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## Economic Report

August 2024

### MONTHLY COMPARISON: AUGUST 2023 vs AUGUST 2024



**GROSS  
PROD.**

↑ \$1.6M or 2%



**INCOME  
TAX**

↑ \$0.7M or 0.2%



**SALES  
& USE**

↑ \$8.6M or 1.4%



**VEHICLE  
TAX**

↑ \$4.3M or 5.7%



**OTHER  
TAXES**

↑ \$9.0M or 7.0%

#### GROSS PRODUCTION TAX Oil & Gas Breakout

Gross Production Gas

\$ 26.59M

Petroleum Gas

\$ 446.83K

Gross Production Oil

\$ 55.92M

Petroleum Oil

\$ 907.38K

**GPT total of \$83.9 million** in revenues for August, the division saw an overall increase over last month of **\$0.2 million** or **0.2%**.

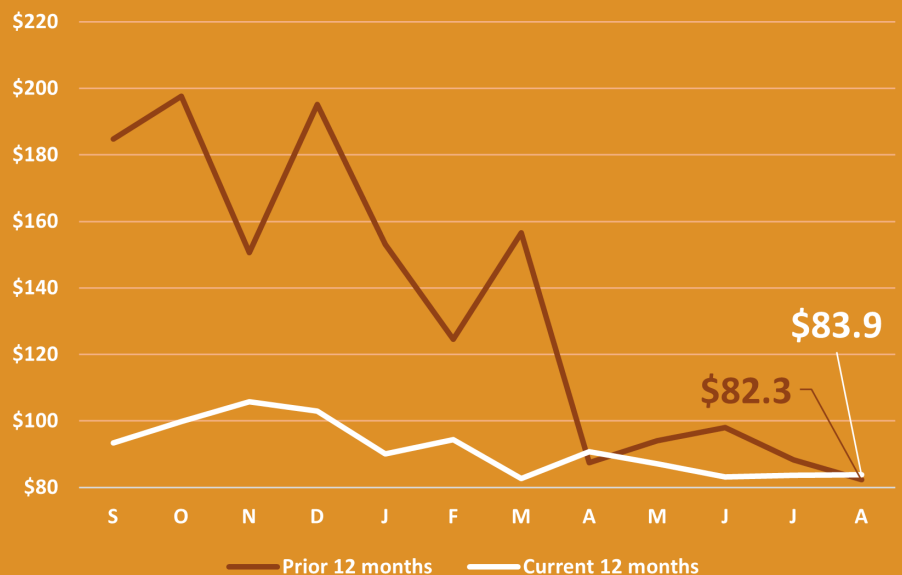
OPEC lowered its demand forecast for the second time in two months, expecting demand to grow by about **2 million** barrels per day or (bpd) in 2024, about **80K** bpd slower than its previous forecast. Oil producer groups sees demand growth of **1.7 million** bpd next year, **40K** lower than originally anticipated.

**Gross Production Tax** (GPT) is the Oklahoma severance tax imposed on producers for the extraction of oil and natural gas.

Revenue fluctuates widely from the volatile nature of commodity prices and production levels. The Revenue Stabilization Fund smooths out peaks and valleys. The fund receives deposits from the **gross production tax** and **corporate income tax** when above the five-year rolling average.

### Gross Production Tax

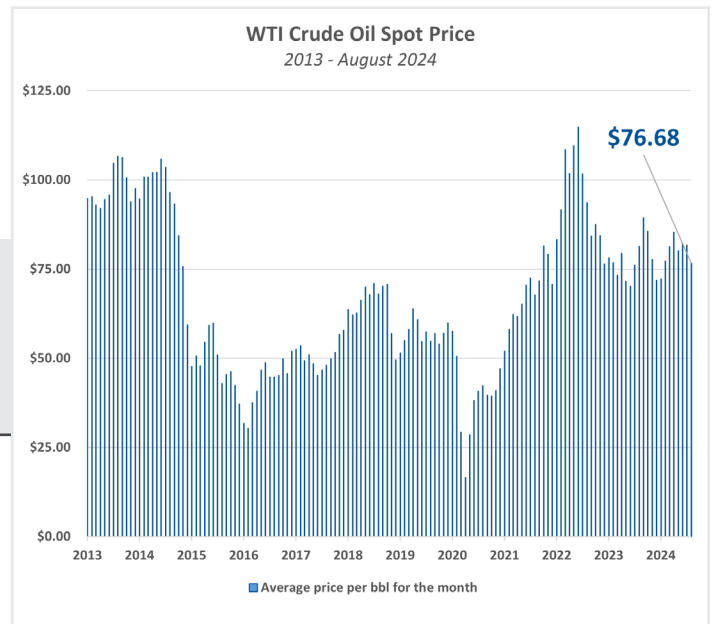
in millions



WTI Crude Oil Price is down more than **\$5** from the previous month, settling at an average of **\$76.68**, while the gasoline index fell **0.6%** over the month.

Average **U.S. Gasoline Prices** finish the month at **\$3.60** for all regular formulations, an increase over last month of **\$3.58**. The Consumer Price Index for gasoline was **unchanged** from last month.

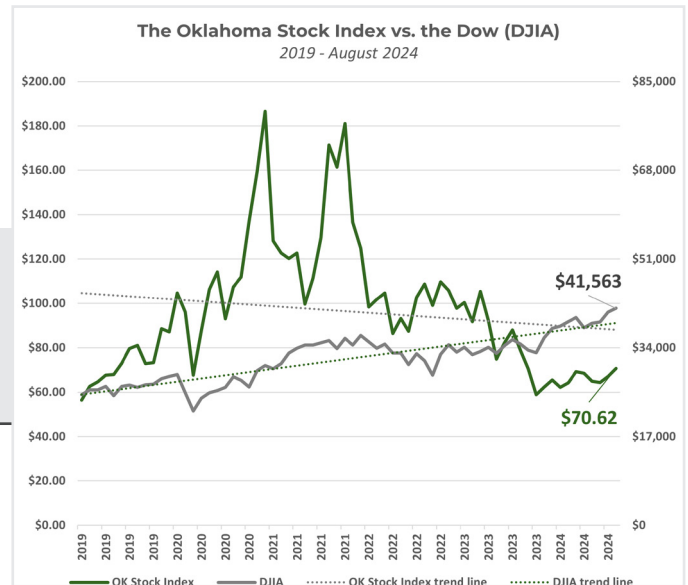
Number of rigs drilling for oil and gas tends to correlate with commodity prices. Higher prices encourage more drilling activity over time.



Oklahoma Stock Index is up **5.31%** settling at **\$70.62** while the Dow Jones Industrial Average is up over last month closing at **\$41,563**.

The Oklahoma Stock Index increased **\$3.56** or **5.31%** over the last month, while the Dow increased **1.77%**. The Oklahoma Stock index includes energy, software, financial and utility sectors.

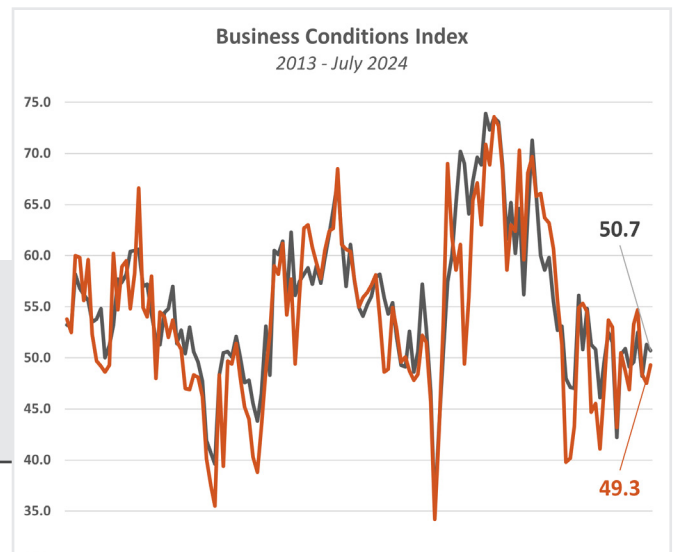
The Oklahoma Stock Index tracks the performance of Oklahoma based companies that trade on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) or NASDAQ. The Index is weighted by market capitalization and uses the closing stock prices from the last trading day each month.



Oklahoma's Business Conditions Index increased over the last month to **49.3**, while the U.S. International Trade Admin. reports expansion in Oklahoma's manufacturing sector.

According to the latest U.S. International Trade Admin. data, Oklahoma's manufacturing sector expanded year-to-date 2024 exports to **\$5.5 billion** from **\$2.8 billion** for the same period in 2023, a **96.2% gain**.

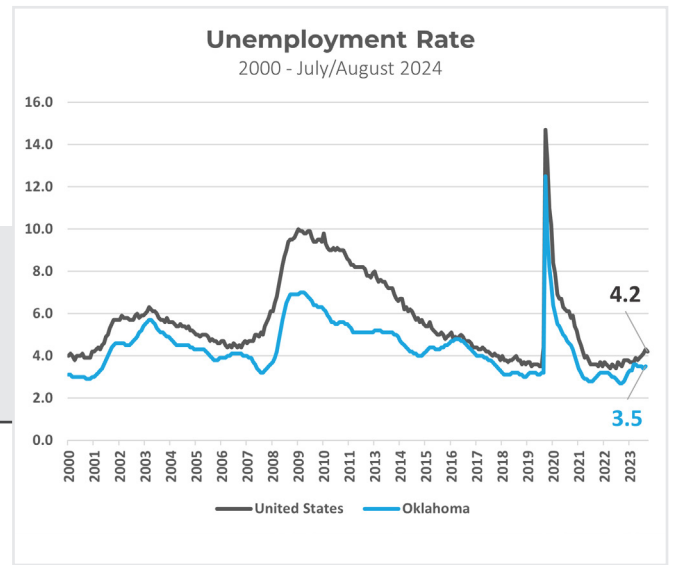
The nine states making up Creighton University's Mid-America Business Conditions Index stretch from Oklahoma and Arkansas in the south to North Dakota and Minnesota in the north.



The Oklahoma Unemployment Rate is **3.5%** for July. US claims increased to **4.2%** for August, returning to similar rates from Fall 2021.

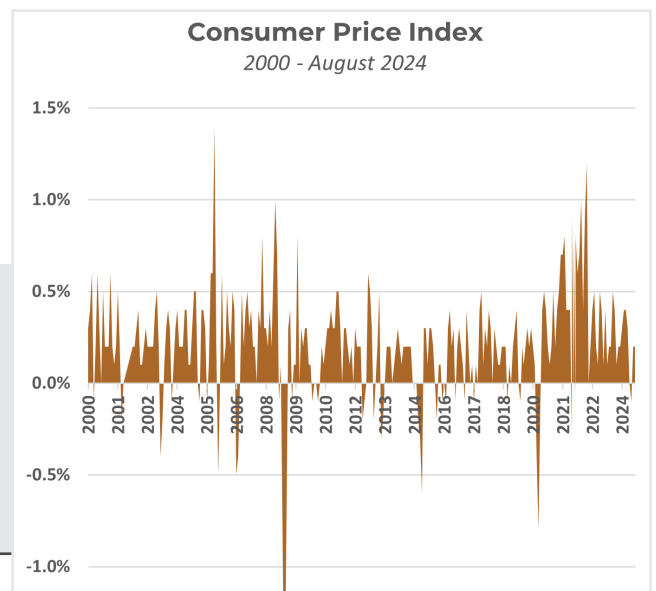
Sticking in the mid 3% range since fall of 2021, the OK rate increased **0.1%** while the national average decreased to **4.2%**, down **0.1%** over the last month, remaining at 4% for four months.

The unemployment rate is the percentage of the labor force who are actively pursuing employment but currently don't have a job. Oklahoma typically maintains an unemployment rate below the national average.



CPI hit **2.5%** over the last 12 months, as the all items index increased **0.2%** in August on a seasonally adjusted basis, after increasing in July. All items less food and energy rose **0.3%**.

The index for shelter rose **0.5%** in August, and was the main factor in the all items increase. The gasoline index fell **0.6%** over the month, after being unchanged in July, and declining in the two preceding months. The energy index fell **0.8%** over the month, after being unchanged last month.



The average 30-year fixed rate mortgage is **6.50%**, down **0.35%** from last month, decreasing for the third straight month.

Rates should continue to trend down in the coming months, setting up for a much better home buying season in 2025. Assuming the Fed implements cuts to its benchmark interest rate, it could lead to lower mortgage rates in the next months.

Mortgage rates are the interest charged for home loans, based on prevailing economic conditions, and with a spread over U.S. Treasury bond yields

