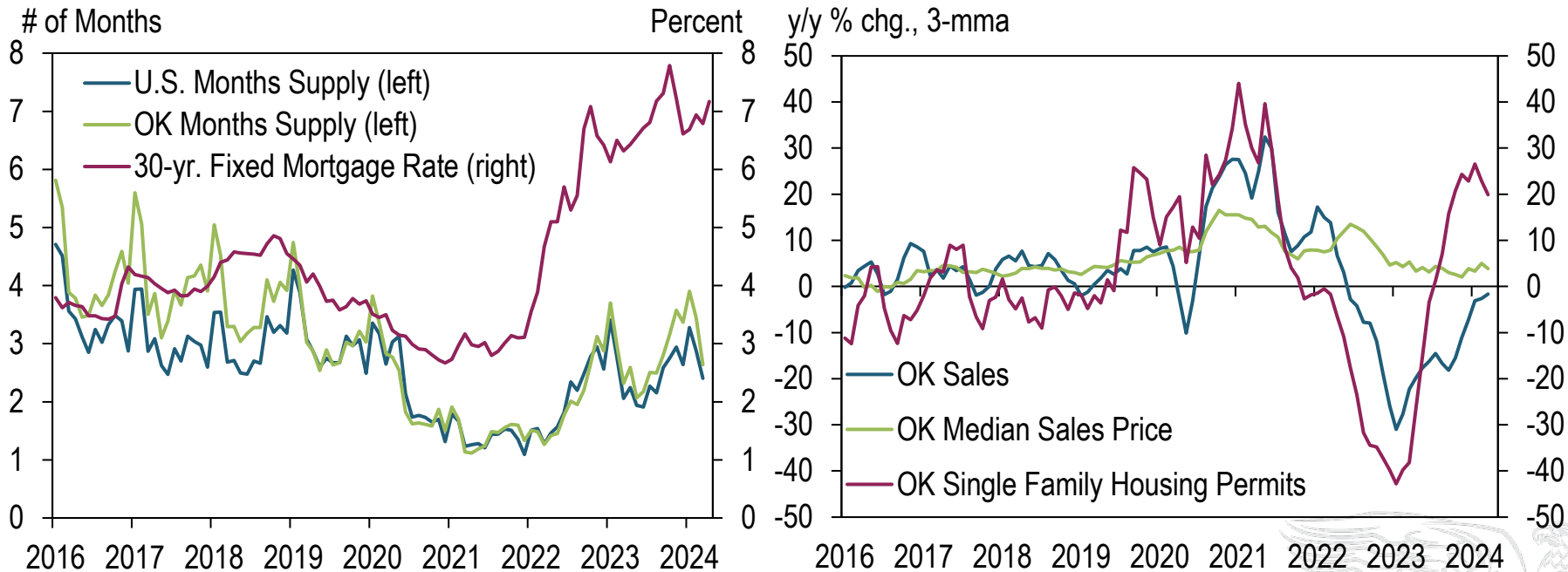
# The ability to find work has been good for LMI communities and job quality has improved, but most other conditions have been poor

## Tenth District Low- and Moderate-Income Community Conditions, Fall 2023



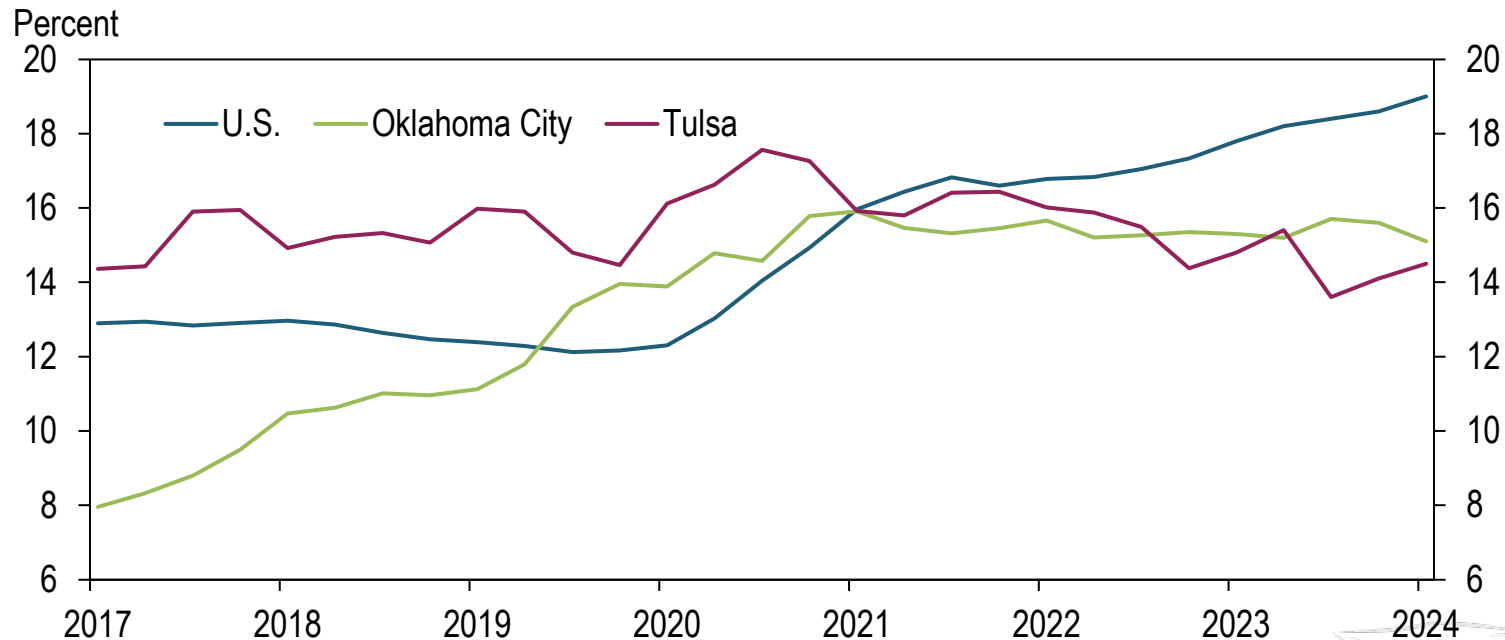
# Oklahoma's housing market has slowed over the past two years, but supply has returned to pre-pandemic levels and demand is picking up

## Oklahoma Housing Market Indicators



# Office vacancy rates in Oklahoma have not risen like they have in the nation

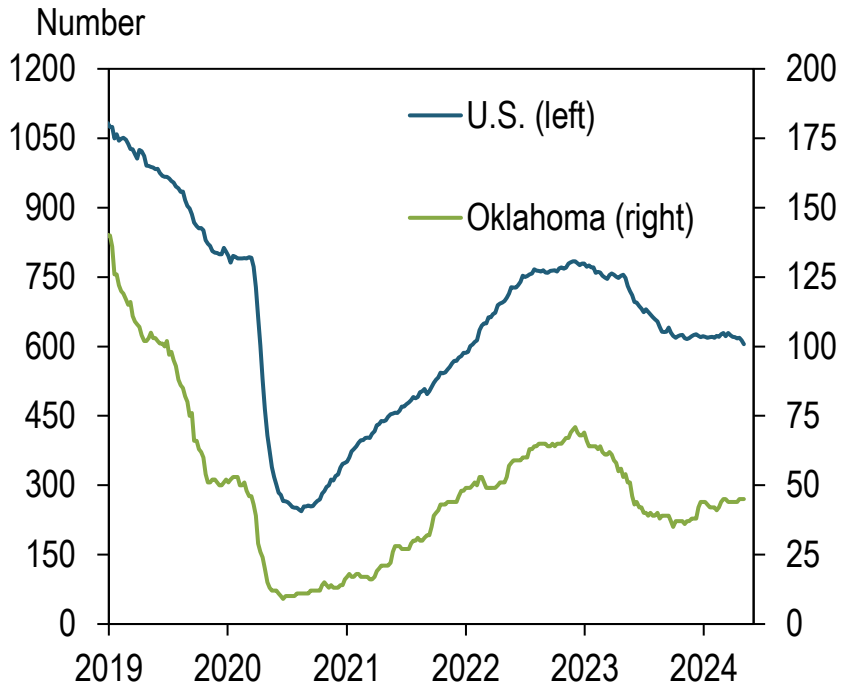
Office Vacancy Rates



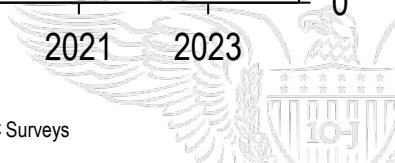
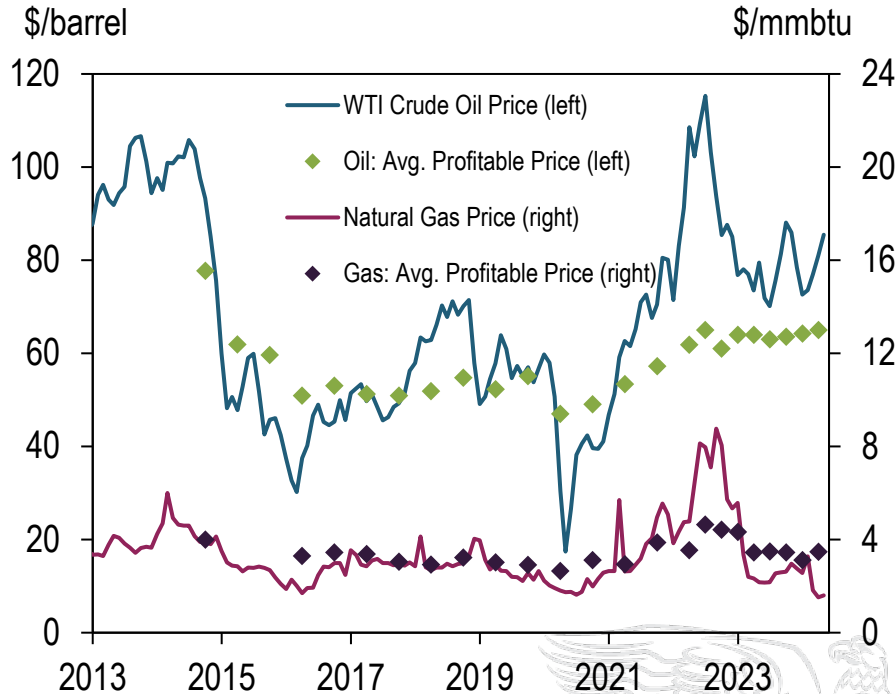


# Oil and gas drilling has fallen in Oklahoma with lower profitability, even moreso than in the nation

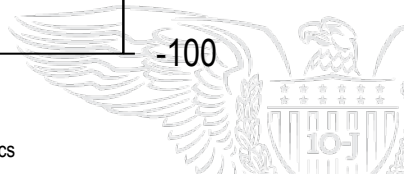
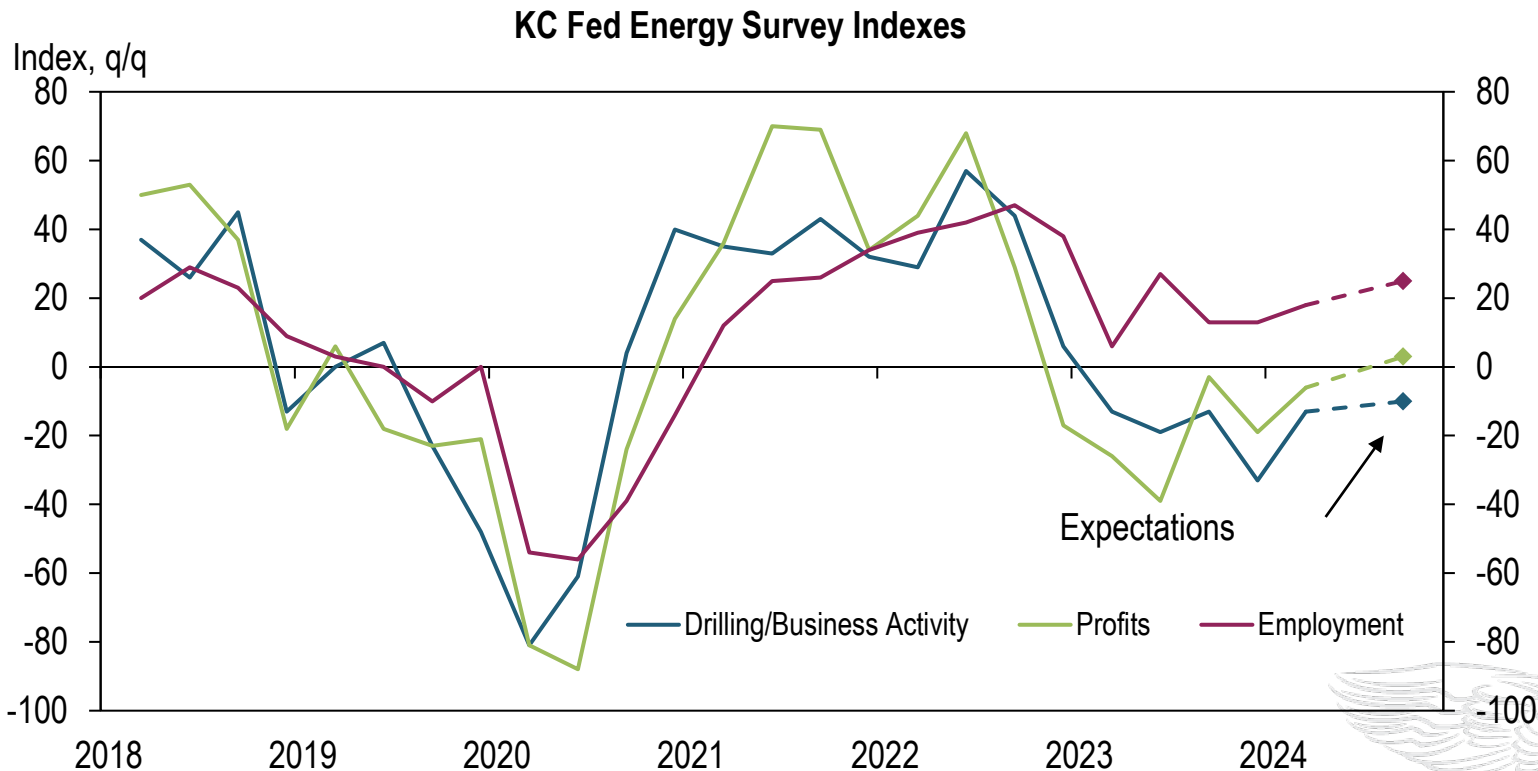
### Rig Counts



### U.S. Energy Prices

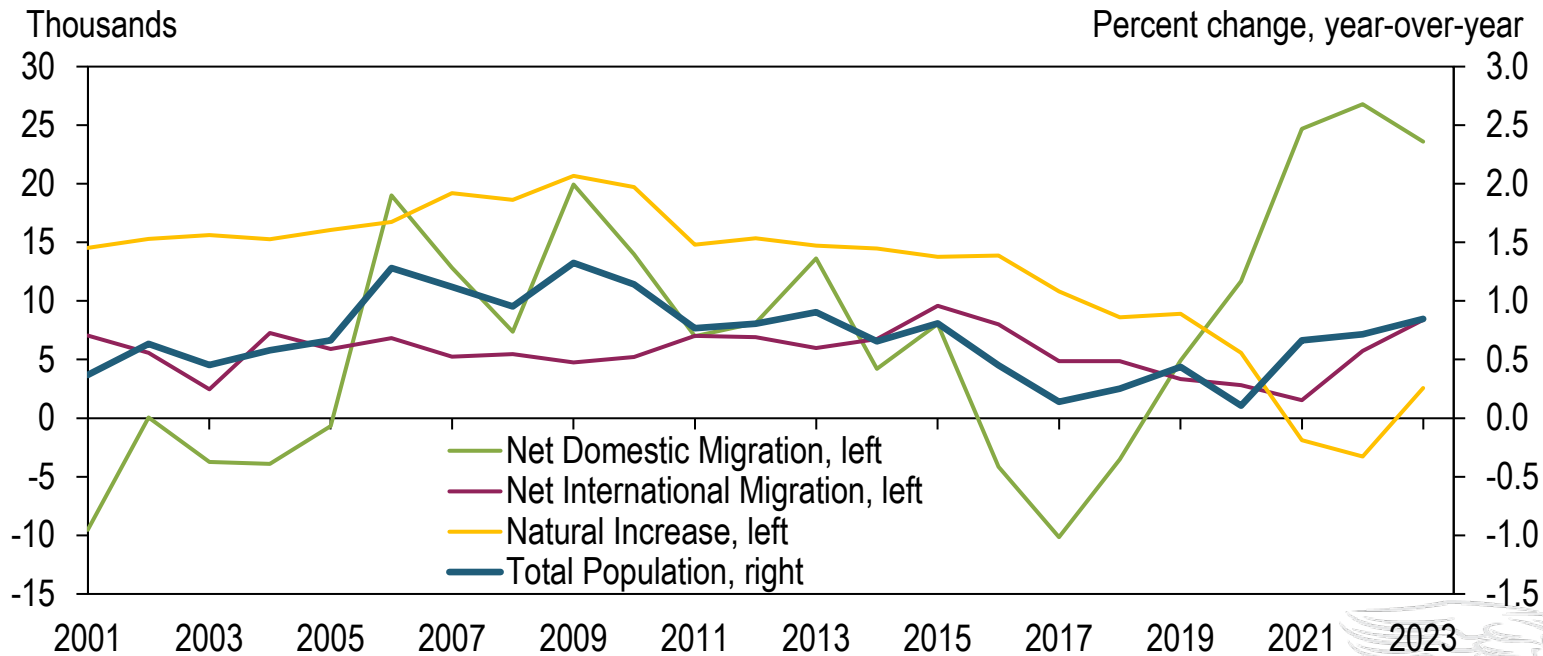


# Tenth District oil and gas activity continued to decline in Q1, and is not expected to pick up soon



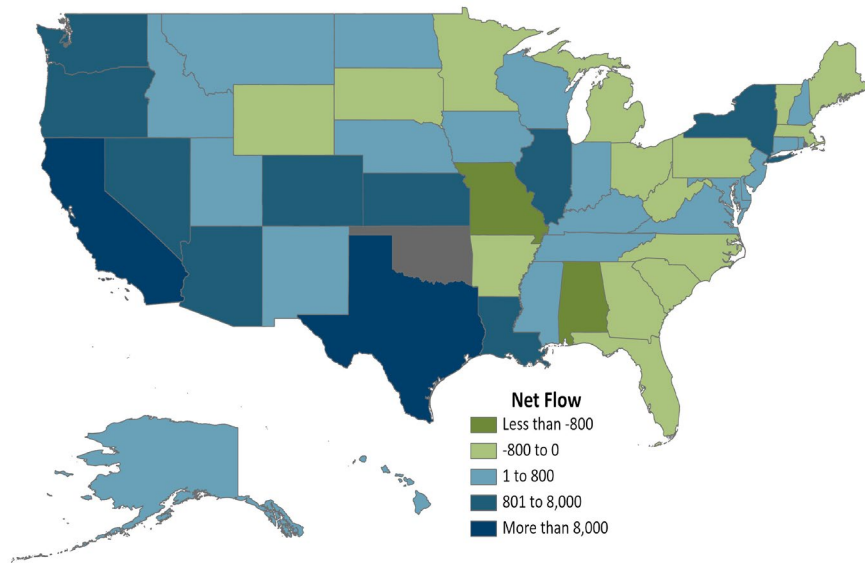
# Oklahoma's population grew in 2023 again, primarily due to elevated domestic migration, but also with increases in other components

## Oklahoma Population Change by Component

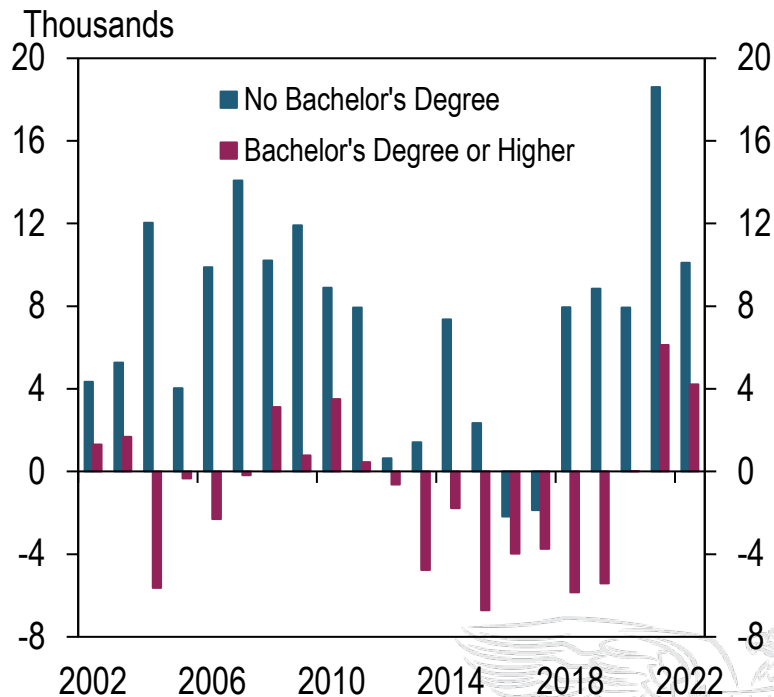


Almost all the migration to OK was from the western U.S., especially CA and TX, and the state had “brain gain” but has not yet made up losses from the 2010s

Migration to Oklahoma During 2020 - 2023

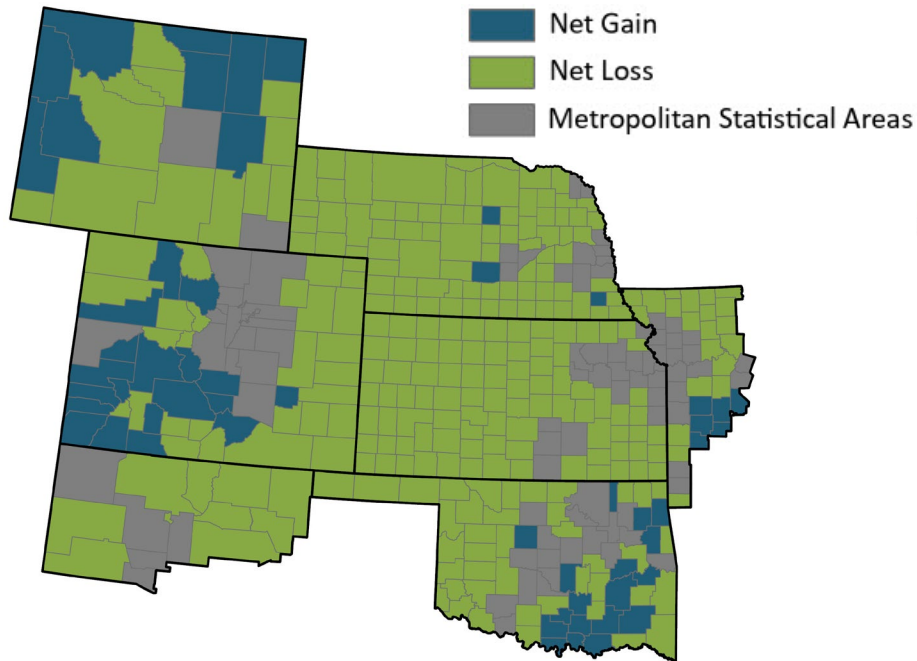


Oklahoma Net Domestic Migration by Education

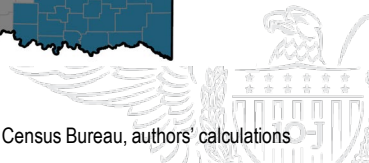
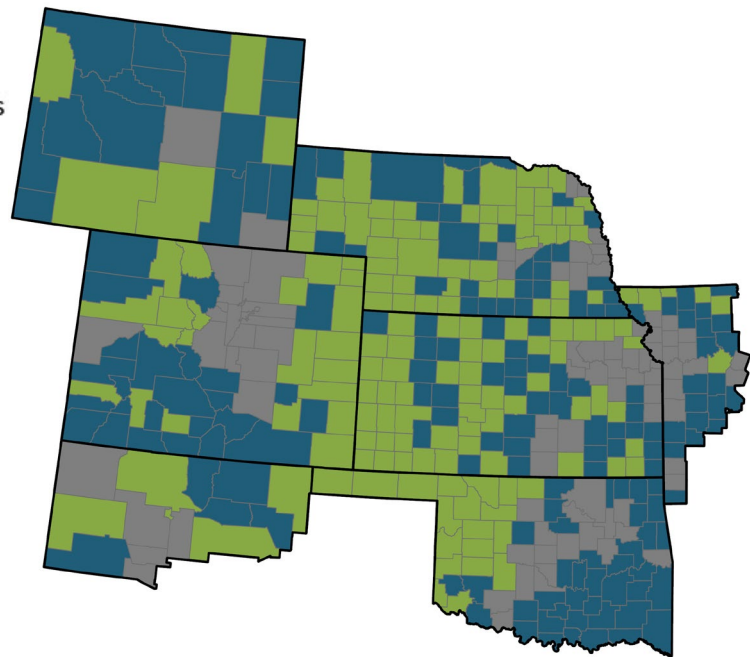


Since 2020, non-metropolitan areas in Oklahoma and nearby states experienced net inflows of new residents for the first time in two decades

Net Domestic Migration, 2000 to 2020

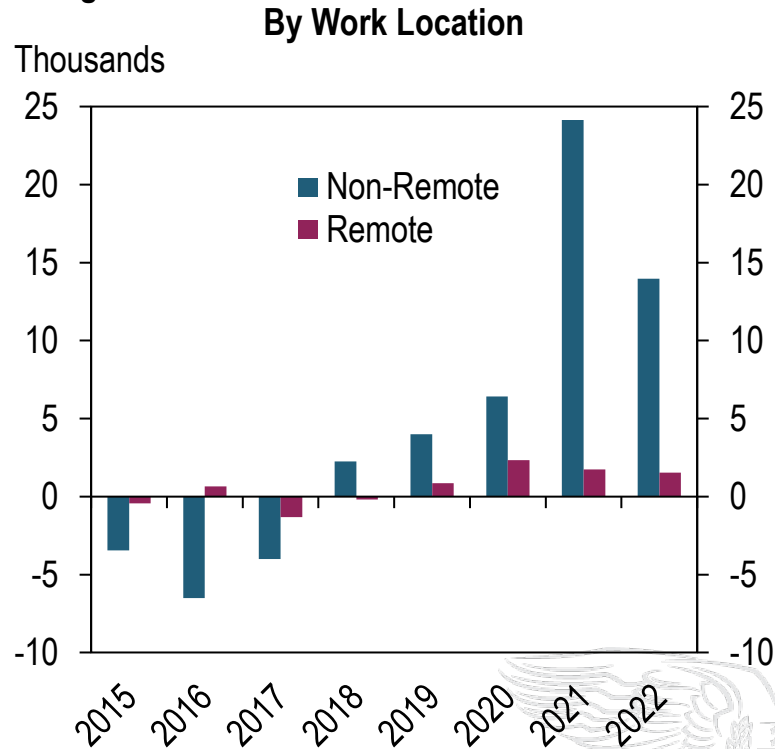
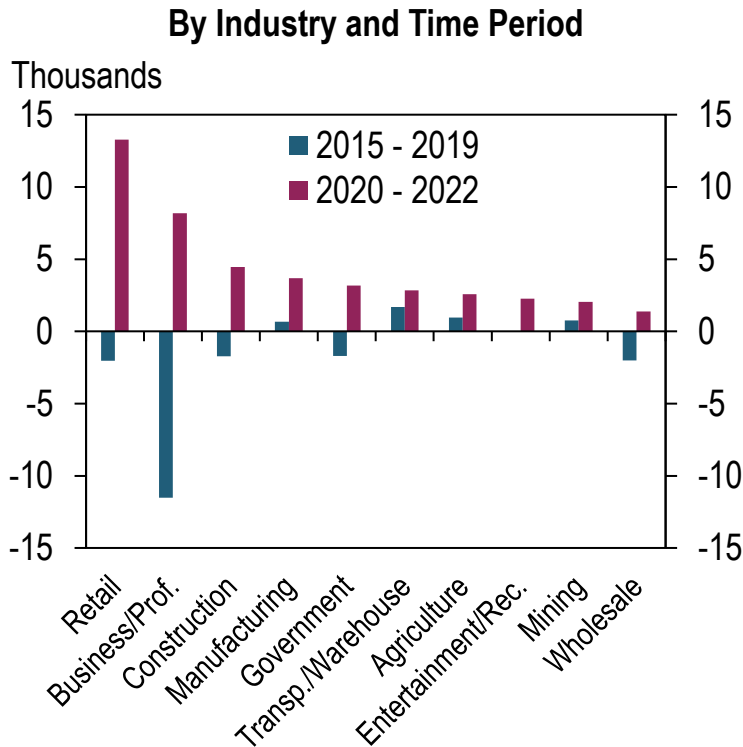


Net Domestic Migration, 2020 to 2023



# All industries and occupations had a net gain of residents since 2020, reversing some previous trends, with most workers on-site

## Oklahoma Net Domestic Migration



Note: Sample is limited to employed individuals age 25+.  
 Sources: ACS 1-year estimates/IPUMS USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org, authors' calculations

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