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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
AND LABOR FORCE/UNEMPLOYMENT RATE***

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SEASONAL HIRING IN RETAIL TRADE ELEVATES OCTOBER EMPLOYMENT

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Oklahoma's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** experienced a positive gain of 7,400 jobs in October to reach 1,472,100 jobs for the month, with a majority of the job gains coming in the **Service Providing Industries**. Based on the seasonally adjusted figures, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** improved by 3,100 jobs over the month, while reporting an annual loss of 0.5 percent. Other highlights include:

- **Natural Resources and Mining** remained constant over the month and has increased by 1,400 jobs over the year. **Construction** reported 500 jobs less than last month yet expanded by 3.3 percent compared to the same period last year. **Manufacturing** edged up by 800 jobs in October mainly due to the **Durable Goods Industries**. The employment expansion in this supersector was seen in Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (+700 jobs), Wood Product Manufacturing (+400 jobs) and Food Manufacturing (+300 jobs).
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities** added 4,100 jobs over the month. **Retail Trade** rose by 4,300 jobs since September 2003 due to the job gains in General Merchandise Stores and Gasoline Stations. In contrast, **Wholesale Trade** lost 600 jobs over the month. **Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities** posted an increase of 400 jobs in October.
- **Information** has declined 4.8 percent since October 2002 and reported a small decrease over the month. With a gain of 1,400 jobs in October, **Financial Activities** showed an annual growth of 2,900 jobs. One of the fastest growing sub-sectors under **Financial Activities** is Insurance Carriers and Related Activities. This workforce continued to expand by 900 jobs in October. The employment in Insurance Carriers and Related Activities has grown to 28,800 jobs with a growth rate of 10.3 percent since October 2002.
- Despite an over-the-month loss of 1,000 jobs in **Professional and Business Services**, the industry has grown by 1,700 jobs since last year. Following similar shifts around the nation, **Educational and Health Services** added 1,700 jobs in October. Both Educational Services and Health Care and Social Assistance accounted for this increase. Educational Services continued to increase by 1,100 jobs in October after reporting gains last month. Nursing and Residential Care Facilities and Social Assistance gained by 800 jobs and 600 jobs, respectively.
- Arts, Entertainment and Recreation (-400 jobs) and Accommodation and Food Services (-1,500 jobs) edged down in October, causing **Leisure and Hospitality** to shed 1,900 jobs over the month. **Other Services** added 200 jobs over the month, which were contributed by Repair and Maintenance.
- **Government** rose by 2,700 jobs over the month as the result of employment gains in **Local Government** (+4,000 jobs). **Federal Government** declined by 200 jobs, and **State Government** decreased by 1,100 jobs over the month.

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Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,480,900	1,473,500	1,488,400	7,400	0.50%	-7,500	-0.50%
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	1,186,600	1,181,900	1,184,100	4,700	0.40%	2,500	0.20%
GOODS PRODUCING	245,700	245,400	242,600	300	0.10%	3,100	1.30%
Natural Resources & Mining	29,800	29,800	28,400	0	0.00%	1,400	4.90%
• Support for Mining	14,600	14,500	14,200	100	0.70%	400	2.80%

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Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Construction	66,600	67,100	64,500	-500	-0.70%	2,100	3.30%
• Constr. Of Buildings	13,800	14,200	14,600	-400	-2.80%	-800	-5.50%
Nonresidential Bldg.	6,400	6,900	7,800	-500	-7.20%	-1,400	-17.90%
• Hvy/Civil Engineerng	13,500	13,300	11,900	200	1.50%	1,600	13.40%
• Spec. Trade Contractr	39,300	39,600	38,000	-300	-0.80%	1,300	3.40%
Bldg. Eqpmt. Contr.	18,200	18,800	18,400	-600	-3.20%	-200	-1.10%
Manufacturing	149,300	148,500	149,700	800	0.50%	-400	-0.30%
• Durable Goods	97,100	96,100	97,200	1,000	1.00%	-100	-0.10%
Wood Product Mfg.	3,700	3,300	3,700	400	12.10%	0	0.00%
Primary Metal Mfg.	3,000	3,000	3,300	0	0.00%	-300	-9.10%
Fabricated Mtl. Prods.	23,700	23,000	24,700	700	3.00%	-1,000	-4.00%
Other Fab. Mtl.	6,100	6,100	6,200	0	0.00%	-100	-1.60%
Machinery Mfg.	22,400	22,400	22,600	0	0.00%	-200	-0.90%
Computer/Electronics	6,300	6,400	6,300	-100	-1.60%	0	0.00%
Electrical Equipment	3,200	3,300	3,100	-100	-3.00%	100	3.20%
Transportation Eqpmt.	19,400	19,400	18,200	0	0.00%	1,200	6.60%
Motor Veh. Mfg.	3,700	3,800	4,000	-100	-2.60%	-300	-7.50%
Mtr. Veh. Bdy/Prt.	6,500	6,600	5,000	-100	-1.50%	1,500	30.00%
Aerospace Prods.	2,700	2,800	3,400	-100	-3.60%	-700	-20.60%
• Nondurable Goods	52,200	52,400	52,500	-200	-0.40%	-300	-0.60%
Food Mfg.	19,500	19,200	19,200	300	1.60%	300	1.60%
Apparel Mfg.	2,300	2,300	2,800	0	0.00%	-500	-17.90%
Paper Mfg.	3,300	3,300	3,500	0	0.00%	-200	-5.70%
Plastics/Rubber Prods.	12,000	12,700	13,100	-700	-5.50%	-1,100	-8.40%
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,235,200	1,228,100	1,245,800	7,100	0.60%	-10,600	-0.90%

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Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	284,500	280,400	285,000	4,100	1.50%	-500	-0.20%
• Wholesale Trade	55,000	55,600	56,900	-600	-1.10%	-1,900	-3.30%
• Retail Trade	172,100	167,800	172,000	4,300	2.60%	100	0.10%
Motor Vehicle/Parts	23,200	23,000	25,100	200	0.90%	-1,900	-7.60%
Auto Dealers	14,600	14,500	15,700	100	0.70%	-1,100	-7.00%
Food & Bevrg. Stores	23,900	24,100	25,300	-200	-0.80%	-1,400	-5.50%
Grocery Stores	21,300	21,400	22,400	-100	-0.50%	-1,100	-4.90%
Gasoline Stations	15,300	14,800	13,700	500	3.40%	1,600	11.70%
Gen. Merch. Stores	41,200	40,400	41,400	800	2.00%	-200	-0.50%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	57,400	57,000	56,100	400	0.70%	1,300	2.30%
Utilities	11,600	11,600	11,000	0	0.00%	600	5.50%
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	45,800	45,400	45,100	400	0.90%	700	1.60%
Air Transportation	9,700	9,700	10,700	0	0.00%	-1,000	-9.30%
Truck Trnsprt.	19,200	19,000	17,300	200	1.10%	1,900	11.00%
Support for	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Information	33,700	33,800	35,400	-100	-0.30%	-1,700	-4.80%
• Publishing Industries	5,800	5,800	6,200	0	0.00%	-400	-6.50%
Newspaper, Periodicls	5,500	5,400	5,600	100	1.90%	-100	-1.80%
• Telecommunications	14,700	14,700	16,200	0	0.00%	-1,500	-9.30%
Financial Activities	86,400	85,000	83,500	1,400	1.60%	2,900	3.50%
• Finance & Insurance	63,000	62,100	60,300	900	1.40%	2,700	4.50%
Credit Intermediation	31,300	31,200	30,000	100	0.30%	1,300	4.30%
Depository Credit	24,200	24,200	23,200	0	0.00%	1,000	4.30%
Ins. Carriers & Rltd	28,800	27,900	26,100	900	3.20%	2,700	10.30%

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Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
• Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	23,400	22,900	23,200	500	2.20%	200	0.90%
Real Estate	12,200	11,700	11,500	500	4.30%	700	6.10%
Professional & Business Services	161,700	162,700	160,000	-1,000	-0.60%	1,700	1.10%
• Professionl, Scientific	56,000	56,200	55,600	-200	-0.40%	400	0.70%
Legal Services	12,100	12,500	12,200	-400	-3.20%	-100	-0.80%
Architecture, Eng.	9,600	9,800	9,700	-200	-2.00%	-100	-1.00%
Mgt.of Companies	13,700	13,900	12,800	-200	-1.40%	900	7.00%
Admin. & Support	92,000	92,600	91,600	-600	-0.60%	400	0.40%
Admin. & Support	91,300	91,300	88,500	0	0.00%	2,800	3.20%
Emplymt Svcs.	41,600	42,400	41,800	-800	-1.90%	-200	-0.50%
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	16,300	15,800	14,800	500	3.20%	1,500	10.10%
Bldg. Svcs.	14,000	14,100	13,300	-100	-0.70%	700	5.30%
Education & Health	171,700	170,000	175,200	1,700	1.00%	-3,500	-2.00%
• Educational Services	17,700	16,600	17,100	1,100	6.60%	600	3.50%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	154,000	153,400	158,100	600	0.40%	-4,100	-2.60%
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	52,000	52,400	54,200	-400	-0.80%	-2,200	-4.10%
Hospitals	45,400	45,800	45,700	-400	-0.90%	-300	-0.70%
Nursing & Residential	36,400	35,600	36,100	800	2.20%	300	0.80%
Social Assistance	20,200	19,600	22,100	600	3.10%	-1,900	-8.60%
Leisure & Hospitality	128,400	130,300	127,600	-1,900	-1.50%	800	0.60%
• Arts, Entertainment	13,300	13,700	14,400	-400	-2.90%	-1,100	-7.60%
• Accommodation/Food	115,100	116,600	113,200	-1,500	-1.30%	1,900	1.70%
Accommodation	10,300	10,200	10,400	100	1.00%	-100	-1.00%
Food Svcs. & Drinking	104,800	106,400	102,800	-1,600	-1.50%	2,000	1.90%
Full-Svc Restrnt.	47,200	47,600	47,600	-400	-0.80%	-400	-0.80%

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Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Limited-Svc Eating	51,500	52,600	50,000	-1,100	-2.10%	1,500	3.00%
Other Services	74,500	74,300	74,800	200	0.30%	-300	-0.40%
• Repair/Maintenance	13,500	13,300	13,300	200	1.50%	200	1.50%
• Personal/Lndry Svcs.	13,600	13,800	12,700	-200	-1.40%	900	7.10%
Total Government	294,300	291,600	304,300	2,700	0.90%	-10,000	-3.30%
• Federal Government	46,200	46,400	46,700	-200	-0.40%	-500	-1.10%
• State Government	79,700	80,800	84,500	-1,100	-1.40%	-4,800	-5.70%
• Local Government	168,400	164,400	173,100	4,000	2.40%	-4,700	-2.70%
• State & Local Gov't	248,100	245,200	257,600	2,900	1.20%	-9,500	-3.70%

EMPLOYMENT IN TRADE SHOWS IMPROVEMENT IN THE OKLAHOMA CITY MSA

OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

NOTE: Because of a statewide software conversion for state government agencies, some agencies were late in reporting their October employment. Due to this, the preliminary statistics released today are not strictly comparable to past preliminary estimates for **State Government** employment. This issue is expected to be resolved when the October-Monthly Final Estimate is released.

The preliminary **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was 541,400 jobs for October 2003. The over-the-month job loss of 2,000 jobs (-0.4 percent) occurred mainly in **Construction** and **State Government**. However, other sectors such as **Trade, Financial Activities** and **Nursing Care Facilities** showed significant over-the-month job gains. Employment in **Total Private** and the **Service Providing Industries** declined by 500 employees (-0.1 percent) from September 2003. Similarly, the **Goods Producing Industries** lost 1,500 more jobs (-2.1 percent) from September 2003 but showed a gain of 1,200 jobs (+1.7 percent) when compared to the same period last year. Other highlights include:

- October 2003 employment in the **Goods Producing Industries** shed jobs due to **Construction** which dropped 1,000 workers (-4.3 percent) over the month. This job decline was seasonal in nature. Although **Manufacturing** shed 500 employees over the month, this supersector added 1,100 jobs (+2.7 percent) from last year. On the other hand, **Natural Resource and Mining**, which remained constant for the month, had 400 more workers (+6.1 percent) than October 2002.
- The **Service Providing Industries** contributed 470,500 jobs to **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in October, with 77 percent of these jobs in the private sector. **Wholesale Trade** and **Retail Trade** reported over-the-month gains of 400 jobs (+2.0 percent) and 500 jobs (+0.8 percent), respectively. Furthermore, **Financial Activities** and **Nursing Care Facilities** added 500 workers each this month. Employment losses were fairly distributed among the other sub-sectors of the **Service Providing Industries**.

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	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<i>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</i>	541,400	543,400	547,700	-2,000	-0.40%	-6,300	-1.20%
<i>Total Private</i> <i>(Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)</i>	434,300	434,800	435,200	-500	-0.10%	-900	-0.20%
GOODS PRODUCING	70,900	72,400	69,700	-1,500	-2.10%	1,200	1.70%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,000	7,000	6,600	0	0.00%	400	6.10%
• Support for Mining	3,700	3,800	3,400	-100	-2.60%	300	8.80%
Construction	22,000	23,000	22,300	-1,000	-4.30%	-300	-1.30%
• Spec. Trade Contractr	13,900	14,500	13,800	-600	-4.10%	100	0.70%
Manufacturing	41,900	42,400	40,800	-500	-1.20%	1,100	2.70%
• Durable Goods	29,600	29,900	28,200	-300	-1.00%	1,400	5.00%
Computer/Electronics	2,400	2,500	2,900	-100	-4.00%	-500	-17.20%
Transportation Eqpmt.	9,800	9,900	8,900	-100	-1.00%	900	10.10%
• Nondurable Goods	12,300	12,500	12,600	-200	-1.60%	-300	-2.40%
Plastics/Rubber Prods.	4,100	4,000	4,100	100	2.50%	0	0.00%
SERVICE PROVIDING	470,500	471,000	478,000	-500	-0.10%	-7,500	-1.60%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	97,700	96,900	99,500	800	0.80%	-1,800	-1.80%
• Wholesale Trade	20,900	20,500	21,100	400	2.00%	-200	-0.90%
• Retail Trade	60,400	59,900	61,800	500	0.80%	-1,400	-2.30%
Food & Bevr. Stores	8,200	8,600	7,700	-400	-4.70%	500	6.50%
Grocery Stores	6,900	7,300	6,500	-400	-5.50%	400	6.20%
Sporting Gds, Hobby	2,600	2,500	3,200	100	4.00%	-600	-18.80%
Gen. Merch. Stores	13,300	13,100	13,300	200	1.50%	0	0.00%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	16,400	16,500	16,600	-100	-0.60%	-200	-1.20%
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	13,800	13,800	13,500	0	0.00%	300	2.20%

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	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Information	14,100	14,100	14,200	0	0.00%	-100	-0.70%
• Telecommunications	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	0.00%	-100	-1.60%
Financial Activities	33,000	32,500	33,700	500	1.50%	-700	-2.10%
• Finance & Insurance	23,200	22,900	23,100	300	1.30%	100	0.40%
• Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	5,400	5,200	5,500	200	3.80%	-100	-1.80%
Professional & Business Services	70,900	71,000	68,700	-100	-0.10%	2,200	3.20%
• Professional, Scientific	26,300	26,400	24,100	-100	-0.40%	2,200	9.10%
Mgt. of Companies	5,700	6,000	5,500	-300	-5.00%	200	3.60%
Admin. & Support	38,900	38,600	39,100	300	0.80%	-200	-0.50%
Admin. & Support	37,400	37,200	38,000	200	0.50%	-600	-1.60%
Emplymt Svcs.	18,900	18,800	17,500	100	0.50%	1,400	8.00%
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	6,500	6,600	6,000	-100	-1.50%	500	8.30%
Education & Health	68,300	68,300	67,800	0	0.00%	500	0.70%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	61,800	61,800	59,000	0	0.00%	2,800	4.70%
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	26,800	26,700	20,300	100	0.40%	6,500	32.00%
Hospitals	21,000	21,600	20,900	-600	-2.80%	100	0.50%
General Medical	20,000	20,500	19,900	-500	-2.40%	100	0.50%
Nursing & Residential	6,800	6,300	6,200	500	7.90%	600	9.70%
Leisure & Hospitality	52,400	52,100	53,300	300	0.60%	-900	-1.70%
• Accommodation/Food	45,900	45,600	46,300	300	0.70%	-400	-0.90%
Food Svcs. & Drinking	41,700	41,500	42,000	200	0.50%	-300	-0.70%
Full-Svc Restrnt	19,000	18,900	19,500	100	0.50%	-500	-2.60%
Limited-Svc Eating	20,700	20,600	20,300	100	0.50%	400	2.00%
Other Services	27,000	27,500	28,300	-500	-1.80%	-1,300	-4.60%

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Total Government	107,100	108,600	112,500	-1,500	-1.40%	-5,400	-4.80%
• Federal Government	27,300	27,200	27,500	100	0.40%	-200	-0.70%
• State Government	36,800	39,300	39,900	-2,500	-6.40%	-3,100	-7.80%
• Local Government	43,000	42,100	45,100	900	2.10%	-2,100	-4.70%
• State & Local Gov't	79,800	81,400	85,000	-1,600	-2.00%	-5,200	-6.10%

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND LEISURE SERVICES GAIN EMPLOYMENT FOR BOTH MONTH AND YEAR *TULSA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA*

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) expanded to 388,900 jobs in October 2003. This was a gain of 4,500 jobs (+1.2 percent) over the month. However, there was a loss of 5,000 jobs (-1.3 percent) from October 2002. **Retail Trade, Educational Services and State & Local Government** accounted for the over-the-month employment gain. **Durable Goods Manufacturing, Retail Trade, Health Care Services and Local Government** contributed to the over-the-year loss. Other highlights include:

- **Natural Resources and Mining** was unchanged over the month and over the year.
- **Construction** declined by 500 workers (-2.3 percent) from September 2003 but experienced a growth of 1,300 jobs (+6.6 percent) since October 2002.
- **Manufacturing** increased by 400 employees (+0.9 percent) in October but lost 2,000 jobs (-4.1 percent) when compared to the same period last year.
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities**, the largest sector with 82,000 employees, gained 1,100 jobs (+1.4 percent) over the month but lost 900 jobs (-1.1 percent) when compared to October 2002. **Retail Trade** added 1,300 jobs over the month while losing 1,500 jobs over the year.
- **Information** added 100 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the month yet lost 1,100 jobs (-7.7 percent) when compared to the same period last year.
- **Financial Activities** picked up 200 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the month while experiencing a growth of 1,100 jobs (+4.4 percent) over the year.
- **Professional and Business Services** employment weakened by 700 employees (-1.4 percent) over the month while gaining 300 workers (+0.6 percent) since October 2002
- **Educational and Health Services** expanded by 1,300 jobs (+2.7 percent) over the month while experiencing a drop of 2,200 jobs (-4.3 percent) when compared to October 2002.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** expanded by 1,100 jobs (+3.5 percent) over the month and 100 jobs (+0.3 percent) over the year.
- **Other Services** contracted by 300 jobs (-1.5 percent) during October 2003 and by 100 employees (-0.5 percent) over the year.
- **Total Government** advanced by 1,800 jobs (+4.2 percent) over the month and contracted by 1,500 jobs (-1.8 percent) over the year. **State and Local Government** seasonally increased over the month, while **Local Government** accounted for most of the over-the-year decline.

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Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	388,900	384,400	393,900	4,500	1.20%	-5,000	-1.30%
Total Private <i>(Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)</i>	344,000	341,300	347,500	2,700	0.80%	-3,500	-1.00%
GOODS PRODUCING	71,900	72,000	72,600	-100	-0.10%	-700	-1.00%
Natural Resources & Mining	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	20,900	21,400	19,600	-500	-2.30%	1,300	6.60%
• Spec. Trade Contractr	13,400	13,900	13,000	-500	-3.60%	400	3.10%
Manufacturing	46,200	45,800	48,200	400	0.90%	-2,000	-4.10%
• Durable Goods	35,100	34,600	37,500	500	1.40%	-2,400	-6.40%
Other Fab. Mtl.	2,800	2,800	3,400	0	0.00%	-600	-17.60%
Machinery Mfg.	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Other Gen. Purpose	5,400	5,400	5,100	0	0.00%	300	5.90%
Transportation Eqpmt.	3,800	3,900	4,100	-100	-2.60%	-300	-7.30%
SERVICE PROVIDING	317,000	312,400	321,300	4,600	1.50%	-4,300	-1.30%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	82,000	80,900	82,900	1,100	1.40%	-900	-1.10%
• Wholesale Trade	17,600	17,800	17,300	-200	-1.10%	300	1.70%
• Retail Trade	42,700	41,400	44,200	1,300	3.10%	-1,500	-3.40%
Food & Bevr. Stores	6,000	6,000	6,300	0	0.00%	-300	-4.80%
Grocery Stores	5,200	5,300	5,500	-100	-1.90%	-300	-5.50%
Gen. Merch. Stores	9,800	9,600	10,400	200	2.10%	-600	-5.80%
Department Stores	3,500	3,400	4,000	100	2.90%	-500	-12.50%
Other Gen. Merch.	6,100	6,100	6,400	0	0.00%	-300	-4.70%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	21,700	21,700	21,400	0	0.00%	300	1.40%
Utilities	3,800	3,800	3,500	0	0.00%	300	8.60%

TULSA

Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	17,900	17,900	17,900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	9,300	0	0.00%	-700	-7.50%
Truck Trnsprt.	4,300	4,200	4,400	100	2.40%	-100	-2.30%
General Freight	4,300	4,300	4,000	0	0.00%	300	7.50%
Information	13,100	13,000	14,200	100	0.80%	-1,100	-7.70%
• Broadcasting (except Internet)	3,100	3,100	3,400	0	0.00%	-300	-8.80%
• Telecommunications	6,100	6,100	6,900	0	0.00%	-800	-11.60%
Financial Activities	25,900	25,700	24,800	200	0.80%	1,100	4.40%
• Finance & Insurance	18,700	18,600	17,700	100	0.50%	1,000	5.60%
Credit Intermediation	8,500	8,400	7,900	100	1.20%	600	7.60%
Ins. Carriers & Rltd.	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	0.00%	200	4.40%
Professional & Business Services	49,800	50,500	49,500	-700	-1.40%	300	0.60%
• Professionl, Scientific	18,600	19,000	18,300	-400	-2.10%	300	1.60%
Mgt.of Companies	6,000	5,900	5,400	100	1.70%	600	11.10%
Admin. & Support	25,200	25,600	25,800	-400	-1.60%	-600	-2.30%
Emplymt Svcs.	12,100	11,800	10,800	300	2.50%	1,300	12.00%
Bus. Sup. Svcs.	6,200	5,700	5,900	500	8.80%	300	5.10%
Education & Health	48,900	47,600	51,100	1,300	2.70%	-2,200	-4.30%
• Educational Services	6,700	5,700	6,300	1,000	17.50%	400	6.30%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	42,200	41,900	44,800	300	0.70%	-2,600	-5.80%
Ambulatory Hlth. Care	14,900	14,900	16,900	0	0.00%	-2,000	-11.80%
Hospitals	14,500	14,500	14,700	0	0.00%	-200	-1.40%
Leisure & Hospitality	32,700	31,600	32,600	1,100	3.50%	100	0.30%
Accommodation	2,800	2,800	2,700	0	0.00%	100	3.70%
Food Svcs. & Drinking	24,500	24,700	27,500	-200	-0.80%	-3,000	-10.90%

TULSA

Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Full-Svc Restrnt	11,600	12,100	14,000	-500	-4.10%	-2,400	-17.10%
Other Services	19,700	20,000	19,800	-300	-1.50%	-100	-0.50%
Total Government	44,900	43,100	46,400	1,800	4.20%	-1,500	-3.20%
• Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	0.00%	100	2.20%
• State Government	7,100	6,500	7,500	600	9.20%	-400	-5.30%
• Local Government	33,100	31,900	34,300	1,200	3.80%	-1,200	-3.50%
• State & Local Gov't	18,600	19,000	18,300	-400	-2.10%	300	1.60%

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTE ALL OCTOBER GAINS IN SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES LAWTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

In October 2003, Lawton's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** was 37,700 jobs, an increase of 400 jobs over the month and a decrease of 1,100 over the year. Other highlights include:

- **Federal Government** was unchanged in October but decreased by 100 jobs since the same time last year. **State Government** gained 200 jobs over the month but lost 200 jobs over the year. **Local Government** showed an over-the-month increase of 400 jobs and an over-the-year increase of 200 jobs.
- **Construction** and **Manufacturing** both experienced job losses over the month and over the year. **Construction** decreased by 100 jobs both over the month and over the year. **Manufacturing** lost 100 jobs over the month and 300 jobs over the year.
- **Wholesale Trade** and **Retail Trade** both remained constant in October, but each lost 100 jobs over the year.
- **Financial Activities** held steady at 2,200 jobs over the month, an increase of 100 jobs since October 2002.
- **Professional and Business Services** and **Education and Health Services** were both unaltered over the month, and each lost 100 jobs since October 2002. **Leisure and Hospitality Services** also remained constant over the month but lost 300 jobs over the year.
- **Natural Resources and Mining, Information, Other Services, and Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities** each remained constant over the month and over the year.

LAWTON

Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	37,700	37,300	38,800	400	1.10%	-1,100	-2.80%
Total Private <i>(Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)</i>	26,100	26,300	27,100	-200	-0.80%	-1,000	-3.70%
GOODS PRODUCING	5,000	5,200	5,400	-200	-3.80%	-400	-7.40%
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	3,400	3,600	-100	-2.90%	-300	-8.30%
• Nondurable Goods	3,000	3,100	3,200	-100	-3.20%	-200	-6.30%
SERVICE PROVIDING	32,700	32,100	33,400	600	1.90%	-700	-2.10%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,200	6,200	6,400	0	0.00%	-200	-3.10%
• Wholesale Trade	400	400	500	0	0.00%	-100	-20.00%
• Retail Trade	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	0.00%	-100	-2.10%
• 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	3,500	3,800	0	0.00%	-300	-7.90%
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Government	11,600	11,000	11,700	600	5.50%	-100	-0.90%
• Federal Government	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	0.00%	-100	-3.00%
• State Government	1,400	1,200	1,600	200	16.70%	-200	-12.50%
• Local Government	7,000	6,600	6,800	400	6.10%	200	2.90%
• State & Local Gov't	8,400	7,800	8,400	600	7.70%	0	0.00%

EMPLOYMENT IN MOST INDUSTRIES REMAINS CONSTANT FOR OCTOBER

ENID METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in October was 23,500 for the Enid MSA. Employment was steady over the month but decreased by 100 jobs (-0.4 percent) over the year. Other highlights include:

- **Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities** increased by 100 jobs both over the month and over the year.
- **Retail Trade** decreased by 100 jobs in October 2003 but increased by 100 jobs over the year.
- **State Government** and **Local Government** employment were both unmoved in October. Over the year, these sectors decreased by 100 jobs each.
- The **Manufacturing, Information, Education and Health Services**, and **Leisure and Hospitality Services** supersectors each remained stable over the month, but all experienced small employment decreases since October 2002.
- **Natural Resources and Mining, Construction, Wholesale Trade, Financial Activities, Professional and Business Services, Other Services, and Federal Government** each held steady over the month and year.

ENID

Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	23,500	23,500	23,600	0	0.00%	-100	-0.40%
Total Private (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	19,600	19,600	19,900	0	0.00%	-300	-1.50%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	0.00%	-100	-2.60%
Natural Resources & Mining	600	600	600	0	0.00%	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	19,800	19,800	19,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,200	6,200	6,000	0	0.00%	200	3.30%
• Wholesale Trade	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• Retail Trade	3,200	3,300	3,100	-100	-3.00%	100	3.20%
• Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	1,900	1,800	1,800	100	5.60%	100	5.60%
Information	200	200	300	0	0.00%	-100	-33.30%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

ENID

Industry	Number Employed			September 2003 to October 2003		October 2002 to October 2003	
	October 2003	Sept. 2003	October 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Professional & Business Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Education & Health	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	0.00%	-100	-2.70%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	1,800	2,000	0	0.00%	-200	-10.00%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Government	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	0.00%	200	5.40%
• 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	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	0.00%	100	4.20%
• State & Local Gov't	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	0.00%	200	6.10%

LABOR FORCE AND TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ADDITIONS WELL BELOW THE OCTOBER AVERAGE

LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Labor Force** increased by 6,900 people (+0.4 percent) to 1,719,500 in October, reflecting one of the smallest gains for the month of October since 1978. In the past, the monthly labor force gain for the September-October period was well above 13,000 on average. Since October 2002, the civilian labor force added 12,500 people (+0.7 percent).

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Total Employment** (1,629,500 workers) experienced very anemic growth in October, adding 1,400 people (+0.1 percent) over the month compared to an average increase of 11,000 since 1978 for the same period. Compared to a year ago, total employment has lost over 1,000 workers (-0.1 percent).

* Oklahoma labor force data record started from January 1978.

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October 2003 Preliminary Data				Unemployment Rate			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
United States	138,619,000	8,169,000	146,787,000	5.6%	5.8%	6.0%	5.3%
Oklahoma	1,629,500	90,000	1,719,500	5.2%	4.9%	5.2%	4.5%

County				Unemployment Rate			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
Adair County	8,430	910	9,350	9.8%	9.1%	9.7%	5.2%
Alfalfa County	2,600	30	2,630	1.2%	1.6%	2.3%	1.4%

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County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
Atoka County	5,120	430	5,550	7.7%	6.9%	6.7%	4.2%
Beaver County	2,630	60	2,690	2.3%	2.5%	3.2%	3.2%
Beckham County	10,530	330	10,860	3.0%	2.9%	2.3%	3.1%
Blaine County	4,570	180	4,750	3.7%	3.5%	3.4%	4.2%
Bryan County	18,690	760	19,450	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%	2.4%
Caddo County	11,560	580	12,140	4.8%	4.4%	4.8%	4.4%
Canadian County	47,250	2,170	49,420	4.4%	3.9%	4.3%	3.9%
Carter County	20,950	970	21,920	4.4%	4.2%	4.6%	4.7%
Cherokee County	20,180	990	21,170	4.7%	4.5%	4.9%	3.2%
Choctaw County	6,060	510	6,570	7.7%	7.7%	8.3%	6.5%
Cimarron County	1,590	30	1,620	1.9%	1.8%	2.0%	2.5%
Cleveland County	114,490	4,010	118,500	3.4%	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%
Coal County	2,200	320	2,520	12.8%	12.9%	15.7%	7.3%
Comanche County	39,880	1,600	41,480	3.9%	3.5%	3.4%	3.2%
Cotton County	1,930	130	2,060	6.1%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%
Craig County	5,990	290	6,280	4.6%	4.1%	4.6%	5.2%
Creek County	31,430	2,320	33,750	6.9%	6.8%	6.6%	5.9%
Custer County	11,580	370	11,950	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%
Delaware County	17,780	700	18,480	3.8%	4.0%	4.3%	3.6%
Dewey County	2,040	40	2,080	1.8%	2.3%	2.7%	3.5%
Ellis County	1,600	30	1,640	2.0%	1.9%	2.2%	2.8%
Garfield County	26,410	980	27,390	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%	2.7%
Garvin County	11,690	510	12,200	4.2%	4.0%	4.6%	4.5%
Grady County	20,880	1,020	21,900	4.7%	4.0%	4.2%	3.8%
Grant County	2,220	70	2,290	3.1%	3.4%	3.2%	3.1%
Greer County	2,440	160	2,600	6.2%	6.0%	5.2%	2.6%
Harmon County	1,300	30	1,340	2.5%	1.9%	2.6%	5.2%
Harper County	1,790	40	1,830	2.1%	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%
Haskell County	5,860	380	6,230	6.1%	5.6%	6.3%	4.8%
Hughes County	5,560	470	6,030	7.8%	8.0%	8.8%	5.4%
Jackson County	12,820	420	13,240	3.2%	2.9%	2.9%	2.6%
Jefferson County	2,140	120	2,250	5.1%	4.5%	5.0%	4.3%
Johnston County	4,850	220	5,070	4.3%	4.2%	5.1%	3.6%
Kay County	21,480	1,480	22,960	6.4%	6.3%	6.9%	5.4%
Kingfisher County	6,510	190	6,700	2.9%	2.6%	2.8%	3.5%
Kiowa County	4,810	190	4,990	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.1%
Latimer County	3,840	220	4,060	5.3%	4.6%	5.1%	7.2%
Leflore County	19,170	1,280	20,450	6.3%	5.7%	6.3%	5.6%
Lincoln County	13,730	720	14,440	5.0%	4.9%	5.4%	4.7%
Logan County	15,820	680	16,490	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	3.3%
Love County	3,970	200	4,170	4.7%	5.1%	5.2%	3.3%
McClain County	13,490	510	14,000	3.7%	3.7%	4.0%	3.6%
McCurtain County	14,320	1,410	15,730	9.0%	9.1%	9.6%	7.1%

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County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
McIntosh County	8,120	630	8,750	7.2%	6.5%	6.6%	5.5%
Major County	3,510	80	3,590	2.1%	1.9%	2.2%	2.2%
Marshall County	5,430	220	5,650	3.9%	4.1%	4.3%	3.4%
Mayes County	13,100	1,310	14,410	9.1%	8.4%	8.8%	7.9%
Murray County	5,180	310	5,490	5.7%	4.6%	4.8%	5.2%
Muskogee County	32,330	2,420	34,750	7.0%	6.1%	6.2%	4.6%
Noble County	4,690	200	4,890	4.1%	3.4%	3.9%	3.8%
Nowata County	3,480	270	3,750	7.2%	8.3%	9.4%	7.6%
Okfuskee County	4,270	460	4,730	9.6%	5.3%	9.6%	6.3%
Oklahoma County	334,260	18,070	352,320	5.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.4%
Okmulgee County	14,110	1,510	15,620	9.6%	8.3%	8.9%	7.0%
Osage County	19,790	1,220	21,010	5.8%	5.6%	5.9%	5.4%
Ottawa County	12,060	1,000	13,050	7.7%	6.7%	7.4%	7.5%
Pawnee County	7,570	570	8,150	7.0%	6.2%	6.2%	5.8%
Payne County	35,710	860	36,570	2.3%	2.2%	2.5%	1.8%
Pittsburg County	17,750	1,000	18,750	5.3%	5.2%	5.9%	6.0%
Pontotoc County	16,750	750	17,490	4.3%	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%
Pottawatomie County	29,260	1,770	31,030	5.7%	5.4%	5.5%	4.2%
Pushmataha County	5,280	420	5,700	7.3%	7.1%	7.0%	5.5%
Roger Mills County	2,080	40	2,120	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%	3.0%
Rogers County	36,120	2,290	38,410	5.9%	5.4%	5.6%	4.9%
Seminole County	9,600	1,250	10,850	11.5%	10.7%	11.0%	7.3%
Sequoyah County	16,270	1,050	17,320	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	5.3%
Stephens County	17,640	840	18,480	4.6%	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%
Texas County	14,210	290	14,500	2.0%	1.9%	2.2%	2.0%
Tillman County	3,580	140	3,720	3.8%	3.3%	5.2%	3.4%
Tulsa County	289,050	18,280	307,320	5.9%	5.7%	5.9%	5.3%
Wagoner County	28,660	1,760	30,410	5.8%	5.6%	5.6%	4.3%
Washington County	17,570	1,180	18,750	6.3%	5.8%	6.3%	4.5%
Washita County	4,690	120	4,810	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	3.2%
Woods County	4,350	250	4,600	5.5%	11.3%	8.7%	7.2%
Woodward County	8,930	370	9,300	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%	4.0%

Metropolitan Statistical Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
Oklahoma City MSA	554,560	27,210	581,770	4.7%	4.3%	4.6%	4.0%
Tulsa MSA	405,050	25,860	430,910	6.0%	5.8%	5.9%	5.2%
Lawton MSA	39,880	1,600	41,480	3.9%	3.5%	3.4%	3.2%
Enid MSA	26,410	980	27,390	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%	2.7%

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Workforce Investment Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
Central WIA	421,840	21,610	443,450	4.9%	4.5%	4.7%	4.5%
Cleveland County WIA	89,970	3,320	93,290	3.6%	3.3%	3.7%	6.8%
East Central WIA	62,410	4,670	67,070	7.0%	6.6%	6.9%	5.0%
Holdenville LLM	9,830	930	10,750	8.7%	8.5%	9.1%	5.7%
Shawnee LLM	52,580	3,740	56,320	6.6%	6.3%	6.5%	4.9%
Eastern WIA	128,090	9,280	137,370	6.8%	6.2%	6.4%	4.8%
Muskogee LLM	69,100	4,810	73,910	6.5%	5.9%	6.0%	4.6%
Okmulgee LLM	14,110	1,510	15,620	9.7%	8.3%	8.9%	7.0%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	44,880	2,960	47,840	6.2%	6.0%	6.3%	4.4%
North Central WIA	107,690	4,070	111,770	3.6%	3.4%	2.8%	2.4%
Enid LLM	45,810	1,530	47,350	3.2%	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%
Ponca City LLM	26,170	1,680	27,850	6.0%	5.8%	6.4%	5.1%
Stillwater LLM	35,710	860	36,570	2.4%	2.2%	2.5%	1.8%
Northeast WIA	106,100	7,040	113,130	6.2%	5.8%	6.2%	5.4%
Bartlesville LLM	21,060	1,450	22,500	6.4%	6.2%	6.8%	5.0%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	67,000	4,300	71,300	6.0%	5.6%	5.9%	5.2%
Miami-Vinita LLM	18,040	1,290	19,330	6.7%	5.8%	6.5%	6.8%
Northwest WIA	37,150	1,110	38,260	2.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%
Guymon LLM	18,430	380	18,810	2.0%	2.0%	2.3%	2.3%
Woodward LLM	18,720	730	19,450	3.8%	5.3%	4.8%	4.5%
South Central WIA	111,090	4,940	116,020	4.3%	3.8%	4.0%	3.7%
Chickasha LLM	45,920	2,110	48,030	4.4%	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
Duncan LLM	19,780	960	20,730	4.6%	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%
Lawton LLM	45,390	1,870	47,260	4.0%	3.5%	3.7%	3.3%
Southeast WIA	72,280	5,200	77,490	6.7%	6.5%	7.0%	6.1%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,670	2,330	28,000	8.3%	8.4%	8.8%	6.6%
McAlester LLM	21,590	1,210	22,800	5.3%	5.1%	5.7%	6.2%
Poteau LLM	25,020	1,660	26,690	6.2%	5.7%	6.3%	5.4%
Southern WIA	94,840	4,690	99,530	4.7%	4.5%	4.8%	4.0%
Ada LLM	28,440	1,260	29,700	4.2%	4.0%	4.4%	4.4%
Ardmore LLM	30,110	1,480	31,590	4.7%	4.4%	4.7%	4.6%
Durant LLM	36,290	1,950	38,240	5.1%	4.9%	5.2%	3.3%
Southwest WIA	50,250	1,660	51,910	3.2%	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%
Altus LLM	21,370	800	22,170	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%	2.9%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	28,880	860	29,740	2.9%	2.7%	2.6%	3.0%
Tulsa WIA	347,850	22,390	370,230	6.0%	5.8%	6.0%	5.4%

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BOTH RISE AFTER THREE MONTHS OF IMPROVEMENT

STATE & COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RANKINGS

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Unemployment** ended a three month skid in October, rising by 5,500 people (+6.5 percent) from last month's revised 84,500 to end October at 90,000. For the twelve months ending in October 2003, unemployment increased by 13,700 people (+17.9 percent) from the 76,300 reported in last October. The **state unemployment rate** went up by three-tenths of a percentage point to **5.2 percent** for October 2003. Over the year, the rate increased by 0.7 percent to 5.2 percent from 4.5 percent in October 2002.

All Oklahoma MSAs experienced a four-tenths of a percent increase in their unemployment rate except for Tulsa, which rose by two-tenths of a percentage point. **Oklahoma City MSA's** rate rose to 4.7 percent. **Tulsa's** rate went from 5.8 percent to 6.0 percent. **Lawton MSA's** rate grew to 3.9 percent, while the **Enid MSA** went from 3.2 percent to 3.6 percent.

Alfalfa County's unemployment rate (1.2 percent) was the lowest among Oklahoma's 77 counties in October. **Roger Mills County** (1.7 percent) and **Dewey County** (1.8 percent) rounded out the top three lowest rates for the month of October.

Coal County's (12.8 percent) unemployment rate continued to hold its position as the state's highest rate, a position it has held since February 2003. **Seminole County** (11.5 percent) and **Adair County** (9.8 percent) rounded out the top three highest rate for the month.

Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Ranking – October 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 2003 County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
Coal County	2,200	320	2,520	12.8%	12.9%	15.7%	7.3%
Seminole County	9,600	1,250	10,850	11.5%	10.7%	11.0%	7.3%
Adair County	8,430	910	9,350	9.8%	9.1%	9.7%	5.2%
Okfuskee County	4,270	460	4,730	9.6%	5.3%	9.6%	6.3%
Okmulgee County	14,110	1,510	15,620	9.6%	8.3%	8.9%	7.0%
Mayes County	13,100	1,310	14,410	9.1%	8.4%	8.8%	7.9%
McCurtain County	14,320	1,410	15,730	9.0%	9.1%	9.6%	7.1%
Hughes County	5,560	470	6,030	7.8%	8.0%	8.8%	5.4%
Choctaw County	6,060	510	6,570	7.7%	7.7%	8.3%	6.5%
Atoka County	5,120	430	5,550	7.7%	6.9%	6.7%	4.2%
Ottawa County	12,060	1,000	13,050	7.7%	6.7%	7.4%	7.5%
Pushmataha County	5,280	420	5,700	7.3%	7.1%	7.0%	5.5%
Nowata County	3,480	270	3,750	7.2%	8.3%	9.4%	7.6%
McIntosh County	8,120	630	8,750	7.2%	6.5%	6.6%	5.5%
Muskogee County	32,330	2,420	34,750	7.0%	6.1%	6.2%	4.6%
Pawnee County	7,570	570	8,150	7.0%	6.2%	6.2%	5.8%
Creek County	31,430	2,320	33,750	6.9%	6.8%	6.6%	5.9%
Kay County	21,480	1,480	22,960	6.4%	6.3%	6.9%	5.4%
Washington County	17,570	1,180	18,750	6.3%	5.8%	6.3%	4.5%
Leflore County	19,170	1,280	20,450	6.3%	5.7%	6.3%	5.6%
Greer County	2,440	160	2,600	6.2%	6.0%	5.2%	2.6%
Sequoyah County	16,270	1,050	17,320	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	5.3%
Haskell County	5,860	380	6,230	6.1%	5.6%	6.3%	4.8%
Cotton County	1,930	130	2,060	6.1%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%
Tulsa County	289,050	18,280	307,320	5.9%	5.7%	5.9%	5.3%

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(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 2003 County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
Rogers County	36,120	2,290	38,410	5.9%	5.4%	5.6%	4.9%
Osage County	19,790	1,220	21,010	5.8%	5.6%	5.9%	5.4%
Wagoner County	28,660	1,760	30,410	5.8%	5.6%	5.6%	4.3%
Pottawatomie County	29,260	1,770	31,030	5.7%	5.4%	5.5%	4.2%
Murray County	5,180	310	5,490	5.7%	4.6%	4.8%	5.2%
Woods County	4,350	250	4,600	5.5%	11.3%	8.7%	7.2%
Pittsburg County	17,750	1,000	18,750	5.3%	5.2%	5.9%	6.0%
Latimer County	3,840	220	4,060	5.3%	4.6%	5.1%	7.2%
Oklahoma County	334,260	18,070	352,320	5.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.4%
Jefferson County	2,140	120	2,250	5.1%	4.5%	5.0%	4.3%
Lincoln County	13,730	720	14,440	5.0%	4.9%	5.4%	4.7%
Caddo County	11,560	580	12,140	4.8%	4.4%	4.8%	4.4%
Cherokee County	20,180	990	21,170	4.7%	4.5%	4.9%	3.2%
Love County	3,970	200	4,170	4.7%	5.1%	5.2%	3.3%
Grady County	20,880	1,020	21,900	4.7%	4.0%	4.2%	3.8%
Craig County	5,990	290	6,280	4.6%	4.1%	4.6%	5.2%
Stephens County	17,640	840	18,480	4.6%	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%
Carter County	20,950	970	21,920	4.4%	4.2%	4.6%	4.7%
Canadian County	47,250	2,170	49,420	4.4%	3.9%	4.3%	3.9%
Johnston County	4,850	220	5,070	4.3%	4.2%	5.1%	3.6%
Pontotoc County	16,750	750	17,490	4.3%	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%
Garvin County	11,690	510	12,200	4.2%	4.0%	4.6%	4.5%
Logan County	15,820	680	16,490	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	3.3%
Noble County	4,690	200	4,890	4.1%	3.4%	3.9%	3.8%
Woodward County	8,930	370	9,300	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%	4.0%
Marshall County	5,430	220	5,650	3.9%	4.1%	4.3%	3.4%
Bryan County	18,690	760	19,450	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%	2.4%
Comanche County	39,880	1,600	41,480	3.9%	3.5%	3.4%	3.2%
Delaware County	17,780	700	18,480	3.8%	4.0%	4.3%	3.6%
Tillman County	3,580	140	3,720	3.8%	3.3%	5.2%	3.4%
McClain County	13,490	510	14,000	3.7%	3.7%	4.0%	3.6%
Kiowa County	4,810	190	4,990	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.1%
Blaine County	4,570	180	4,750	3.7%	3.5%	3.4%	4.2%
Garfield County	26,410	980	27,390	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%	2.7%
Cleveland County	114,490	4,010	118,500	3.4%	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%
Jackson County	12,820	420	13,240	3.2%	2.9%	2.9%	2.6%
Custer County	11,580	370	11,950	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%
Grant County	2,220	70	2,290	3.1%	3.4%	3.2%	3.1%
Beckham County	10,530	330	10,860	3.0%	2.9%	2.3%	3.1%
Kingfisher County	6,510	190	6,700	2.9%	2.6%	2.8%	3.5%
Washita County	4,690	120	4,810	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	3.2%
Harmon County	1,300	30	1,340	2.5%	1.9%	2.6%	5.2%
Beaver County	2,630	60	2,690	2.3%	2.5%	3.2%	3.2%

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October 2003 County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Oct-03	Sep-03	Aug-03	Oct-02
Payne County	35,710	860	36,570	2.3%	2.2%	2.5%	1.8%
Harper County	1,790	40	1,830	2.1%	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%
Major County	3,510	80	3,590	2.1%	1.9%	2.2%	2.2%
Ellis County	1,600	30	1,640	2.0%	1.9%	2.2%	2.8%
Texas County	14,210	290	14,500	2.0%	1.9%	2.2%	2.0%
Cimarron County	1,590	30	1,620	1.9%	1.8%	2.0%	2.5%
Dewey County	2,040	40	2,080	1.8%	2.3%	2.7%	3.5%
Roger Mills County	2,080	40	2,120	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%	3.0%
Alfalfa County	2,600	30	2,630	1.2%	1.6%	2.3%	1.4%

Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – September 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 2003 Revised Data	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Sep-02
United States	137,731,000	8,436,000	146,166,000	5.8%	6.0%	5.4%
Oklahoma	1,628,100	84,500	1,712,600	4.9%	5.2%	4.3%

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Sep-02
Adair County	8,450	850	9,300	9.1%	9.7%	4.5%
Alfalfa County	2,630	40	2,670	1.6%	2.3%	1.3%
Atoka County	5,170	380	5,550	6.9%	6.7%	4.0%
Beaver County	2,690	70	2,760	2.5%	3.2%	3.2%
Beckham County	10,610	320	10,930	2.9%	2.3%	2.8%
Blaine County	4,550	160	4,710	3.5%	3.4%	4.0%
Bryan County	18,920	710	19,630	3.6%	3.8%	2.5%
Caddo County	11,490	530	12,020	4.4%	4.8%	4.3%
Canadian County	47,430	1,950	49,380	3.9%	4.3%	3.8%
Carter County	20,870	920	21,790	4.2%	4.6%	4.5%
Cherokee County	20,040	950	20,990	4.5%	4.9%	3.1%
Choctaw County	6,080	510	6,590	7.7%	8.3%	6.4%
Cimarron County	1,650	30	1,680	1.8%	2.0%	2.0%
Cleveland County	114,900	3,780	118,680	3.2%	3.5%	3.0%
Coal County	2,190	320	2,510	12.9%	15.7%	7.1%
Comanche County	39,260	1,420	40,680	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%
Cotton County	1,970	110	2,080	5.3%	5.2%	4.6%
Craig County	6,150	260	6,410	4.1%	4.6%	4.2%
Creek County	31,080	2,260	33,340	6.8%	6.6%	5.5%
Custer County	11,590	340	11,930	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%
Delaware County	17,860	740	18,600	4.0%	4.3%	3.5%
Dewey County	2,070	50	2,120	2.3%	2.7%	3.8%

Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – September 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Sep-02
Ellis County	1,640	30	1,670	1.9%	2.2%	4.0%
Garfield County	26,530	880	27,410	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%
Garvin County	11,620	480	12,100	4.0%	4.6%	4.6%
Grady County	20,830	870	21,700	4.0%	4.2%	3.5%
Grant County	2,250	80	2,330	3.4%	3.2%	2.9%
Greer County	2,450	160	2,610	6.0%	5.2%	2.9%
Harmon County	1,310	30	1,340	1.9%	2.6%	5.5%
Harper County	1,820	50	1,870	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%
Haskell County	5,870	350	6,220	5.6%	6.3%	4.2%
Hughes County	5,570	490	6,060	8.0%	8.8%	5.5%
Jackson County	12,830	390	13,220	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%
Jefferson County	2,240	110	2,350	4.5%	5.0%	4.1%
Johnston County	4,900	220	5,120	4.2%	5.1%	3.4%
Kay County	21,310	1,440	22,750	6.3%	6.9%	5.9%
Kingfisher County	6,560	180	6,740	2.6%	2.8%	3.5%
Kiowa County	4,820	180	5,000	3.7%	3.8%	2.9%
Latimer County	4,000	190	4,190	4.6%	5.1%	6.6%
Leflore County	19,100	1,150	20,250	5.7%	6.3%	5.2%
Lincoln County	13,790	710	14,500	4.9%	5.4%	4.7%
Logan County	15,870	670	16,540	4.1%	4.3%	3.0%
Love County	3,960	210	4,170	5.1%	5.2%	3.5%
McClain County	13,540	520	14,060	3.7%	4.0%	3.5%
McCurtain County	14,340	1,440	15,780	9.1%	9.6%	6.2%
McIntosh County	8,110	560	8,670	6.5%	6.6%	5.5%
Major County	3,570	70	3,640	1.9%	2.2%	1.9%
Marshall County	5,330	230	5,560	4.1%	4.3%	3.6%
Mayes County	13,370	1,230	14,600	8.4%	8.8%	7.4%
Murray County	5,140	250	5,390	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%
Muskogee County	32,280	2,100	34,380	6.1%	6.2%	4.5%
Noble County	4,880	170	5,050	3.4%	3.9%	3.5%
Nowata County	3,500	320	3,820	8.3%	9.4%	6.8%
Okfuskee County	4,090	410	4,500	9.0%	9.6%	5.9%
Oklahoma County	335,480	16,580	352,060	4.7%	4.9%	4.3%
Okmulgee County	14,180	1,290	15,470	8.3%	8.9%	7.0%
Osage County	19,570	1,160	20,730	5.6%	5.9%	5.4%
Ottawa County	12,210	880	13,090	6.7%	7.4%	7.3%
Pawnee County	7,590	500	8,090	6.2%	6.2%	5.7%
Payne County	35,760	820	36,580	2.2%	2.5%	1.8%
Pittsburg County	17,850	980	18,830	5.2%	5.9%	5.7%
Pontotoc County	16,780	700	17,480	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
Pottawatomie County	29,370	1,690	31,060	5.4%	5.5%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,210	400	5,610	7.1%	7.0%	5.5%
Roger Mills County	2,140	30	2,170	1.4%	1.3%	2.2%

Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – September 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Sep-02
Rogers County	35,720	2,030	37,750	5.4%	5.6%	4.5%
Seminole County	9,610	1,160	10,770	10.7%	11.0%	7.3%
Sequoyah County	16,240	1,060	17,300	6.1%	6.0%	5.3%
Stephens County	17,730	740	18,470	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%
Texas County	14,200	270	14,470	1.9%	2.2%	2.0%
Tillman County	3,640	120	3,760	3.3%	5.2%	3.2%
Tulsa County	285,850	17,410	303,260	5.7%	5.9%	5.1%
Wagoner County	28,340	1,680	30,020	5.6%	5.6%	4.2%
Washington County	17,650	1,090	18,740	5.8%	6.3%	4.4%
Washita County	4,690	120	4,810	2.6%	2.6%	2.1%
Woods County	4,340	550	4,890	11.3%	8.7%	6.7%
Woodward County	8,890	380	9,270	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%

Metropolitan Statistical Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Sep-03	Aug-03	Sep-02
Oklahoma City MSA	556,590	25,180	581,770	4.3%	4.6%	3.9%
Tulsa MSA	400,570	24,530	425,100	5.8%	5.9%	5.0%
Lawton MSA	39,260	1,420	40,670	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%
Enid MSA	26,530	880	27,410	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%