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Unemployment rates up for many Oklahoma counties in June

Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by two-tenths to 4.7 percent in June 2007. Of the state's 77 counties, more than four out of five reported rate increases over the month.

McCurtain County recorded the state's highest county unemployment rate, while Beckham County held sole possession of the state's lowest county rate of 3.1 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

JUNE 2007	Area	Unemp. Rate	Monthly change	Annual change
RATE	Statewide	4.7%	҈ 0.2%	҈ 0.5%
Highest county	McCurtain Co.	7.8%	☆ 0.8%	ऻ॒ 1.4%
Lowest county	Beckham Co.	3.1%	҈ 0.2%	҈ 0.3%
Biggest % gain	Latimer Co.	6.4%	☆ 0.8%	
	McCurtain Co.	7.8%	☆ 0.8%	
	Payne Co.	4.9%	₸ 0.8%	
Biggest % loss	LeFlore Co.	5.7%		

^{*}non-seasonally adjusted

Statewide unemployment rate up to 4.7 percent in June

Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed to 4.7 percent in June. Although the state's non-seasonally adjusted labor force and non-seasonally adjusted employment both expanded over the month, non-seasonally adjusted unemployment grew more than three times as fast. This resulted in the rate's over-the-month increase of two-tenths of a percent. For the year, non-seasonally adjusted labor force, employment and unemployment all reported gains in June.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	JUNE 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06
Oklahoma	1,763,220	1,680,430	82,790	4.7%	4.5%	3.8%	4.2%
United States	153,072,000	146,140,000	6,933,000	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%
Region							
Arkansas	1,391,040	1,317,270	73,770	5.3%	5.0%	4.8%	5.7%
Kansas	1,507,500	1,435,850	71,660	4.8%	4.3%	4.0%	4.6%
Louisiana	2,009,880	1,911,750	98,130	4.9%	4.5%	3.7%	4.8%
Missouri	3,112,480	2,950,200	162,290	5.2%	4.3%	4.3%	5.1%
New Mexico	947,620	911,270	36,350	3.8%	3.6%	3.5%	5.0%
Texas	11,617,690	11,085,300	532,390	4.6%	3.9%	3.9%	5.5%

^{*}non-seasonally adjusted

McCurtain County posts highest county rate in June

In June, **McCurtain County** took over the top spot on the list of the state's highest county unemployment rates with a rate of 7.8 percent. **Coal County** slipped to second on the list at 7.3 percent. **Hughes County** rounded out the top three highest county rates at 7.0 percent for the month.

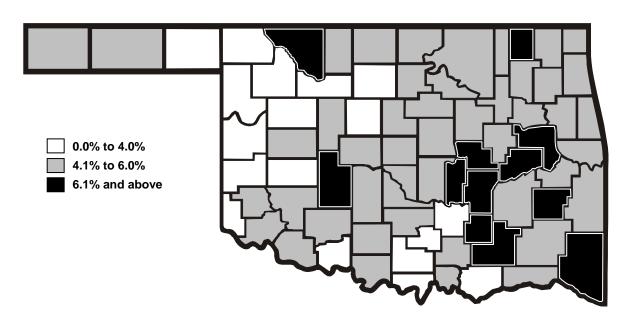
	JUNE 2007	JUNE 2007				UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06		
McCurtain County	13,730	12,660	1,070	7.8%	7.0%	5.7%	6.4%		
Coal County	2,410	2,240	180	7.3%	7.2%	6.2%	6.2%		
Hughes County	4,960	4,610	350	7.0%	6.6%	5.7%	6.5%		

Beckham County claims June's lowest county rate

Beckham County posted the state's lowest county unemployment rate of 3.1 percent. The second lowest county rate of 3.2 percent was shared by **Ellis** and **Murray** counties. There was a three-way tie for the third lowest rate of 3.3 percent among **Beaver**, **Kingfisher** and **Woodward** counties.

	JUNE 2007					UNEMPLOYMENT RATE				
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06			
Beckham County	10,810	10,470	340	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%	2.8%			
Ellis County	2,230	2,160	70	3.2%	3.1%	2.6%	3.0%			
Murray County	8,450	8,180	270	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%	3.1%			
Beaver County	2,980	2,890	100	3.3%	3.0%	2.4%	2.8%			
Kingfisher County	8,050	7,790	260	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%	2.9%			
Woodward County	11,910	11,520	390	3.3%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%			

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary Data for June 2007



LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA County rankings

		JUNE 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE				
		Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06	
1.	Beckham County	10,810	10,470	340	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%	2.8%	
2.	Ellis County	2,230	2,160	70	3.2%	3.1%	2.6%	3.0%	
3.	Murray County	8,450	8,180	270	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%	3.1%	
4.	Beaver County	2,980	2,890	100	3.3%	3.0%	2.4%	2.8%	
5.	Kingfisher County	8,050	7,790	260	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%	2.9%	
6.	Woodward County	11,910	11,520	390	3.3%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%	
7.	Major County	4,010	3,870	140	3.4%	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%	
8.	Garfield County	30,180	29,110	1,070	3.5%	3.3%	2.8%	3.2%	
9.	Cotton County	3,370	3,250	120	3.6%	3.2%	2.9%	3.4%	
10.	Dewey County	2,330	2,240	90	3.6%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	
11.	Harper County	1,690	1,630	60	3.7%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	
12.	Roger Mills County	1,630	1,570	60	3.7%	3.3%	2.9%	2.6%	
13.	Bryan County	20,600	19,790	810	3.9%	3.8%	3.1%	3.8%	
14.	Harmon County	1,490	1,440	60	3.9%	3.4%	3.5%	4.0%	
15.	Love County	5,080	4,880	200	3.9%	3.6%	3.1%	3.7%	
16.	Pontotoc County	20,350	19,560	790	3.9%	3.7%	3.3%	4.0%	
17.	Washita County	5,670	5,450	220	3.9%	3.4%	3.0%	3.5%	
18.	Carter County	25,180	24,170	1,010	4.0%	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%	
19.	Noble County	5,810	5,570	240	4.1%	4.1%	3.4%	3.8%	
20.	Texas County	8,850	8,490	360	4.1%	3.7%	3.2%	3.8%	
21.	Washington County	25,910	24,840	1,070	4.1%	4.0%	3.3%	3.7%	
22.	Cleveland County	122,960	117,830	5,130	4.2%	3.8%	3.3%	3.7%	
23.	Custer County	13,010	12,470	540	4.2%	3.6%	3.2%	3.5%	
24.	McClain County	15,260	14,620	640	4.2%	4.0%	3.6%	3.9%	
25.	Canadian County	53,350	51,060	2,290	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.6%	
26.	Garvin County	13,820	13,220	600	4.3%	3.9%	3.2%	3.9%	
27.	Jackson County	12,420	11,890	530	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.7%	
28.	Rogers County	41,340	39,540	1,800	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.8%	
29.	Stephens County	21,540	20,610	930	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%	3.7%	
30.	Tulsa County	303,900	290,860	13,040	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.9%	
31.	Wagoner County	33,140	31,720	1,410	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%	3.8%	
32.	Cimarron County	1,270	1,210	60	4.4%	3.8%	3.5%	3.2%	
33.	Grant County	2,270	2,170	100	4.4%	4.2%	3.6%	3.9%	
34.	Logan County	18,880	18,060	830	4.4%	4.1%	3.5%	4.0%	
35.	Lincoln County	15,260	14,560	690	4.5%	4.3%	3.7%	4.3%	
36.	Pittsburg County	22,150	21,140	1,020	4.6%	4.5%	3.8%	4.3%	
37.	Osage County	21,440	20,440	1,000	4.7%	4.3%	3.9%	4.3%	
38.	Creek County	32,860	31,260	1,590	4.8%	4.7%	3.9%	4.3%	
39.	Oklahoma County	345,790	329,100	16,700	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%	4.3%	

	JUNE 2007			UNEMP			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06
40. Grady County	24,370	23,180	1,190	4.9%	4.4%	4.0%	5.2%
41. Marshall County	6,480	6,160	320	4.9%	4.5%	3.9%	4.4%
42. Payne County	31,760	30,210	1,550	4.9%	4.1%	3.6%	4.0%
43. Comanche County	46,350	44,020	2,330	5.0%	4.7%	4.2%	4.5%
44. Haskell County	5,290	5,030	270	5.0%	4.7%	4.2%	4.6%
45. Pawnee County	8,060	7,660	400	5.0%	5.1%	4.3%	4.0%
46. Pottawatomie County	31,830	30,220	1,610	5.0%	4.9%	4.2%	4.9%
47. Alfalfa County	2,250	2,140	110	5.1%	5.1%	4.2%	4.1%
48. Mayes County	17,930	17,020	910	5.1%	4.7%	4.3%	4.7%
49. Cherokee County	21,650	20,510	1,140	5.2%	4.8%	4.3%	4.6%
50. Kay County	21,760	20,620	1,140	5.2%	5.3%	4.5%	5.3%
51. Pushmataha County	5,580	5,290	290	5.2%	4.8%	4.1%	4.8%
52. Blaine County	4,990	4,730	260	5.3%	4.6%	4.0%	4.6%
53. Craig County	6,870	6,490	380	5.5%	5.2%	4.4%	4.4%
54. Delaware County	17,900	16,910	990	5.5%	4.9%	4.2%	4.6%
55. Johnston County	4,870	4,600	270	5.5%	5.0%	4.1%	4.6%
56. Ottawa County	17,220	16,280	950	5.5%	5.4%	4.6%	4.7%
57. Kiowa County	3,740	3,530	210	5.6%	5.3%	4.5%	5.0%
58. Greer County	2,000	1,890	110	5.7%	5.8%	4.4%	4.9%
59. Le Flore County	22,130	20,860	1,270	5.7%	6.6%	4.8%	5.3%
60. Choctaw County	6,900	6,490	400	5.8%	5.6%	4.9%	5.0%
61. Jefferson County	2,370	2,240	140	5.8%	5.3%	4.4%	4.7%
62. Adair County	11,060	10,410	650	5.9%	5.2%	4.4%	4.5%
63. Okmulgee County	17,300	16,280	1,020	5.9%	5.9%	4.8%	5.5%
64. Sequoyah County	18,710	17,590	1,120	6.0%	6.7%	5.5%	5.4%
65. Tillman County	3,500	3,290	210	6.0%	5.6%	5.2%	4.4%
66. Nowata County	4,640	4,360	280	6.1%	6.2%	4.6%	5.2%
67. Latimer County	3,950	3,700	250	6.4%	5.6%	4.6%	5.8%
68. Seminole County	10,310	9,650	660	6.4%	6.5%	5.6%	6.1%
69. McIntosh County	8,390	7,850	550	6.5%	6.2%	5.4%	5.5%
70. Atoka County	5,710	5,330	380	6.6%	6.6%	5.6%	4.8%
71. Caddo County	11,590	10,820	770	6.6%	6.1%	5.1%	6.1%
72. Muskogee County	29,250	27,330	1,930	6.6%	6.3%	5.5%	5.4%
73. Okfuskee County	4,380	4,090	290	6.7%	6.4%	4.9%	5.9%
74. Woods County	3,840	3,590	260	6.7%	6.5%	5.3%	6.3%
75. Hughes County	4,960	4,610	350	7.0%	6.6%	5.7%	6.5%
76. Coal County	2,410	2,240	180	7.3%	7.2%	6.2%	6.2%
77. McCurtain County	13,730	12,660	1,070	7.8%	7.0%	5.7%	6.4%

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	JUNE 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE				
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06	
Adair County	11,060	10,410	650	5.9%	5.2%	4.4%	4.5%	
Alfalfa County	2,250	2,140	110	5.1%	5.1%	4.2%	4.1%	
Atoka County	5,710	5,330	380	6.6%	6.6%	5.6%	4.8%	
Beaver County	2,980	2,890	100	3.3%	3.0%	2.4%	2.8%	
Beckham County	10,810	10,470	340	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%	2.8%	
Blaine County	4,990	4,730	260	5.3%	4.6%	4.0%	4.6%	
Bryan County	20,600	19,790	810	3.9%	3.8%	3.1%	3.8%	
Caddo County	11,590	10,820	770	6.6%	6.1%	5.1%	6.1%	
Canadian County	53,350	51,060	2,290	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.6%	
Carter County	25,180	24,170	1,010	4.0%	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%	
Cherokee County	21,650	20,510	1,140	5.2%	4.8%	4.3%	4.6%	
Choctaw County	6,900	6,490	400	5.8%	5.6%	4.9%	5.0%	
Cimarron County	1,270	1,210	60	4.4%	3.8%	3.5%	3.2%	
Cleveland County	122,960	117,830	5,130	4.2%	3.8%	3.3%	3.7%	
Coal County	2,410	2,240	180	7.3%	7.2%	6.2%	6.2%	
Comanche County	46,350	44,020	2,330	5.0%	4.7%	4.2%	4.5%	
Cotton County	3,370	3,250	120	3.6%	3.2%	2.9%	3.4%	
Craig County	6,870	6,490	380	5.5%	5.2%	4.4%	4.4%	
Creek County	32,860	31,260	1,590	4.8%	4.7%	3.9%	4.3%	
Custer County	13,010	12,470	540	4.2%	3.6%	3.2%	3.5%	
Delaware County	17,900	16,910	990	5.5%	4.9%	4.2%	4.6%	
Dewey County	2,330	2,240	90	3.6%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	
Ellis County	2,230	2,160	70	3.2%	3.1%	2.6%	3.0%	
Garfield County	30,180	29,110	1,070	3.5%	3.3%	2.8%	3.2%	
Garvin County	13,820	13,220	600	4.3%	3.9%	3.2%	3.9%	
Grady County	24,370	23,180	1,190	4.9%	4.4%	4.0%	5.2%	
Grant County	2,270	2,170	100	4.4%	4.2%	3.6%	3.9%	
Greer County	2,000	1,890	110	5.7%	5.8%	4.4%	4.9%	
Harmon County	1,490	1,440	60	3.9%	3.4%	3.5%	4.0%	
Harper County	1,690	1,630	60	3.7%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	
Haskell County	5,290	5,030	270	5.0%	4.7%	4.2%	4.6%	
Hughes County	4,960	4,610	350	7.0%	6.6%	5.7%	6.5%	
Jackson County	12,420	11,890	530	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.7%	
Jefferson County	2,370	2,240	140	5.8%	5.3%	4.4%	4.7%	
Johnston County	4,870	4,600	270	5.5%	5.0%	4.1%	4.6%	
Kay County	21,760	20,620	1,140	5.2%	5.3%	4.5%	5.3%	
Kingfisher County	8,050	7,790	260	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%	2.9%	
Kiowa County	3,740	3,530	210	5.6%	5.3%	4.5%	5.0%	
Latimer County	3,950	3,700	250	6.4%	5.6%	4.6%	5.8%	

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06
LeFlore County	22,130	20,860	1,270	5.7%	6.6%	4.8%	5.3%
Lincoln County	15,260	14,560	690	4.5%	4.3%	3.7%	4.3%
Logan County	18,880	18,060	830	4.4%	4.1%	3.5%	4.0%
Love County	5,080	4,880	200	3.9%	3.6%	3.1%	3.7%
Major County	4,010	3,870	140	3.4%	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%
Marshall County	6,480	6,160	320	4.9%	4.5%	3.9%	4.4%
Mayes County	17,930	17,020	910	5.1%	4.7%	4.3%	4.7%
McClain County	15,260	14,620	640	4.2%	4.0%	3.6%	3.9%
McCurtain County	13,730	12,660	1,070	7.8%	7.0%	5.7%	6.4%
McIntosh County	8,390	7,850	550	6.5%	6.2%	5.4%	5.5%
Murray County	8,450	8,180	270	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%	3.1%
Muskogee County	29,250	27,330	1,930	6.6%	6.3%	5.5%	5.4%
Noble County	5,810	5,570	240	4.1%	4.1%	3.4%	3.8%
Nowata County	4,640	4,360	280	6.1%	6.2%	4.6%	5.2%
Okfuskee County	4,380	4,090	290	6.7%	6.4%	4.9%	5.9%
Oklahoma County	345,790	329,100	16,700	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%	4.3%
Okmulgee County	17,300	16,280	1,020	5.9%	5.9%	4.8%	5.5%
Osage County	21,440	20,440	1,000	4.7%	4.3%	3.9%	4.3%
Ottawa County	17,220	16,280	950	5.5%	5.4%	4.6%	4.7%
Pawnee County	8,060	7,660	400	5.0%	5.1%	4.3%	4.0%
Payne County	31,760	30,210	1,550	4.9%	4.1%	3.6%	4.0%
Pittsburg County	22,150	21,140	1,020	4.6%	4.5%	3.8%	4.3%
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Pottawatomie County	31,830	30,220	1,610	5.0%	4.9%	4.2%	4.9%
Pushmataha County	5,580	5,290	290	5.2%	4.8%	4.1%	4.8%
Roger Mills County	1,630	1,570	60	3.7%	3.3%	2.9%	2.6%
Rogers County	41,340	39,540	1,800	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.8%
Seminole County	10,310	9,650	660	6.4%	6.5%	5.6%	6.1%
Sequoyah County	18,710	17,590	1,120	6.0%	6.7%	5.5%	5.4%
Stephens County	21,540	20,610	930	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%	3.7%
Texas County	8,850	8,490	360	4.1%	3.7%	3.2%	3.8%
Tillman County	3,500	3,290	210	6.0%	5.6%	5.2%	4.4%
Tulsa County	303,900	290,860	13,040	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.9%
Wagoner County	33,140	31,720	1,410	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%	3.8%
Washington County	25,910	24,840	1,070	4.1%	4.0%	3.3%	3.7%
Washita County	5,670	5,450	220	3.9%	3.4%	3.0%	3.5%
Woods County	3,840	3,590	260	6.7%	6.5%	5.3%	6.3%
Woodward County	11,910	11,520	390	3.3%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%

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

	JUNE 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE				
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06	
Oklahoma	1,763,220	1,680,430	82,790	4.7%	4.5%	3.8%	4.2%	
Central WIA	418,020	398,210	19,810	4.7%	4.6%	4.0%	4.2%	
Cleveland County WIA	122,960	117,830	5,130	4.2%	3.8%	3.3%	3.7%	
East Central WIA	66,730	63,120	3,600	5.4%	5.2%	4.5%	5.1%	
Holdenville LLM	9,340	8,690	640	6.9%	6.5%	5.3%	6.2%	
Shawnee LLM	57,390	54,430	2,960	5.2%	5.0%	4.3%	4.9%	
Eastern WIA	139,500	131,690	7,810	5.6%	5.5%	4.7%	4.8%	
Muskogee LLM	70,780	66,900	3,890	5.5%	5.3%	4.6%	4.6%	
Okmulgee LLM	17,300	16,280	1,020	5.9%	5.9%	4.8%	5.5%	
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	51,420	48,520	2,900	5.6%	5.6%	4.8%	4.9%	
North Central WIA	111,080	106,210	4,870	4.4%	4.1%	3.5%	3.9%	
Enid LLM	51,750	49,810	1,940	3.8%	3.5%	3.0%	3.4%	
Ponca City LLM	27,570	26,190	1,380	5.0%	5.1%	4.3%	5.0%	
Stillwater LLM	31,760	30,210	1,550	4.9%	4.1%	3.6%	4.0%	
Northeast WIA	131,800	125,420	6,380	4.8%	4.6%	3.9%	4.2%	
Bartlesville LLM	30,550	29,200	1,350	4.4%	4.3%	3.5%	3.9%	
Claremore-Pryor LLM	77,160	73,460	3,700	4.8%	4.5%	3.9%	4.2%	
Miami-Vinita LLM	24,090	22,760	1,320	5.5%	5.3%	4.6%	4.6%	
Northwest WIA	35,100	33,720	1,380	3.9%	3.6%	3.1%	3.6%	
Guymon LLM	13,100	12,580	510	3.9%	3.6%	3.0%	3.5%	
Woodward LLM	22,000	21,140	860	3.9%	3.7%	3.1%	3.7%	
South Central WIA	128,350	122,030	6,320	4.9%	4.6%	4.0%	4.6%	
Chickasha LLM	51,220	48,620	2,600	5.1%	4.7%	4.1%	5.0%	
Duncan LLM	23,910	22,850	1,070	4.5%	4.1%	3.5%	3.8%	
Lawton LLM	53,220	50,560	2,660	5.0%	4.7%	4.1%	4.5%	
Southeast WIA	79,720	75,150	4,570	5.7%	5.7%	4.6%	5.1%	
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	26,200	24,440	1,760	6.7%	6.2%	5.1%	5.7%	
McAlester LLM	26,100	24,830	1,270	4.9%	4.6%	4.0%	4.5%	
Poteau LLM	27,420	25,880	1,530	5.6%	6.2%	4.7%	5.1%	
Southern WIA	112,950	108,130	4,820	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	4.0%	
Ada LLM	34,160	32,780	1,380	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%	3.9%	
Ardmore LLM	38,720	37,230	1,480	3.8%	3.7%	3.2%	3.8%	
Durant LLM	40,070	38,120	1,960	4.9%	4.7%	3.9%	4.3%	
Southwest WIA	50,770	48,700	2,070	4.1%	3.7%	3.2%	3.6%	
Altus LLM	19,650	18,740	910	4.6%	4.4%	3.8%	4.1%	
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	31,120	29,960	1,160	3.7%	3.3%	2.9%	3.2%	
Tulsa WIA	366,250	350,220	16,030	4.4%	4.2%	3.6%	4.0%	

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

	JUNE 2007	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jun '07	May '07	Apr '07	Jun '06
Oklahoma	1,763,220	1,680,430	82,790	4.7%	4.5%	3.8%	4.2%
Oklahoma City MSA	595,870	568,400	27,460	4.6%	4.4%	3.8%	4.2%
Tulsa MSA	458,030	437,760	20,260	4.4%	4.2%	3.6%	4.0%
Lawton MSA	46,350	44,020	2,330	5.0%	4.7%	4.2%	4.5%