U.S. and Oklahoma Economic Outlook

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The U.S. Economy and Monetary Policy
U.S. GDP growth was strong in Q2, following above-trend solid growth in previous quarters.

Growth in U.S. Real GDP and Its Components

Percent change from the previous period, SAAR

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
Monthly data on U.S. business activity and also show economic growth remains strong in mid-2018
“The labor market has continued to strengthen...job gains have been strong and the unemployment rate has declined.”

Unemployment Rate
Seasonally Adjusted

Current (June 2018): 4.0%

Jun. FOMC Forecast
Ranges in Yellow

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, FOMC
“On a 12-month basis, both overall inflation and inflation for items other than food and energy have moved close to 2 percent.”
“The [FOMC] expects that further gradual increases...for the federal funds rate will be consistent with sustained expansion...”

Federal Funds Rate
Year-End Target

Current Target: 1.75-2.00%

Jun. FOMC Forecast Ranges in Yellow

Sources: Federal Reserve Board, FOMC
The Fed has also begun to reduce its balance sheet.
Trends in the Oklahoma Economy
Oklahoma GDP dropped considerably in 2015-16, after oil prices fell, but has mostly grown solidly since.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
In 2018, state job growth has matched the nation after lagging in 2015-16 the most since the 1980s.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
State job gains the past year have been led by mining (oil & gas), and most sectors have added workers.
Manufacturing activity in the Tenth Fed District has posted record highs in 2018, even with trade concerns.
The Oklahoma agriculture sector has shown some signs of stabilizing, with expectations up slightly.
Extreme drought in western Oklahoma has also eased somewhat lately, but the state mostly remains dry.
Banking conditions in Oklahoma remain very good despite the 2015-16 economic slowdown

Share of Banks Not Making a Profit
Commercial Banks

Source: FDIC
Tax revenues are also growing strongly, following revenue declines and budget cuts in recent years.

Oklahoma State Tax Revenues
Q2-18 through June

Source: OK Tax Commission
After rising in 2015-16, Oklahoma has matched the U.S. unemployment rate the past 2 years

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Unemployment is low across most of the state but remains somewhat higher in southeast OK

May 2017 Unemployment Rates

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Employment has risen in every county over the past year, but especially in western Oklahoma.
Energy remains a large share of Oklahoma GDP, though it is well below its 2014 share.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
Oil and gas production is at a record high, but with considerably fewer rigs and workers than in the past.

Note: Employment is for total mining and logging, which in Oklahoma is almost completely oil and gas related. Production is shown as a 3-month moving average.

Source: Baker Hughes, EIA/Haver Analytics
Most firms can profitably drill for oil in the areas they are active, and natural gas prices work for some firms.

Energy Survey Oil & Gas Prices

Survey ranges in orange

Survey average

$/barrel
$/million Btu

Current Price (7/31/2018) Profitable Price Substantial Increase Price Price expected in 6 months Price expected in 1 year Price expected in 2 years Price expected in 5 years
Oil (WTI)

Natural Gas (Henry Hub)

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$/barrel
$/million Btu

$71 $52 $69 $67 $70 $73 $78
$2.79 $2.92 $3.60 $2.85 $2.90 $3.05 $3.34

Source: FRBKC Energy Survey
Summary

- The U.S. economy continues to grow despite headwinds, and the Fed has been raising rates.
- The state and local economies were hurt by low commodity prices, but now are growing solidly.
- Strong productivity growth in the oil and gas sector could potentially limit future job growth.
Questions?

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