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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

<p>Oklahoma: 4.0% ↑ 0.2% over month ↓ 0.1% over year</p> <p>MSAs</p> <p>Oklahoma City MSA: 3.8%</p> <p>Tulsa MSA: 3.8% Lawton MSA: 4.5%</p>	<p>COUNTIES</p> <p>Highest rate: 6.4% (McCurtain County)</p> <p>Lowest rate: 2.5% (Roger Mills County)</p> <p>Big % gain: Payne County ↑ 1.8% to 5.1%</p> <p>Big % loss: (tie) Coal County ↓ 0.8% to 6.1%</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Pontotoc Co. ↓ 0.8% to 3.6%</p>
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AREAS OF INTEREST

1. **Significant employment declines are now clearly visible in the statewide Motor Vehicle Manufacturing industry.** These losses are concentrated in the Oklahoma City MSA and have fueled the overall employment decline in Oklahoma City MSA manufacturing.
2. **Statewide Retail Trade struggled in August.** For the August-to-August period, Retail Trade reported no employment growth, and when looking at percentage growth, the sector experienced its weakest July-to-August period since 1991.
3. **In terms of employment growth, the Tulsa MSA continues to outpace both the Oklahoma City MSA and the state as a whole.** Tulsa is showing particular strength throughout the Professional & Business Services supersector.

IN A NUTSHELL . . .

“Statewide employment continues to grow, but the pace is slowing. In August, percentage employment growth fell again in both the Goods Producing Industries and the Service Providing Industries. The seasonally adjusted data show that although the number of unemployed in the state grew to its highest level in 2006, it is still below the unemployed level seen last year at this time.”

Lynn Gray, OESC Chief Economist

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STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO 4.0 PERCENT IN AUGUST

Oklahoma's statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** grew by 0.2 percent in August to 4.0 percent. Over the month, **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** (-16,964 persons) and **employment** (-19,380 persons) both contracted, while **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** (+2,416 persons) expanded.

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** also increased by two-tenths of a percent, settling at 4.2 percent in August. **Seasonally adjusted labor force** (+1,895 persons) and **unemployment** (+3,136 persons) increased over the month, as **seasonally adjusted employment** (-1,241 persons) shrunk by one-tenth of a percent.

U.S. and Regional EMPLOYMENT		AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
OKLAHOMA		1,687,640	70,160	1,757,800	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%
United States		145,379,000	7,086,000	152,465,000	4.6%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%
REGION	Arkansas	1,321,067	70,088	1,391,155	5.0%	5.7%	5.6%	4.6%
	Kansas	1,406,492	71,504	1,477,996	4.8%	5.0%	4.7%	5.0%
	Louisiana	1,790,329	69,892	1,860,221	3.8%	3.5%	5.8%	5.8%
	Missouri	2,908,278	149,774	3,058,052	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%	4.7%
	New Mexico	912,674	39,862	952,536	4.2%	4.8%	4.8%	5.1%
	Texas	10,949,914	588,739	11,538,653	5.1%	5.5%	5.5%	5.2%

AUGUST BRINGS HIKES FOR ALL MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Unemployment rates for all Oklahoma metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) increased in August 2006. The **Oklahoma City MSA** unemployment rate was 3.8 percent, a gain of 0.1 percent for the month. **Tulsa MSA's** 3.8 percent was two-tenths of a percent higher than in July. **Lawton MSA** also saw a two-tenths gain, as its unemployment rate rose to 4.5 percent in August.

Metropolitan Statistical Area EMPLOYMENT	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
Oklahoma City MSA	568,100	22,750	590,850	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%	3.9%
Tulsa MSA	447,430	17,650	465,080	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%	4.0%
Lawton MSA	43,630	2,050	45,680	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%

McCURTAIN COUNTY REPORTS HIGHEST COUNTY RATE FOR AUGUST

McCurtain County posted the highest county unemployment rate in August at 6.4 percent, the same rate it held in July. **Hughes County** reported the state's second highest rate of 6.2 percent. **Coal County** rounded out August's top three highest county rates at 6.1 percent.

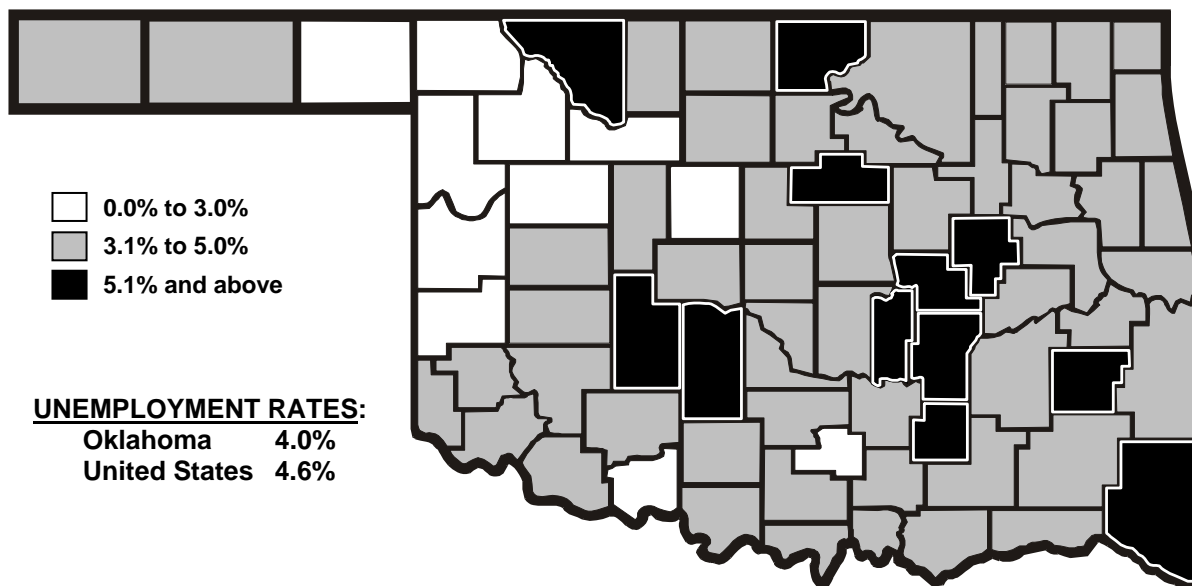
Highest County UNEMPLOYMENT	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
McCurtain County	12,970	890	13,860	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%	6.3%
Hughes County	4,730	310	5,040	6.2%	6.4%	6.3%	6.6%
Coal County	1,920	120	2,050	6.1%	6.9%	6.8%	5.9%

ROGER MILLS COUNTY REPORTS STATE'S LOWEST COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AGAIN

At 2.5 percent, **Roger Mills County's** unemployment rate was once again the state's lowest county rate. **Ellis, Kingfisher** and **Woodward counties** shared the state's second lowest county unemployment rate of 2.7 percent. There was also a tie at 2.8 percent for Oklahoma's third highest county unemployment rate among **Beckham, Harper, Major** and **Murray counties**.

Lowest County UNEMPLOYMENT	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
Roger Mills County	1,820	50	1,870	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%
Ellis County	2,130	60	2,190	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	2.7%
Kingfisher County	7,630	220	7,840	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
Woodward County	10,680	290	10,970	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%
Beckham County	9,990	290	10,280	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
Harper County	1,850	50	1,900	2.8%	2.7%	3.2%	2.5%
Major County	3,530	100	3,630	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%
Murray County	7,470	220	7,690	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%	3.3%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary Data for August 2006



STATE SEES SMALL MONTHLY, LARGER ANNUAL GAINS IN AUGUST

Reversing the trend of the past few months, Oklahoma's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** posted a small monthly gain in August 2006, as growth in the **Service Providing Industries** overcame minor losses in the **Goods Producing Industries**. These two divisions combined for an over-the-year gain of 15,900 jobs (+1.1 percent). This over-the-year growth was seen in most industries. One exception was **Other Services**, an industry that shed 600 jobs (-0.8 percent) for the month and 800 jobs (-1.1 percent) for the year.

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,525,400	1,525,100	1,509,500	300	0.0%	15,900	1.1%
Goods Producing Industries	257,100	257,700	250,300	-600	-0.2%	6,800	2.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	39,700	39,600	36,600	100	0.3%	3,100	8.5%
Construction	70,500	70,300	67,600	200	0.3%	2,900	4.3%
Manufacturing	146,900	147,800	146,100	-900	-0.6%	800	0.5%
Service Providing Industries	1,268,300	1,267,400	1,259,200	900	0.1%	9,100	0.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	281,500	282,100	280,100	-600	-0.2%	1,400	0.5%
Pro. & Business Services	175,300	175,800	173,000	-500	-0.3%	2,300	1.3%
Education & Health Svcs.	184,100	183,800	182,400	300	0.2%	1,700	0.9%
Other Services	73,800	74,400	74,600	-600	-0.8%	-800	-1.1%
Government	302,600	300,600	298,200	2,000	0.7%	4,400	1.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING STRONG OVER YEAR IN AUGUST

Natural Resources & Mining continued its year-to-year growth in August with an addition of 3,100 jobs (+8.5 percent) for the year. All of the growth was contributed by **Support Activities for Mining**.

OKLAHOMA Natural Resources & Mining	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Natural Resources & Mining	39,700	39,600	36,600	100	0.3%	3,100	8.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

ANNUAL GROWTH CONTINUES IN STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION

Statewide **Construction** added 200 jobs (+0.3 percent) for the month and 2,900 jobs (+4.3 percent) for the year in August. **Construction of Buildings** and **Specialty Trade Contractors** provided the annual gain.

OKLAHOMA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Construction	70,500	70,300	67,600	200	0.3%	2,900	4.3%
Construction of Buildings	15,100	15,000	14,300	100	0.7%	800	5.6%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,500	11,600	11,500	-100	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	43,900	43,700	41,800	200	0.5%	2,100	5.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATEWIDE MANUFACTURING CONTINUES ANNUAL GROWTH

Durable Goods Manufacturing continued to drive over-the-year growth in August, as Manufacturing added 800 jobs (+0.5 percent) for the August-to-August period. Over the month, Durable Goods Manufacturing and Non-durable Goods Manufacturing combined for a 900-job loss (-0.6 percent).

OKLAHOMA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Manufacturing	146,900	147,800	146,100	-900	-0.6%	800	0.5%
Durable Goods Mfg.	97,600	98,100	96,600	-500	-0.5%	1,000	1.0%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,300	49,700	49,500	-400	-0.8%	-200	-0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES CONTINUES ANNUAL GROWTH

Trade, Transportation & Utilities shed 600 jobs (-0.2 percent) over the month in August, as Wholesale Trade and Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities contributed over-the-year gains. Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities provided the only monthly gain with an addition of 200 jobs (+0.4 percent).

OKLAHOMA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	281,500	282,100	280,100	-600	-0.2%	1,400	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	58,300	58,700	57,300	-400	-0.7%	1,000	1.7%
Retail Trade	169,500	169,900	169,500	-400	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	53,700	53,500	53,300	200	0.4%	400	0.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES ADDS JOBS FOR YEAR

Despite posting a 500-job loss (-0.3 percent) in August, Professional & Business Services grew by 2,300 jobs (+1.3 percent) over the year. Professional & Scientific Services (+1,400 jobs) and Administrative & Support Services (+1,300 jobs) accounted for the year-to-year growth.

OKLAHOMA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Pro. & Business Services	175,300	175,800	173,000	-500	-0.3%	2,300	1.3%
Pro. & Scientific Services	60,700	60,900	59,300	-200	-0.3%	1,400	2.4%
Management of Companies	12,000	11,900	12,400	100	0.8%	-400	-3.2%
Admin. & Support Services	102,600	103,000	101,300	-400	-0.4%	1,300	1.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES UP FOR BOTH MONTH & YEAR

Education & Health Services added 300 jobs over the month in August, bringing its over-the-year gain to 1,700 jobs (+0.9 percent). The Health Care & Social Assistance industry was responsible for the annual growth, with Hospitals providing two-thirds of the industry's August-to-August gain.

OKLAHOMA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	184,100	183,800	182,400	300	0.2%	1,700	0.9%
Educational Services	15,700	14,900	16,100	800	5.4%	-400	-2.5%
Health Care & Social Asst.	168,400	168,900	166,300	-500	-0.3%	2,100	1.3%
Ambulatory Health Care	60,100	60,400	59,500	-300	-0.5%	600	1.0%
Hospitals	49,400	49,300	48,000	100	0.2%	1,400	2.9%
Nursing & Residential Care	35,100	35,500	35,400	-400	-1.1%	-300	-0.8%
Social Assistance	23,800	23,700	23,400	100	0.4%	400	1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LEISURE & HOSPITALITY HOLDS STEADY OVER YEAR

Leisure & Hospitality reported monthly job gains in August, as the Accommodation & Food Services sector gained 700 jobs (+0.6 percent) over the month. No change was reported for the August-to-August period, due to the effects of over-the-year losses in Food Services & Drinking Places.

OKLAHOMA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	135,900	135,500	135,900	400	0.3%	0	0.0%
Art, Entertainment & Rec.	16,400	16,700	15,600	-300	-1.8%	800	5.1%
Accommodation/Food Svcs.	119,500	118,800	120,300	700	0.6%	-800	-0.7%
Accommodation	11,200	11,200	11,100	0	0.0%	100	0.9%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	108,300	107,600	109,200	700	0.7%	-900	-0.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OTHER SERVICES DOWN FOR MONTH & YEAR IN AUGUST

Other Services dropped 600 jobs (-0.8 percent) for the month and 800 jobs (-1.1 percent) for the year.

OKLAHOMA Other Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Other Services	73,800	74,400	74,600	-600	-0.8%	-800	-1.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL GOVERNMENT GAINS REPORTED IN AUGUST

Government employment picked up in August, as public school and university staff began gearing up for the new school year. The monthly gain of 2,000 jobs (+0.7 percent) came from the State Government and Local Government sectors. A majority of Government's over-the-year growth came from a Local Government sector that added 4,000 jobs (+2.3 percent) during the August-to-August period.

OKLAHOMA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Government	302,600	300,600	298,200	2,000	0.7%	4,400	1.5%
Federal Government	45,800	46,100	46,000	-300	-0.7%	-200	-0.4%
State Government	76,900	75,800	76,300	1,100	1.5%	600	0.8%
Local Government	179,900	178,700	175,900	1,200	0.7%	4,000	2.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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OKLAHOMA CITY MSA ADDS JOBS FOR MONTH & YEAR IN AUGUST

In August, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) reversed course, gaining 1,700 jobs (+0.3 percent) for the month after posting losses the past two months. The **Service Providing Industries** contributed all of the monthly and annual gains, as the **Goods Producing Industries** reported no change for the August-to-August period. For the year, the **Oklahoma City MSA** has grown by 7,400 jobs (+1.3 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	560,900	559,200	553,500	1,700	0.3%	7,400	1.3%
Goods Producing Industries	74,800	75,300	74,800	-500	-0.7%	0	0.0%
Construction	27,400	27,400	25,900	0	0.0%	1,500	5.8%
Manufacturing	37,000	37,600	39,100	-600	-1.6%	-2,100	-5.4%
Service Providing Industries	486,100	483,900	478,700	2,200	0.5%	7,400	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	102,200	101,200	99,400	1,000	1.0%	2,800	2.8%
Pro. & Business Services	73,100	73,100	72,200	0	0.0%	900	1.2%
Education & Health Svcs.	70,000	69,900	68,800	100	0.1%	1,200	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	56,600	56,600	55,600	0	0.0%	1,000	1.8%
Other Services	27,400	27,600	28,100	-200	-0.7%	-700	-2.5%
Government	107,900	106,100	105,700	1,800	1.7%	2,200	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC CONSTRUCTION HOLDS STEADY OVER MONTH IN AUGUST

Oklahoma City **Construction** reported no monthly change in August, but added 1,500 jobs (+5.8 percent) compared to August 2005.

OKLAHOMA CITY Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Construction	27,400	27,400	25,900	0	0.0%	1,500	5.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC MANUFACTURING DOWN OVER MONTH & YEAR FOR AUGUST

Oklahoma City **Manufacturing** dropped 600 jobs (-1.6 percent) for the month in August, bringing its over-the-year loss to 2,100 jobs (-5.4 percent). The **Durable Goods Manufacturing** sector provided most of the change seen in August.

OKLAHOMA CITY Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Manufacturing	37,000	37,600	39,100	-600	-1.6%	-2,100	-5.4%
Durable Goods Mfg.	25,700	26,200	27,500	-500	-1.9%	-1,800	-6.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES CONTINUES GROWTH

Oklahoma City **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** continued to expand in August, adding 1,000 jobs (+1.0 percent) for the month and 2,800 jobs (+2.8 percent) for the year. **Retail Trade** and **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities** contributed the monthly gains, while all three sectors helped with the annual change.

OKLAHOMA CITY Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	102,200	101,200	99,400	1,000	1.0%	2,800	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	23,200	23,200	22,100	0	0.0%	1,100	5.0%
Retail Trade	62,200	61,300	61,300	900	1.5%	900	1.5%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	16,800	16,700	16,000	100	0.6%	800	5.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES GROWS OVER YEAR

Professional & Business Services held steady from July to August and added 900 jobs (+1.2 percent) when compared with August 2005. **Professional & Scientific Services** provided all of the annual gain, as **Management of Companies** and **Administrative & Support Services** both dropped jobs over the year.

OKLAHOMA CITY Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Pro. & Business Services	73,100	73,100	72,200	0	0.0%	900	1.2%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,500	27,600	25,800	-100	-0.4%	1,700	6.6%
Management of Companies	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	0.0%	-300	-6.1%
Admin. & Support Services	41,000	40,900	41,500	100	0.2%	-500	-1.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES GROWS OVER YEAR

Despite only minor improvement over the month, employment in Oklahoma City **Education & Health Services** recorded a 1,200-job gain (+1.7 percent) for the year. All of the over-the-year addition came from **Health Care & Social Assistance**.

OKLAHOMA CITY Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	70,000	69,900	68,800	100	0.1%	1,200	1.7%
Educational Services	6,400	6,200	6,900	200	3.2%	-500	-7.2%
Health Care & Social Asst.	63,600	63,700	61,900	-100	-0.2%	1,700	2.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

AUGUST BRINGS ANNUAL GROWTH FOR OKC LEISURE & HOSPITALITY

Although **Leisure & Hospitality** employment held steady over the month, it grew by 1,000 jobs (+1.8 percent) over the year. **Food Services & Drinking Places** provided most of the year-to-year gain for August.

OKLAHOMA CITY Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	56,600	56,600	55,600	0	0.0%	1,000	1.8%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	45,100	44,900	44,300	200	0.4%	800	1.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OTHER SERVICES SHEDS JOBS IN AUGUST

Other Services for the Oklahoma City MSA took a hit in August, dropping 200 jobs (-0.7 percent) over the month and 700 jobs (-2.5 percent) over the year.

OKLAHOMA CITY Other Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Other Services	27,400	27,600	28,100	-200	-0.7%	-700	-2.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL EDUCATION FACTORS CAUSE OKC GOVERNMENT TO ADD JOBS IN AUGUST

Oklahoma City Government reversed course from the losses of the past few months to add 1,800 jobs (+1.7 percent) in August. The seasonal monthly gain, three-quarters of which was provided by State Government, reflected public school and university staff returning to work from summer break. Government's annual gain of 2,200 jobs (+2.1 percent) came entirely from Local Government.

OKLAHOMA CITY Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Government	107,900	106,100	105,700	1,800	1.7%	2,200	2.1%
Federal Government	26,400	26,600	26,500	-200	-0.8%	-100	-0.4%
State Government	37,600	36,100	38,100	1,500	4.2%	-500	-1.3%
Local Government	43,900	43,400	41,100	500	1.2%	2,800	6.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA MSA*

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MONTHLY & ANNUAL GROWTH CONTINUE FOR TULSA IN AUGUST

In August, a monthly gain of 2,300 jobs (+0.5 percent) pushed Tulsa MSA TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT to 422,200 jobs, an August-to-August gain of 8,500 jobs (+2.1 percent). The Service Providing Industries contributed all of the monthly gain and much of the annual change. The Goods Producing Industries reported annual growth of 2,100 jobs (+2.8 percent).

TULSA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	422,200	419,900	413,700	2,300	0.5%	8,500	2.1%
Goods Producing Industries	76,600	76,900	74,500	-300	-0.4%	2,100	2.8%
Construction	22,200	22,200	20,700	0	0.0%	1,500	7.2%
Service Providing Industries	345,600	343,000	339,200	2,600	0.8%	6,400	1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	81,800	81,600	81,300	200	0.2%	500	0.6%
Pro. & Business Services	63,900	62,900	59,900	1,000	1.6%	4,000	6.7%
Education & Health Svcs.	55,300	54,500	53,900	800	1.5%	1,400	2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,500	35,500	36,700	0	0.0%	-1,200	-3.3%
Government	51,300	51,100	49,600	200	0.4%	1,700	3.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ANNUAL GROWTH IN AUGUST

Although Tulsa **Construction** reported no change over the month, the MSA gained 1,500 jobs when compared to August 2005. Two-thirds of the annual growth came from **Specialty Trade Contractors**.

TULSA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Construction	22,200	22,200	20,700	0	0.0%	1,500	7.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,700	14,600	13,700	100	0.7%	1,000	7.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES ADDS JOBS FOR MONTH & YEAR IN AUGUST

Monthly and annual gains in **Wholesale Trade** pushed **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** to small gains for both the month and year in August 2006. Growth in **Wholesale Trade** offset smaller losses in **Retail Trade** and **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities**.

TULSA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	81,800	81,600	81,300	200	0.2%	500	0.6%
Wholesale Trade	18,900	18,300	17,600	600	3.3%	1,300	7.4%
Retail Trade	42,900	43,200	43,500	-300	-0.7%	-600	-1.4%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	20,000	20,100	20,200	-100	-0.5%	-200	-1.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SEES STRONG GROWTH IN AUGUST

Financial Activities reported substantial gains in August, adding 1,000 jobs (+3.9 percent) over the month and 1,200 jobs (+4.7 percent) over the year.

TULSA Financial Activities	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Financial Activities	26,700	25,700	25,500	1,000	3.9%	1,200	4.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES UP FOR MONTH & YEAR

Growth continued in Tulsa's **Professional & Business Services** in August, as the supersector expanded by 1,000 jobs (+1.6 percent) over the month and 4,000 jobs (+6.7 percent) over the year. **Professional & Scientific Services** and **Administrative & Support Services** provided all of the monthly gain and almost all of the annual gain.

TULSA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Pro. & Business Services	63,900	62,900	59,900	1,000	1.6%	4,000	6.7%
Pro. & Scientific Services	20,900	20,300	19,100	600	3.0%	1,800	9.4%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	6,000	0	0.0%	100	1.7%
Admin. & Support Services	36,900	36,500	34,800	400	1.1%	2,100	6.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES EXPANDS FOR MONTH & YEAR

With a monthly addition of 800 jobs (+1.5 percent), annual growth in **Education & Health Services** reached 1,400 jobs (+2.6 percent) in August. **Health Care & Social Assistance** contributed the annual growth.

TULSA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	55,300	54,500	53,900	800	1.5%	1,400	2.6%
Educational Services	5,500	5,400	5,900	100	1.9%	-400	-6.8%
Health Care & Social Asst.	49,800	49,100	48,000	700	1.4%	1,800	3.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SEES ANNUAL LOSS IN AUGUST

Leisure & Hospitality in Tulsa held steady over the month in August. Over the year, **Leisure & Hospitality** has dropped 1,200 jobs (-3.3 percent), driven by **Food Services & Drinking Places**.

TULSA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	35,500	35,500	36,700	0	0.0%	-1,200	-3.3%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	29,100	29,100	30,000	0	0.0%	-900	-3.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA'S OTHER SERVICES SUPERSECTOR SHEDS JOBS IN AUGUST

In the Tulsa MSA, **Other Services** took a hit in August, dropping by 700 jobs (-3.2 percent) over the month and 900 jobs (-4.1 percent) over the year.

OKLAHOMA CITY Other Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Other Services	21,000	21,700	21,900	-700	-3.2%	-900	-4.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA GOVERNMENT POSTS GROWTH FOR MONTH & YEAR

Seasonal education losses in Tulsa **Government** began to reverse in August, as public school and university staff started returning to work from summer break. Over the month, Tulsa **Government** added 200 jobs (+0.4 percent) due solely to **Local Government**. The over-the-year addition was also fueled by **Local Government's** year-to-year gain of 2,200 jobs (+5.8 percent).

TULSA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
Government	51,300	51,100	49,600	200	0.4%	1,700	3.4%
Federal Government	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	6,100	6,300	6,600	-200	-3.2%	-500	-7.6%
Local Government	40,400	40,000	38,200	400	1.0%	2,200	5.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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LAWTON DROPS JOBS FOR MONTH & YEAR IN AUGUST

Lawton's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped by 400 jobs (-1.0 percent) for the month and 700 jobs (-1.7 percent) for the year in August. Over the month, all supersectors reported either a loss or no change. **Manufacturing** and **Government** provided the largest over-the-year losses, while **Financial Activities** and **Education & Health Services** both expanded over the year.

LAWTON EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	39,700	40,100	40,400	-400	-1.0%	-700	-1.7%
Goods Producing Industries	5,200	5,300	5,500	-100	-1.9%	-300	-5.5%
Manufacturing	3,600	3,700	3,900	-100	-2.7%	-300	-7.7%
Service Providing Industries	34,500	34,800	34,900	-300	-0.9%	-400	-1.1%
Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	0.0%	100	4.2%
Education & Health Services	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	0.0%	200	5.4%
Other Services	1,700	1,800	2,000	-100	-5.6%	-300	-15.0%
Government	11,800	12,000	12,200	-200	-1.7%	-400	-3.3%
Federal Government	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	0.0%	100	2.9%
State Government	1,600	1,700	1,500	-100	-5.9%	100	6.7%
Local Government	6,600	6,700	7,200	-100	-1.5%	-600	-8.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Current Empl. Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,525,400	1,525,100	1,509,500	300	0.0%	15,900	1.1%
Total Private Employment*	1,222,800	1,224,500	1,211,300	-1,700	-0.1%	11,500	0.9%
Private Svc. Providers**	965,700	966,800	961,000	-1,100	-0.1%	4,700	0.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	257,100	257,700	250,300	-600	-0.2%	6,800	2.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	39,700	39,600	36,600	100	0.3%	3,100	8.5%
Support for Mining	22,900	22,300	19,700	600	2.7%	3,200	16.2%
Construction	70,500	70,300	67,600	200	0.3%	2,900	4.3%
Construction of Buildings	15,100	15,000	14,300	100	0.7%	800	5.6%
Residential Buildings	7,400	7,300	6,900	100	1.4%	500	7.2%
Non-residential Buildings	7,700	7,700	7,400	0	0.0%	300	4.1%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,500	11,600	11,500	-100	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Specialty Trade Contractor	43,900	43,700	41,800	200	0.5%	2,100	5.0%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	20,700	20,700	19,300	0	0.0%	1,400	7.3%
Manufacturing	146,900	147,800	146,100	-900	-0.6%	800	0.5%
Durable Goods Mfg.	97,600	98,100	96,600	-500	-0.5%	1,000	1.0%
Wood Product Mfg.	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	0.0%	-100	-2.5%
Primary Metal Mfg.	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	0.0%	-100	-2.3%
Fabricated Metal Mfg.	23,200	23,100	22,200	100	0.4%	1,000	4.5%
Other Fabricated Metal	5,000	4,900	4,700	100	2.0%	300	6.4%
Machinery Manufacturing	25,800	25,900	24,700	-100	-0.4%	1,100	4.5%
Computer/Electronics Mfg.	5,500	5,600	5,400	-100	-1.8%	100	1.9%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,100	3,200	3,100	-100	-3.1%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	15,600	16,100	17,100	-500	-3.1%	-1,500	-8.8%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	2,600	2,700	3,400	-100	-3.7%	-800	-23.5%
Motor Vehicle Body/Part	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	0.0%	-200	-5.0%
Aerospace Products	4,000	4,000	3,700	0	0.0%	300	8.1%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,300	49,700	49,500	-400	-0.8%	-200	-0.4%
Food Manufacturing	19,900	20,100	19,700	-200	-1.0%	200	1.0%
Paper Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	0.0%	-100	-3.1%
Plastic & Rubber Products	12,700	12,700	12,900	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,268,300	1,267,400	1,259,200	900	0.1%	9,100	0.7%
Trade, Transp. & Utils.	281,500	282,100	280,100	-600	-0.2%	1,400	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	58,300	58,700	57,300	-400	-0.7%	1,000	1.7%
Retail Trade	169,500	169,900	169,500	-400	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	24,400	24,500	24,200	-100	-0.4%	200	0.8%
Automobile Dealers	14,900	14,900	14,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	22,600	22,500	22,800	100	0.4%	-200	-0.9%
Gasoline Stations	13,000	13,100	13,000	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	42,900	43,500	43,800	-600	-1.4%	-900	-2.1%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	53,700	53,500	53,300	200	0.4%	400	0.8%
Utilities	9,800	9,900	9,600	-100	-1.0%	200	2.1%
Transport. & Warehouse	43,900	43,600	43,700	300	0.7%	200	0.5%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	8,900	0	0.0%	-300	-3.4%
Truck Transportation	17,400	17,100	17,400	300	1.8%	0	0.0%

Current Empl. Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
Information	29,500	29,900	30,100	-400	-1.3%	-600	-2.0%
Publishing Industries	6,800	6,900	7,200	-100	-1.4%	-400	-5.6%
Telecommunications	13,000	13,300	13,000	-300	-2.3%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	85,600	85,300	84,900	300	0.4%	700	0.8%
Finance & Insurance	61,000	60,800	60,600	200	0.3%	400	0.7%
Credit Intermediation	31,000	30,700	30,300	300	1.0%	700	2.3%
Depository Credit Int.	24,000	23,600	23,700	400	1.7%	300	1.3%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	26,000	25,700	25,900	300	1.2%	100	0.4%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	24,600	24,500	24,300	100	0.4%	300	1.2%
Real Estate	11,900	11,800	11,600	100	0.8%	300	2.6%
Pro. & Business Services	175,300	175,800	173,000	-500	-0.3%	2,300	1.3%
Pro. & Scientific Services	60,700	60,900	59,300	-200	-0.3%	1,400	2.4%
Legal Services	13,200	13,100	13,100	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	10,600	10,600	10,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Architecture & Engineering	11,700	11,800	11,200	-100	-0.8%	500	4.5%
Management of Companies	12,000	11,900	12,400	100	0.8%	-400	-3.2%
Admin. & Support Services	102,600	103,000	101,300	-400	-0.4%	1,300	1.3%
Employment Services	47,100	47,100	48,000	0	0.0%	-900	-1.9%
Business Support Svcs.	18,200	18,400	17,400	-200	-1.1%	800	4.6%
Services to Buildings	13,200	13,400	14,000	-200	-1.5%	-800	-5.7%
Education & Health Svcs.	184,100	183,800	182,400	300	0.2%	1,700	0.9%
Education Services	15,700	14,900	16,100	800	5.4%	-400	-2.5%
Health Care & Social Asst.	168,400	168,900	166,300	-500	-0.3%	2,100	1.3%
Ambulatory Health Care	60,100	60,400	59,500	-300	-0.5%	600	1.0%
Hospitals	49,400	49,300	48,000	100	0.2%	1,400	2.9%
Nursing/Residential Care	35,100	35,500	35,400	-400	-1.1%	-300	-0.8%
Social Assistance	23,800	23,700	23,400	100	0.4%	400	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	135,900	135,500	135,900	400	0.3%	0	0.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	16,400	16,700	15,600	-300	-1.8%	800	5.1%
Accommodation/Food Svc.	119,500	118,800	120,300	700	0.6%	-800	-0.7%
Accommodation	11,200	11,200	11,100	0	0.0%	100	0.9%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	108,300	107,600	109,200	700	0.7%	-900	-0.8%
Full-service Restaurants	51,200	50,600	51,700	600	1.2%	-500	-1.0%
Limited-service Eating	51,400	51,400	52,600	0	0.0%	-1,200	-2.3%
Other Services	73,800	74,400	74,600	-600	-0.8%	-800	-1.1%
Repair & Maintenance	12,300	12,500	12,800	-200	-1.6%	-500	-3.9%
Personal & Laundry Svcs.	12,700	12,400	12,500	300	2.4%	200	1.6%
Government	302,600	300,600	298,200	2,000	0.7%	4,400	1.5%
Federal Government	45,800	46,100	46,000	-300	-0.7%	-200	-0.4%
State Government	76,900	75,800	76,300	1,100	1.5%	600	0.8%
Local Government	179,900	178,700	175,900	1,200	0.7%	4,000	2.3%

* Total Private Employment = TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, excluding Government

** Private Service Providers = SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES, excluding Government

Current Empl. Statistics OKLA. CITY MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	560,900	559,200	553,500	1,700	0.3%	7,400	1.3%
Total Private Employment*	453,000	453,100	447,800	-100	0.0%	5,200	1.2%
Private Svc. Providers**	378,200	377,800	373,000	400	0.1%	5,200	1.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	74,800	75,300	74,800	-500	-0.7%	0	0.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,400	10,300	9,800	100	1.0%	600	6.1%
Construction	27,400	27,400	25,900	0	0.0%	1,500	5.8%
Specialty Trade Contractor	17,100	17,200	16,600	-100	-0.6%	500	3.0%
Manufacturing	37,000	37,600	39,100	-600	-1.6%	-2,100	-5.4%
Durable Goods Mfg.	25,700	26,200	27,500	-500	-1.9%	-1,800	-6.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	6,800	7,100	8,600	-300	-4.2%	-1,800	-20.9%
Plastic & Rubber Products	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	0.0%	-100	-3.3%
SERVICE PROVIDING	486,100	483,900	478,700	2,200	0.5%	7,400	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	102,200	101,200	99,400	1,000	1.0%	2,800	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	23,200	23,200	22,100	0	0.0%	1,100	5.0%
Retail Trade	62,200	61,300	61,300	900	1.5%	900	1.5%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	13,700	13,900	13,300	-200	-1.4%	400	3.0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	16,800	16,700	16,000	100	0.6%	800	5.0%
Information	13,200	13,500	13,600	-300	-2.2%	-400	-2.9%
Telecommunications	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-200	-3.4%
Financial Activities	35,700	35,900	35,300	-200	-0.6%	400	1.1%
Finance & Insurance	23,900	23,900	23,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Rental & Leasing Services	6,000	6,200	5,800	-200	-3.2%	200	3.4%
Pro. & Business Services	73,100	73,100	72,200	0	0.0%	900	1.2%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,500	27,600	25,800	-100	-0.4%	1,700	6.6%
Management of Companies	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	0.0%	-300	-6.1%
Admin. & Support Services	41,000	40,900	41,500	100	0.2%	-500	-1.2%
Employment Services	19,100	18,500	19,400	600	3.2%	-300	-1.5%
Business Support Svcs.	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	70,000	69,900	68,800	100	0.1%	1,200	1.7%
Education Services	6,400	6,200	6,900	200	3.2%	-500	-7.2%
Health Care & Social Asst.	63,600	63,700	61,900	-100	-0.2%	1,700	2.7%
Ambulatory Health Care	24,500	24,700	23,600	-200	-0.8%	900	3.8%
Hospitals	20,200	20,200	20,100	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	56,600	56,600	55,600	0	0.0%	1,000	1.8%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	45,100	44,900	44,300	200	0.4%	800	1.8%
Full-service Restaurants	22,600	22,400	21,700	200	0.9%	900	4.1%
Limited-service Eating	21,200	21,200	20,400	0	0.0%	800	3.9%
Other Services	27,400	27,600	28,100	-200	-0.7%	-700	-2.5%
Government	107,900	106,100	105,700	1,800	1.7%	2,200	2.1%
Federal Government	26,400	26,600	26,500	-200	-0.8%	-100	-0.4%
State Government	37,600	36,100	38,100	1,500	4.2%	-500	-1.3%
Local Government	43,900	43,400	41,100	500	1.2%	2,800	6.8%

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TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	422,200	419,900	413,700	2,300	0.5%	8,500	2.1%
Total Private Employment*	370,900	368,800	364,100	2,100	0.6%	6,800	1.9%
Private Service Providers**	294,300	291,900	289,600	2,400	0.8%	4,700	1.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	76,600	76,900	74,500	-300	-0.4%	2,100	2.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,900	6,900	6,600	0	0.0%	300	4.5%
Construction	22,200	22,200	20,700	0	0.0%	1,500	7.2%
Specialty Trade Contractor	14,700	14,600	13,700	100	0.7%	1,000	7.3%
Manufacturing	47,500	47,800	47,200	-300	-0.6%	300	0.6%
Machinery Mfg.	10,600	10,600	9,800	0	0.0%	800	8.2%
Other Gen'l Purpose	4,900	5,000	5,000	-100	-2.0%	-100	-2.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,100	4,700	4,400	400	8.5%	700	15.9%
SERVICE PROVIDING	345,600	343,000	339,200	2,600	0.8%	6,400	1.9%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	81,800	81,600	81,300	200	0.2%	500	0.6%
Wholesale Trade	18,900	18,300	17,600	600	3.3%	1,300	7.4%
Retail Trade	42,900	43,200	43,500	-300	-0.7%	-600	-1.4%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,000	6,100	6,000	-100	-1.6%	0	0.0%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	10,400	10,600	10,800	-200	-1.9%	-400	-3.7%
Department Stores	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	0.0%	-200	-4.7%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,300	6,500	6,500	-200	-3.1%	-200	-3.1%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	20,000	20,100	20,200	-100	-0.5%	-200	-1.0%
Utilities	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	0.0%	100	3.4%
Transport. & Warehouse	17,000	17,100	17,300	-100	-0.6%	-300	-1.7%
Air Transportation	7,400	7,500	7,700	-100	-1.3%	-300	-3.9%
Information	10,100	10,000	10,400	100	1.0%	-300	-2.9%
Telecommunications	4,400	4,300	4,700	100	2.3%	-300	-6.4%
Financial Activities	26,700	25,700	25,500	1,000	3.9%	1,200	4.7%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pro. & Business Services	63,900	62,900	59,900	1,000	1.6%	4,000	6.7%
Pro. & Scientific Services	20,900	20,300	19,100	600	3.0%	1,800	9.4%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	6,000	0	0.0%	100	1.7%
Admin. & Support Services	36,900	36,500	34,800	400	1.1%	2,100	6.0%
Employment Services	17,000	16,900	16,300	100	0.6%	700	4.3%
Business Support Svcs.	8,500	8,300	8,000	200	2.4%	500	6.3%
Education & Health Svcs.	55,300	54,500	53,900	800	1.5%	1,400	2.6%
Education Services	5,500	5,400	5,900	100	1.9%	-400	-6.8%
Health Care & Social Asst.	49,800	49,100	48,000	700	1.4%	1,800	3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care	18,400	18,300	17,600	100	0.5%	800	4.5%
Hospitals	17,900	16,900	16,100	1,000	5.9%	1,800	11.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,500	35,500	36,700	0	0.0%	-1,200	-3.3%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	29,100	29,100	30,000	0	0.0%	-900	-3.0%
Full-service Restaurants	15,200	15,300	15,300	-100	-0.7%	-100	-0.7%
Other Services	21,000	21,700	21,900	-700	-3.2%	-900	-4.1%
Government	51,300	51,100	49,600	200	0.4%	1,700	3.4%
Federal Government	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	6,100	6,300	6,600	-200	-3.2%	-500	-7.6%
Local Government	40,400	40,000	38,200	400	1.0%	2,200	5.8%

Current Empl. Statistics LAWTON MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jul '06 to Aug '06		Aug '05 to Aug '06	
	Aug '06	Jul '06	Aug '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	39,700	40,100	40,400	-400	-1.0%	-700	-1.7%
Total Private Employment*	27,900	28,100	28,200	-200	-0.7%	-300	-1.1%
Private Svc. Providers**	22,700	22,800	22,700	-100	-0.4%	0	0.0%
GOODS PRODUCING	5,200	5,300	5,500	-100	-1.9%	-300	-5.5%
N. Resources/Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	3,600	3,700	3,900	-100	-2.7%	-300	-7.7%
SERVICE PROVIDING	34,500	34,800	34,900	-300	-0.9%	-400	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,000	5,000	5,000	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	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	0.0%	100	4.2%
Pro. & Business Services	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	0.0%	200	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,700	1,800	2,000	-100	-5.6%	-300	-15.0%
Government	11,800	12,000	12,200	-200	-1.7%	-400	-3.3%
Federal Government	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	0.0%	100	2.9%
State Government	1,600	1,700	1,500	-100	-5.9%	100	6.7%
Local Government	6,600	6,700	7,200	-100	-1.5%	-600	-8.3%

* Total Private Employment = TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, excluding Government

** Private Service Providers = SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES, excluding Government

LAUS by MSA	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
Oklahoma City MSA	568,100	22,750	590,850	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%	3.9%
Tulsa MSA	447,430	17,650	465,080	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%	4.0%
Lawton MSA	43,630	2,050	45,680	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%

LAUS by WIA***	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
Central WIA	398,640	16,460	415,090	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%
Cleveland Co. WIA	117,580	3,920	121,500	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%	3.3%
East Central WIA	62,940	3,260	66,200	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%	5.2%
Holdenville LLM	8,890	570	9,460	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	6.7%
Shawnee LLM	54,050	2,690	56,740	4.7%	4.5%	4.7%	5.0%
Eastern WIA	133,220	6,280	139,490	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%
Muskogee LLM	68,620	2,990	71,610	4.2%	4.0%	4.3%	4.5%
Okmulgee LLM	16,820	930	17,750	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%	5.6%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	47,780	2,350	50,130	4.7%	4.5%	4.7%	4.3%
North Central WIA	105,860	4,650	110,510	4.2%	3.6%	3.8%	4.3%
Enid LLM	48,570	1,610	50,180	3.2%	3.1%	3.3%	3.5%
Ponca City LLM	24,580	1,290	25,870	5.0%	4.8%	5.2%	4.9%
Stillwater LLM	32,710	1,750	34,460	5.1%	3.3%	3.5%	5.1%
Northeast WIA	126,750	5,120	131,870	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%	3.9%
Bartlesville LLM	30,480	1,110	31,590	3.5%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	73,840	2,880	76,720	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%	3.8%
Miami-Vinita LLM	22,430	1,130	23,560	4.8%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%
Northwest WIA	33,550	1,130	34,680	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%
Guymon LLM	12,800	460	13,260	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%	3.6%
Woodward LLM	20,750	680	21,420	3.2%	3.2%	3.4%	3.7%
South Central WIA	121,130	5,540	126,670	4.4%	4.2%	4.4%	4.3%
Chickasha LLM	48,310	2,390	50,700	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%
Duncan LLM	22,500	830	23,320	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%
Lawton LLM	50,330	2,320	52,640	4.4%	4.2%	4.5%	4.4%
Southeast WIA	75,130	3,790	78,920	4.8%	4.7%	5.0%	4.9%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	24,990	1,440	26,430	5.5%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%
McAlester LLM	24,140	1,080	25,220	4.3%	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%
Poteau LLM	26,000	1,270	27,270	4.7%	4.5%	5.1%	4.5%
Southern WIA	104,660	4,030	108,690	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%
Ada LLM	31,790	1,190	32,980	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%	3.9%
Ardmore LLM	35,440	1,280	36,720	3.5%	3.4%	3.7%	4.0%
Durant LLM	37,430	1,560	38,990	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%	4.2%
Southwest WIA	49,470	1,750	51,220	3.4%	3.4%	3.6%	3.4%
Altus LLM	18,900	820	19,720	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	4.0%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	30,560	930	31,490	3.0%	3.0%	3.2%	3.0%
Tulsa WIA	358,720	14,250	372,970	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%

*** WIA = Workforce Investment Area, LLM = Local Labor Market

LAUS County by Rank	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
1. McCurtain Co.	12,970	890	13,860	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%	6.3%
2. Hughes County	4,730	310	5,040	6.2%	6.4%	6.3%	6.6%
3. Coal County	1,920	120	2,050	6.1%	6.9%	6.8%	5.9%
4. Seminole County	9,490	600	10,100	6.0%	5.8%	6.0%	6.3%
5. Okfuskee County	4,160	260	4,420	5.8%	5.6%	6.0%	6.8%
6. Caddo County	11,180	660	11,840	5.6%	5.8%	5.8%	5.4%
7. Kay County	19,410	1,080	20,490	5.3%	5.1%	5.5%	5.2%
8. Latimer County	3,720	210	3,930	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%	5.2%
9. Okmulgee County	16,820	930	17,750	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%	5.6%
10. Grady County	22,860	1,230	24,090	5.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.1%
11. Payne County	32,710	1,750	34,460	5.1%	3.3%	3.5%	5.1%
12. Woods County	3,720	200	3,920	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	6.8%
13. Jefferson County	2,050	110	2,160	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%
14. Muskogee County	28,230	1,500	29,730	5.0%	4.8%	5.0%	5.5%
15. Ottawa County	15,950	840	16,780	5.0%	4.2%	4.3%	4.5%
16. Sequoyah County	17,570	930	18,500	5.0%	5.0%	5.3%	4.5%
17. Choctaw County	6,370	330	6,700	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	5.1%
18. Alfalfa County	2,090	110	2,200	4.8%	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%
19. Greer County	1,960	100	2,060	4.8%	4.3%	4.6%	5.0%
20. Kiowa County	3,760	190	3,950	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%	4.1%
21. Le Flore County	20,820	1,050	21,870	4.8%	4.6%	5.3%	4.6%
22. Tillman County	3,210	160	3,370	4.8%	4.5%	4.6%	4.4%
23. McIntosh County	8,320	400	8,720	4.6%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%
24. Pottawatomie Co.	29,810	1,450	31,260	4.6%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%
25. Adair County	10,150	480	10,630	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
26. Atoka County	5,380	260	5,630	4.5%	4.7%	4.6%	4.8%
27. Cherokee County	20,060	940	21,000	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%	4.1%
28. Comanche Co.	43,630	2,050	45,680	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%
29. Nowata County	4,860	230	5,090	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%
30. Johnston County	4,810	220	5,030	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%
31. Craig County	6,490	290	6,780	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%
32. Mayes County	16,430	740	17,170	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%
33. Harmon County	1,300	60	1,350	4.2%	3.6%	4.2%	3.5%
34. Delaware County	17,590	760	18,340	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	4.1%
35. Lincoln County	14,750	640	15,390	4.1%	3.9%	4.1%	4.5%
36. Oklahoma Co.	330,760	14,180	344,940	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	4.3%
37. Pittsburg County	20,420	870	21,290	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	4.4%
38. Creek County	32,150	1,330	33,490	4.0%	3.8%	4.2%	5.4%
39. Haskell County	5,180	220	5,390	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	4.2%
40. Blaine County	4,660	190	4,850	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	4.0%
41. Marshall County	5,940	240	6,180	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	4.7%
42. Noble County	5,170	210	5,380	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
43. Osage County	20,920	840	21,770	3.9%	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
44. Pushmataha Co.	5,650	230	5,880	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%	4.6%

LAUS County by Rank	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
45. Cimarron County	1,200	50	1,240	3.8%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%
46. Jackson County	11,890	470	12,370	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%
47. Pawnee County	7,870	310	8,180	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%	4.5%
48. Tulsa County	297,770	11,770	309,540	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%	3.9%
49. Carter County	23,260	890	24,150	3.7%	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%
50. Bryan County	19,380	720	20,100	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
51. Garvin County	12,620	470	13,100	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%
52. Grant County	2,420	90	2,510	3.6%	3.3%	3.5%	3.3%
53. Logan County	17,960	670	18,620	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%	3.7%
54. Love County	4,710	180	4,880	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	4.4%
55. Pontotoc County	19,170	710	19,880	3.6%	4.4%	3.8%	3.8%
56. Texas County	8,840	320	9,160	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%	3.7%
57. McClain County	14,270	500	14,770	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%	3.6%
58. Stephens County	20,450	720	21,170	3.4%	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%
59. Rogers County	39,820	1,380	41,200	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.3%
60. Wagoner County	32,070	1,090	33,160	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%
61. Washington Co.	25,630	880	26,510	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.8%
62. Cleveland County	117,580	3,920	121,500	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%	3.3%
63. Canadian County	49,920	1,610	51,540	3.1%	3.0%	3.3%	3.2%
64. Custer County	13,030	410	13,440	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	3.1%
65. Garfield County	28,240	910	29,140	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%	3.5%
66. Washita County	5,720	180	5,910	3.1%	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%
67. Beaver County	2,770	90	2,860	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	3.3%
68. Cotton County	3,480	110	3,590	3.0%	2.8%	3.0%	3.7%
69. Dewey County	2,370	70	2,440	2.9%	2.8%	3.1%	3.2%
70. Beckham County	9,990	290	10,280	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
71. Harper County	1,850	50	1,900	2.8%	2.7%	3.2%	2.5%
72. Major County	3,530	100	3,630	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%
73. Murray County	7,470	220	7,690	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%	3.3%
74. Ellis County	2,130	60	2,190	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	2.7%
75. Kingfisher Co.	7,630	220	7,840	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
76. Woodward Co.	10,680	290	10,970	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%
77. Roger Mills Co.	1,820	50	1,870	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%

LAUS by County	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
Adair County	10,150	480	10,630	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Alfalfa County	2,090	110	2,200	4.8%	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%
Atoka County	5,380	260	5,630	4.5%	4.7%	4.6%	4.8%
Beaver County	2,770	90	2,860	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	3.3%
Beckham County	9,990	290	10,280	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
Blaine County	4,660	190	4,850	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	4.0%
Bryan County	19,380	720	20,100	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
Caddo County	11,180	660	11,840	5.6%	5.8%	5.8%	5.4%
Canadian County	49,920	1,610	51,540	3.1%	3.0%	3.3%	3.2%
Carter County	23,260	890	24,150	3.7%	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%
Cherokee County	20,060	940	21,000	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%	4.1%
Choctaw County	6,370	330	6,700	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	5.1%
Cimarron County	1,200	50	1,240	3.8%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%
Cleveland County	117,580	3,920	121,500	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%	3.3%
Coal County	1,920	120	2,050	6.1%	6.9%	6.8%	5.9%
Comanche County	43,630	2,050	45,680	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%
Cotton County	3,480	110	3,590	3.0%	2.8%	3.0%	3.7%
Craig County	6,490	290	6,780	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%
Creek County	32,150	1,330	33,490	4.0%	3.8%	4.2%	5.4%
Custer County	13,030	410	13,440	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	3.1%
Delaware County	17,590	760	18,340	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	4.1%
Dewey County	2,370	70	2,440	2.9%	2.8%	3.1%	3.2%
Ellis County	2,130	60	2,190	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	2.7%
Garfield County	28,240	910	29,140	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%	3.5%
Garvin County	12,620	470	13,100	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%
Grady County	22,860	1,230	24,090	5.1%	4.7%	4.9%	4.1%
Grant County	2,420	90	2,510	3.6%	3.3%	3.5%	3.3%
Greer County	1,960	100	2,060	4.8%	4.3%	4.6%	5.0%
Harmon County	1,300	60	1,350	4.2%	3.6%	4.2%	3.5%
Harper County	1,850	50	1,900	2.8%	2.7%	3.2%	2.5%
Haskell County	5,180	220	5,390	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	4.2%
Hughes County	4,730	310	5,040	6.2%	6.4%	6.3%	6.6%
Jackson County	11,890	470	12,370	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%
Jefferson County	2,050	110	2,160	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%
Johnston County	4,810	220	5,030	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%
Kay County	19,410	1,080	20,490	5.3%	5.1%	5.5%	5.2%
Kingfisher County	7,630	220	7,840	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%
Kiowa County	3,760	190	3,950	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%	4.1%
Latimer County	3,720	210	3,930	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%	5.2%
Le Flore County	20,820	1,050	21,870	4.8%	4.6%	5.3%	4.6%
Lincoln County	14,750	640	15,390	4.1%	3.9%	4.1%	4.5%
Logan County	17,960	670	18,620	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%	3.7%
Love County	4,710	180	4,880	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	4.4%
Major County	3,530	100	3,630	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%

LAUS by County	AUGUST 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Aug '06	Jul '06	Jun '06	Aug '05
Marshall County	5,940	240	6,180	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	4.7%
Mayes County	16,430	740	17,170	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%
McClain County	14,270	500	14,770	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%	3.6%
McCurtain County	12,970	890	13,860	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%	6.3%
McIntosh County	8,320	400	8,720	4.6%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%
Murray County	7,470	220	7,690	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%	3.3%
Muskogee County	28,230	1,500	29,730	5.0%	4.8%	5.0%	5.5%
Noble County	5,170	210	5,380	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
Nowata County	4,860	230	5,090	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%
Okfuskee County	4,160	260	4,420	5.8%	5.6%	6.0%	6.8%
Oklahoma County	330,760	14,180	344,940	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	4.3%
Oklmulgee County	16,820	930	17,750	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%	5.6%
Osage County	20,920	840	21,770	3.9%	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
Ottawa County	15,950	840	16,780	5.0%	4.2%	4.3%	4.5%
Pawnee County	7,870	310	8,180	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%	4.5%
Payne County	32,710	1,750	34,460	5.1%	3.3%	3.5%	5.1%
Pittsburg County	20,420	870	21,290	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	4.4%
Pontotoc County	19,170	710	19,880	3.6%	4.4%	3.8%	3.8%
Pottawatomie Co.	29,810	1,450	31,260	4.6%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%
Pushmataha County	5,650	230	5,880	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%	4.6%
Roger Mills County	1,820	50	1,870	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%
Rogers County	39,820	1,380	41,200	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.3%
Seminole County	9,490	600	10,100	6.0%	5.8%	6.0%	6.3%
Sequoyah County	17,570	930	18,500	5.0%	5.0%	5.3%	4.5%
Stephens County	20,450	720	21,170	3.4%	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%
Texas County	8,840	320	9,160	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%	3.7%
Tillman County	3,210	160	3,370	4.8%	4.5%	4.6%	4.4%
Tulsa County	297,770	11,770	309,540	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%	3.9%
Wagoner County	32,070	1,090	33,160	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%
Washington County	25,630	880	26,510	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.8%
Washita County	5,720	180	5,910	3.1%	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%
Woods County	3,720	200	3,920	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	6.8%
Woodward County	10,680	290	10,970	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%