

# U.S. and Oklahoma Economic Outlook

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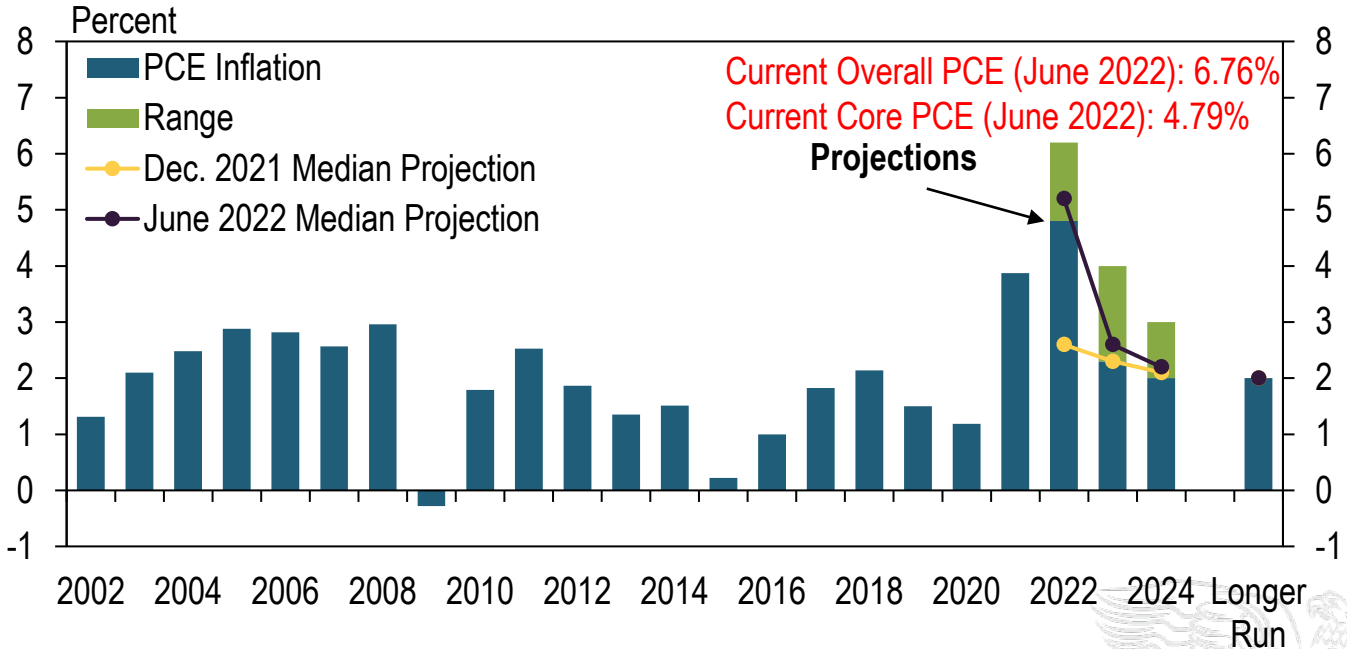
# Overview

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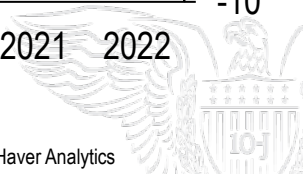
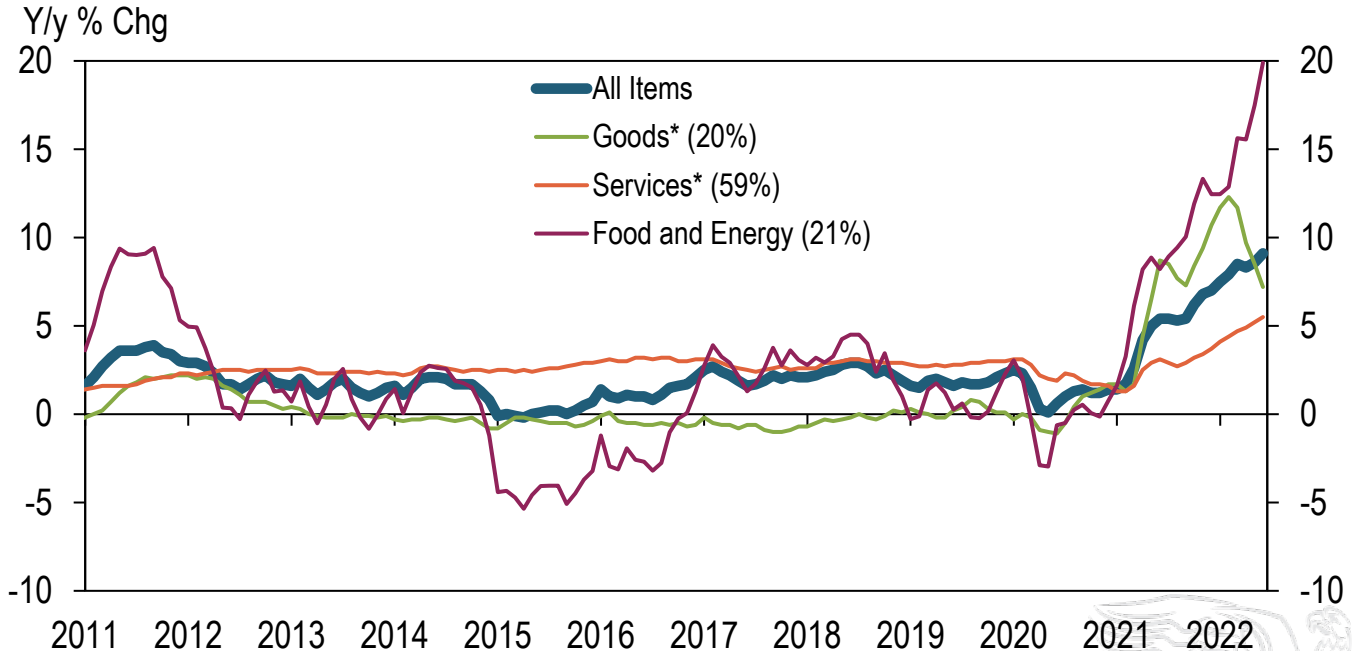
# Inflation has moved well above the Fed's 2% target but is expected to ease heading forward

PCE Inflation Index



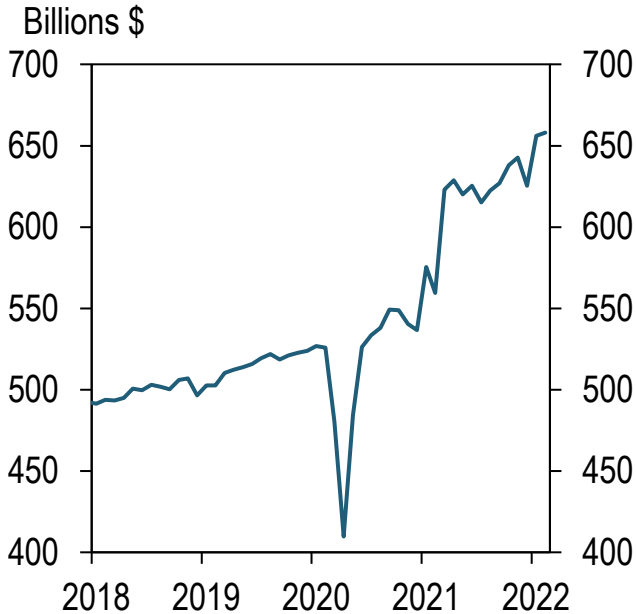
# CPI inflation rose again in June to 9.1%, the highest rate in around 40 years

## Consumer Price Index

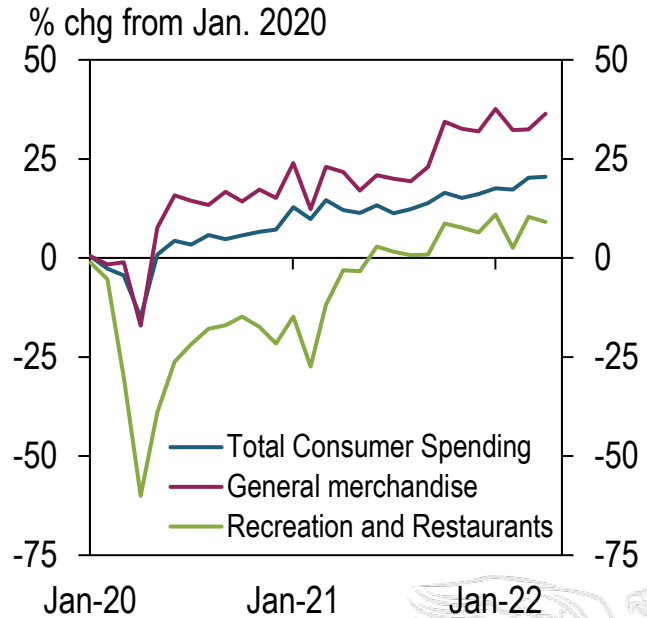


# Why is inflation high? Demand has been strong

## U.S. Retail Sales and Food Services



## Oklahoma Consumer Spending

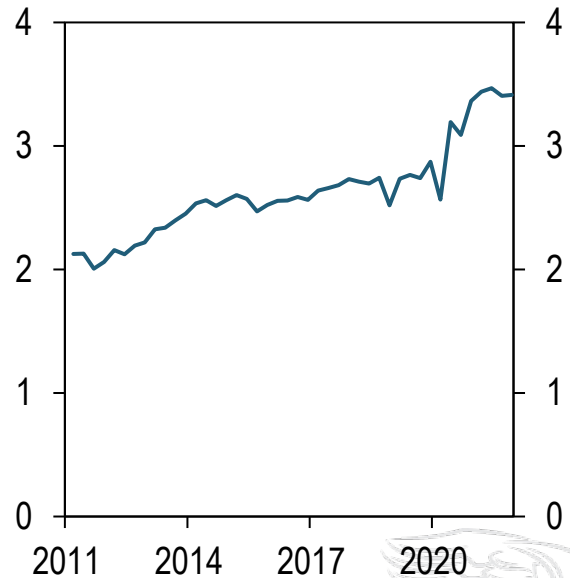


# Demand has been supported by rising wages and healthy household balance sheets

U.S. Wage Growth



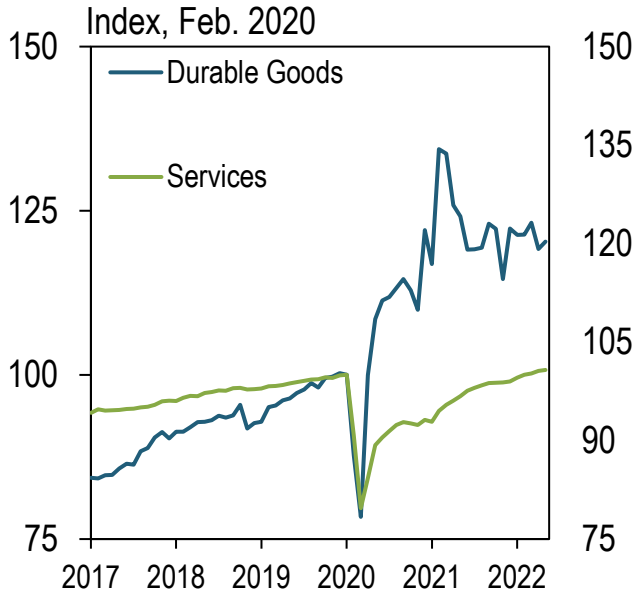
U.S. Household Net Worth/GDP



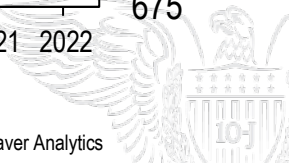
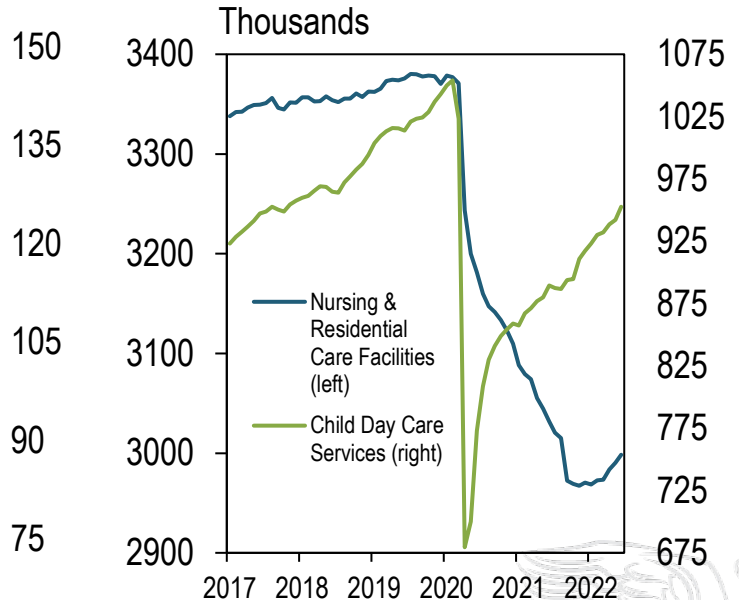


# Why is inflation high? Supply is constrained by a shift in consumption and disruptions to labor supply

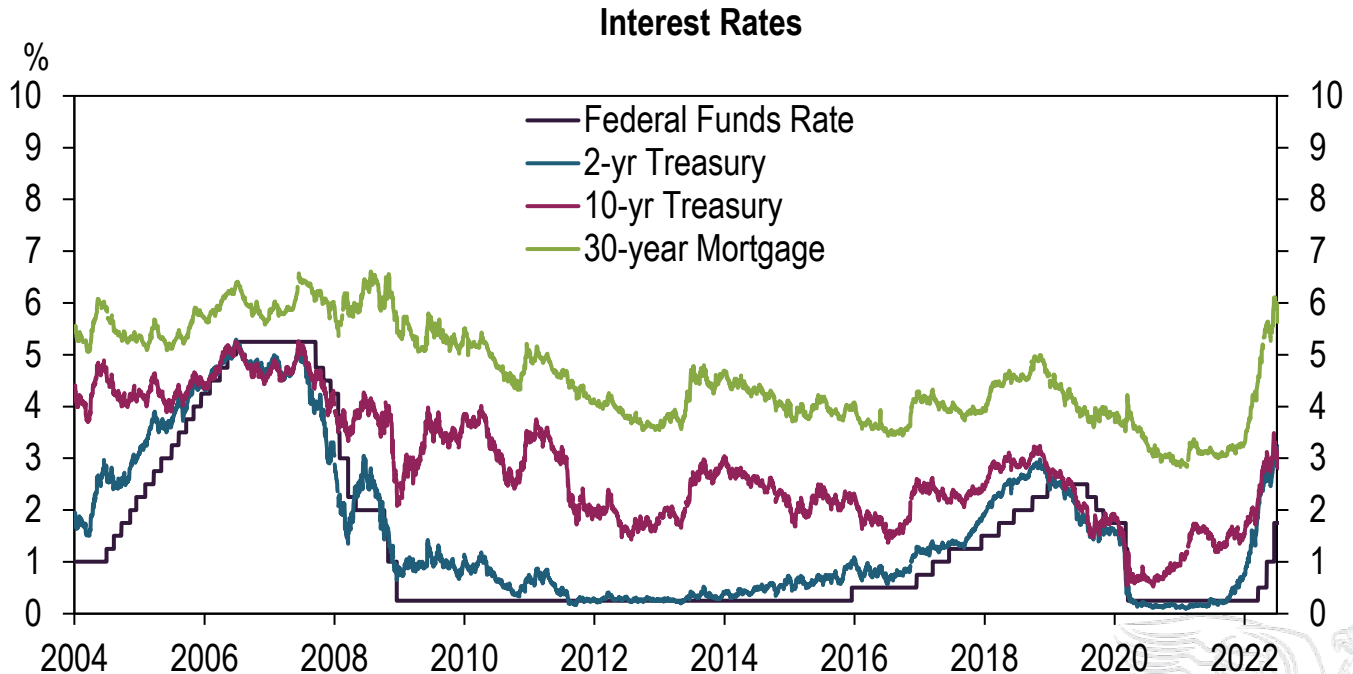
### U.S. Consumption



### U.S. Employment

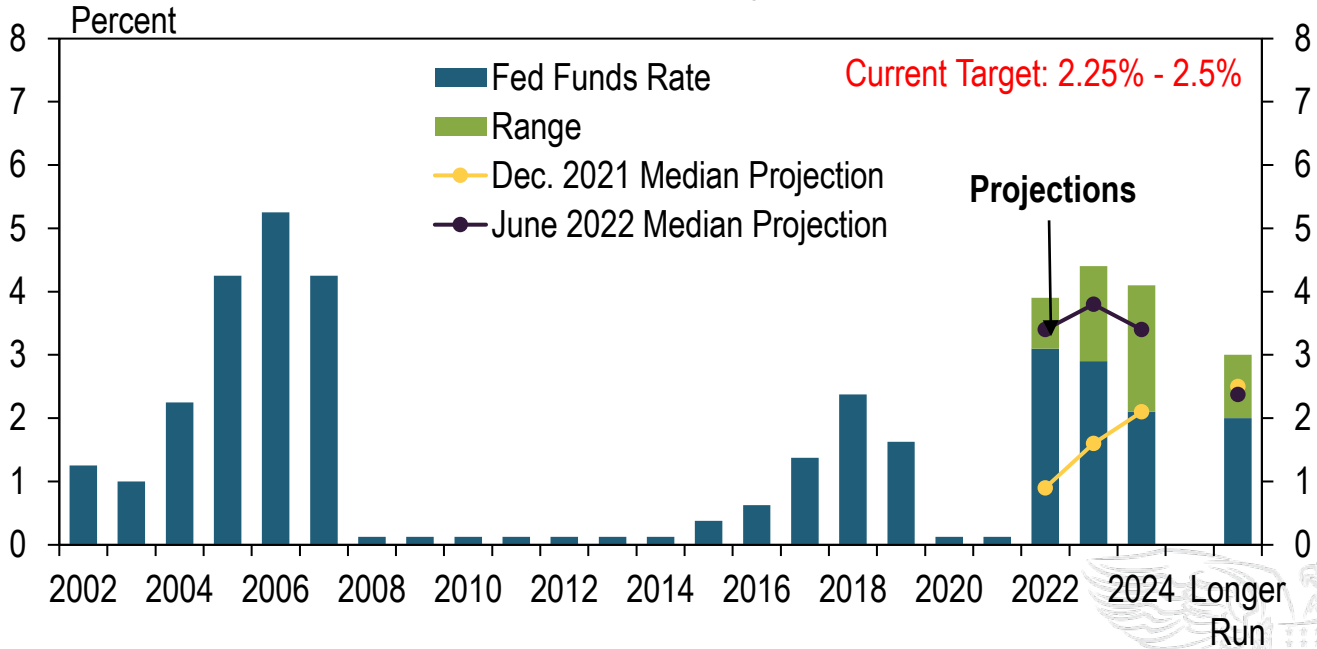


# Interest rates have increased this year, with 30-year mortgage rates now at the highest level since 2008



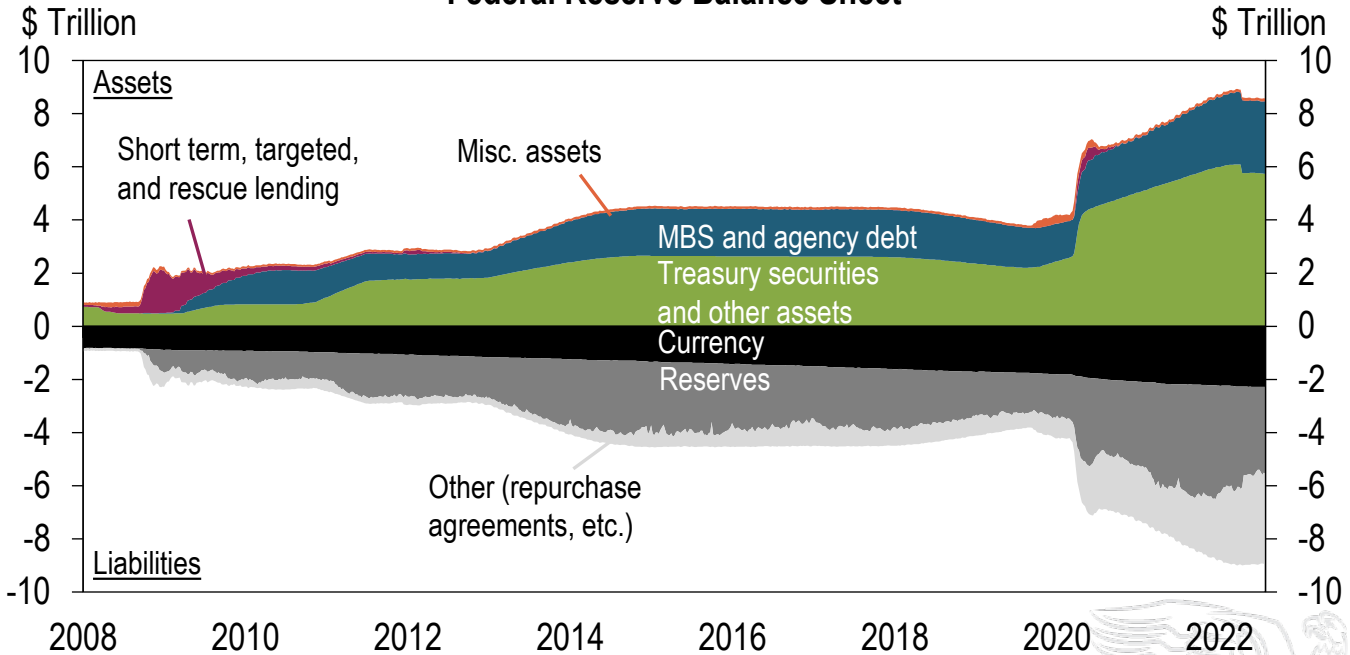
# The Fed raised rates 75 bp in July, with more rate increases expected in 2022 and 2023

Federal Funds Rate  
Year-End Target



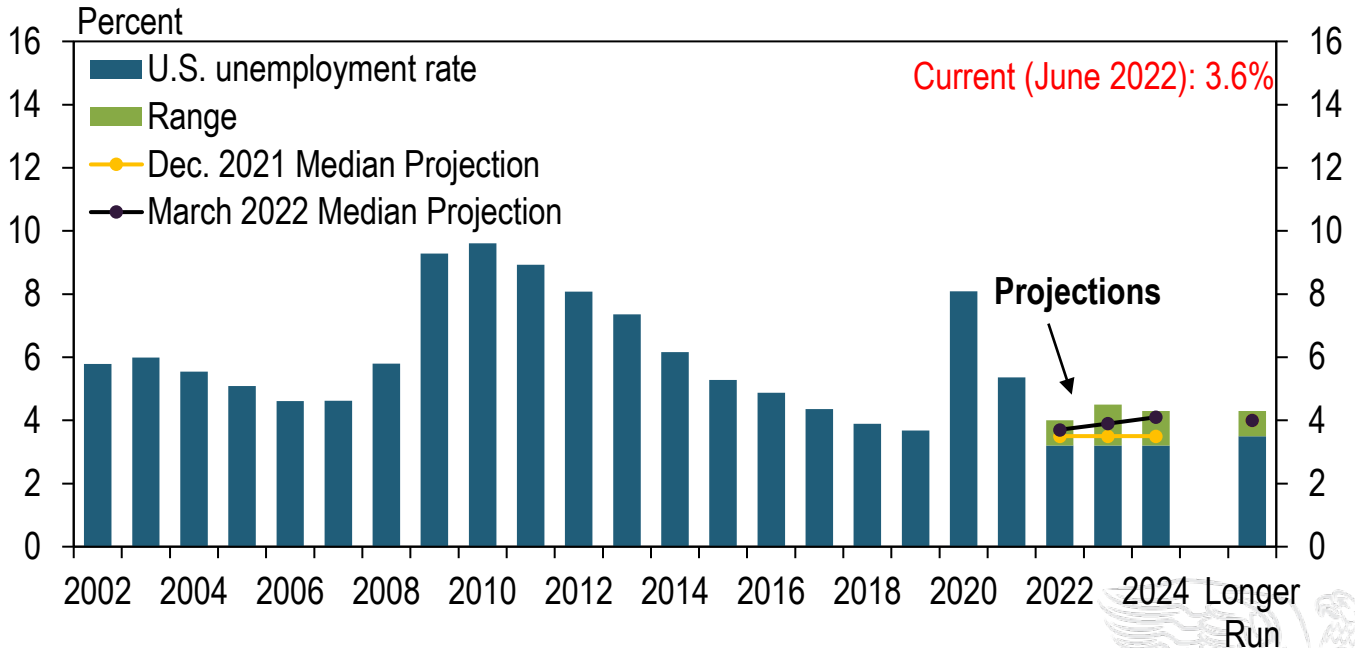
# The Fed also plans to reduce its balance sheet more moving forward

Federal Reserve Balance Sheet



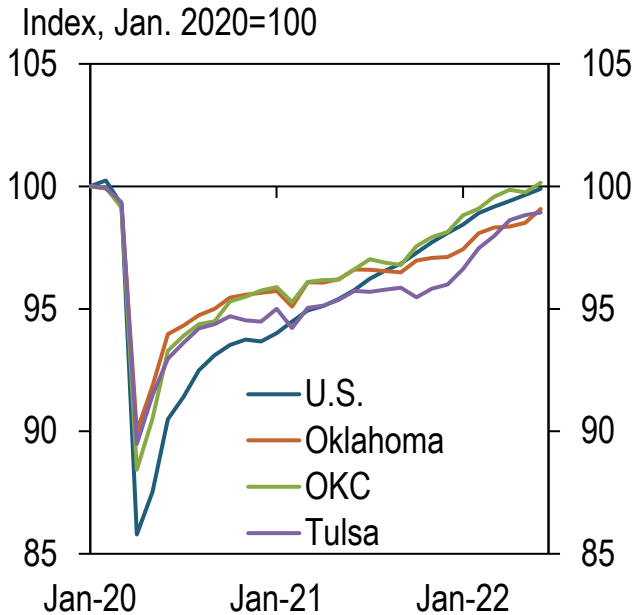
# U.S. unemployment remains historically low and is projected to remain very low in coming years

## U.S. Unemployment Rate

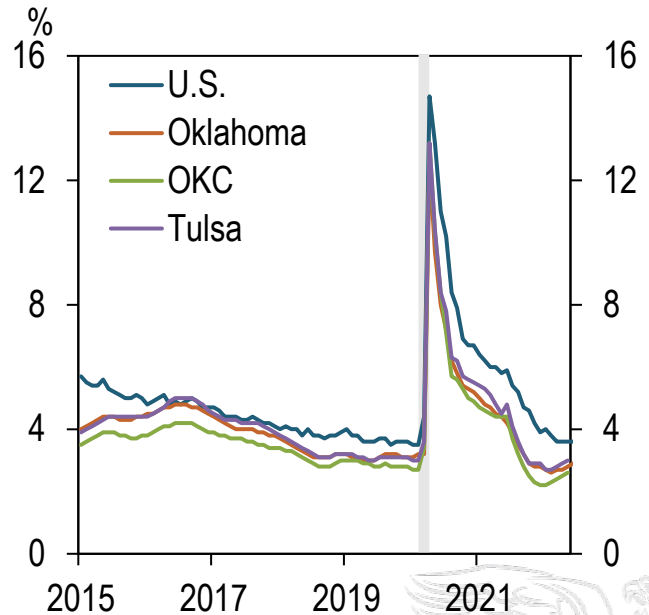


# Oklahoma City jobs are at pre-COVID levels while other areas continue to lag, despite low unemployment rates

## Non-Farm Payroll Employment

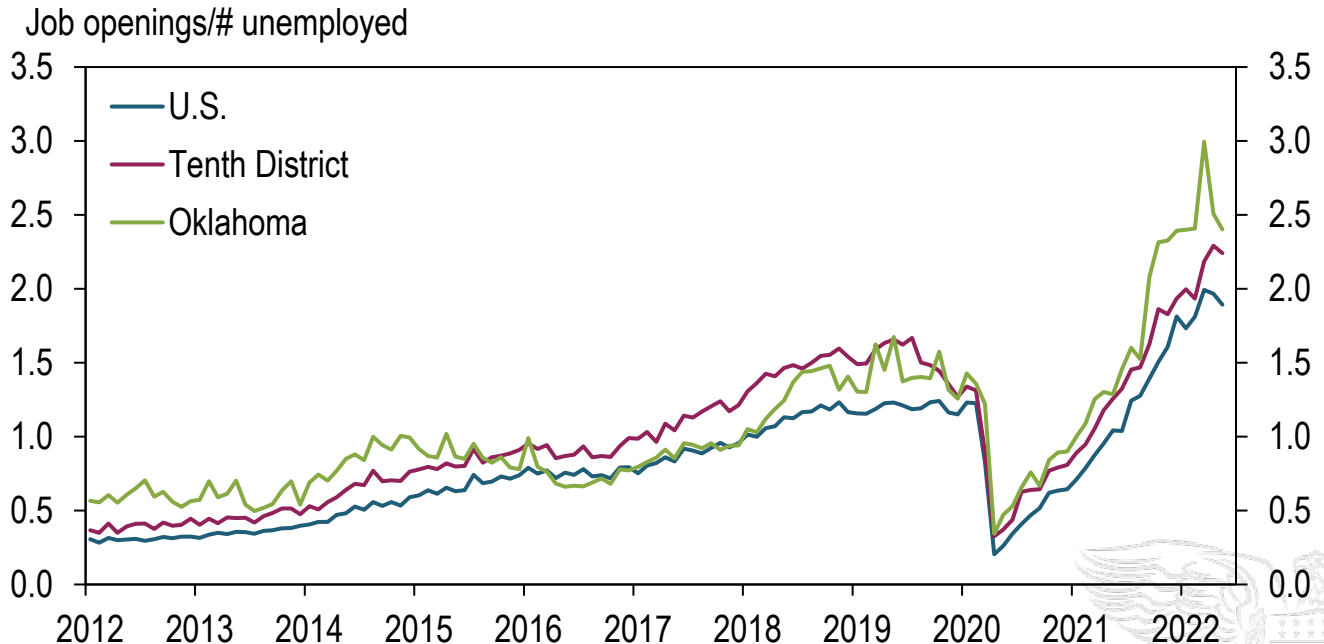


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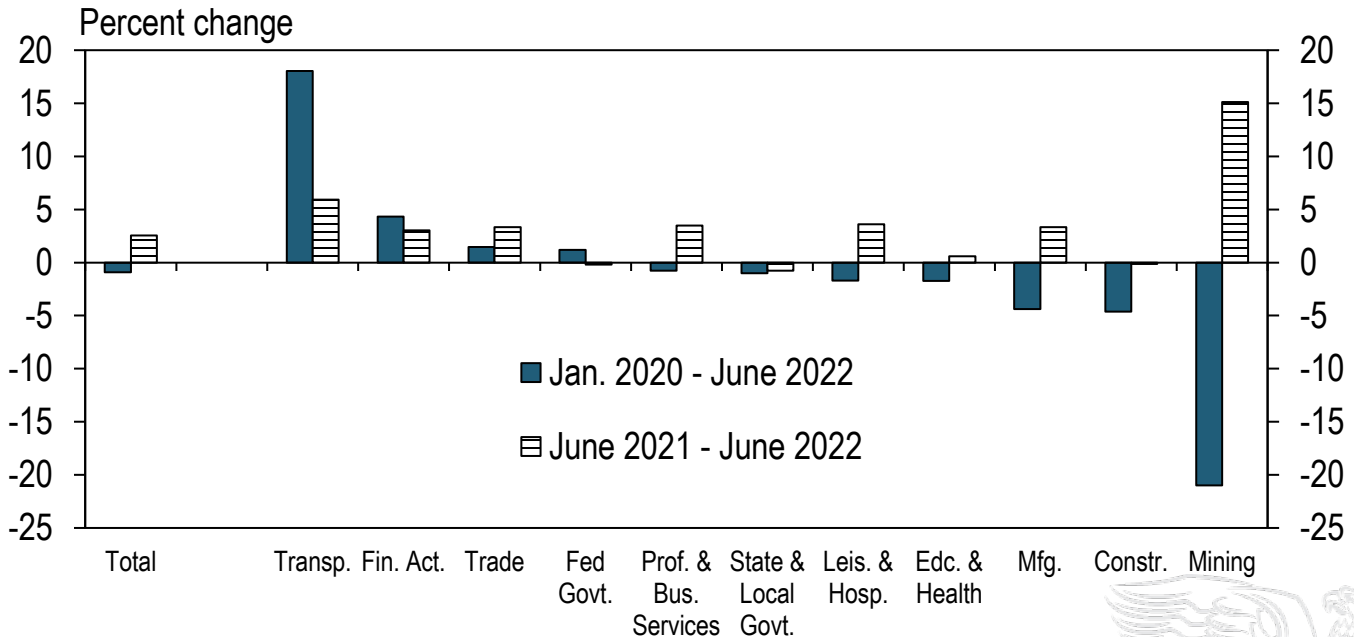
# The number of job openings greatly exceeds the number of unemployed workers

## Job Openings/Unemployment Ratios



# Energy and manufacturing jobs in Oklahoma are still down compared to pre-pandemic, but have grown

## Oklahoma Job Growth by Industry

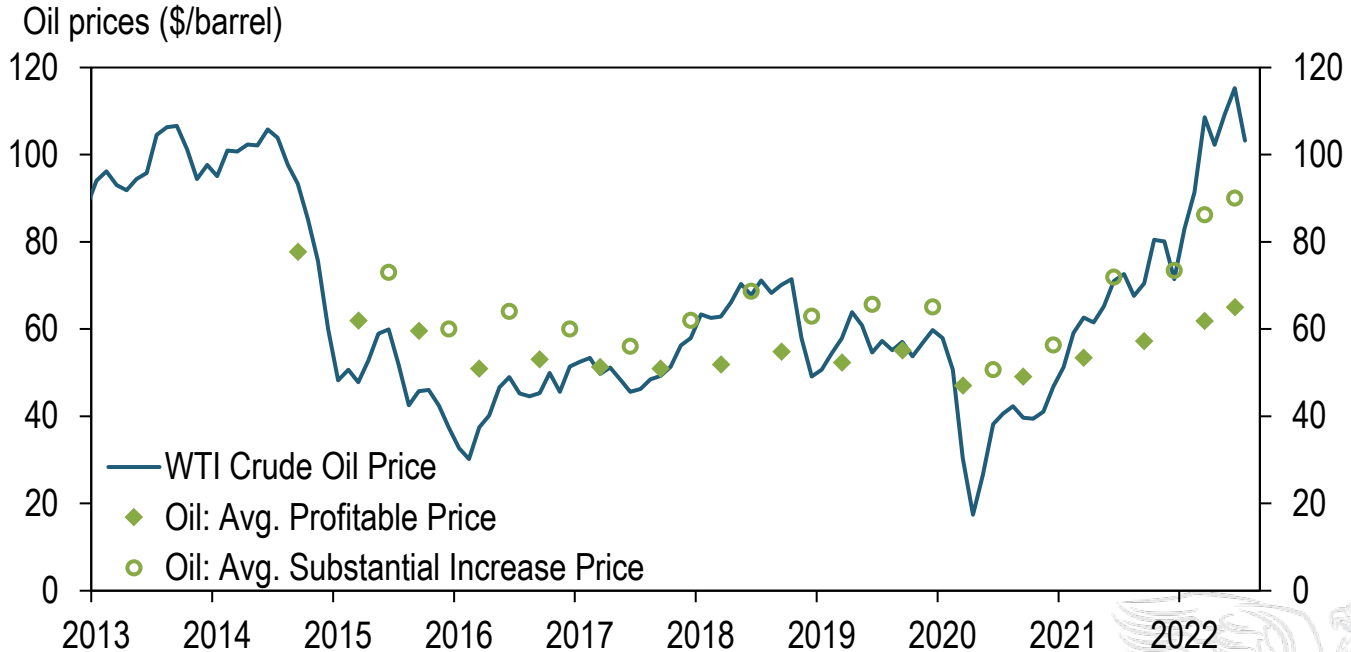






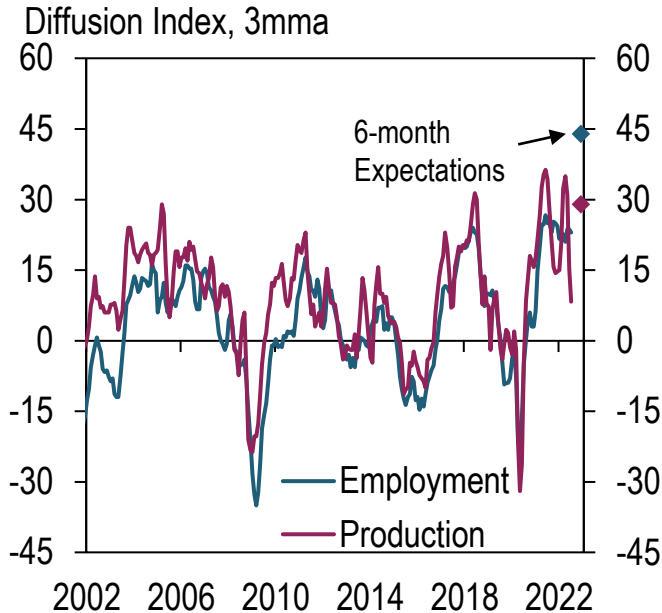
# Oil prices have risen considerably, and remain highly profitable for most regional firms

Energy Prices

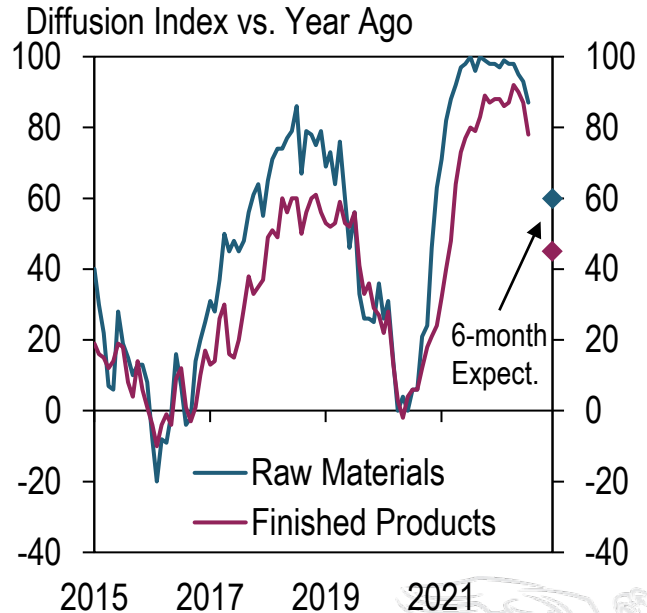


# Regional factory activity has remained strong, with expectations for more growth despite high prices

### KC Fed Manufacturing Survey

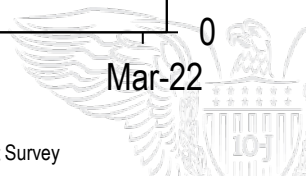
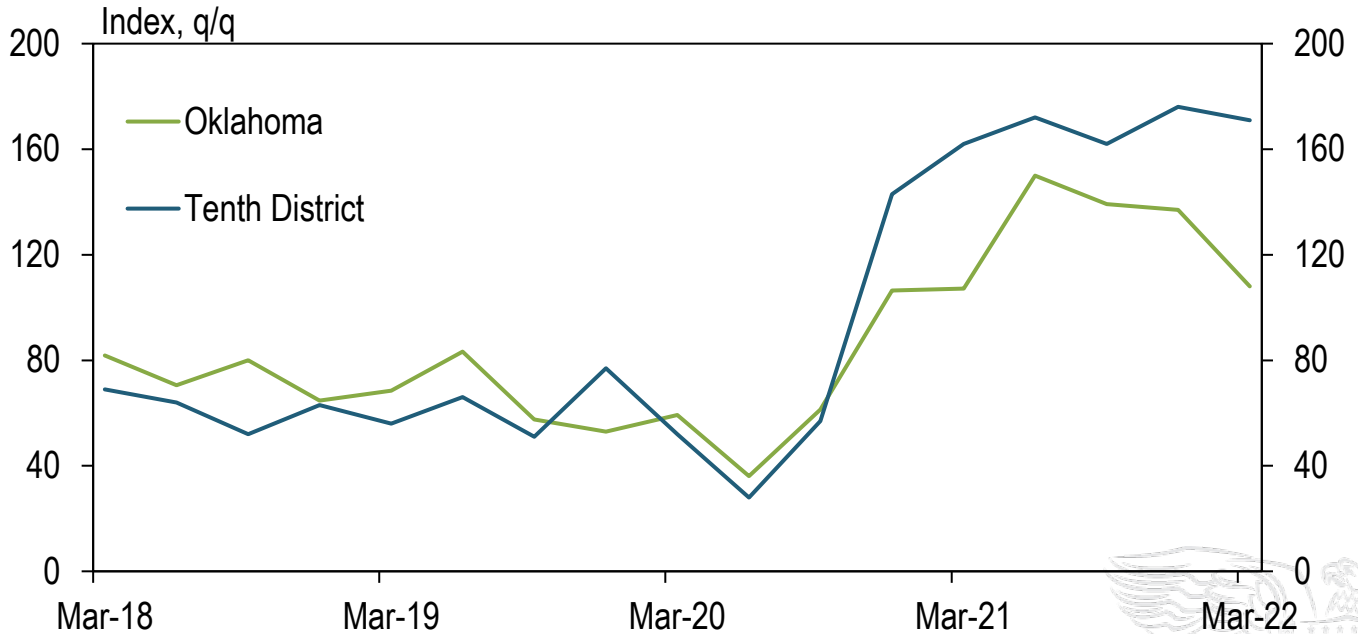


### Manufacturing Survey Price Indexes



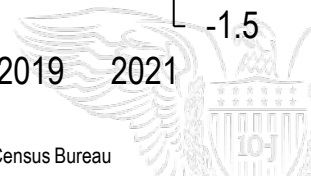
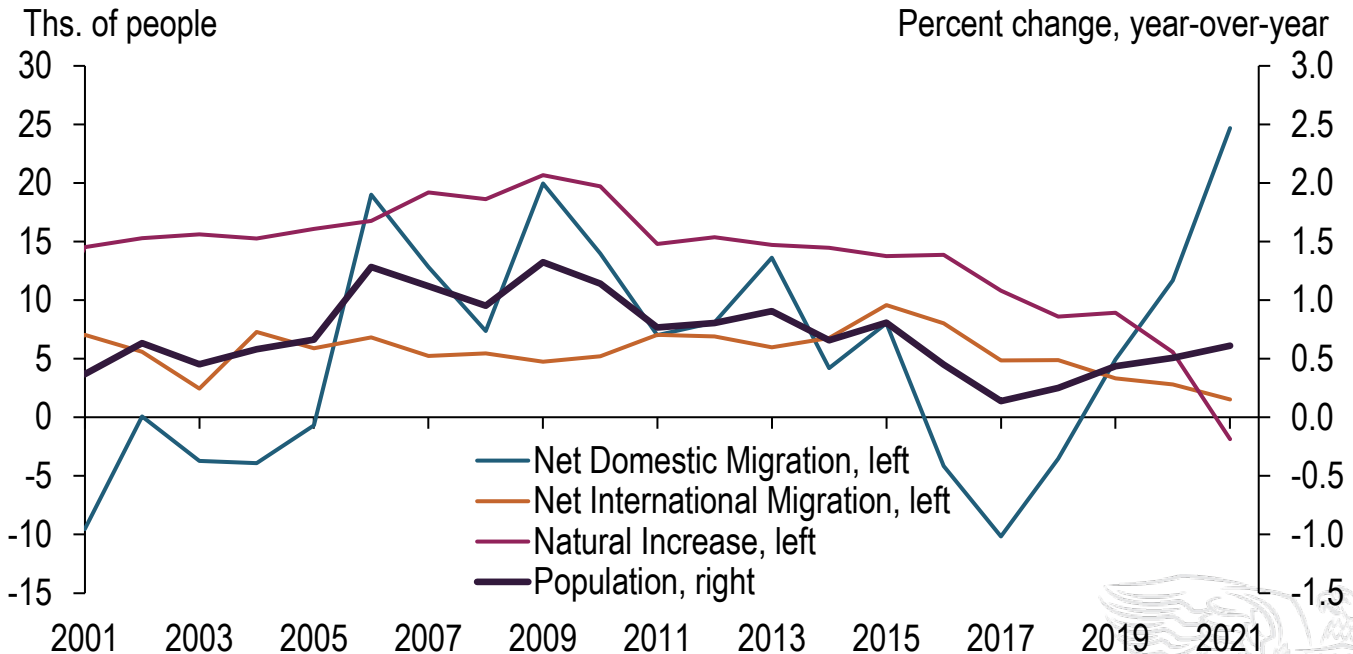
# Oklahoma farm income growth has lagged the rest of the region

Farm Income



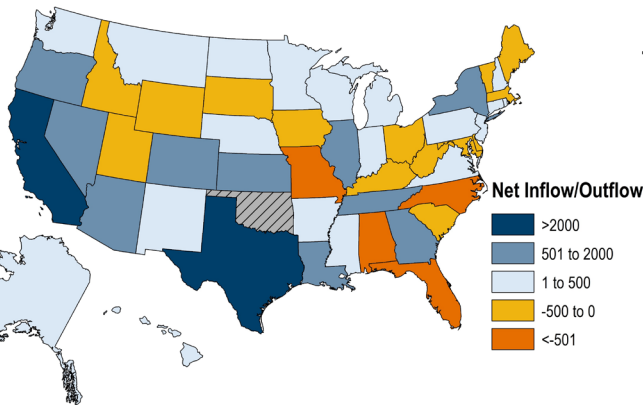
# Oklahoma's population grew in 2021, despite a historic increase in deaths, due to massive in-migration

Oklahoma Population Changes by Component, 2001-2021

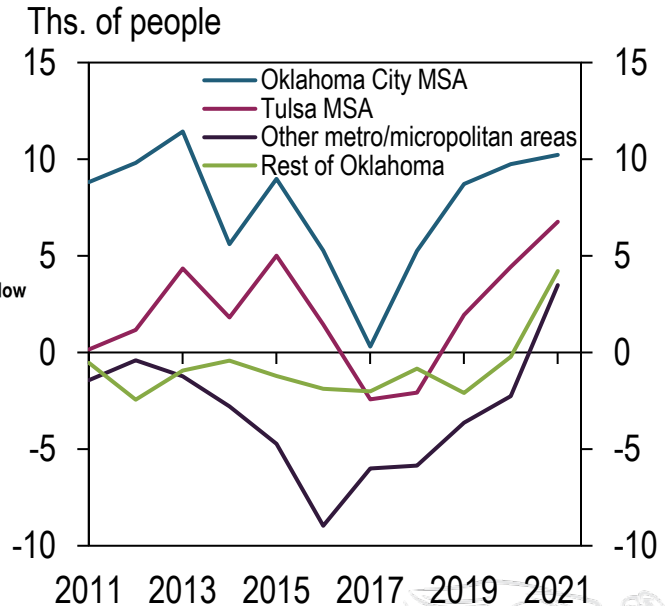


# Many people moved to OK from CA and TX, mostly to the metros but some other parts of the state, too

Net Domestic Migration to Oklahoma  
2020 and 2021



Oklahoma Net Domestic Migration



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