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All Oklahoma county unemployment rates improve in April

In April 2007, Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted state unemployment rate dropped by 0.5 percent to 3.8 percent. All of the state's 77 counties followed suit, with each reporting an unemployment rate drop over the month. Coal County reported the state's highest county rate in April, while Beaver and Woodward counties shared the state's lowest county unemployment rate of 2.4 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

APRIL 2007	Area	Unemp. Rate	Monthly change	Annual change			
RATE	Statewide	3.8%	₽ 0.5%	no change			
Highest county	Coal County	6.2%	₽ 0.5%	₽ 0.2%			
Lowest county	Beaver Co.	2.4%	₽ 0.4%	₽ 0.1%			
	Woodward Co.	2.4%	₽ 0.3%	no change			
Biggest % gain	All county unemployment rates decreased in April 2007.						
Biggest % loss	Hughes Co.	5.7%	₽ 0.7%				

^{*}non-seasonally adjusted

State unemployment rate drops by 0.5 percent in April

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** improved to 3.8 percent in April with an over-themonth drop of one-half of a percent. This drop reflects growth in the state's **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **non-seasonally adjusted employment** combined with major improvement to **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** over the month. This rate drop follows the typical pattern seen each year during the March-to-April period.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	APRIL 2007 UNEMPLOYMEN						NT RATE	
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Apr '07	Mar '07	Feb '07	Apr '06	
Oklahoma	1,739,410	1,672,510	66,900	3.8%	4.3%	4.4%	3.8%	
United States	151,829,000	145,297,000	6,532,000	4.3%	4.5%	4.9%	4.5%	
Region								
Arkansas	1,381,490	1,314,500	66,990	4.8%	5.1%	5.8%	5.3%	
Kansas	1,470,590	1,412,340	58,250	4.0%	4.3%	4.7%	4.1%	
Louisiana	2,001,190	1,927,080	74,120	3.7%	3.8%	3.7%	3.3%	
Missouri	3,043,300	2,912,430	130,870	4.3%	5.0%	5.7%	4.4%	
New Mexico	934,100	901,210	32,890	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	4.4%	
Texas	11,496,750	11,045,100	451,660	3.9%	4.2%	4.7%	4.9%	

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Coal County reports state's highest county rate in April

Coal County again claimed the state's highest county unemployment rate in April with a rate of 6.2 percent. Hughes and McCurtain counties shared the month's second highest county rate of 5.7 percent. Atoka and Seminole counties tied at 5.6 percent for the third highest county rate in April.

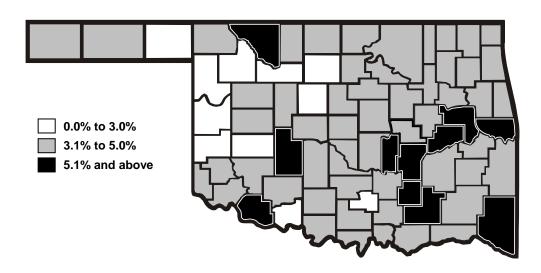
	APRIL 2007	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Apr '07	Mar '07	Feb '07	Apr '06
Coal County	2,420	2,270	150	6.2%	6.7%	6.5%	6.4%
Hughes County	4,940	4,660	280	5.7%	6.4%	6.5%	5.9%
McCurtain County	13,850	13,060	790	5.7%	6.2%	6.4%	5.8%
Atoka County	5,810	5,480	330	5.6%	6.2%	6.4%	4.2%
Seminole County	10,200	9,620	570	5.6%	6.1%	6.0%	5.5%

Beaver and Woodward counties share state's lowest rate

In April, **Beaver and Woodward counties** tied at 2.4 percent for the state's lowest county unemployment rate. **Beckham County** held sole possession of the second highest county rate of 2.5 percent. **Ellis and Kingfisher counties** both reported county unemployment rates of 2.6 percent in April.

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Beaver County	2,960	2,890	70	2.4%	2.8%	3.0%	2.5%
Woodward County	11,670	11,390	280	2.4%	2.7%	2.8%	2.4%
Beckham County	10,590	10,330	260	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%	2.5%
Ellis County	2,190	2,140	60	2.6%	2.9%	3.0%	2.6%
Kingfisher County	7,940	7,730	210	2.6%	3.0%	3.1%	2.6%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary Data for April 2007



LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA County rankings

	-	APRIL 2007			UNEMP	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Apr '07	Mar '07	Feb '07	Apr '06	
1.	Coal County	2,420	2,270	150	6.2%	6.7%	6.5%	6.4%	
2.	Hughes County	4,940	4,660	280	5.7%	6.4%	6.5%	5.9%	
3.	McCurtain County	13,850	13,060	790	5.7%	6.2%	6.4%	5.8%	
4.	Atoka County	5,810	5,480	330	5.6%	6.2%	6.4%	4.2%	
5.	Seminole County	10,200	9,620	570	5.6%	6.1%	6.0%	5.5%	
6.	Muskogee County	28,820	27,240	1,580	5.5%	6.0%	6.2%	4.8%	
7.	Sequoyah County	18,630	17,590	1,030	5.5%	6.0%	6.7%	5.4%	
8.	McIntosh County	8,240	7,790	440	5.4%	5.9%	6.0%	4.9%	
9.	Woods County	4,100	3,880	220	5.3%	5.8%	6.1%	5.1%	
10.	Tillman County	3,490	3,310	180	5.2%	5.8%	5.4%	4.0%	
11.	Caddo County	11,420	10,840	580	5.1%	5.6%	5.6%	5.4%	
12.	Choctaw County	6,930	6,600	340	4.9%	5.4%	5.7%	4.2%	
13.	Okfuskee County	4,350	4,130	210	4.9%	5.5%	5.6%	5.2%	
14.	LeFlore County	21,910	20,860	1,050	4.8%	5.2%	5.8%	5.0%	
15.	Okmulgee County	16,960	16,140	820	4.8%	5.3%	5.7%	5.6%	
16.	Latimer County	4,020	3,840	180	4.6%	5.0%	5.1%	5.0%	
17.	Nowata County	4,740	4,520	220	4.6%	4.7%	5.0%	4.1%	
18.	Ottawa County	16,830	16,050	780	4.6%	5.1%	5.4%	4.3%	
19.	Kay County	21,610	20,630	980	4.5%	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%	
20.	Kiowa County	3,720	3,550	170	4.5%	5.1%	5.4%	4.7%	
21.	Adair County	10,830	10,350	480	4.4%	4.9%	5.0%	4.2%	
22.	Craig County	6,810	6,500	300	4.4%	5.0%	5.2%	3.9%	
23.	Greer County	1,980	1,890	90	4.4%	5.0%	5.3%	4.6%	
24.	Jefferson County	2,350	2,250	100	4.4%	5.0%	5.4%	4.0%	
25.	Cherokee County	21,530	20,600	930	4.3%	4.8%	4.8%	3.6%	
26.	Mayes County	17,610	16,860	750	4.3%	4.7%	4.8%	4.0%	
27.	Pawnee County	7,930	7,590	340	4.3%	4.7%	4.7%	3.6%	
	Alfalfa County	2,230	2,140	90	4.2%	4.7%	4.9%	3.5%	
29.	Comanche County	45,530	43,640	1,890	4.2%	4.5%	4.6%	3.8%	
	Delaware County	17,440	16,700	740	4.2%	4.8%	5.2%	4.2%	
	Haskell County	5,330	5,100	230	4.2%	4.7%	5.2%	4.0%	
	Pottawatomie Co.	31,680	30,360	1,320	4.2%	4.7%	4.7%	4.3%	
	Johnston County	4,850	4,650	200	4.1%	4.6%	4.6%	4.2%	
	Oklahoma County	339,990	326,150	13,840	4.1%	4.6%	4.6%	4.0%	
	Pushmataha County	5,620	5,390	230	4.1%	4.7%	4.5%	4.1%	
	Blaine County	4,870	4,680	200	4.0%	4.5%	4.7%	3.9%	
	Grady County	23,940	22,970	970	4.0%	4.5%	4.8%	4.0%	
	Creek County	32,270	31,000	1,270	3.9%	4.4%	4.6%	3.7%	
39.	Marshall County	6,350	6,110	250	3.9%	4.4%	4.6%	3.9%	

		APRIL 2007	L 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					
		Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Apr '07	Mar '07	Feb '07	Apr '06
40.	Osage County	21,080	20,260	820	3.9%	4.3%	4.3%	3.8%
41.	Pittsburg County	21,660	20,830	830	3.8%	4.3%	4.5%	3.9%
42.	Lincoln County	14,990	14,430	560	3.7%	4.2%	4.2%	3.6%
43.	Grant County	2,270	2,180	80	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%	3.9%
44.	McClain County	15,030	14,490	540	3.6%	4.0%	4.2%	3.4%
45.	Payne County	33,590	32,390	1,200	3.6%	3.9%	4.0%	3.1%
46.	Wagoner County	32,610	31,450	1,160	3.6%	4.0%	4.2%	3.4%
47.	Canadian County	52,460	50,600	1,860	3.5%	3.9%	4.0%	3.1%
48.	Cimarron County	1,250	1,210	40	3.5%	3.9%	4.5%	2.4%
49.	Harmon County	1,490	1,440	50	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%	3.2%
50.	Jackson County	12,250	11,830	430	3.5%	3.8%	3.9%	3.2%
51.	Logan County	18,540	17,900	650	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	3.2%
52.	Rogers County	40,630	39,200	1,430	3.5%	3.9%	3.9%	3.3%
53.	Tulsa County	298,800	288,350	10,460	3.5%	3.9%	4.0%	3.6%
54.	Carter County	24,500	23,670	820	3.4%	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%
55.	Noble County	5,770	5,570	200	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%	3.3%
56.	Stephens County	21,070	20,360	720	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%	3.2%
57.	Cleveland County	120,790	116,780	4,020	3.3%	3.7%	3.8%	3.2%
58.	Pontotoc County	20,340	19,660	680	3.3%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%
59.	Washington County	25,310	24,470	840	3.3%	3.7%	3.9%	3.3%
60.	Custer County	13,430	13,000	430	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%	2.7%
61.	Garvin County	13,640	13,200	440	3.2%	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%
62.	Harper County	1,810	1,750	60	3.2%	3.4%	3.4%	2.6%
63.	Texas County	8,880	8,600	280	3.2%	3.6%	3.7%	3.1%
64.	Bryan County	20,340	19,710	640	3.1%	3.5%	3.6%	3.2%
65.	Dewey County	2,370	2,300	70	3.1%	3.6%	3.7%	3.0%
66.	Love County	4,940	4,780	160	3.1%	3.5%	3.5%	3.4%
67.	Washita County	5,690	5,510	170	3.0%	3.5%	3.4%	2.9%
68.	Cotton County	3,380	3,280	100	2.9%	3.3%	3.7%	3.1%
69.	Roger Mills County	1,710	1,660	50	2.9%	3.4%	3.3%	2.3%
70.	Garfield County	29,340	28,510	830	2.8%	3.2%	3.3%	2.9%
71.	Major County	3,940	3,830	110	2.7%	3.0%	3.2%	2.6%
72.	Murray County	8,080	7,870	220	2.7%	3.1%	3.1%	2.9%
73.	Ellis County	2,190	2,140	60	2.6%	2.9%	3.0%	2.6%
74.	Kingfisher County	7,940	7,730	210	2.6%	3.0%	3.1%	2.6%
75.	Beckham County	10,590	10,330	260	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%	2.5%
76.	Beaver County	2,960	2,890	70	2.4%	2.8%	3.0%	2.5%
77.	Woodward County	11,670	11,390	280	2.4%	2.7%	2.8%	2.4%

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Alfalfa County	2,230	2,140	90	4.2%	4.7%	4.9%	3.5%
Atoka County	5,810	5,480	330	5.6%	6.2%	6.4%	4.2%
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Dewey County	2,370	2,300	70	3.1%	3.6%	3.7%	3.0%
Ellis County	2,190	2,140	60	2.6%	2.9%	3.0%	2.6%
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Oklahoma County	339,990	326,150	13,840	4.1%	4.6%	4.6%	4.0%
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Washington County	25,310	24,470	840	3.3%	3.7%	3.9%	3.3%
Washita County	5,690	5,510	170	3.0%	3.5%	3.4%	2.9%
Woods County	4,100	3,880	220	5.3%	5.8%	6.1%	5.1%
Woodward County	11,670	11,390	280	2.4%	2.7%	2.8%	2.4%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA Workforce Investments Areas (WIAs) & Local Labor Markets (LLMs)

	APRIL 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Apr '07	Mar '07	Feb '07	Apr '06
Oklahoma	1,739,410	1,672,510	66,900	3.8%	4.3%	4.4%	3.8%
Central WIA	410,990	394,640	16,340	4.0%	4.4%	4.5%	3.9%
Cleveland County WIA	120,790	116,780	4,020	3.3%	3.7%	3.8%	3.2%
East Central WIA	66,150	63,210	2,940	4.5%	5.0%	5.0%	4.5%
Holdenville LLM	9,290	8,800	490	5.3%	6.0%	6.1%	5.6%
Shawnee LLM	56,860	54,410	2,450	4.3%	4.8%	4.8%	4.4%
Eastern WIA	137,610	131,170	6,450	4.7%	5.2%	5.4%	4.4%
Muskogee LLM	69,670	66,480	3,180	4.6%	5.0%	5.2%	4.2%
Okmulgee LLM	16,960	16,140	820	4.8%	5.3%	5.7%	5.6%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	50,980	48,540	2,440	4.8%	5.2%	5.5%	4.4%
North Central WIA	111,550	107,660	3,880	3.5%	3.9%	4.0%	3.5%
Enid LLM	50,580	49,070	1,510	3.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.0%
Ponca City LLM	27,380	26,200	1,170	4.3%	4.7%	4.9%	4.9%
Stillwater LLM	33,590	32,390	1,200	3.6%	3.9%	4.0%	3.1%
Northeast WIA	129,370	124,310	5,060	3.9%	4.3%	4.5%	3.7%
Bartlesville LLM	30,050	28,990	1,060	3.5%	3.9%	4.0%	3.4%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	75,680	72,760	2,920	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%	3.7%
Miami-Vinita LLM	23,640	22,550	1,080	4.6%	5.1%	5.3%	4.2%
Northwest WIA	35,230	34,150	1,080	3.1%	3.4%	3.6%	3.0%
Guymon LLM	13,090	12,700	390	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	2.9%
Woodward LLM	22,140	21,450	690	3.1%	3.5%	3.6%	3.1%
South Central WIA	126,210	121,130	5,080	4.0%	4.5%	4.6%	3.8%
Chickasha LLM	50,390	48,300	2,090	4.1%	4.6%	4.8%	4.1%
Duncan LLM	23,420	22,600	820	3.5%	3.9%	4.1%	3.3%
Lawton LLM	52,400	50,230	2,170	4.1%	4.5%	4.6%	3.8%
Southeast WIA	79,320	75,670	3,650	4.6%	5.1%	5.4%	4.7%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	26,400	25,040	1,350	5.1%	5.7%	5.8%	5.0%
McAlester LLM	25,690	24,670	1,020	4.0%	4.4%	4.6%	4.1%
Poteau LLM	27,240	25,960	1,280	4.7%	5.1%	5.7%	4.8%
Southern WIA	111,270	107,390	3,880	3.5%	3.9%	4.0%	3.6%
Ada LLM	33,980	32,860	1,120	3.3%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%
Ardmore LLM	37,520	36,330	1,190	3.2%	3.6%	3.7%	3.5%
Durant LLM	39,770	38,210	1,560	3.9%	4.4%	4.5%	3.8%
Southwest WIA	50,840	49,200	1,640	3.2%	3.6%	3.7%	3.0%
Altus LLM	19,430	18,700	730	3.8%	4.2%	4.3%	3.6%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	31,410	30,500	910	2.9%	3.2%	3.3%	2.7%
Tulsa WIA	360,080	347,200	12,880	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%	3.6%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

	APRIL 2007					OYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Apr '07	Mar '07	Feb '07	Apr '06		
Oklahoma	1,739,410	1,672,510	66,900	3.8%	4.3%	4.4%	3.8%		
Oklahoma City MSA	585,740	563,320	22,430	3.8%	4.3%	4.3%	3.7%		
Tulsa MSA	450,280	433,990	16,290	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%	3.6%		
Lawton MSA	45,530	43,640	1,890	4.2%	4.5%	4.6%	3.8%		