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STATEWIDE PRELIMINARY AUGUST 2003 NONFARM EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AND LABOR FORCE/UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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STATE EMPLOYMENT SEES ANNUAL GROWTH IN LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** registered 1,460,300 jobs in August 2003 with a loss of 1,800 jobs over the month. Both **Goods Producing Industries** and **Service Providing Industries** experienced declines over the month and over the year. Other highlights include:

- Leisure and Hospitality has added 3,300 jobs since July 2003 and 2,700 jobs since August 2002. Food Services and Drinking Places accounted for a majority of the gains over the month and over the year. Other Services edged lower by 1,200 jobs in August but has gained by 0.9 percent since last year.
- Natural Resources and Mining continued to report over-the-month growth in August (+300 jobs). This industry has improved by 2,100 jobs (+7.4 percent) compared to August 2002. Construction lost 300 jobs over the month. Specialty Trade Contractors accounted for the job losses in this supersector and offset the gains in Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction. Manufacturing fell by 1,200 jobs since last month, led by contraction in Transportation Equipment Manufacturing. Over the year, the Goods Producing Industries dropped by 1,200 jobs.
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities decreased by 3,100 jobs over the month, leaving the sector with an annual loss of 0.9 percent. The sub-sectors of Trade, Transportation and Utilities continued to follow the downward trend they started a month ago. In August, Wholesale Trade dropped by 2,200 jobs, and Retail Trade followed the downward trend, declining by 1,800 jobs. In contrast, Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities added 900 jobs since July 2003.
- **Information** reported no change compared to a month ago. Despite a 500-job loss in August, **Financial Activities** has grown by 500 jobs since this time last year. **Insurance Carriers and Related Activities** posted a significant annual growth of 2,000 jobs (+7.7 percent).
- In August, **Professional and Business Services** lost 300 jobs. **Administrative and Support Services** fell by 1,000 jobs, while **Business Support Services** gained 1,000 jobs over the month. **Educational and Health Services** grew by 1,300 jobs since July 2003. Job gains were seen in **Health Care and Social Assistance** (+1,500 jobs). Compared with August 2002, **Educational and Health Services** has declined by 2.0 percent.
- Total Government declined by 100 jobs in August as a result of losses in Local Government. Both Federal Government and State Government remained unchanged over the month.

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Industry	Number Employed			July 2003 to August 2003		August 2002 to August 2003	
Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,460,300	1,462,100	1,462,900	-1,800	-0.10%	-2,600	-0.20%
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	1,187,100	1,188,800	1,192,600	-1,700	-0.10%	-5,500	-0.50%
GOODS PRODUCING	245,200	246,400	245,600	-1,200	-0.50%	-400	-0.20%



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Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change	
Natural Resources & Mining	30,400	30,100	28,300	300	1.00%	2,100	7.40%	
• Support for Mining	15,000	14,800	13,800	200	1.40%	1,200	8.70%	
Construction	67,300	67,600	66,300	-300	-0.40%	1,000	1.50%	
• Constr. Of Buildings	14,200	14,200	15,400	0	0.00%	-1,200	-7.80%	
Nonresidential Bldg.	6,800	6,900	7,800	-100	-1.40%	-1,000	-12.80%	
Hvy/Civil Engineerng	13,500	12,700	11,900	800	6.30%	1,600	13.40%	
Spec. Trade Contractr	39,600	40,700	39,000	-1,100	-2.70%	600	1.50%	
Bldg. Eqpmt. Contr.	19,200	19,300	18,600	-100	-0.50%	600	3.20%	
Manufacturing	147,500	148,700	151,000	-1,200	-0.80%	-3,500	-2.30%	
Durable Goods	95,200	96,400	98,300	-1,200	-1.20%	-3,100	-3.20%	
Wood Product Mfg.	3,600	3,500	3,700	100	2.90%	-100	-2.70%	
Primary Metal Mfg.	2,900	3,000	3,300	-100	-3.30%	-400	-12.10%	
Fabricated Mtl. Prods.	23,200	23,100	24,900	100	0.40%	-1,700	-6.80%	
Other Fab. Mtl.	6,100	6,100	6,400	0	0.00%	-300	-4.70%	
Machinery Mfg.	22,500	22,200	22,700	300	1.40%	-200	-0.90%	
Computer/Electronics	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	0.00%	100	1.60%	
Electrical Equipment	3,100	3,200	3,100	-100	-3.10%	0	0.00%	
Transportation Eqpmt.	19,000	19,700	18,200	-700	-3.60%	800	4.40%	
Motor Veh. Mfg.	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	0.00%	-200	-5.00%	
Mtr. Veh. Bdy/Prt.	6,400	6,600	4,900	-200	-3.00%	1,500	30.60%	
Aerospace Prods.	2,800	2,800	3,500	0	0.00%	-700	-20.00%	
Nondurable Goods	52,300	52,300	52,700	0	0.00%	-400	-0.80%	
Food Mfg.	19,000	18,900	19,100	100	0.50%	-100	-0.50%	
Apparel Mfg.	2,100	2,100	2,700	0	0.00%	-600	-22.20%	
Paper Mfg.	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	0.00%	-100	-2.90%	



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Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change	
Plastics/Rubber Prods.	13,300	13,200	13,000	100	0.80%	300	2.30%	
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,215,100	1,215,700	1,217,300	-600	0.00%	-2,200	-0.20%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	282,200	285,300	284,700	-3,100	-1.10%	-2,500	-0.90%	
Wholesale Trade	55,100	57,300	57,000	-2,200	-3.80%	-1,900	-3.30%	
• Retail Trade	169,600	171,400	171,400	-1,800	-1.10%	-1,800	-1.10%	
Motor Vehicle/Parts	23,100	24,500	25,100	-1,400	-5.70%	-2,000	-8.00%	
Auto Dealers	14,400	14,700	15,600	-300	-2.00%	-1,200	-7.70%	
Food & Bevrg. Stores	24,500	24,900	25,000	-400	-1.60%	-500	-2.00%	
Grocery Stores	21,600	22,000	22,100	-400	-1.80%	-500	-2.30%	
Gasoline Stations	14,900	15,200	14,000	-300	-2.00%	900	6.40%	
Gen. Merch. Stores	40,500	40,400	40,600	100	0.20%	-100	-0.20%	
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	57,500	56,600	56,300	900	1.60%	1,200	2.10%	
Utilities	11,600	11,600	11,000	0	0.00%	600	5.50%	
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	45,900	45,000	45,300	900	2.00%	600	1.30%	
Air Transportation	9,700	9,700	10,700	0	0.00%	-1,000	-9.30%	
Truck Trnsprt.	19,400	18,800	17,700	600	3.20%	1,700	9.60%	
Support for	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	0.00%	100	2.90%	
Information	33,600	33,600	35,300	0	0.00%	-1,700	-4.80%	
Publishing Industries	5,900	5,800	6,200	100	1.70%	-300	-4.80%	
Newspaper, Periodicls	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	0.00%	-100	-1.80%	
Telecommunications	14,800	15,000	16,400	-200	-1.30%	-1,600	-9.80%	
Financial Activities	85,000	85,500	84,500	-500	-0.60%	500	0.60%	
• Finance & Insurance	62,300	62,000	60,500	300	0.50%	1,800	3.00%	
Credit Intermediation	31,200	31,300	30,200	-100	-0.30%	1,000	3.30%	
Depository Credit	24,200	24,400	23,300	-200	-0.80%	900	3.90%	



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Ins. Carriers & Rltd	28,000	27,600	26,000	400	1.40%	2,000	7.70%	
• Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	22,700	23,500	24,000	-800	-3.40%	-1,300	-5.40%	
Real Estate	11,500	12,000	11,900	-500	-4.20%	-400	-3.40%	
Professional & Business Services	161,200	161,500	162,500	-300	-0.20%	-1,300	-0.80%	
• Professionl, Scientific	54,000	55,200	55,200	-1,200	-2.20%	-1,200	-2.20%	
Legal Services	12,700	13,000	12,500	-300	-2.30%	200	1.60%	
Architecture, Eng.	9,500	9,300	9,800	200	2.20%	-300	-3.10%	
Mgt.of Companies	14,500	14,400	13,000	100	0.70%	1,500	11.50%	
Admin. & Support	92,700	91,900	94,300	800	0.90%	-1,600	-1.70%	
Admin. & Support	89,500	90,500	91,300	-1,000	-1.10%	-1,800	-2.00%	
Emplymt Svcs.	40,700	39,800	45,700	900	2.30%	-5,000	-10.90%	
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	16,000	15,000	13,400	1,000	6.70%	2,600	19.40%	
Bldg. Svcs.	14,200	14,500	13,900	-300	-2.10%	300	2.20%	
Education & Health	169,800	168,500	173,300	1,300	0.80%	-3,500	-2.00%	
• Educational Services	13,100	13,300	14,600	-200	-1.50%	-1,500	-10.30%	
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	156,700	155,200	158,700	1,500	1.00%	-2,000	-1.30%	
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	54,500	52,800	53,900	1,700	3.20%	600	1.10%	
Hospitals	45,900	45,900	46,200	0	0.00%	-300	-0.60%	
Nursing & Residential	36,000	35,700	36,000	300	0.80%	0	0.00%	
Social Assistance	20,300	20,800	22,600	-500	-2.40%	-2,300	-10.20%	
Leisure & Hospitality	134,900	131,600	132,200	3,300	2.50%	2,700	2.00%	
Arts, Entertainment	16,500	16,800	15,700	-300	-1.80%	800	5.10%	
Accommodation/Food	118,400	114,800	116,500	3,600	3.10%	1,900	1.60%	
Accommodation	11,500	11,100	11,100	400	3.60%	400	3.60%	
Food Svcs. & Drinking	106,900	103,700	105,400	3,200	3.10%	1,500	1.40%	



Industry	Num	ber Empl	loyed	July 2003 to August 2003		August 2002 to August 2003	
Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Full-Svc Restrnt.	46,900	45,500	49,500	1,400	3.10%	-2,600	-5.30%
Limited-Svc Eating	53,100	51,500	50,700	1,600	3.10%	2,400	4.70%
Other Services	75,200	76,400	74,500	-1,200	-1.60%	700	0.90%
Repair/Maintenance	14,100	14,300	13,500	-200	-1.40%	600	4.40%
• Personal/Lndry Svcs.	13,600	13,400	12,700	200	1.50%	900	7.10%
Total Government	273,200	273,300	270,300	-100	0.00%	2,900	1.10%
• Federal Government	46,200	46,200	46,300	0	0.00%	-100	-0.20%
• State Government	73,100	73,100	75,600	0	0.00%	-2,500	-3.30%
• Local Government	153,900	154,000	148,400	-100	-0.10%	5,500	3.70%
• State & Local Gov't	227,000	227,100	224,000	-100	0.00%	3,000	1.30%

HEALTH CARE SERVICES ENHANCE EMPLOYMENT IN OKLAHOMA CITY MSA

OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased by 3,100 employees (-0.6 percent) in August 2003 to settle at 533,400 jobs. Compared to August 2002, this MSA showed a drop of 3,300 jobs (-0.6 percent). The employment decline was partly seasonal and occurred mainly in the **Service Providing Industries**. Other highlights include:

- Natural Resources and Mining marginally increased by 100 workers (+1.4 percent) over the month and by 600 employees (+9.1 percent) over the year. Support Activities for Mining showed an increase of 500 jobs (+14.7 percent) over the year. Total employment in Natural Resources and Mining was 7,200 jobs in August 2003.
- Construction had a slight increase of 100 jobs (0.4 percent) from July 2003. This supersector gained 1,100 workers (+5.0 percent) from August 2002. Total employment in Construction was 23,300 jobs for August 2003.
- **Manufacturing** lost 600 workers (-1.4 percent) from July 2003. The August 2003 employment level was 41,900 jobs with an increase of 1,000 jobs (+2.4 percent) over the year.
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities** had a marginal increase of 100 employees (+0.1 percent) from the previous month. This supersector's over-the-year decline was 2,800 jobs (-2.8 percent).
- **Information** dropped 100 workers (-0.7 percent) over the month and 500 jobs (-3.5 percent) from August 2002.
- **Financial Activities** held steady from July 2003 but lost 1,300 jobs (-3.8 percent) over the year.



- **Professional and Business Services** contracted by 1,800 jobs (-2.6 percent) from July 2003 and by 1,300 workers (-1.9 percent) when compared to August 2002. Over-the-month and over-the-year employment losses occurred mainly in **Administrative and Support Services**.
- Educational and Health Services gained 1,200 workers (+1.8 percent) over the month. A total of 1,300 jobs (2.0 percent) were added when compared to August 2002. More employment expansion was seen in Ambulatory Health Care Services than in any other sub-sector.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** declined by 600 employees (-1.1 percent) from July 2003 but grew by 1,000 jobs (+1.9 percent) compared to a year ago.
- Other Services contracted by 1,400 workers (-4.8 percent) over the month. Job losses occurred in Car Wash Services and Related Activities. Over the year, Other Services declined by 200 jobs (-0.7 percent)
- **Total Government** had a marginal loss of 100 employees (-0.1 percent) from July 2003. The job loss was observed in **State Government**. Over the past year, employment for **Total Government** has decreased by 2,200 jobs (-2.2 percent).

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Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	533,400	536,500	536,700	-3,100	-0.60%	-3,300	-0.60%
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	433,300	436,300	434,400	-3,000	-0.70%	-1,100	-0.30%
GOODS PRODUCING	72,400	72,800	69,700	-400	-0.50%	2,700	3.90%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,200	7,100	6,600	100	1.40%	600	9.10%
• Support for Mining	3,900	3,900	3,400	0	0.00%	500	14.70%
Construction	23,300	23,200	22,200	100	0.40%	1,100	5.00%
• Spec. Trade Contractr	14,600	14,600	14,000	0	0.00%	600	4.30%
Manufacturing	41,900	42,500	40,900	-600	-1.40%	1,000	2.40%
• Durable Goods	29,400	29,900	28,300	-500	-1.70%	1,100	3.90%
Computer/Electronics	2,700	2,700	3,000	0	0.00%	-300	-10.00%
Transportation Eqpmt.	9,600	10,000	8,800	-400	-4.00%	800	9.10%
Nondurable Goods	12,500	12,600	12,600	-100	-0.80%	-100	-0.80%
Plastics/Rubber Prods.	4,000	3,900	4,100	100	2.60%	-100	-2.40%
SERVICE PROVIDING	461,000	463,700	467,000	-2,700	-0.60%	-6,000	-1.30%



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Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	96,200	96,100	99,000	100	0.10%	-2,800	-2.80%
Wholesale Trade	20,300	20,200	20,900	100	0.50%	-600	-2.90%
• Retail Trade	59,800	60,000	61,400	-200	-0.30%	-1,600	-2.60%
Food & Bevrg. Stores	8,300	8,600	7,900	-300	-3.50%	400	5.10%
Grocery Stores	7,000	7,200	6,700	-200	-2.80%	300	4.50%
Sporting Gds, Hobby	2,400	2,400	3,100	0	0.00%	-700	-22.60%
Gen. Merch. Stores	13,000	13,100	13,100	-100	-0.80%	-100	-0.80%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	16,100	15,900	16,700	200	1.30%	-600	-3.60%
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	13,300	12,900	13,600	400	3.10%	-300	-2.20%
Information	13,600	13,700	14,100	-100	-0.70%	-500	-3.50%
Telecommunications	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	0.00%	-100	-1.60%
Financial Activities	32,800	32,800	34,100	0	0.00%	-1,300	-3.80%
• Finance & Insurance	23,000	23,100	23,100	-100	-0.40%	-100	-0.40%
• Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	5,200	5,500	5,800	-300	-5.50%	-600	-10.30%
Professional & Business Services	68,300	70,100	69,600	-1,800	-2.60%	-1,300	-1.90%
• Professionl, Scientific	24,000	24,800	24,000	-800	-3.20%	0	0.00%
Mgt.of Companies	6,500	6,400	5,600	100	1.60%	900	16.10%
Admin. & Support	37,800	38,900	40,000	-1,100	-2.80%	-2,200	-5.50%
Admin. & Support	36,400	37,600	38,800	-1,200	-3.20%	-2,400	-6.20%
Emplymt Svcs.	17,600	17,300	18,900	300	1.70%	-1,300	-6.90%
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	6,600	5,800	5,400	800	13.80%	1,200	22.20%
Education & Health	67,600	66,400	66,300	1,200	1.80%	1,300	2.00%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	63,500	61,800	59,000	1,700	2.80%	4,500	7.60%
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	28,000	25,400	20,200	2,600	10.20%	7,800	38.60%



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Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Hospitals	21,500	21,600	21,200	-100	-0.50%	300	1.40%
General Medical	20,500	20,500	20,100	0	0.00%	400	2.00%
Nursing & Residential	6,500	6,400	6,500	100	1.60%	0	0.00%
Leisure & Hospitality	54,900	55,500	53,900	-600	-1.10%	1,000	1.90%
Accommodation/Food	46,000	45,400	46,600	600	1.30%	-600	-1.30%
Food Svcs. & Drinking	41,800	41,100	42,400	700	1.70%	-600	-1.40%
Full-Svc Restrnt	19,000	18,200	19,800	800	4.40%	-800	-4.00%
Limited-Svc Eating	20,600	20,900	20,400	-300	-1.40%	200	1.00%
Other Services	27,500	28,900	27,700	-1,400	-4.80%	-200	-0.70%
Total Government	100,100	100,200	102,300	-100	-0.10%	-2,200	-2.20%
Federal Government	27,400	27,100	27,200	300	1.10%	200	0.70%
State Government	33,800	34,500	37,200	-700	-2.00%	-3,400	-9.10%
Local Government	38,900	38,600	37,900	300	0.80%	1,000	2.60%
• State & Local Gov't	72,700	73,100	75,100	-400	-0.50%	-2,400	-3.20%

CONSTRUCTION, FINANCIAL AND LEISURE SERVICES POST OVER-THE-YEAR GAINS

TULSA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) declined to 385,200 jobs in August 2003. This is a loss of 3,500 jobs (-0.9 percent) over the month and a loss of 7,600 jobs (-1.9 percent) from August 2002. **Durable Goods Manufacturing, Retail Trade** and **Educational & Health Services** accounted for the over-the-year loss. Other highlights include:

- Natural Resources and Mining (4,900 jobs) remained unchanged over the month and over the year.
- **Construction** declined by 300 workers (-1.4 percent) from July 2003 but experienced a growth of 700 jobs (+3.3 percent) jobs from August 2002.
- **Manufacturing** declined by 700 employees in August and lost 3,900 jobs (-8.0 percent) when compared to the same period last year. These employment losses occurred primarily in the **Durable Goods Manufacturing** industries.



- Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 300 employees (-0.4 percent) over the month and decreased by 1,800 workers (-2.2 percent) when compared to August 2002. These employment losses occurred in **Retail** Trade with drops of 400 jobs over the month and 2,400 jobs over the year.
- **Information** remained unchanged in August but lost 900 jobs (-6.3 percent) when compared to the same period last year.
- **Financial Activities** decreased by 300 jobs (-1.2 percent) over the month while experiencing a growth of 600 jobs (+2.4 percent) over the year.
- **Professional and Business Services** lost 500 employees over the month and declined by 1,700 workers (-3.4 percent) when compared to August 2002.
- **Educational and Health Services** declined by 200 jobs (-0.4 percent) in August 2003 and by 2,200 jobs (-4.4 percent) since the same period last year.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** increased by 600 jobs (+1.8 percent) over the month and by 400 jobs (+1.2 percent) over the year. This was the only sector to gain jobs compared to both July 2003 and August 2002.
- Other Services lost 700 jobs during August 2003 but added 1,300 employees (+6.6 percent) over the year.
- **Total Government** contracted by 1,100 jobs (-2.6 percent) over the month and by 100 jobs (-0.2 percent) over the year. Losses were seasonal in nature.

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TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	385,200	388,700	392,800	-3,500	-0.90%	-7,600	-1.90%
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	344,600	347,000	352,100	-2,400	-0.70%	-7,500	-2.10%
GOODS PRODUCING	71,300	72,300	74,500	-1,000	-1.40%	-3,200	-4.30%
Natural Resources & Mining	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	21,600	21,900	20,900	-300	-1.40%	700	3.30%
• Spec. Trade Contractr	14,500	15,000	13,400	-500	-3.30%	1,100	8.20%
Manufacturing	44,800	45,500	48,700	-700	-1.50%	-3,900	-8.00%
• Durable Goods	33,700	34,400	39,400	-700	-2.00%	-5,700	-14.50%
Other Fab. Mtl.	2,800	2,800	3,500	0	0.00%	-700	-20.00%
Machinery Mfg.	9,700	9,600	9,700	100	1.00%	0	0.00%
Other Gen. Purpose	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	0.00%	200	3.90%
Transportation Eqpmt.	3,800	3,900	4,200	-100	-2.60%	-400	-9.50%



TULSA (continued)

To do store	Num	ber Empl	oyed		003 to st 2003	August 2002 to August 2003		
Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change	
SERVICE PROVIDING	313,900	316,400	318,300	-2,500	-0.80%	-4,400	-1.40%	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	81,700	82,000	83,500	-300	-0.40%	-1,800	-2.20%	
• Wholesale Trade	17,400	17,600	17,500	-200	-1.10%	-100	-0.60%	
• Retail Trade	41,900	42,300	44,300	-400	-0.90%	-2,400	-5.40%	
Food & Bevrg. Stores	6,200	6,400	6,200	-200	-3.10%	0	0.00%	
Grocery Stores	5,300	5,400	5,300	-100	-1.90%	0	0.00%	
Gen. Merch. Stores	9,700	9,500	10,100	200	2.10%	-400	-4.00%	
Department Stores	3,400	3,300	3,800	100	3.00%	-400	-10.50%	
Other Gen. Merch.	6,100	6,000	6,200	100	1.70%	-100	-1.60%	
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	22,400	22,100	21,700	300	1.40%	700	3.20%	
Utilities	4,300	3,800	3,500	500	13.20%	800	22.90%	
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	18,100	18,300	18,200	-200	-1.10%	-100	-0.50%	
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	9,400	0	0.00%	-800	-8.50%	
Truck Trnsprt.	4,400	4,500	4,600	-100	-2.20%	-200	-4.30%	
General Freight	4,500	4,500	4,000	0	0.00%	500	12.50%	
Information	13,300	13,300	14,200	0	0.00%	-900	-6.30%	
• Broadcasting (except Internet)	3,000	2,900	3,400	100	3.40%	-400	-11.80%	
Telecommunications	6,300	6,500	6,900	-200	-3.10%	-600	-8.70%	
Financial Activities	25,700	26,000	25,100	-300	-1.20%	600	2.40%	
• Finance & Insurance	18,500	18,700	17,800	-200	-1.10%	700	3.90%	
Credit Intermediation	8,400	8,500	8,000	-100	-1.20%	400	5.00%	
Ins. Carriers & Rltd.	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	0.00%	100	2.20%	
Professional & Business Services	49,000	49,500	50,700	-500	-1.00%	-1,700	-3.40%	
Professionl, Scientific	18,200	19,000	18,500	-800	-4.20%	-300	-1.60%	



TULSA (continued)

Industry	Number Employed				003 to	August 2002 to August 2003	
Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Mgt.of Companies	6,000	6,000	5,700	0	0.00%	300	5.30%
Admin. & Support	24,800	24,500	26,500	300	1.20%	-1,700	-6.40%
Emplymt Svcs.	10,500	9,800	11,900	700	7.10%	-1,400	-11.80%
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	5,900	5,600	5,200	300	5.40%	700	13.50%
Education & Health	48,300	48,500	50,500	-200	-0.40%	-2,200	-4.40%
Educational Services	4,400	4,500	5,500	-100	-2.20%	-1,100	-20.00%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	43,900	44,000	45,000	-100	-0.20%	-1,100	-2.40%
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	16,200	16,200	16,900	0	0.00%	-700	-4.10%
Hospitals	14,600	14,700	14,700	-100	-0.70%	-100	-0.70%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,400	33,800	34,000	600	1.80%	400	1.20%
Accommodation	3,100	3,000	2,900	100	3.30%	200	6.90%
Food Svcs. & Drinking	25,700	25,700	27,600	0	0.00%	-1,900	-6.90%
Full-Svc Restrnt	12,400	12,100	14,200	300	2.50%	-1,800	-12.70%
Other Services	20,900	21,600	19,600	-700	-3.20%	1,300	6.60%
Total Government	40,600	41,700	40,700	-1,100	-2.60%	-100	-0.20%
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	5,700	6,000	6,200	-300	-5.00%	-500	-8.10%
Local Government	30,300	31,100	29,900	-800	-2.60%	400	1.30%
• State & Local Gov't	36,000	37,100	36,100	-1,100	-3.00%	-100	-0.30%



LAWTON REBOUNDS AFTER SEASONAL DECREASES

LAWTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Lawton's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in August increased by 300 jobs to end the month at 37,100 jobs. Over the year, however, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** decreased by 1,300 jobs. Other highlights include:

- **Leisure and Hospitality Services** gained 100 jobs (+2.8 percent) in August 2003 but lost 200 jobs (-5.1 percent) since August 2002.
- **Manufacturing** added 100 jobs in August to bring the employment level to 3,600 jobs. This supersector declined by 100 jobs over the past year.
- **Federal Government** lost 100 jobs in August 2003 and 200 jobs over the year. Similarly, **State Government** declined by 100 jobs both over the month and over the year. **Local Government** improved by 400 jobs over the month but diminished by 500 jobs over the year.
- Wholesale Trade contracted by 100 jobs over the month and over the year.
- The only over-the-year gains in the Lawton MSA were in **Financial Activities**, which has added 100 jobs (+4.8 percent) since August 2002.
- **Professional and Business Services** and **Education and Health Services** were both unchanged in August. Each supersector lost 100 jobs (-2.8 percent and -3.2 percent, respectively) over the past year.
- Natural Resources and Mining, Construction, Retail Trade, Information, Other Services, and Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities each remained constant over the month and over the year.

LAWTON

Industry	Num	ıber Empl	loyed	July 2 Augus		_	2002 to
Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM	37,100	36,800	38,400	300	0.80%	-1,300	-3.40%
EMPLOYMENT							
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	26,700	26,600	27,200	100	0.40%	-500	-1.80%
GOODS PRODUCING	5,400	5,300	5,500	100	1.90%	-100	-1.80%
Natural Resources & Mining	100	100	100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Manufacturing	3,600	3,500	3,700	100	2.90%	-100	-2.70%
Nondurable Goods	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	0.00%	-100	-3.00%
SERVICE PROVIDING	31,700	31,500	32,900	200	0.60%	-1,200	-3.60%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,200	6,300	6,300	-100	-1.60%	-100	-1.60%



LAWTON (continued)

Industry	Nun	ıber Empl	oyed	July 2 Augus	003 to	0	2002 to st 2003
Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
• Wholesale Trade	400	500	500	-100	-20.00%	-100	-20.00%
• Retail Trade	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• Transportation, Warehouse& Util.	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	0.00%	100	4.80%
Professional & Business Services	3,500	3,500	3,600	0	0.00%	-100	-2.80%
Education & Health	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	0.00%	-100	-3.20%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,700	3,600	3,900	100	2.80%	-200	-5.10%
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Government	10,400	10,200	11,200	200	2.00%	-800	-7.10%
Federal Government	3,100	3,200	3,300	-100	-3.10%	-200	-6.10%
State Government	1,200	1,300	1,300	-100	-7.70%	-100	-7.70%
Local Government	6,100	5,700	6,600	400	7.00%	-500	-7.60%
• State & Local Gov't	7,300	7,000	7,900	300	4.30%	-600	-7.60%

ENID SEES MARGINAL EMPLOYMENT GAINS IN AUGUST ENID METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in Enid for August 2003 was 23,800 jobs, an increase of 100 jobs over the month and 900 jobs over the year. Other highlights include:

- Natural Resources and Mining, Retail Trade, and Federal Government each gained employment over the month and over the year.
- Wholesale Trade decreased marginally in August by 100 jobs. Over the year, employment was unchanged.
- **State Government** was unchanged in August, while **Local Government** lost 100 jobs. Since August 2002, **State Government** gained 100 jobs, and **Local Government** added 700 jobs.
- Manufacturing, Information, Professional and Business Services, and Leisure and Hospitality Services all remained constant in August. Manufacturing lost 100 jobs over the year.
- Construction, Financial Activities, Education and Health Services, Other Services, and Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities each remained constant over the month and over the year.



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T 1 4	Num	ber Empl	oyed	July 2 Augus		August Augus	
Industry	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM	23,800	23,700	22,900	100	0.40%	900	3.90%
EMPLOYMENT							
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	20,000	19,900	20,000	100	0.50%	0	0.00%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,800	3,700	3,800	100	2.70%	0	0.00%
Natural Resources & Mining	700	600	600	100	16.70%	100	16.70%
Construction	900	900	900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Manufacturing	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.00%	-100	-4.30%
SERVICE PROVIDING	20,000	20,000	19,100	0	0.00%	900	4.70%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,400	6,400	6,000	0	0.00%	400	6.70%
Wholesale Trade	1,100	1,200	1,100	-100	-8.30%	0	0.00%
• Retail Trade	3,500	3,400	3,100	100	2.90%	400	12.90%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Information	200	200	300	0	0.00%	-100	-33.30%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Professional & Business Services	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	0.00%	-100	-6.70%
Education & Health	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,900	1,900	2,100	0	0.00%	-200	-9.50%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Government	3,800	3,800	2,900	0	0.00%	900	31.00%
Federal Government	500	400	400	100	25.00%	100	25.00%
State Government	1,000	1,000	900	0	0.00%	100	11.10%
Local Government	2,300	2,400	1,600	-100	-4.20%	700	43.80%
• State & Local Gov't	3,300	3,400	2,500	-100	-2.90%	800	32.00%



LABOR FORCE AND TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CONTINUE TO DROP IN AUGUST

LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

For the second month in a row, Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Labor Force** fell following six months of continual growth. Over the month, the labor force decreased by 11,400 workers (-0.7 percent) and settled at 1,709,800 people for August 2003. The decrease was distributed almost evenly between members of the employed and unemployed populations.

The **Non-seasonally Adjusted Total Employment** for the state also fell again in August, trimming 5,200 jobs (-0.3 percent) over the month to finish at 1,622,300 workers. Over the past year, employment has decreased by 2,900 jobs (-0.2 percent).

Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Statistics – August 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

August 2003			Unemployment Rate						
Preliminary Data	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02		
United States	138,137,000	8,830,000	146,967,000	6.0%	6.3%	6.5%	5.7%		
Oklahoma	1,622,300	87,500	1,709,800	5.1%	5.6%	5.8%	4.2%		

	.	-		U	nemploy	ment Rat	e
County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02
Adair County	8,320	880	9,200	9.6%	12.1%	10.4%	4.6%
Alfalfa County	2,420	50	2,480	2.1%	1.9%	2.3%	1.4%
Atoka County	5,170	370	5,530	6.6%	7.0%	6.5%	3.2%
Beaver County	2,510	80	2,590	3.2%	3.4%	4.0%	3.0%
Beckham County	10,670	250	10,920	2.3%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
Blaine County	4,540	160	4,700	3.5%	3.6%	5.5%	3.8%
Bryan County	18,450	710	19,160	3.7%	4.2%	3.7%	2.4%
Caddo County	11,020	550	11,570	4.7%	5.6%	5.5%	4.3%
Canadian County	47,260	2,090	49,350	4.2%	4.5%	4.8%	3.6%
Carter County	20,780	970	21,750	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%
Cherokee County	19,480	990	20,470	4.9%	5.6%	5.1%	3.2%
Choctaw County	5,880	530	6,410	8.3%	8.8%	7.9%	6.7%
Cimarron County	1,500	30	1,530	2.0%	2.1%	1.9%	1.5%
Cleveland County	114,500	4,120	118,620	3.5%	3.6%	4.5%	2.8%
Coal County	2,030	370	2,400	15.3%	17.2%	15.0%	5.9%
Comanche County	39,690	1,390	41,080	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.1%
Cotton County	1,940	100	2,040	4.8%	5.2%	5.0%	4.4%
Craig County	6,150	290	6,450	4.5%	4.9%	4.9%	4.0%
Creek County	31,630	2,230	33,850	6.6%	7.1%	6.8%	4.9%
Custer County	11,210	340	11,550	3.0%	3.2%	3.6%	2.9%
Delaware County	17,700	750	18,450	4.1%	4.7%	4.4%	3.5%
Dewey County	2,080	60	2,130	2.7%	3.9%	3.5%	2.6%
Ellis County	1,590	40	1,630	2.2%	2.1%	1.8%	3.3%



Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Statistics – August 2003 (continued) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

				U	nemploy	ment Ra	te
County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02
Garfield County	27,020	880	27,890	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	2.6%
Garvin County	11,450	530	11,980	4.4%	4.7%	5.0%	4.4%
Grady County	20,210	880	21,090	4.2%	4.7%	4.8%	3.5%
Grant County	2,180	60	2,250	2.9%	3.7%	2.9%	3.3%
Greer County	2,450	120	2,570	4.7%	5.6%	4.7%	2.8%
Harmon County	1,290	30	1,330	2.6%	3.3%	2.7%	5.0%
Harper County	1,810	40	1,850	2.2%	3.2%	2.8%	2.5%
Haskell County	5,760	380	6,140	6.2%	6.8%	6.7%	4.3%
Hughes County	5,430	500	5,940	8.5%	9.5%	9.3%	5.7%
Jackson County	12,800	380	13,180	2.9%	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%
Jefferson County	2,190	120	2,300	5.1%	5.7%	5.0%	4.2%
Johnston County	4,790	250	5,040	4.9%	5.6%	4.8%	3.1%
Kay County	21,170	1,560	22,730	6.9%	8.6%	7.4%	5.8%
Kingfisher County	6,370	180	6,550	2.8%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%
Kiowa County	4,710	190	4,900	3.8%	4.7%	4.1%	3.1%
Latimer County	4,100	210	4,320	5.0%	5.5%	6.6%	5.1%
Leflore County	18,340	1,220	19,560	6.2%	6.8%	6.9%	5.2%
Lincoln County	13,240	740	13,980	5.3%	5.9%	6.0%	4.9%
Logan County	15,820	720	16,530	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	2.8%
Love County	3,940	210	4,150	5.1%	6.0%	6.7%	4.7%
McClain County	13,490	560	14,050	4.0%	4.5%	5.8%	3.7%
McCurtain County	14,240	1,490	15,730	9.5%	11.0%	10.4%	6.3%
McIntosh County	8,090	540	8,630	6.2%	7.6%	7.3%	5.4%
Major County	3,490	80	3,560	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%	2.0%
Marshall County	5,190	230	5,420	4.2%	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%
Mayes County	13,270	1,260	14,540	8.7%	9.0%	8.9%	7.5%
Murray County	5,180	260	5,440	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%
Muskogee County	32,230	2,120	34,350	6.2%	6.2%	6.4%	4.3%
Noble County	4,870	190	5,060	3.8%	4.6%	4.4%	3.6%
Nowata County	3,370	340	3,710	9.2%	9.1%	8.7%	7.2%
Okfuskee County	3,850	410	4,260	9.6%	5.0%	10.1%	6.2%
Oklahoma County	334,290	17,260	351,540	4.9%	5.2%	5.9%	4.1%
Okmulgee County	13,700	1,330	15,030	8.8%	10.1%	9.4%	6.8%
Osage County	19,920	1,230	21,140	5.8%	6.4%	6.5%	5.0%
Ottawa County	12,030	940	12,970	7.2%	8.3%	8.2%	7.5%
Pawnee County	7,770	500	8,270	6.0%	7.4%	6.8%	5.5%
Payne County	33,430	830	34,250	2.4%	2.8%	2.6%	1.9%
Pittsburg County	17,430	1,060	18,490	5.7%	6.4%	6.4%	5.5%
Pontotoc County	16,580	750	17,330	4.3%	5.5%	6.1%	4.0%
Pottawatomie County	29,260	1,700	30,960	5.5%	6.0%	6.4%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,210	380	5,590	6.8%	8.2%	7.1%	5.3%



Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Statistics – August 2003 (continued) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

				Unemployment Rate		е	
County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02
Roger Mills County	2,100	30	2,120	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	2.4%
Rogers County	36,340	2,140	38,480	5.6%	6.2%	5.9%	4.2%
Seminole County	9,580	1,170	10,750	10.8%	11.6%	9.4%	7.0%
Sequoyah County	16,620	1,050	17,670	5.9%	6.6%	6.6%	5.0%
Stephens County	17,610	750	18,360	4.1%	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%
Texas County	13,820	300	14,110	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%	1.9%
Tillman County	3,560	200	3,760	5.2%	4.2%	3.7%	3.1%
Tulsa County	290,840	18,220	309,060	5.9%	6.3%	6.9%	4.8%
Wagoner County	28,830	1,710	30,550	5.6%	5.8%	6.5%	4.0%
Washington County	17,010	1,140	18,150	6.3%	6.9%	6.4%	4.4%
Washita County	4,540	110	4,650	2.4%	3.4%	2.7%	2.7%
Woods County	4,080	350	4,430	8.0%	16.0%	12.2%	9.7%
Woodward County	8,880	390	9,270	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%

Metropolitan	-	U	nemploy	ment Rat	e		
Statistical Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02
Oklahoma City MSA	554,610	26,440	581,050	4.5%	4.8%	5.5%	3.8%
Tulsa MSA	407,550	25,530	433,080	5.9%	6.3%	6.7%	4.7%
Lawton MSA	39,690	1,390	41,080	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.1%
Enid MSA	27,020	880	27,890	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	2.6%

Workforce				ι	Inemploy	ment Rat	e
Investment Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02
Central WIA	421,880	20,770	442,650	4.7%	5.0%	5.6%	4.2%
Cleveland County WIA	89,980	3,410	93,390	3.7%	3.8%	4.7%	6.5%
East Central WIA	61,380	4,520	65,890	6.9%	7.5%	7.3%	5.0%
Holdenville LLM	9,290	910	10,200	8.9%	10.1%	9.7%	5.9%
Shawnee LLM	52,090	3,610	55,690	6.5%	7.0%	6.9%	4.9%
Eastern WIA	127,280	8,620	135,900	6.3%	7.0%	6.9%	4.5%
Muskogee LLM	69,160	4,370	73,530	5.9%	6.2%	6.6%	4.3%
Okmulgee LLM	13,700	1,330	15,030	8.8%	10.1%	9.4%	6.8%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	44,420	2,920	47,340	6.2%	7.2%	6.7%	4.2%
North Central WIA	105,480	4,010	109,470	3.7%	4.2%	2.9%	2.4%
Enid LLM	46,020	1,420	47,430	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	2.7%
Ponca City LLM	26,030	1,760	27,790	6.3%	7.8%	6.9%	5.4%
Stillwater LLM	33,430	830	34,250	2.4%	2.8%	2.6%	1.9%
Northeast WIA	105,900	6,860	112,740	6.1%	6.7%	6.4%	5.0%
Bartlesville LLM	20,390	1,480	21,860	6.8%	7.3%	6.8%	4.9%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	67,320	4,150	71,470	5.8%	6.4%	6.1%	4.7%
Miami-Vinita LLM	18,190	1,230	19,410	6.3%	7.2%	7.1%	6.4%



Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Statistics – August 2003 (continued)

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Workforce				U	nemploy	ment Rat	:e
Investment Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02
Northwest WIA	36,270	1,290	37,550	3.4%	4.7%	4.1%	3.5%
Guymon LLM	17,830	410	18,240	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.0%
Woodward LLM	18,440	880	19,310	4.6%	6.9%	5.8%	5.0%
South Central WIA	109,710	4,540	114,250	4.0%	4.4%	4.5%	3.6%
Chickasha LLM	44,720	1,980	46,700	4.2%	4.9%	5.3%	3.8%
Duncan LLM	19,800	870	20,670	4.2%	4.9%	4.7%	4.1%
Lawton LLM	45,190	1,690	46,880	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.2%
Southeast WIA	70,960	5,270	76,230	6.9%	7.8%	7.6%	5.6%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,330	2,400	27,730	8.7%	9.9%	9.2%	6.2%
McAlester LLM	21,530	1,270	22,800	5.6%	6.2%	6.4%	5.4%
Poteau LLM	24,100	1,600	25,700	6.2%	6.8%	6.9%	5.0%
Southern WIA	93,550	4,650	96,750	4.8%	5.2%	5.1%	3.8%
Ada LLM	28,020	1,280	29,300	4.4%	5.2%	5.6%	4.2%
Ardmore LLM	29,900	1,450	29,900	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%	4.4%
Durant LLM	35,630	1,920	37,550	5.1%	5.6%	5.1%	3.0%
Southwest WIA	49,760	1,450	51,210	2.8%	3.2%	3.1%	2.8%
Altus LLM	21,250	720	21,970	3.3%	3.9%	3.4%	2.9%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	28,510	730	29,240	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%
Tulsa WIA	350,150	22,180	372,320	6.0%	6.4%	6.8%	4.8%

STATE TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BOTH DROP FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTH

STATE & COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RANKINGS

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Unemployment** decreased by 6,200 people (-6.6 percent) to bring August's total over-the-month unemployment level to 87,500. This is the fourth time in 2003 that the state unemployment level has fallen. The **Non-seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate** for the state dropped half of a percentage point to 5.1 percent for August 2003.

The unemployment rate in three of the four Oklahoma MSAs dropped this month. The **Oklahoma City MSA** unemployment rate fell three-tenths of a percent to 4.5 percent for August. **Tulsa MSA** reported an unemployment rate of 5.9 percent in August, a drop of four-tenths of a percent. The **Lawton MSA** experienced a drop of two-tenths of a percent, coming in at 3.4 percent. The **Enid MSA** represented the only MSA without an unemployment rate drop, holding steady at 3.1 percent for August 2003.

For the fifth month in a row, **Roger Mills County** (1.3 percent) carried the lowest unemployment rate of the state's 77 counties. **Cimarron County** (2.0 percent) and **Texas County** (2.1 percent) rounded out the three lowest unemployment rates recorded this month.

Coal County (15.3 percent in August) has reported the highest unemployment rate in the state since March 2003. **Seminole County** holds the second spot at 10.8 percent. **Adair County**, at 9.6 percent, rounded out the three highest unemployment rates reported in August 2003.



Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Ranking – August 2003 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

August 2003					Unemploy	ment Rate)
County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02
Coal County	2,030	370	2,400	15.3%	17.2%	15.0%	5.9%
Seminole County	9,580	1,170	10,750	10.8%	11.6%	9.4%	7.0%
Adair County	8,320	880	9,200	9.6%	12.1%	10.4%	4.6%
Okfuskee County	3,850	410	4,260	9.6%	5.0%	10.1%	6.2%
McCurtain County	14,240	1,490	15,730	9.5%	11.0%	10.4%	6.3%
Nowata County	3,370	340	3,710	9.2%	9.1%	8.7%	7.2%
Okmulgee County	13,700	1,330	15,030	8.8%	10.1%	9.4%	6.8%
Mayes County	13,270	1,260	14,540	8.7%	9.0%	8.9%	7.5%
Hughes County	5,430	500	5,940	8.5%	9.5%	9.3%	5.7%
Choctaw County	5,880	530	6,410	8.3%	8.8%	7.9%	6.7%
Woods County	4,080	350	4,430	8.0%	16.0%	12.2%	9.7%
Ottawa County	12,030	940	12,970	7.2%	8.3%	8.2%	7.5%
Kay County	21,170	1,560	22,730	6.9%	8.6%	7.4%	5.8%
Pushmataha County	5,210	380	5,590	6.8%	8.2%	7.1%	5.3%
Creek County	31,630	2,230	33,850	6.6%	7.1%	6.8%	4.9%
Atoka County	5,170	370	5,530	6.6%	7.0%	6.5%	3.2%
Washington County	17,010	1,140	18,150	6.3%	6.9%	6.4%	4.4%
McIntosh County	8,090	540	8,630	6.2%	7.6%	7.3%	5.4%
Leflore County	18,340	1,220	19,560	6.2%	6.8%	6.9%	5.2%
Haskell County	5,760	380	6,140	6.2%	6.8%	6.7%	4.3%
Muskogee County	32,230	2,120	34,350	6.2%	6.2%	6.4%	4.3%
Pawnee County	7,770	500	8,270	6.0%	7.4%	6.8%	5.5%
Sequoyah County	16,620	1,050	17,670	5.9%	6.6%	6.6%	5.0%
Tulsa County	290,840	18,220	309,060	5.9%	6.3%	6.9%	4.8%
Osage County	19,920	1,230	21,140	5.8%	6.4%	6.5%	5.0%
Pittsburg County	17,430	1,060	18,490	5.7%	6.4%	6.4%	5.5%
Rogers County	36,340	2,140	38,480	5.6%	6.2%	5.9%	4.2%
Wagoner County	28,830	1,710	30,550	5.6%	5.8%	6.5%	4.0%
Pottawatomie County	29,260	1,700	30,960	5.5%	6.0%	6.4%	4.1%
Lincoln County	13,240	740	13,980	5.3%	5.9%	6.0%	4.9%
Tillman County	3,560	200	3,760	5.2%	4.2%	3.7%	3.1%
Jefferson County	2,190	120	2,300	5.1%	5.7%	5.0%	4.2%
Love County	3,940	210	4,150	5.1%	6.0%	6.7%	4.7%
Latimer County	4,100	210	4,320	5.0%	5.5%	6.6%	5.1%
Oklahoma County	334,290	17,260	351,540	4.9%	5.2%	5.9%	4.1%
Cherokee County	19,480	990	20,470	4.9%	5.6%	5.1%	3.2%
Johnston County	4,790	250	5,040	4.9%	5.6%	4.8%	3.1%
Cotton County	1,940	100	2,040	4.8%	5.2%	5.0%	4.4%
Murray County	5,180	260	5,440	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%
Caddo County	11,020	550	11,570	4.7%	5.6%	5.5%	4.3%
Greer County	2,450	120	2,570	4.7%	5.6%	4.7%	2.8%



Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Ranking – August 2003 (continued) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

August 2003					Unemploy	ment Rate	•
County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug-03	Jul-03	Jun-03	Aug-02
Craig County	6,150	290	6,450	4.5%	4.9%	4.9%	4.0%
Carter County	20,780	970	21,750	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%
Garvin County	11,450	530	11,980	4.4%	4.7%	5.0%	4.4%
Pontotoc County	16,580	750	17,330	4.3%	5.5%	6.1%	4.0%
Logan County	15,820	720	16,530	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	2.8%
Canadian County	47,260	2,090	49,350	4.2%	4.5%	4.8%	3.6%
Grady County	20,210	880	21,090	4.2%	4.7%	4.8%	3.5%
Woodward County	8,880	390	9,270	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%
Marshall County	5,190	230	5,420	4.2%	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%
Stephens County	17,610	750	18,360	4.1%	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%
Delaware County	17,700	750	18,450	4.1%	4.7%	4.4%	3.5%
McClain County	13,490	560	14,050	4.0%	4.5%	5.8%	3.7%
Kiowa County	4,710	190	4,900	3.8%	4.7%	4.1%	3.1%
Noble County	4,870	190	5,060	3.8%	4.6%	4.4%	3.6%
Bryan County	18,450	710	19,160	3.7%	4.2%	3.7%	2.4%
Blaine County	4,540	160	4,700	3.5%	3.6%	5.5%	3.8%
Cleveland County	114,500	4,120	118,620	3.5%	3.6%	4.5%	2.8%
Comanche County	39,690	1,390	41,080	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.1%
Beaver County	2,510	80	2,590	3.2%	3.4%	4.0%	3.0%
Garfield County	27,020	880	27,890	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	2.6%
Custer County	11,210	340	11,550	3.0%	3.2%	3.6%	2.9%
Jackson County	12,800	380	13,180	2.9%	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%
Grant County	2,180	60	2,250	2.9%	3.7%	2.9%	3.3%
Kingfisher County	6,370	180	6,550	2.8%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%
Dewey County	2,080	60	2,130	2.7%	3.9%	3.5%	2.6%
Harmon County	1,290	30	1,330	2.6%	3.3%	2.7%	5.0%
Washita County	4,540	110	4,650	2.4%	3.4%	2.7%	2.7%
Payne County	33,430	830	34,250	2.4%	2.8%	2.6%	1.9%
Beckham County	10,670	250	10,920	2.3%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
Major County	3,490	80	3,560	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%	2.0%
Harper County	1,810	40	1,850	2.2%	3.2%	2.8%	2.5%
Ellis County	1,590	40	1,630	2.2%	2.1%	1.8%	3.3%
Alfalfa County	2,420	50	2,480	2.1%	1.9%	2.3%	1.4%
Texas County	13,820	300	14,110	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%	1.9%
Cimarron County	1,500	30	1,530	2.0%	2.1%	1.9%	1.5%
Roger Mills County	2,100	30	2,120	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	2.4%



Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – July 2003 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

July 2003				Unemployment Rate			
Revised Data	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Jul-03	Jun-03	Jul-02	
United States	138,503,000	9,319,000	147,822,000	6.3%	6.5%	6.0%	
Oklahoma	1,636,300	96,800	1,733,100	5.6%	5.8%	4.4%	

				Unemployment Rate		
County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Jul-03	Jun-03	Jul-02
Adair County	7,600	1,040	8,640	12.1%	10.4%	5.2%
Alfalfa County	2,360	50	2,410	1.9%	2.3%	1.4%
Atoka County	4,910	370	5,280	7.0%	6.5%	4.3%
Beaver County	2,410	90	2,500	3.4%	4.0%	2.7%
Beckham County	10,730	230	10,960	2.1%	2.4%	3.0%
Blaine County	4,510	170	4,680	3.6%	5.5%	3.7%
Bryan County	18,400	810	19,210	4.2%	3.7%	3.0%
Caddo County	10,560	630	11,190	5.6%	5.5%	4.3%
Canadian County	48,300	2,280	50,580	4.5%	4.8%	3.7%
Carter County	20,860	1,040	21,900	4.7%	4.4%	4.6%
Cherokee County	18,770	1,110	19,880	5.6%	5.1%	3.6%
Choctaw County	5,760	560	6,320	8.8%	7.9%	7.4%
Cimarron County	1,460	30	1,490	2.1%	1.9%	2.6%
Cleveland County	117,020	4,370	121,390	3.6%	4.5%	3.1%
Coal County	1,920	400	2,320	17.2%	15.0%	6.9%
Comanche County	40,060	1,500	41,560	3.6%	3.6%	3.2%
Cotton County	1,930	110	2,040	5.2%	5.0%	4.9%
Craig County	6,110	310	6,420	4.9%	4.9%	4.0%
Creek County	32,400	2,460	34,860	7.1%	6.8%	4.9%
Custer County	10,840	360	11,200	3.2%	3.6%	3.3%
Delaware County	17,400	860	18,260	4.7%	4.4%	3.6%
Dewey County	1,880	80	1,960	3.9%	3.5%	3.3%
Ellis County	1,460	30	1,490	2.1%	1.8%	3.5%
Garfield County	27,280	870	28,150	3.1%	3.1%	2.8%
Garvin County	11,490	570	12,060	4.7%	5.0%	4.6%
Grady County	19,820	990	20,810	4.7%	4.8%	3.8%
Grant County	2,170	80	2,250	3.7%	2.9%	3.2%
Greer County	2,330	140	2,470	5.6%	4.7%	3.6%
Harmon County	1,260	40	1,300	3.3%	2.7%	4.9%
Harper County	1,650	50	1,700	3.2%	2.8%	3.2%
Haskell County	5,690	410	6,100	6.8%	6.7%	4.5%
Hughes County	5,270	560	5,830	9.5%	9.3%	7.0%
Jackson County	12,330	420	12,750	3.3%	3.0%	3.1%
Jefferson County	2,050	120	2,170	5.7%	5.0%	6.0%
Johnston County	4,580	270	4,850	5.6%	4.8%	2.9%
Kay County	21,120	1,980	23,100	8.6%	7.4%	6.2%



Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – July 2003 (continued) (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

				Unemployment Rate		
County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Jul-03	Jun-03	Jul-02
Kingfisher County	6,310	210	6,520	3.1%	2.8%	3.2%
Kiowa County	4,560	220	4,780	4.7%	4.1%	3.0%
Latimer County	3,850	220	4,070	5.5%	6.6%	6.9%
Leflore County	17,970	1,310	19,280	6.8%	6.9%	5.4%
Lincoln County	13,170	820	13,990	5.9%	6.0%	5.3%
Logan County	16,170	740	16,910	4.4%	4.3%	2.9%
Love County	3,960	250	4,210	6.0%	6.7%	5.2%
McClain County	13,790	650	14,440	4.5%	5.8%	4.3%
McCurtain County	13,580	1,680	15,260	11.0%	10.4%	7.1%
McIntosh County	8,110	670	8,780	7.6%	7.3%	5.9%
Major County	3,430	90	3,520	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%
Marshall County	5,150	230	5,380	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%
Mayes County	13,790	1,360	15,150	9.0%	8.9%	7.8%
Murray County	5,280	240	5,520	4.4%	4.0%	4.2%
Muskogee County	32,290	2,140	34,430	6.2%	6.4%	4.3%
Noble County	4,820	230	5,050	4.6%	4.4%	4.2%
Nowata County	3,420	340	3,760	9.1%	8.7%	8.6%
Okfuskee County	3,830	460	4,290	10.8%	10.1%	7.0%
Oklahoma County	341,650	18,720	360,370	5.2%	5.9%	4.3%
Okmulgee County	13,270	1,490	14,760	10.1%	9.4%	6.7%
Osage County	20,400	1,390	21,790	6.4%	6.5%	4.9%
Ottawa County	11,800	1,070	12,870	8.3%	8.2%	7.8%
Pawnee County	7,640	610	8,250	7.4%	6.8%	6.4%
Payne County	33,420	960	34,380	2.8%	2.6%	1.9%
Pittsburg County	17,380	1,190	18,570	6.4%	6.4%	6.3%
Pontotoc County	16,450	960	17,410	5.5%	6.1%	4.9%
Pottawatomie County	29,910	1,900	31,810	6.0%	6.4%	4.4%
Pushmataha County	4,760	420	5,180	8.2%	7.1%	6.4%
Roger Mills County	1,980	30	2,010	1.5%	1.5%	2.7%
Rogers County	37,240	2,460	39,700	6.2%	5.9%	4.1%
Seminole County	9,460	1,240	10,700	11.6%	9.4%	8.1%
Sequoyah County	16,790	1,200	17,990	6.6%	6.6%	5.6%
Stephens County	17,190	870	18,060	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%
Texas County	13,620	320	13,940	2.3%	2.1%	1.9%
Tillman County	3,400	150	3,550	4.2%	3.7%	4.5%
Tulsa County	297,970	20,130	318,100	6.3%	6.9%	4.8%
Wagoner County	29,540	1,820	31,360	5.8%	6.5%	4.1%
Washington County	17,260	1,280	18,540	6.9%	6.4%	4.9%
Washita County	4,390	150	4,540	3.4%	2.7%	3.0%
Woods County	4,010	760	4,770	16.0%	12.2%	8.2%
Woodward County	8,740	400	9,140	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%

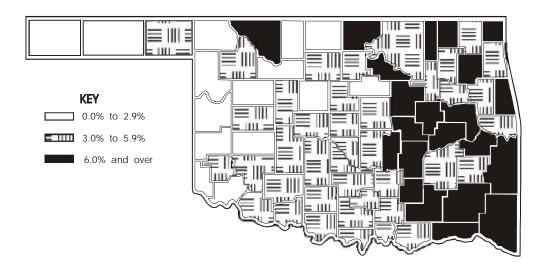


Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – July 2003 (continued)

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Metropolitan				Unemployment Rate		
Statistical Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Jul-03	Jun-03	Jul-02
Oklahoma City MSA	566,820	28,650	595,470	4.8%	5.5%	4.0%
Tulsa MSA	417,550	28,260	445,810	6.3%	6.7%	4.7%
Lawton MSA	40,060	1,500	41,560	3.6%	3.6%	3.2%
Enid MSA	27,280	870	28,150	3.1%	3.1%	2.8%

Oklahoma by County - Preliminary Data for August 2003 Distribution of Unemployment Rates



Oklahoma Unemployment Rate = 5.1%

U. S. Unemployment Rate = 6.0%

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