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## **OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - April 2007**

### State unemployment rate falls to 3.8 percent in April

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped to 3.8 percent in April, an improvement of onehalf percent. Although this is a significant change, it falls in line with the trend seen each year for the March-to-April period.

#### LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS\*

|         | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Unemp.<br>Rate |
|---------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| APR '07 | 1,739,410   | 1,672,510  | 66,900       | 3.8%           |
| Mar '07 | 1,732,180   | 1,658,050  | 74,140       | 4.3%           |
| Apr '06 | 1,703,670   | 1,631,830  | 71,830       | 4.2%           |
|         |             |            |              |                |

\*non-seasonally adjusted

### April brings continued growth for Oklahoma employment

- Growth in Natural Resources & Mining continues to be a driving force behind year-to-year expansion. Although the industry accounts for less than 3.0 percent of all TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT, it provided more than one out of every five jobs added across the state during the April-to-April period.
- Three of the Service Providing Industries (Professional & Business Services, Educational & Health Services, and Leisure & Hospitality) accounted for more than seven out of every 10 jobs gained for the month.
- With a gain of 2,000 jobs over the month, Leisure & Hospitality added more jobs than any other industry in April. Seasonal growth in Accommodation & Food Services spurred this expansion.

#### TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT\*

|            | Apr '07   | Mar '07   | Apr '06   |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| OKLAHOMA   | 1,572,200 | 1,564,600 | 1,546,900 |
| OKC MSA    | 579,700   | 574,700   | 566,200   |
| Tulsa MSA  | 428,200   | 425,800   | 421,400   |
| Lawton MSA | 41,600    | 41,500    | 41,600    |

#### CHANGE in TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT\*

|            | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |      |  |
|------------|------------|---------|--------------------|------|--|
| OKLAHOMA   | 7,600 0.5% |         | 25,300             | 1.6% |  |
| OKC MSA    | 5,000      | 0.9%    | 13,500             | 2.4% |  |
| Tulsa MSA  | 2,400      | 0.6%    | 6,800              | 1.6% |  |
| Lawton MSA | 100 0.2%   |         | 0                  | 0.0% |  |

\*non-seasonally adjusted

## LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The statistics in this section are gathered from the **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)** program. LAUS produces labor force, employment, unemployment and unemployment rate estimates for the state and its subdivisions based on where workers live. Data is taken from a monthly household survey, and all LAUS numbers refer to individual persons rather than their jobs.

#### April's statewide unemployment rate drops to 3.8 percent

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** improved to 3.8 percent in April with an overthe-month 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.

Over the year, **non-seasonally adjusted labor force**, **employment** and **unemployment** all experienced moderate gains.

| APRIL 2007    |             |             |              |         | UNEMPLOYMENT 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%    | 4.2%    |  |  |
| United States | 151,829,000 | 145,297,000 | 6,532,000    | 4.3%    | 4.5%              | 4.9%    | 4.5%    |  |  |

|                     | NON-SEASON             | ALLY ADJUSTE | D            | SEASONALLY            |           |              |  |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|--|
|                     | Labor Force Employment |              | Unemployment | mployment Labor Force |           | Unemployment |  |
| APRIL 2007          | 1,739,410              | 1,672,510    | 66,900       | 1,744,980             | 1,672,060 | 72,920       |  |
| Monthly change (#)  | 7,230                  | 14,460       | -7,240       | 4,490                 | 2,540     | 1,950        |  |
| Monthly change (%)  | 0.4%                   | 0.9%         | -9.8%        | 0.3%                  | 0.2%      | 2.7%         |  |
| Annual change (#)   | 29,240                 | 26,780       | 2,450        | 29,170                | 24,320    | 4,850        |  |
| Annual change (%)   | 1.7%                   | 1.6%         | 3.8%         | 1.7%                  | 1.5%      | 7.1%         |  |
| Participation rate* | 63.9%                  | 61.5%        |              | 64.1%                 | 61.5%     |              |  |

\* Participation rate represents the ratio of labor force or employment compared to the general population of Oklahoma.

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## **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS**

The **Current Employment Statistics (CES)** program uses a monthly payroll survey of businesses to provide current non-farm establishment employment statistics. Non-farm employment is an estimate of employment by place of work. It does not include the self-employed, unpaid family members, or agricultural workers. CES numbers refer to jobs instead of persons.

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## Monthly and annual gains continue across state in April

Oklahoma's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** continued to grow in April, adding 7,600 jobs (+0.5 percent) over the month due mostly to expansion in the **Service Providing Industries**. Over the year, state **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 25,300 jobs (+1.6 percent). Only one industry, **Financial Activities**, dropped jobs over the month; this industry joined **Information** as the only two industries to shed jobs over the year in April.

The **Goods Producing Industries** provided more than their fair share of the annual expansion in April. Although these three industries only account for a little more than 17 percent of Oklahoma's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT**, they contributed nearly 42 percent of April's annual gain. This growth was driven for the most part by a **Natural Resources & Mining** industry that continues to expand to meet demand for oil.

Growth also continued in the Service Providing Industries in April. Three of these industries, Professional & Business Services, Educational & Health Services, and Leisure & Hospitality, accounted for more than seven out of every 10 jobs gained in April.

|                                   | NUMBER O  | F JOBS    | CHANGE    |                    |       |                    |       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
|                                   | Apr '07   | Mar '07   | Apr '06   | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |       | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |       |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT          | 1,572,200 | 1,564,600 | 1,546,900 | 7,600              | 0.5%  | 25,300             | 1.6%  |
| Goods Producing Industries        | 267,600   | 266,900   | 257,000   | 700                | 0.3%  | 10,600             | 4.1%  |
| Natural Resources & Mining        | 45,800    | 45,600    | 40,700    | 200                | 0.4%  | 5,100              | 12.5% |
| Construction                      | 71,700    | 71,400    | 69,800    | 300                | 0.4%  | 1,900              | 2.7%  |
| Manufacturing                     | 150,100   | 149,900   | 146,500   | 200                | 0.1%  | 3,600              | 2.5%  |
| Service Providing Industries      | 1,304,600 | 1,297,700 | 1,289,900 | 6,900              | 0.5%  | 14,700             | 1.1%  |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 283,700   | 283,000   | 281,800   | 700                | 0.2%  | 1,900              | 0.7%  |
| Financial Activities              | 83,300    | 83,600    | 83,700    | -300               | -0.4% | -400               | -0.5% |
| Professional & Business Services  | 177,500   | 175,700   | 174,400   | 1,800              | 1.0%  | 3,100              | 1.8%  |
| Educational & Health Services     | 191,100   | 189,500   | 186,800   | 1,600              | 0.8%  | 4,300              | 2.3%  |
| Leisure & Hospitality             | 138,300   | 136,300   | 137,600   | 2,000              | 1.5%  | 700                | 0.5%  |
| Other Services                    | 75,000    | 74,400    | 74,000    | 600                | 0.8%  | 1,000              | 1.4%  |
| Government                        | 326,100   | 325,600   | 321,900   | 500                | 0.2%  | 4,200              | 1.3%  |
|                                   |           |           |           | Jobs               | Pct.  | Jobs               | Pct.  |

State Natural Resources & Mining continues annual growth

Although it reported only marginal growth for the month, **Natural Resources & Mining** saw strong annual growth in April with an over-the-year addition of 5,100 jobs (+12.5 percent).

|                               | NUMBER C | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |                    |       |                      |       |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
|                               | Apr '07  | Mar '07        | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |       | 7 Apr '06 to Apr '07 |       |
| Natural Resources & Mining    | 45,800   | 45,600         | 40,700  | 200                | 0.4%  | 5,100                | 12.5% |
| Support Activities for Mining | 25,100   | 25,300         | 22,500  | -200               | -0.8% | 2,600                | 11.6% |
|                               |          |                |         | Jobs               | Pct.  | Jobs                 | Pct.  |

### State Construction continues seasonal expansion in April

Statewide **Construction** continued its seasonal growth in April, as **Construction of Buildings** and **Specialty Trade Contractors** drove monthly gains. All sectors contributed to the industry's annual expansion of 1,900 jobs (+2.7 percent).

|                             | NUMBER C | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |                    |       | CHANGE             |      |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|------|--|--|
|                             | Apr '07  | Mar '07        | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |       | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |      |  |  |
| Construction                | 71,700   | 71,400         | 69,800  | 300                | 0.4%  | 1,900              | 2.7% |  |  |
| Construction of Buildings   | 15,800   | 15,600         | 15,100  | 200                | 1.3%  | 700                | 4.6% |  |  |
| Heavy & Civil Engineering   | 11,800   | 12,100         | 11,300  | -300               | -2.5% | 500                | 4.4% |  |  |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 44,100   | 43,700         | 43,400  | 400                | 0.9%  | 700                | 1.6% |  |  |
|                             |          |                |         | Jobs               | Pct.  | Jobs               | Pct. |  |  |

#### Statewide Manufacturing grows over month and year

In April, **Durable Goods Manufacturing** provided all of the monthly gains and three-quarters of the annual growth for Oklahoma's **Manufacturing** industry. **Non-durable Goods Manufacturing** contributed the remaining 900 jobs to the annual gain.

|                             | NUMBER O | CHANGE  |         |                    |       |                   |      |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|------|
|                             | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |       | Apr '06 to Apr '0 |      |
| Manufacturing               | 150,100  | 149,900 | 146,500 | 200                | 0.1%  | 3,600             | 2.5% |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing | 101,000  | 100,700 | 98,300  | 300                | 0.3%  | 2,700             | 2.7% |
| Non-durable Goods Mfg.      | 49,100   | 49,200  | 48,200  | -100               | -0.2% | 900               | 1.9% |
|                             |          |         |         | Jobs               | Pct.  | Jobs              | Pct. |

#### Trade, Transportation & Utilities adds jobs for month and year

**Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** continued to expand in April, as industry employment rose by 700 jobs (+0.2 percent) over the month and 1,900 jobs (+0.7 percent) over the year. The **Transportation**, **Warehouse & Utilities** sector accounted for nearly 95 percent of the annual expansion.

|                                   | NUMBER O | F JOBS  | CHANGE  |                    |       |                    |      |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|------|
|                                   | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |       | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |      |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 283,700  | 283,000 | 281,800 | 700                | 0.2%  | 1,900              | 0.7% |
| Wholesale Trade                   | 58,000   | 57,800  | 58,000  | 200                | 0.3%  | 0                  | 0.0% |
| Retail Trade                      | 169,700  | 169,900 | 169,600 | -200               | -0.1% | 100                | 0.1% |
| Transportation, Warehouse & Util. | 56,000   | 55,300  | 54,200  | 700                | 1.3%  | 1,800              | 3.3% |
|                                   |          |         |         | Jobs               | Pct.  | Jobs               | Pct. |

# State Financial Activities industry down for month and year in April

Financial Activities was the only statewide industry to drop jobs for the month in April and joined Information as the only industries to drop jobs over the year. The Real Estate and Rental & Leasing sector provided most of these losses.

|                                  | NUMBER O | F JOBS  |         | CHANGE             |                    |  |  |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|                                  | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |  |  |
| Financial Activities             | 83,300   | 83,600  | 83,700  | -300 -0.4%         | -400 -0.5%         |  |  |
| Finance & Insurance              | 59,500   | 59,600  | 59,400  | -100 -0.2%         | 100 0.2%           |  |  |
| Real Estate and Rental & Leasing | 23,800   | 24,000  | 24,300  | -200 -0.8%         | -500 -2.1%         |  |  |
|                                  |          |         |         | Jobs Pct.          | Jobs Pct.          |  |  |

# Professional & Business Services adds jobs for the month and year again

**Professional & Business Services** continued to expand in April, adding 1,800 jobs (+1.0 percent) over the month and 3,100 jobs (+1.8 percent) over the year. **Administrative & Support Services** accounted for more than 70 percent of the jobs gained for the month and for the year.

|                                    | NUMBER C | CHANGE  |         |                    |      |                    |      |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|
|                                    | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |      | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |      |
| Professional & Business Services   | 177,500  | 175,700 | 174,400 | 1,800              | 1.0% | 3,100              | 1.8% |
| Professional & Scientific Services | 62,200   | 61,900  | 61,700  | 300                | 0.5% | 500                | 0.8% |
| Management of Companies            | 12,700   | 12,500  | 12,400  | 200                | 1.6% | 300                | 2.4% |
| Administrative & Support Services  | 102,600  | 101,300 | 100,300 | 1,300              | 1.3% | 2,300              | 2.3% |
|                                    |          |         |         | Jobs               | Pct. | Jobs               | Pct. |

#### **Educational & Health Services continues growth in April**

**Educational & Health Services** expanded by 1,600 jobs (+0.8 percent) for the month and 4,300 jobs (+2.3 percent) over the year in April. The **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector provided most of the monthly and annual gains. **Ambulatory Health Care**, **Hospitals** and **Social Assistance** all added jobs over the year.

|                                 | NUMBER O | F JOBS  | CHANGE  |            |         |            |         |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                                 | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| Educational & Health Services   | 191,100  | 189,500 | 186,800 | 1,600      | 0.8%    | 4,300      | 2.3%    |
| Educational Services            | 20,000   | 19,300  | 19,600  | 700        | 3.6%    | 400        | 2.0%    |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171,100  | 170,200 | 167,200 | 900        | 0.5%    | 3,900      | 2.3%    |
| Ambulatory Health Care          | 62,400   | 62,300  | 60,200  | 100        | 0.2%    | 2,200      | 3.7%    |
| Hospitals                       | 49,500   | 49,400  | 48,700  | 100        | 0.2%    | 800        | 1.6%    |
| Nursing & Residential Care      | 34,300   | 33,900  | 34,300  | 400        | 1.2%    | 0          | 0.0%    |
| Social Assistance               | 24,900   | 24,600  | 24,000  | 300        | 1.2%    | 900        | 3.8%    |
|                                 |          |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

#### Seasonal growth again impacts state Leisure & Hospitality

Seasonal growth continued for **Leisure & Hospitality** in April, as the industry added 2,000 jobs (+1.5 percent) over the month. Much of the industry's monthly growth was provided by hiring in **Full-service Restaurants**. The sub-sector was also responsible for the industry's 700-job gain over the year.

|                                  | NUMBER OF JOBS CHANGE |         |         |                    |       |            |         |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------|------------|---------|
|                                  | Apr '07               | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |       | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| Leisure & Hospitality            | 138,300               | 136,300 | 137,600 | 2,000              | 1.5%  | 700        | 0.5%    |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 15,700                | 15,000  | 15,600  | 700                | 4.7%  | 100        | 0.6%    |
| Accommodation & Food Services    | 122,600               | 121,300 | 122,000 | 1,300              | 1.1%  | 600        | 0.5%    |
| Accommodation                    | 11,000                | 10,900  | 11,100  | 100                | 0.9%  | -100       | -0.9%   |
| Food Svcs. & Drinking Places     | 111,600               | 110,400 | 110,900 | 1,200              | 1.1%  | 700        | 0.6%    |
| Full-service Restaurants         | 52,500                | 51,200  | 51,600  | 1,300              | 2.5%  | 900        | 1.7%    |
| Limited-service Eating           | 53,600                | 53,700  | 53,900  | -100               | -0.2% | -300       | -0.6%   |
|                                  |                       |         |         | Jobs               | Pct.  | Jobs       | Pct.    |

#### Oklahoma Government up for month and year in April

Hiring in **Government** continued to slow in April, as the industry added 500 jobs (+0.2 percent) over the month. **Local Government** provided the lion's share of the industry's over-the-year growth.

|                    | NUMBER O | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |                    | CHANGE |                      |       |  |  |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|---------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|--|--|
|                    | Apr '07  | Mar '07        | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |        | 7 Apr '06 to Apr '07 |       |  |  |
| Government         | 326,100  | 325,600        | 321,900 | 500                | 0.2%   | 4,200                | 1.3%  |  |  |
| Federal Government | 45,300   | 45,200         | 45,700  | 100                | 0.2%   | -400                 | -0.9% |  |  |
| State Government   | 86,800   | 86,700         | 85,600  | 100                | 0.1%   | 1,200                | 1.4%  |  |  |
| Local Government   | 194,000  | 193,700        | 190,600 | 300                | 0.2%   | 3,400                | 1.8%  |  |  |
|                    |          |                |         | Jobs               | Pct.   | Jobs                 | Pct.  |  |  |

### Oklahoma City reports more employment growth in April

In April, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) grew by 5,000 jobs (+0.9 percent) over the month and 13,500 jobs (+1.4 percent) over the year. The monthly gain came primarily from the **Service Providing Industries**, and no industry in the MSA dropped jobs in April.

Major contributors to the April-to-April gain included **Natural Resources & Mining**, **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**, **Professional & Business Services**, **Educational & Health Services**, and **Leisure & Hospitality**. **Manufacturing** and **Government** were the only industries to report over-the-year job losses in April 2007.

|                                   | NUMBER O | F JOBS  |         | CHANGE     |         |            |         |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                                   | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT          | 579,700  | 574,700 | 566,200 | 5,000      | 0.9%    | 13,500     | 2.4%    |
| Goods Producing Industries        | 79,000   | 78,800  | 77,300  | 200        | 0.3%    | 1,700      | 2.2%    |
| Natural Resources & Mining        | 14,200   | 14,200  | 12,400  | 0          | 0.0%    | 1,800      | 14.5%   |
| Construction                      | 26,800   | 26,600  | 26,400  | 200        | 0.8%    | 400        | 1.5%    |
| Manufacturing                     | 38,000   | 38,000  | 38,500  | 0          | 0.0%    | -500       | -1.3%   |
| Service Providing Industries      | 500,700  | 495,900 | 488,900 | 4,800      | 1.0%    | 11,800     | 2.4%    |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 101,600  | 101,000 | 99,600  | 600        | 0.6%    | 2,000      | 2.0%    |
| Financial Activities              | 35,100   | 34,700  | 34,500  | 400        | 1.2%    | 600        | 1.7%    |
| Professional & Business Services  | 73,700   | 72,500  | 71,100  | 1,200      | 1.7%    | 2,600      | 3.7%    |
| Educational & Health Services     | 74,800   | 73,800  | 70,300  | 1,000      | 1.4%    | 4,500      | 6.4%    |
| Leisure & Hospitality             | 58,900   | 58,500  | 56,700  | 400        | 0.7%    | 2,200      | 3.9%    |
| Other Services                    | 28,400   | 27,900  | 27,800  | 500        | 1.8%    | 600        | 2.2%    |
| Government                        | 114,200  | 113,900 | 115,400 | 300        | 0.3%    | -1,200     | -1.0%   |
|                                   |          |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

### Annual gains continue in OKC Natural Resources & Mining

Although Oklahoma City **Natural Resources & Mining** held steady over the month, the industry added 1,800 jobs (+14.5 percent) during the April-to-April period.

|                            | NUMBER O | F JOBS  |         | CHANGE     |         |            |         |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                            | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 14,200   | 14,200  | 12,400  | 0          | 0.0%    | 1,800      | 14.5%   |
|                            |          |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

### OKC Construction growth remains slow-but-steady in April

Oklahoma City **Construction** continued its seasonal expansion in April by adding 200 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the month. For the year, the industry has gained 400 jobs (+1.5 percent). **Specialty Trade Contractors** provided all of the growth in April.

|                             | NUMBER C | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |                           | CHANGE |                       |      |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------|------|--|--|
|                             | Apr '07  | Mar '07        | Apr '06 | or '06 Mar '07 to Apr '07 |        | 07 Apr '06 to Apr '07 |      |  |  |
| Construction                | 26,800   | 26,600         | 26,400  | 200                       | 0.8%   | 400                   | 1.5% |  |  |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 17,400   | 17,100         | 17,000  | 300                       | 1.8%   | 400                   | 2.4% |  |  |
|                             |          |                |         | Jobs                      | Pct.   | Jobs                  | Pct. |  |  |

#### **OKC Manufacturing reports annual losses again**

Oklahoma City **Manufacturing** held steady over month in April but dropped 500 jobs (-1.3 percent) compared to April 2006. **Durable Goods Manufacturing** provided the industry with its annual loss.

|                             | NUMBER O                                     | NUMBER OF JOBS |        |      |                   |      |       |  |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------|--------|------|-------------------|------|-------|--|
|                             | Apr '07 Mar '07 Apr '06 Mar '07 to Apr '07 A |                |        |      | 07 Apr '06 to Apr |      |       |  |
| Manufacturing               | 38,000                                       | 38,000         | 38,500 | 0    | 0.0%              | -500 | -1.3% |  |
| Durable Goods Manufacturing | 26,500                                       | 26,300         | 27,100 | 200  | 0.8%              | -600 | -2.2% |  |
|                             |  |                |        | Jobs | Pct.              | Jobs | Pct.  |  |

### Trade, Transportation & Utilities up for month and year

Growth in **Retail Trade** slowed in April, but Oklahoma City **Trade**, **Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** still managed a 600-job gain (+0.6 percent) for the month. **Retail Trade** and **Transportation**, **Warehouse & Utilities** shared the monthly and annual gains, with **Retail Trade** providing most of the year-to-year growth.

|                                   | NUMBER O | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |                    |       | CHANGE     |         |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|--------------------|-------|------------|---------|--|--|
|                                   | Apr '07  | Mar '07        | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |       | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |  |  |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 101,600  | 101,000        | 99,600  | 600                | 0.6%  | 2,000      | 2.0%    |  |  |
| Wholesale Trade                   | 22,000   | 22,100         | 22,400  | -100               | -0.5% | -400       | -1.8%   |  |  |
| Retail Trade                      | 63,500   | 63,100         | 61,400  | 400                | 0.6%  | 2,100      | 3.4%    |  |  |
| Transportation, Warehouse & Util. | 16,100   | 15,800         | 15,800  | 300                | 1.9%  | 300        | 1.9%    |  |  |
|                                   |          |                |         | Jobs               | Pct.  | Jobs       | Pct.    |  |  |

#### **OKC Professional & Business Services expands in April**

Oklahoma City **Professional & Business Services** added jobs for the month and year in April. The **Administrative & Support Services** sector provided most of the growth.

|                                    | NUMBER C | F JOBS  | CHANGE  |            |                    |       |         |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|--------------------|-------|---------|
|                                    | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |       | Apr '07 |
| Professional & Business Services   | 73,700   | 72,500  | 71,100  | 1,200      | 1.7%               | 2,600 | 3.7%    |
| Professional & Scientific Services | 26,500   | 26,300  | 26,400  | 200        | 0.8%               | 100   | 0.4%    |
| Management of Companies            | 5,100    | 5,100   | 4,900   | 0          | 0.0%               | 200   | 4.1%    |
| Administrative & Support Services  | 42,100   | 41,100  | 39,800  | 1,000      | 2.4%               | 2,300 | 5.8%    |
|                                    |          |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.               | Jobs  | Pct.    |

### Educational & Health Services reports strong annual gain

In April, Oklahoma City **Educational & Health Services** gained 1,000 jobs (+1.4 percent) over the month and 4,500 jobs (+6.4 percent) over the year. This industry's annual gain provided one-third of all jobs added for the April-to-April period in the MSA. **Health Care & Social Assistance** provided much of the monthly gain.

|                                 | NUMBER C | CHANGE  |         |                    |      |                     |      |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|------|---------------------|------|
|                                 | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |      | 07 Apr '06 to Apr ' |      |
| Educational & Health Services   | 74,800   | 73,800  | 70,300  | 1,000              | 1.4% | 4,500               | 6.4% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 65,100   | 64,400  | 62,400  | 700                | 1.1% | 2,700               | 4.3% |
|                                 |          |         |         | Jobs               | Pct. | Jobs                | Pct. |

### Seasonal gains slow for OKC Leisure & Hospitality in April

Although seasonal factors continued to impact Oklahoma City Leisure & Hospitality in April, the industry only added 400 jobs (+0.7 percent) over the month. The monthly growth was provided almost entirely by Full-service Restaurants. Over the year, this industry has expanded by 2,200 jobs, due in large part to the Food Services & Drinking Places sector.

|                              | NUMBER OF JOBS |                         |        | CHANGE |         |            |         |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|---------|
|                              | Apr '07        | Apr '07 Mar '07 Apr '06 |        |        | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| Leisure & Hospitality        | 58,900         | 58,500                  | 56,700 | 400    | 0.7%    | 2,200      | 3.9%    |
| Food Svcs. & Drinking Places | 46,700         | 46,400                  | 45,300 | 300    | 0.6%    | 1,400      | 3.1%    |
| Full-service Restaurants     | 21,500         | 21,100                  | 21,500 | 400    | 1.9%    | 0          | 0.0%    |
|                              |                |                         |        | Jobs   | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

# Oklahoma City Government adds jobs for month, drops jobs over year again in April

Following last month's trend, Oklahoma City **Government** continued to post monthly growth and annual losses in April. The over-the-month addition of 300 jobs (+0.3 percent) came from **State Government** and **Local Government**. Although **Federal Government** and **Local Government** each managed to add jobs over the year, large cuts in **State Government** held back any growth for the April-to-April period.

|                    | NUMBER O | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |            |         | CHANGE     |         |  |  |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|--|--|
|                    | Apr '07  | Mar '07        | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |  |  |
| Government         | 114,200  | 113,900        | 115,400 | 300        | 0.3%    | -1,200     | -1.0%   |  |  |
| Federal Government | 26,800   | 26,900         | 26,300  | -100       | -0.4%   | 500        | 1.9%    |  |  |
| State Government   | 39,500   | 39,300         | 41,600  | 200        | 0.5%    | -2,100     | -5.0%   |  |  |
| Local Government   | 47,900   | 47,700         | 47,500  | 200        | 0.4%    | 400        | 0.8%    |  |  |
|                    |          |                |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |  |  |

### Tulsa MSA reports monthly and annual growth in April

**TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the Tulsa metropolitan statistical area (MSA) once again added jobs over the month with an addition of 2,400 jobs (+0.6 percent) in April. Many of these new jobs came from the **Service Providing Industries**, where **Trade**, **Transportation & Utilities**, **Professional & Business Services**, and **Leisure & Hospitality** were among the industries to report growth for the month.

Both the **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** contributed to the net annual growth of 6,800 jobs (+1.6 percent) in April. As with statewide employment, the **Goods Producing Industries** provided more than their fair share of the annual growth, but it was **Manufacturing** rather than **Natural Resources & Mining** that provided the jobs. When combined, **Manufacturing** and **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**, the two industries that contributed the most jobs to Tulsa employment over the year, account for more than three-quarters of all annual growth in the MSA.

|                                   | NUMBER O | F JOBS  |         | CHANGE     |         |            |           |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|
|                                   | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | o Apr '07 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT          | 428,200  | 425,800 | 421,400 | 2,400      | 0.6%    | 6,800      | 1.6%      |
| Goods Producing Industries        | 78,600   | 78,400  | 75,000  | 200        | 0.3%    | 3,600      | 4.8%      |
| Natural Resources & Mining        | 6,400    | 6,400   | 6,200   | 0          | 0.0%    | 200        | 3.2%      |
| Construction                      | 21,700   | 21,500  | 21,100  | 200        | 0.9%    | 600        | 2.8%      |
| Manufacturing                     | 50,500   | 50,500  | 47,700  | 0          | 0.0%    | 2,800      | 5.9%      |
| Service Providing Industries      | 349,600  | 347,400 | 346,400 | 2,200      | 0.6%    | 3,200      | 0.9%      |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 85,500   | 84,800  | 83,100  | 700        | 0.8%    | 2,400      | 2.9%      |
| Information                       | 8,900    | 9,000   | 10,000  | -100       | -1.1%   | -1,100     | -11.0%    |
| Financial Activities              | 25,200   | 25,300  | 25,600  | -100       | -0.4%   | -400       | -1.6%     |
| Professional & Business Services  | 62,900   | 62,200  | 61,200  | 700        | 1.1%    | 1,700      | 2.8%      |
| Educational & Health Services     | 56,400   | 56,000  | 54,800  | 400        | 0.7%    | 1,600      | 2.9%      |
| Leisure & Hospitality             | 35,900   | 35,400  | 36,400  | 500        | 1.4%    | -500       | -1.4%     |
| Government                        | 53,300   | 53,300  | 53,500  | 0          | 0.0%    | -200       | -0.4%     |
|                                   |          |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.      |

### Tulsa Construction up for month and year in April

Tulsa **Construction** continued its seasonal growth in April, as it added 200 jobs (+0.9 percent) for the month and 600 jobs (+2.8 percent) for the year. **Specialty Trade Contractors** provided the monthly and annual change.

|                             | NUMBER C | NUMBER OF JOBS |                 |                    | CHANGE |                    |      |  |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|------|--|
|                             | Apr '07  | Mar '07        | Mar '07 Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 |        | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |      |  |
| Construction                | 21,700   | 21,500         | 21,100          | 200                | 0.9%   | 600                | 2.8% |  |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 15,000   | 14,400         | 14,100          | 600                | 4.2%   | 900                | 6.4% |  |
|                             |          |                |                 | Jobs               | Pct.   | Jobs               | Pct. |  |

## Tulsa Manufacturing industry adds jobs for year in April

Despite holding steady for the month, Tulsa **Manufacturing** reported a gain of 2,800 jobs (+5.9 percent) over the year in April. Growth was provided in part by the **Machinery Manufacturing** and **Transportation Equipment Manufacturing** sectors.

|               | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |         | CHANGE     |         |            |         |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|               | Apr '07        | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| Manufacturing | 50,500         | 50,500  | 47,700  | 0          | 0.0%    | 2,800      | 5.9%    |
|               |                |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

#### Tulsa Trade, Transportation & Utilities expands in April

In April, Tulsa's **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** industry reported gains of 700 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the month and 2,400 jobs (+2.9 percent) over the year. The **Wholesale Trade** and **Transportation**, **Warehouse & Utilities** sectors provided the monthly growth and most of the annual growth.

|                                   | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |         | CHANGE     |         |            |         |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                                   | Apr '07        | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 85,500         | 84,800  | 83,100  | 700        | 0.8%    | 2,400      | 2.9%    |
| Wholesale Trade                   | 18,800         | 18,500  | 17,800  | 300        | 1.6%    | 1,000      | 5.6%    |
| Retail Trade                      | 44,600         | 44,600  | 44,300  | 0          | 0.0%    | 300        | 0.7%    |
| Transportation, Warehouse & Util. | 22,100         | 21,700  | 21,000  | 400        | 1.8%    | 1,100      | 5.2%    |
|                                   |                |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

### Information industry down for month and year in Tulsa

Tulsa's **Information** industry shed 100 jobs (-1.1 percent) over the month in April due to losses in **Telecommunications**. This sector was also the source of more than half of the industry's over-the-year loss of 1,100 jobs (-11.0 percent).

|                    | NUMBER C | OF JOBS |         | CHANGE             |                    |  |  |
|--------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|                    | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |  |  |
| Information        | 8,900    | 9,000   | 10,000  | -100 -1.1%         | -1,100 -11.0%      |  |  |
| Telecommunications | 4,000    | 4,100   | 4,600   | -100 -2.4%         | -600 -13.0%        |  |  |
|                    |          |         |         | Jobs Pct.          | Jobs Pct.          |  |  |

#### Tulsa Professional & Business Services adds jobs for month and year in April

In April, Tulsa **Professional & Business Services** added 700 jobs (+1.1 percent) for the month and 1,700 jobs (+2.8 percent) for the year. The **Administrative & Support Services** sector provided all of the monthly gain and much of the annual growth.

|                                    | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |         | CHANGE     |         |            |           |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|
|                                    | Apr '07        | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | o Apr '07 |
| Professional & Business Services   | 62,900         | 62,200  | 61,200  | 700        | 1.1%    | 1,700      | 2.8%      |
| Professional & Scientific Services | 20,800         | 20,900  | 20,300  | -100       | -0.5%   | 500        | 2.5%      |
| Management of Companies            | 5,500          | 5,500   | 6,200   | 0          | 0.0%    | -700       | -11.3%    |
| Administrative & Support Services  | 36,600         | 35,800  | 34,700  | 800        | 2.2%    | 1,900      | 5.5%      |
|                                    |                |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.      |

## Tulsa Educational & Health Services sees strong annual growth in April

Tulsa **Educational & Health Services** reported growth in April, gaining 400 jobs (+0.7 percent) over the month and 1,600 jobs (+2.9 percent) over the year. The **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector provided three of every four jobs added over the month and more than six out of every 10 jobs added over the year.

|                                 | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |         | CHANGE     |         |            |         |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                                 | Apr '07        | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| Educational & Health Services   | 56,400         | 56,000  | 54,800  | 400        | 0.7%    | 1,600      | 2.9%    |
| Educational Services            | 7,500          | 7,400   | 6,900   | 100        | 1.4%    | 600        | 8.7%    |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 48,900         | 48,600  | 47,900  | 300        | 0.6%    | 1,000      | 2.1%    |
|                                 |                |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

# Monthly growth reported again in Tulsa Leisure & Hospitality

Seasonal growth continued in April for Tulsa Leisure & Hospitality, as the industry added 500 jobs (+1.4 percent) over the month. Compared to April 2006, this industry has shed 500 jobs (-1.4 percent).

|                              | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |         | CHANGE     |         |            |         |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                              | Apr '07        | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| Leisure & Hospitality        | 35,900         | 35,400  | 36,400  | 500        | 1.4%    | -500       | -1.4%   |
| Food Svcs. & Drinking Places | 29,600         | 29,400  | 29,800  | 200        | 0.7%    | -200       | -0.7%   |
| Full-service Restaurants     | 15,400         | 14,900  | 15,000  | 500        | 3.4%    | 400        | 2.7%    |
|                              |                |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

## Tulsa Government reports small annual job loss in April

**Government** in Tulsa reported no over-the-month change in April, as a small gain in **Federal Government** was countered by an equal loss in **Local Government**. Compared to April 2006, the industry has dropped 200 jobs (-0.4 percent) due to small losses in **State Government** and **Local Government**.

|                    | NUMBER C | NUMBER OF JOBS |         |            | CHANGE  |            |         |  |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|--|
|                    | Apr '07  | Mar '07        | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |  |
| Government         | 53,300   | 53,300         | 53,500  | 0          | 0.0%    | -200       | -0.4%   |  |
| Federal Government | 4,700    | 4,600          | 4,700   | 100        | 2.2%    | 0          | 0.0%    |  |
| State Government   | 7,300    | 7,300          | 7,400   | 0          | 0.0%    | -100       | -1.4%   |  |
| Local Government   | 41,300   | 41,400         | 41,400  | -100       | -0.2%   | -100       | -0.2%   |  |
|                    |          |                |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |  |

## Lawton reports small gain for month, no change for year in April

In April, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the Lawton metropolitan statistical area (MSA) added 100 jobs (+1.0 percent) over the month, bringing it to the same employment level reported for April 2006. Monthly growth came from the **Service Providing Industries**. **Manufacturing** was the only industry to shed jobs for both the month and year in April. **Leisure & Hospitality** and **Government** both reported over-the-month gains.

|                              | NUMBER O | F JOBS  | CHANGE  |            |         |            |         |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|                              | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | Apr '07 |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT     | 41,600   | 41,500  | 41,600  | 100        | 0.2%    | 0          | 0.0%    |
| Goods Producing Industries   | 5,300    | 5,400   | 5,500   | -100       | -1.9%   | -200       | -3.6%   |
| Manufacturing                | 3,600    | 3,700   | 3,800   | -100       | -2.7%   | -200       | -5.3%   |
| Service Providing Industries | 36,300   | 36,100  | 36,100  | 200        | 0.6%    | 200        | 0.6%    |
| Leisure & Hospitality        | 4,200    | 4,100   | 4,000   | 100        | 2.4%    | 200        | 5.0%    |
| Government                   | 13,100   | 13,000  | 13,100  | 100        | 0.8%    | 0          | 0.0%    |
| Federal Government           | 3,500    | 3,500   | 3,600   | 0          | 0.0%    | -100       | -2.8%   |
| State Government             | 1,800    | 1,800   | 1,700   | 0          | 0.0%    | 100        | 5.9%    |
| Local Government             | 7,800    | 7,700   | 7,800   | 100        | 1.3%    | 0          | 0.0%    |
|                              |          |         |         | Jobs       | Pct.    | Jobs       | Pct.    |

#### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – State of Oklahoma**

|                               | NUMBER E  | MPLOYED   |           | CHANGE             |                    |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
|                               | Apr '07   | Mar '07   | Apr '06   | Mar '07 to Apr '07 | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |  |  |  |
| Total Non-farm Employment     | 1,572,200 | 1,564,600 | 1,546,900 | 7,600 0.5%         | 25,300 1.6%        |  |  |  |
| Total Private Employment*     | 1,246,100 | 1,239,000 | 1,225,000 | 7,100 0.6%         | 21,100 1.7%        |  |  |  |
| Private Service Providers**   | 978,500   | 972,100   | 968,000   | 6,400 0.7%         | 10,500 1.1%        |  |  |  |
| Goods Producing Industries    | 267,600   | 266,900   | 257,000   | 700 0.3%           | 10,600 4.1%        |  |  |  |
| Natural Resources & Mining    | 45,800    | 45,600    | 40,700    | 200 0.4%           | 5,100 12.5%        |  |  |  |
| Support Activities for Mining | 25,100    | 25,300    | 22,500    | -200 -0.8%         | 2,600 11.6%        |  |  |  |
| Construction                  | 71,700    | 71,400    | 69,800    | 300 0.4%           | 1,900 2.7%         |  |  |  |
| Construction of Buildings     | 15,800    | 15,600    | 15,100    | 200 1.3%           | 700 4.6%           |  |  |  |
| Residential Buildings         | 6,800     | 6,700     | 6,800     | 100 1.5%           | 0 0.0%             |  |  |  |
| Non-residential Buildings     | 9,000     | 8,900     | 8,300     | 100 1.1%           | 700 8.4%           |  |  |  |
| Heavy & Civil Engineering     | 11,800    | 12,100    | 11,300    | -300 -2.5%         | 500 4.4%           |  |  |  |
| Specialty Trade Contractors   | 44,100    | 43,700    | 43,400    | 400 0.9%           | 700 1.6%           |  |  |  |
| Bldg. Equip. Contractors      | 20,100    | 19,700    | 20,100    | 400 2.0%           | 0 0.0%             |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing                 | 150,100   | 149,900   | 146,500   | 200 0.1%           | 3,600 2.5%         |  |  |  |
| Durable Goods Mfg.            | 101,000   | 100,700   | 98,300    | 300 0.3%           | 2,700 2.7%         |  |  |  |
| Fabricated Metal Products     | 23,600    | 23,700    | 23,200    | -100 -0.4%         | 400 1.7%           |  |  |  |
| Other Fabricated Metal        | 5,100     | 5,100     | 4,900     | 0 0.0%             | 200 4.1%           |  |  |  |
| Machinery Manufacturing       | 28,100    | 27,800    | 26,000    | 300 1.1%           | 2,100 8.1%         |  |  |  |
| Electrical Equipment Mfg.     | 3,400     | 3,400     | 3,200     | 0 0.0%             | 200 6.3%           |  |  |  |
| Transportation Equip. Mfg.    | 15,600    | 15,700    | 15,400    | -100 -0.6%         | 200 1.3%           |  |  |  |
| Motor Vehicle Mfg.            | 2,700     | 2,700     | 3,500     | 0 0.0%             | -800 -22.9%        |  |  |  |
| Aerospace Products Mfg.       | 4,600     | 4,600     | 3,100     | 0 0.0%             | 1,500 48.4%        |  |  |  |
| Non-durable Goods Mfg.        | 49,100    | 49,200    | 48,200    | -100 -0.2%         | 900 1.9%           |  |  |  |
| Food Manufacturing            | 20,100    | 19,900    | 19,700    | 200 1.0%           | 400 2.0%           |  |  |  |
| Paper Manufacturing           | 2,900     | 2,900     | 2,500     | 0 0.0%             | 400 16.0%          |  |  |  |
| Plastic & Rubber Products     | 12,500    | 12,500    | 12,600    | 0 0.0%             | -100 -0.8%         |  |  |  |
| Service Providing Industries  | 1,304,600 | 1,297,700 | 1,289,900 | 6,900 0.5%         | 14,700 1.1%        |  |  |  |
| Trade, Transportation & Util. | 283,700   | 283,000   | 281,800   | 700 0.2%           | 1,900 0.7%         |  |  |  |
| Wholesale Trade               | 58,000    | 57,800    | 58,000    | 200 0.3%           | 0 0.0%             |  |  |  |
| Retail Trade                  | 169,700   | 169,900   | 169,600   | -200 -0.1%         | 100 0.1%           |  |  |  |
| Motor Vehicle & Parts         | 23,800    | 23,500    | 23,200    | 300 1.3%           | 600 2.6%           |  |  |  |
| Automobile Dealers            | 15,200    | 15,000    | 14,800    | 200 1.3%           | 400 2.7%           |  |  |  |
| Food & Beverage Stores        | 23,200    | 23,000    | 22,800    | 200 0.9%           | 400 1.8%           |  |  |  |
| Gen'l Merchandise Stores      | 43,900    | 44,000    | 43,300    | -100 -0.2%         | 600 1.4%           |  |  |  |
| Transport., Warehouse & Util. | 56,000    | 55,300    | 54,200    | 700 1.3%           | 1,800 3.3%         |  |  |  |
| Utilities                     | 10,000    | 9,900     | 9,800     | 100 1.0%           | 200 2.0%           |  |  |  |
| Transportation/Warehouse      | 46,000    | 45,400    | 44,400    | 600 1.3%           | 1,600 3.6%         |  |  |  |
| Air Transportation            | 8,600     | 8,600     | 8,700     | 0 0.0%             | -100 -1.1%         |  |  |  |
| Truck Transportation          | 18,600    | 18,700    | 18,400    | -100 -0.5%         | 200 1.1%           |  |  |  |
| Information                   | 29,600    | 29,600    | 29,700    | 0 0.0%             | -100 -0.3%         |  |  |  |
| Publishing Industries         | 7,000     | 7,000     | 6,900     | 0 0.0%             | 100 1.4%           |  |  |  |
| Telecommunications            | 12,800    | 12,900    | 13,200    | -100 -0.8%         | -400 -3.0%         |  |  |  |

|                             |         |         |         | CHANGE            |                |        |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|----------------|--------|
|                             | Apr '07 | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '0 | 7 Apr '06 to A | or '07 |
| Financial Activities        | 83,300  | 83,600  | 83,700  | -300 -0.49        | 6 -400 -       | 0.5%   |
| Finance & Insurance         | 59,500  | 59,600  | 59,400  | -100 -0.2%        | 6 100          | 0.2%   |
| Credit Intermediation       | 30,800  | 30,500  | 30,500  | 300 1.09          | 6 300          | 1.0%   |
| Insurance Carriers & Rltd.  | 23,900  | 24,600  | 24,300  | -700 -2.8%        | 6 -400 -       | 1.6%   |
| Real Estate, Rental/Leasing | 23,800  | 24,000  | 24,300  | -200 -0.89        | 6 -500 -       | 2.1%   |
| Real Estate                 | 11,200  | 11,400  | 11,500  | -200 -1.89        | 6 -300 -       | 2.6%   |
| Pro. & Business Services    | 177,500 | 175,700 | 174,400 | 1,800 1.09        | 6 3,100        | 1.8%   |
| Pro. & Scientific Services  | 62,200  | 61,900  | 61,700  | 300 0.5%          | 6 500          | 0.8%   |
| Legal Services              | 12,600  | 12,700  | 12,700  | -100 -0.89        | 6 -100 -       | 0.8%   |
| Accounting & Tax Prep.      | 12,600  | 12,900  | 13,200  | -300 -2.39        | 600 -          | 4.5%   |
| Architecture/Engineering    | 12,100  | 12,100  | 11,700  | 0 0.0%            | 6 400          | 3.4%   |
| Management of Companies     | 12,700  | 12,500  | 12,400  | 200 1.69          | 6 300          | 2.4%   |
| Admin. & Support Services   | 102,600 | 101,300 | 100,300 | 1,300 1.39        | 6 2,300        | 2.3%   |
| Employment Services         | 46,900  | 46,000  | 46,200  | 900 2.09          | 6 700          | 1.5%   |
| Business Support Svcs.      | 17,800  | 18,200  | 17,200  | -400 -2.2%        | 600            | 3.5%   |
| Services to Buildings       | 13,700  | 13,400  | 13,700  | 300 2.29          | 6 0            | 0.0%   |
| Educational & Health Svcs.  | 191,100 | 189,500 | 186,800 | 1,600 0.89        | 6 4,300        | 2.3%   |
| Educational Services        | 20,000  | 19,300  | 19,600  | 700 3.6%          | 6          400 | 2.0%   |
| Health Care & Social Asst.  | 171,100 | 170,200 | 167,200 | 900 0.5%          | 6 3,900        | 2.3%   |
| Ambulatory Health Care      | 62,400  | 62,300  | 60,200  | 100 0.29          | 6 2,200        | 3.7%   |
| Hospitals                   | 49,500  | 49,400  | 48,700  | 100 0.29          | 6 800          | 1.6%   |
| Nursing/Residential Care    | 34,300  | 33,900  | 34,300  | 400 1.29          | 6 0            | 0.0%   |
| Social Assistance           | 24,900  | 24,600  | 24,000  | 300 1.2%          | 6 900          | 3.8%   |
| Leisure & Hospitality       | 138,300 | 136,300 | 137,600 | 2,000 1.5%        | 6 700          | 0.5%   |
| Arts, Entertainment & Rec.  | 15,700  | 15,000  | 15,600  | 700 4.7%          | 6 100          | 0.6%   |
| Accommodation & Food Svc.   | 122,600 | 121,300 | 122,000 | 1,300 1.19        | 600            | 0.5%   |
| Accommodation               | 11,000  | 10,900  | 11,100  | 100 0.9%          | 6 -100 -       | 0.9%   |
| Food Svc./Drinking Places   | 111,600 | 110,400 | 110,900 | 1,200 1.19        | 6 700          | 0.6%   |
| Full-service Restaurants    | 52,500  | 51,200  | 51,600  | 1,300 2.5%        | 6 900          | 1.7%   |
| Limited-service Eating      | 53,600  | 53,700  | 53,900  | -100 -0.29        | 6 -300 -       | 0.6%   |
| Other Services              | 75,000  | 74,400  | 74,000  | 600 0.89          | 6 1,000        | 1.4%   |
| Repair & Maintenance        | 12,900  | 13,100  | 13,100  | -200 -1.5%        | 6 -200 -       | 1.5%   |
| Personal & Laundry Svcs.    | 12,800  | 12,600  | 12,200  | 200 1.69          | 600            | 4.9%   |
| Government                  | 326,100 | 325,600 | 321,900 | 500 0.29          | <b>4,200</b>   | 1.3%   |
| Federal Government          | 45,300  | 45,200  | 45,700  | 100 0.29          | 6 -400 -       | 0.9%   |
| State Government            | 86,800  | 86,700  | 85,600  | 100 0.19          | 6 1,200        | 1.4%   |
| Local Government            | 194,000 | 193,700 | 190,600 | 300 0.29          | 6 3,400        | 1.8%   |

\* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government) \*\* Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)

#### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Oklahoma City MSA

#### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Tulsa MSA**

|                               | NUMBER E | MPLOYED |         | CHANGE             |                    |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                               | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to Apr '07 | Apr '06 to Apr '07 |
| Total Non-farm Employment     | 579,700  | 574,700 | 566,200 | 5,000 0.9%         | 13,500 2.4%        |
| Total Private Employment*     | 465,500  | 460,800 | 450,800 | 4,700 1.0%         | 14,700 3.3%        |
| Private Service Providers**   | 386,500  | 382,000 | 373,500 | 4,500 1.2%         | 13,000 3.5%        |
| Goods Producing Industries    | 79,000   | 78,800  | 77,300  | 200 0.3%           | 1,700 2.2%         |
| Natural Resources & Mining    | 14,200   | 14,200  | 12,400  | 0 0.0%             | 1,800 14.5%        |
| Construction                  | 26,800   | 26,600  | 26,400  | 200 0.8%           | 400 1.5%           |
| Specialty Trade Contractors   | 17,400   | 17,100  | 17,000  | 300 1.8%           | 400 2.4%           |
| Manufacturing                 | 38,000   | 38,000  | 38,500  | 0 0.0%             | -500 -1.3%         |
| Durable Goods Mfg.            | 26,500   | 26,300  | 27,100  | 200 0.8%           | -600 -2.2%         |
| Machinery Manufacturing       | 6,400    | 6,400   | 5,900   | 0 0.0%             | 500 8.5%           |
| Transportation Equip. Mfg.    | 5,400    | 5,400   | 7,200   | 0 0.0%             | -1,800 -25.0%      |
| Plastic & Rubber Products     | 2,900    | 2,900   | 2,900   | 0 0.0%             | 0 0.0%             |
| Service Providing Industries  | 500,700  | 495,900 | 488,900 | 4,800 1.0%         | 11,800 2.4%        |
| Trade, Transportation & Util. | 101,600  | 101,000 | 99,600  | 600 0.6%           | 2,000 2.0%         |
| Wholesale Trade               | 22,000   | 22,100  | 22,400  | -100 -0.5%         | -400 -1.8%         |
| Retail Trade                  | 63,500   | 63,100  | 61,400  | 400 0.6%           | 2,100 3.4%         |
| Gen'l Merchandise Stores      | 14,100   | 14,600  | 13,700  | -500 -3.4%         | 400 2.9%           |
| Transport, Warehouse & Util.  | 16,100   | 15,800  | 15,800  | 300 1.9%           | 300 1.9%           |
| Information                   | 14,000   | 13,600  | 13,500  | 400 2.9%           | 500 3.7%           |
| Telecommunications            | 5,400    | 5,400   | 5,800   | 0 0.0%             | -400 -6.9%         |
| Financial Activities          | 35,100   | 34,700  | 34,500  | 400 1.2%           | 600 1.7%           |
| Finance & Insurance           | 22,900   | 22,900  | 23,100  | 0 0.0%             | -200 -0.9%         |
| Rental & Leasing Services     | 5,700    | 5,700   | 5,700   | 0 0.0%             | 0 0.0%             |
| Pro. & Business Services      | 73,700   | 72,500  | 71,100  | 1,200 1.7%         | 2,600 3.7%         |
| Pro. & Scientific Services    | 26,500   | 26,300  | 26,400  | 200 0.8%           | 100 0.4%           |
| Management of Companies       | 5,100    | 5,100   | 4,900   | 0 0.0%             | 200 4.1%           |
| Admin. & Support Services     | 42,100   | 41,100  | 39,800  | 1,000 2.4%         | 2,300 5.8%         |
| Employment Services           | 18,900   | 17,600  | 17,500  | 1,300 7.4%         | 1,400 8.0%         |
| Business Support Svcs.        | 7,600    | 7,600   | 7,000   | 0 0.0%             | 600 8.6%           |
| Educational & Health Svcs.    | 74,800   | 73,800  | 70,300  | 1,000 1.4%         | 4,500 6.4%         |
| Health Care & Social Asst.    | 65,100   | 64,400  | 62,400  | 700 1.1%           | 2,700 4.3%         |
| Ambulatory Health Care        | 25,700   | 25,500  | 24,200  | 200 0.8%           | 1,500 6.2%         |
| Hospitals                     | 20,000   | 19,900  | 20,000  | 100 0.5%           | 0 0.0%             |
| Leisure & Hospitality         | 58,900   | 58,500  | 56,700  | 400 0.7%           | 2,200 3.9%         |
| Food Svc./Drinking Places     | 46,700   | 46,400  | 45,300  | 300 0.6%           | 1,400 3.1%         |
| Full-service Restaurants      | 21,500   | 21,100  | 21,500  | 400 1.9%           | 0 0.0%             |
| Limited-service Eating        | 21,600   | 21,700  | 21,200  | -100 -0.5%         | 400 1.9%           |
| Other Services                | 28,400   | 27,900  | 27,800  | 500 1.8%           | 600 2.2%           |
| Government                    | 114,200  | 113,900 | 115,400 | 300 0.3%           | -1,200 -1.0%       |
| Federal Government            | 26,800   | 26,900  | 26,300  | -100 -0.4%         | 500 1.9%           |
| State Government              | 39,500   | 39,300  | 41,600  | 200 0.5%           | -2,100 -5.0%       |
| Local Government              | 47,900   | 47,700  | 47,500  | 200 0.4%           | 400 0.8%           |

|                               | NUMBER I |         | D       | CHANGE     | Ξ         |           |           |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                               | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | o Apr '07 | Apr '06 t | o Apr '07 |
| Total Non-farm Employment     | 428,200  | 425,800 | 421,400 | 2,400      | 0.6%      | 6,800     | 1.6%      |
| Total Private Employment*     | 374,900  | 372,500 | 367,900 | 2,400      | 0.6%      | 7,000     | 1.9%      |
| Private Service Providers**   | 296,300  | 294,100 | 292,900 | 2,200      | 0.7%      | 3,400     | 1.2%      |
| Goods Producing Industries    | 78,600   | 78,400  | 75,000  | 200        | 0.3%      | 3,600     | 4.8%      |
| Natural Resources & Mining    | 6,400    | 6,400   | 6,200   | 0          | 0.0%      | 200       | 3.2%      |
| Construction                  | 21,700   | 21,500  | 21,100  | 200        | 0.9%      | 600       | 2.8%      |
| Specialty Trade Contractors   | 15,000   | 14,400  | 14,100  | 600        | 4.2%      | 900       | 6.4%      |
| Manufacturing                 | 50,500   | 50,500  | 47,700  | 0          | 0.0%      | 2,800     | 5.9%      |
| Machinery Manufacturing       | 10,700   | 10,500  | 10,100  | 200        | 1.9%      | 600       | 5.9%      |
| Other Gen'l Purpose           | 5,100    | 5,100   | 4,900   | 0          | 0.0%      | 200       | 4.1%      |
| Transportation Equip. Mfg.    | 5,200    | 5,200   | 3,900   | 0          | 0.0%      | 1,300     | 33.3%     |
| Service Providing Industries  | 349,600  | 347,400 | 346,400 | 2,200      | 0.6%      | 3,200     | 0.9%      |
| Trade, Transportation & Util. | 85,500   | 84,800  | 83,100  | 700        | 0.8%      | 2,400     | 2.9%      |
| Wholesale Trade               | 18,800   | 18,500  | 17,800  | 300        | 1.6%      | 1,000     | 5.6%      |
| Retail Trade                  | 44,600   | 44,600  | 44,300  | 0          | 0.0%      | 300       | 0.7%      |
| Food & Beverage Stores        | 5,900    | 5,900   | 6,300   | 0          | 0.0%      | -400      | -6.3%     |
| General Merchandise Store     | 10,600   | 10,600  | 10,300  | 0          | 0.0%      | 300       | 2.9%      |
| Department Stores             | 4,000    | 4,000   | 4,000   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0         | 0.0%      |
| Other Gen'l Merchandise       | 6,600    | 6,600   | 6,300   | 0          | 0.0%      | 300       | 4.8%      |
| Transport, Warehouse & Util.  | 22,100   | 21,700  | 21,000  | 400        | 1.8%      | 1,100     | 5.2%      |
| Utilities                     | 3,000    | 2,900   | 2,900   | 100        | 3.4%      | 100       | 3.4%      |
| Transportation/Warehouse      | 19,100   | 18,800  | 18,100  | 300        | 1.6%      | 1,000     | 5.5%      |
| Air Transportation            | 7,300    | 7,300   | 7,600   | 0          | 0.0%      | -300      | -3.9%     |
| Information                   | 8,900    | 9,000   | 10,000  | -100       | -1.1%     | -1,100    | -11.0%    |
| Telecommunications            | 4,000    | 4,100   | 4,600   | -100       | -2.4%     | -600      | -13.0%    |
| Financial Activities          | 25,200   | 25,300  | 25,600  | -100       | -0.4%     | -400      | -1.6%     |
| Insurance Carriers            | 5,400    | 5,400   | 5,100   | 0          | 0.0%      | 300       | 5.9%      |
| Pro. & Business Services      | 62,900   | 62,200  | 61,200  | 700        | 1.1%      | 1,700     | 2.8%      |
| Pro. & Scientific Services    | 20,800   | 20,900  | 20,300  | -100       | -0.5%     | 500       | 2.5%      |
| Management of Companies       | 5,500    | 5,500   | 6,200   | 0          | 0.0%      | -700      | -11.3%    |
| Admin. & Support Services     | 36,600   | 35,800  | 34,700  | 800        | 2.2%      | 1,900     | 5.5%      |
| Employment Services           | 16,500   | 16,400  | 16,600  | 100        | 0.6%      | -100      | -0.6%     |
| Business Support Svcs.        | 7,800    | 7,900   | 7,100   | -100       | -1.3%     | 700       | 9.9%      |
| Educational & Health Svcs.    | 56,400   | 56,000  | 54,800  | 400        | 0.7%      | 1,600     | 2.9%      |
| Educational Services          | 7,500    | 7,400   | 6,900   | 100        | 1.4%      | 600       | 8.7%      |
| Health Care & Social Asst.    | 48,900   | 48,600  | 47,900  | 300        | 0.6%      | 1,000     | 2.1%      |
| Ambulatory Health Care        | 18,200   | 17,900  | 17,400  | 300        | 1.7%      | 800       | 4.6%      |
| Hospitals                     | 17,400   | 17,500  | 16,800  | -100       | -0.6%     | 600       | 3.6%      |
| Leisure & Hospitality         | 35,900   | 35,400  | 36,400  | 500        | 1.4%      | -500      | -1.4%     |
| Food Svc./Drinking Places     | 29,600   | 29,400  | 29,800  | 200        | 0.7%      | -200      | -0.7%     |
| Full-service Restaurants      | 15,400   | 14,900  | 15,000  | 500        | 3.4%      | 400       | 2.7%      |
| Other Services                | 21,500   | 21,400  | 21,800  | 100        | 0.5%      | -300      | -1.4%     |
| Government                    | 53,300   | 53,300  | 53,500  | 0          | 0.0%      | -200      | -0.4%     |
| Federal Government            | 4,700    | 4,600   | 4,700   | 100        | 2.2%      | 0         | 0.0%      |
| State Government              | 7,300    | 7,300   | 7,400   | 0          | 0.0%      | -100      | -1.4%     |
| Local Government              | 41,300   | 41,400  | 41,400  | -100       | -0.2%     | -100      | -0.2%     |

\* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

\*\* Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)

#### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Lawton MSA**

|                               | NUMBER E | MPLOYED |         | CHANG      | E         |            |           |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|                               | Apr '07  | Mar '07 | Apr '06 | Mar '07 to | o Apr '07 | Apr '06 to | o Apr '07 |
| Total Non-farm Employment     | 41,600   | 41,500  | 41,600  | 100        | 0.2%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Total Private Employment*     | 28,500   | 28,500  | 28,500  | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Private Service Providers**   | 23,200   | 23,100  | 23,000  | 100        | 0.4%      | 200        | 0.9%      |
| Goods Producing Industries    | 5,300    | 5,400   | 5,500   | -100       | -1.9%     | -200       | -3.6%     |
| N. Resources/Construction     | 1,700    | 1,700   | 1,700   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Manufacturing                 | 3,600    | 3,700   | 3,800   | -100       | -2.7%     | -200       | -5.3%     |
| Service Providing Industries  | 36,300   | 36,100  | 36,100  | 200        | 0.6%      | 200        | 0.6%      |
| Trade, Transportation & Util. | 7,100    | 7,100   | 7,100   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Wholesale Trade               | 600      | 600     | 600     | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Retail Trade                  | 5,300    | 5,300   | 5,300   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Transport, Warehouse & Util.  | 1,200    | 1,200   | 1,200   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Information                   | 500      | 500     | 500     | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Financial Activities          | 2,300    | 2,300   | 2,300   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Pro. & Business Services      | 3,200    | 3,200   | 3,200   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Educational & Health Svcs.    | 4,200    | 4,200   | 4,200   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Leisure & Hospitality         | 4,200    | 4,100   | 4,000   | 100        | 2.4%      | 200        | 5.0%      |
| Other Services                | 1,700    | 1,700   | 1,700   | 0          | 0.0%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Government                    | 13,100   | 13,000  | 13,100  | 100        | 0.8%      | 0          | 0.0%      |
| Federal Government            | 3,500    | 3,500   | 3,600   | 0          | 0.0%      | -100       | -2.8%     |
| State Government              | 1,800    | 1,800   | 1,700   | 0          | 0.0%      | 100        | 5.9%      |
| Local Government              | 7,800    | 7,700   | 7,800   | 100        | 1.3%      | 0          | 0.0%      |

#### LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide

|         | SEASONALLY ADJUS | STED       |              |             |
|---------|------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
|         | Labor Force      | Employment | Unemployment | Unemp. Rate |
| APR '07 | 1,744,980        | 1,672,060  | 72,920       | 4.2%        |
| Mar '07 | 1,740,490        | 1,669,520  | 70,980       | 4.1%        |
| Feb '07 | 1,736,890        | 1,668,760  | 68,130       | 3.9%        |
| Jan '07 | 1,727,670        | 1,662,170  | 65,500       | 3.8%        |
| Dec '06 | 1,727,120        | 1,657,400  | 69,720       | 4.0%        |
| Nov '06 | 1,726,770        | 1,656,580  | 70,190       | 4.1%        |
| Oct '06 | 1,725,310        | 1,655,680  | 69,620       | 4.0%        |
| Sep '06 | 1,725,430        | 1,654,620  | 70,810       | 4.1%        |
| Aug '06 | 1,724,510        | 1,653,440  | 71,070       | 4.1%        |
| Jul '06 | 1,720,570        | 1,652,150  | 68,420       | 4.0%        |
| Jun '06 | 1,718,740        | 1,650,840  | 67,900       | 4.0%        |
| May '06 | 1,718,300        | 1,649,330  | 68,970       | 4.0%        |
| Apr '06 | 1,715,810        | 1,647,730  | 68,070       | 4.0%        |

#### LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide

|         | NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |            |              |             |  |  |
|---------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|
|         | Labor Force             | Employment | Unemployment | Unemp. Rate |  |  |
| APR '07 | 1,739,410               | 1,672,510  | 66,900       | 3.8%        |  |  |
| Mar '07 | 1,732,180               | 1,658,050  | 74,140       | 4.3%        |  |  |
| Feb '07 | 1,724,420               | 1,648,750  | 75,670       | 4.4%        |  |  |
| Jan '07 | 1,731,520               | 1,666,860  | 64,660       | 3.7%        |  |  |
| Dec '06 | 1,737,370               | 1,673,110  | 64,260       | 3.7%        |  |  |
| Nov '06 | 1,732,050               | 1,669,330  | 62,720       | 3.6%        |  |  |
| Oct '06 | 1,719,970               | 1,654,130  | 65,840       | 3.8%        |  |  |
| Sep '06 | 1,719,730               | 1,650,680  | 69,060       | 4.0%        |  |  |
| Aug '06 | 1,734,190               | 1,665,290  | 68,910       | 4.0%        |  |  |
| Jul '06 | 1,741,200               | 1,667,600  | 73,600       | 4.2%        |  |  |
| Jun '06 | 1,717,470               | 1,646,610  | 70,860       | 4.1%        |  |  |
| May '06 | 1,710,170               | 1,645,720  | 64,450       | 3.8%        |  |  |
| Apr '06 | 1,703,670               | 1,631,830  | 71,830       | 4.2%        |  |  |