U.S. and Western Oklahoma Economic Update

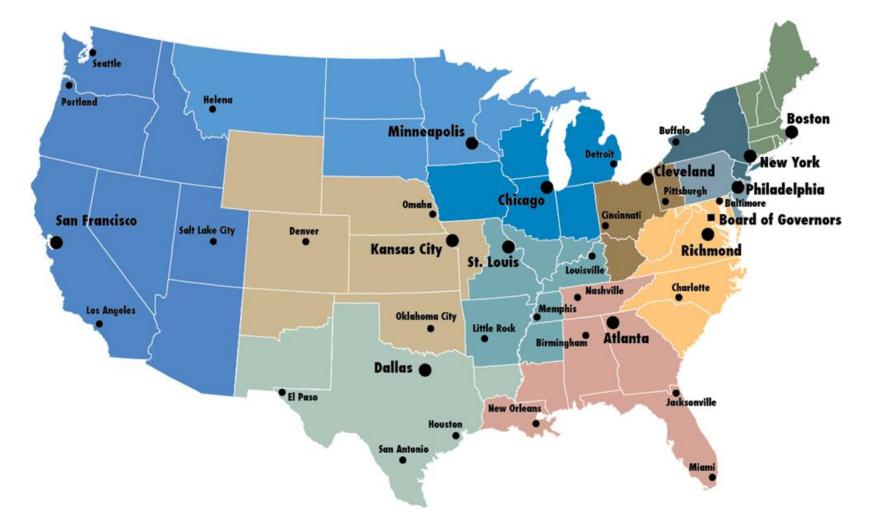
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Structure & Functions of the Federal Reserve



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

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

Functions and purposes – 45 staff

- 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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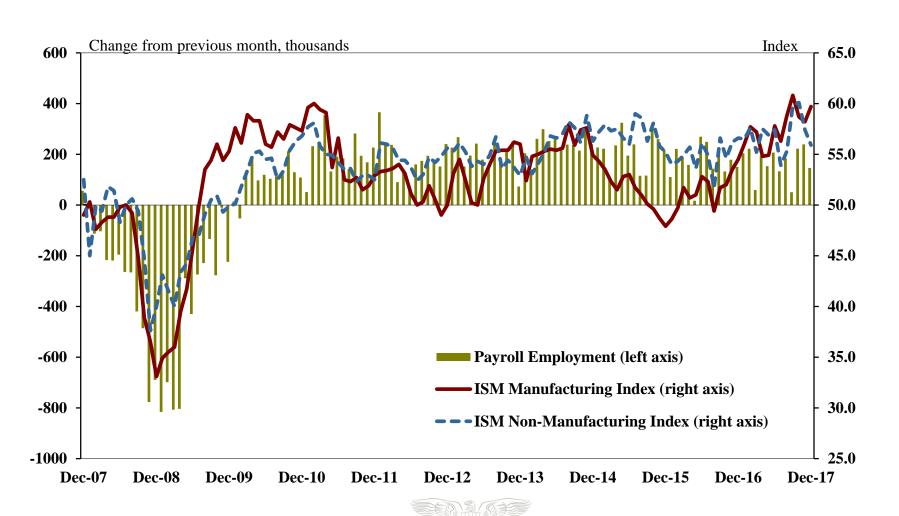
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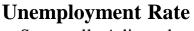
The U.S. Economy and Monetary Policy

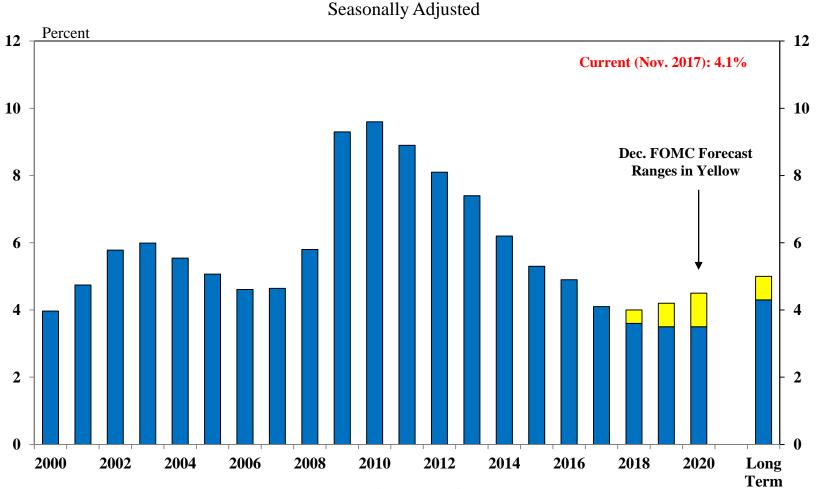
Monthly data on business activity and employment show U.S. growth remained strong in early Q4

U.S. Payroll Employment and Business Indexes



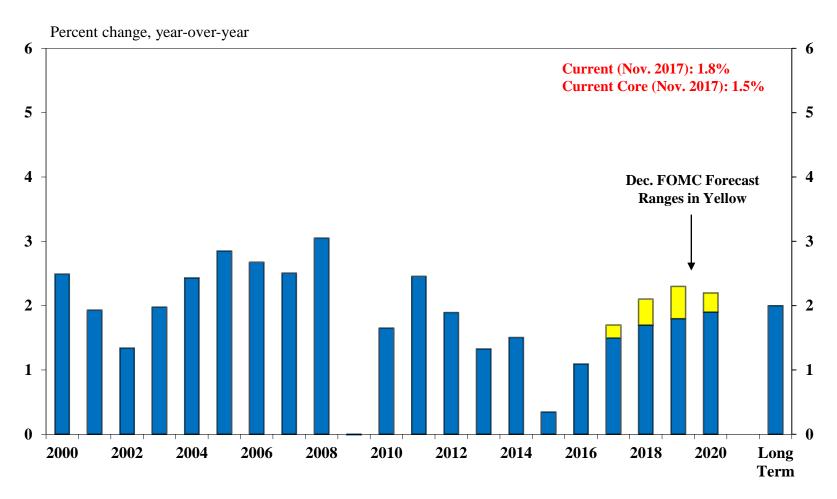
FOMC: "Averaging hurricane-related fluctuations... job gains are solid...the unemployment rate declined further."





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

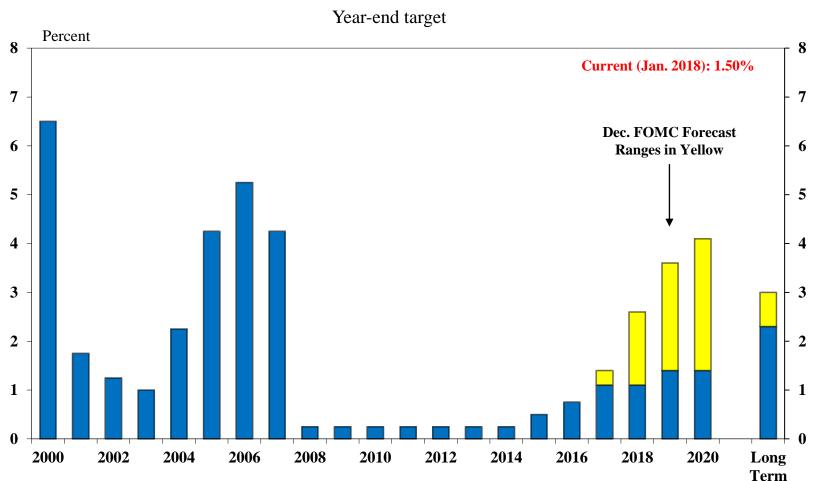
PCE Inflation Index





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

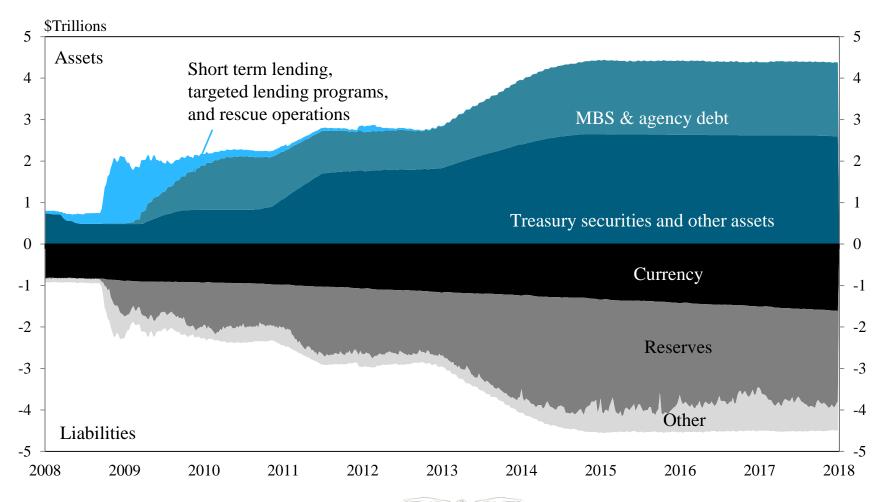
Federal Funds Rate





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

Federal Reserve Balance Sheet

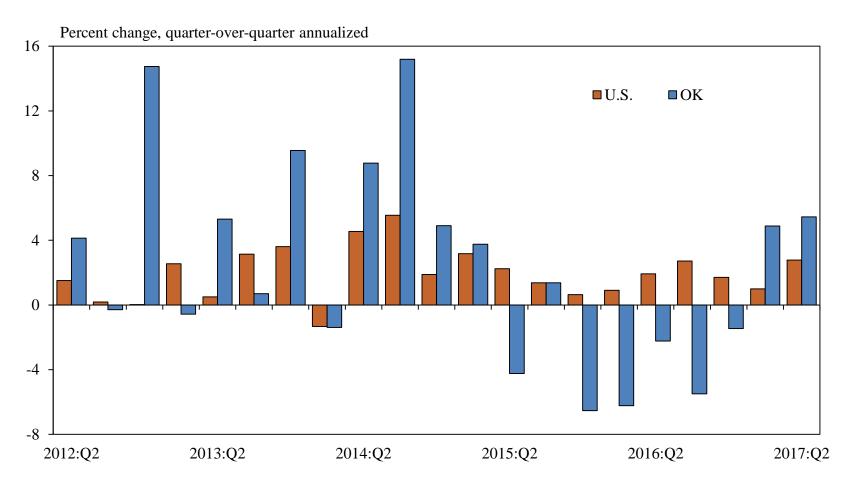


Source: Federal Reserve Board

Trends in Western Oklahoma and Statewide

Oklahoma GDP has recovered from its downturn of 2015-16, and by mid-2017 was outpacing the nation

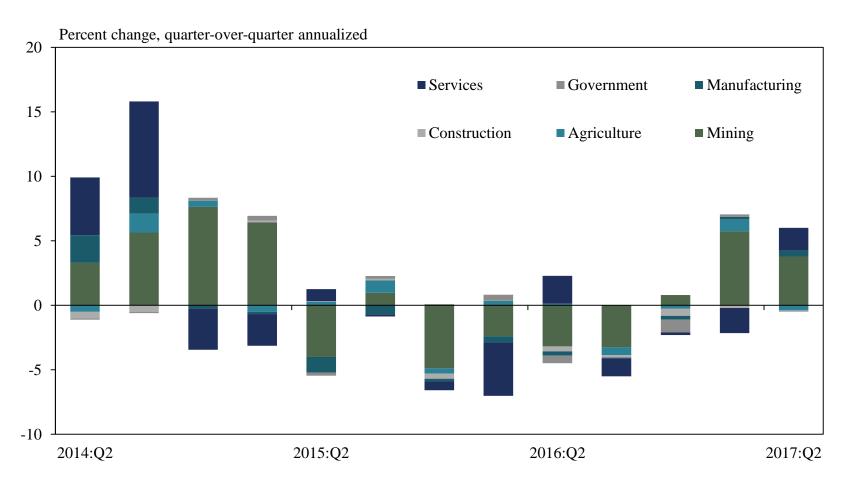
Real Gross Domestic Product





The downturn and recovery have been driven mostly by energy but by mid-2017 was fairly broad-based

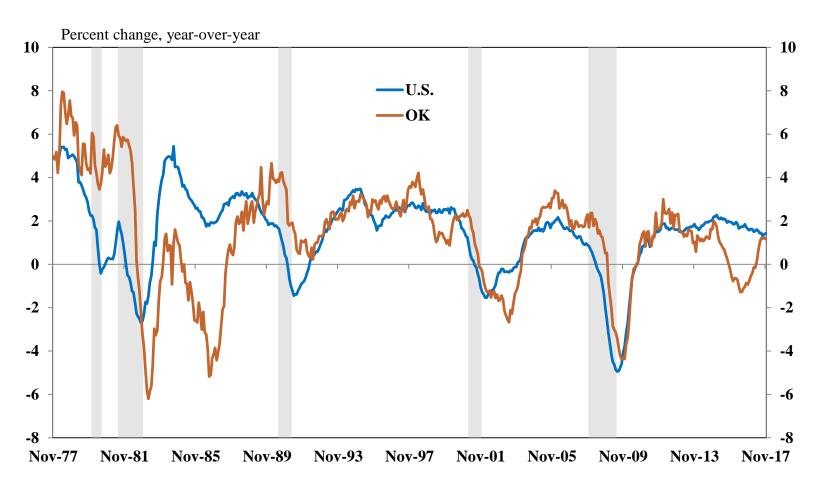
Contributions to Percent Change in Oklahoma Real GDP





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

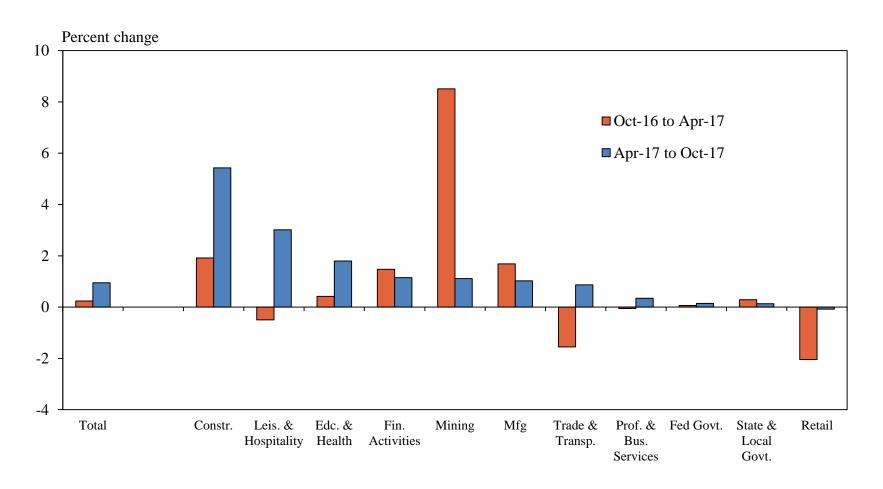
Payroll Employment Growth





Job growth has been positive in most industries, with recent growth in construction and hospitality

Oklahoma Job Growth by Industry

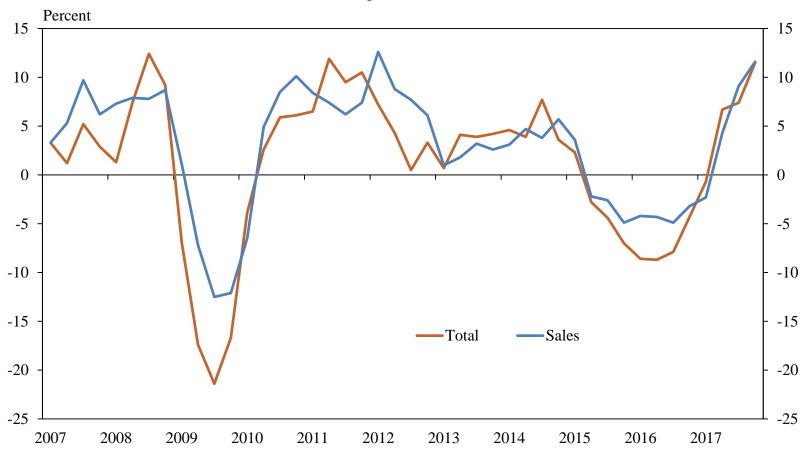




State tax revenues also improved 2017 following two tough years that remain challenges for the Legislature

Oklahoma State Tax Revenues

Q4-17 through November

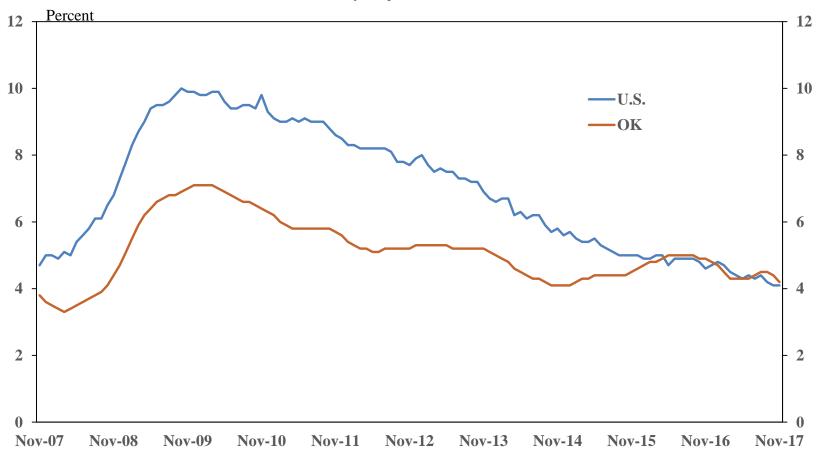




And unemployment statewide is back down to near 4 percent after rising to 5 percent in 2016

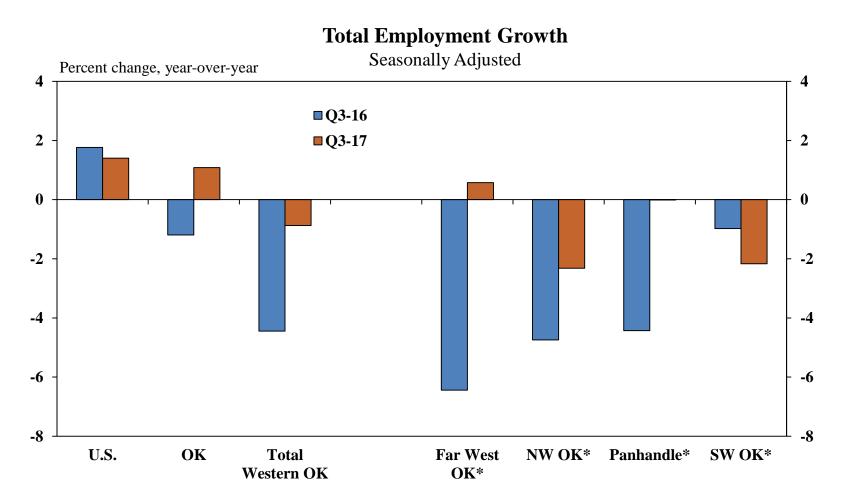
Unemployment Rates

Seasonally Adjusted





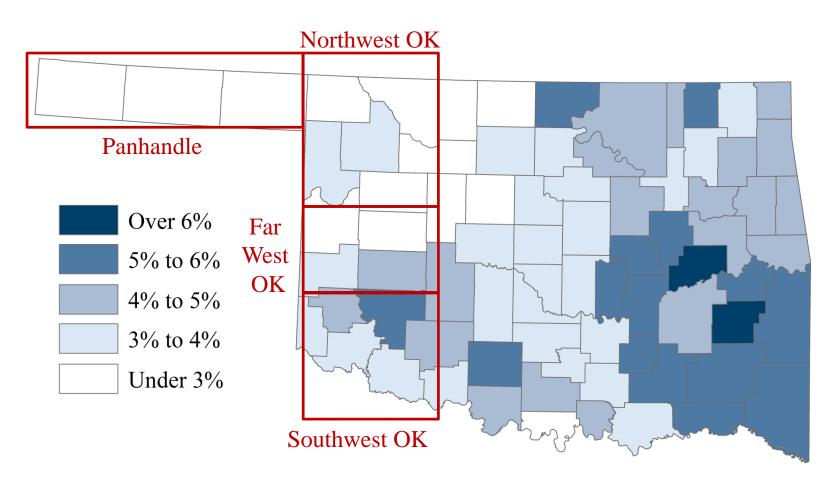
Western Oklahoma was hit hard by the downturn of 2015-16, but has also shown some improvement



*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 most of western OK is back below 5%, suggesting tight labor could be limiting growth

November 2017 Unemployment Rates



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*	OK	U.S.	Quotient	2001-2015
Mining	14.2	10.8	1.6	8.9	13.3
Transp. & Utilities	7.1	12.4	4.6	1.5	9.3
Prof. & Business Services	3.1	6.9	20.3	0.2	9
Construction	5.7	6.1	6.1	0.9	8.7
Manufacturing	6.1	8.2	10.1	0.6	7.7
Agriculture	13.8	1.6	0.8	16.6	6.1
Information	0.9	1.5	3.5	0.3	5.5
Trade	9.3	9.4	11.6	0.8	5.1
Leisure & Hospitality	2.3	3.5	4.7	0.5	3.9
State & Local Government	13.8	12.3	13.2	1.0	2.7
Financial Activities	2.3	3.4	7.1	0.3	2.1
Federal Government	5.3	5.3	3.0	1.7	1.8
Education & Health	3	10.2	13.3	0.2	1.4

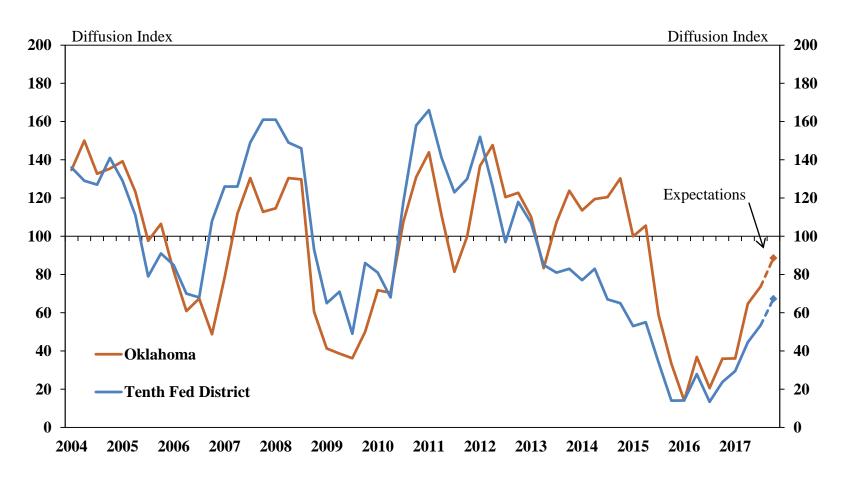
Note - Location quotient is the division of local share by national share

Numbers in red indicate industries that are at least 50% more important than in the nation

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The Oklahoma agriculture sector has shown some signs of stabilizing, with expectations improving

Farm Income Indexes

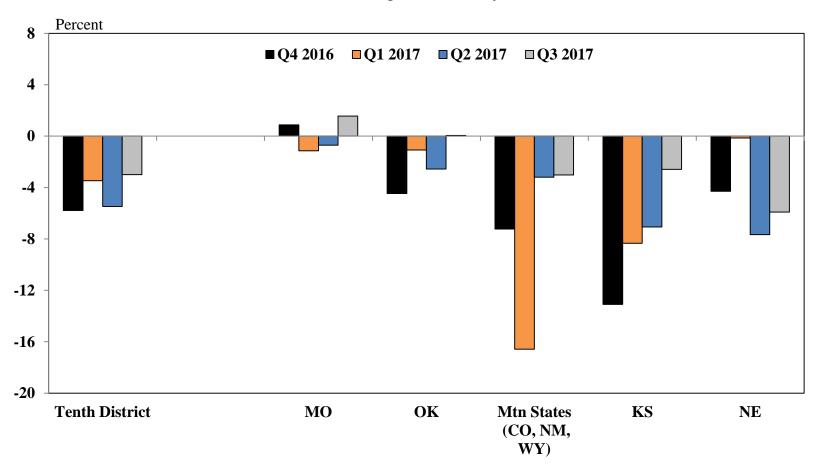




Oklahoma farmland values also stabilized in Q3 after falling slightly in previous quarters

Tenth Fed District Farmland Values

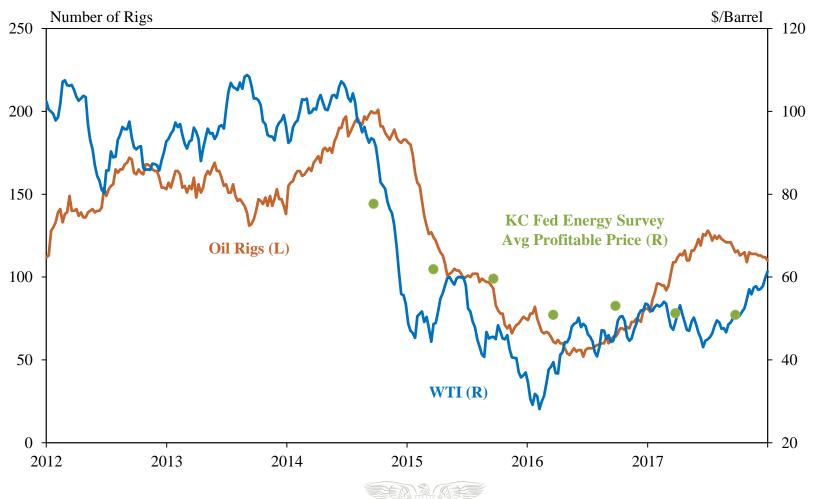
Percent Change, Year-over-year





In energy, oil prices returned to profitable levels in 2017 for most firms, helping to boost activity

WTI Spot Price vs. Oklahoma Rig Count



Summary

- The U.S. economy continues to grow and the Fed has been tightening monetary policy
- Western Oklahoma was hurt by low commodity prices in 2015-16, but has improved lately
- Stronger energy activity and some stabilization in ag have been key reasons for the rebound



Questions?

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