## The Amarillo Economy January 2025



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## **Amarillo Economic Analysis**

## Amarillo's economy has stalled out somewhat, with lower retail sales and construction, but job growth and commodity prices look promising for the future.

December Retail sales are down 8% compared to 12 months ago, while Year to Date Sales are up 2.7%. Vehicle Sales have increased with New Car Sales up 19% and Used Car Sales up 15%.

There are 4,250 more people working in Amarillo according to the Household Survey (reflecting added growth in part time). The Employers' Survey shows an increase of 2,500. Wages are down 5%. Our bank noticed an uptick in past due loans over the end of the year.

Housing Starts for the year are up over 30% compared to 2023, while average prices dropped 1%. Total Building Permits are down 72% from 12 months ago and 60% YTD, reflecting slowing commercial construction.

Tourism had slowed in the Fall. Airline Boardings were down 2% in November and December, and Hotel/Motel Tax Collections are down 6%.

Record high Feeder and Fat Cattle will help the ranchers and Feedyards. Low costs of gain are boosting profits. We will watch the price of corn. Feedyards might not be as full because of low inventory during the drought.

Milk Prices are up 25% from a year ago and are really helping out area Dairies. As with feedyards, input costs are low.

In 2025, as of now, we expect more wheat taken to harvest due to good November rains and strong prices. We will see the same with Sorghum and Corn. Cotton prices are 9% lower and there might be less planted this year.



## **Amarillo Economic Pulse**

Economic Components	c	Current Month		Last Month		One Year Ago
Index (Base Jan. 88 @ 100)		193.82		199.91		211.00
Sales Tax Collection	\$	7,913,301	\$	8,424,213	\$	8,597,674
Sales Tax Collections (Year to Date)	\$	111,991,545	\$	104,078,244	\$	109,029,729
New Vehicle Sales		617		708		517
Used Vehicle Sales		1,164		1,431		1,009
Airline Boardings		35,850		33,318		36,619
Hotel/Motel Receipt Tax	\$	692,195	\$	796,648	\$	734,954
Population		201,106		201,106		201,106
Employment – CLF*		141,318		141,718		136,817
Unemployment Rate*	%	2.60	%	3.10	%	2.50
Total Worker Employed* (Household Survey)		137,638		137,290		133,390
Total Worker Employed* (Employer Survey)		132,000		131,736		129,492
Average Weekly Wages	\$	1,052.00	\$	1,052.00	\$	1,109.50
Gas Meters		69,866		69,399		69,501
Interest Rates (30 year mortgage rates)	%	7.000	%	6.875	%	6.625
Building Permits (Dollar Amount)	\$	16,412,147	\$	33,997,851	\$	58,826,366
Year to Date Permits (Dollar Amount)	\$	474,452,439	\$	456,447,517	\$	1,253,416,215
Residential Starts		43		34		43
Year to Date Starts		543		502		416
Median House Sold Price	\$	240,000	\$	250,000	\$	243,000
Drilling Rigs in Panhandle		5		4		1
Oil Per Barrel	\$	78.89	\$	70.83	\$	72.68
Natural Gas	\$	4.31	\$	3.20	\$	3.31
Wheat Per Bushel	\$	6.39	\$	6.67	\$	6.35
Fed Cattle Per CWT	\$	200.00	\$	190.00	\$	171.00
Corn		4 70	\$	4.43	\$	4.44
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Cotton (Cents Per Pound)	\$ \$	4.79 65.60	\$	63.10	\$	72.40

Heads up, it's time for the legal spiel!

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## **Economic Pulse Charts**

2025

2024

2023

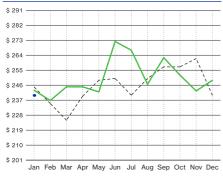
## Workers Employed

(In Thousands - Household Survey)



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## Median House Sold Price (In Thousands)



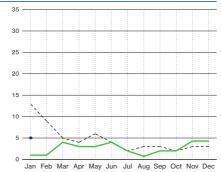


## Sales Tax Receipts (In Thousands)

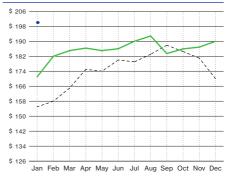
## Oil (Price Per Barrel - In Dollars)



## **Active Drilling Rigs in Panhandle**

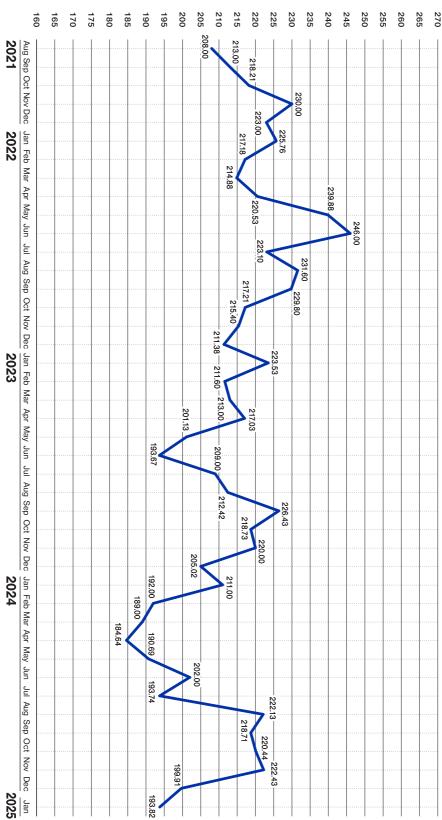


## Fed Cattle Per Hundred Weight (In Dollars)



## Wheat (Price Per Bushel)





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