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AND LABOR FORCE/UNEMPLOYMENT RATE***

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SEASONAL EDUCATION INCREASES IMPROVE OKLAHOMA'S TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in Oklahoma reached 1,472,100 in September 2003, edging up by 10,300 jobs after reporting job losses for the past three months. The **Service Providing Industries** accounted for the employment gains due to seasonal educational factors. However, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** declined by 0.2 percent over the month and has dropped by 0.6 percent over the year, based on the seasonally adjusted figures. Other highlights include:

- **Natural Resources and Mining** dropped 700 jobs in September after reporting positive shifts since February of this year. Compared to a year ago, this sector gained 1,600 jobs. **Construction** fell by 700 jobs over the month, following a seasonal declining trend. Despite the over-the-month losses, this industry has improved by 1,900 jobs since this time last year. **Manufacturing** posted an annual job loss of 0.9 percent but remained unchanged over the month. There are four sub-sectors that experienced significant contraction within the past year. Employment in Apparel Manufacturing has lost 22.2 percent over the year, followed by Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing (-17.6 percent), Wood Product Manufacturing (-13.5 percent), and Primary Metal Manufacturing (-9.1 percent).
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities** was down by 800 jobs in September due to losses in **Retail Trade** that offset gains in **Wholesale Trade**. Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers decreased by 500 jobs since last month. There were no significant over-the-month changes in **Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities**.
- **Information** added 900 jobs over the month, which improved the annual job loss rate from 5.0 percent (August 2003) to 1.6 percent (September 2003). **Financial Activities** reported no change compared to a month ago. Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (+2,100 jobs) and Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (+1,000 jobs) both experienced employment expansion compared to the previous year.
- In September, **Professional and Business Services** gained 1,500 jobs, following the trend seen around the nation. Job gains were in Employment Services (+4.1 percent). **Educational and Health Services** decreased by 200 jobs, leaving the sector with an annual loss of 3.1 percent. Health Care and Social Assistance lost 3,400 jobs since August 2003, offsetting gains in Educational Services (+3,200 jobs).
- Seasonal declines in **Leisure and Hospitality** brought employment down in this industry by 5,700 jobs over the month. Arts, Entertainment and Recreation and Accommodation and Food Services were down by 3,200 jobs and 1,300 jobs, respectively. **Other Services** fell by 800 jobs since August 2003 as a result of job losses in Repair and Maintenance.
- Despite an annual loss of 1.9 percent, **Government** added 16,800 jobs compared to a month ago. **Local Government** (+9,100 jobs) and **State Government** (+7,800 jobs) accounted for these seasonal educational increases. **Federal Government** lost 0.2 percent over the month.

STATEWIDE

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,472,100	1,461,800	1,483,400	10,300	0.70%	-11,300	-0.80%
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	1,179,600	1,186,100	1,185,100	-6,500	-0.50%	-5,500	-0.50%
GOODS PRODUCING	244,600	246,000	242,500	-1,400	-0.60%	2,100	0.90%
Natural Resources & Mining	29,500	30,200	27,900	-700	-2.30%	1,600	5.70%

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Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
• Support for Mining	14,500	15,000	13,600	-500	-3.30%	900	6.60%
Construction	66,500	67,200	64,600	-700	-1.00%	1,900	2.90%
• Constr. Of Buildings	14,100	14,400	15,100	-300	-2.10%	-1,000	-6.60%
Nonresidential Bldg.	6,900	6,900	7,700	0	0.00%	-800	-10.40%
• Hvy/Civil Engineerng	13,300	13,400	11,600	-100	-0.70%	1,700	14.70%
• Spec. Trade Contractr	39,100	39,400	37,900	-300	-0.80%	1,200	3.20%
Bldg. Eqpmt. Contr.	18,700	19,200	18,200	-500	-2.60%	500	2.70%
Manufacturing	148,600	148,600	150,000	0	0.00%	-1,400	-0.90%
• Durable Goods	96,200	96,100	97,400	100	0.10%	-1,200	-1.20%
Wood Product Mfg.	3,200	3,600	3,700	-400	-11.10%	-500	-13.50%
Primary Metal Mfg.	3,000	2,900	3,300	100	3.40%	-300	-9.10%
Fabricated Mtl. Prods.	23,000	23,200	24,600	-200	-0.90%	-1,600	-6.50%
Other Fab. Mtl.	6,100	6,100	6,300	0	0.00%	-200	-3.20%
Machinery Mfg.	22,500	22,500	22,500	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Computer/Electronics	6,200	6,400	6,300	-200	-3.10%	-100	-1.60%
Electrical Equipment	3,300	3,200	3,100	100	3.10%	200	6.50%
Transportation Eqpmt.	19,700	19,100	18,100	600	3.10%	1,600	8.80%
Motor Veh. Mfg.	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	0.00%	-200	-5.00%
Mtr. Veh. Bdy/Prt.	6,700	6,400	5,000	300	4.70%	1,700	34.00%
Aerospace Prods.	2,800	2,800	3,400	0	0.00%	-600	-17.60%
• Nondurable Goods	14,500	15,000	13,600	-500	-3.30%	900	6.60%
Food Mfg.	66,500	67,200	64,600	-700	-1.00%	1,900	2.90%
Apparel Mfg.	14,100	14,400	15,100	-300	-2.10%	-1,000	-6.60%
Paper Mfg.	6,900	6,900	7,700	0	0.00%	-800	-10.40%
Plastics/Rubber Prods.	13,300	13,400	11,600	-100	-0.70%	1,700	14.70%
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,227,500	1,215,800	1,240,900	11,700	1.00%	-13,400	-1.10%

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Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	280,900	281,700	283,400	-800	-0.30%	-2,500	-0.90%
• Wholesale Trade	56,000	54,900	56,700	1,100	2.00%	-700	-1.20%
• Retail Trade	167,500	169,300	170,500	-1,800	-1.10%	-3,000	-1.80%
Motor Vehicle/Parts	22,800	23,300	24,900	-500	-2.10%	-2,100	-8.40%
Auto Dealers	14,300	14,500	15,600	-200	-1.40%	-1,300	-8.30%
Food & Bevrg. Stores	24,100	24,200	24,800	-100	-0.40%	-700	-2.80%
Grocery Stores	21,500	21,600	21,900	-100	-0.50%	-400	-1.80%
Gasoline Stations	14,700	14,900	13,900	-200	-1.30%	800	5.80%
Gen. Merch. Stores	40,300	40,500	40,600	-200	-0.50%	-300	-0.70%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	57,400	57,500	56,200	-100	-0.20%	1,200	2.10%
Utilities	11,800	11,800	11,000	0	0.00%	800	7.30%
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	45,600	45,700	45,200	-100	-0.20%	400	0.90%
Air Transportation	9,700	9,700	10,700	0	0.00%	-1,000	-9.30%
Truck Trnsprt.	19,000	19,300	17,600	-300	-1.60%	1,400	8.00%
Support for	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	0.00%	100	2.90%
Information	34,400	33,500	35,000	900	2.70%	-600	-1.70%
• Publishing Industries	5,800	5,800	6,200	0	0.00%	-400	-6.50%
Newspaper, Periodicls	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	0.00%	-100	-1.80%
• Telecommunications	14,900	14,800	16,300	100	0.70%	-1,400	-8.60%
Financial Activities	85,000	85,000	83,600	0	0.00%	1,400	1.70%
• Finance & Insurance	62,100	62,300	60,200	-200	-0.30%	1,900	3.20%
Credit Intermediation	31,100	31,200	30,100	-100	-0.30%	1,000	3.30%
Depository Credit	24,200	24,200	23,200	0	0.00%	1,000	4.30%
Ins. Carriers & Rltd	28,000	28,000	25,900	0	0.00%	2,100	8.10%

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Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
• Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	22,900	22,700	23,400	200	0.90%	-500	-2.10%
Real Estate	11,600	11,500	11,400	100	0.90%	200	1.80%
Professional & Business Services	161,500	160,000	161,600	1,500	0.90%	-100	-0.10%
• Professionl, Scientific	54,700	54,300	54,700	400	0.70%	0	0.00%
Legal Services	12,500	12,800	12,300	-300	-2.30%	200	1.60%
Architecture, Eng.	9,800	9,500	9,600	300	3.20%	200	2.10%
Mgt.of Companies	14,000	14,400	12,700	-400	-2.80%	1,300	10.20%
Admin. & Support	92,800	91,300	94,200	1,500	1.60%	-1,400	-1.50%
Admin. & Support	91,500	90,100	91,100	1,400	1.60%	400	0.40%
Emplymt Svcs.	42,700	41,000	45,600	1,700	4.10%	-2,900	-6.40%
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	15,800	16,000	13,700	-200	-1.30%	2,100	15.30%
Bldg. Svcs.	14,000	14,200	13,600	-200	-1.40%	400	2.90%
Education & Health	169,100	169,300	174,500	-200	-0.10%	-5,400	-3.10%
• Educational Services	16,200	13,000	16,600	3,200	24.60%	-400	-2.40%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	152,900	156,300	157,900	-3,400	-2.20%	-5,000	-3.20%
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	52,500	54,000	53,600	-1,500	-2.80%	-1,100	-2.10%
Hospitals	45,800	45,800	46,100	0	0.00%	-300	-0.70%
Nursing & Residential	35,300	35,800	35,800	-500	-1.40%	-500	-1.40%
Social Assistance	19,300	20,700	22,400	-1,400	-6.80%	-3,100	-13.80%
Leisure & Hospitality	129,500	135,200	130,400	-5,700	-4.20%	-900	-0.70%
• Arts, Entertainment	13,300	16,500	15,000	-3,200	-19.40%	-1,700	-11.30%
• Accommodation/Food	116,200	118,700	115,400	-2,500	-2.10%	800	0.70%
Accommodation	10,000	11,300	10,700	-1,300	-11.50%	-700	-6.50%
Food Svcs. & Drinking	106,200	107,400	104,700	-1,200	-1.10%	1,500	1.40%
Full-Svc Restrnt.	47,500	47,600	48,900	-100	-0.20%	-1,400	-2.90%

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Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Limited-Svc Eating	52,500	53,100	50,400	-600	-1.10%	2,100	4.20%
Other Services	74,600	75,400	74,100	-800	-1.10%	500	0.70%
• Repair/Maintenance	13,700	14,100	13,300	-400	-2.80%	400	3.00%
• Personal/Lndry Svcs.	14,000	13,600	12,500	400	2.90%	1,500	12.00%
Total Government	292,500	275,700	298,300	16,800	6.10%	-5,800	-1.90%
• Federal Government	46,100	46,200	46,200	-100	-0.20%	-100	-0.20%
• State Government	81,500	73,700	82,700	7,800	10.60%	-1,200	-1.50%
• Local Government	164,900	155,800	169,400	9,100	5.80%	-4,500	-2.70%
• State & Local Gov't	246,400	229,500	252,100	16,900	7.40%	-5,700	-2.30%

INFORMATION SERVICES IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT IN OKLAHOMA CITY MSA

OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) showed significant improvement in September 2003. With an over-the-month gain of 7,100 jobs (+1.3 percent), mainly from **State and Local Government**, and a loss of 400 workers (-0.1 percent) when compared to last year, the MSA has shown changes in the employment levels of many sectors, some of which were seasonal in nature. **Total Private Employment** declined by 2,800 employees (-0.6 percent) from August 2003, just as **Goods Producing** establishments dropped 200 workers (-0.3 percent) from the previous month. However, the **Goods Producing Industries** have added 2,900 more jobs (+4.2 percent) this year than the same period last year. Other highlights include:

- The **Goods Producing** employment level was 72,100 jobs in September 2003. About 59 percent of this employment was in the **Manufacturing** sector. **Manufacturing** gained 400 workers (+1.0 percent) over the month and 1,500 jobs (+3.7 percent) from September 2002. The growth occurred mainly in Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, which added 400 employees (+4.2 percent) over the month and 1,200 workers (+13.6 percent) from September 2002.
- The **Service Providing Industries** employed 471,000 workers in September 2003, with 24 percent of these workers in **Federal, State or Local Government**. For September, 3,900 more workers (+10.9 percent) were added to **State Government**, while **Local Government** grew by 6,000 workers (+15.5 percent). A majority of these job gains were seasonal. Similarly, employment in **State Government** and **Local Government** rose by 400 jobs (+1.0 percent) and 800 jobs (+1.8 percent) from September 2002, respectively. Furthermore, **Information** gained 1,600 employees (+11.8 percent) from August 2003 and 1,300 jobs (+9.4 percent) from September 2002. Over-the-month job increases in **Information** occurred in Web Search Portals and Internet Publishing and Broadcasting Companies. Employment Services intensified as 1,400 new hires were added in the sub-sector this month. However, **Leisure and Hospitality** suffered employment decreases due to end of the summer vacation season. This supersector lost 4,700 employees (-8.4 percent) over the month and 2,000 (-3.7 percent) from same period last year. Job losses were also observed in Parks and Other Recreational Centers.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	543,100	536,000	543,500	7,100	1.30%	-400	-0.10%
Total Private <i>(Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)</i>	431,600	434,400	433,200	-2,800	-0.60%	-1,600	-0.40%
GOODS PRODUCING	72,100	72,300	69,200	-200	-0.30%	2,900	4.20%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,000	7,200	6,600	-200	-2.80%	400	6.10%
• Support for Mining	3,700	3,900	3,400	-200	-5.10%	300	8.80%
Construction	22,900	23,300	21,900	-400	-1.70%	1,000	4.60%
• Spec. Trade Contractr	14,600	14,600	13,800	0	0.00%	800	5.80%
Manufacturing	42,200	41,800	40,700	400	1.00%	1,500	3.70%
• Durable Goods	29,800	29,400	28,100	400	1.40%	1,700	6.00%
Computer/Electronics	2,400	2,600	2,900	-200	-7.70%	-500	-17.20%
Transportation Eqpmt.	10,000	9,600	8,800	400	4.20%	1,200	13.60%
• Nondurable Goods	12,400	12,400	12,600	0	0.00%	-200	-1.60%
Plastics/Rubber Prods.	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	0.00%	-100	-2.40%
SERVICE PROVIDING	471,000	463,700	474,300	7,300	1.60%	-3,300	-0.70%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	96,600	96,200	98,600	400	0.40%	-2,000	-2.00%
• Wholesale Trade	20,400	20,300	20,900	100	0.50%	-500	-2.40%
• Retail Trade	59,700	59,800	61,200	-100	-0.20%	-1,500	-2.50%
Food & Bevrg. Stores	8,700	8,300	7,700	400	4.80%	1,000	13.00%
Grocery Stores	7,300	7,000	6,500	300	4.30%	800	12.30%
Sporting Gds, Hobby	2,500	2,400	3,100	100	4.20%	-600	-19.40%
Gen. Merch. Stores	13,000	13,000	13,100	0	0.00%	-100	-0.80%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	16,500	16,100	16,500	400	2.50%	0	0.00%
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	14,000	13,200	13,500	800	6.10%	500	3.70%

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Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Information	15,200	13,600	13,900	1,600	11.80%	1,300	9.40%
• Telecommunications	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	32,400	32,800	34,000	-400	-1.20%	-1,600	-4.70%
• Finance & Insurance	22,900	23,000	23,100	-100	-0.40%	-200	-0.90%
• Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	5,200	5,200	5,900	0	0.00%	-700	-11.90%
Professional & Business Services	69,700	68,400	69,700	1,300	1.90%	0	0.00%
• Professional, Scientific	23,900	24,100	23,900	-200	-0.80%	0	0.00%
Mgt. of Companies	6,100	6,400	5,500	-300	-4.70%	600	10.90%
Admin. & Support	39,700	37,900	40,300	1,800	4.70%	-600	-1.50%
Admin. & Support	38,400	36,500	39,200	1,900	5.20%	-800	-2.00%
Emplymt Svcs.	19,000	17,600	19,200	1,400	8.00%	-200	-1.00%
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	6,600	6,600	5,600	0	0.00%	1,000	17.90%
Education & Health	67,100	67,400	66,700	-300	-0.40%	400	0.60%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	61,800	63,200	58,500	-1,400	-2.20%	3,300	5.60%
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	26,700	27,700	20,100	-1,000	-3.60%	6,600	32.80%
Hospitals	21,600	21,500	21,100	100	0.50%	500	2.40%
General Medical	20,500	20,400	20,100	100	0.50%	400	2.00%
Nursing & Residential	6,200	6,500	6,300	-300	-4.60%	-100	-1.60%
Leisure & Hospitality	51,500	56,200	53,500	-4,700	-8.40%	-2,000	-3.70%
• Accommodation/Food	45,600	46,600	46,400	-1,000	-2.10%	-800	-1.70%
Food Svcs. & Drinking	41,500	42,400	42,200	-900	-2.10%	-700	-1.70%
Full-Svc Restrnt	18,700	19,400	19,600	-700	-3.60%	-900	-4.60%
Limited-Svc Eating	20,700	20,700	20,400	0	0.00%	300	1.50%
Other Services	27,000	27,500	27,600	-500	-1.80%	-600	-2.20%
Total Government	111,500	101,600	110,300	9,900	9.70%	1,200	1.10%

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Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
• Federal Government	27,200	27,200	27,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• State Government	39,600	35,700	39,200	3,900	10.90%	400	1.00%
• Local Government	44,700	38,700	43,900	6,000	15.50%	800	1.80%
• State & Local Gov't	84,300	74,400	83,100	9,900	13.30%	1,200	1.40%

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES ONLY SECTOR WITH EMPLOYMENT GAINS FOR MONTH AND YEAR *TULSA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA*

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) declined to 383,300 jobs in September 2003. This is a loss of 2,200 jobs (-0.6 percent) over the month and a loss of 10,300 jobs (-2.6 percent) from September 2002. **Durable Goods Manufacturing, Retail Trade, Health Care Services** and **Food Services** accounted for the over-the-year loss. Other highlights include:

- **Natural Resources and Mining** lost 100 jobs over the month and over the year.
- **Construction** declined by 600 workers (-2.8 percent) from August 2003 but experienced a growth of 600 jobs (+3.0 percent) from September 2002.
- **Manufacturing** increased by 100 employees (+0.2 percent) in September but lost 2,500 jobs (-5.2 percent) when compared to the same period last year. These employment losses occurred primarily in the **Durable Goods Manufacturing** industries.
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities** was reduced by 1,000 employees (-1.2 percent) over the month and by 2,900 workers (-3.5 percent) when compared to September 2002. These employment losses occurred in **Retail Trade** with drops of 400 jobs over the month and 2,700 jobs over the year.
- **Information** dropped 300 jobs (-2.3 percent) over the month and lost 1,200 jobs (-8.5 percent) when compared to the same period last year.
- **Financial Activities** decreased by 100 jobs (-0.4 percent) over the month while experiencing a growth of 700 jobs (+2.8 percent) over the year.
- **Professional and Business Services** gained 1,100 employees (+2.2 percent) over the month and 500 workers (+1.0 percent) when compared to September 2002. This is the only supersector that added employees both over the month and over the year in September 2003.
- **Educational and Health Services** declined by 600 jobs (-1.2 percent) in September 2003 and by 3,400 jobs (-6.7 percent) when compared to September 2002. **Health Care Services** accounted for both the over-the-month and over-the-year job losses.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** declined by 3,100 jobs (-9.0 percent) over the month and by 1,900 jobs (-5.7 percent) over the year.
- **Other Services** lost 700 jobs during September 2003 but added 700 employees (+3.6 percent) over the year.
- **Total Government** advanced by 3,100 jobs (+7.6 percent) over the month and contracted by 800 jobs (-1.8 percent) over the year. **State and Local Government** seasonally increased over the month, while **Local Government** accounted for the decline over the year.

TULSA

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	383,300	385,500	393,600	-2,200	-0.60%	-10,300	-2.60%
Total Private <i>(Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)</i>	339,500	344,800	349,000	-5,300	-1.50%	-9,500	-2.70%
GOODS PRODUCING	71,300	71,900	73,300	-600	-0.80%	-2,000	-2.70%
Natural Resources & Mining	4,800	4,900	4,900	-100	-2.00%	-100	-2.00%
Construction	20,800	21,400	20,200	-600	-2.80%	600	3.00%
• Spec. Trade Contractr	13,200	14,200	12,900	-1,000	-7.00%	300	2.30%
Manufacturing	45,700	45,600	48,200	100	0.20%	-2,500	-5.20%
• Durable Goods	34,500	34,300	38,900	200	0.60%	-4,400	-11.30%
Other Fab. Mtl.	2,800	2,800	3,400	0	0.00%	-600	-17.60%
Machinery Mfg.	9,600	9,700	9,600	-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	3,800	4,100	0	0.00%	-300	-7.30%
SERVICE PROVIDING	312,000	313,600	320,300	-1,600	-0.50%	-8,300	-2.60%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	80,100	81,100	83,000	-1,000	-1.20%	-2,900	-3.50%
• Wholesale Trade	17,700	17,400	17,400	300	1.70%	300	1.70%
• Retail Trade	41,400	41,800	44,100	-400	-1.00%	-2,700	-6.10%
Food & Bevrg. Stores	6,100	6,100	6,200	0	0.00%	-100	-1.60%
Grocery Stores	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	0.00%	-100	-1.90%
Gen. Merch. Stores	9,600	9,700	10,100	-100	-1.00%	-500	-5.00%
Department Stores	3,400	3,300	3,800	100	3.00%	-400	-10.50%
Other Gen. Merch.	6,100	6,100	6,300	0	0.00%	-200	-3.20%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	21,000	21,900	21,500	-900	-4.10%	-500	-2.30%
Utilities	3,800	3,800	3,500	0	0.00%	300	8.60%

TULSA

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	17,200	18,100	18,000	-900	-5.00%	-800	-4.40%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	9,300	0	0.00%	-700	-7.50%
Truck Trnsprt.	4,200	4,400	4,600	-200	-4.50%	-400	-8.70%
General Freight	4,300	4,500	4,000	-200	-4.40%	300	7.50%
Information	12,900	13,200	14,100	-300	-2.30%	-1,200	-8.50%
• Broadcasting (except Internet)	3,100	3,000	3,400	100	3.30%	-300	-8.80%
• Telecommunications	6,000	6,300	6,900	-300	-4.80%	-900	-13.00%
Financial Activities	25,600	25,700	24,900	-100	-0.40%	700	2.80%
• Finance & Insurance	18,500	18,600	17,700	-100	-0.50%	800	4.50%
Credit Intermediation	8,400	8,400	8,000	0	0.00%	400	5.00%
Ins. Carriers & Rltd.	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	0.00%	200	4.40%
Professional & Business Services	50,500	49,400	50,000	1,100	2.20%	500	1.00%
• Professionl, Scientific	19,000	18,400	18,200	600	3.30%	800	4.40%
Mgt.of Companies	5,900	6,000	5,500	-100	-1.70%	400	7.30%
Admin. & Support	25,600	25,000	26,300	600	2.40%	-700	-2.70%
Emplymt Svcs.	11,800	10,500	11,900	1,300	12.40%	-100	-0.80%
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	5,700	5,900	5,200	-200	-3.40%	500	9.60%
Education & Health	47,500	48,100	50,900	-600	-1.20%	-3,400	-6.70%
• Educational Services	5,700	4,400	6,100	1,300	29.50%	-400	-6.60%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	41,800	43,700	44,800	-1,900	-4.30%	-3,000	-6.70%
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	14,900	16,100	16,900	-1,200	-7.50%	-2,000	-11.80%
Hospitals	14,500	14,600	14,700	-100	-0.70%	-200	-1.40%
Leisure & Hospitality	31,400	34,500	33,300	-3,100	-9.00%	-1,900	-5.70%
Accommodation	2,800	3,100	2,800	-300	-9.70%	0	0.00%
Food Svcs. & Drinking	24,800	26,100	27,300	-1,300	-5.00%	-2,500	-9.20%

TULSA

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Full-Svc Restrnt	12,100	12,600	13,900	-500	-4.00%	-1,800	-12.90%
Other Services	20,200	20,900	19,500	-700	-3.30%	700	3.60%
Total Government	43,800	40,700	44,600	3,100	7.60%	-800	-1.80%
• Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	0.00%	200	4.40%
• State Government	7,400	5,300	6,800	2,100	39.60%	600	8.80%
• Local Government	31,700	30,700	33,300	1,000	3.30%	-1,600	-4.80%
• State & Local Gov't	39,100	36,000	40,100	3,100	8.60%	-1,000	-2.50%

LOSSES IN GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES MAINLY DUE TO MANUFACTURING

LAWTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in the Lawton MSA dropped 500 jobs (-1.3 percent) in September 2003 to end the month at 36,700 jobs. Over the year, this MSA has recorded a loss of 2,000 jobs (-5.2 percent). Other highlights include:

- **Federal Government** dropped 200 jobs from August 2003 and 300 jobs since September 2002. **State Government** gained 200 jobs over the month but lost 100 jobs over the year. **Local Government** increased by 100 jobs in September but lost 500 jobs since September 2002.
- **Construction** and **Manufacturing** both decreased over the month and over the year. **Wholesale Trade** gained 100 jobs in September and was unchanged since this time last year. **Financial Activities** remained unmoved this month but gained 100 jobs over the year.
- **Professional and Business Services** and **Education and Health Services** both remained constant over the month. Each supersector lost 100 jobs since last year (-2.8 percent and -3.2 percent, respectively). **Leisure and Hospitality** decreased by 200 jobs in September and 400 jobs since last year. **Other Services** lost 100 jobs over the month and over the year.
- **Natural Resources and Mining, Retail Trade, Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities, and Information** each remained unchanged over the month and over the year.

LAWTON

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<i>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</i>	36,700	37,200	38,700	-500	-1.30%	-2,000	-5.20%
<i>Total Private</i> <i>(Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)</i>	26,100	26,700	27,200	-600	-2.20%	-1,100	-4.00%

LAWTON

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
GOODS PRODUCING	5,000	5,400	5,500	-400	-7.40%	-500	-9.10%
Natural Resources & Mining	100	100	100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	1,600	1,700	1,700	-100	-5.90%	-100	-5.90%
Manufacturing	3,300	3,600	3,700	-300	-8.30%	-400	-10.80%
• Nondurable Goods	3,000	3,200	3,400	-200	-6.30%	-400	-11.80%
SERVICE PROVIDING	31,700	31,800	33,200	-100	-0.30%	-1,500	-4.50%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,300	6,200	6,300	100	1.60%	0	0.00%
• Wholesale Trade	500	400	500	100	25.00%	0	0.00%
• 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	3,500	3,700	3,900	-200	-5.40%	-400	-10.30%
Other Services	2,100	2,200	2,200	-100	-4.50%	-100	-4.50%
Total Government	10,600	10,500	11,500	100	1.00%	-900	-7.80%
• Federal Government	3,000	3,200	3,300	-200	-6.30%	-300	-9.10%
• State Government	1,300	1,100	1,400	200	18.20%	-100	-7.10%
• Local Government	6,300	6,200	6,800	100	1.60%	-500	-7.40%
• State & Local Gov't	7,600	7,300	8,200	300	4.10%	-600	-7.30%

EMPLOYMENT IN MANY SECTORS REMAINS UNCHANGED IN SEPTEMBER

ENID METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in Enid decreased by 300 jobs in September, ending the month at 23,400. Most job losses can be attributed to the **Service Providing Industries**. **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** was unchanged over the year. Other highlights include:

- **Natural Resources and Mining** returned to its normal employment level of 600 jobs after a brief increase in August.
- **Manufacturing** remained stable in September but contracted by 100 jobs (-4.3 percent) over the year.
- **State Government** held steady over the month and gained 100 jobs over the year. **Local Government** also remained constant in September but lost 100 jobs since this time last year.
- **Retail Trade** decreased by 100 jobs (-2.9 percent) over the month but experienced a gain of 300 jobs (9.7 percent) over the year. Employment in **Leisure and Hospitality Services** declined by 100 jobs over the month and 200 jobs over the year.
- **Construction, Wholesale Trade, Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities, Information, Financial Activities, Professional and Business Services, Education and Health Services, Other Services, and Federal Government** each remained constant over the month and over the year.

ENID

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	23,400	23,700	23,400	-300	-1.30%	0	0.00%
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	19,700	20,000	19,700	-300	-1.50%	0	0.00%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,700	3,800	3,800	-100	-2.60%	-100	-2.60%
Natural Resources & Mining	600	700	600	-100	-14.30%	0	0.00%
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	19,700	19,900	19,600	-200	-1.00%	100	0.50%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,300	6,400	6,000	-100	-1.60%	300	5.00%
• Wholesale Trade	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• Retail Trade	3,400	3,500	3,100	-100	-2.90%	300	9.70%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

ENID

Industry	Number Employed			August 2003 to September 2003		September 2002 to September 2003	
	Sept. 2003	August 2003	Sept. 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Information	200	200	200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Professional & Business Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Education & Health	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	1,900	2,000	-100	-5.30%	-200	-10.00%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Government	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• Federal Government	400	400	400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• State Government	1,000	1,000	900	0	0.00%	100	11.10%
• Local Government	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	0.00%	-100	-4.20%
• State & Local Gov't	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

LABOR FORCE AND TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BOTH SHOW SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN SEPTEMBER

LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Labor Force** lost only about 300 people from last month's revised number of 1,711,200, leveling off at 1,710,900 for the month. This follows on the heels of three months of significant losses. Over the year, the civilian labor force has grown by 20,400 people (+1.2 percent).

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Total Employment** added 4,800 jobs (+0.3 percent) in September following a loss of almost 14,000 jobs in August 2003. Total employment reached a record high at 1,636,300 in July of this year. Compared to a year ago, total employment has increased by 10,200 people (+0.6 percent).

* Oklahoma labor force data record started from January 1978.

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(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 2003 Preliminary Data				Unemployment Rate			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Sep-03	Aug-03	Jul-03	Sep-02
United States	137,731,000	8,436,000	146,166,000	5.8%	6.0%	6.3%	5.4%
Oklahoma	1,627,500	83,400	1,710,900	4.9%	5.2%	5.6%	4.3%

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County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Jul-03	Sep-02
Adair County	8,450	840	9,290	9.0%	9.7%	12.1%	4.5%
Alfalfa County	2,630	40	2,670	1.6%	2.3%	1.9%	1.3%
Atoka County	5,170	370	5,550	6.7%	6.7%	7.0%	4.0%
Beaver County	2,690	70	2,760	2.6%	3.2%	3.4%	3.2%
Beckham County	10,620	320	10,940	2.9%	2.3%	2.1%	2.8%
Blaine County	4,550	160	4,710	3.5%	3.4%	3.6%	4.0%
Bryan County	18,930	710	19,640	3.6%	3.8%	4.2%	2.5%
Caddo County	11,500	530	12,030	4.4%	4.8%	5.6%	4.3%
Canadian County	47,460	1,930	49,390	3.9%	4.3%	4.5%	3.8%
Carter County	20,890	910	21,800	4.2%	4.6%	4.7%	4.5%
Cherokee County	20,050	930	20,990	4.4%	4.9%	5.6%	3.1%
Choctaw County	6,080	510	6,590	7.7%	8.3%	8.8%	6.4%
Cimarron County	1,650	20	1,670	1.2%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%
Cleveland County	115,000	3,740	118,740	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%	3.0%
Coal County	2,190	310	2,510	12.5%	15.7%	17.2%	7.1%
Comanche County	38,810	1,390	40,200	3.5%	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%
Cotton County	1,970	90	2,060	4.3%	5.2%	5.2%	4.6%
Craig County	6,160	260	6,420	4.1%	4.6%	4.9%	4.2%
Creek County	31,010	2,230	33,240	6.7%	6.6%	7.1%	5.5%
Custer County	11,600	340	11,930	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	3.0%
Delaware County	17,870	710	18,580	3.8%	4.3%	4.7%	3.5%
Dewey County	2,070	50	2,120	2.3%	2.7%	3.9%	3.8%
Ellis County	1,640	30	1,670	1.9%	2.2%	2.1%	4.0%
Garfield County	26,400	880	27,280	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	2.8%
Garvin County	11,630	470	12,100	3.9%	4.6%	4.7%	4.6%
Grady County	20,850	860	21,710	4.0%	4.2%	4.7%	3.5%
Grant County	2,250	60	2,310	2.7%	3.2%	3.7%	2.9%
Greer County	2,450	150	2,590	5.7%	5.2%	5.6%	2.9%
Harmon County	1,310	30	1,340	1.9%	2.6%	3.3%	5.5%
Harper County	1,820	40	1,860	2.1%	2.8%	3.2%	2.7%
Haskell County	5,870	350	6,220	5.6%	6.3%	6.8%	4.2%
Hughes County	5,570	480	6,050	7.9%	8.8%	9.5%	5.5%
Jackson County	12,840	380	13,220	2.8%	2.9%	3.3%	2.7%
Jefferson County	2,240	110	2,340	4.5%	5.0%	5.7%	4.1%
Johnston County	4,910	220	5,120	4.2%	5.1%	5.6%	3.4%
Kay County	21,330	1,430	22,750	6.3%	6.9%	8.6%	5.9%
Kingfisher County	6,560	180	6,740	2.7%	2.8%	3.1%	3.5%
Kiowa County	4,830	180	5,010	3.6%	3.8%	4.7%	2.9%
Latimer County	4,010	190	4,190	4.5%	5.1%	5.5%	6.6%
Leflore County	19,120	1,120	20,230	5.5%	6.3%	6.8%	5.2%
Lincoln County	13,800	700	14,510	4.8%	5.4%	5.9%	4.7%
Logan County	15,890	670	16,550	4.0%	4.3%	4.4%	3.0%

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County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Jul-03	Sep-02
Love County	3,960	170	4,130	4.1%	5.2%	6.0%	3.5%
McClain County	13,550	520	14,070	3.7%	4.0%	4.5%	3.5%
McCurtain County	14,350	1,410	15,760	8.9%	9.6%	11.0%	6.2%
McIntosh County	8,110	530	8,640	6.1%	6.6%	7.6%	5.5%
Major County	3,580	70	3,650	1.9%	2.2%	2.5%	1.9%
Marshall County	5,340	230	5,560	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%	3.6%
Mayes County	13,380	1,210	14,590	8.3%	8.8%	9.0%	7.4%
Murray County	5,150	250	5,400	4.6%	4.8%	4.4%	4.6%
Muskogee County	32,300	2,100	34,400	6.1%	6.2%	6.2%	4.5%
Noble County	4,880	170	5,050	3.3%	3.9%	4.6%	3.5%
Nowata County	3,500	300	3,800	7.9%	9.4%	9.1%	6.8%
Okfuskee County	4,100	400	4,500	9.0%	4.5%	10.8%	5.9%
Oklahoma County	335,740	16,470	352,220	4.7%	4.9%	5.2%	4.3%
Okmulgee County	14,190	1,270	15,470	8.2%	8.9%	10.1%	7.0%
Osage County	19,530	1,150	20,680	5.6%	5.9%	6.4%	5.4%
Ottawa County	12,220	870	13,080	6.6%	7.4%	8.3%	7.3%
Pawnee County	7,600	490	8,090	6.0%	6.2%	7.4%	5.7%
Payne County	35,790	820	36,610	2.2%	2.5%	2.8%	1.8%
Pittsburg County	17,870	960	18,830	5.1%	5.9%	6.4%	5.7%
Pontotoc County	16,790	680	17,470	3.9%	4.3%	5.5%	3.9%
Pottawatomie County	29,390	1,680	31,070	5.4%	5.5%	6.0%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,220	390	5,610	7.0%	7.0%	8.2%	5.5%
Roger Mills County	2,140	30	2,170	1.5%	1.3%	1.5%	2.2%
Rogers County	35,640	2,020	37,660	5.4%	5.6%	6.2%	4.5%
Seminole County	9,620	1,150	10,770	10.7%	11.0%	11.6%	7.3%
Sequoyah County	16,320	1,050	17,370	6.1%	6.0%	6.6%	5.3%
Stephens County	17,740	740	18,480	4.0%	4.2%	4.8%	4.2%
Texas County	14,210	270	14,480	1.8%	2.2%	2.3%	2.0%
Tillman County	3,640	130	3,770	3.3%	5.2%	4.2%	3.2%
Tulsa County	285,170	17,280	302,460	5.7%	5.9%	6.3%	5.1%
Wagoner County	28,270	1,680	29,950	5.6%	5.6%	5.8%	4.2%
Washington County	17,670	1,090	18,760	5.8%	6.3%	6.9%	4.4%
Washita County	4,690	120	4,810	2.5%	2.6%	3.4%	2.1%
Woods County	4,340	360	4,700	7.7%	8.7%	16.0%	6.7%
Woodward County	8,890	380	9,280	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	3.9%

Metropolitan Statistical Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Jul-03	Sep-02
Oklahoma City MSA	557,030	25,010	582,040	4.3%	4.6%	4.8%	3.9%
Tulsa MSA	399,620	24,360	423,980	5.7%	5.9%	6.3%	5.0%
Lawton MSA	38,810	1,390	40,200	3.5%	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%
Enid MSA	26,400	880	27,280	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	2.8%

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Workforce Investment Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Jul-03	Sep-02
Central WIA	423,720	19,710	443,430	4.4%	4.7%	5.0%	4.4%
Cleveland County WIA	90,370	3,100	93,470	3.3%	3.7%	3.8%	6.6%
East Central WIA	62,480	4,410	66,900	6.6%	6.9%	7.5%	5.0%
Holdenville LLM	9,670	880	10,550	8.3%	9.1%	10.1%	5.7%
Shawnee LLM	52,810	3,530	56,350	6.3%	6.5%	7.0%	4.8%
Eastern WIA	127,700	8,390	136,100	6.2%	6.4%	7.0%	4.7%
Muskogee LLM	68,690	4,300	72,990	5.9%	6.0%	6.2%	4.5%
Okmulgee LLM	14,190	1,270	15,470	8.2%	8.9%	10.1%	7.0%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	44,820	2,820	47,640	5.9%	6.3%	7.2%	4.2%
North Central WIA	107,970	3,820	111,780	3.4%	3.7%	3.0%	2.4%
Enid LLM	45,970	1,400	47,360	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	2.9%
Ponca City LLM	26,210	1,600	27,810	5.8%	6.4%	7.8%	5.4%
Stillwater LLM	35,790	820	36,610	2.2%	2.5%	2.8%	1.8%
Northeast WIA	106,430	6,450	112,880	5.7%	6.2%	6.7%	5.1%
Bartlesville LLM	21,170	1,390	22,560	6.2%	6.8%	7.3%	4.8%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	66,880	3,930	70,820	5.5%	5.9%	6.4%	4.9%
Miami-Vinita LLM	18,380	1,130	19,500	5.8%	6.5%	7.2%	6.3%
Northwest WIA	37,320	1,230	38,530	3.2%	3.6%	4.7%	3.3%
Guymon LLM	18,550	360	18,900	1.9%	2.3%	2.4%	2.2%
Woodward LLM	18,770	870	19,630	4.4%	4.8%	6.9%	4.4%
South Central WIA	110,290	4,350	114,640	3.8%	4.0%	4.4%	3.6%
Chickasha LLM	45,890	1,910	47,800	4.0%	4.3%	4.9%	3.7%
Duncan LLM	19,980	840	20,820	4.0%	4.3%	4.9%	4.2%
Lawton LLM	44,420	1,600	46,020	3.5%	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%
Southeast WIA	72,510	4,920	77,430	6.4%	7.0%	7.8%	5.7%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,650	2,310	27,960	8.3%	8.8%	9.9%	6.1%
McAlester LLM	21,870	1,150	23,020	5.0%	5.7%	6.2%	5.9%
Poteau LLM	24,990	1,460	26,450	5.5%	6.3%	6.8%	5.0%
Southern WIA	94,960	4,320	99,260	4.4%	4.8%	5.2%	3.9%
Ada LLM	28,420	1,150	29,570	3.9%	4.4%	5.2%	4.2%
Ardmore LLM	30,000	1,330	31,320	4.2%	4.7%	4.8%	4.4%
Durant LLM	36,540	1,840	38,370	4.8%	5.2%	5.6%	3.3%
Southwest WIA	50,480	1,540	52,020	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%	2.8%
Altus LLM	21,430	730	22,160	3.3%	3.3%	3.9%	2.9%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	29,050	810	29,860	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%
Tulsa WIA	343,310	21,160	364,460	5.8%	6.0%	6.4%	5.2%

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

STATE & COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RANKINGS

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Unemployment** continued its downward trend for the third straight month. In September, the number of unemployed Oklahomans fell by 5,100 from last month's revised figure of 88,500. This is the lowest unemployment level for the year so far. However, when compared to September 2002, unemployment has increased by 10,200 people (+14.0 percent) from the 73,100 reported last year at this time. The state unemployment rate went down by three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.9 percent in September. It was the first time that the rate was below 5.0 percent this year. Over the year, the unemployment rate is up by 0.6 percent.

Unemployment rates for both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa MSAs dropped in September 2003. The **Oklahoma City MSA** rate dropped three-tenths of a percent to 4.3 percent, while the **Tulsa MSA** saw its rate fall to 5.7 percent from 5.9 percent last month. The **Lawton MSA** rate was little changed at 3.5 percent, and **Enid** held steady for the month at 3.2 percent.

At 1.2 percent, **Cimarron County's** unemployment rate was the lowest among Oklahoma's 77 counties in September. **Roger Mills County** (1.5 percent) and **Alfalfa County** (1.6 percent) rounded out the top three lowest rates for the month of September.

Coal County's unemployment rate of 12.5 percent once again ranked highest among all counties in the state, a position the county has held since February 2003. **Seminole County's** rate of 10.7 percent was the second highest in the state. **Adair County and Okfuskee County** tied at 9.0 percent for the third highest unemployment rate in Oklahoma.

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

September 2003 County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Jul-03	Sep-02
Coal County	2,190	310	2,510	12.5%	15.7%	17.2%	7.1%
Seminole County	9,620	1,150	10,770	10.7%	11.0%	11.6%	7.3%
Adair County	8,450	840	9,290	9.0%	9.7%	12.1%	4.5%
Okfuskee County	4,100	400	4,500	9.0%	4.5%	10.8%	5.9%
McCurtain County	14,350	1,410	15,760	8.9%	9.6%	11.0%	6.2%
Mayes County	13,380	1,210	14,590	8.3%	8.8%	9.0%	7.4%
Okmulgee County	14,190	1,270	15,470	8.2%	8.9%	10.1%	7.0%
Nowata County	3,500	300	3,800	7.9%	9.4%	9.1%	6.8%
Hughes County	5,570	480	6,050	7.9%	8.8%	9.5%	5.5%
Choctaw County	6,080	510	6,590	7.7%	8.3%	8.8%	6.4%
Woods County	4,340	360	4,700	7.7%	8.7%	16.0%	6.7%
Pushmataha County	5,220	390	5,610	7.0%	7.0%	8.2%	5.5%
Creek County	31,010	2,230	33,240	6.7%	6.6%	7.1%	5.5%
Atoka County	5,170	370	5,550	6.7%	6.7%	7.0%	4.0%
Ottawa County	12,220	870	13,080	6.6%	7.4%	8.3%	7.3%
Kay County	21,330	1,430	22,750	6.3%	6.9%	8.6%	5.9%
McIntosh County	8,110	530	8,640	6.1%	6.6%	7.6%	5.5%
Muskogee County	32,300	2,100	34,400	6.1%	6.2%	6.2%	4.5%
Sequoyah County	16,320	1,050	17,370	6.1%	6.0%	6.6%	5.3%
Pawnee County	7,600	490	8,090	6.0%	6.2%	7.4%	5.7%
Washington County	17,670	1,090	18,760	5.8%	6.3%	6.9%	4.4%
Tulsa County	285,170	17,280	302,460	5.7%	5.9%	6.3%	5.1%
Greer County	2,450	150	2,590	5.7%	5.2%	5.6%	2.9%

Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Ranking – September 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 2003 County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Jul-03	Sep-02
Haskell County	5,870	350	6,220	5.6%	6.3%	6.8%	4.2%
Osage County	19,530	1,150	20,680	5.6%	5.9%	6.4%	5.4%
Wagoner County	28,270	1,680	29,950	5.6%	5.6%	5.8%	4.2%
Leflore County	19,120	1,120	20,230	5.5%	6.3%	6.8%	5.2%
Rogers County	35,640	2,020	37,660	5.4%	5.6%	6.2%	4.5%
Pottawatomie County	29,390	1,680	31,070	5.4%	5.5%	6.0%	4.1%
Pittsburg County	17,870	960	18,830	5.1%	5.9%	6.4%	5.7%
Lincoln County	13,800	700	14,510	4.8%	5.4%	5.9%	4.7%
Oklahoma County	335,740	16,470	352,220	4.7%	4.9%	5.2%	4.3%
Murray County	5,150	250	5,400	4.6%	4.8%	4.4%	4.6%
Jefferson County	2,240	110	2,340	4.5%	5.0%	5.7%	4.1%
Latimer County	4,010	190	4,190	4.5%	5.1%	5.5%	6.6%
Cherokee County	20,050	930	20,990	4.4%	4.9%	5.6%	3.1%
Caddo County	11,500	530	12,030	4.4%	4.8%	5.6%	4.3%
Cotton County	1,970	90	2,060	4.3%	5.2%	5.2%	4.6%
Johnston County	4,910	220	5,120	4.2%	5.1%	5.6%	3.4%
Carter County	20,890	910	21,800	4.2%	4.6%	4.7%	4.5%
Love County	3,960	170	4,130	4.1%	5.2%	6.0%	3.5%
Craig County	6,160	260	6,420	4.1%	4.6%	4.9%	4.2%
Woodward County	8,890	380	9,280	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	3.9%
Marshall County	5,340	230	5,560	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%	3.6%
Logan County	15,890	670	16,550	4.0%	4.3%	4.4%	3.0%
Grady County	20,850	860	21,710	4.0%	4.2%	4.7%	3.5%
Stephens County	17,740	740	18,480	4.0%	4.2%	4.8%	4.2%
Garvin County	11,630	470	12,100	3.9%	4.6%	4.7%	4.6%
Pontotoc County	16,790	680	17,470	3.9%	4.3%	5.5%	3.9%
Canadian County	47,460	1,930	49,390	3.9%	4.3%	4.5%	3.8%
Delaware County	17,870	710	18,580	3.8%	4.3%	4.7%	3.5%
McClain County	13,550	520	14,070	3.7%	4.0%	4.5%	3.5%
Kiowa County	4,830	180	5,010	3.6%	3.8%	4.7%	2.9%
Bryan County	18,930	710	19,640	3.6%	3.8%	4.2%	2.5%
Blaine County	4,550	160	4,710	3.5%	3.4%	3.6%	4.0%
Comanche County	38,810	1,390	40,200	3.5%	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%
Tillman County	3,640	130	3,770	3.3%	5.2%	4.2%	3.2%
Noble County	4,880	170	5,050	3.3%	3.9%	4.6%	3.5%
Cleveland County	115,000	3,740	118,740	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%	3.0%
Garfield County	26,400	880	27,280	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	2.8%
Beckham County	10,620	320	10,940	2.9%	2.3%	2.1%	2.8%
Custer County	11,600	340	11,930	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	3.0%
Jackson County	12,840	380	13,220	2.8%	2.9%	3.3%	2.7%
Grant County	2,250	60	2,310	2.7%	3.2%	3.7%	2.9%
Kingfisher County	6,560	180	6,740	2.7%	2.8%	3.1%	3.5%

Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Ranking – September 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 2003 County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Jul-03	Sep-02
Beaver County	2,690	70	2,760	2.6%	3.2%	3.4%	3.2%
Washita County	4,690	120	4,810	2.5%	2.6%	3.4%	2.1%
Dewey County	2,070	50	2,120	2.3%	2.7%	3.9%	3.8%
Payne County	35,790	820	36,610	2.2%	2.5%	2.8%	1.8%
Harper County	1,820	40	1,860	2.1%	2.8%	3.2%	2.7%
Harmon County	1,310	30	1,340	1.9%	2.6%	3.3%	5.5%
Major County	3,580	70	3,650	1.9%	2.2%	2.5%	1.9%
Ellis County	1,640	30	1,670	1.9%	2.2%	2.1%	4.0%
Texas County	14,210	270	14,480	1.8%	2.2%	2.3%	2.0%
Alfalfa County	2,630	40	2,670	1.6%	2.3%	1.9%	1.3%
Roger Mills County	2,140	30	2,170	1.5%	1.3%	1.5%	2.2%
Cimarron County	1,650	20	1,670	1.2%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%

Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – August 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

August 2003 Revised Data	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Aug-03	Jul-03	Aug-02
United States	138,137,000	8,830,000	146,967,000	6.0%	6.3%	5.7%
Oklahoma	1,622,700	88,500	1,711,200	5.2%	5.6%	4.2%

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Aug-03	Jul-03	Aug-02
Adair County	8,300	890	9,190	9.7%	12.1%	4.6%
Alfalfa County	2,420	60	2,480	2.3%	1.9%	1.4%
Atoka County	5,160	370	5,530	6.7%	7.0%	3.2%
Beaver County	2,510	80	2,590	3.2%	3.4%	3.0%
Beckham County	10,650	260	10,910	2.3%	2.1%	2.7%
Blaine County	4,530	160	4,690	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%
Bryan County	18,420	720	19,140	3.8%	4.2%	2.4%
Caddo County	11,000	560	11,560	4.8%	5.6%	4.3%
Canadian County	47,410	2,120	49,530	4.3%	4.5%	3.6%
Carter County	20,750	990	21,740	4.6%	4.7%	4.5%
Cherokee County	19,450	1,010	20,460	4.9%	5.6%	3.2%
Choctaw County	5,870	530	6,400	8.3%	8.8%	6.7%
Cimarron County	1,500	30	1,530	2.0%	2.1%	1.5%
Cleveland County	114,870	4,140	119,010	3.5%	3.6%	2.8%
Coal County	2,030	380	2,410	15.7%	17.2%	5.9%
Comanche County	39,680	1,410	41,090	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%
Cotton County	1,940	110	2,050	5.2%	5.2%	4.4%

Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – August 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Aug-03	Jul-03	Aug-02
Craig County	6,140	290	6,430	4.6%	4.9%	4.0%
Creek County	31,600	2,240	33,840	6.6%	7.1%	4.9%
Custer County	11,190	350	11,540	3.0%	3.2%	2.9%
Delaware County	17,670	790	18,460	4.3%	4.7%	3.5%
Dewey County	2,070	60	2,130	2.7%	3.9%	2.6%
Ellis County	1,590	40	1,630	2.2%	2.1%	3.3%
Garfield County	26,910	890	27,800	3.2%	3.1%	2.6%
Garvin County	11,430	550	11,980	4.6%	4.7%	4.4%
Grady County	20,180	880	21,060	4.2%	4.7%	3.5%
Grant County	2,180	70	2,250	3.2%	3.7%	3.3%
Greer County	2,450	140	2,590	5.2%	5.6%	2.8%
Harmon County	1,290	30	1,320	2.6%	3.3%	5.0%
Harper County	1,810	50	1,860	2.8%	3.2%	2.5%
Haskell County	5,750	380	6,130	6.3%	6.8%	4.3%
Hughes County	5,420	520	5,940	8.8%	9.5%	5.7%
Jackson County	12,780	380	13,160	2.9%	3.3%	2.6%
Jefferson County	2,180	120	2,300	5.0%	5.7%	4.2%
Johnston County	4,780	260	5,040	5.1%	5.6%	3.1%
Kay County	21,130	1,570	22,700	6.9%	8.6%	5.8%
Kingfisher County	6,360	190	6,550	2.8%	3.1%	2.8%
Kiowa County	4,700	190	4,890	3.8%	4.7%	3.1%
Latimer County	4,100	220	4,320	5.1%	5.5%	5.1%
Leflore County	18,310	1,240	19,550	6.3%	6.8%	5.2%
Lincoln County	13,220	750	13,970	5.4%	5.9%	4.9%
Logan County	15,870	720	16,590	4.3%	4.4%	2.8%
Love County	3,930	220	4,150	5.2%	6.0%	4.7%
McClain County	13,530	570	14,100	4.0%	4.5%	3.7%
McCurtain County	14,220	1,500	15,720	9.6%	11.0%	6.3%
McIntosh County	8,080	570	8,650	6.6%	7.6%	5.4%
Major County	3,480	80	3,560	2.2%	2.5%	2.0%
Marshall County	5,190	230	5,420	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%
Mayes County	13,250	1,270	14,520	8.8%	9.0%	7.5%
Murray County	5,170	260	5,430	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%
Muskogee County	32,180	2,130	34,310	6.2%	6.2%	4.3%
Noble County	4,860	200	5,060	3.9%	4.6%	3.6%
Nowata County	3,370	350	3,720	9.4%	9.1%	7.2%
Okfuskee County	3,850	410	4,260	9.6%	10.8%	6.2%
Oklahoma County	335,380	17,400	352,780	4.9%	5.2%	4.1%
Okmulgee County	13,680	1,330	15,010	8.9%	10.1%	6.8%
Osage County	19,900	1,240	21,140	5.9%	6.4%	5.0%
Ottawa County	12,010	960	12,970	7.4%	8.3%	7.5%
Pawnee County	7,760	510	8,270	6.2%	7.4%	5.5%

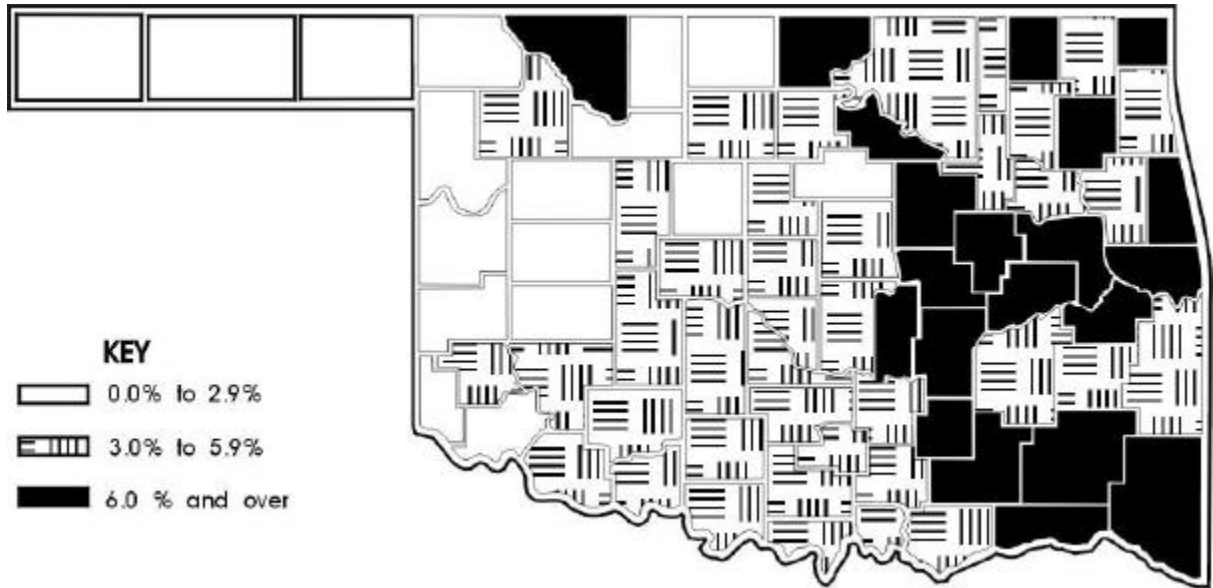
Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – August 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Aug-03	Jul-03	Aug-02
Payne County	33,370	850	34,220	2.5%	2.8%	1.9%
Pittsburg County	17,400	1,090	18,490	5.9%	6.4%	5.5%
Pontotoc County	16,550	750	17,300	4.3%	5.5%	4.0%
Pottawatomie County	29,360	1,710	31,070	5.5%	6.0%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,210	390	5,600	7.0%	8.2%	5.3%
Roger Mills County	2,090	30	2,120	1.3%	1.5%	2.4%
Rogers County	36,320	2,150	38,470	5.6%	6.2%	4.2%
Seminole County	9,570	1,180	10,750	11.0%	11.6%	7.0%
Sequoyah County	16,590	1,060	17,650	6.0%	6.6%	5.0%
Stephens County	17,580	780	18,360	4.2%	4.8%	4.1%
Texas County	13,790	310	14,100	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%
Tillman County	3,560	200	3,760	5.2%	4.2%	3.1%
Tulsa County	290,630	18,350	308,980	5.9%	6.3%	4.8%
Wagoner County	28,810	1,720	30,530	5.6%	5.8%	4.0%
Washington County	16,990	1,140	18,130	6.3%	6.9%	4.4%
Washita County	4,530	120	4,650	2.6%	3.4%	2.7%
Woods County	4,070	390	4,460	8.7%	16.0%	9.7%
Woodward County	8,870	390	9,260	4.2%	4.3%	4.0%

Metropolitan Statistical Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Aug-03	Jul-03	Aug-02
Oklahoma City MSA	556,430	26,650	583,080	4.6%	4.8%	3.8%
Tulsa MSA	407,260	25,710	432,970	5.9%	6.3%	4.7%
Lawton MSA	39,680	1,410	41,090	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%
Enid MSA	26,910	890	27,790	3.2%	3.1%	2.6%

Oklahoma by County – Preliminary Data for September 2003 Distribution of Unemployment Rates



Oklahoma Unemployment Rate = 4.9%

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 5.8%

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