

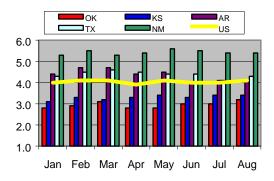
# **OKLAHOMA**

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#### Unemployment Rate Edges Up, But Still Keeps Low

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate Comparison

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.2 percent in August, edging up two tenths of a percentage point from last month. So far, this was the highest level we saw for this year. However, the rate still remained in the low range of 2.8 to 3.3 percent that had held since July 1999. On an average, Oklahoma's jobless rate was 1.0 percentage points lower than the national rate over past 12 months. Both the state and the national rates were very stable for the 12 months period, with the national rate ranging from 3.9 to 4.2 percent. Also, Oklahoma had kept the lowest unemployment rate among its neighbor states (Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, and Arkansas) ever since January this year. Please refer to the graph.



The state's August unadjusted unemployment rate stayed the same with the July's at 2.9 percent, far below the U.S. rate of 4.1 percent. Payne County's unemployment rate of 1.0 percent continued to be the state's lowest among Oklahoma's 77 counties. Woods (1.1%), Alfalfa (1.5%), Cimarron (1.5%), and Cleveland (1.6%) counties rounded out the top five. Choctaw County's rate increased from 5.6% in July to 6.9% in August, giving it the state's highest unemployment rate for the month of August.

Economic Indicators						
Oklahoma	Aug '00	Jul '00	Aug '99			
Labor Force	1,661,700	1,675,200	1,653,710			
Employment	1,614,200	1,626,200	1,605,630			
Unemployment	47,600	49,000	48,080			
Rate	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%			
MSA Unemp	Aug '00	Jul '00	Aug '99			
Oklahoma City	2.3%	2.4%	2.2%			
Tulsa	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%			
Manufacturing	Aug '00	Jul '00	Aug '99			
Avg. Weekly Wages	\$543.51	\$536.01	\$522.08			
Avg. Hourly Wages	\$13.16	\$13.01	\$12.52			
Avg. Hours Worked	41.3	41.2	41.7			

Consumer I	onsumer Price Index (CPI)		
	Aug '00	Month	Year
US	172.7	0.1%	2.9%

<b>Local Office Statistics</b>	Aug '00	Aug '99
Total Benefits Paid	\$9,043,628	\$11,978,291
Average Benefit Amount	\$209.02	\$206.05
Job Openings Received (YTD)	17,178	18,933
App. Regist. for Work (YTD)	98,021	108,504
# of Individuals Placed (YTD)	5,372	7,076
Applicant Opening Ratio (YTL	) 5.7	5.7

Employers	# of Employer	Total
(4th Qtr 1999)	Units	Employment
Statewide	88,231	1,442,800
OKC MSA	28,308	527,115
Tulsa MSA	21,130	383,653
Statewide		2
Oklahoma Cit	y MSA	4
Tulsa MSA		5
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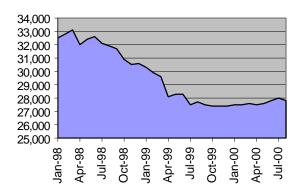
 1,661,700
 1,614,200
 47,600
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#### **Seasonal Education Gains Reported**

**Total Nonfarm** employment in Oklahoma grew to 1,483,900 in August, gaining 3,100 jobs (+0.2%). A total of 28,800 jobs (+2.0%) have been created since this time last year. The **Goods Producing** industries reported a small drop of 400 (-0.1%), while the **Service Producing** industries gained 3,500 jobs (+0.3%) in August.

Mining declined slightly in August (-200 jobs), following three months of employment gains. Oil and Gas Extraction is responsible for this decline in employment. Over the year, Mining is up 0.4 percent (+100 jobs).

#### Mining



**Construction** reported meager growth in August, by only adding 100 jobs (+0.2%). This industry has reported an upward growth trend since February 2000. **Construction** reported an over the year growth rate of 4.9 percent by creating 2,900 jobs.

Manufacturing, as a whole, shed 300 jobs (-0.2%) in August. **Durable Goods** is solely responsible for this over the month loss. **General Industrial Machinery** and **Motor Vehicles** contributed to the majority of decline in **Durable Goods**. **Nondurable Goods** posted a small gain for the month. Over the year this major industry division is down only 100 jobs (-0.1%).

**Transportation and Public Utilities** gained 300 jobs (+0.4%) in August, following decline in July. Employment growth can be found in the **Transportation** Sector, which gained 100 jobs (-0.2%), and **Communications and Utilities,** which grew by 200 jobs (+0.6%) for the month. When compared with August 1999, this major industry division gained 400 jobs (+0.5%).

Trade posted an employment gain of 1,300 (+0.4%) for the month. This over the month gain is in proportion to the decline seen last month. Wholesale Trade shed 100 jobs (-0.1%), while Retail Trade added 1,400 jobs (+0.5%) for the month. Wholesale Trade over the month loss was concentrated in Nondurable Goods. Retail Trade reported rather significant growth in Eating & Drinking Places, General Merchandise Stores, and Miscellaneous Retail Stores. Since August 1999, Total Trade added 6,200 jobs (+1.8%).

**Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** reclaimed all of the previous month's employment loss in August by gaining 300 jobs (+0.4%). Gains were found in **Depository Institutions** and **Insurance Carriers. Nondepository Institutions** held steady for the month. Over the year, this major industry division grew 2.3 percent (+1,700 jobs).

**Services** reported a reduction of 700 jobs (-0.2%) in August. **Business Services** contributed to the majority of the over the month decline, losing 1,200 jobs (-1.1%). Other declining industries were **Engineering & Management Services** and **Motion Pictures**. **Education Services** and **Social Services** reported significant over the moth grow, gaining 1,500 (+13.8%) and 600 (+1.9%) respectively. Over the year, this major industry division gained 11,600 jobs (+2.8%).

**Government** posted rather large employment gains in August. **Federal Government** grew by 200 jobs (+0.4%) over the month. Recent fluctuations in **Federal Government** are due to Census 2000 activities. **State Government** rose by 1,500 jobs (+2.0%) over the month, while **Local Government** increased by 600 jobs (+0.4%). The employment increase in both, **State** and **Local Government** is due to normal seasonal education gains. Since August 1999, **Total Government** has reported an employment gain of 5,800 jobs (+2.1%).

HOURS AND EARNINGS							
Industry	A۱	g Wee Hours	kly		vg Hou Earning	_	
	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999	
Manufacturing	41.3	41.2	41.7	13.16	13.01	12.52	
Durable Goods Non-Durable	41.8	41.6	42.7	13.73	13.57	12.76	
Goods	40.3	40.5	39.6	12.10	11.95	12.03	

# **Statewide NonFarm Payroll Employment**

	Number			
INDUSTRY	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999	
TOTAL NONFARM	1,483,900	1,480,800	1,455,100	
GOODS PRODUCING	274,500	274,900	271,400	
MINING	27,800	28,000	27,700	
Oil & Gas Extraction	25,600	25,800	25,400	
CONSTRUCTION	62,200	62,100	59,300	
MANUFACTURING	184,500	184,800	184,400	
DURABLE GOODS	118,600	119,100	118,300	
Lumber & Wood Products	4,700	4,800	4,700	
Stone, Clay, Glass	9,100	9,200	9,200	
Primary Metal Industries	5,000	5,000	4,700	
Fabricated Metal	23,000	23,000	23,000	
Fabr Struct Metal Products	12,300	12,300	12,100	
Industrial Machinery	30,300	30,700	30,700	
Construct & Related	9,900	10,100	10,000	
Oil & Gas Field	4,700	4,800	4,900	
General Industrial	5,200	5,200	5,400	
Electronic Equipment	16,500	16,400	15,800	
Transportation Equipment	20,700	20,800	20,600	
Motor Vehicles	10,400	10,600	11,100	
Aircraft & Parts	7,000	7,000	6,600	
Instruments & Related	3,600	3,600	3,700	
NONDURABLE GOODS	65,900	65,700	66,100	
Food & Kindred Products	20,700	20,500	20,700	
Textile Mill, Apparel	5,800	5,800	6,300	
Paper & Allied	4,800	4,800	4,800	
Printing & Publishing	11,800	11,800	11,800	
Newspapers, Periodic	5,100	5,100	5,100	
Petroleum & Coal Products	3,900	4,000	4,000	
Rubber & Misc Plastic	14,700	14,700	14,300	
Tires & Inner Tubes	6,600	6,600	6,400	
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,209,400	1,205,900	1,183,700	
TRANSPORT & PUB UTILS	82,500	82,200	82,100	
Transportation	49,300	49,200	49,300	
Trucking & Warehouse	23,700	23,500	23,700	
Transportation By Air	19,000	18,900	18,900	
Pipelines, Exc Natural Gas	900	900	900	

	Number				
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INDUSTRY	Aug	Jul	Aug		
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Communications & Utilities	33,200	33,000	32,800		
Communications	20,500	20,300	20,100		
Electric, Gas, Sanitary	12,700	12,700	12,700		
TRADE	344,800	343,500	338,600		
WHOLESALE TRADE	71,300	71,400	69,500		
Wholesale - Durables	38,800	38,700	37,600		
Wholesale -Nondurable	32,500	32,700	31,900		
RETAIL TRADE	273,500	272,100	269,100		
Building Materials, Garden Supl	11,300	11,500	11,300		
General Merchandise	39,800	39,400	38,500		
Food Stores	37,300	37,200	37,400		
Automotive Dealers	32,000	32,000	32,000		
Apparel & Accessory	10,500	10,400	10,700		
Furn, Homefurn, Equipment	13,200	13,300	12,500		
Eating & Drinking	98,600	97,900	96,800		
Miscellaneous Retail	30,800	30,400	29,900		
FINANCE,INS.,REAL EST.	75,600	75,300	73,900		
Depository Institutions	24,100	24,000	23,500		
Nondepository Institutions	6,200	6,200	6,000		
Insurance Carriers	18,300	18,100	17,300		
SERVICES	430,900	431,600	419,300		
Hotels & Other Lodging	11,200	11,200	11,100		
Personal Services	13,400	13,300	13,300		
Business Services	103,200	104,400	101,400		
Motion Pictures	3,900	4,100	3,900		
Health Services	120,600	120,400	119,000		
Hospitals	45,100	45,100	44,400		
Educational Services	12,400	10,900	11,700		
Social Services	31,400	30,800	30,100		
Engineering & Management	29,400	30,000	28,800		
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	275,600	273,300	269,800		
Total Federal Government	48,300	48,100	45,600		
Total State & Local	227,300	225,200	224,200		
Total State Government	74,700	73,200	73,300		
Total Local Government	152,600	152,000	150,900		

#### **Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment**

INDUSTRY	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999
Total Nonfarm	1,493,100	1,492,200	1,463,600
Goods Producing	272,800	273,500	269,800
Mining	27,600	27,700	27,500
Construction	61,000	60,600	58,100
Manufacturing	184,200	185,200	184,200
Durable Goods	No	Data	Available
Nondurable Goods	65,600	66,100	65,900

INDUSTRY	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999
Service Producing	1,220,300	1,218,700	1,193,800
Transport & Pub Utils	81,800	81,400	81,600
Trade	344,100	344,200	337,600
Wholesale	71,400	71,100	69,600
Retail	272,700	273,100	268,000
Finance, Ins., Real Est.	75,200	74,600	73,600
Services	429,800	429,700	417,700
Total Government	289,400	288,800	283,300

# Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area

 Labor Force
 Employment
 Unemployment
 Aug '00
 Jul '00
 Aug '99

 562,110
 548,990
 13,120
 2.3%
 2.4%
 2.2%

#### Four Major Divisions Exhibit Over-the-Month Gains

- Total NonAgricultural employment in the Oklahoma City MSA rebounded from the previous month's deficit, reporting a gain of 3,000 jobs in August. The year thus far has exhibited growth of +2.5%.
- **Mining** held steady over the month, while shedding 100 jobs (-1.7%) over the year.
- Construction declined by 100 jobs (-0.4%) in August. Over the year employment improved +4.2% or 900 jobs.
- **Manufacturing** diminished by 100 jobs this month. Compared to the previous year, this major division shed 300 (-0.5%).
- Transportation and Public Utilities increased by +0.8% or 200 jobs in August. For the year thus far, employment increased by +2.0% or 500 jobs.
- Gains in both the **Wholesale** and **Retail** sectors contributed to the +0.4% increase in **Trade** this month. Compared to the previous year, employment in this major division rose by +1.6% or 2,000 jobs.
- Employment in **F.I.R.E.** rose +0.3% for the month and +1.0% for the year.
- **Services** exhibited no over the month change. Over the year, this major division gained 4,300 jobs (+2.6%).
- Gains in **Federal, State** and **Local Government** combined to produce a +2.4% over the month increase in **Total Government** during August. For the year thus far, this major division has gained 5,600 jobs (+5.7%).

	Number				
INDUSTRY	Aug '00	Jul '00	Aug '99		
Total Nonfarm	539,700	536,700	526,500		
Goods Producing	85,900	86,100	85,400		
Mining	5,900	5,900	6,000		
Construction	22,300	22,400	21,400		
Manufacturing	57,700	57,800	58,000		
Durable Goods	40,100	40,100	40,800		
Prim, Fabr Metal Prod	5,900	5,900	6,000		
Fabricated Metal	5,100	5,100	5,300		
Mach & Electric Equip	19,500	19,500	19,800		
Industrial Machinery	9,700	9,700	9,900		
Electronic Equipment	9,800	9,800	9,900		
Transportation Equip.	8,900	8,900	8,800		
Nondurable Goods	17,600	17,700	17,200		
Food & Kindred Prod.	4,600	4,600	4,300		
Printing & Publishing	5,100	5,100	5,100		
Service Producing	453,800	450,600	441,100		
Transport & Pub Utils	25,400	25,200	24,900		
Transportation	15,200	15,100	14,800		
Communications & Utils	10,200	10,100	10,100		
Trade	126,100	125,600	124,100		
Wholesale Trade	28,500	28,400	27,300		
Retail Trade	97,600	97,200	96,800		
General Merchandise	11,400	11,300	11,000		
Food Stores	10,900	10,900	11,000		
Finance,Ins.,Real Est.	30,600	30,500	30,300		
Deposit & Nondeposit	12,200	12,200	11,800		
Insurance Carriers	7,500	7,500	7,400		
Services	168,700	168,700	164,400		
Health Services	46,700	46,800	45,700		
Hospitals	19,800	19,900	19,200		
Educational Services	6,600	6,300	5,700		
Total Government	103,000	100,600	97,400		
Total Federal Govt.	28,100	27,700	26,100		
Total State & Local	74,900	72,900	71,300		
Total State Government	35,800	35,000	34,300		
Total Local Government	39,100	37,900	37,000		

HOURS AND EARNINGS						
		Avg Weekly Hours			vg Hou Earnin	
	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999
Manufacturing						
<b>D</b> 11 G 1	42.1	42.2	42.2	14.56	14.30	14.22
<b>Durable Goods</b>	43.4	43.2	43.5	15.00	14.81	14.60
Non-Durable Goods	39.2	39.7	38.9	13.43	12.99	13.13

## Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area

**Unemployment Rate** 

Labor Force 421,130 Employment 409,550

Unemployment 11.580

Aug '00 2.7%

Jul '00 2.8% Aug '99 2.9%

#### **Retail Trade Posts Employment Gains**

- Total Nonfarm employment in the Tulsa
   Metropolitan Statistical Area slipped by 500 jobs,
   to 395,800 in August. Job losses were exhibited
   in both Goods Producing and Service Producing
   Industries. Compared to August 1999,
   employment is up 0.8% or 3,000 jobs.
- **Construction** held steady at 19,300 for the month. Over the year, this industry has increased by 3.2% or 600 jobs.
- Manufacturing slipped to 54,700 in August.
   Both Durable and Nondurable Goods
   experienced declines. Compared to August 1999,
   employment has contracted by 0.4% or 200 jobs.
- **T.P.U.** remained constant in August, reporting an employment level of 32,700. The current employment level is up 0.6% or 200 jobs compared to August 1999.
- The Trade industry reported a gain of 0.2%, increasing to 92,800 in August. Job growth was concentrated in the Retail sector, while the Wholesale sector held constant. Over the year, employment in this major division is up 0.8% or 700 jobs.
- Although Services reported a loss of 800 jobs over the month, the current employment level is up 0.5% or 600 jobs compared to August 1999.
- Total Government gained 400 jobs in August.
  Both the Federal and Local Government
  contributed to these gains, while State
  Government exhibited minor losses. Over the
  year, Total Government has added 1.7% or 700
  jobs.

		Number				
INDUSTRY	Aug '00	Jul '00	Aug'99			
Total Nonfarm	395,800	396,300	392,800			
Goods Producing	81,100	81,400	80,800			
Mining	7,100	7,100	7,200			
Construction	19,300	19,300	18,700			
Manufacturing	54,700	55,000	54,900			
Durable Goods	42,100	42,300	42,300			
Stone, Clay, Glass	3,400	3,400	3,400			
Prim, Fabr Metal Prod	15,000	15,100	14,600			
Primary Metal Ind.	2,500	2,500	2,400			
Fabricated Metal	12,500	12,600	12,200			
Fabr Struct Metal Pr	8,000	8,100	7,900			
Mach & Electric Equip	12,900	13,000	13,500			
Industrial Machinery	9,600	9,700	10,200			
Construct & Related	2,700	2,700	3,000			
Electronic Equipment	3,300	3,300	3,300			
Transportation Equip.	6,300	6,300	6,100			
Nondurable Goods	12,600	12,700	12,600			
Printing & Publishing	3,300	3,300	3,300			
Petroleum & Coal Prod	2,300	2,300	2,400			
Service Producing	314,700	314,900	312,000			
Transport & Pub Utils	32,700	32,700	32,500			
Transportation	20,400	20,400	20,300			
Communications & Utils	12,300	12,300	12,200			
Trade	92,800	92,600	92,100			
Wholesale Trade	21,900	21,900	22,000			
Retail Trade	70,900	70,700	70,100			
General Merchandise	9,700	9,600	9,800			
Finance,Ins.,Real Est.	22,700	22,700	22,200			
Dep-Nondep,Sec. Commd	8,200	8,300	8,100			
Services	125,700	126,500	125,100			
Health Services	35,600	35,500	35,000			
Hospitals	15,300	15,300	14,900			
Educational Services	4,800	4,800	4,900			
Total Government	40,800	40,400	40,100			
Total Federal Govt.	5,800	5,600	5,100			
Total State & Local	35,000	34,800	35,000			
Total State Government	6,200	6,400	6,000			
Total Local Government	28,800	28,400	29,000			

HOURS AND EARNINGS							
Industry	Avg Weekly Hours			Avg Hourly Earnings			
	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999	Aug 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 1999	
Manufacturing	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.45	40.00	40.00	
Durable Goods	42.8	42.0	43.2	16.15	16.09	13.00	
Durable Goods	42.9	42.6	43.1	16.64	16.68	12.90	
Non-Durable Goods	42.5	39.9	43.4	14.50	13.94	13.36	

### Lawton Metropolitan Statistical Area

#### **Over-The-Month Growth Concentrated in Total Government**

- Total NonFarm employment in the Lawton MSA rose 0.3% (or +100 jobs) in August. The over-the-year increase was 1.0% (or +400 jobs).
- Mining, Trade, and F.I.R.E. in the Lawton MSA all held steady over the month and for the year.
- Construction in the Lawton MSA remained flat in August. Over the year, it has grown by 6.3% (or +100 jobs).
- **Manufacturing** in Lawton reported no change over the month. The over-the-year decline in this major division was 2.6% (or -100 jobs).

	Number			
INDUSTRY	Aug '00	Jul '00	Aug'99	
Total Nonfarm	38,500	38,400	38,100	
Goods Producing	5,500	5,500	5,500	
Mining	100	100	100	
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,600	
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,800	
Durable Goods	400	400	400	
Nondurable Goods	3,300	3,300	3,400	
Service Producing	33,000	32,900	32,600	
Transportation & Public Utilities	1,600	1,700	1,700	
Trade	9,200	9,200	9,200	
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	900	
Retail Trade	8,200	8,200	8,300	
Finance, Insur., & Real Estate	1,700	1,700	1,700	
Services	9,300	9,300	9,000	
Total Government	11,200	11,000	11,000	
Total Federal Government	3,800	3,900	3,800	
Total State & Local	7,400	7,100	7,200	
Total State Government	1,400	1,400	1,300	
Total Local Government	6,000	5,700	5,900	

- Transportation & Public
   Utilities diminished by 5.9% (or -100 jobs) in August. Over the year, this major division logged a deficit of 5.9% (or -100 jobs).
- **Services** in the Lawton MSA remained unchanged over the month. Compared to August, 1999, **Services** has gained 3.3% (or +300 jobs).
- Total Government in the Lawton MSA added 1.8% (or +200 jobs) in August. The over-the-year increase in Total Government also measured 1.8% (or + 200 jobs).

# Enid Metropolitan Statistical Area

#### Start Of School Year Signals Seasonal Increase In Total Government

- Total NonFarm employment in the Enid MSA gained 0.4% (or +100 jobs) in August. Over the year, Total NonFarm employment has remained steady.
- **Mining** held steady over the month, while showing an overthe-year decrease of 14.3% (or -100 jobs).
- Construction, Trade, and F.I.R.E. all were flat in August and also over the year.
- Manufacturing showed no movement over the month. This major division exhibited upward movement of 4.0% (or +100 jobs) over the year.

		Number				
INDUSTRY	Aug '00	Jul '00	Aug'99			
Total Nonfarm	23,800	23,700	23,800			
Goods Producing	4,100	4,100	4,100			
Mining	600	600	700			
Construction	900	900	900			
Manufacturing	2,600	2,600	2,500			
Durable Goods	900	900	900			
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,700	1,600			
Service Producing	19,700	19,600	19,700			
Transpor & Public Utilities	2,300	2,300	2,200			
Trade	6,200	6,200	6,200			
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400			
Retail Trade	4,800	4,800	4,800			
Finance, Insur., & Real Est	1,100	1,100	1,100			
Services	6,200	6,400	6,400			
Total Government	3,900	3,600	3,800			
Total Federal Govt.	500	400	400			
Total State & Local	3,400	3,200	3,400			
Total State Government	1,100	1,100	1,100			
Total Local Government	2,300	2,100	2,300			

- Transportation & Public
  Utilities in the Enid MSA held
  steady in August. Over the year,
  it has increased 4.5% (or +100
  jobs).
- **Services** in the Enid MSA slumped in August by shedding 3.1% (or -200 jobs). The overthe-year decline in **Services** was also 3.1% (or -200 jobs).
- Total Government in Enid MSA surged 8.3% (or +300 jobs) over the month. Monthly gains in Local and Federal Government contributed. For the year, this major division has gained 2.6% (or +100 jobs).

## **Labor Force Statistics**

			Unemployment Rate*		
Area	Employ*	Unemp*	Aug '00	Jul '00	Aug '99
U.S.	135,601,000	5,824,000	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%
Oklahoma	1,614,200	47,600	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%

ADAIR	8,110	390	4.6%	4.5%	4.6%
ALFALFA	2,400	40	1.5%	1.5%	1.2%
ATOKA	4,820	100	2.0%	2.1%	2.5%
BEAVER	2,340	60	2.3%	2.5%	2.6%
BECKHAM	9,530	270	2.8%	2.8%	3.4%
BLAINE	4,300	90	2.1%	2.0%	2.9%
BRYAN	17,390	310	1.7%	2.1%	1.8%
CADDO	12,960	420	3.2%	3.6%	3.3%
CANADIAN	46,700	950	2.0%	1.9%	1.6%
CARTER	19,390	900	4.4%	4.1%	3.9%
CHEROKEE	18,470	510	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%
CHOCTAW	5,170	380	6.9%	5.6%	4.8%
CIMARRON	1,800	30	1.5%	1.8%	1.7%
CLEVELAND	113,060	1,890	1.6%	2.0%	1.8%
COAL	2,370	90	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%
COMANCHE	40,200	1,250	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
COTTON	1,940	60	2.8%	3.5%	4.4%
CRAIG	6,490	230	3.5%	3.6%	2.1%
CREEK	32,510	1,030	3.1%	3.2%	3.0%
CUSTER	11,030	250	2.2%	2.3%	2.5%
DELAWARE	16,940	490	2.8%	2.5%	2.9%
DEWEY	1,860	50	2.5%	2.7%	4.1%
ELLIS	1,560	40	2.7%	2.5%	3.5%
GARFIELD	26,280	690	2.5%	2.8%	2.5%
GARVIN	10,580	430	3.9%	4.2%	4.8%
GRADY	17,790	690	3.7%	3.5%	3.8%
GRANT	2,020	60	2.6%	2.5%	2.0%
GREER	2,460	50	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%
HARMON	1,230	30	2.7%	2.7%	2.5%
HARPER	1,680	30	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
HASKELL	5,020	260	4.9%	4.6%	4.9%
HUGHES	4,940	260	5.0%	5.8%	6.3%
JACKSON	13,080	350	2.6%	2.5%	3.0%
JEFFERSON	3,100	80	2.6%	3.1%	2.5%
JOHNSTON	4,820	140	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%
KAY	20,280	1,110	5.2%	6.2%	5.3%
KINGFISHER	6,500	130	2.0%	2.2%	2.2%

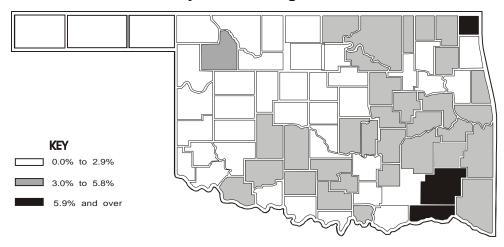
			Unemployment Rate		Rate
Area	Employ	Unemp	Aug '00		Aug '99
KIOWA	4,580	130	2.7%	2.8%	3.1%
LATIMER	4,220	210	4.6%	5.4%	5.9%
LEFLORE	18,990	840	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%
LINCOLN	13,400	390	2.8%	3.1%	3.8%
LOGAN	14,900	420	2.7%	2.5%	2.0%
LOVE	3,650	90	2.5%	3.2%	3.1%
McCLAIN	13,230	280	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%
McCURTAIN	15,160	840	5.3%	5.5%	5.3%
McINTOSH	7,870	310	3.7%	4.3%	5.1%
MAJOR	3,710	80	2.1%	2.1%	2.7%
MARSHALL	5,180	180	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%
MAYES	16,020	580	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%
MURRAY	5,030	210	4.1%	3.7%	5.0%
MUSKOGEE	32,180	1,250	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%
NOBLE	5,720	110	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%
NOWATA	3,630	120	3.1%	3.2%	4.4%
OKFUSKEE	3,120	140	4.3%	4.6%	4.3%
OKLAHOMA	332,500	8,610	2.5%	2.6%	2.3%
OKMULGEE	12,960	780	5.7%	5.8%	5.8%
OSAGE	19,860	650	3.1%	4.2%	3.0%
OTTAWA	12,500	860	6.4%	5.6%	3.7%
PAWNEE	5,820	280	4.6%	4.6%	4.1%
PAYNE	36,880	380	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
PITTSBURG	16,980	710	4.0%	4.1%	4.8%
PONTOTOC	17,190	520	2.9%	3.0%	2.7%
POTTAWATOMIE	28,600	970	3.3%	3.4%	3.1%
PUSHMATAHA	4,520	320	6.6%	3.9%	4.5%
ROGER MILLS	1,900	40	1.9%	2.0%	2.9%
ROGERS	35,050	900	2.5%	2.4%	2.8%
SEMINOLE	8,790	480	5.2%	5.5%	6.4%
SEQUOYAH	16,630	680	3.9%	4.2%	3.6%
STEPHENS	16,190	560	3.3%	3.5%	4.6%
TEXAS	14,720	330	2.2%	2.3%	1.7%
TILLMAN	3,270	110	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%
TULSA	293,840	8,310	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%
WAGONER	28,290	700	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
WASHINGTON	18,940	660	3.3%	3.1%	3.7%
WASHITA	4,570	110	2.4%	2.9%	3.2%
WOODS	4,270	50	1.1%	1.4%	1.6%
WOODWARD	8,200	270	3.2%	3.3%	4.8%

<sup>\*</sup>Latest month's data are preliminary.



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