Recession and Recovery in Oklahoma: Lessons from History



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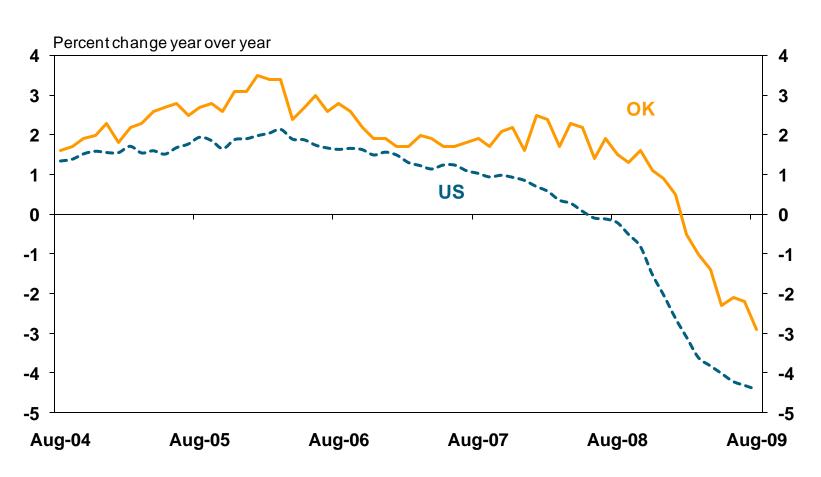
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The Oklahoma Economy through Summer 2009

- Oklahoma entered this recession late, but quickly joined the party over the past year
- As in the nation, the state's economy showed some signs of stabilization this summer
- Conditions remain at a better level than in the nation, but energy activity has not stabilized

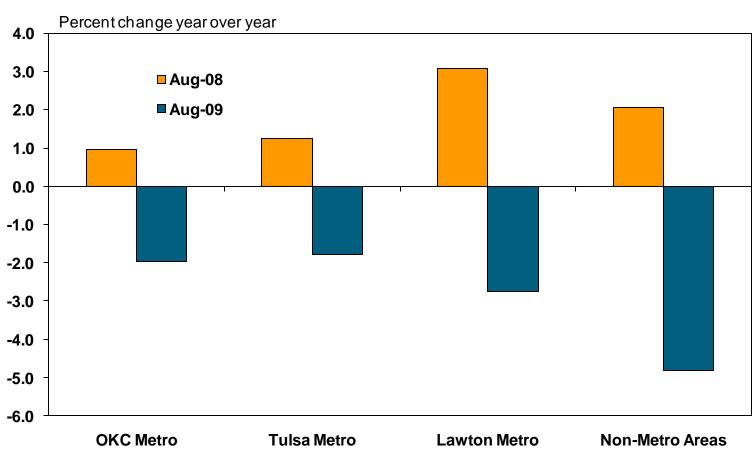
Oklahoma entered this recession late, but has shed jobs rapidly in 2009

Nonfarm Payroll Employment Growth



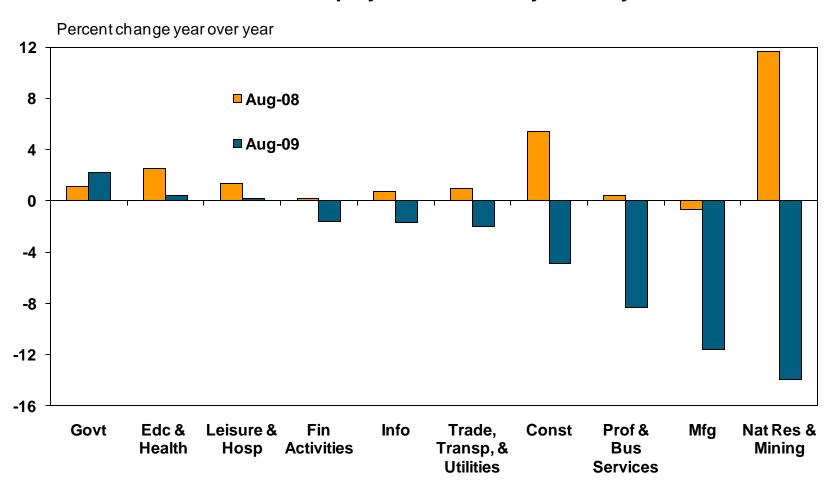
The decline in jobs has been especially sharp in non-metro areas of the state

Oklahoma Employment Growth



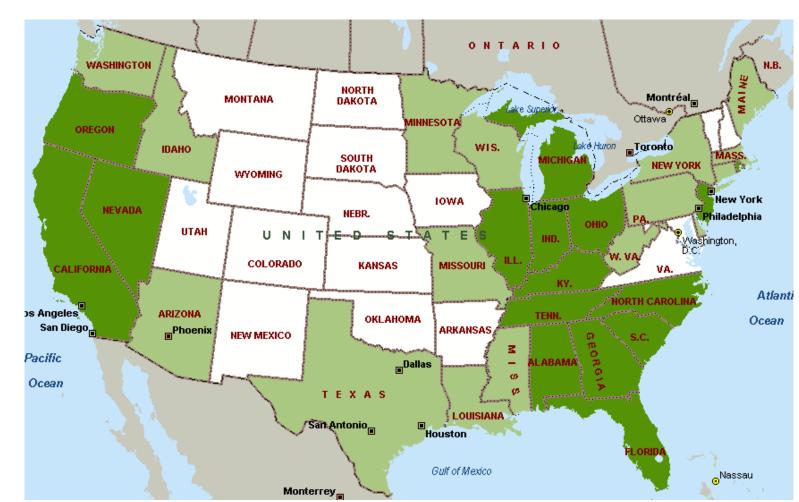
The biggest job losses have been in energy, manufacturing, and related services

Oklahoma Employment Growth by Industry



Still, unemployment remains relatively low in Oklahoma and most nearby states

Unemployment Rate, August 2009



U.S.= 9.7

OK = 6.8

Rate (percent)

9.6 to 15.2

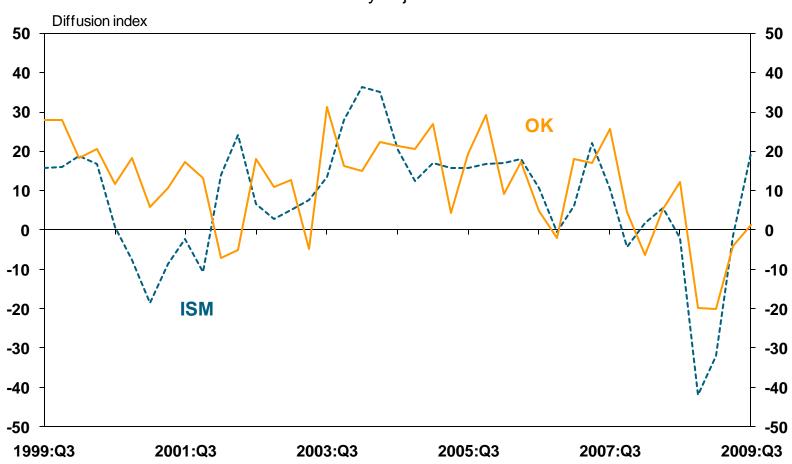
7.8 to 9.5

4.3 to 7.7

As in the nation, manufacturing indexes for the state stabilized in Q3 2009

Manufacturing Production Indexes

Seasonally adjusted

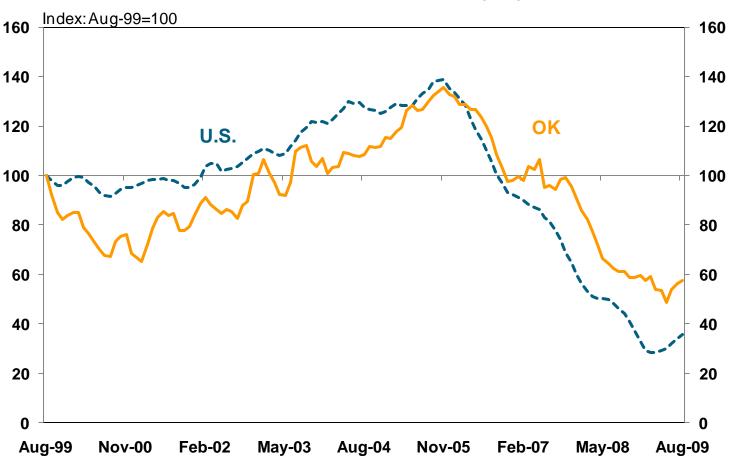


Source: ISM, FRBKC Manufacturing Survey

State housing activity also appears to have stabilized following a long decline

Single-Family Housing Permits

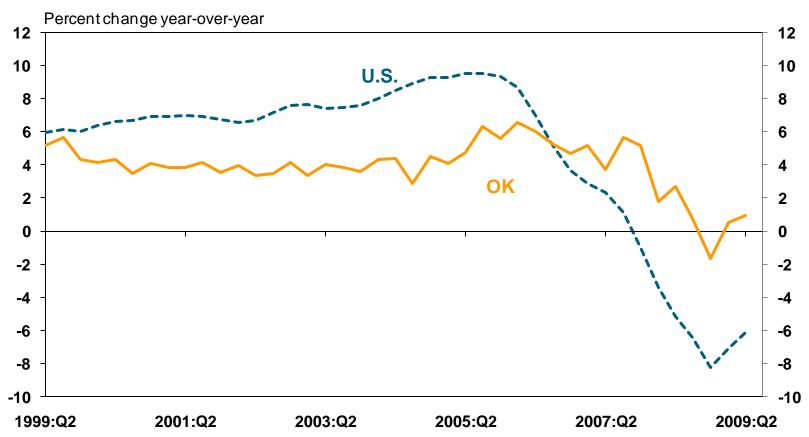
Seasonally adjusted, 3-month moving avg.



Unlike the nation, Oklahoma home prices have held up relatively well in recent years

Quality-Adjusted Home Price Growth

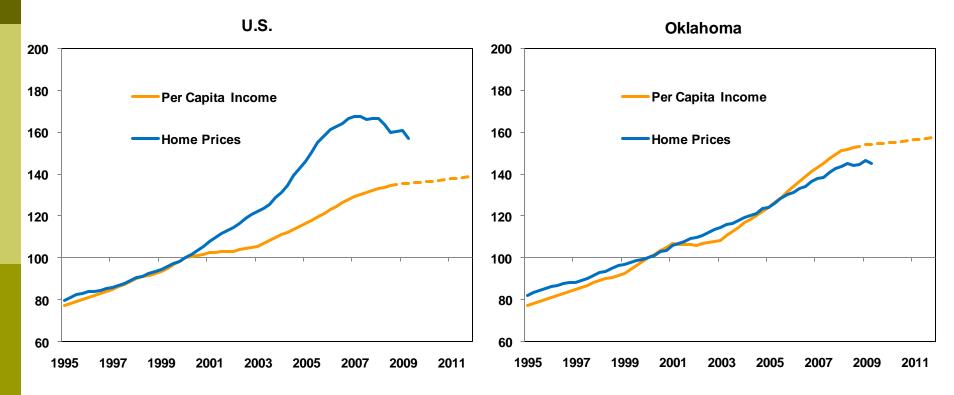
Purchase-Only



And home prices here appear to be better in line with fundamentals

Home Prices and Per Capita Income Levels*

Index: 2000=100



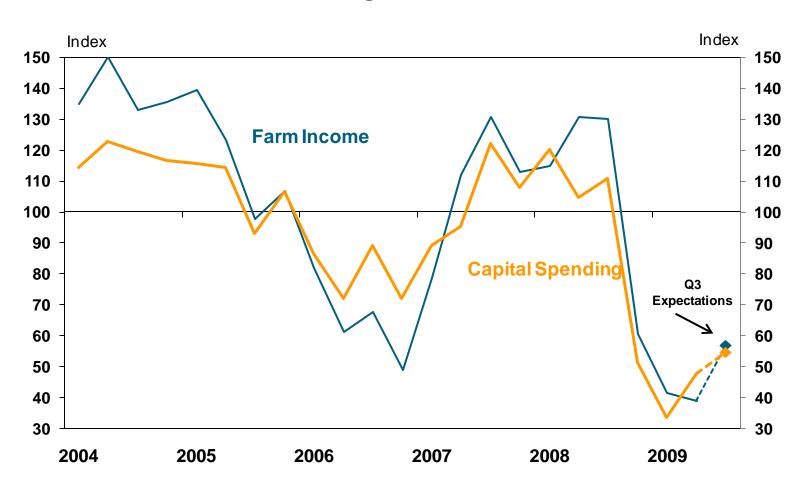


*Home price indexes are quarterly, seasonally adjusted. Per capita income indexes are annual, and actual through 2008. For 2009-11, Macroeconomic Advisers' forecast for U.S. per capita income growth is used as an estimate.

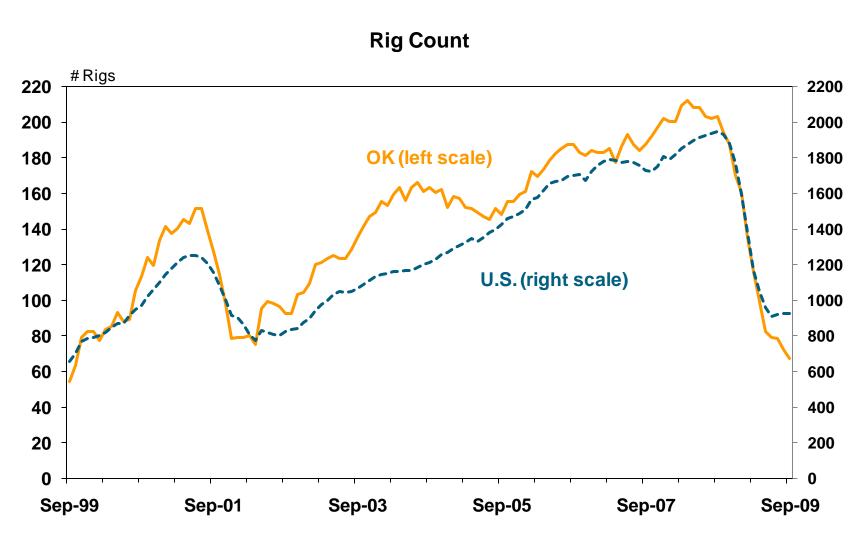
Source: FHFA, BEA

Agricultural conditions in the state remain rather weak, but the bottom may be past

Oklahoma Agricultural Conditions

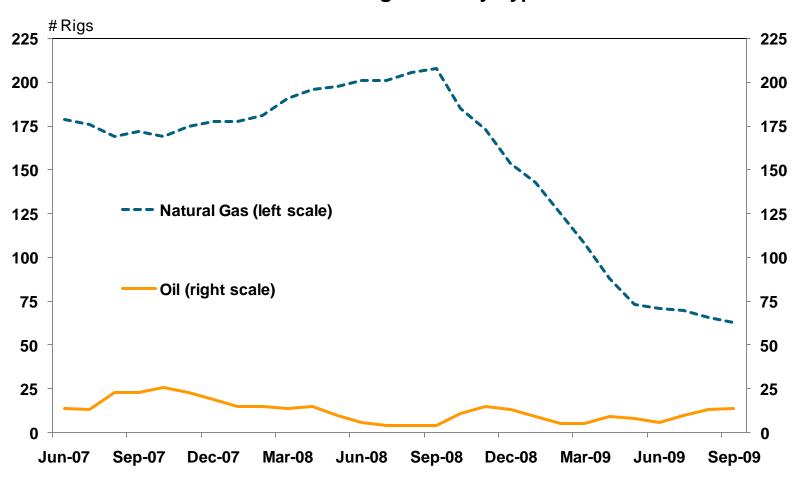


But while energy activity has slowed its free fall, it continues to edge down in the state



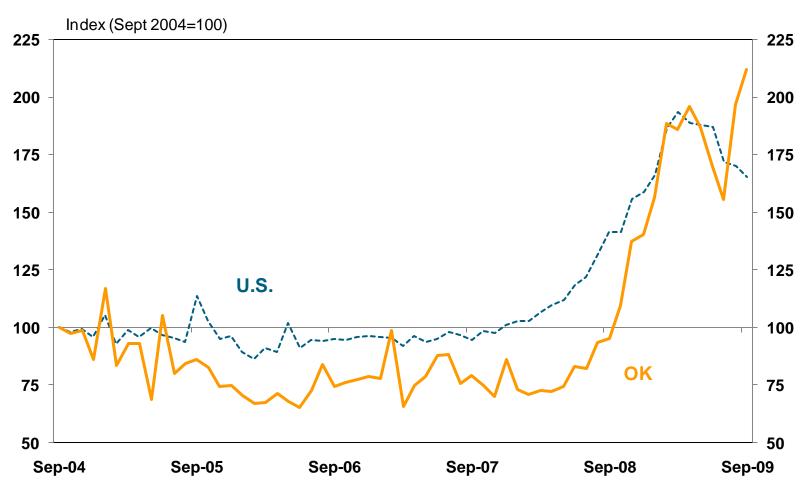
Oil drilling has edged up recently, but the more sizable natural gas sector is still easing

Oklahoma Rig Count by Type



With energy activity still at low levels, new jobless claims are rising again in Oklahoma

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance



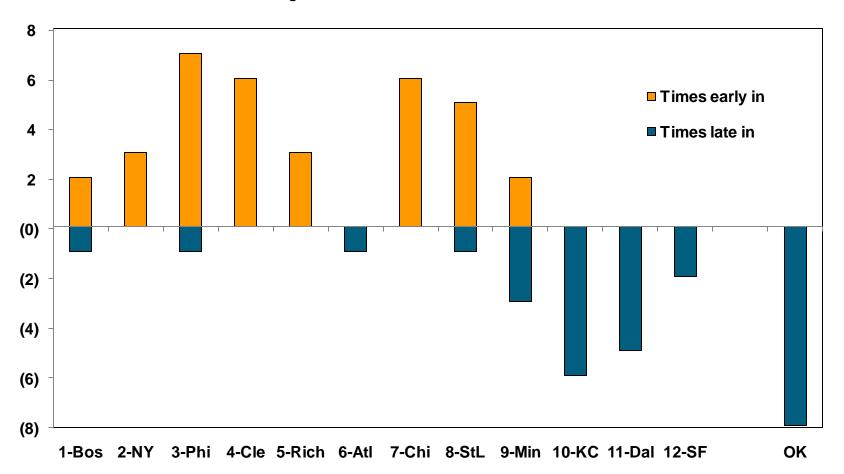
Lessons from History

- Through summer, Oklahoma's performance in this recession was fairly "normal"
- But renewed dependence on the energy sector presents some new/old risks
- Energy price prospects and state banking conditions look more sound than in the past

Oklahoma has been late to every U.S. recession in the postwar period

Historical Timing of Entry from Recessions by Fed District

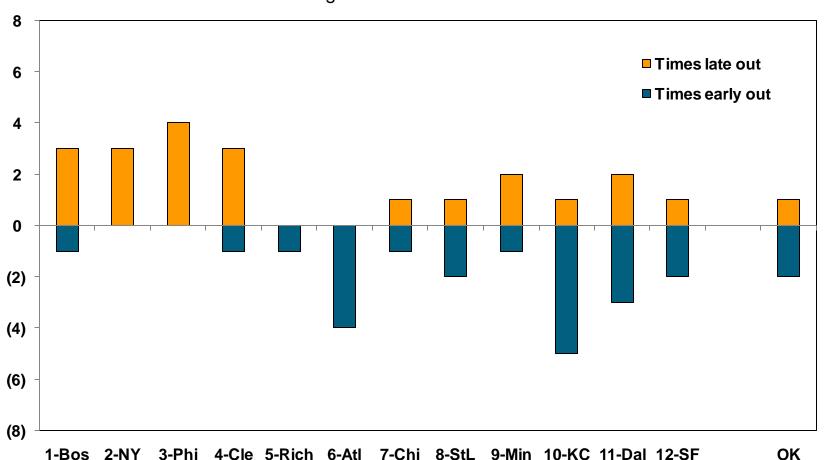
For the eight U.S. recessions from 1957-2003



We have exited recessions in different quarters than the nation 3 times—but only once late

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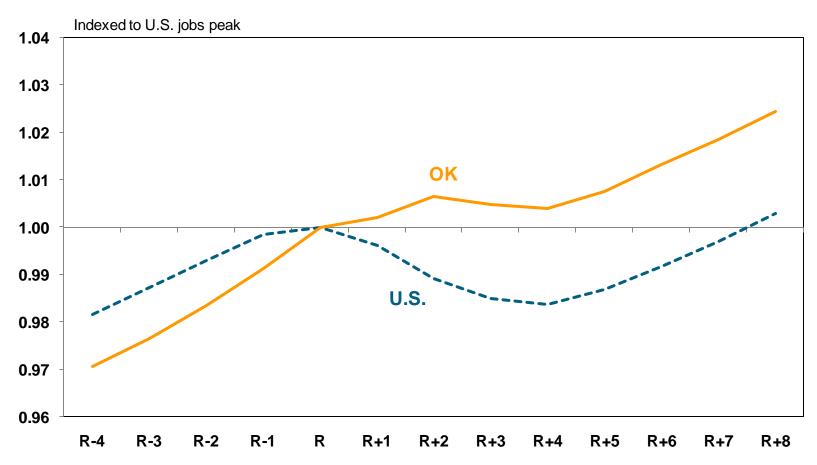
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So on average, Oklahoma's recessions have been two quarters shorter than the nation's

Average Recession Path, 1956-2006

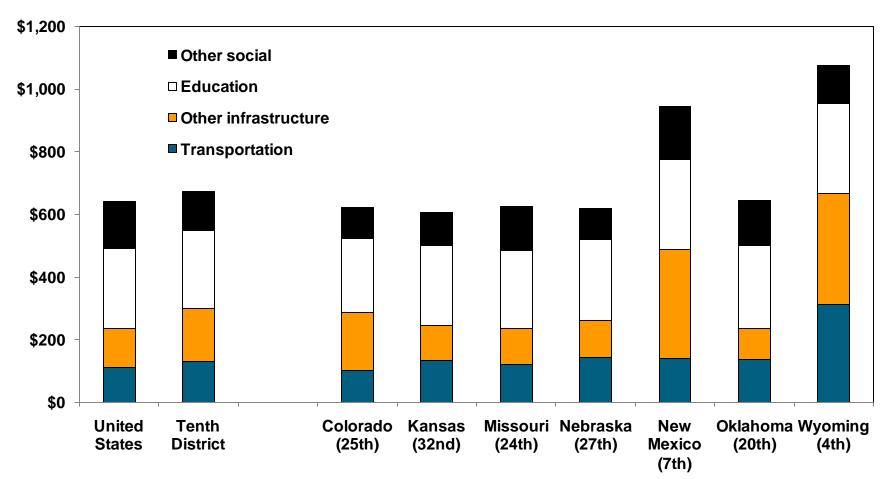
Employment level 4 quarters before and 8 quarters after U.S. jobs peak



Fiscal stimulus is kicking in at a good time for the state, in similar amounts as the nation

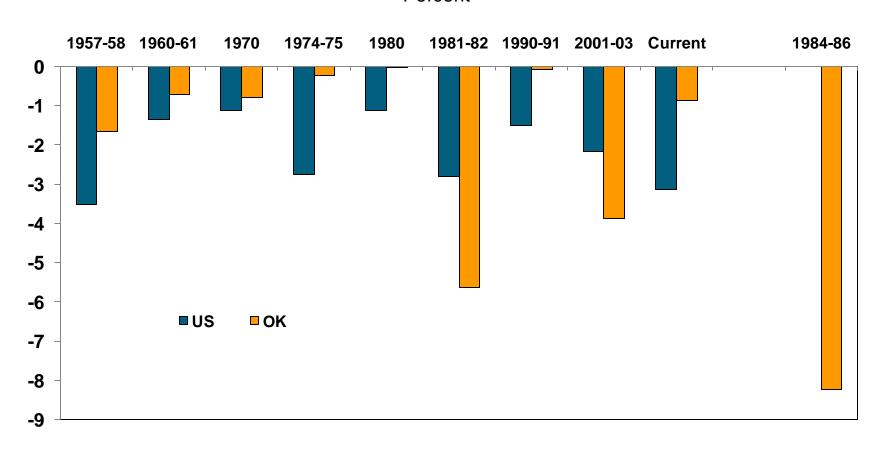
Per Capita Stimulus Package Spending

U.S. and Tenth District



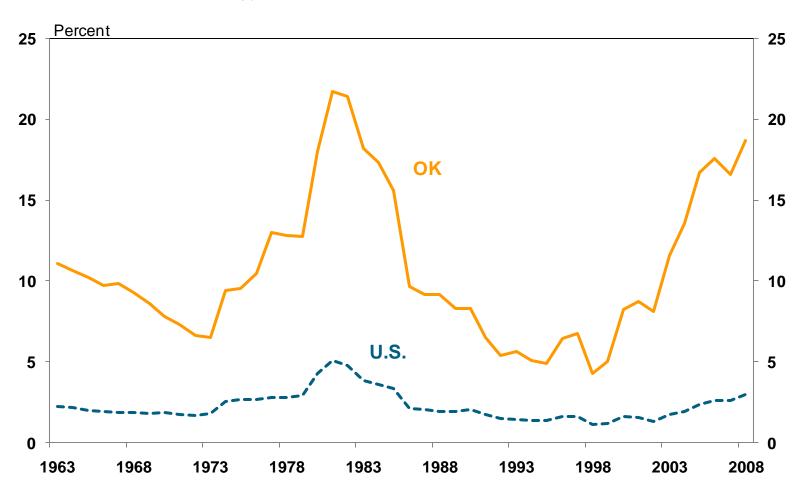
But not all recessions are average, and there has been one especially notable exception

Job Losses in Recessions, 1956-present Percent

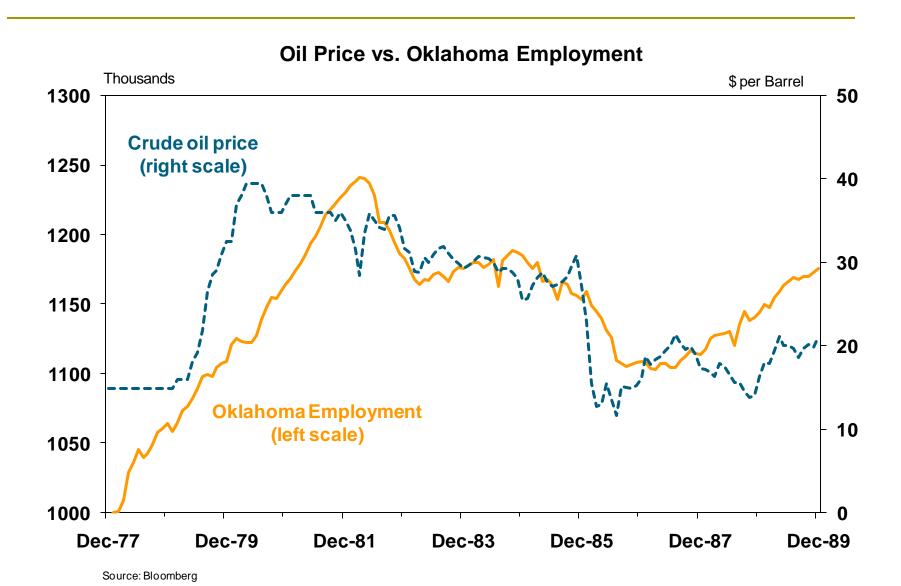


In the past five years, Oklahoma's economy has become much less diversified

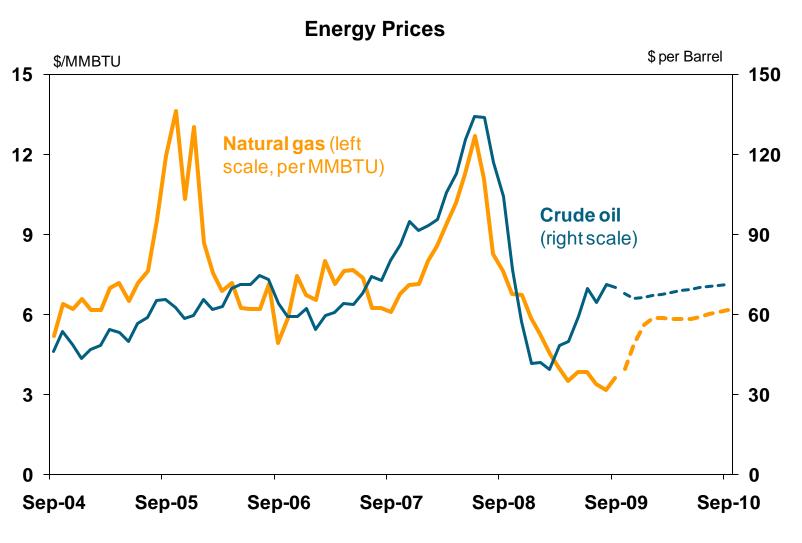
Energy Sector's Share of GDP, 1963-2008



Energy prices never came back in the 1980s, following multiple supply shocks

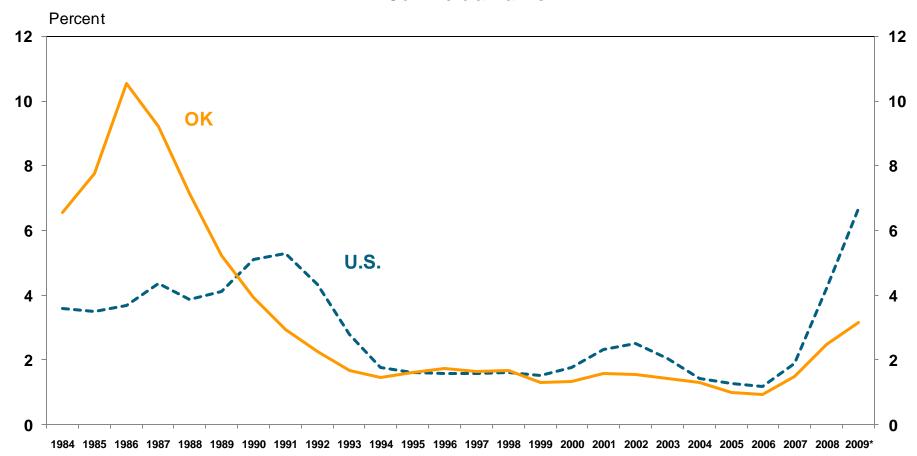


After surging and then crashing last year, oil and gas prices have diverged in 2009



While problem loans are rising in Oklahoma, our banks are in better relative shape today

Charge-offs and Noncurrent Loans as a Share of Total Loans Commercial Banks



Summary

- As usual, Oklahoma entered this recession later than most of the rest of the nation
- Some recent signs of stabilization have emerged, and stimulus is kicking in
- □ Future energy prices present a risk, but probably less so than in the past