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# ***STATEWIDE PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2003 NONFARM EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AND LABOR FORCE/UNEMPLOYMENT RATE***

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# MANUFACTURING, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND OTHER SERVICES ALL GAIN OVER THE MONTH AND YEAR

## STATE OF OKLAHOMA

**TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the state of Oklahoma contracted to 1,478,400 jobs in December 2003. This was a loss of 3,900 jobs (-0.3 percent) over the month and a loss of 11,200 jobs (-0.8 percent) from December 2002. The **Construction, Information, and Education & Health Services** supersectors all lost jobs over the month and the year. Other highlights include:

- **Natural Resources and Mining** increased over the month by 700 workers and over the year by 1,700 workers. **Manufacturing** increased to 149,400 jobs by adding 300 employees (+0.2 percent) in December. This supersector grew by 500 jobs (+0.3 percent) when compared to the same period last year. **Other Services** added 1,700 jobs (+2.3 percent) during December 2003 and 200 employees (+0.3 percent) over the year.
- **Construction** declined by 3,000 workers (-4.7 percent) from November 2003 and by 2,000 jobs (-3.1 percent) since December 2002. **Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction** and **Specialty Trade Contractors** accounted for the employment reduction for both periods.
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities**, the largest sector in the state with 288,200 employees, gained 1,300 jobs (+0.5 percent) over the month but lost 4,200 workers (-1.4 percent) when compared to December 2002. **Retail Trade** added 300 jobs over the month while losing 3,800 jobs over the year. **Wholesale Trade** added 700 jobs for the month while losing 1,600 jobs for the year.
- **Information** lost 400 jobs (-1.2 percent) over the month and declined by 2,300 jobs (-6.4 percent) when compared to the same period last year. The **Telecommunications** sub-sector generated the losses for both periods.
- **Financial Activities** remained unchanged for the month while experiencing a growth of 2,200 jobs (+2.6 percent) over the year. **Insurance Carriers** contributed to the job gains.
- **Professional and Business Services** weakened by 1,700 employees (-4.2 percent) in December while remaining unchanged since December 2002. The **Employment Services** sub-sector was responsible for the change.
- **Educational and Health Services** lost 900 employees (-0.5 percent) over the month and declined by 4,400 jobs (-2.5 percent) since December 2002. **Social Assistance** worker reduction caused most of the over-the-year loss.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** employment was reduced over the month by 2,400 workers (-1.9 percent) while adding 1,800 jobs (+1.5 percent) over the year.
- **Total Government** employment expanded by 1,100 jobs over the month, primarily in **State Government**. Yet this supersector contracted by 4,700 jobs (-1.5 percent) over the year, with **Local Government** accounting for the decline.

### STATEWIDE

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	1,478,400	1,482,300	1,489,600	-3,900	-0.30%	-11,200	-0.80%
<b>Total Private</b> (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	1,179,600	1,184,600	1,186,100	-5,000	-0.40%	-6,500	-0.50%
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	240,500	242,500	240,300	-2,000	-0.80%	200	0.10%
<b>Natural Resources/Mining</b>	29,600	28,900	27,900	700	2.40%	1,700	6.10%
• Support for Mining	14,500	14,100	13,800	400	2.80%	700	5.10%

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Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>Construction</b>	61,500	64,500	63,500	-3,000	-4.70%	-2,000	-3.10%
• Construction of Buildings	13,600	13,900	14,300	-300	-2.20%	-700	-4.90%
Nonresidential Bldgs.	6,000	6,300	7,300	-300	-4.80%	-1,300	-17.80%
• Heavy/Civil Engineering	11,500	12,500	11,800	-1,000	-8.00%	-300	-2.50%
• Specialty Trade Contractor	36,400	38,100	37,400	-1,700	-4.50%	-1,000	-2.70%
Bldg. Eqpmt. Contractors	16,800	17,800	18,500	-1,000	-5.60%	-1,700	-9.20%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	149,400	149,100	148,900	300	0.20%	500	0.30%
• Durable Goods	96,700	95,900	96,800	800	0.80%	-100	-0.10%
Wood Product Mfg.	3,800	3,500	3,800	300	8.60%	0	0.00%
Primary Metal Mfg.	3,100	3,000	3,300	100	3.30%	-200	-6.10%
Fabricated Metal Prods.	22,900	22,900	24,000	0	0.00%	-1,100	-4.60%
Other Fabr. Metal	5,600	5,600	6,100	0	0.00%	-500	-8.20%
Machinery Mfg.	22,800	22,500	22,600	300	1.30%	200	0.90%
Computer/Electronics	6,200	6,300	6,300	-100	-1.60%	-100	-1.60%
Electrical Equipment	3,100	3,200	3,100	-100	-3.10%	0	0.00%
Transportation Equipmt.	19,400	19,300	18,500	100	0.50%	900	4.90%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	0.00%	-200	-5.10%
Motor Veh. Bdy/Prt	6,700	6,600	5,200	100	1.50%	1,500	28.80%
Aerospace Prods.	2,800	2,800	3,300	0	0.00%	-500	-15.20%
• Nondurable Goods	52,700	53,200	52,100	-500	-0.90%	600	1.20%
Food Mfg.	20,000	20,000	19,000	0	0.00%	1,000	5.30%
Apparel Mfg.	2,700	2,600	2,700	100	3.80%	0	0.00%
Paper Mfg.	3,300	3,300	3,500	0	0.00%	-200	-5.70%
Plastics/Rubber Products	12,300	12,300	13,200	0	0.00%	-900	-6.80%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	1,237,900	1,239,800	1,249,300	-1,900	-0.20%	-11,400	-0.90%
<b>Trade, Trans. &amp; Utilities</b>	288,200	286,900	292,400	1,300	0.50%	-4,200	-1.40%
• Wholesale Trade	55,100	54,400	56,700	700	1.30%	-1,600	-2.80%
• Retail Trade	176,100	175,800	179,900	300	0.20%	-3,800	-2.10%
Motor Vehicle/Parts	23,200	23,300	24,600	-100	-0.40%	-1,400	-5.70%
Auto Dealers	14,600	14,600	15,500	0	0.00%	-900	-5.80%
Food & Beverage Stores	23,800	24,400	25,900	-600	-2.50%	-2,100	-8.10%
Grocery Stores	21,300	21,500	22,900	-200	-0.90%	-1,600	-7.00%
Gasoline Stations	14,600	14,800	14,100	-200	-1.40%	500	3.50%
Gen. Merchandise Stores	42,900	42,500	43,900	400	0.90%	-1,000	-2.30%
• Trans., Warehouse & Util.	57,000	56,700	55,800	300	0.50%	1,200	2.20%

## STATEWIDE

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Utilities	11,600	11,600	11,100	0	0.00%	500	4.50%
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	45,400	45,100	44,700	300	0.70%	700	1.60%
Air Transportation	9,600	9,600	10,700	0	0.00%	-1,100	-10.30%
Truck Transportation	18,900	18,300	17,300	600	3.30%	1,600	9.20%
Support for	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	0.00%	100	2.90%
<b>Information</b>	33,400	33,800	35,700	-400	-1.20%	-2,300	-6.40%
• Publishing Industries	5,800	5,800	6,400	0	0.00%	-600	-9.40%
Newspaper, Periodicals	5,500	5,500	5,800	0	0.00%	-300	-5.20%
• Telecommunications	14,200	14,700	16,200	-500	-3.40%	-2,000	-12.30%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	86,300	86,300	84,100	0	0.00%	2,200	2.60%
• Finance & Insurance	63,000	62,800	61,300	200	0.30%	1,700	2.80%
Credit Intermediation	31,200	31,100	30,700	100	0.30%	500	1.60%
Depository Credit	24,300	24,100	23,800	200	0.80%	500	2.10%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd	28,900	28,700	26,100	200	0.70%	2,800	10.70%
• Real Estate & Rntl/Leasing	23,300	23,500	22,800	-200	-0.90%	500	2.20%
Real Estate	12,500	12,200	11,100	300	2.50%	1,400	12.60%
<b>Prof. &amp; Business Services</b>	157,500	159,800	157,500	-2,300	-1.40%	0	0.00%
• Professional & Scientific	56,000	55,700	55,300	300	0.50%	700	1.30%
Legal Services	12,000	11,900	11,900	100	0.80%	100	0.80%
Architecture, Eng.	9,300	9,400	9,500	-100	-1.10%	-200	-2.10%
Mgt. of Companies	14,000	13,600	13,000	400	2.90%	1,000	7.70%
Administrative & Support	87,500	90,500	89,200	-3,000	-3.30%	-1,700	-1.90%
Admin. & Support	86,600	89,700	85,900	-3,100	-3.50%	700	0.80%
Emplymt Services	38,400	40,100	39,700	-1,700	-4.20%	-1,300	-3.30%
Bus. Sup. Services	15,700	15,700	15,200	0	0.00%	500	3.30%
Bldg. Services	13,100	14,100	12,500	-1,000	-7.10%	600	4.80%
<b>Education &amp; Health</b>	171,900	172,800	176,300	-900	-0.50%	-4,400	-2.50%
• Educational Services	18,000	18,800	17,600	-800	-4.30%	400	2.30%
• Health Care/Social Service	153,900	154,000	158,700	-100	-0.10%	-4,800	-3.00%
Ambulatory Health Care	53,600	52,900	54,200	700	1.30%	-600	-1.10%
Hospitals	45,900	45,700	46,300	200	0.40%	-400	-0.90%
Nursing & Residential	34,900	35,900	35,700	-1,000	-2.80%	-800	-2.20%
Social Assistance	19,500	19,500	22,500	0	0.00%	-3,000	-13.30%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	125,800	128,200	124,000	-2,400	-1.90%	1,800	1.50%
• Arts, Entertainment	12,100	13,100	12,700	-1,000	-7.60%	-600	-4.70%

## STATEWIDE

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
• Accommodation/Food	113,700	115,100	111,300	-1,400	-1.20%	2,400	2.20%
Accommodation	9,600	9,800	10,100	-200	-2.00%	-500	-5.00%
Food Service & Drinking	104,100	105,300	101,200	-1,200	-1.10%	2,900	2.90%
Full-Service Restrnt.	46,600	47,500	47,100	-900	-1.90%	-500	-1.10%
Limited-Svc. Eating	51,500	51,700	48,700	-200	-0.40%	2,800	5.70%
<b>Other Services</b>	76,000	74,300	75,800	1,700	2.30%	200	0.30%
• Repair/Maintenance	14,200	13,200	13,500	1,000	7.60%	700	5.20%
• Personal/Laundry Services	14,000	14,100	12,600	-100	-0.70%	1,400	11.10%
<b>Total Government</b>	298,800	297,700	303,500	1,100	0.40%	-4,700	-1.50%
• Federal Government	47,000	46,600	47,000	400	0.90%	0	0.00%
• State Government	83,600	82,500	84,800	1,100	1.30%	-1,200	-1.40%
• Local Government	168,200	168,600	171,700	-400	-0.20%	-3,500	-2.00%
• State & Local Government	251,800	251,100	256,500	700	0.30%	-4,700	-1.80%

## FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SERVICES CONTRIBUTE TO GAINS IN THE OKC MSA OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

**TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) decreased by 1,800 jobs (-0.3 percent) to 543,600 jobs in December 2003. The **Goods Producing Industries** recorded a decline of 1,000 jobs (-1.4 percent) over the month. At the same time, employment was 300 jobs higher than December 2002. Employment in the **Service Providing Industries** decreased by 800 jobs (-0.2 percent) over the month and 6,400 jobs (-1.3 percent) since this time last year. Other highlights include:

- Employment in **Natural Resources and Mining** gained 100 jobs (+1.5 percent) in December 2003 and 400 jobs (+6.2 percent) since December 2002. **Construction** was reduced by 700 jobs (-3.3 percent) over the month and 400 jobs (-1.9 percent) over the year. The over-the-month loss was due to seasonal factors. **Manufacturing** lost 400 jobs (-1.0 percent) in December 2003. **Non-Durable Goods** contributed the most job losses with a decrease of 500 jobs (-3.9 percent).
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** contracted by 300 jobs (-0.3 percent) in December 2003. Over the year, this supersector declined by 3,800 jobs (-3.7 percent). The declines are largely due to losses in **Retail Trade** (-2,500 jobs since December 2002) and **Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities** (-400 jobs over the month and -500 jobs over the year). **Retail Trade** gained 400 jobs (+0.6 percent) in December 2003.
- **Information** added 100 jobs (+0.7 percent) over the month and lost 200 jobs (-1.4 percent) since this time last year.
- **Financial Activities** grew by 700 jobs (+2.1 percent) in December. Employment in **Professional and Business Services** was reduced by 1,400 jobs in December, mainly due to job losses in Management of Companies and Enterprises. **Administrative and Support Services** contributed a decline of 800 jobs over the month.
- The only supersector to remain unchanged in December 2003 was **Educational and Health Services**, which held steady at 70,200 jobs. **Leisure and Hospitality Services** declined by 1,300 jobs (-2.5 percent) this month and 2,500 jobs (-4.7 percent) since this time last year. These declines were mainly seen in Food Services and Drinking Places (Full-Service and Limited-Service Eating Places). **Other Services** gained 1,300 jobs (+4.9 percent) in December. Increases were experienced in Repair and Maintenance Services and Personal and Laundry Services.

- **Federal Government** and **State Government** each added 200 jobs in December 2003, while **Local Government** decreased by 300 jobs.

## OKLAHOMA CITY

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	543,600	545,400	549,700	-1,800	-0.30%	-6,100	-1.10%
<b>Total Private</b> (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	432,500	434,400	437,100	-1,900	-0.40%	-4,600	-1.10%
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	69,400	70,400	69,100	-1,000	-1.40%	300	0.40%
<b>Natural Resources/Mining</b>	6,900	6,800	6,500	100	1.50%	400	6.20%
• Support for Mining	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	0.00%	300	8.80%
<b>Construction</b>	20,800	21,500	21,200	-700	-3.30%	-400	-1.90%
• Spec. Trade Contractors	13,700	14,000	13,200	-300	-2.10%	500	3.80%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	41,700	42,100	41,400	-400	-1.00%	300	0.70%
• Durable Goods	29,400	29,300	28,500	100	0.30%	900	3.20%
Computer/Electronics	2,100	2,200	2,700	-100	-4.50%	-600	-22.20%
Transportation Equipmt.	9,800	9,800	9,200	0	0.00%	600	6.50%
• Nondurable Goods	12,300	12,800	12,900	-500	-3.90%	-600	-4.70%
Plastics/Rubber Products	4,000	4,100	4,100	-100	-2.40%	-100	-2.40%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	474,200	475,000	480,600	-800	-0.20%	-6,400	-1.30%
<b>Trade, Trans. &amp; Utilities</b>	98,400	98,700	102,200	-300	-0.30%	-3,800	-3.70%
• Wholesale Trade	20,100	20,400	20,900	-300	-1.50%	-800	-3.80%
• Retail Trade	62,400	62,000	64,900	400	0.60%	-2,500	-3.90%
Food & Beverage Stores	8,100	8,700	8,400	-600	-6.90%	-300	-3.60%
Grocery Stores	6,900	7,300	7,100	-400	-5.50%	-200	-2.80%
Sporting Goods, Hobby	3,100	2,800	3,000	300	10.70%	100	3.30%
Gen. Merchandise Stores	14,000	13,700	14,300	300	2.20%	-300	-2.10%
• Trans., Warehouse & Util.	15,900	16,300	16,400	-400	-2.50%	-500	-3.00%
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	13,000	13,600	13,300	-600	-4.40%	-300	-2.30%
<b>Information</b>	14,100	14,000	14,300	100	0.70%	-200	-1.40%
• Telecommunications	6,000	6,000	6,300	0	0.00%	-300	-4.80%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	33,500	32,800	34,200	700	2.10%	-700	-2.00%
• Finance & Insurance	22,800	23,100	23,700	-300	-1.30%	-900	-3.80%
• Real Estate & Rnt/Leasing	5,300	5,300	5,700	0	0.00%	-400	-7.00%
<b>Prof. &amp; Business Services</b>	68,600	70,000	68,400	-1,400	-2.00%	200	0.30%
• Professional & Scientific	26,900	26,500	23,500	400	1.50%	3,400	14.50%
Mgt. of Companies	4,700	5,700	5,600	-1,000	-17.50%	-900	-16.10%

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Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Administrative & Support	37,000	37,800	39,300	-800	-2.10%	-2,300	-5.90%
Admin. & Support	35,400	36,100	38,100	-700	-1.90%	-2,700	-7.10%
Emplymt Services	16,300	17,200	17,600	-900	-5.20%	-1,300	-7.40%
Bus. Sup. Services	5,900	6,200	6,300	-300	-4.80%	-400	-6.30%
<b>Education &amp; Health</b>	70,200	70,200	67,700	0	0.00%	2,500	3.70%
• Health Care/Soc. Svc.	63,200	63,200	59,700	0	0.00%	3,500	5.90%
Ambulatory Health. Care	24,600	25,900	20,200	-1,300	-5.00%	4,400	21.80%
Hospitals	21,500	21,600	21,600	-100	-0.50%	-100	-0.50%
General Medical	20,500	20,500	20,500	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Nursing & Residential	6,200	6,600	6,400	-400	-6.10%	-200	-3.10%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	50,600	51,900	53,100	-1,300	-2.50%	-2,500	-4.70%
• Accommodation/Food	44,300	45,400	45,900	-1,100	-2.40%	-1,600	-3.50%
Food Service & Drinking	40,200	41,100	41,200	-900	-2.20%	-1,000	-2.40%
Full-Service Restrnt	18,300	18,800	19,400	-500	-2.70%	-1,100	-5.70%
Limited-Svc. Eating	19,900	20,300	19,600	-400	-2.00%	300	1.50%
<b>Other Services</b>	27,700	26,400	28,100	1,300	4.90%	-400	-1.40%
<b>Total Government</b>	111,100	111,000	112,600	100	0.10%	-1,500	-1.30%
• Federal Government	27,700	27,500	27,500	200	0.70%	200	0.70%
• State Government	40,300	40,100	40,200	200	0.50%	100	0.20%
• Local Government	43,100	43,400	44,900	-300	-0.70%	-1,800	-4.00%
• State & Local Government	83,400	83,500	85,100	-100	-0.10%	-1,700	-2.00%

## FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES ONLY SUPERSECTOR TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT OVER THE YEAR

### TULSA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

**TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) contracted to 384,400 jobs in December 2003. This was a loss of 800 jobs (-0.2 percent) over the month and a loss of 7,800 jobs (-2.0 percent) from December 2002. **Financial Activities** is the only supersector to gain employment compared to its December 2002 level. Other highlights include:

- **Natural Resources and Mining** was unchanged over the month and the year.
- **Construction** declined by 400 workers (-2.0 percent) from November 2003 and by 200 jobs (-1.0 percent) since December 2002.
- **Manufacturing** increased by 200 employees (+0.4 percent) in December but lost 1,300 jobs (-2.8 percent) when compared to the same period last year.
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities**, the MSA's largest supersector with 82,500 employees, gained 700 jobs (+0.9 percent) over the month but lost 1,400 workers (-1.7 percent) when compared to December 2002. **Retail Trade** added 700 jobs over the month while losing 1,800 jobs over the year.

- **Information** lost 100 jobs (-0.8 percent) since November 2003 and declined by 1,100 jobs (-7.8 percent) when compared to the same period last year.
- **Financial Activities** lost 200 workers over the month while growing by 500 jobs (+2.0 percent) over the year.
- **Professional and Business Services** weakened by 1,200 employees (-2.4 percent) in December 2003 while losing only 100 jobs (-0.2 percent) since December 2002.
- **Educational and Health Services** grew by 200 employees (+0.4 percent) over the month but declined by 1,500 jobs (-3.0 percent) since December 2002.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** was reduced by 400 workers (-1.3 percent) over the month and by 1,200 jobs (-3.7 percent) over the year.
- **Other Services** grew by 300 jobs (+1.5 percent) during December 2003 and contracted by 500 employees (-2.5 percent) over the year.
- **Total Government** expanded by 100 jobs over the month and contracted by 1,000 jobs (-2.2 percent) over the year with **Local Government** accounting for the annual decline.

## TULSA

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	384,400	385,200	392,200	-800	-0.20%	-7,800	-2.00%
<b>Total Private</b> (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	339,100	340,000	345,900	-900	-0.30%	-6,800	-2.00%
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	70,000	70,200	71,500	-200	-0.30%	-1,500	-2.10%
Natural Resources/ Mining	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	19,600	20,000	19,800	-400	-2.00%	-200	-1.00%
• Specialty Trade Contractor	12,500	12,700	13,400	-200	-1.60%	-900	-6.70%
Manufacturing	45,700	45,500	47,000	200	0.40%	-1,300	-2.80%
• Durable Goods	34,400	34,500	36,300	-100	-0.30%	-1,900	-5.20%
Other Fabr. Metal	2,900	2,900	3,300	0	0.00%	-400	-12.10%
Machinery Mfg.	9,700	9,600	9,500	100	1.00%	200	2.10%
Other Gen. Purpose	5,500	5,500	5,200	0	0.00%	300	5.80%
Transportation Eqpmt.	3,800	3,900	4,100	-100	-2.60%	-300	-7.30%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	314,400	315,000	320,700	-600	-0.20%	-6,300	-2.00%
Trade, Trans. & Utilities	82,500	81,800	83,900	700	0.90%	-1,400	-1.70%
• Wholesale Trade	17,300	17,400	17,100	-100	-0.60%	200	1.20%
• Retail Trade	43,600	42,900	45,400	700	1.60%	-1,800	-4.00%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,100	6,300	6,700	-200	-3.20%	-600	-9.00%
Grocery Stores	5,400	5,300	5,800	100	1.90%	-400	-6.90%
Gen. Merchandise Stores	10,200	10,100	10,900	100	1.00%	-700	-6.40%
Department Stores	3,700	3,600	4,300	100	2.80%	-600	-14.00%



## TULSA

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Other Gen. Merch.	6,400	6,300	6,600	100	1.60%	-200	-3.00%
• Trans., Warehouse & Util.	21,600	21,500	21,400	100	0.50%	200	0.90%
Utilities	3,800	3,700	3,600	100	2.70%	200	5.60%
Trnsprt. & Warehouse	17,800	17,800	17,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	9,400	0	0.00%	-800	-8.50%
Truck Transportation	4,300	4,400	4,500	-100	-2.30%	-200	-4.40%
General Freight	4,300	4,300	3,900	0	0.00%	400	10.30%
<b>Information</b>	13,000	13,100	14,100	-100	-0.80%	-1,100	-7.80%
• Broadcast (except Internet)	3,000	3,100	3,300	-100	-3.20%	-300	-9.10%
• Telecommunications	6,100	6,200	6,900	-100	-1.60%	-800	-11.60%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	25,800	26,000	25,300	-200	-0.80%	500	2.00%
• Finance & Insurance	18,400	18,500	18,100	-100	-0.50%	300	1.70%
Credit Intermediation	8,300	8,400	8,200	-100	-1.20%	100	1.20%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	0.00%	200	4.40%
<b>Prof. &amp; Business Services</b>	48,600	49,800	48,700	-1,200	-2.40%	-100	-0.20%
• Professional & Scientific	18,500	18,600	18,500	-100	-0.50%	0	0.00%
Mgt. of Companies	5,800	5,900	5,500	-100	-1.70%	300	5.50%
Administrative & Support	24,300	25,300	24,700	-1,000	-4.00%	-400	-1.60%
Emplymt Services	11,700	12,200	9,600	-500	-4.10%	2,100	21.90%
Bus. Sup. Services	6,000	5,900	5,800	100	1.70%	200	3.40%
<b>Education &amp; Health</b>	48,400	48,200	49,900	200	0.40%	-1,500	-3.00%
• Educational Services	6,400	6,400	5,800	0	0.00%	600	10.30%
• Health Care/Social Service	42,000	41,800	44,100	200	0.50%	-2,100	-4.80%
Ambulatory Health. Care	15,100	14,900	16,600	200	1.30%	-1,500	-9.00%
Hospitals	14,300	14,400	14,700	-100	-0.70%	-400	-2.70%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	31,100	31,500	32,300	-400	-1.30%	-1,200	-3.70%
Accommodation	2,800	2,800	2,700	0	0.00%	100	3.70%
Food Service & Drinking	24,900	25,600	26,900	-700	-2.70%	-2,000	-7.40%
Full-Service Restrnt	11,600	11,600	13,800	0	0.00%	-2,200	-15.90%
<b>Other Services</b>	19,700	19,400	20,200	300	1.50%	-500	-2.50%
<b>Total Government</b>	45,300	45,200	46,300	100	0.20%	-1,000	-2.20%
• Federal Government	4,700	4,600	4,800	100	2.20%	-100	-2.10%
• State Government	7,900	7,900	7,800	0	0.00%	100	1.30%
• Local Government	32,700	32,700	33,700	0	0.00%	-1,000	-3.00%
• State & Local Government	40,600	40,600	41,500	0	0.00%	-900	-2.20%

## SEASONAL FACTORS INCREASE EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL TRADE

### LAWTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

**TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in December 2003 held steady at 37,600 jobs but decreased by 1,300 jobs (-3.3 percent) over the year. Other highlights include:

- **Retail Trade** saw a seasonal increase of 100 jobs in December due to the holiday shopping season. **Manufacturing** also increased by 100 jobs (+2.9 percent) over the month but lost 100 jobs since last year.
- **Construction** lost 100 jobs in December 2003 and has lost 200 jobs since December 2002. **Wholesale Trade** and **Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities** were both unchanged over the month. **Professional and Business Services** and **Educational and Health Services** held steady in December. Both sectors lost 100 jobs over the year.
- **Leisure and Hospitality Services** decreased by 100 jobs over the month and by 400 jobs since December 2002.
- **Total Government** remained unchanged over the month. At the same time, **Federal Government** and **State Government** lost 100 jobs and 200 jobs, respectively, since December 2002.
- **Natural Resources and Mining, Information, Financial Activities, and Other Services** each remained constant over the month and over the year.

### LAWTON

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	37,600	37,600	38,900	0	0.00%	-1,300	-3.30%
<b>Total Private</b> (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	26,100	26,100	27,100	0	0.00%	-1,000	-3.70%
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	5,100	5,100	5,400	0	0.00%	-300	-5.60%
Natural Resources/ Mining	100	100	100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,700	-100	-6.30%	-200	-11.80%
Manufacturing	3,500	3,400	3,600	100	2.90%	-100	-2.80%
• Nondurable Goods	3,300	3,100	3,200	200	6.50%	100	3.10%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	32,500	32,500	33,500	0	0.00%	-1,000	-3.00%
Trade, Trans. & Utilities	6,400	6,300	6,500	100	1.60%	-100	-1.50%
• Wholesale Trade	400	400	500	0	0.00%	-100	-20.00%
• Retail Trade	4,800	4,700	4,900	100	2.10%	-100	-2.00%
• Trans., Warehouse & Util.	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	0.00%	100	9.10%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Prof. & Business Services	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	0.00%	-100	-2.90%
Education & Health	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	0.00%	-100	-3.20%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,300	3,400	3,700	-100	-2.90%	-400	-10.80%
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

## LAWTON

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>Total Government</b>	11,500	11,500	11,800	0	0.00%	-300	-2.50%
• Federal Government	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	0.00%	-100	-3.00%
• State Government	1,500	1,500	1,700	0	0.00%	-200	-11.80%
• Local Government	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• State & Local Government	8,300	8,300	8,500	0	0.00%	-200	-2.40%

## TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES INCREASES EMPLOYMENT FOR BOTH MONTH AND YEAR *ENID METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA*

Enid's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** of 23,300 jobs for December 2003 was unchanged over the month but declined by 500 jobs (-2.1 percent) over the year. Other highlights include:

- **Natural Resources and Mining, Financial Activities, Professional and Business Services, Other Services and Government** employment levels remained constant over the month and over the year.
- **Construction** lost 100 jobs (-11.1 percent) both over the month and over the year.
- At 2,200 jobs, **Manufacturing** was unchanged for the month but declined by 100 jobs (-4.3 percent) since December 2002.
- **Trade, Transportation and Utilities**, the largest of Enid's employment sectors, increased by 200 jobs (+3.3 percent) over the month and by 100 jobs over the year, reaching 6,200 jobs.
- The **Information** supersector was unchanged for the month but declined by 100 jobs (-33.3 percent) since December 2002.
- **Educational and Health Services** was unchanged for the month but declined by 100 jobs (-2.7 percent) since December 2002.
- **Leisure and Hospitality Services** lost 100 jobs (-5.6 percent) over the month and 200 jobs (-10.5 percent) over the year.

## ENID

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	23,300	23,300	23,800	0	0.00%	-500	-2.10%
<b>Total Private</b> (Total Nonfarm less Total Gov't)	19,400	19,400	19,900	0	0.00%	-500	-2.50%
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	3,600	3,700	3,800	-100	-2.70%	-200	-5.30%
Natural Resources/Mining	600	600	600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	800	900	900	-100	-11.10%	-100	-11.10%

## ENID

Industry	Number Employed			November 2003 to December 2003		December 2002 to December 2003	
	December 2003	November 2003	December 2002	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Manufacturing	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	0.00%	-100	-4.30%
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	19,700	19,600	20,000	100	0.50%	-300	-1.50%
Trade, Trans. & Utils.	6,200	6,000	6,100	200	3.30%	100	1.60%
• Wholesale Trade	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• Retail Trade	3,300	3,100	3,300	200	6.50%	0	0.00%
• Trans., Warehouse & Util.	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	0.00%	100	5.90%
Information	200	200	300	0	0.00%	-100	-33.30%
Financial Activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Prof. & 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	1,700	1,800	1,900	-100	-5.60%	-200	-10.50%
Other Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Government	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• Federal Government	400	400	400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• State Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• Local Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
• State & Local Government	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

## LABOR FORCE AND TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BOTH DROP IN DECEMBER

### LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Following a 20,000-person loss in November, Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Labor Force** dropped another 23,000 people (-1.4 percent) to settle at 1,679,600 in December. The over-the-month loss was the largest change for the November-December period in Oklahoma since 1981. December's labor force also dropped to the lowest point of the year. From December 2002 to December 2003, the labor force lost 11,000 persons (-0.6 percent).

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Total Employment** suffered one of the biggest monthly losses for the November-December period in our data record\*. **Total Employment** lost 20,600 jobs (-1.3 percent) and dropped to 1,595,400 in December following a loss of 15,000 jobs in November. Employment was at the lowest level since March 2003. Since December 2002, **Total Employment** also lost significantly by 16,600 jobs (-1.0 percent).

\* Oklahoma labor force data record started from January 1978.

## Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Statistics – December 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

December 2003				Unemployment Rate			
Preliminary Data	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
United States	138,556,000	7,945,000	146,501,000	5.4%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%
Oklahoma	1,595,400	84,200	1,679,600	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	4.6%

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
Adair County	8,170	830	9,000	9.2%	9.7%	9.8%	6.0%
Alfalfa County	2,390	40	2,430	1.6%	1.5%	1.3%	2.7%
Atoka County	5,040	420	5,460	7.8%	7.6%	7.7%	4.7%
Beaver County	2,440	80	2,520	3.2%	3.6%	2.3%	3.8%
Beckham County	10,280	300	10,570	2.8%	2.7%	3.1%	2.9%
Blaine County	4,400	170	4,560	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	4.4%
Bryan County	18,370	660	19,030	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	2.9%
Caddo County	10,990	670	11,660	5.7%	5.3%	4.8%	4.7%
Canadian County	46,790	1,740	48,530	3.6%	3.8%	4.4%	3.8%
Carter County	20,620	880	21,500	4.1%	4.1%	4.5%	4.9%
Cherokee County	19,590	960	20,550	4.7%	4.9%	4.7%	3.7%
Choctaw County	5,670	520	6,190	8.5%	8.1%	7.8%	8.5%
Cimarron County	1,430	50	1,480	3.1%	2.4%	1.9%	3.3%
Cleveland County	113,360	3,650	117,010	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%	3.0%
Coal County	2,090	400	2,490	16.1%	15.0%	12.9%	8.0%
Comanche County	39,040	1,560	40,600	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%
Cotton County	1,820	130	1,950	6.9%	6.7%	6.2%	5.5%
Craig County	5,700	270	5,960	4.5%	4.4%	4.6%	5.3%
Creek County	30,670	2,180	32,850	6.6%	6.7%	7.0%	6.2%
Custer County	11,180	370	11,550	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%
Delaware County	17,100	770	17,870	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%	5.2%
Dewey County	1,920	50	1,970	2.5%	2.3%	1.9%	3.8%
Ellis County	1,480	30	1,510	2.2%	2.0%	2.0%	3.6%
Garfield County	25,820	890	26,710	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	2.9%
Garvin County	11,370	470	11,850	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%
Grady County	20,380	960	21,340	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	3.7%
Grant County	2,100	70	2,170	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%	3.5%
Greer County	2,320	130	2,450	5.4%	5.5%	6.4%	3.9%
Harmon County	1,210	40	1,250	2.8%	2.9%	2.6%	5.6%
Harper County	1,650	60	1,710	3.5%	2.8%	2.4%	2.8%
Haskell County	5,700	340	6,040	5.7%	5.7%	6.1%	5.1%
Hughes County	5,390	570	5,960	9.5%	8.3%	7.9%	6.7%
Jackson County	12,510	410	12,920	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	2.6%

## Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Statistics – December 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
Jefferson County	1,920	170	2,090	8.0%	7.4%	5.2%	6.3%
Johnston County	4,700	250	4,950	5.1%	4.5%	4.4%	3.5%
Kay County	20,750	1,430	22,180	6.5%	6.4%	6.5%	6.0%
Kingfisher County	6,260	180	6,450	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%
Kiowa County	4,550	200	4,750	4.2%	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%
Latimer County	3,870	200	4,070	5.0%	5.3%	5.3%	6.3%
Leflore County	18,760	1,210	19,970	6.1%	6.2%	6.4%	5.7%
Lincoln County	13,470	720	14,190	5.0%	4.9%	5.0%	4.7%
Logan County	15,660	610	16,270	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%	2.9%
Love County	3,910	170	4,080	4.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.0%
McClain County	13,360	480	13,840	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%	4.2%
McCurtain County	13,870	1,500	15,370	9.7%	9.3%	9.0%	8.8%
McIntosh County	7,920	570	8,490	6.7%	7.0%	7.2%	6.2%
Major County	3,360	90	3,450	2.6%	2.7%	2.2%	3.8%
Marshall County	5,060	190	5,260	3.7%	3.9%	4.0%	3.7%
Mayes County	12,370	1,190	13,570	8.8%	8.8%	9.2%	9.0%
Murray County	5,000	300	5,300	5.7%	5.1%	5.8%	5.3%
Muskogee County	31,540	2,260	33,790	6.7%	6.8%	7.0%	5.1%
Noble County	4,530	160	4,690	3.4%	3.7%	4.1%	4.0%
Nowata County	3,420	290	3,710	7.7%	8.4%	7.3%	6.1%
Okfuskee County	4,260	470	4,730	9.9%	5.0%	9.7%	6.5%
Oklahoma County	330,960	16,090	347,050	4.6%	4.8%	5.2%	4.4%
Okmulgee County	13,830	1,520	15,350	9.9%	9.8%	9.8%	7.9%
Osage County	19,310	1,190	20,500	5.8%	5.8%	5.9%	5.5%
Ottawa County	11,590	1,050	12,650	8.3%	8.1%	7.7%	9.2%
Pawnee County	7,530	540	8,070	6.7%	6.8%	7.1%	6.1%
Payne County	35,190	850	36,040	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.0%
Pittsburg County	17,240	1,010	18,250	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	6.2%
Pontotoc County	16,380	1,180	17,550	6.7%	4.6%	4.3%	4.3%
Pottawatomie County	28,970	1,760	30,730	5.7%	5.6%	5.7%	4.2%
Pushmataha County	5,100	390	5,500	7.2%	7.2%	7.4%	5.9%
Roger Mills County	1,910	40	1,940	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	2.7%
Rogers County	35,240	2,020	37,260	5.4%	5.8%	6.0%	5.1%
Seminole County	9,430	1,450	10,880	13.3%	11.7%	11.6%	7.3%
Sequoyah County	15,980	1,140	17,120	6.7%	6.3%	6.4%	5.8%
Stephens County	17,290	790	18,080	4.4%	4.3%	4.6%	4.8%
Texas County	13,910	290	14,200	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%
Tillman County	3,430	130	3,560	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.1%
Tulsa County	282,000	15,800	297,800	5.3%	5.6%	6.0%	5.3%

## Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Statistics – December 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
Wagoner County	27,960	1,700	29,660	5.7%	6.0%	5.9%	4.4%
Washington County	17,260	1,040	18,300	5.7%	5.9%	6.3%	4.5%
Washita County	4,520	140	4,660	3.0%	2.7%	2.6%	3.9%
Woods County	4,230	460	4,690	9.9%	8.4%	5.8%	8.7%
Woodward County	8,730	330	9,060	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%

Metropolitan Statistical Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
Oklahoma City MSA	549,080	24,330	573,420	4.2%	4.4%	4.7%	4.0%
Tulsa MSA	395,170	22,890	418,060	5.5%	5.8%	6.1%	5.3%
Lawton MSA	39,040	1,560	40,600	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%
Enid MSA	25,820	890	26,710	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	2.9%

Workforce Investment Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
<b>Central WIA</b>	<b>417,670</b>	<b>19,070</b>	<b>436,740</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
<b>Cleveland County WIA</b>	<b>89,080</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>92,100</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>East Central WIA</b>	<b>61,530</b>	<b>4,960</b>	<b>66,480</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
Holdenville LLM	9,650	1,040	10,680	9.7%	8.8%	8.7%	6.6%
Shawnee LLM	51,880	3,920	55,800	7.0%	6.6%	6.7%	4.9%
<b>Eastern WIA</b>	<b>124,980</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>133,950</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
Muskogee LLM	67,410	4,520	71,930	6.3%	6.5%	6.6%	5.0%
Okmulgee LLM	13,830	1,520	15,350	9.9%	9.8%	9.8%	7.9%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	43,740	2,930	46,670	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	4.9%
<b>North Central WIA</b>	<b>104,790</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>108,660</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
Enid LLM	44,320	1,430	45,750	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.1%
Ponca City LLM	25,280	1,590	26,870	5.9%	5.9%	6.1%	5.7%
Stillwater LLM	35,190	850	36,040	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.0%
<b>Northeast WIA</b>	<b>102,680</b>	<b>6,640</b>	<b>109,310</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
Bartlesville LLM	20,680	1,330	22,000	6.0%	6.3%	6.5%	4.7%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	64,710	3,990	68,700	5.8%	6.0%	6.1%	5.9%
Miami-Vinita LLM	17,290	1,320	18,610	7.1%	6.9%	6.7%	8.0%
<b>Northwest WIA</b>	<b>35,790</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>37,130</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
Guymon LLM	17,780	410	18,190	2.3%	2.3%	2.0%	2.5%
Woodward LLM	18,010	940	18,940	5.0%	4.5%	3.9%	5.0%
<b>South Central WIA</b>	<b>108,220</b>	<b>4,890</b>	<b>113,110</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
Chickasha LLM	44,730	2,110	46,840	4.5%	4.5%	4.4%	4.1%
Duncan LLM	19,210	960	20,170	4.8%	4.7%	4.7%	4.9%

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County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
Lawton LLM	44,280	1,820	46,100	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%	3.5%
<b>Southeast WIA</b>	<b>70,210</b>	<b>5,170</b>	<b>75,390</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	24,640	2,410	27,060	8.9%	8.6%	8.4%	8.1%
McAlester LLM	21,110	1,210	22,320	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	6.2%
Poteau LLM	24,460	1,550	26,010	6.0%	6.1%	6.3%	5.6%
<b>Southern WIA</b>	<b>92,540</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>97,480</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
Ada LLM	27,750	1,650	29,400	5.6%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%
Ardmore LLM	29,530	1,350	30,880	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%	4.8%
Durant LLM	35,260	1,940	37,200	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	3.7%
<b>Southwest WIA</b>	<b>48,460</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>50,080</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Altus LLM	20,580	780	21,360	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%	3.2%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	27,880	840	28,720	2.9%	2.8%	2.9%	3.1%
<b>Tulsa WIA</b>	<b>339,500</b>	<b>19,710</b>	<b>359,220</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

## TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DROP IN NOVEMBER

### STATE & COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RANKINGS

Oklahoma's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Unemployment** (84,200 people) went down by 2,500 people (-2.8 percent) in December after a decline of more than 4,000 in November 2003. However, for the twelve months ending in December 2003, unemployment increased by 5,700 people (+7.3 percent) from the 78,500 reported last December. The **State Unemployment Rate** was almost unchanged over the month, dropping only one-tenth of a percentage point to **5.0 percent**. Over the year, the rate went up by 0.4 percentage points from the 4.6 percent rate reported in December 2002.

**Oklahoma City MSA** and **Tulsa MSA** unemployment rates went down, while **Lawton MSA** and **Enid MSA** rates were essentially unchanged. The **Oklahoma City MSA** unemployment rate dropped from 4.4 percent in November to 4.2 percent in December, the lowest point of the year. The **Tulsa MSA** rate went down from 5.8 percent to 5.5 percent, also at the lowest point of the year. **Lawton MSA** and **Enid MSA** were almost unchanged over the month, coming in at 3.8 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively.

At 1.6 percent, **Alfalfa County's** unemployment rate was the lowest among Oklahoma's 77 counties for the third month in a row. **Roger Mills County** (1.8 percent) and **Texas County** (2.0 percent) rounded out the top three lowest rates for the month of December.

At 16.1 percent, **Coal County's** unemployment rate was again the state's highest, a position it has held since February 2003. **Seminole County** (13.3 percent) had the state's second-highest rate. **Okmulgee County**, **Okfuskee County** and **Woods County** all tied at 9.9 percent for the state's third-highest rate.



## Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Ranking by County – December 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

December 2003 County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate			
				Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
Coal County	2,090	400	2,490	16.1%	15.0%	12.9%	8.0%
Seminole County	9,430	1,450	10,880	13.3%	11.7%	11.6%	7.3%
Okmulgee County	13,830	1,520	15,350	9.9%	9.8%	9.8%	7.9%
Okfuskee County	4,260	470	4,730	9.9%	5.0%	9.7%	6.5%
Woods County	4,230	460	4,690	9.9%	8.4%	5.8%	8.7%
McCurtain County	13,870	1,500	15,370	9.7%	9.3%	9.0%	8.8%
Hughes County	5,390	570	5,960	9.5%	8.3%	7.9%	6.7%
Adair County	8,170	830	9,000	9.2%	9.7%	9.8%	6.0%
Mayes County	12,370	1,190	13,570	8.8%	8.8%	9.2%	9.0%
Choctaw County	5,670	520	6,190	8.5%	8.1%	7.8%	8.5%
Ottawa County	11,590	1,050	12,650	8.3%	8.1%	7.7%	9.2%
Jefferson County	1,920	170	2,090	8.0%	7.4%	5.2%	6.3%
Atoka County	5,040	420	5,460	7.8%	7.6%	7.7%	4.7%
Nowata County	3,420	290	3,710	7.7%	8.4%	7.3%	6.1%
Pushmataha County	5,100	390	5,500	7.2%	7.2%	7.4%	5.9%
Cotton County	1,820	130	1,950	6.9%	6.7%	6.2%	5.5%
McIntosh County	7,920	570	8,490	6.7%	7.0%	7.2%	6.2%
Muskogee County	31,540	2,260	33,790	6.7%	6.8%	7.0%	5.1%
Pawnee County	7,530	540	8,070	6.7%	6.8%	7.1%	6.1%
Sequoyah County	15,980	1,140	17,120	6.7%	6.3%	6.4%	5.8%
Pontotoc County	16,380	1,180	17,550	6.7%	4.6%	4.3%	4.3%
Creek County	30,670	2,180	32,850	6.6%	6.7%	7.0%	6.2%
Kay County	20,750	1,430	22,180	6.5%	6.4%	6.5%	6.0%
Leflore County	18,760	1,210	19,970	6.1%	6.2%	6.4%	5.7%
Osage County	19,310	1,190	20,500	5.8%	5.8%	5.9%	5.5%
Wagoner County	27,960	1,700	29,660	5.7%	6.0%	5.9%	4.4%
Washington County	17,260	1,040	18,300	5.7%	5.9%	6.3%	4.5%
Haskell County	5,700	340	6,040	5.7%	5.7%	6.1%	5.1%
Pottawatomie County	28,970	1,760	30,730	5.7%	5.6%	5.7%	4.2%
Caddo County	10,990	670	11,660	5.7%	5.3%	4.8%	4.7%
Murray County	5,000	300	5,300	5.7%	5.1%	5.8%	5.3%
Pittsburg County	17,240	1,010	18,250	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	6.2%
Rogers County	35,240	2,020	37,260	5.4%	5.8%	6.0%	5.1%
Greer County	2,320	130	2,450	5.4%	5.5%	6.4%	3.9%
Tulsa County	282,000	15,800	297,800	5.3%	5.6%	6.0%	5.3%
Johnston County	4,700	250	4,950	5.1%	4.5%	4.4%	3.5%
Latimer County	3,870	200	4,070	5.0%	5.3%	5.3%	6.3%
Lincoln County	13,470	720	14,190	5.0%	4.9%	5.0%	4.7%
Cherokee County	19,590	960	20,550	4.7%	4.9%	4.7%	3.7%
Oklahoma County	330,960	16,090	347,050	4.6%	4.8%	5.2%	4.4%
Grady County	20,380	960	21,340	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	3.7%

## Oklahoma Preliminary Labor Force Ranking by County – December 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

December 2003				Unemployment Rate			
County Ranking	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Dec-03	Nov-03	Oct-03	Dec-02
Craig County	5,700	270	5,960	4.5%	4.4%	4.6%	5.3%
Stephens County	17,290	790	18,080	4.4%	4.3%	4.6%	4.8%
Delaware County	17,100	770	17,870	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%	5.2%
Kiowa County	4,550	200	4,750	4.2%	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%
Love County	3,910	170	4,080	4.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.0%
Carter County	20,620	880	21,500	4.1%	4.1%	4.5%	4.9%
Garvin County	11,370	470	11,850	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%
Comanche County	39,040	1,560	40,600	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%
Logan County	15,660	610	16,270	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%	2.9%
Woodward County	8,730	330	9,060	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
Marshall County	5,060	190	5,260	3.7%	3.9%	4.0%	3.7%
Canadian County	46,790	1,740	48,530	3.6%	3.8%	4.4%	3.8%
Tillman County	3,430	130	3,560	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.1%
Blaine County	4,400	170	4,560	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	4.4%
Bryan County	18,370	660	19,030	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	2.9%
McClain County	13,360	480	13,840	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%	4.2%
Harper County	1,650	60	1,710	3.5%	2.8%	2.4%	2.8%
Noble County	4,530	160	4,690	3.4%	3.7%	4.1%	4.0%
Garfield County	25,820	890	26,710	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	2.9%
Beaver County	2,440	80	2,520	3.2%	3.6%	2.3%	3.8%
Jackson County	12,510	410	12,920	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	2.6%
Custer County	11,180	370	11,550	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%
Cleveland County	113,360	3,650	117,010	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%	3.0%
Grant County	2,100	70	2,170	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%	3.5%
Cimarron County	1,430	50	1,480	3.1%	2.4%	1.9%	3.3%
Washita County	4,520	140	4,660	3.0%	2.7%	2.6%	3.9%
Kingfisher County	6,260	180	6,450	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%
Beckham County	10,280	300	10,570	2.8%	2.7%	3.1%	2.9%
Harmon County	1,210	40	1,250	2.8%	2.9%	2.6%	5.6%
Major County	3,360	90	3,450	2.6%	2.7%	2.2%	3.8%
Dewey County	1,920	50	1,970	2.5%	2.3%	1.9%	3.8%
Payne County	35,190	850	36,040	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.0%
Ellis County	1,480	30	1,510	2.2%	2.0%	2.0%	3.6%
Texas County	13,910	290	14,200	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%
Roger Mills County	1,910	40	1,940	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	2.7%
Alfalfa County	2,390	40	2,430	1.6%	1.5%	1.3%	2.7%

## Oklahoma Revised Labor Force Statistics – November 2003

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

November 2003				Unemployment Rate		
Revised Data	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Nov-03	Oct-03	Nov-02
United States	138,700,000	8,269,000	146,969,000	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%
Oklahoma	1,616,000	86,700	1,702,700	5.1%	5.3%	4.4%

County	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate		
				Nov-03	Oct-03	Nov-02
Adair County	8,400	900	9,300	9.7%	9.8%	5.2%
Alfalfa County	2,540	40	2,580	1.5%	1.3%	1.6%
Atoka County	5,080	420	5,500	7.6%	7.7%	4.0%
Beaver County	2,580	100	2,680	3.6%	2.3%	2.4%
Beckham County	10,530	290	10,820	2.7%	3.1%	2.8%
Blaine County	4,520	180	4,700	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%
Bryan County	18,660	740	19,400	3.8%	4.0%	2.5%
Caddo County	11,340	630	11,970	5.3%	4.8%	4.4%
Canadian County	47,190	1,850	49,040	3.8%	4.4%	3.7%
Carter County	20,820	890	21,710	4.1%	4.5%	4.6%
Cherokee County	20,010	1,030	21,040	4.9%	4.7%	3.4%
Choctaw County	5,960	530	6,490	8.1%	7.8%	7.5%
Cimarron County	1,550	40	1,590	2.4%	1.9%	2.9%
Cleveland County	114,340	3,780	118,120	3.2%	3.4%	3.0%
Coal County	2,190	390	2,580	15.0%	12.9%	6.9%
Comanche County	39,430	1,550	40,980	3.8%	3.9%	3.0%
Cotton County	1,900	140	2,040	6.7%	6.2%	4.2%
Craig County	5,880	270	6,150	4.4%	4.6%	4.3%
Creek County	30,920	2,230	33,150	6.7%	7.0%	5.9%
Custer County	11,510	360	11,870	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%
Delaware County	17,490	790	18,280	4.3%	3.9%	3.9%
Dewey County	2,020	50	2,070	2.3%	1.9%	3.6%
Ellis County	1,570	30	1,600	2.0%	2.0%	2.4%
Garfield County	26,080	910	26,990	3.4%	3.6%	2.8%
Garvin County	11,570	480	12,050	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%
Grady County	20,690	1,000	21,690	4.6%	4.7%	3.7%
Grant County	2,180	70	2,250	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%
Greer County	2,410	140	2,550	5.5%	6.4%	3.2%
Harmon County	1,290	40	1,330	2.9%	2.6%	4.8%
Harper County	1,750	50	1,800	2.8%	2.4%	3.0%
Haskell County	5,890	360	6,250	5.7%	6.1%	4.6%
Hughes County	5,510	500	6,010	8.3%	7.9%	6.0%
Jackson County	12,650	420	13,070	3.2%	3.2%	2.4%

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November 2003				Unemployment Rate		
Revised Data	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Nov-03	Oct-03	Nov-02
Jefferson County	2,040	160	2,200	7.4%	5.2%	5.6%
Johnston County	4,770	230	5,000	4.5%	4.4%	3.2%
Kay County	21,320	1,460	22,780	6.4%	6.5%	5.3%
Kingfisher County	6,440	180	6,620	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%
Kiowa County	4,750	200	4,950	4.1%	3.8%	2.8%
Latimer County	3,810	210	4,020	5.3%	5.3%	6.5%
Leflore County	19,100	1,260	20,360	6.2%	6.4%	5.5%
Lincoln County	13,670	700	14,370	4.9%	5.0%	4.5%
Logan County	15,800	680	16,480	4.1%	4.1%	2.7%
Love County	3,950	200	4,150	4.7%	4.9%	3.9%
McClain County	13,470	500	13,970	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%
McCurtain County	14,100	1,440	15,540	9.3%	9.0%	7.5%
McIntosh County	8,050	610	8,660	7.0%	7.2%	5.9%
Major County	3,520	100	3,620	2.7%	2.2%	2.7%
Marshall County	5,300	210	5,510	3.9%	4.0%	3.2%
Mayes County	12,850	1,240	14,090	8.8%	9.2%	8.2%
Murray County	5,090	280	5,370	5.1%	5.8%	5.1%
Muskogee County	32,060	2,350	34,410	6.8%	7.0%	4.8%
Noble County	4,650	180	4,830	3.7%	4.1%	3.7%
Nowata County	3,460	320	3,780	8.4%	7.3%	5.2%
Okfuskee County	4,200	440	4,640	9.4%	9.7%	6.4%
Oklahoma County	333,830	16,920	350,750	4.8%	5.2%	4.3%
Okmulgee County	13,920	1,520	15,440	9.8%	9.8%	7.1%
Osage County	19,470	1,210	20,680	5.8%	5.9%	5.3%
Ottawa County	11,880	1,050	12,930	8.1%	7.7%	7.7%
Pawnee County	7,590	550	8,140	6.8%	7.1%	5.5%
Payne County	35,770	870	36,640	2.4%	2.4%	1.9%
Pittsburg County	17,590	1,010	18,600	5.4%	5.4%	5.9%
Pontotoc County	16,610	800	17,410	4.6%	4.3%	4.0%
Pottawatomie County	29,220	1,750	30,970	5.6%	5.7%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,150	400	5,550	7.2%	7.4%	5.7%
Roger Mills County	2,050	40	2,090	1.7%	1.7%	2.7%
Rogers County	35,530	2,180	37,710	5.8%	6.0%	4.8%
Seminole County	9,570	1,270	10,840	11.7%	11.6%	6.9%
Sequoyah County	16,170	1,080	17,250	6.3%	6.4%	5.2%
Stephens County	17,410	790	18,200	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%
Texas County	14,100	290	14,390	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%
Tillman County	3,550	140	3,690	3.7%	3.8%	2.9%
Tulsa County	284,310	16,930	301,240	5.6%	6.0%	5.1%

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(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

November 2003				Unemployment Rate		
Revised Data	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Nov-03	Oct-03	Nov-02
Wagoner County	28,190	1,800	29,990	6.0%	5.9%	4.1%
Washington County	17,450	1,090	18,540	5.9%	6.3%	4.0%
Washita County	4,660	130	4,790	2.7%	2.6%	3.4%
Woods County	4,350	400	4,750	8.4%	5.8%	2.9%
Woodward County	8,850	350	9,200	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%

Metropolitan				Unemployment Rate		
Statistical Areas	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Nov-03	Oct-03	Nov-02
Oklahoma City MSA	553,850	25,470	579,320	4.4%	4.7%	3.9%
Tulsa MSA	398,400	24,340	422,750	5.8%	6.1%	5.1%
Lawton MSA	39,430	1,550	40,980	3.8%	3.9%	3.0%
Enid MSA	26,080	910	26,990	3.4%	3.6%	2.8%

