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ATTENTION

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has notified all states that some of the inputs provided by BLS for calculating Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) were in error. Due to this problem, the Economic Research & Analysis division is required to re-calculate all sub-state (metropolitan statistical area, county, and city) labor force estimates for 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. These estimates include the civilian labor force, number employed, number unemployed, and the unemployment rate. **Statewide estimates for these years are not affected and will not be re-calculated.** The statewide data for April is included on page 2 of this report. This error affects all states, not just Oklahoma.

BLS is currently working to correct the problem. Because of the Economic Research & Analysis division's commitment to the quality of our data, we will be holding release of the April 2005 LAUS data until BLS has provided us with the corrected inputs. The tentative date for release is the first full week of June. The LAUS data for April 2005 will then be released as a press release as well as posted on our website (www.oesc.state.ok.us/lmi).

We in the Economic Research & Analysis division apologize for any inconvenience. For more information on the error, please call the BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics program at 202-691-6392.

AREAS OF INTEREST

STATEWIDE OVER-THE-YEAR CHANGE

In April 2005, statewide TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, as well as employment in all industries except INFORMATION, reported year-over-year growth when compared to April 2004.

MANUFACTURING

↑ 1,900 jobs over month in non-MSA portions of state

MANUFACTURING gained a net 1,100 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the month. Taking into account the drop in MSA employment (a combined loss of 800 jobs over the month), MANUFACTURING in the non-MSA portion of Oklahoma added 1,900 jobs for the month.

IN A NUTSHELL . . .

"Seasonal factors helped provide jobs in April, as Oklahoma's nonfarm employment continued to grow across many industries. Statewide employment has grown by almost 2 percent over the year, stronger than at any point in 2004. All MSAs reported growth for the month and the year in April, and the non-metropolitan portions of the state followed suit. All-in-all, April proved to be a month of widespread but modest growth" – Lynn Gray, OESC Managing Economist

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STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN NEARLY 10 PERCENT IN APRIL

Oklahoma's **State Unemployment Rate** dropped to 4.1 percent in April 2005, a decline of one-half of a percent over the month. April was the third consecutive month that the state unemployment rate fell.

Statewide **Non-seasonally Adjusted Employment** and **Non-seasonally Adjusted Labor Force** both held relatively steady over the month again, reporting small gains of 14,274 persons (+0.9 percent) and 6,585 persons (+0.4 percent), respectively. For the second straight month, the state's **Non-seasonally Adjusted Unemployment** dropped by a sizable amount, shedding 7,689 jobs (-9.8 percent) for the month. This movement in unemployment was the biggest factor in April's unemployment rate decline.

U.S. and Regional EMPLOYMENT		APRIL 2005			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Apr '05	Mar '05	Feb '05
OKLAHOMA		1,647,258	71,110	1,718,368	4.1%	4.6%	4.8%
United States		140,939,000	7,335,000	148,274,000	4.9%	5.4%	5.8%
REGION	Arkansas	1,277,374	63,751	1,341,125	4.8%	5.4%	6.3%
	Kansas	1,392,983	71,904	1,464,887	4.9%	5.5%	5.6%
	Louisiana	1,996,755	95,185	2,091,940	4.6%	5.0%	5.9%
	Missouri	2,855,269	162,529	3,017,798	5.4%	6.1%	6.4%
	New Mexico	881,503	54,721	936,224	5.8%	5.9%	5.8%
	Texas	10,572,570	589,809	11,162,379	5.3%	5.5%	6.1%

STATE OF OKLAHOMA*

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STATE EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO GROW FOR MONTH AND YEAR

Oklahoma's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 11,500 jobs (+0.8 percent) in April, putting the state 27,300 jobs (+1.9 percent) ahead of its April 2004 level. For the **Goods Producing Industries**, **Construction** was the big mover over the month as warmer weather brought on expansion in the industry. Under the **Service Providing Industries**, **Professional and Business Services** and **Leisure and Hospitality** combined to provide 6,500 jobs over the month. **Government** contributed almost 40 percent of the jobs added to **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** over the year.

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,500,200	1,488,700	1,472,900	11,500	0.8%	27,300	1.9%
Goods Producing Industries	236,200	233,600	233,500	2,600	1.1%	2,700	1.2%
Construction	63,000	61,200	61,500	1,800	2.9%	1,500	2.4%
Manufacturing	141,700	140,600	141,600	1,100	0.8%	100	0.1%
Service Providing Industries	1,264,000	1,255,100	1,239,400	8,900	0.7%	24,600	2.0%
Trade, Transport. & Utilities	276,500	274,800	275,400	1,700	0.6%	1,100	0.4%
Financial Activities	85,400	85,100	84,300	300	0.4%	1,100	1.3%
Pro. & Business Services	168,000	165,000	161,500	3,000	1.8%	6,500	4.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	182,800	181,900	180,200	900	0.5%	2,600	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	131,300	127,800	129,000	3,500	2.7%	2,300	1.8%
Government	314,500	314,800	303,700	-300	-0.1%	10,800	3.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING CONTINUES ANNUAL GROWTH

Natural Resources and Mining reversed course in April, as the industry shed 300 jobs (-0.9 percent) over the month. Despite the monthly loss, this industry has added 1,100 jobs (+3.6 percent) since April 2004.

OKLAHOMA Natural Resources & Mining	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Natural Resources & Mining	31,500	31,800	30,400	-300	-0.9%	1,100	3.6%
Support Activities for Mining	15,600	15,800	15,200	-200	-1.3%	400	2.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION BENEFITS FROM SEASONAL FACTORS

Construction across the state added 1,800 jobs (+2.9 percent) over the month due to the onset of warmer weather. Although all sectors reported monthly growth, **Specialty Trade Contractors** provided a majority of the expansion by adding 1,100 jobs (+2.9 percent), the same amount the sector grew by over the year. **Specialty Trade Contractors** saw gains in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa MSAs as well. Since April 2004, **Construction** in Oklahoma has added 1,500 jobs (+2.4 percent).

OKLAHOMA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Construction	63,000	61,200	61,500	1,800	2.9%	1,500	2.4%
Construction of Buildings	13,300	12,900	12,800	400	3.1%	500	3.9%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	10,500	10,200	10,600	300	2.9%	-100	-0.9%
Specialty Trade Contractors	39,200	38,100	38,100	1,100	2.9%	1,100	2.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING BOUNCES BACK IN APRIL

Statewide **Manufacturing** rebounded from a 400-job drop in March by gaining 1,100 jobs (+ 0.8 percent) in April. The **Durable Goods** and **Non-durable Goods** sectors both contributed to the over-the-month gain. Since April 2004, **Durable Goods Manufacturing** in Oklahoma has added 900 jobs (+1.0 percent), while statewide **Non-durable Goods Manufacturing** has shed 800 jobs (-1.6 percent). A majority of the over-the-month and over-the-year gains occurred in the non-MSA portions of the state.

OKLAHOMA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Manufacturing	141,700	140,600	141,600	1,100	0.8%	100	0.1%
Durable Goods	93,700	93,100	92,800	600	0.6%	900	1.0%
Non-durable Goods	48,000	47,500	48,800	500	1.1%	-800	-1.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

RETAIL TRADE CONTINUES TO DRIVE INDUSTRY GROWTH IN APRIL

Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 1,700 jobs (+0.6 percent) in April, as the **Retail Trade** sector continued to improve. The **Wholesale Trade** and **Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities** sectors showed little movement for the month and year, but **Retail Trade** gained 1,800 jobs (+1.1 percent) over the month and 800 jobs (+0.5 percent) over the year. The non-metropolitan areas of the state accounted for over three-quarters of the **Retail Trade** growth for the month.

OKLAHOMA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Trade, Transport. & Utils.	276,500	274,800	275,400	1,700	0.6%	1,100	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	54,000	54,000	53,900	0	0.0%	100	0.2%
Retail Trade	169,600	167,800	168,800	1,800	1.1%	800	0.5%
Transp., Warehouse & Utils.	52,900	53,000	52,700	-100	-0.2%	200	0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INDUSTRY IMPROVES IN APRIL

Financial Activities added 300 jobs (+0.4 percent) in April to reach 85,400, a gain of 1,100 jobs (+1.3 percent) over the year. The monthly and yearly gains were provided mostly by the **Real Estate, Rental and Leasing** sector which gained 300 jobs (+1.3 percent) for the month and 700 jobs (+3.1 percent) for the year.

OKLAHOMA Financial Activities	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Financial Activities	85,400	85,100	84,300	300	0.4%	1,100	1.3%
Finance & Insurance	61,800	61,800	61,400	0	0.0%	400	0.7%
Real Estate Rental & Lease	23,600	23,300	22,900	300	1.3%	700	3.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES CONTINUES TO EXPAND

Professional and Business Services reported gains of 3,000 jobs (+1.8 percent) for the month and 6,500 jobs (+4.0 percent) for the year in April. The lion's share of the monthly gain came from the **Administrative and Support Services** sector, where **Employment Services** added 1,900 jobs (+4.1 percent) for April. **Administrative and Support Services** also provided 5,100 of the 6,500 jobs gained since April 2004.

OKLAHOMA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Pro. & Business Services	168,000	165,000	161,500	3,000	1.8%	6,500	4.0%
Pro. & Scientific Svcs.	59,100	58,900	57,800	200	0.3%	1,300	2.2%
Management of Companies	12,500	12,500	12,400	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
Admin. & Support Services	96,400	93,600	91,300	2,800	3.0%	5,100	5.6%
Employment Services	48,800	46,900	45,700	1,900	4.1%	3,100	6.8%
Business Support Svcs.	12,100	12,300	11,900	-200	-1.6%	200	1.7%
Services to Buildings	12,700	12,200	13,000	500	4.1%	-300	-2.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES ADDS JOBS FOR MONTH, YEAR

In April, **Education and Health Services** posted gains of 900 jobs (+0.5 percent) over the month and 2,600 jobs (+1.4 percent) over the year. The **Health Care and Social Assistance** sector contributed two-thirds of the monthly gain and all of the annual gain for April 2005. Hiring in **Ambulatory Health Care** and **Hospitals** over the past year led to the annual addition.

OKLAHOMA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Education & Health Svcs.	182,800	181,900	180,200	900	0.5%	2,600	1.4%
Education Services	19,600	19,300	19,600	300	1.6%	0	0.0%
Health Care & Social Asst.	163,200	162,600	160,600	600	0.4%	2,600	1.6%
Ambulatory Health Care	56,900	57,000	55,500	-100	-0.2%	1,400	2.5%
Hospitals	47,600	47,500	46,500	100	0.2%	1,100	2.4%
Nursing/Residential Care	35,900	36,000	36,000	-100	-0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Social Assistance	22,800	22,100	22,600	700	3.2%	200	0.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SEES GROWTH AS SUMMER APPROACHES

Leisure and Hospitality added 3,500 jobs (+2.7 percent) in April, as the **Art, Entertainment and Recreation** and **Accommodation and Food Services** sectors both managed seasonal growth. April's additions pushed the industry to a gain of 2,300 jobs (+1.8 percent) when compared to April 2004. Warming weather led to seasonal hires in **Food Services and Drinking Places**, which grew by 1,600 jobs (+1.5 percent) over the month.

OKLAHOMA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Leisure & Hospitality	131,300	127,800	129,000	3,500	2.7%	2,300	1.8%
Art, Entertainment & Rec.	14,500	12,700	13,800	1,800	14.2%	700	5.1%
Accommodation/Food Svcs.	116,800	115,100	115,200	1,700	1.5%	1,600	1.4%
Accommodation	9,800	9,700	10,300	100	1.0%	-500	-4.9%
Food Svcs./Drinking Place	107,000	105,400	104,900	1,600	1.5%	2,100	2.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

GOVERNMENT CONTINUES OVER-THE-YEAR GROWTH IN APRIL

Despite shedding 300 jobs (-0.1 percent) over the month, **Government** employment in Oklahoma was 10,800 jobs (+3.6 percent) higher than in April 2004. More than 80 percent of the annual gain came from the **Local Government** sector, which grew by 8,900 jobs (+5.1 percent) during the April-to-April period. **State Government** contributed the rest of the annual gain.

OKLAHOMA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Government	314,500	314,800	303,700	-300	-0.1%	10,800	3.6%
Federal Government	45,800	45,800	46,200	0	0.0%	-400	-0.9%
State Government	85,000	85,300	82,700	-300	-0.4%	2,300	2.8%
Local Government	183,700	183,700	174,800	0	0.0%	8,900	5.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES PUSH OKC TO GAINS IN APRIL

Oklahoma City **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** continued to add jobs for both the month and year in April 2005. The MSA gained 3,500 jobs (+0.6 percent) for the month and 9,100 jobs (+1.7 percent) for the year. The **Goods Producing Industries** experienced a small drop in April, as Oklahoma City **Manufacturing** shed 700 jobs over the month. Most of the sizeable growth occurred in the **Service Providing Industries**, as **Professional and Business Services**, **Education and Health Services**, and **Leisure and Hospitality** led the charge.

OKLAHOMA CITY EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	551,700	548,200	542,600	3,500	0.6%	9,100	1.7%
Goods Producing Industries	70,600	70,700	69,900	-100	-0.1%	700	1.0%
Construction	24,000	23,400	23,100	600	2.6%	900	3.9%
Manufacturing	38,000	38,700	38,800	-700	-1.8%	-800	-2.1%
Service Providing Industries	481,100	477,500	472,700	3,600	0.8%	8,400	1.8%
Pro. & Business Services	68,600	67,100	66,900	1,500	2.2%	1,700	2.5%
Education & Health Svcs.	69,000	68,600	68,000	400	0.6%	1,000	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	54,900	53,900	53,100	1,000	1.9%	1,800	3.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SPRING BRINGS SEASONAL GROWTH TO OKC CONSTRUCTION

The onset of spring-like weather had a beneficial effect on **Construction** in Oklahoma City, as the industry added 600 jobs (+2.6 percent) for the month and 900 jobs (+3.9 percent) for the year. Following the trend of the state as a whole, the **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector contributed to the monthly and annual growth.

OKLAHOMA CITY Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Construction	24,000	23,400	23,100	600	2.6%	900	3.9%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,000	14,900	14,800	100	0.7%	200	1.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC MANUFACTURING SHEDS JOBS IN APRIL

Oklahoma City **Manufacturing** dropped 700 jobs (-1.8 percent) over the month, leaving the industry 800 jobs (-2.1 percent) lower than in April 2004. The **Durable Goods Manufacturing** sector held steady over the month. It's not unusual to see OKC **Manufacturing** employment dip in April; the MSA has averaged a 300-job drop over the past decade.

OKLAHOMA CITY Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Manufacturing	38,000	38,700	38,800	-700	-1.8%	-800	-2.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,300	27,300	27,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC TTU INDUSTRY SEES GROWTH IN ALL SECTORS FOR APRIL

Oklahoma City's **Trade, Transportation and Utilities** industry added 600 jobs (+0.6 percent) in April and 300 jobs (+0.3 percent) compared to the previous year. The over-the-month gain was contributed evenly by the **Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade, and Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities** sectors. **Retail Trade** was the only sector to lose jobs for the year. Oklahoma City was the lone MSA to experience across the board growth in this industry for the month.

OKLAHOMA CITY Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Trade, Transport. & Utils.	96,400	95,800	96,100	600	0.6%	300	0.3%
Wholesale Trade	21,200	21,000	20,700	200	1.0%	500	2.4%
Retail Trade	59,400	59,200	60,100	200	0.3%	-700	-1.2%
Transport, Warehouse, Util.	15,800	15,600	15,300	200	1.3%	500	3.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICES PUSHES INDUSTRY TO GAINS

Oklahoma City's **Professional and Business Services** industry added 1,500 jobs (+2.2 percent) over the month and 1,700 jobs (+2.5 percent) over the year. A majority of both gains was provided by the **Administrative and Support Services** sector. Oklahoma City was the only MSA to see growth in the **Management of Companies** sector for either the month or year.

OKLAHOMA CITY Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Pro. & Business Services	68,600	67,100	66,900	1,500	2.2%	1,700	2.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	24,900	24,700	24,600	200	0.8%	300	1.2%
Management of Companies	4,900	4,700	4,700	200	4.3%	200	4.3%
Admin. & Support Services	38,800	37,700	37,600	1,100	2.9%	1,200	3.2%
Employment Services	19,100	18,500	18,800	600	3.2%	300	1.6%
Business Support Svcs.	4,900	4,900	4,400	0	0.0%	500	11.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUES GROWTH IN APRIL

Education and Health Services grew by 400 jobs (+0.9 percent) in April. The monthly growth was provided equally by the **Education Services** and **Health Care and Social Assistance** sectors. For the year, these two sectors combined for a gain of 1,000 jobs (+1.5 percent). Oklahoma City was the only MSA to see annual growth in the **Health Care and Social Assistance** sector.

OKLAHOMA CITY Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Education & Health Svcs.	69,000	68,600	68,000	400	0.6%	1,000	1.5%
Education Services	8,300	8,100	8,000	200	2.5%	300	3.8%
Health Care/Social Asst.	60,700	60,500	60,000	200	0.3%	700	1.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY LEISURE & HOSPITALITY UP FOR MONTH AND YEAR

The **Leisure and Hospitality** industry in Oklahoma City continued to grow in April by adding 1,000 jobs (+1.9 percent) over the month and 1,800 jobs (+3.4 percent) over the year. Despite the fact that the **Food Services and Drinking Places** sector didn't provide any over-the-month growth, it did contribute almost all of the annual gain in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Leisure & Hospitality	54,900	53,900	53,100	1,000	1.9%	1,800	3.4%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	44,000	44,000	42,300	0	0.0%	1,700	4.0%
Full-service Restaurants	21,700	21,300	20,600	400	1.9%	1,100	5.3%
Limited-service Eating	20,100	20,100	19,500	0	0.0%	600	3.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS GROWTH FOR YEAR

Government in Oklahoma City dropped 200 jobs (-0.2 percent) over the month to settle at 114,800 jobs. This is 3,200 jobs (+2.9 percent) more than the industry reported in April 2004. The monthly loss was contributed by **State Government**. **Local Government** provided almost two-thirds of the annual gain, with the other two sectors picking up the rest.

OKLAHOMA CITY Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Government	114,800	115,000	111,600	-200	-0.2%	3,200	2.9%
Federal Government	27,100	27,100	26,900	0	0.0%	200	0.7%
State Government	40,600	40,800	39,700	-200	-0.5%	900	2.3%
Local Government	47,100	47,100	45,000	0	0.0%	2,100	4.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA MSA*

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TULSA ADDS JOBS FOR MONTH AND YEAR IN APRIL

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT for the Tulsa MSA gained 2,800 jobs (+0.7 percent) over the month, putting the MSA 1,500 jobs (+0.4 percent) ahead of its April 2004 employment level. The **Service Providing Industries** were responsible for most of the monthly gain and all of the annual additions. **Professional and Business Services** and **Leisure and Hospitality** were major contributors to the monthly and annual gains.

TULSA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	399,900	397,100	398,400	2,800	0.7%	1,500	0.4%
Goods Producing Industries	69,800	69,300	70,000	500	0.7%	-200	-0.3%
Service Providing Industries	330,100	327,800	328,400	2,300	0.7%	1,700	0.5%
Trade, Transport. & Utilities	80,300	80,300	82,400	0	0.0%	-2,100	-2.5%
Pro. & Business Services	52,300	51,400	51,900	900	1.8%	400	0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,000	34,100	34,200	900	2.6%	800	2.3%
Government	51,300	51,400	49,300	-100	-0.2%	2,000	4.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES GAINING MOMENTUM IN APRIL

Warm weather kept Tulsa **Construction** on the mend in April, as the industry added 600 jobs (+3.2 percent) for the month and 400 jobs (+2.1 percent) for the year. The **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector played a big part in both the monthly and annual gains.

TULSA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Construction	19,200	18,600	18,800	600	3.2%	400	2.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	12,700	12,400	12,100	300	2.4%	600	5.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA MANUFACTURING SEES SMALL DROP IN APRIL

Manufacturing in Tulsa dropped by 100 jobs (-0.2 percent) over the month, leaving the industry 700 jobs (-1.5 percent) lower than in April 2004.

TULSA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Manufacturing	46,000	46,100	46,700	-100	-0.2%	-700	-1.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

ANNUAL LOSSES IN TULSA TTU KEEP INDUSTRY DOWN FOR YEAR

Trade, Transportation and Utilities held steady at 80,300 jobs in April. This is 2,100 jobs fewer (-2.5 percent) than the industry reported in April 2004. A small monthly addition in **Retail Trade** was cancelled out by small losses in the industry's other two sectors. **Retail Trade** and **Transportation, Warehouse and Utilities** recorded annual losses of 1,400 jobs (-3.1 percent) and 1,000 jobs (-4.7 percent), respectively.

TULSA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Trade, Transport. & Utils	80,300	80,300	82,400	0	0.0%	-2,100	-2.5%
Wholesale Trade	16,300	16,400	16,000	-100	-0.6%	300	1.9%
Retail Trade	43,700	43,500	45,100	200	0.5%	-1,400	-3.1%
Transport, Warehouse, Util.	20,300	20,400	21,300	-100	-0.5%	-1,000	-4.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES UP FOR MONTH AND YEAR

Tulsa's **Professional and Business Services** industry added 900 jobs (+1.8 percent) over the month due to an active **Administrative and Support Services** sector. The sector's annual gain cancelled losses in the other two sectors and left the industry with 400 jobs (+0.8 percent) more than it reported April 2004.

TULSA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Pro. & Business Services	52,300	51,400	51,900	900	1.8%	400	0.8%
Pro. & Scientific Services	18,100	18,100	18,600	0	0.0%	-500	-2.7%
Management of Companies	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	0.0%	-300	-5.0%
Admin. & Support Services	28,500	27,600	27,300	900	3.3%	1,200	4.4%
Employment Services	13,600	13,000	12,400	600	4.6%	1,200	9.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA LEISURE & HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY EXPANDS IN APRIL

In April, **Leisure and Hospitality** gained 900 jobs (+2.6 percent) to bring its over-the-year change to an addition of 800 jobs (+2.3 percent). Gains were widespread across the industry, with the **Food Services and Drinking Places** sector providing only a small portion of the monthly and yearly movement. Seasonal factors played a big role in this industry's April changes.

TULSA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Leisure & Hospitality	35,000	34,100	34,200	900	2.6%	800	2.3%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	28,100	28,000	28,000	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Full-service Restaurants	14,100	13,900	14,100	200	1.4%	0	0.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA GOVERNMENT GAINS 2,000 JOBS OVER YEAR

Despite a loss of 100 jobs over the month, Tulsa **Government** surpassed its April 2004 employment level by 2,000 jobs (+4.1 percent). The **Local Government** sector contributed 1,800 jobs to the annual gain.

TULSA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Government	51,300	51,400	49,300	-100	-0.2%	2,000	4.1%
Federal Government	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	7,300	7,400	7,100	-100	-1.4%	200	2.8%
Local Government	39,200	39,200	37,400	0	0.0%	1,800	4.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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LAWTON REPORTS JOB GAINS OVER YEAR IN APRIL

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT in the Lawton MSA added 300 jobs (+0.7 percent) in April, an improvement of 900 jobs (+2.2 percent) from April 2004. The **Service Providing Industries** were responsible for the over-the-year boost with a gain of 1,100 jobs (+3.1 percent). **Government** was the main contributor to the annual gain with an addition of 1,000 jobs (+8.4 percent).

LAWTON EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	41,500	41,200	40,600	300	0.7%	900	2.2%
Goods Producing Industries	5,200	5,100	5,400	100	2.0%	-200	-3.7%
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Service Providing Industries	36,300	36,100	35,200	200	0.6%	1,100	3.1%
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	0.0%	-100	-4.2%
Pro. & Business Services	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	2.6%	200	5.4%
Education & Health Svcs.	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,000	3,900	3,900	100	2.6%	100	2.6%
Other Services	1,800	1,900	2,000	-100	-5.3%	-200	-10.0%
Government	12,900	12,800	11,900	100	0.8%	1,000	8.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

GOVERNMENT DRIVES LAWTON'S ANNUAL GROWTH IN APRIL

Government in Lawton managed only a marginal gain for the month, but added 1,000 jobs (+8.4 percent) compared to April 2004. The monthly growth in **State Government** was the only gain in this sector for any MSA in April. All sectors shared in the annual gain; **State Government** provided 600 jobs to the growth.

LAWTON Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
Government	12,900	12,800	11,900	100	0.8%	1,000	8.4%
Federal Government	3,300	3,400	3,200	-100	-2.9%	100	3.1%
State Government	2,300	2,000	1,700	300	15.0%	600	35.3%
Local Government	7,300	7,400	7,000	-100	-1.4%	300	4.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATE EMPLOYMENT April 2005	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMP.	1,500,200	1,488,700	1,472,900	11,500	0.8%	27,300	1.9%
Total Private Employment*	1,185,700	1,173,900	1,169,200	11,800	1.0%	16,500	1.4%
Private Service Providers**	949,500	940,300	935,700	9,200	1.0%	13,800	1.5%
GOODS PRODUCING IND.	236,200	233,600	233,500	2,600	1.1%	2,700	1.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	31,500	31,800	30,400	-300	-0.9%	1,100	3.6%
Support for Mining	15,600	15,800	15,200	-200	-1.3%	400	2.6%
Construction	63,000	61,200	61,500	1,800	2.9%	1,500	2.4%
Construction of Buildings	13,300	12,900	12,800	400	3.1%	500	3.9%
Residential Buildings	5,800	5,700	5,800	100	1.8%	0	0.0%
Non-residential Buildings	7,500	7,200	7,000	300	4.2%	500	7.1%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	10,500	10,200	10,600	300	2.9%	-100	-0.9%
Specialty Trade Contractor	39,200	38,100	38,100	1,100	2.9%	1,100	2.9%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	18,100	18,100	18,300	0	0.0%	-200	-1.1%
Manufacturing	141,700	140,600	141,600	1,100	0.8%	100	0.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	93,700	93,100	92,800	600	0.6%	900	1.0%
Wood Product Mfg.	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	0.0%	200	5.0%
Primary Metal Mfg.	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	0.0%	100	2.5%
Fabricated Metal Mfg.	21,800	21,600	22,200	200	0.9%	-400	-1.8%
Other Fabricated Metal	5,400	5,400	5,100	0	0.0%	300	5.9%
Machinery Manufacturing	23,000	22,900	22,200	100	0.4%	800	3.6%
Computer/Electronics Mfg.	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	0.0%	-100	-3.2%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	15,800	16,100	16,200	-300	-1.9%	-400	-2.5%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	3,200	3,400	3,800	-200	-5.9%	-600	-15.8%
Motor Vehicle Body/Part	4,400	4,300	4,300	100	2.3%	100	2.3%
Aerospace Products	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	0.0%	200	7.1%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	48,000	47,500	48,800	500	1.1%	-800	-1.6%
Food Manufacturing	19,200	19,100	19,400	100	0.5%	-200	-1.0%
Paper Manufacturing	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	12,900	12,900	12,700	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
SERVICE PROVIDING IND.	1,264,000	1,255,100	1,239,400	8,900	0.7%	24,600	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	276,500	274,800	275,400	1,700	0.6%	1,100	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	54,000	54,000	53,900	0	0.0%	100	0.2%
Retail Trade	169,600	167,800	168,800	1,800	1.1%	800	0.5%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	22,900	22,500	23,900	400	1.8%	-1,000	-4.2%
Auto Dealers	14,600	14,300	15,100	300	2.1%	-500	-3.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	23,500	23,400	23,400	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Gasoline Stations	12,400	12,100	12,800	300	2.5%	-400	-3.1%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	43,200	42,800	42,200	400	0.9%	1,000	2.4%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	52,900	53,000	52,700	-100	-0.2%	200	0.4%
Utilities	10,600	10,600	10,500	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Transport. & Warehouse	42,300	42,400	42,200	-100	-0.2%	100	0.2%
Air Transportation	9,000	9,100	9,400	-100	-1.1%	-400	-4.3%
Truck Transportation	17,200	17,000	17,100	200	1.2%	100	0.6%

STATE EMPLOYMENT April 2005	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
Information	31,300	31,000	31,300	300	1.0%	0	0.0%
Publishing Industries	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	0.0%	100	1.6%
Telecommunications	15,100	14,700	15,000	400	2.7%	100	0.7%
Financial Activities	85,400	85,100	84,300	300	0.4%	1,100	1.3%
Finance & Insurance	61,800	61,800	61,400	0	0.0%	400	0.7%
Credit Intermediation	31,300	31,300	30,800	0	0.0%	500	1.6%
Depository Credit	23,900	23,900	23,300	0	0.0%	600	2.6%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	26,700	26,500	26,400	200	0.8%	300	1.1%
Real Estate Rental/Leasing	23,600	23,300	22,900	300	1.3%	700	3.1%
Real Estate	11,200	11,100	11,100	100	0.9%	100	0.9%
Pro. & Business Services	168,000	165,000	161,500	3,000	1.8%	6,500	4.0%
Pro. & Scientific Services	59,100	58,900	57,800	200	0.3%	1,300	2.2%
Legal Services	12,600	12,600	12,500	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	11,700	11,900	11,900	-200	-1.7%	-200	-1.7%
Architecture & Engineering	10,500	10,500	10,200	0	0.0%	300	2.9%
Mgt. of Companies	12,500	12,500	12,400	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
Admin. & Support Svcs.	96,400	93,600	91,300	2,800	3.0%	5,100	5.6%
Employment Services	48,800	46,900	45,700	1,900	4.1%	3,100	6.8%
Business Support Svcs.	12,100	12,300	11,900	-200	-1.6%	200	1.7%
Building Services	12,700	12,200	13,000	500	4.1%	-300	-2.3%
Education & Health Svcs.	182,800	181,900	180,200	900	0.5%	2,600	1.4%
Education Services	19,600	19,300	19,600	300	1.6%	0	0.0%
Health Care & Social Asst.	163,200	162,600	160,600	600	0.4%	2,600	1.6%
Ambulatory Health Care	56,900	57,000	55,500	-100	-0.2%	1,400	2.5%
Hospitals	47,600	47,500	46,500	100	0.2%	1,100	2.4%
Nursing/Residential Care	35,900	36,000	36,000	-100	-0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Social Assistance	22,800	22,100	22,600	700	3.2%	200	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	131,300	127,800	129,000	3,500	2.7%	2,300	1.8%
Arts & Entertainment	14,500	12,700	13,800	1,800	14.2%	700	5.1%
Accommodation/Food Svc.	116,800	115,100	115,200	1,700	1.5%	1,600	1.4%
Accommodation	9,800	9,700	10,300	100	1.0%	-500	-4.9%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	107,000	105,400	104,900	1,600	1.5%	2,100	2.0%
Full-service Restaurants	50,300	49,400	49,300	900	1.8%	1,000	2.0%
Limited-service Eating	50,700	50,600	50,400	100	0.2%	300	0.6%
Other Services	74,200	74,700	74,000	-500	-0.7%	200	0.3%
Repair & Maintenance	12,200	12,300	12,500	-100	-0.8%	-300	-2.4%
Personal & Laundry Svcs.	12,700	12,700	12,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	314,500	314,800	303,700	-300	-0.1%	10,800	3.6%
Federal Government	45,800	45,800	46,200	0	0.0%	-400	-0.9%
State Government	85,000	85,300	82,700	-300	-0.4%	2,300	2.8%
Local Government	183,700	183,700	174,800	0	0.0%	8,900	5.1%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

** Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)

OKC EMPLOYMENT April 2005	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMP.	551,700	548,200	542,600	3,500	0.6%	9,100	1.7%
Total Private Employment*	436,900	433,200	431,000	3,700	0.9%	5,900	1.4%
Private Service Providers**	366,300	362,500	361,100	3,800	1.0%	5,200	1.4%
GOODS PRODUCING IND.	70,600	70,700	69,900	-100	-0.1%	700	1.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	8,600	8,600	8,000	0	0.0%	600	7.5%
Construction	24,000	23,400	23,100	600	2.6%	900	3.9%
Specialty Trade Contractor	15,000	14,900	14,800	100	0.7%	200	1.4%
Manufacturing	38,000	38,700	38,800	-700	-1.8%	-800	-2.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,300	27,300	27,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.4%
Machinery Manufacturing	5,700	5,600	5,600	100	1.8%	100	1.8%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	8,500	8,600	8,500	-100	-1.2%	0	0.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	4,100	2,900	3,000	1,200	41.4%	1,100	36.7%
SERVICE PROVIDING IND.	481,100	477,500	472,700	3,600	0.8%	8,400	1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	96,400	95,800	96,100	600	0.6%	300	0.3%
Wholesale Trade	21,200	21,000	20,700	200	1.0%	500	2.4%
Retail Trade	59,400	59,200	60,100	200	0.3%	-700	-1.2%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	13,100	13,200	13,100	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	15,800	15,600	15,300	200	1.3%	500	3.3%
Information	13,700	13,400	13,400	300	2.2%	300	2.2%
Telecommunications	6,100	5,900	6,000	200	3.4%	100	1.7%
Financial Activities	35,700	35,800	35,400	-100	-0.3%	300	0.8%
Finance & Insurance	24,300	24,400	24,400	-100	-0.4%	-100	-0.4%
Rental & Leasing Services	5,800	5,900	5,700	-100	-1.7%	100	1.8%
Pro. & Business Services	68,600	67,100	66,900	1,500	2.2%	1,700	2.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	24,900	24,700	24,600	200	0.8%	300	1.2%
Mgt. of Companies	4,900	4,700	4,700	200	4.3%	200	4.3%
Admin. & Support Svcs.	38,800	37,700	37,600	1,100	2.9%	1,200	3.2%
Employment Services	19,100	18,500	18,800	600	3.2%	300	1.6%
Business Support Svcs.	4,900	4,900	4,400	0	0.0%	500	11.4%
Education & Health Svcs.	69,000	68,600	68,000	400	0.6%	1,000	1.5%
Education Services	8,300	8,100	8,000	200	2.5%	300	3.8%
Health Care & Social Asst.	60,700	60,500	60,000	200	0.3%	700	1.2%
Ambulatory Health Care	22,400	22,500	21,600	-100	-0.4%	800	3.7%
Hospitals	20,200	20,200	20,100	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	54,900	53,900	53,100	1,000	1.9%	1,800	3.4%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	44,000	44,000	42,300	0	0.0%	1,700	4.0%
Full-service Restaurants	21,700	21,300	20,600	400	1.9%	1,100	5.3%
Limited-service Eating	20,100	20,100	19,500	0	0.0%	600	3.1%
Other Services	28,000	27,900	28,200	100	0.4%	-200	-0.7%
Government	114,800	115,000	111,600	-200	-0.2%	3,200	2.9%
Federal Government	27,100	27,100	26,900	0	0.0%	200	0.7%
State Government	40,600	40,800	39,700	-200	-0.5%	900	2.3%
Local Government	47,100	47,100	45,000	0	0.0%	2,100	4.7%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

** Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)

TULSA EMPLOYMENT April 2005	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMP.	399,900	397,100	398,400	2,800	0.7%	1,500	0.4%
Total Private Employment*	348,600	345,700	349,100	2,900	0.8%	-500	-0.1%
Private Service Providers**	278,800	276,400	279,100	2,400	0.9%	-300	-0.1%
GOODS PRODUCING IND.	69,800	69,300	70,000	500	0.7%	-200	-0.3%
Natural Resources & Mining	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	0.0%	100	2.2%
Construction	19,200	18,600	18,800	600	3.2%	400	2.1%
Specialty Trade Contractor	12,700	12,400	12,100	300	2.4%	600	5.0%
Manufacturing	46,000	46,100	46,700	-100	-0.2%	-700	-1.5%
Other Gen'l Purpose	4,500	4,700	4,500	-200	-4.3%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	3,600	3,700	3,600	-100	-2.7%	0	0.0%
SERVICE PROVIDING IND.	330,100	327,800	328,400	2,300	0.7%	1,700	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	80,300	80,300	82,400	0	0.0%	-2,100	-2.5%
Wholesale Trade	16,300	16,400	16,000	-100	-0.6%	300	1.9%
Retail Trade	43,700	43,500	45,100	200	0.5%	-1,400	-3.1%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,500	6,400	6,100	100	1.6%	400	6.6%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	10,900	10,800	10,600	100	0.9%	300	2.8%
Department Stores	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,700	6,600	6,500	100	1.5%	200	3.1%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	20,300	20,400	21,300	-100	-0.5%	-1,000	-4.7%
Utilities	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transport. & Warehouse	16,300	16,400	17,300	-100	-0.6%	-1,000	-5.8%
Air Transportation	7,800	7,800	8,000	0	0.0%	-200	-2.5%
Information	11,800	11,600	11,600	200	1.7%	200	1.7%
Telecommunications	6,000	5,900	6,200	100	1.7%	-200	-3.2%
Financial Activities	25,000	25,000	24,900	0	0.0%	100	0.4%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	0.0%	-200	-3.3%
Pro. & Business Services	52,300	51,400	51,900	900	1.8%	400	0.8%
Pro. & Scientific Services	18,100	18,100	18,600	0	0.0%	-500	-2.7%
Mgt. of Companies	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	0.0%	-300	-5.0%
Admin. & Support Svcs.	28,500	27,600	27,300	900	3.3%	1,200	4.4%
Employment Services	13,600	13,000	12,400	600	4.6%	1,200	9.7%
Business Support Svcs.	6,200	6,000	5,300	200	3.3%	900	17.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	52,800	52,400	52,700	400	0.8%	100	0.2%
Education Services	6,700	6,600	6,400	100	1.5%	300	4.7%
Health Care & Social Asst.	46,100	45,800	46,300	300	0.7%	-200	-0.4%
Ambulatory Health Care	17,000	17,000	17,300	0	0.0%	-300	-1.7%
Hospitals	15,700	15,800	14,900	-100	-0.6%	800	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,000	34,100	34,200	900	2.6%	800	2.3%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	28,100	28,000	28,000	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Full-service Restaurants	14,100	13,900	14,100	200	1.4%	0	0.0%
Other Services	21,600	21,600	21,400	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
Government	51,300	51,400	49,300	-100	-0.2%	2,000	4.1%
Federal Government	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	7,300	7,400	7,100	-100	-1.4%	200	2.8%
Local Government	39,200	39,200	37,400	0	0.0%	1,800	4.8%

LAWTON EMPLOYMENT April 2005	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Mar '05 to Apr '05		Apr '04 to Apr '05	
	Apr '05	Mar '05	Apr '04	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMP.	41,500	41,200	40,600	300	0.7%	900	2.2%
Total Private Employment*	28,600	28,400	28,700	200	0.7%	-100	-0.3%
Private Service Providers**	23,400	23,300	23,300	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
GOODS PRODUCING IND.	5,200	5,100	5,400	100	2.0%	-200	-3.7%
N. Resources/Construction	1,400	1,300	1,500	100	7.7%	-100	-6.7%
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
SERVICE PROVIDING IND.	36,300	36,100	35,200	200	0.6%	1,100	3.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	6,900	6,900	6,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	0.0%	-100	-4.2%
Pro. & Business Services	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	2.6%	200	5.4%
Education & Health Svcs.	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,000	3,900	3,900	100	2.6%	100	2.6%
Other Services	1,800	1,900	2,000	-100	-5.3%	-200	-10.0%
Government	12,900	12,800	11,900	100	0.8%	1,000	8.4%
Federal Government	3,300	3,400	3,200	-100	-2.9%	100	3.1%
State Government	2,300	2,000	1,700	300	15.0%	600	35.3%
Local Government	7,300	7,400	7,000	-100	-1.4%	300	4.3%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

** Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)