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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - April 2008

Oklahoma unemployment rate down again in April

In April, the non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Oklahoma decreased to 2.9 percent. During the April-to-April period, Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by 1.0 percent.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS*

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
APR '08	1,718,500	1,669,100	49,400	2.9%
Mar '08	1,713,580	1,657,790	55,780	3.3%
Apr '07	1,726,460	1,658,300	68,160	3.9%

^{*}non-seasonally adjusted

April job counts up for state, Oklahoma City MSA

- Oklahoma's statewide TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT expanded by 7,300 jobs (+0.5 percent) in April. The Oklahoma City MSA provided over half of the jobs gained for the month.
- Professional & Business Services and Leisure & Hospitality posted the largest statewide additions for the month in April.
- Despite accounting for only 17.3 percent of jobs statewide, the Goods Producing Industries (Natural Resources & Mining, Construction, Manufacturing) provided 38.8 percent of the jobs added during the April-to-April period.

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07
OKLAHOMA	1,588,300	1,581,000	1,561,000
OKC MSA	574,800	570,900	566,000
Tulsa MSA	425,800	426,000	424,500

CHANGE IN TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	o Apr '08
OKLAHOMA	7,300	0.5%	27,300	1.7%
OKC MSA	3,900	0.7%	8,800	1.6%
Tulsa MSA	-200	0.0%	1,300	0.3%

^{*}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.

Statewide unemployment, unemployment rate down again in April

In April, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped by 0.4 percent to 2.9 percent for the month. Statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** expanded over the month, as **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** contracted by more than 11.0 percent. Since April 2007, statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** has dropped by more than 27.0 percent.

	APRIL 2008		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE				
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Apr '08	Mar '08	Feb '08	Apr '07
OKLAHOMA	1,718,500	1,669,100	49,400	2.9%	3.3%	3.5%	3.9%
United States	153,208,000	145,921,000	7,287,000	4.8%	5.2%	5.2%	4.3%

	NON-SEASONA	ALLY ADJUSTE	D	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
APRIL 2008	1,718,500	1,669,100	49,400	1,723,920	1,668,430	55,490	
Monthly change (#)	4,920	11,310	-6,390	2,220	-180	2,400	
Monthly change (%)	0.3%	0.7%	-11.4%	0.1%	0.0%	4.5%	
Annual change (#)	-7,960	10,810	-18,760	-8,860	11,850	-20,710	
Annual change (%)	-0.5%	0.7%	-27.5%	-0.5%	0.7%	-27.2%	
Participation rate*	62.4%	60.6%		62.6%	60.6%		

^{*} 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.

STATE of OKLAHOMA*

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Oklahoma employment growth continues in April

Oklahoma **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 7,300 jobs over the month in April, due mostly to the **Service Providing Industries**. In fact, **Professional & Business Services** and **Leisure & Hospitality** accounted for nearly four of every five total jobs added over the month. Only three statewide industries (**Manufacturing**; **Trade**, **Transportation & Utilities**; and **Government**) reported job losses in April.

For the April-to-April period, statewide employment expanded by 27,300 jobs. The only industry that failed to add jobs over the year was **Government**, where losses in **Local Government** hampered annual growth.

	NUMBER O	F JOBS		CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	1,588,300	1,581,000	1,561,000	7,300	0.5%	27,300	1.7%
Goods Producing Industries	275,100	274,500	264,500	600	0.2%	10,600	4.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	51,100	50,600	44,800	500	1.0%	6,300	14.1%
Construction	73,200	73,000	70,100	200	0.3%	3,100	4.4%
Manufacturing	150,800	150,900	149,600	-100	-0.1%	1,200	0.8%
Service Providing Industries	1,313,200	1,306,500	1,296,500	6,700	0.5%	16,700	1.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	288,700	289,100	285,000	-400	-0.1%	3,700	1.3%
Professional & Business Svcs.	182,900	179,800	179,800	3,100	1.7%	3,100	1.7%
Educational & Health Services	196,000	195,400	191,300	600	0.3%	4,700	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	143,200	140,600	139,300	2,600	1.8%	3,900	2.8%
Government	325,500	326,000	326,700	-500	-0.2%	-1,200	-0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Natural Resources & Mining employment up again for April

Statewide **Natural Resources & Mining** added 500 jobs in April, leaving it with 6,300 more jobs than in April 2007. This represents annual growth of more than 14.0 percent for the industry.

	NUMBER O	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08		
Natural Resources & Mining	51,100	50,600	44,800	500	1.0%	6,300	14.1%	
Support Activities for Mining	27,600	27,400	25,000	200	0.7%	2,600	10.4%	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

Statewide Construction gains continue in April

For April 2008, employment in statewide **Construction** expanded by 200 jobs over the month and 3,100 jobs over the year. The **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector contributed nearly three of every four jobs added over the year.

	NUMBER C	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08		
Construction	73,200	73,000	70,100	200	0.3%	3,100	4.4%	
Construction of Buildings	15,800	15,500	15,000	300	1.9%	800	5.3%	
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Specialty Trade Contractors	45,600	45,700	43,300	-100	-0.2%	2,300	5.3%	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

Statewide Manufacturing up for year in April

Oklahoma **Manufacturing** contracted slightly in April due to losses in the **Non-durable Goods Manufacturing** sector. **Durable Goods Manufacturing** added jobs for the month and year, driving the industry to expand by 1,200 jobs during the April-to-April period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE	CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to Apr '		
Manufacturing	150,800	150,900	149,600	-100	-0.1%	1,200	0.8%	
Durable Goods Manufacturing	103,500	103,400	102,000	100	0.1%	1,500	1.5%	
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	47,300	47,500	47,600	-200	-0.4%	-300	-0.6%	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

Retail Trade provides most of TTU annual growth for April

In April, **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** shed 400 jobs due to losses in **Wholesale Trade** and **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities**. The **Retail Trade** sector reported growth for the month and year, leading **TTU** to an annual addition of 3,700 jobs.

	NUMBER O	NUMBER OF JOBS				CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08			
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	288,700	289,100	285,000	-400	-0.1%	3,700	1.3%		
Wholesale Trade	58,500	59,300	59,400	-800	-1.3%	-900	-1.5%		
Retail Trade	172,700	171,900	169,000	800	0.5%	3,700	2.2%		
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	57,500	57,900	56,600	-400	-0.7%	900	1.6%		
				Johs	Pct.	Johs	Pct		

Financial Activities up for month and year in April

Financial Activities reported a monthly increase of 500 jobs in April. While its sectors shared the monthly growth, it was the **Finance & Insurance** sector that provided the industry's annual expansion of 1,000 jobs.

	NUMBER O	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Apr '08 Mar '08		Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08		
Financial Activities	84,200	83,700	83,200	500	0.6%	1,000	1.2%	
Finance & Insurance	60,300	60,100	59,300	200	0.3%	1,000	1.7%	
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	23,900	23,600	23,900	300	1.3%	0	0.0%	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

Professional & Business Services adds jobs in April

Employment in the **Professional & Business Services** industry increased by 3,100 jobs over the month and the same amount over the year in April 2008. The **Administrative & Support Services** sector was the source of most of the monthly and annual expansion.

	NUMBER C	F JOBS	CHANGE				
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08	
Professional & Business Services	182,900	179,800	179,800	3,100	1.7%	3,100	1.7%
Professional & Scientific Services	63,500	63,100	63,500	400	0.6%	0	0.0%
Management of Companies	13,400	13,500	12,900	-100	-0.7%	500	3.9%
Administrative & Support Services	106,000	103,200	103,400	2,800	2.7%	2,600	2.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Monthly, annual gains continue in Educational & Health Services

In April, statewide **Educational & Health Services** continued to expand with an addition of 600 jobs for the month and 4,700 jobs for the year. Although **Educational Services** provided the monthly growth, the **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector contributed nearly three out of every four jobs added over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '0	
Educational & Health Services	196,000	195,400	191,300	600	0.3%	4,700	2.5%
Educational Services	20,600	19,900	19,400	700	3.5%	1,200	6.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	175,400	175,500	171,900	-100	-0.1%	3,500	2.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Leisure & Hospitality up for month and year in April

Oklahoma's **Leisure & Hospitality** industry expanded by 2,600 jobs in April and 3,900 jobs over the year. Both of the industry's sectors contributed to growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS		CHANGE				
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	143,200	140,600	139,300	2,600	1.8%	3,900	2.8%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	18,200	17,300	17,300	900	5.2%	900	5.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	125,000	123,300	122,000	1,700	1.4%	3,000	2.5%
Accommodation	11,300	11,000	11,100	300	2.7%	200	1.8%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	113,700	112,300	110,900	1,400	1.2%	2,800	2.5%
				Johs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Government drops jobs in April

Oklahoma **Government** reversed course in April by shedding 500 jobs over the month. **Local Government** contributed to the monthly loss and provided all of the annual loss.

	NUMBER O	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE				
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08		
Government	325,500	326,000	326,700	-500	-0.2%	-1,200	-0.4%		
Federal Government	45,600	45,300	45,300	300	0.7%	300	0.7%		
State Government	86,500	86,800	84,900	-300	-0.3%	1,600	1.9%		
Local Government	193,400	193,900	196,500	-500	-0.3%	-3,100	-1.6%		
				Johs	Pct	Johs	Pct		

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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Oklahoma City MSA up for month, year again in April

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT in the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) expanded by 3,900 jobs in April. Except for 100 jobs added in **Natural Resources & Mining**, all of the monthly growth came from the **Service Providing Industries**. Over-the-month losses were reported in **Construction**, **Manufacturing**, and **Trade**, **Transportation & Utilities**.

For the April-to-April period, the Oklahoma City MSA grew by 8,800 jobs. The only industries to report job losses for the year were **Manufacturing**, **Financial Activities**, and **Government**.

	NUMBER O	F JOBS		CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	574,800	570,900	566,000	3,900	0.7%	8,800	1.6%
Goods Producing Industries	80,000	80,300	77,100	-300	-0.4%	2,900	3.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	15,500	15,400	13,900	100	0.6%	1,600	11.5%
Construction	28,200	28,400	26,300	-200	-0.7%	1,900	7.2%
Service Providing Industries	494,800	490,600	488,900	4,200	0.9%	5,900	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	102,400	103,000	100,500	-600	-0.6%	1,900	1.9%
Financial Activities	34,500	33,800	34,800	700	2.1%	-300	-0.9%
Professional & Business Svcs.	75,200	74,000	73,600	1,200	1.6%	1,600	2.2%
Educational & Health Services	75,100	74,200	71,900	900	1.2%	3,200	4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	58,600	56,900	55,400	1,700	3.0%	3,200	5.8%
Government	113,600	113,600	117,500	0	0.0%	-3,900	-3.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Natural Resources & Mining adds jobs for year

Oklahoma City Natural Resources & Mining grew by 100 jobs in April and 1,600 jobs over the year.

	NUMBER C	F JOBS		CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08
Natural Resources & Mining	15,500	15,400	13,900	100	0.6%	1,600	11.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Construction reports growth for year

Despite strong annual growth in April, Oklahoma City **Construction** shed 200 jobs over the month. The **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector provided more than half of the jobs added over the year.

	NUMBER C	NUMBER OF JOBS						
	Apr '08	Apr '08 Mar '08		Mar '08 to Apr '08		8 Apr '07 to Apr '0		
Construction	28,200	28,400	26,300	-200	-0.7%	1,900	7.2%	
Specialty Trade Contractors	17,700	17,600	16,600	100	0.6%	1,100	6.6%	
				lohe	Pct	lohe	Pct	

OKC TTU down for month in April

Losses across all industry sectors led Oklahoma City **Trade**, **Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** to a 600-job drop in April. Each sector added jobs for the year, with **Retail Trade** leading the way.

	NUMBER O	F JOBS		CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	102,400	103,000	100,500	-600 -0.6%	1,900	1.9%	
Wholesale Trade	23,500	23,700	23,000	-200 -0.8%	500	2.2%	
Retail Trade	62,000	62,300	60,800	-300 -0.5%	1,200	2.0%	
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	16,900	17,000	16,700	-100 -0.6%	200	1.2%	
				Jobs Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

OKC Financial Activities sees gains in April, still down for year

An over-the-month addition of 700 jobs helped Oklahoma City **Financial Activities** move from an annual loss of 900 jobs in March to an annual loss of 300 jobs in April.

	NUMBER (NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
Financial Activities	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08	
	34,500	33,800	34,800	700	2.1%	-300	-0.9%	
Finance & Insurance	23,900	23,800	23,500	100	0.4%	400	1.7%	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

OKC Professional & Business Services up in April

Oklahoma City **Professional & Business Services** added 1,200 jobs for the month and 1,600 jobs for the year in April. The **Administrative & Support Services** sector provided a majority of the industry's gains.

	NUMBER C	F JOBS	CHANGE				
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		3 Apr '07 to Apr '08	
Professional & Business Services	75,200	74,000	73,600	1,200	1.6%	1,600	2.2%
Professional & Scientific Services	27,200	27,000	27,300	200	0.7%	-100	-0.4%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	5,500	0	0.0%	600	10.9%
Administrative & Support Services	41,900	40,900	40,800	1,000	2.4%	1,100	2.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Educational & Health Services adds jobs for month, year

In April, Oklahoma City **Educational & Health Services** posted gains of 900 jobs for the month and 3,200 jobs for the year. The **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector provided a majority of the monthly growth and all of the annual additions.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE				
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '0		
Educational & Health Services	75,100	74,200	71,900	900	1.2%	3,200	4.5%	
Health Care & Social Assistance	67,000	66,200	63,800	800	1.2%	3,200	5.0%	
				Johs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

OKC Leisure & Hospitality continues growth in April

Oklahoma City **Leisure & Hospitality** expanded by 1,700 jobs over the month in April. **Food Services & Drinking Places** contributed most of the growth for the month and all growth for the year.

	NUMBER O	CHANGE					
	Apr '08 Mar '08 Apr '07 Mar '08 to Apr		7 Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to	Apr '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	58,600	56,900	55,400	1,700	3.0%	3,200	5.8%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	47,100	45,900	43,600	1,200	2.6%	3,500	8.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Government unchanged for month, down over year

Oklahoma City **Government** held steady in April, as minor gains in **Federal Government** were counteracted by equal losses in **State Government**. The industry dropped 3,900 jobs over the year due to losses in all three of its sectors.

	NUMBER O	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08	
Government	113,600	113,600	117,500	0	0.0%	-3,900	-3.3%	
Federal Government	26,100	26,000	26,300	100	0.4%	-200	-0.8%	
State Government	39,400	39,500	42,000	-100	-0.3%	-2,600	-6.2%	
Local Government	48,100	48,100	49,200	0	0.0%	-1,100	-2.2%	
				Johs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

April brings monthly losses, annual gains to Tulsa MSA

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT in the Tulsa metropolitan statistical area (MSA) dropped 200 jobs in April. A number of monthly gains and losses counteracted each other, leaving the **Goods Producing Industries** with a small net loss and the **Service Providing Industries** unchanged for the month.

For the year, Tulsa **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** added 1,300 jobs due in part to gains under the **Goods Producing Industries**. The largest over-the-year losses were seen in **Professional & Business Services**, **Leisure & Hospitality**, and **Government**, while sizeable yearly additions were reported for **Construction**; **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**; and **Education & Health Services**.

	NUMBER O	F JOBS		CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	425,800	426,000	424,500	-200	0.0%	1,300	0.3%
Goods Producing Industries	81,500	81,700	78,700	-200	-0.2%	2,800	3.6%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,100	7,000	6,400	100	1.4%	700	10.9%
Construction	22,800	22,800	21,400	0	0.0%	1,400	6.5%
Manufacturing	51,600	51,900	50,900	-300	-0.6%	700	1.4%
Service Providing Industries	344,300	344,300	345,800	0	0.0%	-1,500	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	85,700	85,900	84,600	-200	-0.2%	1,100	1.3%
Professional & Business Svcs.	59,000	58,100	62,200	900	1.5%	-3,200	-5.1%
Educational & Health Services	58,300	58,900	57,000	-600	-1.0%	1,300	2.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,700	34,200	35,300	500	1.5%	-600	-1.7%
Government	52,500	52,800	53,800	-300	-0.6%	-1,300	-2.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Natural Resources & Mining up over year

Tulsa Natural Resources & Mining grew slightly in April, bringing its annual gain to 700 jobs.

	NUMBER C	OF JOBS		CHANGE				
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	7,100	7,000	6,400	100	1.4%	700	10.9%	
				Johs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

Tulsa Construction adds jobs for year

Construction in Tulsa held steady for the month and expanded by 1,400 jobs over the year in April.

	NUMBER OF JOBS				CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08		
Construction	22,800	22,800	21,400	0	0.0%	1,400	6.5%	
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,500	14,400	14,000	100	0.7%	500	3.6%	
				Johs	Pct.	Johs	Pct.	

Tulsa TTU down for month, up for year in April

Tulsa **Trade**, **Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** shed 200 jobs in April. Annual additions to **Retail Trade** and **Transportation**, **Warehouse & Utilities** led to over-the-year growth in the amount of 1,100 jobs.

	NUMBER O	F JOBS	CHANGE				
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	85,700	85,900	84,600	-200	-0.2%	1,100	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	17,800	17,900	18,300	-100	-0.6%	-500	-2.7%
Retail Trade	45,800	45,700	44,600	100	0.2%	1,200	2.7%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	22,100	22,300	21,700	-200	-0.9%	400	1.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Professional & Business Services down over year

Tulsa's **Professional & Business Services** industry expanded by 900 jobs over the month due to **Administrative & Support Services**. Although all sectors dropped jobs over the year, the **Administrative & Support Services** sector provided nearly four of every five jobs shed during the April-to-April period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08	
Professional & Business Services	59,000	58,100	62,200	900	1.5%	-3,200	-5.1%
Professional & Scientific Services	19,800	19,800	20,400	0	0.0%	-600	-2.9%
Management of Companies	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Administrative & Support Services	33,500	32,600	36,000	900	2.8%	-2,500	-6.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Educational & Health Services up for year in April

In April, Tulsa **Educational & Health Services** dropped 600 jobs over the month, but added 1,300 jobs compared to April 2007. The monthly loss came solely from the **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector, as did most of the annual gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	'07 Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08	
Educational & Health Services	58,300	58,900	57,000	-600	-1.0%	1,300	2.3%
Educational Services	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	0.0%	100	1.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	51,000	51,600	49,800	-600	-1.2%	1,200	2.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Annual losses continue for Tulsa Leisure & Hospitality

Tulsa **Leisure & Hospitality** continued its over-the-month expansion in April with an addition of 500 jobs. The industry reported a loss for the year, but April's 600-job annual drop is an improvement over the 2,300-job year-to-year loss reported for March.

	NUMBER O	F JOBS		CHANGE				
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 to	Apr '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	34,700	34,200	35,300	500	1.5%	-600	-1.7%	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

Tulsa Government drops jobs for month, year in April

Tulsa **Government** dropped 300 jobs for the month in April due to losses in **State Government** and **Local Government**. These two sectors also provided the industry's 1,300-job annual loss for April.

	NUMBER C	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08		Apr '07 to Apr '08		
Government	52,500	52,800	53,800	-300	-0.6%	-1,300	-2.4%	
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
State Government	6,900	7,100	7,300	-200	-2.8%	-400	-5.5%	
Local Government	40,900	41,000	41,800	-100	-0.2%	-900	-2.2%	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.	

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – State of Oklahoma

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr '08	Apr '07 to Apr '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	1,588,300	1,581,000	1,561,000	7,300 0.5%	27,300 1.7%		
Total Private Employment*	1,262,800	1,255,000	1,234,300	7,800 0.6%	28,500 2.3%		
Private Service Providers**	987,700	980,500	969,800	7,200 0.7%	17,900 1.8%		
Goods Producing Industries	275,100	274,500	264,500	600 0.2%	10,600 4.0%		
Natural Resources & Mining	51,100	50,600	44,800	500 1.0%	6,300 14.1%		
Support Activities for Mining	27,600	27,400	25,000	200 0.7%	2,600 10.4%		
Construction	73,200	73,000	70,100	200 0.3%	3,100 4.4%		
Construction of Buildings	15,800	15,500	15,000	300 1.9%	800 5.3%		
Residential Buildings	6,000	5,900	6,000	100 1.7%	0 0.0%		
Non-residential Buildings	9,800	9,600	9,000	200 2.1%	800 8.9%		
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,800	11,800	11,800	0 0.0%	0 0.0%		
Specialty Trade Contractors	45,600	45,700	43,300	-100 -0.2%	2,300 5.3%		
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	21,400	21,300	20,200	100 0.5%	1,200 5.9%		
Manufacturing	150,800	150,900	149,600	-100 -0.1%	1,200 0.8%		
Durable Goods Mfg.	103,500	103,400	102,000	100 0.1%	1,500 1.5%		
Fabricated Metal Products	24,000	24,000	23,500	0 0.0%	500 2.1%		
Other Fabricated Metal	4,900	4,900	4,700	0 0.0%	200 4.3%		
Machinery Manufacturing	30,400	30,300	29,300	100 0.3%	1,100 3.8%		
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,300	3,300	3,100	0 0.0%	200 6.5%		
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	15,900	15,900	16,300	0 0.0%	-400 -2.5%		
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	2,500	2,500	2,800	0 0.0%	-300 -10.7%		
Aerospace Products Mfg.	5,700	5,600	5,000	100 1.8%	700 14.0%		
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	47,300	47,500	47,600	-200 -0.4%	-300 -0.6%		
Food Manufacturing	19,800	19,800	19,800	0 0.0%	0 0.0%		
Paper Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,900	0 0.0%	100 3.4%		
Plastic & Rubber Products	11,100	11,100	11,400	0 0.0%	-300 -2.6%		
Service Providing Industries	1,313,200	1,306,500	1,296,500	6,700 0.5%	16,700 1.3%		
Trade, Transportation & Util.	288,700	289,100	285,000	-400 -0.1%	3,700 1.3%		
Wholesale Trade	58,500	59,300	59,400	-800 -1.3%	-900 -1.5%		
Retail Trade	172,700	171,900	169,000	800 0.5%	3,700 2.2%		
Motor Vehicle & Parts	23,800	23,700	23,300	100 0.4%	500 2.1%		
Automobile Dealers	15,000	15,100	14,800	-100 -0.7%	200 1.4%		
Food & Beverage Stores	22,500	22,800	21,300	-300 -1.3%	1,200 5.6%		
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	45,300	46,300	44,100	-1,000 -2.2%	1,200 2.7%		
Transport., Warehouse & Util.	57,500	57,900	56,600	-400 -0.7%	900 1.6%		
Utilities	10,500	10,600	10,300	-100 -0.9%	200 1.9%		
Transportation/Warehouse	47,000	47,300	46,300	-300 -0.6%	700 1.5%		
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	8,700	0 0.0%	-100 -1.1%		
Truck Transportation	19,700	19,600	19,100	100 0.5%	600 3.1%		
Information	28,800	28,800	28,600	0 0.0%	200 0.7%		
Publishing Industries	7,100	7,100	7,100	0 0.0%	0 0.0%		
Telecommunications	13,600	13,700	13,900	-100 -0.7%	-300 -2.2%		

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to Apr	'08 Apr '07 t	to Apr '08	
Financial Activities	84,200	83,700	83,200	500 0.6	% 1,000	1.2%	
Finance & Insurance	60,300	60,100	59,300	200 0.3	% 1,000	1.7%	
Credit Intermediation	32,300	32,100	31,600	200 0.6	% 700	2.2%	
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	23,700	23,800	23,000	-100 -0.4	% 700	3.0%	
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	23,900	23,600	23,900	300 1.3	% 0	0.0%	
Real Estate	11,300	11,100	11,200	200 1.8	% 100	0.9%	
Pro. & Business Services	182,900	179,800	179,800	3,100 1.7	% 3,100	1.7%	
Pro. & Scientific Services	63,500	63,100	63,500	400 0.6	% 0	0.0%	
Legal Services	12,500	12,600	12,700	-100 -0.8	% -200	-1.6%	
Accounting & Tax Prep.	14,000	14,300	13,800	-300 -2.1	% 200	1.4%	
Architecture/Engineering	12,500	12,500	12,400	0 0.0	% 100	0.8%	
Management of Companies	13,400	13,500	12,900	-100 -0.7	% 500	3.9%	
Admin. & Support Services	106,000	103,200	103,400	2,800 2.7	% 2,600	2.5%	
Employment Services	47,800	45,300	46,800	2,500 5.5	% 1,000	2.1%	
Business Support Svcs.	18,700	18,500	18,300	200 1.1	% 400	2.2%	
Services to Buildings	15,100	14,300	14,000	800 5.6	% 1,100	7.9%	
Educational & Health Svcs.	196,000	195,400	191,300	600 0.3	% 4,700	2.5%	
Educational Services	20,600	19,900	19,400	700 3.5	% 1,200	6.2%	
Health Care & Social Asst.	175,400	175,500	171,900	-100 -0.1	% 3,500	2.0%	
Ambulatory Health Care	63,500	63,300	62,500	200 0.3	% 1,000	1.6%	
Hospitals	53,000	53,000	51,000	0 0.0	% 2,000	3.9%	
Nursing & Residential Care	34,400	34,400	34,000	0 0.0	% 400	1.2%	
Social Assistance	24,500	24,800	24,400	-300 -1.2	% 100	0.4%	
Leisure & Hospitality	143,200	140,600	139,300	2,600 1.8	% 3,900	2.8%	
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	18,200	17,300	17,300	900 5.2	% 900	5.2%	
Accommodation & Food Svc.	125,000	123,300	122,000	1,700 1.4	% 3,000	2.5%	
Accommodation	11,300	11,000	11,100	300 2.7	% 200	1.8%	
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	113,700	112,300	110,900	1,400 1.2	% 2,800	2.5%	
Full-service Restaurants	51,900	51,400	50,800	500 1.0	% 1,100	2.2%	
Limited-service Eating	55,300	54,700	54,700	600 1.1	% 600	1.1%	
Other Services	63,900	63,100	62,600	800 1.3	% 1,300	2.1%	
Repair & Maintenance	14,000	14,000	13,600	0 0.0	% 400	2.9%	
Personal & Laundry Services	13,500	13,500	13,600	0 0.0	% -100	-0.7%	
Government	325,500	326,000	326,700	-500 -0.2	% -1,200	-0.4%	
Federal Government	45,600	45,300	45,300	300 0.7	% 300	0.7%	
State Government	86,500	86,800	84,900	-300 -0.3	% 1,600	1.9%	
Local Government	193,400	193,900	196,500	-500 -0.3	% -3,100	-1.6%	

^{*} Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT – Government) ** Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Oklahoma City MSA

NUMBER EMPLOYED CHANGE	
Apr '08 Mar '08 Apr '07 Mar '08 to Apr '08 Apr '0	7 to Apr '08
Total Non-farm Employment 574,800 570,900 566,000 3,900 0.7% 8,8	00 1.6%
Total Private Employment* 461,200 457,300 448,500 3,900 0.9% 12,7	00 2.8%
Private Service Providers** 381,200 377,000 371,400 4,200 1.1% 9,8	00 2.6%
Goods Producing Industries 80,000 80,300 77,100 -300 -0.4% 2,9	00 3.8%
Natural Resources & Mining 15,500 15,400 13,900 100 0.6% 1,6	00 11.5%
Construction 28,200 28,400 26,300 -200 -0.7% 1,9	00 7.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors 17,700 17,600 16,600 100 0.6% 1,1	00 6.6%
Manufacturing 36,300 36,500 36,900 -200 -0.5% -6	00 -1.6%
Durable Goods Mfg. 27,100 27,200 27,200 -100 -0.4% -1	00 -0.4%
Machinery Manufacturing 7,900 7,800 7,500 100 1.3% 4	00 5.3%
Transportation Equip. Mfg. 5,500 5,400 5,800 100 1.9% -3	00 -5.2%
Plastic & Rubber Products 1,500 1,500 1,600 0 0.0% -1	00 -6.3%
Service Providing Industries 494,800 490,600 488,900 4,200 0.9% 5,9	00 1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Util. 102,400 103,000 100,500 -600 -0.6% 1,9	00 1.9%
Wholesale Trade 23,500 23,700 23,000 -200 -0.8% 5	00 2.2%
Retail Trade 62,000 62,300 60,800 -300 -0.5% 1,2	00 2.0%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores 14,100 14,600 14,200 -500 -3.4% -1	00 -0.7%
Transport, Warehouse & Util. 16,900 17,000 16,700 -100 -0.6% 2	00 1.2%
Information 12,200 12,200 12,300 0 0.0% -1	00 -0.8%
Telecommunications 6,000 6,100 6,100 -100 -1.6% -1	00 -1.6%
Financial Activities 34,500 33,800 34,800 700 2.1% -3	00 -0.9%
Finance & Insurance 23,900 23,800 23,500 100 0.4% 4	00 1.7%
Rental & Leasing Services 5,700 5,700 6,000 0 0.0% -3	00 -5.0%
Pro. & Business Services 75,200 74,000 73,600 1,200 1.6% 1,6	00 2.2%
Pro. & Scientific Services 27,200 27,000 27,300 200 0.7% -1	00 -0.4%
Management of Companies 6,100 6,100 5,500 0 0.0% 6	00 10.9%
Admin. & Support Services 41,900 40,900 40,800 1,000 2.4% 1,1	00 2.7%
Employment Services 18,500 17,800 17,700 700 3.9% 8	00 4.5%
Business Support Svcs. 6,600 6,500 7,200 100 1.5% -6	00 -8.3%
Educational & Health Svcs. 75,100 74,200 71,900 900 1.2% 3,2	00 4.5%
Health Care & Social Asst. 67,000 66,200 63,800 800 1.2% 3,2	00 5.0%
Ambulatory Health Care 25,700 25,400 24,700 300 1.2% 1,0	00 4.0%
Hospitals 20,900 20,900 19,900 0 0.0% 1,0	00 5.0%
Leisure & Hospitality 58,600 56,900 55,400 1,700 3.0% 3,2	00 5.8%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places 47,100 45,900 43,600 1,200 2.6% 3,5	00 8.0%
Full-service Restaurants 20,900 20,800 20,400 100 0.5% 5	00 2.5%
Limited-service Eating 21,000 20,500 20,500 500 2.4% 5	00 2.4%
Other Services 23,200 22,900 22,900 300 1.3% 3	00 1.3%
Government 113,600 113,600 117,500 0 0.0% -3,9	00 -3.3%
Federal Government 26,100 26,000 26,300 100 0.4% -2	00 -0.8%
State Government 39,400 39,500 42,000 -100 -0.3% -2,6	00 -6.2%
Local Government 48,100 48,100 49,200 0 0.0% -1,1	00 -2.2%

^{*} Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Tulsa MSA

	NUMBER	EMPLOYE	D	CHANGE	•		
	Apr '08	Mar '08	Apr '07	Mar '08 to	Apr '08	Apr '07 t	o Apr '08
Total Non-farm Employment	425,800	426,000	424,500	-200	0.0%	1,300	0.3%
Total Private Employment*	373,300	373,200	370,700	100	0.0%	2,600	0.7%
Private Service Providers**	291,800	291,500	292,000	300	0.1%	-200	-0.1%
Goods Producing Industries	81,500	81,700	78,700	-200	-0.2%	2,800	3.6%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,100	7,000	6,400	100	1.4%	700	10.9%
Construction	22,800	22,800	21,400	0	0.0%	1,400	6.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,500	14,400	14,000	100	0.7%	500	3.6%
Manufacturing	51,600	51,900	50,900	-300	-0.6%	700	1.4%
Machinery Manufacturing	11,300	11,300	11,100	0	0.0%	200	1.8%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,800	5,700	5,600	100	1.8%	200	3.6%
Service Providing Industries	344,300	344,300	345,800	0	0.0%	-1,500	-0.4%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	85,700	85,900	84,600	-200	-0.2%	1,100	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	17,800	17,900	18,300	-100	-0.6%	-500	-2.7%
Retail Trade	45,800	45,700	44,600	100	0.2%	1,200	2.7%
Food & Beverage Stores	7,000	7,100	5,700	-100	-1.4%	1,300	22.8%
General Merchandise Store	10,500	10,500	10,600	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
Department Stores	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	22,100	22,300	21,700	-200	-0.9%	400	1.8%
Utilities	3,400	3,400	3,200	0	0.0%	200	6.3%
Transportation & Warehouse	18,700	18,900	18,500	-200	-1.1%	200	1.1%
Air Transportation	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	10,200	10,300	9,900	-100	-1.0%	300	3.0%
Telecommunications	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Financial Activities	25,400	25,700	25,300	-300	-1.2%	100	0.4%
Insurance Carriers	5,200	5,200	4,900	0	0.0%	300	6.1%
Pro. & Business Services	59,000	58,100	62,200	900	1.5%	-3,200	-5.1%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,800	19,800	20,400	0	0.0%	-600	-2.9%
Management of Companies	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Admin. & Support Services	33,500	32,600	36,000	900	2.8%	-2,500	-6.9%
Employment Services	16,400	15,800	16,700	600	3.8%	-300	-1.8%
Business Support Svcs.	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Educational & Health Svcs.	58,300	58,900	57,000	-600	-1.0%	1,300	2.3%
Educational Services	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	0.0%	100	1.4%
Health Care & Social Asst.	51,000	51,600	49,800	-600	-1.2%	1,200	2.4%
Ambulatory Health Care	17,000	17,000	17,700	0	0.0%	-700	-4.0%
Hospitals	18,300	18,600	17,900	-300	-1.6%	400	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,700	34,200	35,300	500	1.5%	-600	-1.7%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	29,900	29,800	30,200	100	0.3%	-300	-1.0%
Full-service Restaurants	14,600	14,400	14,900	200	1.4%	-300	-2.0%
Other Services	18,500	18,400	17,700	100	0.5%	800	4.5%
Government	52,500	52,800	53,800	-300	-0.6%	-1,300	-2.4%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	6,900	7,100	7,300	-200	-2.8%	-400	-5.5%
Local Government	40,900	41,000	41,800	-100	-0.2%	-900	-2.2%

^{**} Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide

NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
APR '08	1,718,500	1,669,100	49,400	2.9%
Mar '08	1,713,580	1,657,790	55,780	3.3%
Feb '08	1,703,410	1,643,760	59,640	3.5%
Jan '08	1,719,400	1,646,460	72,940	4.2%
Dec '07	1,731,550	1,657,820	73,740	4.3%
Nov '07	1,746,130	1,674,650	71,480	4.1%
Oct '07	1,737,950	1,665,450	72,500	4.2%
Sep '07	1,728,950	1,658,630	70,320	4.1%
Aug '07	1,722,850	1,650,790	72,060	4.2%
Jul '07	1,746,740	1,670,430	76,310	4.4%
Jun '07	1,756,200	1,676,190	80,000	4.6%
May '07	1,731,720	1,655,620	76,100	4.4%
Apr '07	1,726,460	1,658,300	68,160	3.9%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
APR '08	1,723,920	1,668,430	55,490	3.2%
Mar '08	1,721,700	1,668,600	53,100	3.1%
Feb '08	1,716,670	1,663,640	53,040	3.1%
Jan '08	1,733,970	1,669,740	64,230	3.7%
Dec '07	1,732,380	1,660,900	71,480	4.1%
Nov '07	1,734,630	1,660,460	74,160	4.3%
Oct '07	1,734,370	1,660,000	74,370	4.3%
Sep '07	1,734,060	1,659,480	74,580	4.3%
Aug '07	1,733,150	1,658,930	74,220	4.3%
Jul '07	1,735,290	1,658,330	76,970	4.4%
Jun '07	1,734,460	1,657,770	76,690	4.4%
May '07	1,734,480	1,657,150	77,330	4.5%
Apr '07	1,732,780	1,656,580	76,200	4.4%