Oklahoma Economic Outlook

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- Monetary policy
- Bank regulation
- Financial services
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  1) Maximum employment
  2) Price stability

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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

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Overview

• Since March, COVID-19 and the collapse in oil prices have presented significant challenges for the state economy.

• In April, employment in leisure and hospitality and most other industries fell sharply. Tax collections decreased, and unemployment continued to surge. Rig counts dropped further in May and energy prices remain low.

• However, state economic activity is starting to pick back up and a strong national policy response should help during the storm.
Since March, cases of COVID-19 spread rapidly across the nation, and cases in Oklahoma have risen.

Confirmed Cases

- **U.S.: 0.54%**
- **OK: 0.16%**

Number of New Cases

Source: The COVID Tracking Project
In Oklahoma, job growth fell by 8.7% in April, with similar sharp drops in OKC and Tulsa.
State and metro job losses were very steep in April in the leisure and hospitality sector, but less than the U.S.

Job Growth by Industry
April 2020

Percent change, year-over-year

U.S.  OK  OKC  Tulsa

Note: March BLS establishment and household surveys ran March 8-14.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics
April tax receipts fell considerably compared with a year ago, in part because the April 15 due date was delayed.

Oklahoma Monthly Tax Revenues

Percent change, year-over-year

Source: OK Tax Commission
Oklahoma’s unemployment rate jumped to 13.7% in April, slightly below the U.S. rate of 14.7%
New state claims for unemployment insurance have come down some in May, but remain historically high.

Weekly Initial UI Claims
Through Week Ending May 23, 2020

Source: U.S. Department of Labor
Regional factory activity continued to decline in May, but not as sharply compared to last month’s record low.
District services activity also decreased at a slower pace in May.
Traffic at restaurants has started to pick back up, as has employment at small businesses in Oklahoma.

Seated Diners at Restaurants

Percent Change in Hourly Employees in Small Businesses

Sources: Homebase, OpenTable, Opportunity Insights
Most firms have experienced ongoing supply chain disruptions and losses in productivity

FRBKC May Survey Special Question: Is your firm experiencing any of the following as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (please check all that apply)?

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Source: FRBKC Surveys
More than 2/3rds of firms indicated they could survive on current revenue levels for over a year

FRBKC May Survey Special Question: If current revenues were to continue, how long could your firm survive?

- Manufacturing
- Services

Source: FRBKC Surveys
Most firms expect business activity to rebound within a year once restrictions are lifted, and some have already

FRBKC May Survey Special Question: Once restrictions are lifted, how much time do you anticipate will be necessary for business activity at your firm to return to the level of activity that existed prior to the emergence of COVID-19?

Source: FRBKC Surveys
Oklahoma’s main difference from the nation in terms of industrial structure is its very sizable energy sector.
Energy prices have rebounded somewhat, but remain below profitable levels for most regional firms.

![Oil & Natural Gas Profitability and Prices](image)

Sources: EIA, FRBKC Energy Survey
Forecasts for world oil demand have weakened dramatically, following the coronavirus outbreak.
Rig counts in Oklahoma and other energy states have decreased dramatically as firms started well shut-ins.

May 29, 2020 Rig Count Change from a Year Ago

Source: Baker Hughes/Haver Analytics
Energy firms expect solvency issues to grow considerably if prices stay low very long

FRBKC Q1 2020 Energy Special Question: If the WTI price of oil were to stay at $30/bbl or $40/bbl for an extended period of time, what share of firms in your industry would remain solvent (in the time periods referenced below)?

EIA May 12 WTI forecast:
- $30.10/bbl in 2020
- $43.31/bbl in 2021
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