U.S. & Oklahoma Economic Outlook With a Focus on Housing



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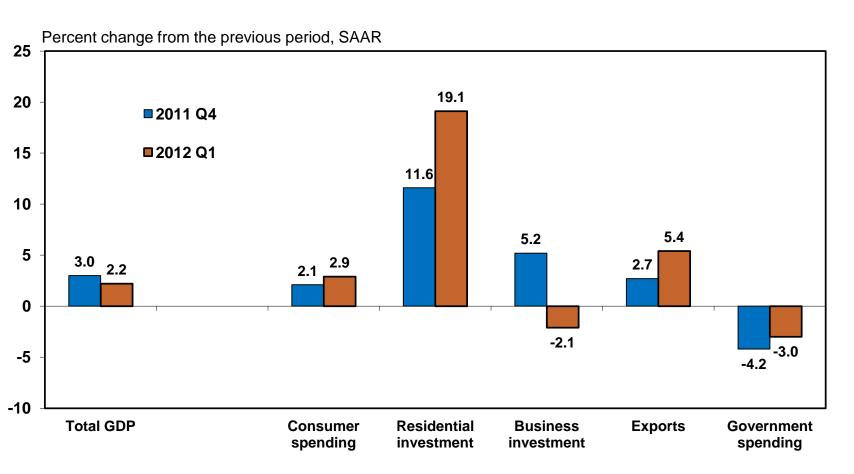
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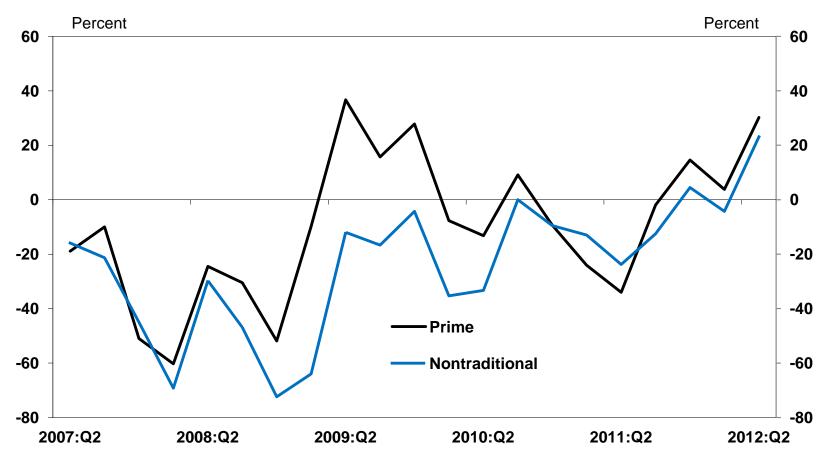
U.S. GDP growth eased slightly in Q1, while housing investment rose sharply

Growth in Components of Real GDP



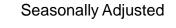
Bankers also report that mortgage demand has picked up recently

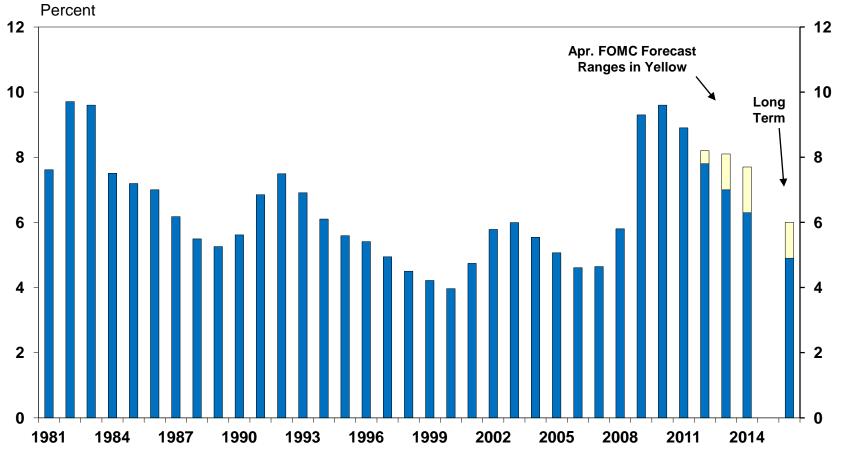
Net Share of U.S. Banks Reporting Increased Mortgage Demand First-Lien Mortgages Only



At its last meeting, the FOMC expected unemployment to gradually fall further

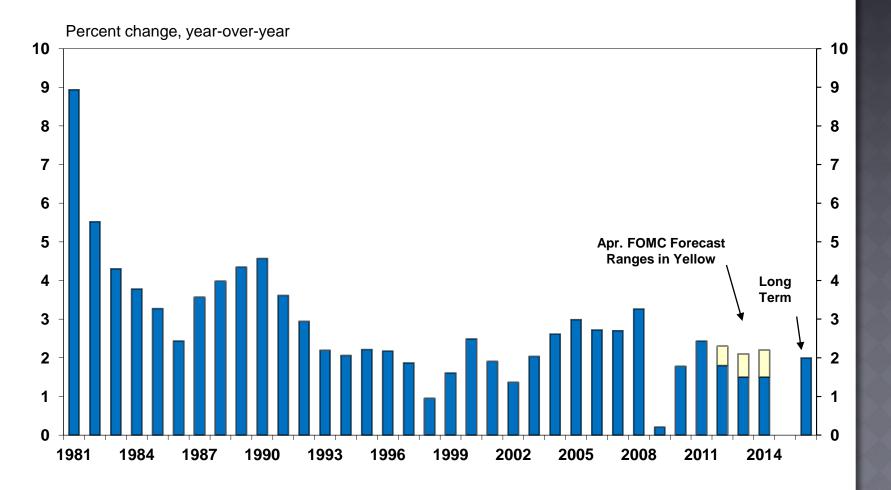
Unemployment Rate





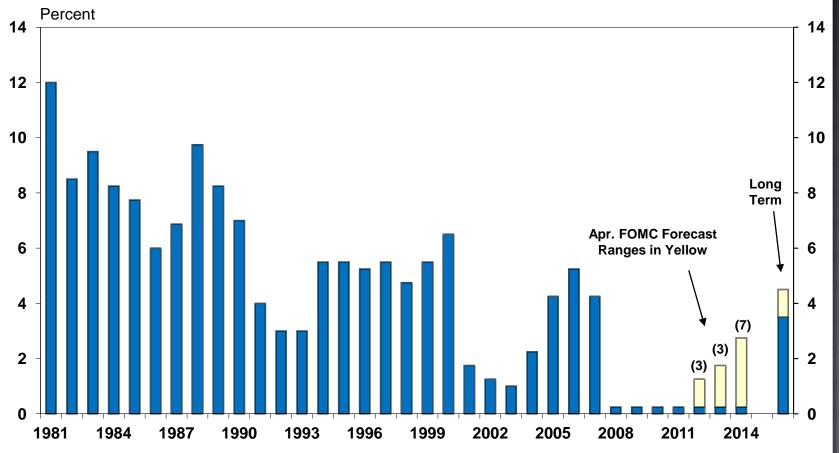
And for inflation pressures to stabilize after rising with oil and food prices in 2011

PCE Inflation Index



The majority of FOMC members expect interest rates to stay low through 2014

Federal Funds Rate Year-end target

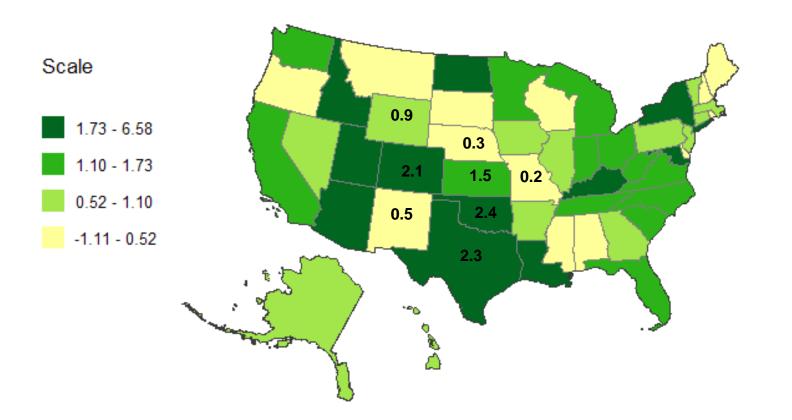


Note – Number of participants who project the initial increase will occur in the specified year in parenthesis

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, FOMC

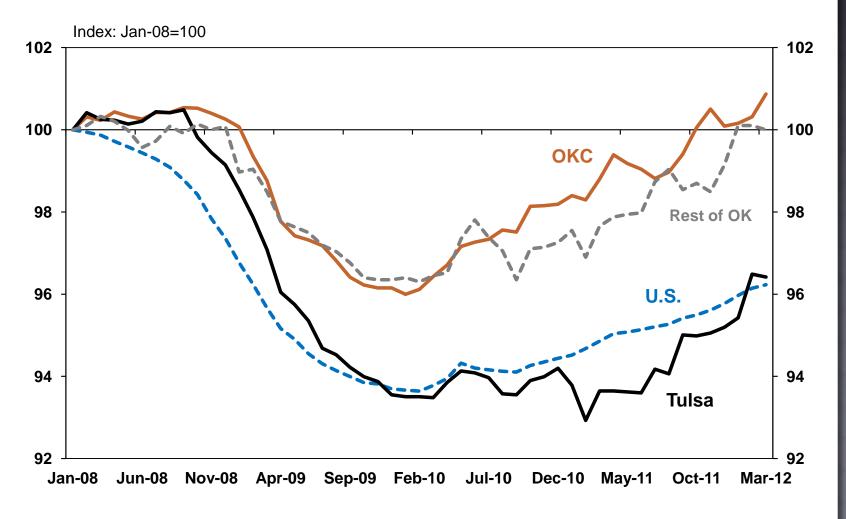
There remains considerable variation in economic strength across the nation

Employment Growth, Year-over-Year (percent) March 2012



Employment in Oklahoma is back above pre-recession levels...if Tulsa is excluded

Level of Payroll Employment

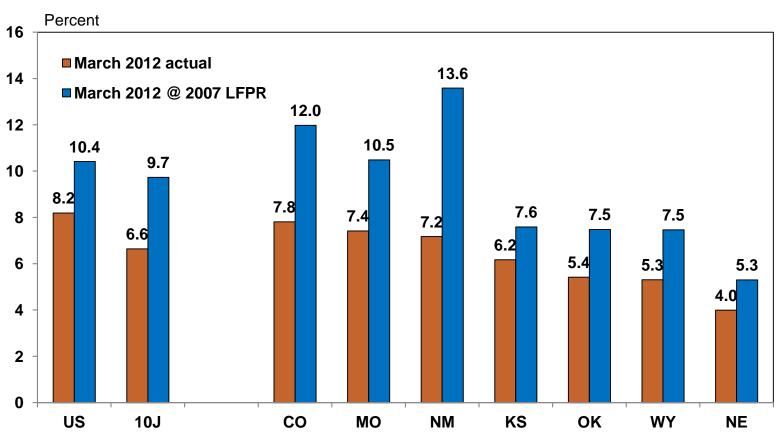


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

OK unemployment is now quite low, but labor force dropouts are part of the reason

Unemployment Rates by State

Seasonally Adjusted

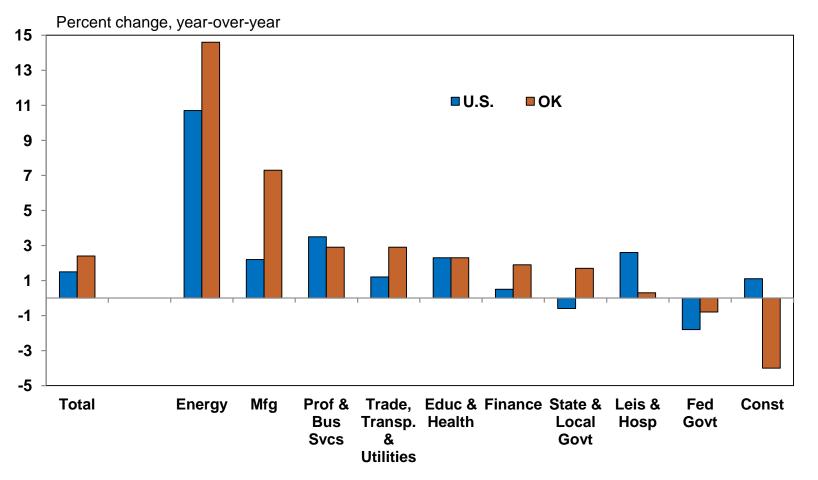


LFPR=Labor Force Participation Rate

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job growth in most Oklahoma sectors has been better than the nation

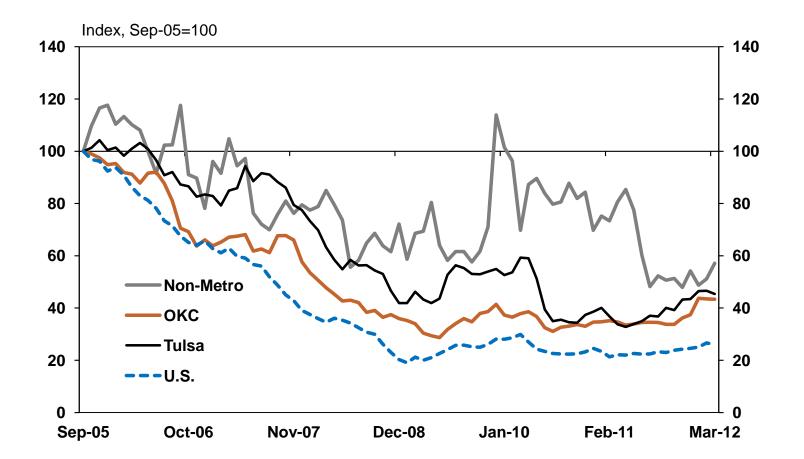
Oklahoma Employment Growth March 2012



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

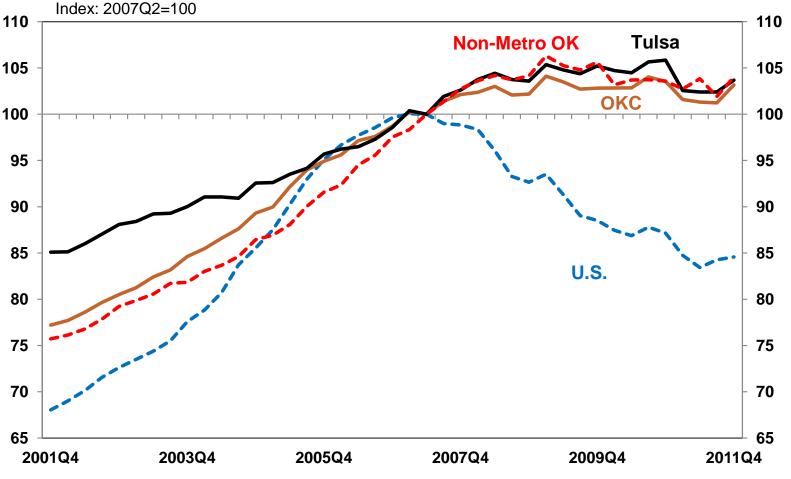
New home permits in Oklahoma have edged higher, though are still at low levels

Single-Family Home Permits Seasonally Adjusted



Home prices have held up much better throughout Oklahoma than in the nation

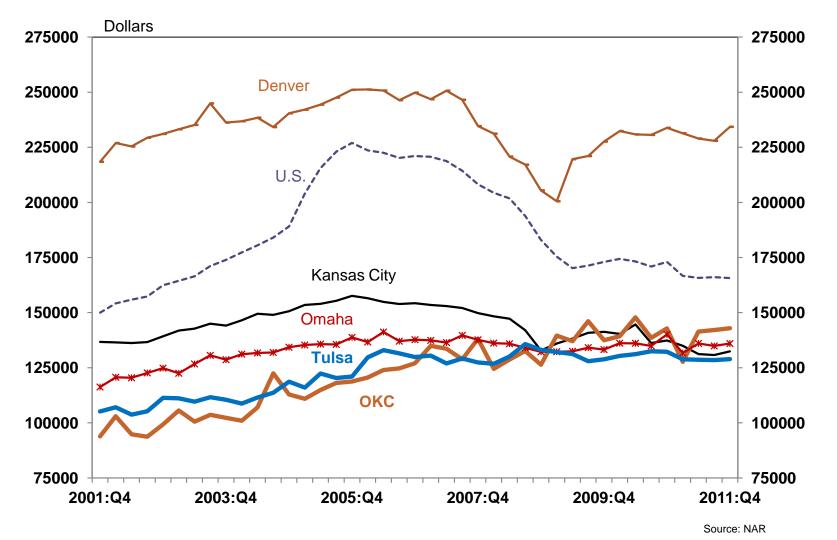
Home Price Index



Source: FHFA

As a result, OKC and Tulsa home prices now match other regional cities

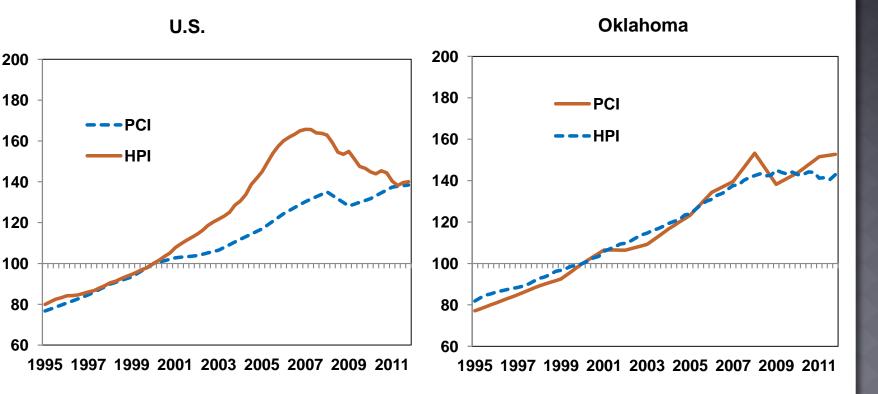
Median Home Prices in U.S. and Large Tenth District Cities



Income fundamentals suggest Oklahoma is at less risk of future home price declines

Home Prices and Per Capita Income Levels

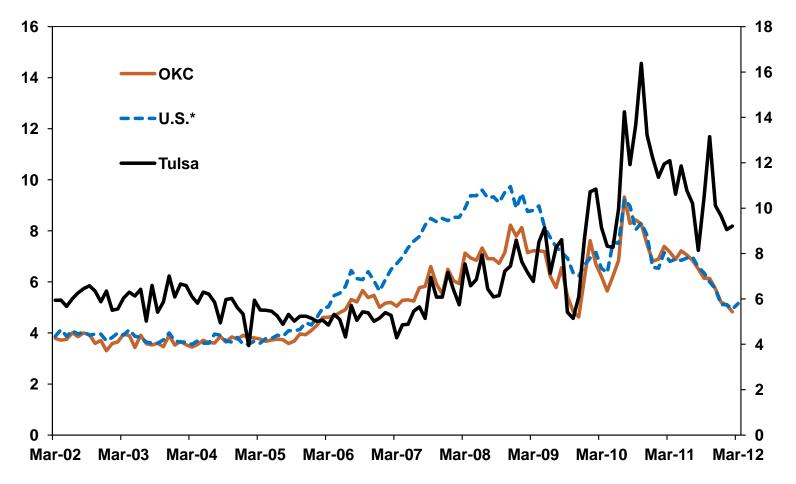




Unsold home inventories have fallen in the nation and OKC but remain high in Tulsa

Months Supply of Unsold Homes

Seasonally Adjusted

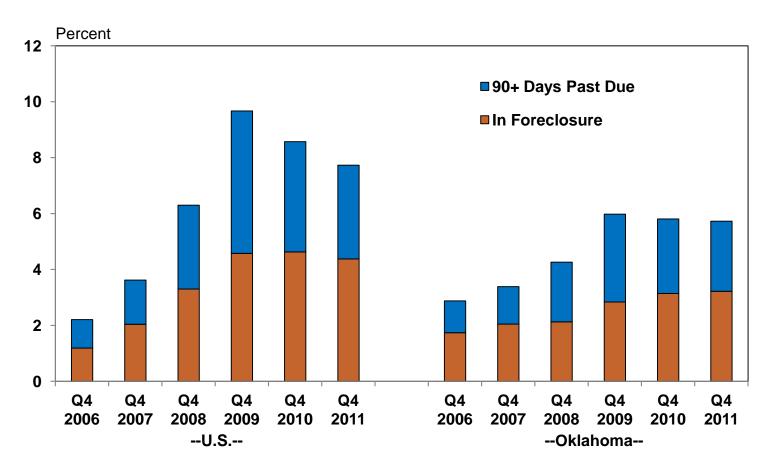


* Combination of existing and new home inventories

Past due mortgages have eased a bit, but still remain well above pre-recession levels

Share of Mortgages Seriously Delinquent

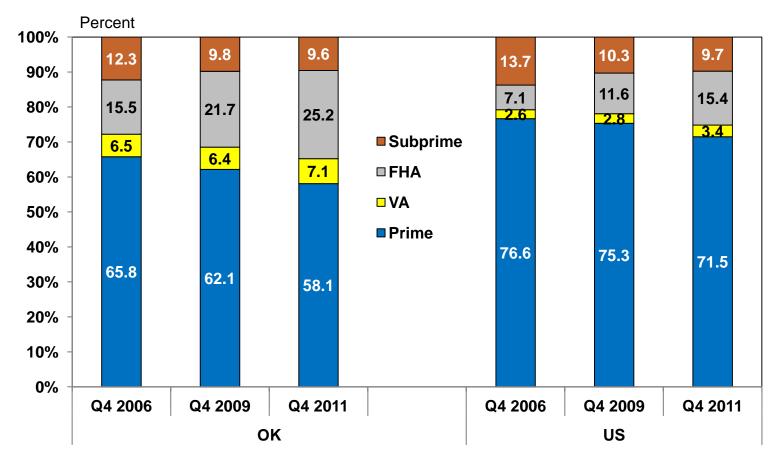
In foreclosure or over 90 days past due



Source: MBA

Oklahoma mortgages are made up of fewer prime loans than in the nation

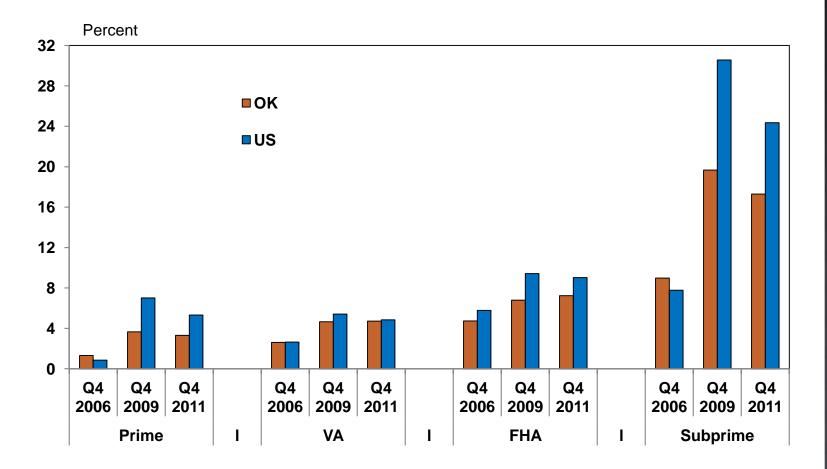
Share of Mortgages Outstanding by Type



Source: MBA

All types of mortgages are more current in Oklahoma...but are close in some cases

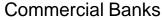
Seriously Delinquent Mortgages by Type

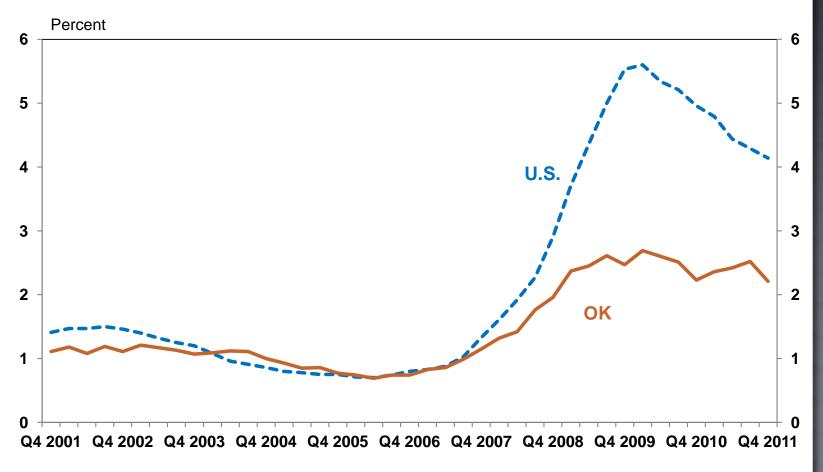


Source: MBA

Overall, problem loans are much less elevated at Oklahoma banks than nationally

Noncurrent Loans as a Share of Total Loans



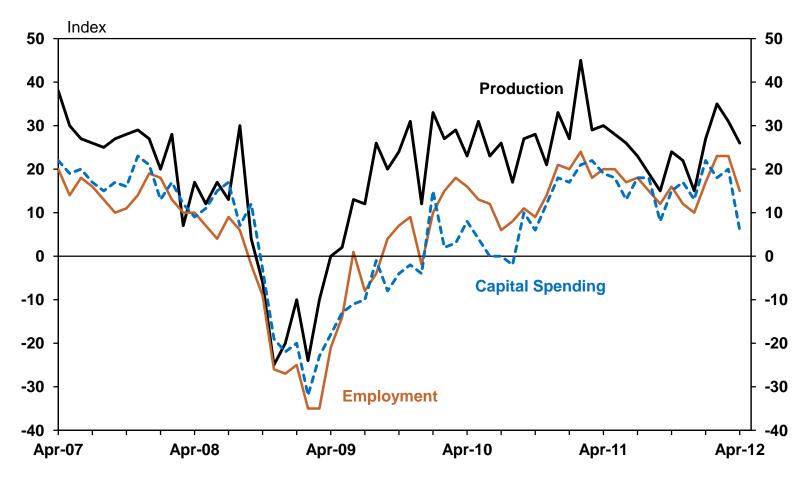


Source: FDIC

Looking ahead, purchasing managers in the region showed less optimism in April

Tenth District Manufacturing Expectations

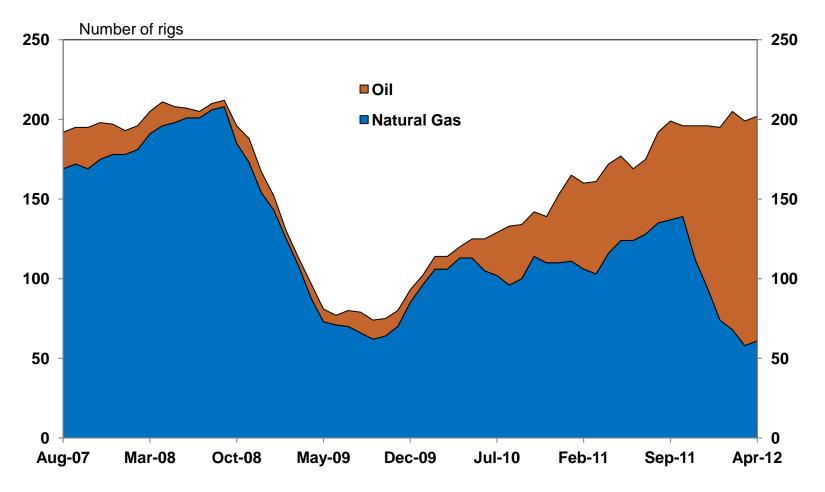
Six-Months Ahead, Seasonally Adjusted



Source: KC, Dallas FRB Manufacturing Surveys

And Oklahoma energy activity is leveling off somewhat with low natural gas prices

Oklahoma Rig Count



Conclusions

The U.S. economy continues to grow moderately, amid limited inflation, with housing showing some recent strength

Oklahoma economic growth and housing activity remains better than the nation and region, but growth may slow slightly



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