



Oklahoma's Top Growing Occupations and Their Wages

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There are two main ways to look at projected job growth: percent growth and numeric growth. Percent growth measures the speed of change in the job market, while numeric growth provides a better picture of future jobs. By taking these two measures and applying earnings data for top growing occupations, one can get a better picture of what the future holds for Oklahoma. All earnings data in this article is taken from the 2002 annual average wage rate estimates compiled by the Oklahoma Employment Statistics (OES) Wage Survey.

On page 2 the top 20 projected fastest-growing occupations for the 2002-2012 period are listed in Table 1. Of the total 204,750 new jobs created for the period, these top 20 occupations are expected to provide 13,640 jobs, accounting for about 7 percent of all job growth. The average annual mean wage for these 20 occupations is \$24,629, which is lower than the average \$29,950 annual mean wage for all occupations. Among the top 20, 10 occupations have wages above the average annual mean wage for all occupations. However, in terms of the actual jobs created, these particular above-average paying occupations (Postsecondary Law Teachers, Physician Assistants, Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts, Survey Researchers, Postsecondary Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary Political Science Teachers, Postsecondary Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary Foreign Language and Literature Teachers, and Self-Enrichment Education Teachers) are projected to add only 3,360 new jobs, most of which

require at least a college degree. Those occupations (Self-Enrichment Education Teachers and Postsecondary Vocational Education Teachers) that don't usually require work experience in a related occupation.

Table 2 lists the top 20 occupations with the largest projected job growth between 2002 and 2012. Collectively, they are expected to add 73,330 new jobs to the Oklahoma job market, accounting for more than a third of the total projected new jobs. However, wage figures for this group do not look very optimistic. The average annual mean wage for these 20 occupations is \$24,936. Only six out of the 20 have higher than the average annual mean earnings for all occupations. They are General and Operations Managers, Registered Nurses, Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers, Secondary School Teachers (except Special and Vocational Education), Elementary School Teachers (except Special Education), and Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers. These six occupations are projected to add 20,390 new jobs between 2002 and 2012, with three requiring bachelor's degree or higher, and one requiring associate degree. As shown in Table 2, the other 14 occupations generally require on-the-job training.

It is of interest that many growing occupations shown in Table 2 are not associated with high wage rates. Five of them are among the 20 lowest paying occupations. They are Waiters and Waitresses, Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers (including Fast Food), Cashiers, Teacher Assistants, and Personal and Home Care Aides. When combined, these five occupations are expected to create 20,060 new job openings.

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Oklahoma's Top Growing Occupations and Their Wages

Table 1.

Occupation	Employment Change		Annual Avg Wage	Education Attainment
	Numeric	Percent		
Occupational Therapist Aides	90	60.99%	\$17,470	Short-term OTJ training
Survey Researchers	110	51.87%	\$45,270	Master's degree
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	460	51.28%	\$50,570	Bachelor's degree
Medical Assistants	2,300	50.33%	\$21,170	Moderate-term OTJ training
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	760	47.15%	\$21,800	Postsecondary vocational training
Social and Human Service Assistants	750	45.81%	\$20,190	Moderate-term OTJ training
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	240	41.78%	\$22,280	Associate degree
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	640	41.57%	\$30,450	Work experience in a related occupation
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	850	41.43%	\$23,600	Associate degree
Personal and Home Care Aides	2,440	41.05%	\$14,900	Short-term OTJ training
Physician Assistants	390	40.44%	\$52,600	Bachelor's degree
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	150	40.38%	\$26,660	Moderate-term OTJ training
Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary	130	40.12%	\$43,680	Doctoral degree
Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers	230	38.84%	\$26,200	Postsecondary vocational training
Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary	350	38.32%	\$38,310	Master's degree
Home Health Aides	2,490	38.02%	\$16,830	Short-term OTJ training
Law Teachers, Postsecondary	50	37.76%	\$90,010	First professional degree
Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	1,050	37.50%	\$39,260	Work experience in a related occupation
Foreign Language and Literature Teachers, Postsecondary	90	37.45%	\$36,980	Master's degree
Political Science Teachers, Postsecondary	80	37.27%	\$42,210	Doctoral degree

Note: OTJ - on the job

Table 2.

Occupation	Employment Change		Annual Avg Wage	Education Attainment
	Numeric	Percent		
Retail Salespersons	5,980	13.18%	\$21,230	Short-term OTJ training
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	5,570	24.68%	\$14,050	Short-term OTJ training
Customer Service Representatives	5,450	23.61%	\$24,860	Moderate-term OTJ training
Registered Nurses	5,350	24.61%	\$42,620	Associate degree
Cashiers	4,910	12.16%	\$14,460	Short-term OTJ training
Waiters and Waitresses	4,720	18.15%	\$14,010	Short-term OTJ training
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	4,490	19.53%	\$16,900	Short-term OTJ training
General and Operations Managers	4,390	15.45%	\$64,570	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	4,130	18.92%	\$16,690	Short-term OTJ training
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	3,210	13.40%	\$31,580	Moderate-term OTJ training
Office Clerks, General	2,900	7.74%	\$20,440	Short-term OTJ training
Receptionists and Information Clerks	2,840	24.76%	\$19,900	Short-term OTJ training
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	2,820	15.23%	\$32,360	Bachelor's degree
Home Health Aides	2,490	38.02%	\$16,830	Short-term OTJ training
Personal and Home Care Aides	2,440	41.05%	\$14,900	Short-term OTJ training
Teacher Assistants	2,410	22.99%	\$14,590	Short-term OTJ training
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	2,350	29.92%	\$34,070	Long-term OTJ training
Security Guards	2,320	27.88%	\$20,570	Short-term OTJ training
Medical Assistants	2,300	50.33%	\$21,170	Moderate-term OTJ training
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	2,270	18.40%	\$33,770	Bachelor's degree

Labor Force Estimates

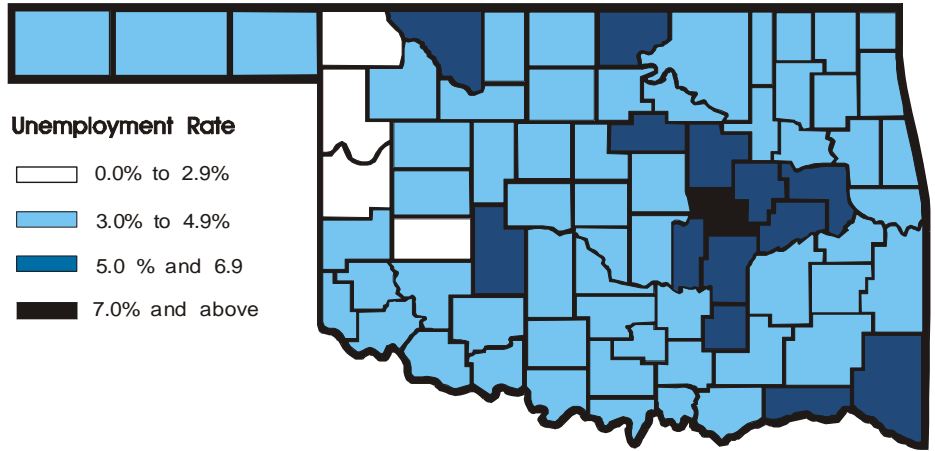
Local Area Unemployment Statistics: Aug 2005*

AREA	Aug 2005		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Empl.*	Unempl.*	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04
United States	143,142,000	7,327,000	4.9%	5.2%	5.4%
Oklahoma	1,663,200	72,740	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%
COUNTY	Empl.*	Unempl.*	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04
ADAIR	9,600	450	4.5%	4.6%	5.4%
ALFALFA	2,430	100	3.9%	3.8%	3.2%
ATOKA	5,210	270	4.9%	5.2%	5.0%
BEAVER	2,830	100	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%
BECKHAM	9,820	300	3.0%	2.9%	2.7%
BLAINE	4,620	200	4.1%	4.0%	3.5%
BRYAN	18,510	700	3.7%	3.6%	3.6%
CADDO	11,380	670	5.5%	6.0%	5.2%
CANADIAN	49,020	1,680	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%
CARTER	22,710	980	4.1%	4.0%	4.4%
CHEROKEE	20,820	870	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%
CHOCTAW	5,940	340	5.4%	5.4%	6.6%
CIMARRON	1,340	50	3.3%	3.6%	2.2%
CLEVELAND	117,560	4,040	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%
COAL	1,880	130	6.5%	7.5%	9.4%
COMANCHE	45,410	2,110	4.4%	4.4%	4.1%
COTTON	3,400	120	3.5%	3.3%	3.4%
CRAIG	6,440	280	4.2%	4.1%	4.4%
CREEK	31,290	1,830	5.5%	5.4%	5.0%
CUSTER	13,170	420	3.1%	3.2%	2.9%
DELAWARE	17,180	720	4.0%	4.1%	4.3%
DEWEY	2,490	80	3.1%	3.0%	2.5%
ELLIS	2,230	60	2.6%	2.7%	2.4%
GARFIELD	27,740	1,000	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%
GARVIN	13,010	520	3.8%	3.7%	3.5%
GRADY	22,720	990	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%
GRANT	2,480	80	3.2%	3.0%	3.0%
GREER	2,120	110	4.8%	4.8%	5.4%
HARMON	1,450	50	3.1%	3.2%	2.9%
HARPER	1,810	50	2.5%	2.8%	2.2%
HASKELL	4,890	230	4.5%	4.4%	4.7%
HUGHES	4,740	350	6.9%	7.0%	7.7%
JACKSON	12,850	480	3.6%	3.8%	3.5%
JEFFERSON	2,290	110	4.7%	4.5%	5.0%
JOHNSTON	4,430	220	4.6%	4.8%	5.2%
KAY	20,830	1,110	5.1%	5.1%	5.7%
KINGFISHER	7,160	230	3.1%	3.1%	2.9%

AREA	Aug 2005		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Empl.	Unempl.	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04
KIOWA	4,140	170	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%
LATIMER	4,000	210	4.9%	5.0%	4.7%
LEFLORE	20,860	1,000	4.6%	5.1%	4.9%
LINCOLN	14,830	700	4.5%	4.3%	4.3%
LOGAN	17,680	680	3.7%	3.8%	3.7%
LOVE	4,550	210	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%
MAJOR	3,780	120	3.0%	3.0%	3.6%
MARSHALL	6,240	290	4.4%	4.4%	7.3%
MAYES	15,440	770	4.7%	4.7%	6.4%
McCLAIN	14,170	530	3.6%	3.9%	2.4%
McCURTAIN	13,810	920	6.2%	6.2%	4.6%
McINTOSH	7,460	410	5.2%	5.7%	5.3%
MURRAY	6,600	240	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%
MUSKOGEE	26,540	1,670	5.9%	5.8%	6.6%
NOBLE	4,830	210	4.2%	4.2%	3.7%
NOWATA	4,780	220	4.4%	4.6%	5.3%
OKFUSKEE	3,770	310	7.7%	8.2%	8.6%
OKLAHOMA	331,530	14,750	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
OKMULGEE	16,250	980	5.7%	6.1%	6.3%
OSAGE	20,360	920	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
OTTAWA	15,030	730	4.6%	4.7%	5.2%
PAWNEE	7,620	370	4.6%	4.7%	5.5%
PAYNE	32,980	1,800	5.2%	3.6%	3.5%
PITTSBURG	19,240	910	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%
PONTOTOC	16,610	740	4.3%	4.9%	5.7%
POTTAWATOMIE	29,080	1,500	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%
PUSHMATAHA	4,970	260	4.9%	5.0%	5.4%
ROGER MILLS	1,960	50	2.3%	2.3%	2.1%
ROGERS	37,780	1,360	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%
SEMINOLE	8,900	650	6.8%	7.1%	9.4%
SEQUOYAH	17,430	840	4.6%	5.4%	5.4%
STEPHENS	19,300	770	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%
TEXAS	9,940	360	3.5%	3.3%	2.9%
TILLMAN	3,430	160	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%
TULSA	289,850	12,050	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%
WAGONER	30,550	1,180	3.7%	3.7%	4.1%
WASHINGTON	23,380	980	4.0%	3.9%	4.4%
WASHITA	5,940	180	2.9%	3.1%	2.6%
WOODS	4,120	240	5.4%	6.0%	4.7%
WOODWARD	9,710	330	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%

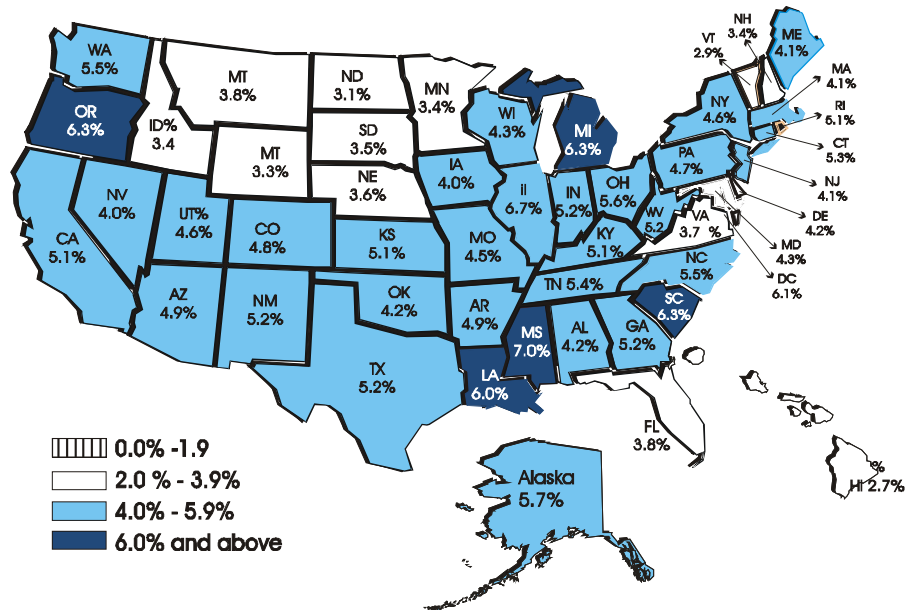
* Aug 2005 data is preliminary.

Unemployment Rates Aug. 2005



U.S. & Regional States

	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate	
				Aug-05	Aug-04
Oklahoma	1,663,200	72,740	1,735,940	4.2%	4.3%
United States	143,142,000	7,327,000	150,469,000	4.9%	5.4%
Arkansas	1,297,400	65,700	1,363,000	4.8%	5.3%
Kansas	1,386,700	74,000	1,460,700	5.1%	5.6%
Louisiana	2,005,600	128,400	2,134,100	6.0%	5.6%
Missouri	2,881,900	134,400	3,016,200	4.5%	6.0%
New Mexico	891,600	49,100	940,700	5.2%	5.6%
Texas	10,680,100	580,000	11,260,100	5.2%	6.0%



Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
 State and County unemployment rates are preliminary, not seasonally adjusted
 Go to: www.oesc.state.ok.us/lmi/LAUS for additional information

Statewide Developments

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Total nonfarm employment in Oklahoma increased by 5,100 jobs in August. Contributing the largest gain this month was the Government sector (+3,800 jobs), due to mostly seasonal increases in State and Local Governments. Over the year, statewide employment has risen by 1.7 percent (24,700 jobs), mirroring a national yearly gain of 1.7 percent.

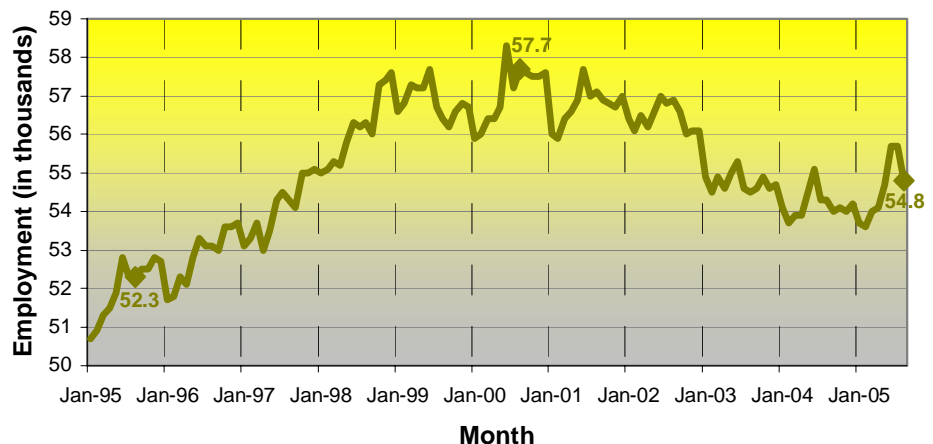
While Manufacturing overall did not experience change this month, 100 jobs each were gained in Durable Goods and were lost in Non-Durable Goods. Employment declines over the year continued in Manufacturing (-0.8 percent), led this month by a drop of 1,100 jobs (-2.2 percent) in Non-Durable Goods. This is similar to the national trend, which reported a decline of 0.77 percent in Manufacturing, and 1.48 percent in Non-Durable Goods over the year.

While Wholesale Trade declined by 900 jobs this month, there were 500 more jobs than last August. This reverses the trend of yearly declines since August 2000, although there is still a loss of 2,900 jobs over the past 5 years. In the past decade, there has been overall growth: since August 1995, 2,500 jobs have been added.

Health Care and Social Assistance employment continued to rise in August, adding 1,800 jobs. This gain came mostly from Ambulatory Health Care (+700 jobs) and from Hospitals (+800 jobs).

Nationally, Health Care and Social Assistance gained 11,800 jobs over the month, also led by increases in Ambulatory Health Care and in Hospitals. This industry has been growing steadily over the past ten years, both in Oklahoma and on the national level. Health Care and Social Assistance has increased in Oklahoma by 25 percent since August 1995, and nationally by 29 percent.

Wholesale Trade Employment, January 1995-August 2005



MSA Developments

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In August total non-farm employment in Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area totaled 549,000 jobs with an over-the-month increase of 2,200 jobs (+.4 percent). Likewise, The Tulsa MSA employment level rose as well by 1,500 (+.4 percent) posting 402,000 jobs for the month. These upward monthly trends were attributed primarily to the following two sectors that experienced seasonal changes: Educational and Health Services, and Food Services and Drinking Places. Both MSAs showed relatively large increase in both of these sectors.

Educational and Health Services sector accounted for 12.45 percent and 13.13 percent of total non-farm employment on the Oklahoma City and Tulsa MSA respectively. The Food Services and Drinking Places sub-sector is a major part of Leisure and Hospitality for both areas. The OKC share of this sub-sector is 80.76 percent, while for Tulsa it is 82.63 percent. Since August 2004 the sub-sector added 1,500 jobs in OKC and 1,300 in Tulsa.

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment

INDUSTRY	# EMPLOYED			OTM change		OTY Change	
	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04	Net	%	Net	%
Total Nonfarm EMPL.	1,488,800	1,483,700	1,464,100	5,100	0.30%	24,700	1.70%
*Total Private Employment	1,193,000	1,191,700	1,175,300	1,300	0.10%	17,700	1.50%
Goods Producing	239,300	239,300	238,000	0	0.00%	1,300	0.50%
Nat. Resources & Mining	32,500	32,600	31,500	-100	-0.30%	1,000	3.20%
Support Act for Mining	16,100	16,400	15,900	-300	-1.80%	200	1.30%
Construction	65,200	65,100	63,700	100	0.20%	1,500	2.40%
Construction of Buildings	13,600	13,500	13,500	100	0.70%	100	0.70%
Residential Buildings	6,200	6,100	6,100	100	1.60%	100	1.60%
Nonresidential Bldgs	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Heavy and Civil Engineering	10,600	10,800	10,700	-200	-1.90%	-100	-0.90%
Specialty Trd. Contractors	41,000	40,800	39,500	200	0.50%	1,500	3.80%
Bldg Equip Contractors	18,900	18,700	18,600	200	1.10%	300	1.60%
Manufacturing	141,600	141,600	142,800	0	0.00%	-1,200	-0.80%
Durable Goods Mfg.	93,800	93,700	93,900	100	0.10%	-100	-0.10%
Wood Product Mfg.	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Primary Metal Mfg	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	0.00%	200	5.00%
Fabricated Metal Mfg.	21,900	21,700	22,500	200	0.90%	-600	-2.70%
Other Fabr. Metal	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	0.00%	200	3.80%
Machinery Mfg	23,300	23,400	22,500	-100	-0.40%	800	3.60%
Computer and Electronics	4,900	5,000	4,900	-100	-2.00%	0	0.00%
Electrical Equipment	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	-3.20%	0	0.00%
Transportation Equip.	15,600	15,800	16,500	-200	-1.30%	-900	-5.50%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	3,100	3,200	3,700	-100	-3.10%	-600	-16.20%
Motor Veh. Parts Mfg	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	0.00%	-100	-2.30%
Aerospace Product	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	0.00%	200	7.10%
Non-Durable Goods Mfg.	47,800	47,900	48,900	-100	-0.20%	-1,100	-2.20%
Food Manufacturing	19,200	19,200	19,500	0	0.00%	-300	-1.50%
Paper Manufacturing	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Plastics/Rubber Products	12,900	12,900	12,700	0	0.00%	200	1.60%
Service-Providing	1,249,500	1,244,400	1,226,100	5,100	0.40%	23,400	1.90%
**Private Svc Providing	953,700	952,400	937,300	1,300	0.10%	16,400	1.70%
Trade, Transport & Utils.	277,100	277,700	273,900	-600	-0.20%	3,200	1.20%
Wholesale Trade	54,800	55,700	54,300	-900	-1.60%	500	0.90%
Retail Trade	169,100	169,000	166,700	100	0.10%	2,400	1.40%
Motor Vehicle and Parts	23,600	23,800	23,800	-200	-0.80%	-200	-0.80%
Automobile Dealers	15,000	15,100	15,000	-100	-0.70%	0	0.00%
Food and Beverage Stores	23,700	23,700	23,200	0	0.00%	500	2.20%
Gasoline Stations	12,900	12,800	12,700	100	0.80%	200	1.60%
Gen. Merchandise Stores	42,900	42,700	42,200	200	0.50%	700	1.70%
Trans,Warehouse, Utils.	53,200	53,000	52,900	200	0.40%	300	0.60%
Utilities	10,800	10,800	10,600	0	0.00%	200	1.90%
Transport & Warehouse	42,400	42,200	42,300	200	0.50%	100	0.20%
Air Transportation	8,700	8,800	9,300	-100	-1.10%	-600	-6.50%
Truck Transportation	17,200	17,200	17,400	0	0.00%	-200	-1.10%
Information	31,700	31,800	31,000	-100	-0.30%	700	2.30%
Publishing Industries	6,700	6,700	6,600	0	0.00%	100	1.50%
Telecommunications	15,200	15,300	14,600	-100	-0.70%	600	4.10%

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment

INDUSTRY	# EMPLOYED			OTM change		OTY Change	
	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04	Net	%	Net	%
Financial Activities	86,300	86,600	85,000	-300	-0.30%	1,300	1.50%
Finance and Insurance	62,300	62,600	61,200	-300	-0.50%	1,100	1.80%
Credit Intermediation	31,800	31,800	30,700	0	0.00%	1,100	3.60%
Depository Credit	24,200	24,300	23,500	-100	-0.40%	700	3.00%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	26,500	26,800	26,300	-300	-1.10%	200	0.80%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	24,000	24,000	23,800	0	0.00%	200	0.80%
Real Estate	11,400	11,100	11,400	300	2.70%	0	0.00%
Prof. & Business Services	169,600	168,700	164,400	900	0.50%	5,200	3.20%
Prof. & Scientific Services	58,800	58,500	57,200	300	0.50%	1,600	2.80%
Legal Services	12,800	13,100	12,800	-300	-2.30%	0	0.00%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	10,100	10,100	10,400	0	0.00%	-300	-2.90%
Architectural/Engineering	10,800	10,800	10,400	0	0.00%	400	3.80%
Mgt of Companies	12,400	12,700	12,500	-300	-2.40%	-100	-0.80%
Admin & Support Services	98,400	97,500	94,700	900	0.90%	3,700	3.90%
Employment Services	49,700	49,200	48,500	500	1.00%	1,200	2.50%
Business Support Svcs.	11,600	11,700	11,900	-100	-0.90%	-300	-2.50%
Building Services	13,500	13,200	13,200	300	2.30%	300	2.30%
Educational and Health Svcs	181,900	179,700	177,400	2,200	1.20%	4,500	2.50%
Educational Services	15,700	15,300	15,500	400	2.60%	200	1.30%
Health Care & Social Asst.	166,200	164,400	161,900	1,800	1.10%	4,300	2.70%
Ambulatory Health Care	58,200	57,500	56,400	700	1.20%	1,800	3.20%
Hospitals	49,000	48,200	47,300	800	1.70%	1,700	3.60%
Nursing & Residential Care	36,000	35,900	36,100	100	0.30%	-100	-0.30%
Social Assistance	23,000	22,800	22,100	200	0.90%	900	4.10%
Leisure and Hospitality	132,400	132,700	131,900	-300	-0.20%	500	0.40%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	15,100	15,600	15,300	-500	-3.20%	-200	-1.30%
Accommodation & Food Svcs.	117,300	117,100	116,600	200	0.20%	700	0.60%
Accommodation	10,600	10,700	10,600	-100	-0.90%	0	0.00%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	106,700	106,400	106,000	300	0.30%	700	0.70%
Full-svc. Restaurants	50,000	50,300	49,400	-300	-0.60%	600	1.20%
Limited-svc.Eating	51,100	50,500	51,400	600	1.20%	-300	-0.60%
Other Services	74,700	75,200	73,700	-500	-0.70%	1,000	1.40%
Repair and Maintenance	12,600	12,800	12,300	-200	-1.60%	300	2.40%
Personal and Laundry Svcs.	12,600	12,500	12,500	100	0.80%	100	0.80%
Government	295,800	292,000	288,800	3,800	1.30%	7,000	2.40%
Federal Government	46,500	46,400	46,300	100	0.20%	200	0.40%
State and Local Govt	249,300	245,600	242,500	3,700	1.50%	6,800	2.80%
State Government	77,700	76,200	77,400	1,500	2.00%	300	0.40%
Local Government	171,600	169,400	165,100	2,200	1.30%	6,500	3.90%

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Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area

INDUSTRY	# EMPLOYED			OTM Change		OTY Change	
	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04	Net	%	Net	%
Total Nonfarm	549,000	546,800	540,200	2,200	0.40%	8,800	1.60%
*Total Private Employment	442,400	442,200	434,800	200	0.00%	7,600	1.70%
Goods Producing	73,000	72,500	71,700	500	0.70%	1,300	1.80%
Natural Res. & Mining	8,700	8,700	8,400	0	0.00%	300	3.60%
Construction	25,400	25,300	24,000	100	0.40%	1,400	5.80%
Specialty Trd. Contractors	16,100	16,100	15,400	0	0.00%	700	4.50%
Manufacturing	38,900	38,500	39,300	400	1.00%	-400	-1.00%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,700	27,600	28,000	100	0.40%	-300	-1.10%
Machinery Mfg.	5,600	5,700	5,700	-100	-1.80%	-100	-1.80%
Transportation Equip.	8,400	8,400	8,800	0	0.00%	-400	-4.50%
Plastics/Rubber Products	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Service-Providing	476,000	474,300	468,500	1,700	0.40%	7,500	1.60%
**Private Srvc Providing	369,400	369,700	363,100	-300	-0.10%	6,300	1.70%
Trade, Transport & Utils.	97,200	97,600	95,400	-400	-0.40%	1,800	1.90%
Wholesale Trade	21,600	21,700	21,000	-100	-0.50%	600	2.90%
Retail Trade	59,900	60,100	59,200	-200	-0.30%	700	1.20%
Gen. Merchandise Stores	13,300	13,300	12,900	0	0.00%	400	3.10%
Trans,Warehouse, Utils.	15,700	15,800	15,200	-100	-0.60%	500	3.30%
Information	13,800	14,100	13,200	-300	-2.10%	600	4.50%
Telecommunications	6,200	6,200	5,800	0	0.00%	400	6.90%
Financial Activities	36,100	36,300	35,800	-200	-0.60%	300	0.80%
Finance and Insurance	24,600	24,700	24,300	-100	-0.40%	300	1.20%
Rental and Leasing Ser	6,000	6,100	5,800	-100	-1.60%	200	3.40%
Prof. & Business Services	69,900	69,800	68,600	100	0.10%	1,300	1.90%
Prof. & Scientific Services	25,300	25,100	24,400	200	0.80%	900	3.70%
Mgt.of Companies	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	0.00%	200	4.30%
Admin. & Support Services	39,700	39,800	39,500	-100	-0.30%	200	0.50%
Employment Services	19,100	19,400	20,100	-300	-1.50%	-1,000	-5.00%
Business Support Svcs.	4,800	4,700	5,000	100	2.10%	-200	-4.00%
Educational and Health	68,200	67,400	67,600	800	1.20%	600	0.90%
Educational Services	7,100	6,800	6,800	300	4.40%	300	4.40%
Health Care & Social Asst.	61,100	60,600	60,800	500	0.80%	300	0.50%
Ambulatory Health Care	22,600	22,500	22,100	100	0.40%	500	2.30%
Hospitals	20,700	20,400	20,400	300	1.50%	300	1.50%
Leisure and Hospitality	55,600	55,500	54,500	100	0.20%	1,100	2.00%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	44,900	44,300	43,400	600	1.40%	1,500	3.50%
Full-svc. Restaurants	22,100	21,800	21,100	300	1.40%	1,000	4.70%
Limited-svc. Eating	20,600	20,400	20,100	200	1.00%	500	2.50%
Other Services	28,600	29,000	28,000	-400	-1.40%	600	2.10%
Government	106,600	104,600	105,400	2,000	1.90%	1,200	1.10%
Federal Government	27,400	27,200	27,200	200	0.70%	200	0.70%
State and Local Govt.	79,200	77,400	78,200	1,800	2.30%	1,000	1.30%
State Government	38,400	37,600	38,500	800	2.10%	-100	-0.30%
Local Government	40,800	39,800	39,700	1,000	2.50%	1,100	2.80%

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Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area

INDUSTRY	# EMPLOYED			OTM Change		OTY Change	
	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04	Net	%	Net	%
Total Nonfarm	402,000	400,500	397,800	1,500	0.40%	4,200	1.10%
*Total Private Employment	354,300	353,400	350,100	900	0.30%	4,200	1.20%
Goods Producing	71,200	71,200	71,500	0	0.00%	-300	-0.40%
Natural Res & Mining	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	0.00%	-200	-4.20%
Construction	20,300	20,100	19,700	200	1.00%	600	3.00%
Specialty Trd. Contractors	13,500	13,300	12,900	200	1.50%	600	4.70%
Manufacturing	46,300	46,500	47,000	-200	-0.40%	-700	-1.50%
Other General Purpose	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Transportation Equip.	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Service-Providing	330,800	329,300	326,300	1,500	0.50%	4,500	1.40%
**Private Svc Providing	283,100	282,200	278,600	900	0.30%	4,500	1.60%
Trade, Transport & Utils.	81,900	81,200	81,500	700	0.90%	400	0.50%
Wholesale Trade	16,500	16,700	15,800	-200	-1.20%	700	4.40%
Retail Trade	45,400	44,600	44,400	800	1.80%	1,000	2.30%
Food and Beverage Stores	6,600	6,600	6,200	0	0.00%	400	6.50%
Gen. Merchandise Stores	11,600	11,400	10,600	200	1.80%	1,000	9.40%
Department Stores	4,500	4,400	4,000	100	2.30%	500	12.50%
Other General Merchand	7,100	7,000	6,600	100	1.40%	500	7.60%
Trans,Warehouse, Utils.	20,000	19,900	21,300	100	0.50%	-1,300	-6.10%
Utilities	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	0.00%	-200	-4.90%
Transport & Warehouse	16,100	16,000	17,200	100	0.60%	-1,100	-6.40%
Air Transportation	7,700	7,700	8,000	0	0.00%	-300	-3.80%
Information	12,000	12,200	11,700	-200	-1.60%	300	2.60%
Telecommunications	5,900	6,000	6,000	-100	-1.70%	-100	-1.70%
Financial Activities	25,500	25,600	25,300	-100	-0.40%	200	0.80%
Insurance Carriers	6,000	5,900	6,000	100	1.70%	0	0.00%
Prof. & Business Services	53,200	53,300	52,300	-100	-0.20%	900	1.70%
Prof. & Scientific Services	18,100	18,300	18,400	-200	-1.10%	-300	-1.60%
Mgt of Companies	5,700	5,800	6,100	-100	-1.70%	-400	-6.60%
Admin & Support Services	29,400	29,200	27,800	200	0.70%	1,600	5.80%
Employment Services	15,600	15,200	13,300	400	2.60%	2,300	17.30%
Business Support Svcs.	6,300	6,300	5,200	0	0.00%	1,100	21.20%
Educational and Health	52,800	52,300	51,400	500	1.00%	1,400	2.70%
Educational Services	6,100	5,800	5,600	300	5.20%	500	8.90%
Health Care & Social Asst.	46,700	46,500	45,800	200	0.40%	900	2.00%
Ambulatory Health Care	17,400	17,300	17,400	100	0.60%	0	0.00%
Hospitals	16,400	16,400	15,200	0	0.00%	1,200	7.90%
Leisure and Hospitality	35,700	35,500	35,100	200	0.60%	600	1.70%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	29,500	28,900	28,200	600	2.10%	1,300	4.60%
Full-svc. Restaurants	14,800	14,700	14,000	100	0.70%	800	5.70%
Other Services	22,000	22,100	21,300	-100	-0.50%	700	3.30%
Government	47,700	47,100	47,700	600	1.30%	0	0.00%
Federal Government	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State and Local Govt	6,800	7,000	7,100	-200	-2.90%	-300	-4.20%
State Government	36,100	35,300	35,800	800	2.30%	300	0.80%
Local Government	42,900	42,300	42,900	600	1.40%	0	0.00%

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LAWTON Metropolitan Statistical Area

INDUSTRY	# EMPLOYED		OTM Change			OTY Change	
	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04	Net	%	Net	%
Total Nonfarm	40,700	40,600	40,200	100	0.20%	500	1.20%
*Total Private Employment	28,900	28,800	28,400	100	0.30%	500	1.80%
Goods Producing	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Natural Res. & Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Manufacturing	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Service-Providing	35,400	35,300	34,900	100	0.30%	500	1.40%
**Private Srvc. Providing	23,600	23,500	23,100	100	0.40%	500	2.20%
Trade, Transport & Utils.	6,900	6,900	6,800	0	0.00%	100	1.50%
Wholesale Trade	600	600	600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Retail Trade	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	0.00%	100	2.00%
Trans,Warehouse, Utils.	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Prof. & Business Services	4,000	3,900	3,800	100	2.60%	200	5.30%
Educational and Health	4,000	3,900	3,900	100	2.60%	100	2.60%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	0.00%	200	5.10%
Other Services	1,800	1,900	1,900	-100	-5.30%	-100	-5.30%
Government	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Federal Government	3,600	3,500	3,300	100	2.90%	300	9.10%
State and Local Govt.	1,600	1,700	1,500	-100	-5.90%	100	6.70%
State Government	6,600	6,600	7,000	0	0.00%	-400	-5.70%
Local Government	8,200	8,300	8,500	-100	-1.20%	-300	-3.50%

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Economic Highlights

Oklahoma Business and Employment

Oklahoma City: **First American Fulfillment Solutions** is the first ISO-certified¹ mortgage processing company in the United States. Located in Edmond, Oklahoma County, the company currently has 900 employees and is expanding. **Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)** with 120 professionals is another growing company in the Oklahoma City Metro. **SAIC** is the largest employee-owned research and engineering firm in the nation.

Tulsa: Tulsa Top City For Expanding Firms

The August issue of **Expansion Management**, a trade publication, reports that Tulsa's commercial real estate market is the most attractive in the nation for businesses looking to expand. The magazine reports that Tulsa's chief advantage is affordable rates for both leases and purchases. The July issue of the same magazine named Tulsa as one of its five-star cities in the Mayor's Challenge rankings.

Two Tulsa area companies plan to add a combined 114 jobs and participate in the state's Quality Jobs Program: **L-3 Communications/Aeromet Inc.** plans to add 88 workers and will receive approximately \$2.5 million in incentives payments over the 10-year period. Catoosa-based **Ameri-Ti Inc.** plans to add 26 jobs in its production department. The company is participating in the Oklahoma Small Employer Quality Jobs Program and could receive up to \$240,000 during the seven-year incentive period. **Ameri-Ti** manufactures stainless steel tubing and **L-3** is a defense contractor .

¹ Courtesy of Tulsa and OKC Metro Chambers of Commerce.

² Many of the international standards begin with the letters "ISO", the abbreviation for the "International Organization for Standardization." This worldwide federation of 148 (at present) national standards bodies works to promote the growth of manufacturing, trade and communication among business operations worldwide, through the development of generic quality standards.

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Oklahoma Economic Indicators

Labor Force	Preliminary	Revised	Over-the-Yr	
Statewide	Aug-05	Jul-05	Aug-04	
Civilian Labor Force	1,735,940	1,742,660	1,699,900	
Employment	1,663,200	1,669,480	1,626,000	
Unemployment	72,740	73,180	73,887	
Unemployment Data	Preliminary	Revised	OTY	
	Aug-05	Jul-05	Aug-04	
Oklahoma - Statewide	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	
Oklahoma City MSA	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	
Tulsa MSA	4.1%	4.1%	4.5%	
Local Office Statistics	Aug-05	Aug-04		
Total Benefits Paid	12,725,590	17,613,197		
Average Benefit Amount	\$ 219.36	\$211.09		
Job Openings (YTD)*	N/A	N/A		
Total Applicants (YTD)*	N/A	N/A		
Received Service (YTD)*	N/A	N/A		
*The July Data for Job Openings, Total Applicants, and Received Service is preliminary.				
UI Covered Employment				
1st Qtr 2005	Number of Employer Units		Total Employment	
	Public	Private	Public	Private
Oklahoma - Statewide	5,478	88,554	309,621	1,128,709
Oklahoma City - *New MSA	875	30,228	112,179	413,346
Tulsa - *New MSA	704	22,753	51,134	335,428
* New MSA: Oklahoma MSAs redefinition				
New OKC MSA: Oklahoma, Logan, Lincoln, Canadian, Grady, Cleveland and McClain				
New Tulsa MSA: Tulsa, Osage, Pawnee, Creek, Okmulgee, Wagoner and Rogers				

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