

## Unemployment Rates in Oklahoma Continue At Lower Levels in 1998

Oklahoma began 1996 with a 5.0 percent unemployment rate. By the time January 1998 rolled around, the unemployment rate took a 1.0 percent dive to only 4 percent. Both years, 1996 and 1997 experienced an overall annual average of 4.1 percent. The 1998 annual average unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percent from the revised 1997 rate ( 1998 figures have not yet undergone the benchmark process). The first and second quarter of 1998's unemployment rates set a record for the lowest rates for a consecutive sixmonth period at the beginning of a year.

Oklahoma Unemployment Rates 1996-1998


## Economic Indicators

| Oklahoma | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Labor Force | 1,633,200 | 1,644,400 | 1,598,100 |
| Employment | 1,564,500 | 1,579,900 | 1,543,600 |
| Unemployment | 68,600 | 64,500 | 54,500 |
| Rate | 4.2\% | 3.9\% | 3.4\% |
| MSA Unemp | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| Oklahoma City | 3.2\% | 2.9\% | 2.7\% |
| Tulsa | 3.2\% | 2.9\% | 2.7\% |
| Manufacturing | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| Avg. Weekly Wages | 565.40 | 572.04 | 548.94 |
| Avg. Hourly Wages | 13.43 | 13.62 | 13.07 |
| Avg. Hours Worked | 42.1 | 42.0 | 42.0 |
| Consumer Price Index (CPI) \% Change |  |  |  |
|  | Dec '98 | Month | Year |
| US | 163.9 | -0.1\% | 1.6\% |


| Local Office Statistics | Dec '98 | Dec '97 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total Benefits Paid | $9,983,041$ | $7,991,519$ |
| Average Benefit Amount | 193.56 | 172.80 |
| Job Openings Received (YTD) | 38,297 | 40,707 |
| App. Regist. for Work (YTD) | 166,186 | 166,280 |
| \# of Individuals Placed (YTD) | 19,003 | 20,718 |
| Applicant Opening Ratio (YTD) | 4.3 | 4.1 |


| Employers | \# of Employer | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| (2nd Qtr 1998) | Units | Employment |
| Statewide | 85,672 | $1,416,979$ |
| OKC MSA | 27,351 | 502,370 |
| Tulsa MSA | 20,462 | 384,010 |

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|  |  | Unemployment Rate |  |  |  |
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| Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| $\mathbf{1 , 6 3 3 , 2 0 0}$ | $1,564,500$ | 68,600 | $4.2 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ |

## MEAGER GROWTH DISPAYED IN MINING

Total Nonfarm Employment in Oklahoma increased $0.3 \%$ in December, gaining approximately 4,600 jobs for the month. A total of 41,300 jobs have been created since this time last year. The Goods Producing industries increased $0.1 \%$ ( 200 jobs), while the Service Producing industries rose $0.4 \%$ ( 4,400 jobs) in December.

MINING gained 100 jobs in December, due to a slight increase in Oil and Gas Extraction. This industry still remains 500 below the December 1997 level.


CONSTRUCTION posted a slight gain in employment this month, after displaying only a small seasonal decline last month.

MANUFACTURING, as a whole, held steady for the month. The decrease in Durable Goods counteracted the increase in Nondurable Goods. Meager gains appeared in Fabricated Metal Products, Transportation Equipment, Food \& Kindred Products, and Rubber \& Miscellaneous Plastic Products. Employment declines occurred in Lumber \& Wood Products and Newspapers and Periodical Products.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES, as a whole, posted significant growth in December. While the majority of this growth can be attributed to Communications and Utilities, Air Transportation reported a slight increase.

TRADE experienced another a growth spurt in December with gains in both the Wholesale and the Retail Trade sectors. Retail Trade continued to report strong employment growth and contributed to the majority of the Total Trade increase.
Apparel \& Accessory Stores accounted for half of the growth in Retail Trade this month. The only sectors that didn't show positive growth were Automotive Dealers, which held steady, and Eating \& Drinking Places, which declined in December.

FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE continued to increase for the month and has grown quite significantly for the year. Nondepository Institutions were up for the month, while Depository Institutions and Insurance Carriers remained constant.

SERVICES displayed a gain in employment for the month. Business Services dropped significantly in December. Strong gains appeared in Health Services, Motion Pictures, and Engineering \& Management Services. Personal Services and Educational Services saw only meager gains. Hotels \& Other Lodging held constant in December.

GOVERNMENT increased for the month. Federal Government posted significant employment gains in December. State and Local Government, both displayed equal declines for the month.

| HOURS AND EARNINGS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry | Avg Weekly Hours |  |  | Avg Hourly Earnings |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Nov } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ |
| Manufacturing | 42.0 | 41.2 | 43.5 | 12.74 | 12.80 | 12.71 |
| Durable Goods | 43.4 | 42.2 | 44.3 | 12.97 | 13.07 | 13.17 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 39.3 | 39.4 | 42.0 | 12.28 | 12.29 | 11.81 |

## Statewide NonFarm Payroll Employment

|  | Number |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| INDUSTRY | Dec | Nov | Dec |
|  | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ |
| TOTAL NONFARM | $1,457,300$ | $1,452,700$ | $1,416,000$ |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 271,000 | 270,800 | 266,300 |
| MINING | 31,300 | 31,200 | 31,800 |
| Oil \& Gas Extraction | 29,100 | 29,000 | 29,600 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 53,200 | 53,100 | 50,600 |
| MANUFACTURING | 186,500 | 186,500 | 183,900 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 119,200 | 119,300 | 117,700 |
| Lumber \& Wood Prods. | 4,400 | 4,500 | 4,200 |
| Stone, Clay, Glass | 9,100 | 9,100 | 9,100 |
| Primary Metal Ind. | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,300 |
| Fabricated Metal | 23,400 | 23,300 | 23,000 |
| Fabr Struct Metal Pr | 11,500 | 11,400 | 11,300 |
| Industrial Machinery | 33,300 | 33,300 | 33,400 |
| Construct \& Related | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Oil \& Gas Field | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,600 |
| General Industrial | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,100 |
| Electronic Equipment | 11,900 | 11,900 | 11,800 |
| Transportation Equip. | 21,000 | 20,900 | 20,100 |
| Motor Vehicles | 11,300 | 11,300 | 11,600 |
| Aircraft \& Parts | 7,100 | 7,100 | 6,300 |
| Instruments \& Related | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,700 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 67,300 | 67,200 | 66,200 |
| Food \& Kindred Prod. | 20,100 | 20,000 | 19,000 |
| Textile Mill, Apparel | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,400 |
| Paper \& Allied | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,600 |
| Printing \& Publishing | 11,700 | 11,800 | 11,900 |
| Newspapers, Periodic | 5,200 | 5,300 | 5,200 |
| Petroleum \& Coal Prod | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,600 |
| Rubber \& Misc Plastic | 14,500 | 14,400 | 14,400 |
| Tires \& Inner Tubes | 6,700 | 6,700 | 6,600 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | $1,186,300$ | $1,181,900$ | $1,149,700$ |
| TRANSPORT \& PUB UTILS | 84,300 | 83,900 | 81,100 |
| TRANSPORTATION | 52,100 | 52,000 | 49,700 |
| Trucking \& Warehouse | 25,100 | 25,100 | 24,200 |
| Transportation By Air | 19,800 | 19,700 | 18,600 |
| Pipelines,Exc Nat Gas | 900 | 900 | 1,000 |
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|  | Number |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| INDUSTRY | Dec |  |  |
|  | Nov | Dec |  |
| $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ |  |
| COMMUNICATIONS \& UTILS | 32,200 | 31,900 | 31,400 |
| Communications | 19,100 | 18,900 | 18,200 |
| Electric,Gas,Sanitary | 13,100 | 13,000 | 13,200 |
| TRADE | 339,400 | 336,400 | 332,500 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 69,300 | 69,100 | 68,100 |
| Wholesale - Durables | 38,100 | 37,900 | 37,700 |
| Wholesale -Nondurable | 31,200 | 31,200 | 30,400 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 270,100 | 267,300 | 264,400 |
| Bldng Matls,Grdn Supl | 11,800 | 11,600 | 11,000 |
| General Merchandise | 39,400 | 39,300 | 38,100 |
| Food Stores | 36,400 | 36,200 | 37,300 |
| Automotive Dealers | 32,200 | 32,200 | 31,700 |
| Apparel \& Accessory | 13,200 | 11,800 | 13,000 |
| Furn, Homefurn, Equip | 11,600 | 11,200 | 11,500 |
| Eating \& Drinking | 95,800 | 96,300 | 92,300 |
| Misc Retail | 29,700 | 28,700 | 29,500 |
| FINANCE,INS.,REAL EST. | 71,800 | 71,400 | 70,400 |
| Depository Instns | 24,000 | 24,000 | 23,600 |
| Nondepository Instns | 5,600 | 5,500 | 5,300 |
| Insurance Carriers | 15,300 | 15,300 | 15,400 |
| SERVICES | 401,000 | 400,700 | 382,200 |
| Hotels \& Othr Lodging | 11,200 | 11,200 | 10,400 |
| Personal Services | 13,100 | 13,000 | 13,200 |
| Business Services | 93,000 | 93,600 | 85,300 |
| Motion Pictures | 3,700 | 3,300 | 3,400 |
| Health Services | 123,600 | 123,000 | 121,700 |
| Hospitals | 45,200 | 44,800 | 44,400 |
| Educational Services | 16,300 | 16,200 | 14,000 |
| Social Services | 26,400 | 26,400 | 25,500 |
| Engineering \& Mngmnt. | 27,100 | 26,800 | 24,900 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 289,800 | 289,500 | 283,500 |
| Total Federal Govt. | 45,200 | 44,700 | 44,800 |
| Total State \& Local | 244,600 | 244,800 | 238,700 |
| Total State Government | 82,600 | 82,700 | 81,500 |
| Total Local Government | 162,000 | 162,100 | 157,200 |
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## Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

| INDUSTRY | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Dec } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Nov } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Dec } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ | INDUSTRY | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Dec } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Nov } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Dec } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Nonfarm | 1,445,900 | 1,443,600 | 1,405,100 | Service Producing | 1,175,000 | 1,172,700 | 1,138,700 |
| Goods Producing | 270,900 | 270,900 | 266,400 | Transport \& Pub Utils | 84,100 | 83,900 | 80,900 |
| Mining | 31,400 | 31,500 | 31,900 | Trade | 333,900 | 333,200 | 327,300 |
| Construction | 53,300 | 52,800 | 50,800 | Wholesale | 69,100 | 68,800 | 67,900 |
| Manufacturing | 186,200 | 186,600 | 183,700 | Retail | 264,800 | 264,400 | 259,400 |
| Durable Goods | 119,200 | 119,300 | 117,800 | Finance, Ins., Real Est. | 71,600 | 71,500 | 70,200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 67,000 | 67,300 | 65,900 | Services | 401,800 | 400,100 | 383,000 |
|  |  |  |  | Total Government | 283,600 | 284,000 | 277,300 |

## Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area

| Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 541,180 | 523,470 | 17,710 | $3.3 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $2.7 \%$ |

## EMPLOYMENT CLOSES OUT YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE

- Total Nonfarm employment in the Oklahoma City MSA was 522,800 , an increase of 2,400 jobs. As a whole, employment in 1998 has risen 11,700 jobs over 1997.
- Manufacturing dropped 0.4 percent compared to November. Overall, employment in 1998 has improved 2.7 percent.
- Mining reported 7,400 jobs in December. In 1998, this industry has lost 100 jobs as a result of low pump prices.
- Employment in Construction has risen 1.6 percent above the previous month. This industry closed out the year with 19,100 jobs in 1998, up from the 18,100 jobs reported in 1997.
- Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities rose 1.6 percent in December. The current year displayed an increase of 1,000 jobs.
- Trade has increased 1,500 jobs compared to the previous month. Retail alone has contributed 1,300 jobs, as a result of the holiday dash. This industry has closed out 1998 with the addition of 2,500 jobs.
- Finance, Insurance, \& Real Estate rose by 300 jobs in December, bringing the total employment in this industry to 30,800 . In 1998, this industry has shown considerable improvement of 3.4 percent.
- Services decreased 0.1 percent compared to the previous month. This industry exhibited an increase of 2.8 percent for the year.
- Total Government increased slightly 0.1 percent in December. Employment rose from 103,700 in 1997 to 104,300 in 1998.

|  | Number |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| INDUSTRY |  |  |  |
|  | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| Total Nonfarm | 522,800 | 520,400 | 511,100 |
| Goods Producing | 83,400 | 83,200 | 81,000 |
| Mining | 7,400 | 7,300 | 7,500 |
| Construction | 19,100 | 18,800 | 18,100 |
| Manufacturing | 56,900 | 57,100 | 55,400 |
| Durable Goods | 38,600 | 39,100 | 37,800 |
| Prim, Fabr Metal Prod | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,700 |
| Fabricated Metal | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,000 |
| Mach \& Electric Equip | 17,400 | 17,600 | 17,100 |
| Industrial Machinery | 11,200 | 11,400 | 10,900 |
| Electronic Equipment | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| Transportation Equip. | 8,800 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Nondurable Goods | 18,300 | 18,000 | 17,600 |
| Food \& Kindred Prod. | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,100 |
| Printing \& Publishing | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,100 |
| Service Producing | 439,400 | 437,200 | 430,100 |
| Transport \& Pub Utils | 25,900 | 25,500 | 24,900 |
| Transportation | 16,100 | 16,000 | 15,300 |
| Communications \& Utils | 9,800 | 9,500 | 9,600 |
| Trade | 125,800 | 124,300 | 123,300 |
| Wholesale Trade | 24,600 | 24,400 | 24,600 |
| Retail Trade | 101,200 | 99,900 | 98,700 |
| General Merchandise | 12,400 | 12,000 | 12,100 |
| Food Stores | 11,300 | 11,200 | 11,400 |
| Finance,Ins.,Real Est. | 30,800 | 30,500 | 29,800 |
| Deposit \& Nondeposit | 12,000 | 11,800 | 11,000 |
| Insurance Carriers | 7,400 | 7,500 | 7,400 |
| Services | 152,600 | 152,700 | 148,400 |
| Health Services | 44,900 | 44,900 | 45,000 |
| Hospitals | 18,200 | 18,200 | 18,100 |
| Educational Services | 6,400 | 6,300 | 5,900 |
| Total Government | 104,300 | 104,200 | 103,700 |
| Total Federal Govt. | 26,900 | 26,800 | 26,500 |
| Total State \& Local | 77,400 | 77,400 | 77,200 |
| Total State Government | 38,200 | 38,100 | 38,200 |
| Total Local Government | 39,200 | 39,300 | 39,000 |
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| Industry | HOURS AND EARNINGS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Avg Weekly Hours |  |  | Avg Hourly Earnings |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ |
| Manufacturing | 43.3 | 42.2 | 44.3 | 13.81 | 14.17 | 14.16 |
| Durable Goods | 44.8 | 43.1 | 45.7 | 14.12 | 14.65 | 14.86 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 39.9 | 39.9 | 41.0 | 13.03 | 12.95 | 12.30 |

## Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area

## RETAIL TRADE DISPLAYS SEASONAL INCREASE

- Total nonfarm in Tulsa MSA grew by 0.5 percent in December, adding 2,000 jobs this month. In December, six industries out of eight gained employment. Compared to December 1997, a total of 13,300 jobs have been created.
- Total Trade added 1,200 jobs in December. This augmentation can be mainly attributed to the Retail Trade major division that grew by 1.6 percent or 1,100 jobs. This increase in employment was due to the seasonal activities of Christmas.
- The Services industry added 400 jobs last month. Over the year, this major division increased its employment by 5.3 percent or 6,400 jobs.
- Total Government increased by 200 jobs last month. The Federal Government and the Local Government gained respectively 300 and 200 jobs while the State Government lost 300 jobs.
- The Manufacturing major division gained 100 jobs in December. Over the year, this major division has grown by 1.1 percent or 600 jobs.
- The Construction industry dropped by 200 jobs in December. This decrease is due to seasonal activities.
- The Mining major division remained unchanged in December at 7,500 . Over the year, this industry has lost employment (100 jobs).

|  | Number |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| INDUSTRY |  |  |  |
|  | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| Total Nonfarm | 396,700 | 394,700 | 383,400 |
| Goods Producing | 82,000 | 82,100 | 80,100 |
| Mining | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,600 |
| Construction | 16,800 | 17,000 | 15,400 |
| Manufacturing | 57,700 | 57,600 | 57,100 |
| Durable Goods | 45,200 | 45,100 | 44,300 |
| Stone, Clay, Glass | 3,600 | 3,500 | 3,400 |
| Prim, Fabr Metal Prod | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Primary Metal Ind. | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,600 |
| Fabricated Metal | 12,300 | 12,300 | 12,400 |
| Fabr Struct Metal Pr | 7,200 | 7,300 | 7,300 |
| Mach \& Electric Equip | 15,000 | 14,900 | 14,700 |
| Industrial Machinery | 11,800 | 11,800 | 11,500 |
| Construct \& Related | 3,300 | 3,200 | 3,300 |
| Electronic Equipment | 3,200 | 3,100 | 3,200 |
| Transportation Equip. | 6,100 | 6,100 | 5,800 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,500 | 12,500 | 12,800 |
| Printing \& Publishing | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| Petroleum \& Coal Prod | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,500 |
| Service Producing | 314,700 | 312,600 | 303,300 |
| Transport \& Pub Utils | 31,900 | 31,700 | 30,000 |
| Transportation | 20,900 | 20,800 | 19,400 |
| Communications \& Utils | 11,000 | 10,900 | 10,600 |
| Trade | 91,200 | 90,000 | 89,500 |
| Wholesale Trade | 22,600 | 22,500 | 22,100 |
| Retail Trade | 68,600 | 67,500 | 67,400 |
| General Merchandise | 9,900 | 9,700 | 9,500 |
| Finance,Ins.,Real Est. | 21,100 | 21,000 | 20,400 |
| Dep-Nondep,Sec. Commd | 7,600 | 7,500 | 7,400 |
| Services | 126,200 | 125,800 | 119,800 |
| Health Services | 35,300 | 35,200 | 34,300 |
| Hospitals | 15,900 | 15,700 | 15,600 |
| Educational Services | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Total Government | 44,300 | 44,100 | 43,600 |
| Total Federal Govt. | 5,700 | 5,400 | 5,500 |
| Total State \& Local | 6,700 | 38,700 | 38,100 |
| Total State Government | 7,000 | 6,600 |  |
| Total Local Government | 31,900 | 31,700 | 31,500 |
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| Industry | HOURS AND EARNINGS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Avg Weekly Hours |  |  | Avg Hourly Earnings |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Dec } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec } \\ & 1997 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Dec } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ |
| Manufacturing | 43.6 | 42.1 | 44.1 | 13.32 | 13.37 | 13.18 |
| Durable Goods | 44.2 | 42.6 | 44.2 | 13.14 | 13.19 | 12.93 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 41.4 | 40.5 | 43.9 | 13.98 | 14.12 | 14.19 |

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT UP FOR THE YEAR

- Total Non-Agricultural employment in the Lawton Metropolitan Statistical Area decreased to 37,600 jobs in December. Although this figure is down slightly for the month, the current employment level has increased by $1.1 \%$ over the year.
- Manufacturing has remained flat for the past three months, reporting an employment level of 3,500 . This figure is down $2.8 \%$ for the year.
- While Wholesale \& Retail

Trade remained steady at 9,100 for the month, employment has increased by $1.1 \%$ over the year.

| INDUSTRY | Number |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| Total Nonfarm | 37,600 | 37,700 | 37,200 |
| Goods Producing | 4,500 | 4,600 | 4,700 |
| Mining | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Construction | 900 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Manufacturing | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,600 |
| Durable Goods | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,200 |
| Service Producing | 33,100 | 33,100 | 32,500 |
| Transportation \& Public Utilities | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Trade | 9,100 | 9,100 | 9,000 |
| Wholesale Trade | 900 | 900 | 900 |
| Retail Trade | 8,200 | 8,200 | 8,100 |
| Finance, Insur., \& Real Estate | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Services | 8,400 | 8,400 | 8,100 |
| Total Government | 12,100 | 12,100 | 11,900 |
| Total Federal Government | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,500 |
| Total State \& Local | 8,700 | 8,700 | 8,400 |
| Total State Government | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Total Local Government | 7,000 | 7,000 | 6,700 |

- Construction reported a decrease in December, slipping to 900 jobs. This figure is down slightly for the year.
- Mining, T.P.U., and F.I.R.E. held constant for both the month and year.
- Although Services remained flat for the month at 8,400 , the current level is up $3.7 \%$ for the year.
- Total Government reported no change over the month with an employment level of 12,100 for December. Over the year Government has increased by 1.7\%.


## Enid Metropolitan Statistical Area

## TOTAL EMPLOYMENT UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

- Total Non-Agricultural employment in the Enid Metropolitan Statistical Area held steady at 25,700 for the month of December. This figure is up $2 \%$ for the year. Goods Producing Industries reported a slight gain for the month while Service
Producing Industries reported a decrease.
- Mining reported a slight increase over the month, rising to 1,300 .
- Wholesale and Retail Trade remained constant over the month, reporting an employment level of 6,400 for December. This figure is up $1.6 \%$ from the previous year.

| INDUSTRY | Number |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| Total Nonfarm | 25,700 | 25,700 | 25,200 |
| Goods Producing | 4,900 | 4,800 | 4,600 |
| Mining | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Construction | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,000 |
| Manufacturing | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Durable Goods | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Service Producing | 20,800 | 20,900 | 20,600 |
| Transpor \& Public Utilities | 2,000 | 2,100 | 2,000 |
| Trade | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,300 |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Retail Trade | 5,100 | 5,100 | 5,000 |
| Finance, Insur., \& Real Est | 1,100 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Services | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,100 |
| Total Government | 4,100 | 4,200 | 4,200 |
| Total Federal Govt. | 400 | 400 | 400 |
| Total State \& Local | 3,700 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| Total State Government | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,300 |
| Total Local Government | 2,500 | 2,600 | 2,500 |

- Finance, Insurance \& Real Estate gained 100 jobs, increasing the employment level to 1,100 .
- Manufacturing, Construction and Services all remained constant over the month.
- Transportation \& Public Utilities decreased slightly in December, reporting an employment level of 2,000 .
- Total Government lost 100 jobs for the month. This decrease was in the Local Sector, which reported an employment level of 2,500 . Although for the month it has remained constant over the year.


## Labor Force Statistics

| Area | Employ | Unemp | Unemployment Rate |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| U.S. | 132,732,000 | 5,565,000 | 4.0\% | 4.1\% | 4.4\% |
| Oklahoma | 1,564,500 | 68,600 | 4.2\% | 3.9\% | 3.4\% |
| ADAIR | 8,310 | 720 | 7.9\% | 7.6\% | 4.7\% |
| ALFALFA | 2,200 | 80 | 3.7\% | 2.6\% | 1.1\% |
| ATOKA | 4,520 | 240 | 5.0\% | 3.7\% | 3.1\% |
| BEAVER | 2,650 | 100 | 3.6\% | 4.1\% | 2.1\% |
| BECKHAM | 8,920 | 470 | 5.0\% | 4.2\% | 2.5\% |
| BLAINE | 4,570 | 170 | 3.5\% | 3.1\% | 2.7\% |
| BRYAN | 14,500 | 440 | 2.9\% | 3.1\% | 2.3\% |
| CADDO | 11,430 | 680 | 5.6\% | 5.2\% | 3.7\% |
| CANADIAN | 43,970 | 1,140 | 2.5\% | 2.6\% | 1.9\% |
| CARTER | 19,830 | 1,350 | 6.4\% | 6.1\% | 4.3\% |
| CHEROKEE | 16,620 | 720 | 4.2\% | 4.1\% | 3.9\% |
| CHOCTAW | 4,860 | 560 | 10.4\% | 11.2\% | 10.2\% |
| CIMARRON | 1,490 | 50 | 3.2\% | 2.3\% | 2.4\% |
| CLEVELAND | 105,650 | 2,980 | 2.7\% | 2.6\% | 2.1\% |
| COAL | 2,420 | 190 | 7.1\% | 8.2\% | 7.1\% |
| COMANCHE | 38,550 | 1,910 | 4.7\% | 4.5\% | 4.0\% |
| COTTON | 2,060 | 130 | 6.1\% | 5.3\% | 4.3\% |
| CRAIG | 6,530 | 190 | 2.8\% | 3.0\% | 2.3\% |
| CREEK | 32,110 | 1,300 | 3.9\% | 3.4\% | 3.0\% |
| CUSTER | 11,930 | 490 | 4.0\% | 3.6\% | 2.8\% |
| DELAWARE | 15,510 | 680 | 4.2\% | 4.0\% | 4.4\% |
| DEWEY | 1,870 | 80 | 4.1\% | 3.0\% | 2.6\% |
| ELLIS | 1,470 | 110 | 6.7\% | 5.8\% | 3.8\% |
| GARFIELD | 27,530 | 990 | 3.5\% | 3.2\% | 2.7\% |
| GARVIN | 10,590 | 820 | 7.2\% | 6.3\% | 4.2\% |
| GRADY | 19,500 | 1,090 | 5.3\% | 4.9\% | 3.6\% |
| GRANT | 2,290 | 60 | 2.7\% | 2.5\% | 1.9\% |
| GREER | 2,450 | 140 | 5.4\% | 4.9\% | 1.9\% |
| HARMON | 1,200 | 40 | 3.4\% | 4.6\% | 5.6\% |
| HARPER | 1,580 | 50 | 3.2\% | 2.9\% | 2.9\% |
| HASKELL | 4,170 | 440 | 9.6\% | 10.0\% | 11.2\% |
| HUGHES | 4,630 | 390 | 7.8\% | 7.5\% | 5.5\% |
| JACKSON | 11,910 | 530 | 4.3\% | 4.2\% | 3.6\% |
| JEFFERSON | 3,280 | 190 | 5.5\% | 4.8\% | 3.2\% |
| JOHNSTON | 4,170 | 280 | 6.3\% | 6.4\% | 5.1\% |
| KAY | 20,630 | 1,600 | 7.2\% | 6.7\% | 5.2\% |
| KINGFISHER | 6,620 | 240 | 3.5\% | 3.1\% | 2.0\% |


| Area | Employ | Unemp | Unemployment Rate |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Dec '98 | Nov '98 | Dec '97 |
| KIOWA | 4,210 | 200 | 4.5\% | 4.0\% | 3.7\% |
| LATIMER | 4,590 | 600 | 11.6\% | 10.7\% | 9.2\% |
| LEFLORE | 17,940 | 1,740 | 8.8\% | 8.3\% | 6.7\% |
| LINCOLN | 13,680 | 570 | 4.0\% | 3.9\% | 3.8\% |
| LOGAN | 14,370 | 490 | 3.3\% | 3.6\% | 2.5\% |
| LOVE | 3,800 | 190 | 4.7\% | 4.6\% | 3.0\% |
| McCLAIN | 12,400 | 360 | 2.8\% | 2.8\% | 2.6\% |
| McCURTAIN | 13,480 | 1,240 | 8.4\% | 7.4\% | 7.6\% |
| McINTOSH | 6,960 | 680 | 8.9\% | 7.8\% | 5.7\% |
| MAJOR | 3,810 | 110 | 2.8\% | 2.9\% | 3.1\% |
| MARSHALL | 4,720 | 350 | 6.8\% | 7.7\% | 4.3\% |
| MAYES | 13,950 | 690 | 4.7\% | 4.1\% | 4.0\% |
| MURRAY | 5,400 | 400 | 6.9\% | 6.0\% | 5.5\% |
| MUSKOGEE | 28,910 | 1,940 | 6.3\% | 6.0\% | 5.0\% |
| NOBLE | 5,670 | 200 | 3.4\% | 3.0\% | 2.8\% |
| NOWATA | 3,830 | 150 | 3.9\% | 4.1\% | 4.2\% |
| OKFUSKEE | 4,470 | 300 | 6.4\% | 6.3\% | 3.9\% |
| OKLAHOMA | 319,720 | 11,150 | 3.4\% | 3.3\% | 2.9\% |
| OKMULGEE | 13,890 | 1,220 | 8.1\% | 7.9\% | 7.0\% |
| OSAGE | 19,970 | 750 | 3.6\% | 3.3\% | 3.2\% |
| OTTAWA | 12,170 | 790 | 6.1\% | 5.6\% | 6.3\% |
| PAWNEE | 5,970 | 360 | 5.7\% | 4.1\% | 5.4\% |
| PAYNE | 33,920 | 640 | 1.8\% | 1.7\% | 1.6\% |
| PITTSBURG | 16,260 | 1,620 | 9.1\% | 6.9\% | 6.8\% |
| PONTOTOC | 15,670 | 840 | 5.1\% | 4.7\% | 3.3\% |
| POTTAWATOMIE | 27,360 | 1,590 | 5.5\% | 5.1\% | 3.9\% |
| PUSHMATAHA | 4,650 | 350 | 6.9\% | 6.2\% | 5.8\% |
| ROGER MILLS | 1,790 | 120 | 6.0\% | 4.9\% | 2.4\% |
| ROGERS | 33,120 | 1,300 | 3.8\% | 3.0\% | 2.8\% |
| SEMINOLE | 9,350 | 930 | 9.0\% | 9.2\% | 7.1\% |
| SEQUOYAH | 15,560 | 1,530 | 8.9\% | 8.1\% | 7.0\% |
| STEPHENS | 17,080 | 1,390 | 7.5\% | 6.2\% | 3.5\% |
| TEXAS | 13,270 | 330 | 2.4\% | 2.6\% | 1.8\% |
| TILLMAN | 3,540 | 150 | 4.1\% | 4.2\% | 4.9\% |
| TULSA | 291,130 | 9,210 | 3.1\% | 2.8\% | 2.7\% |
| WAGONER | 27,690 | 930 | 3.3\% | 2.8\% | 2.2\% |
| WASHINGTON | 20,170 | 690 | 3.3\% | 3.3\% | 2.9\% |
| WASHITA | 4,810 | 270 | 5.3\% | 3.7\% | 3.0\% |
| WOODS | 4,150 | 120 | 2.8\% | 2.6\% | 2.2\% |
| WOODWARD | 8,660 | 530 | 5.8\% | 4.4\% | 3.8\% |

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