# Recession and Recovery in the U.S. and Oklahoma



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Vice President & Oklahoma City Branch Executive Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Purposes and Structure of the Federal Reserve System

#### Overall purposes of the Fed are to promote:

- Price stability
- Maximum employment
- National financial stability

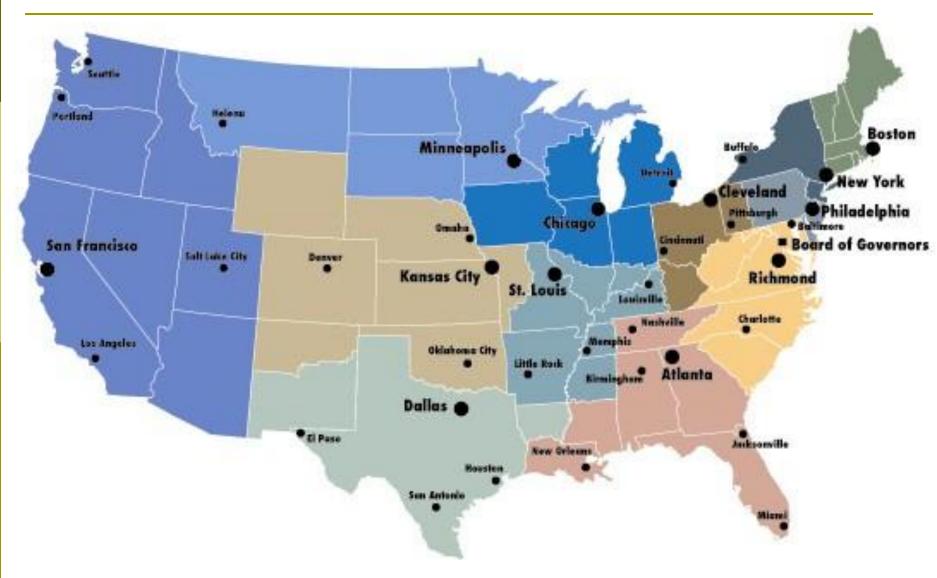
### The primary functional areas of the Fed are:

- Monetary policy adjusting overnight interest rate to affect economy
- Bank regulation bank holding companies, state member banks
- Payments systems cash, checks, electronic payments

#### The Federal Reserve System consists of:

- <u>Board of Governors</u>: 7 members who are appointed by the U.S. President and confirmed by the Senate to serve 14-year terms.
- Federal Reserve Banks: 12 Banks, each serving a unique district.
- <u>Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC)</u>: Comprised of the 7 Governors and the 12 Reserve Bank presidents (only 5 presidents vote).

### Federal Reserve Districts and Office Locations



### The Kansas City and Oklahoma City Offices

#### Headquarters office in Kansas City

- Nearly 1,000 staff involved in all mission areas
- New building officially opened in June 2008

#### Oklahoma City branch office

• <u>Staff and functions</u> – 35 staff involved in economic research, bank examinations, and public and community affairs

 <u>Branch board of directors</u> – 7 members from around the state; provide anecdotal information in advance of each FOMC meeting

#### Oklahoma City branch board of directors

- Chairman Steve Agee, President, Agee Energy, and Professor, OCU, OKC
- Terry Almon, President, Oklahoma Community Capital Corp., Broken Arrow
- Bill Anoatubby, Governor, Chickasaw Nation, Ada
- Jim Dunn, Chairman, Mill Creek Lumber & Supply Co., Tulsa
- Fred Ramos, COO, Latino Community Development Agency, OKC
- Doug Tippens, President and CEO, Canadian State Bank, Yukon
- K. Vasudevan, Chairman, Service and Technology Corp., Bartlesville

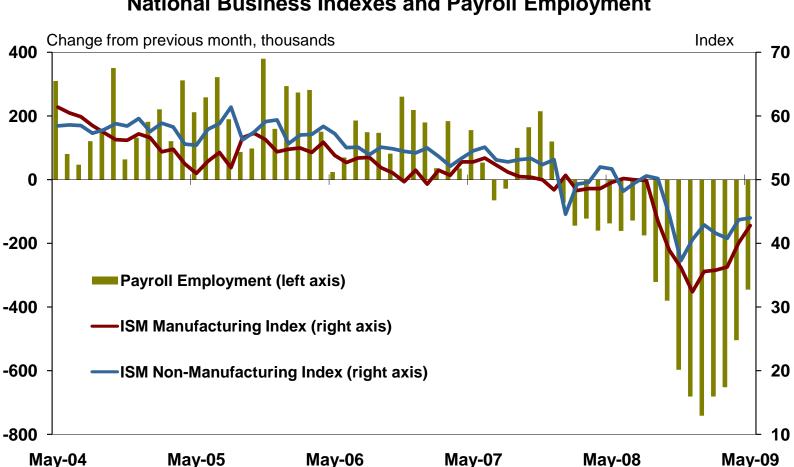
### The U.S. Economy

The U.S. economy is still declining but appears to be near a bottom

The strength of recovery will depend in part on better credit conditions

Inflation has eased and is expected to remain tame in the near term

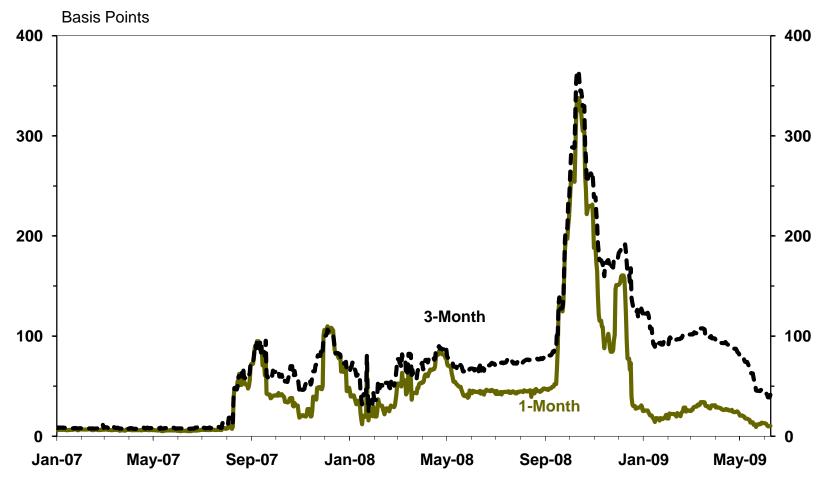
### Following 2 very bad quarters, declines in the U.S. economy have been smaller in Q2 2009



**National Business Indexes and Payroll Employment** 

## Credit market conditions have also improved but remain somewhat strained

**LIBOR-OIS Spread** 



Source: Bloomberg

### The U.S. policy response to the recession and financial crisis has been broad

### Federal Reserve

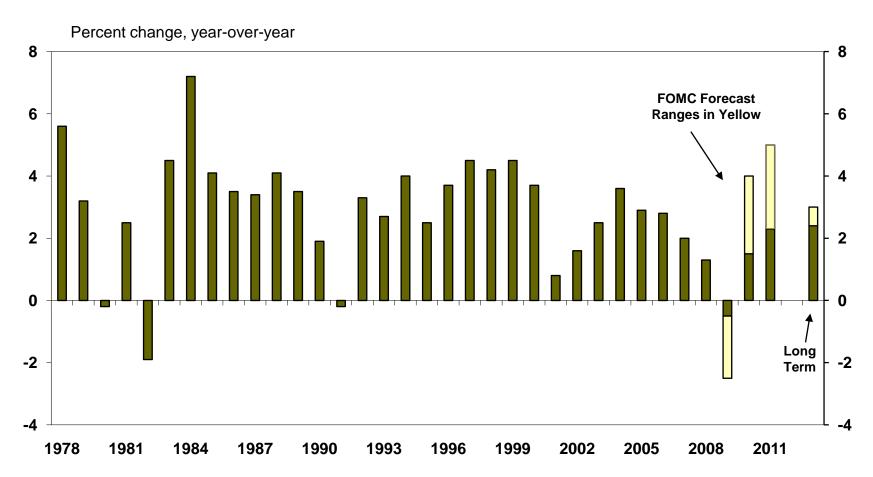
- Lowered the Fed Funds rate
- Implemented numerous liquidity facilities
- Purchased long-term securities

### U.S. Treasury and Congress

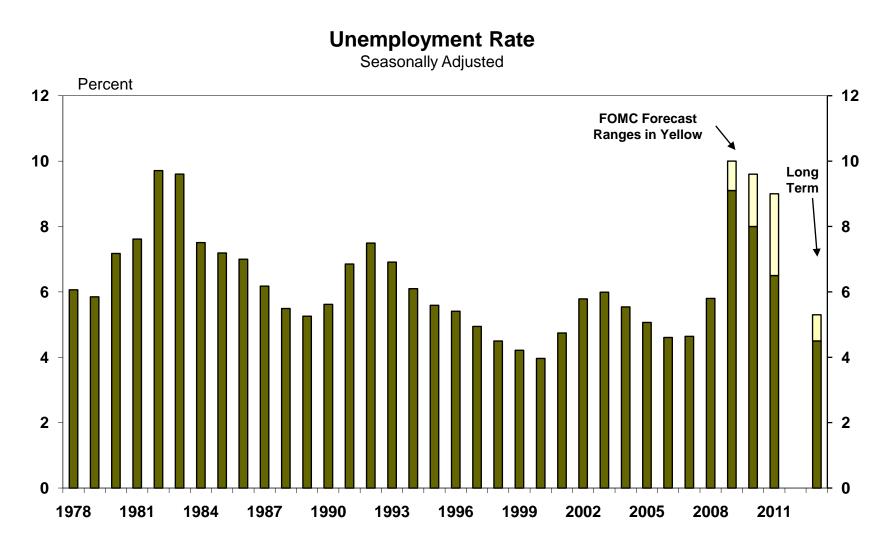
- Passed the TARP
- Passed a large fiscal stimulus bill
- Some foreclosure prevention policies

# Heading forward, policy makers generally expect a gradual recovery

**Gross Domestic Product** 

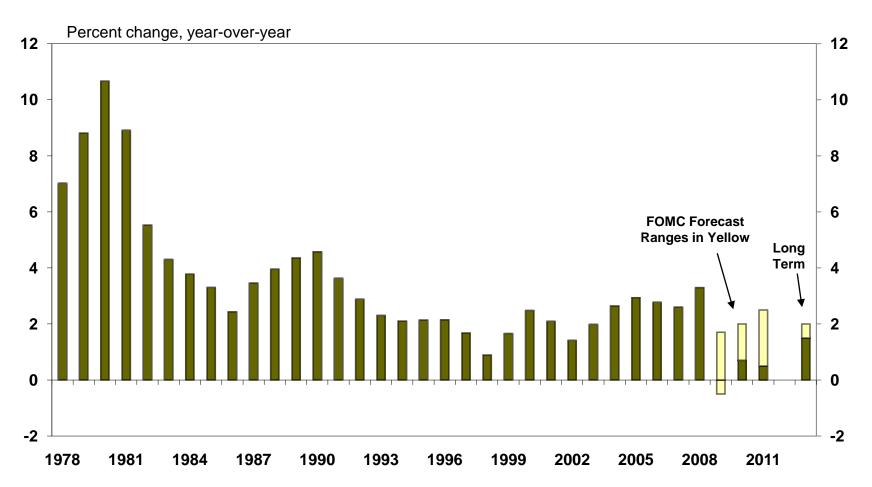


### But U.S. unemployment is expected to remain elevated for some time



## Meanwhile, inflation is expected to remain fairly moderate in coming years

**PCE Inflation Index** 



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

### The Oklahoma Economy

The state's economy remains stronger than in the nation

But job losses in recent months have been steep

Recent data suggest a bottom may also be near in Oklahoma

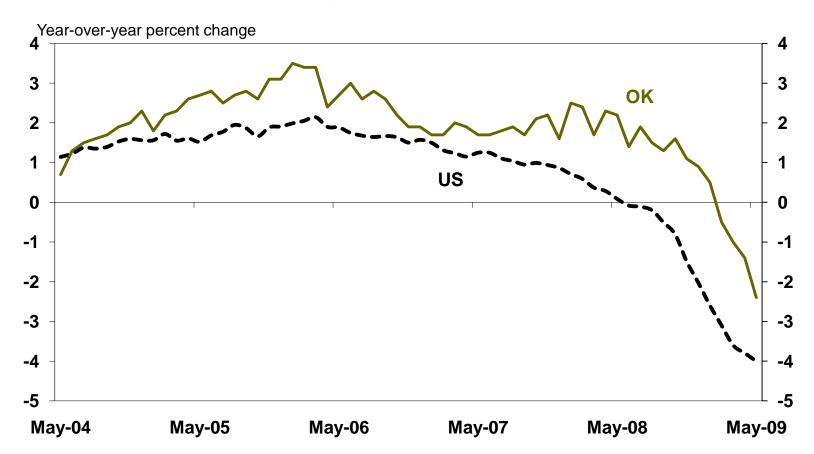
## Unemployment remains relatively low in Oklahoma and most nearby states



Rate

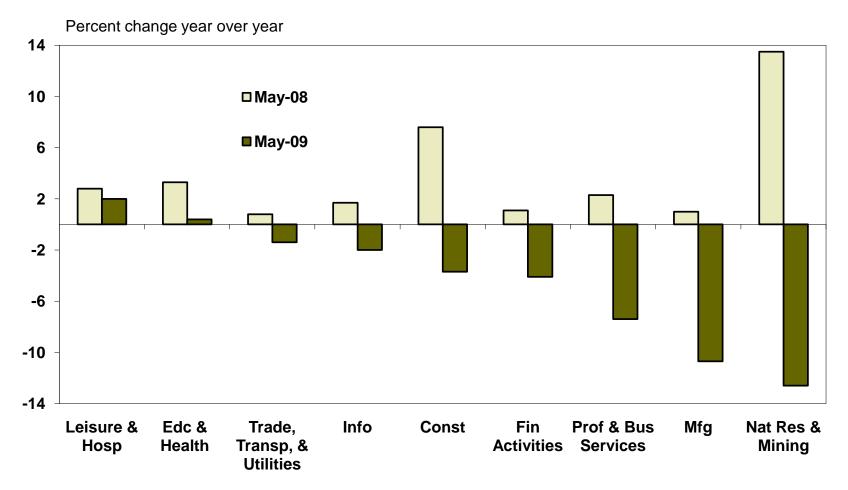
### But jobs are now well below year-ago levels in Oklahoma, following a long boom

#### **Nonfarm Payroll Employment Growth**



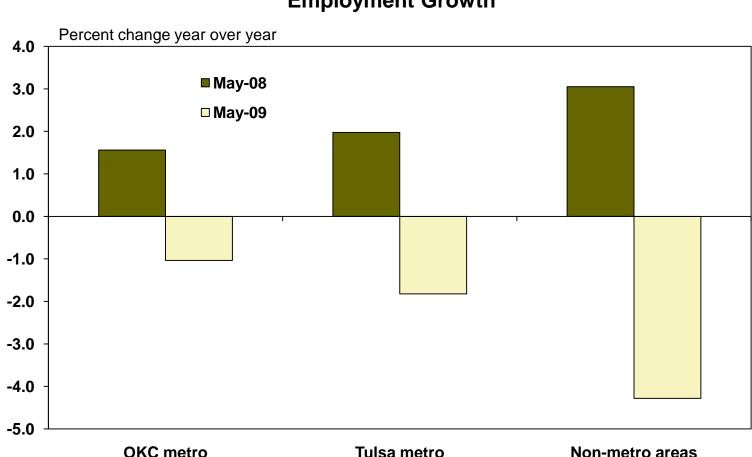
# Employment is down in most industries in the state, especially energy and manufacturing

#### **Oklahoma Employment Growth by Industry**



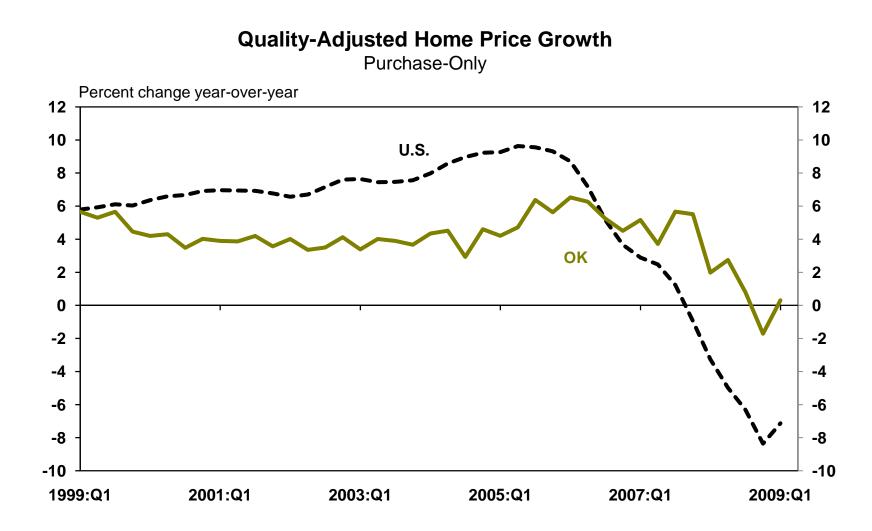
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### The decline in jobs has been sharpest in the state's non-metro areas



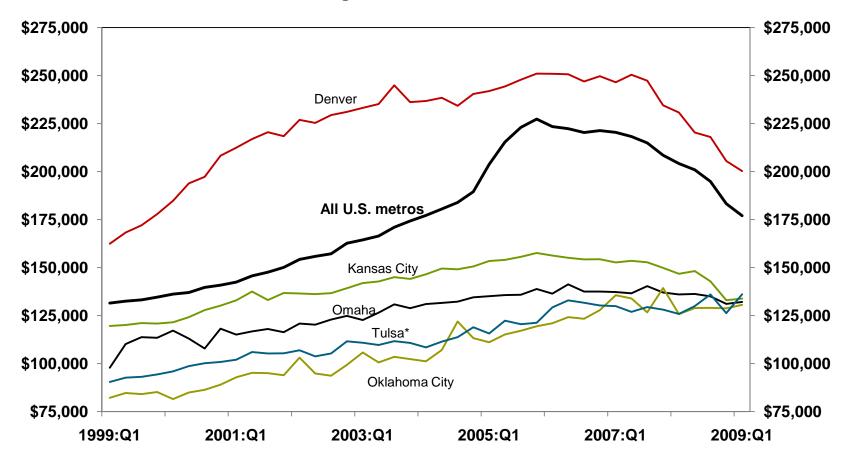
**Employment Growth** 

### Unlike the nation, Oklahoma home prices remain similar to a year ago



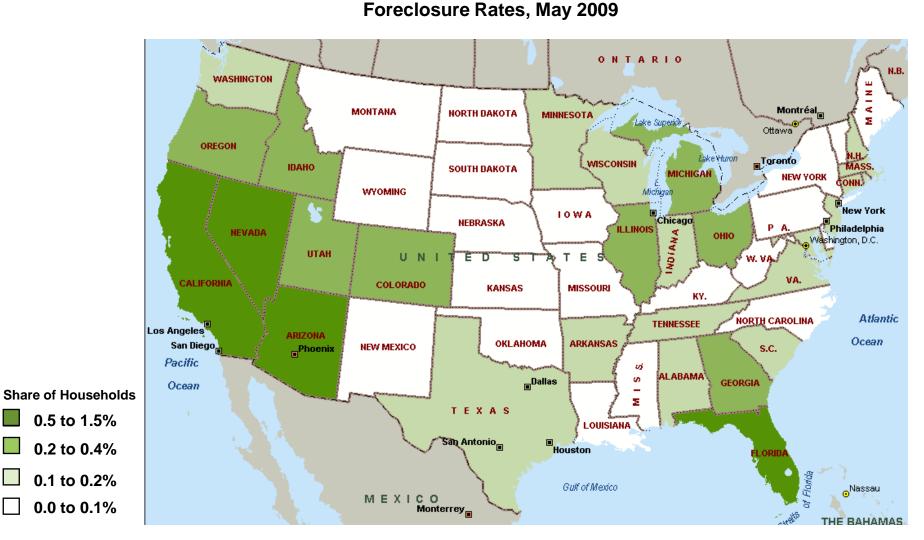
## Indeed, OKC and Tulsa home prices have caught up with some other regional cities

Median Home Prices in U.S. and Five Largest Tenth District Cities

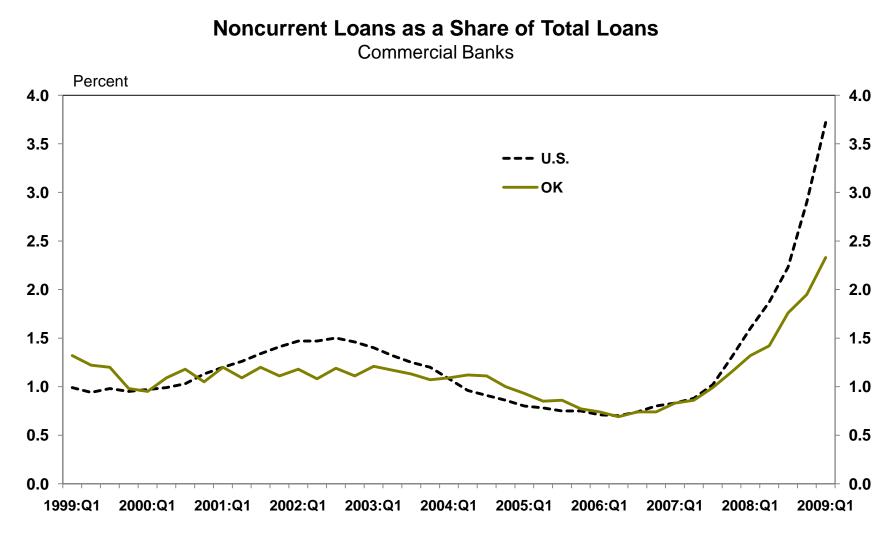


\* Tulsa data are from NAR through Q3 2008, then estimated for more recent quarters by using growth rates in FHFA's Tulsa home price index Source: NAR, FHFA

## And home foreclosures have remained relatively low in the state



### Past due loans have risen at Oklahoma banks, but much less than in the nation

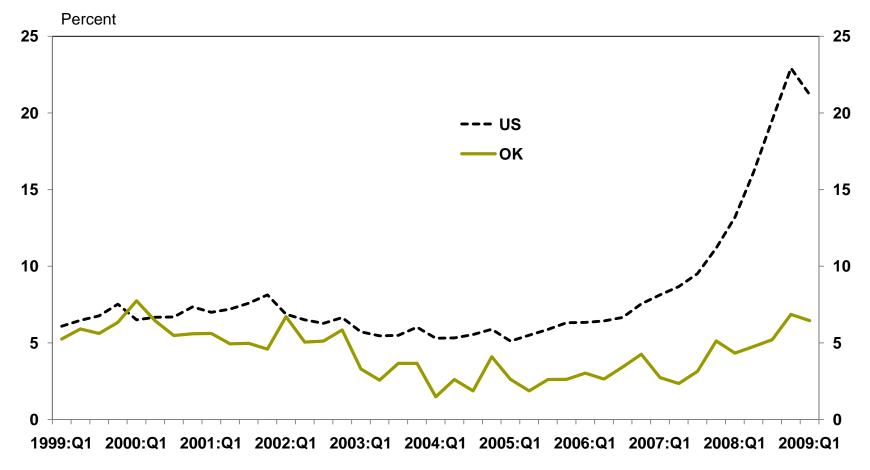


Source: FDIC

## The number of unprofitable banks has risen only marginally in OK

Share of Banks Unprofitable in the Quarter

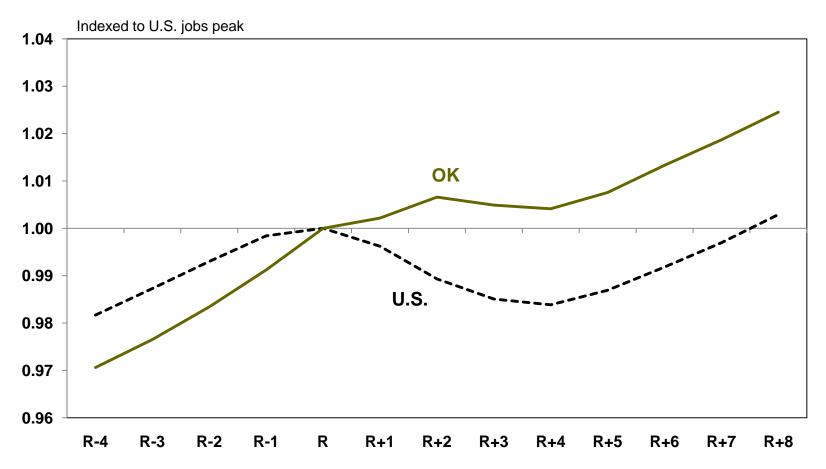




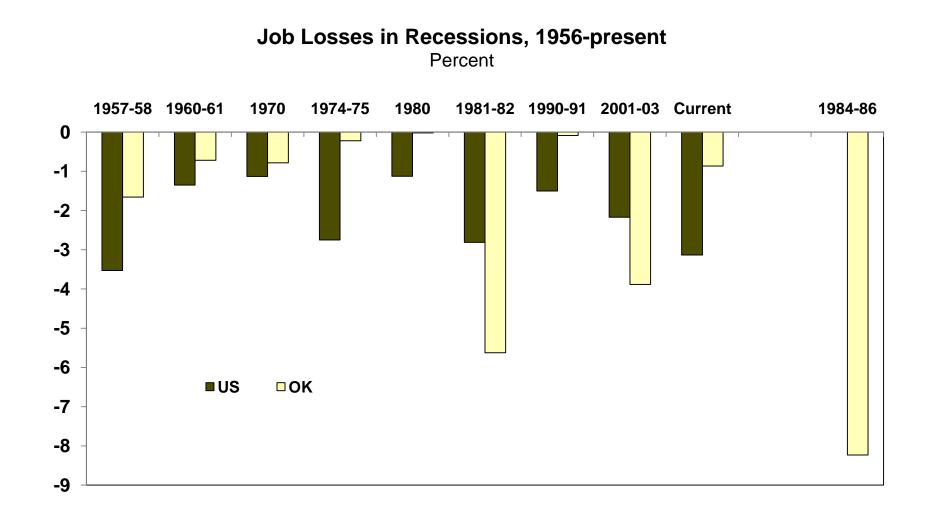
## Oklahoma usually enters recessions later than the nation but exits about the same time

Average Recession Path, 1956-2006

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

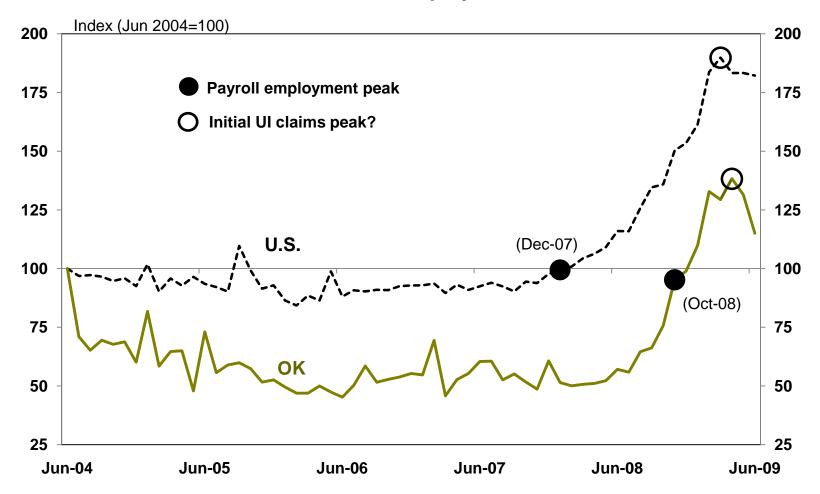


# With the shorter duration, Oklahoma's job losses in U.S. recessions are usually smaller



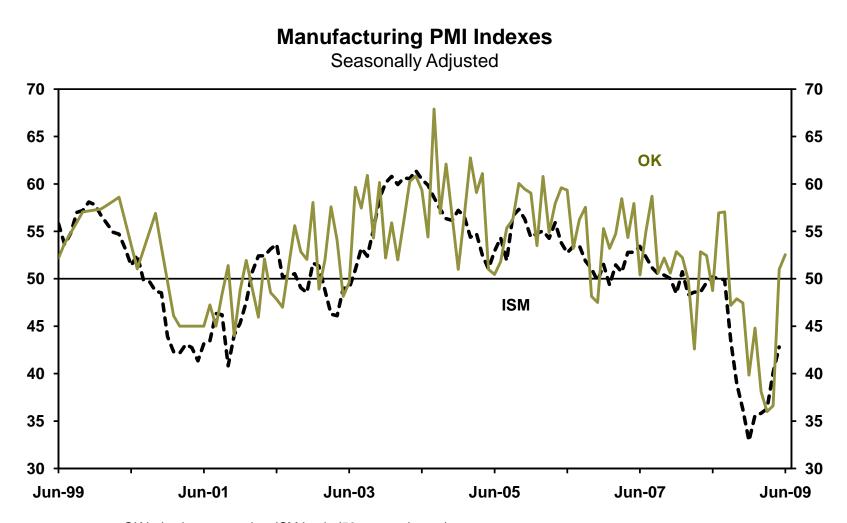
## So far, the state is largely following its usual pattern during U.S. recessions

**Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance** 



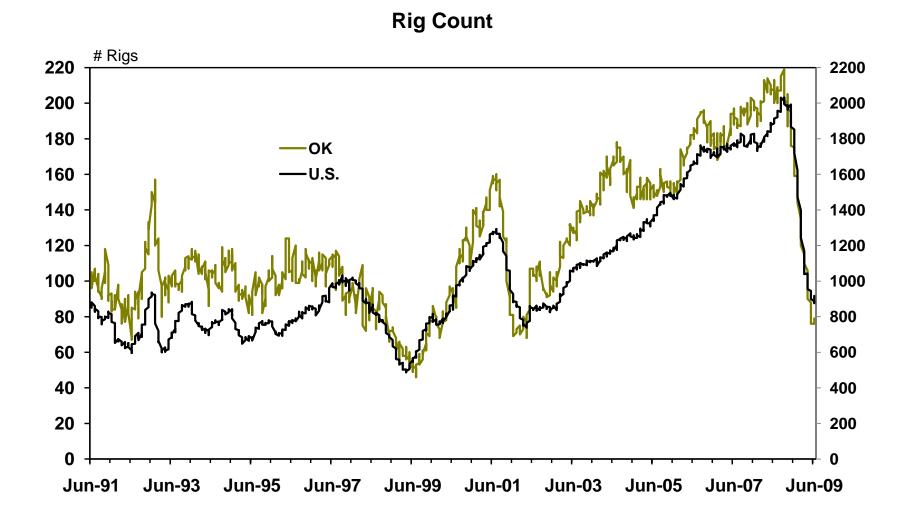
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## The June KC Fed manufacturing survey showed a second month of growth in OK



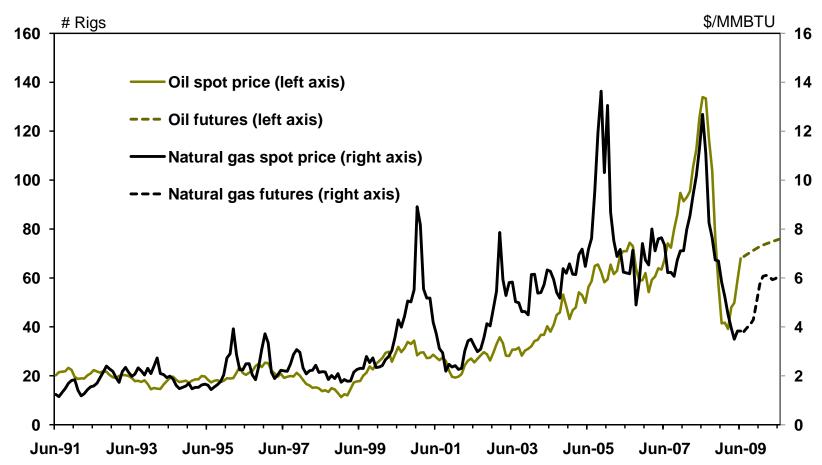
Note: OK index is computed on ISM basis (50 = zero change) Source: ISM, FRBKC Manufacturing Survey

### The wild card remains the energy sector, where the rig count has edged higher in June



# But energy prices remain uncertain, with oil moving up and gas still depressed

#### **Oil and Natural Gas Prices**



### Summary

- The U.S. economy may be near a bottom, but recovery is likely to be modest for some time
- As usual, Oklahoma entered the recession later than the nation, but recent data are encouraging
- Efforts to boost U.S. growth in 2009 and 2010 should help, but slow energy activity is a risk