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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

<p>Oklahoma: 3.8% ↓ 0.2% over month ↓ 0.3% over year</p>	<p>COUNTIES Highest rate: 6.2% (Coal County) Lowest rate: 2.6% (Ellis & Murray counties) Big % gain: LeFlore County ↑ 0.6% to 5.4% Big % loss: Payne County ↓ 2.0% to 3.1%</p>
<p>MSAs Oklahoma City MSA: 3.7% Tulsa MSA: 3.7% Lawton MSA: 4.4%</p>	

AREAS OF INTEREST

1. **Natural Resources & Mining employment continues to expand at a pace well above that of the state as a whole.** In September 2006, industry employment was the highest it has been since 1990.
2. **Growth in Construction has slowed in recent months.** During the first two quarters of 2006, Construction posted annual growth rates above 6.0 percent. For the third quarter that ended in September, the industry's annual growth rate fell to 3.4 percent. For the September-to-September period, the growth rate was down to 2.7 percent. It should be noted, however, that growth is slowing in both the residential and non-residential parts of this industry.
3. **The Employment Services sector of Professional & Business Services dropped jobs during the August-to-September period for the first time since 2001.** Employment in the area is down about 3.5 percent from a year ago.

IN A NUTSHELL . . .

“Overall job growth stabilized in September and showed signs of rebounding from the slowing pace of job creation seen over the past few months. In addition, Oklahoma’s unemployment rate dropped over the month but stayed within the same narrow range it has occupied for all of 2006.”

Lynn Gray, OESC Chief Economist

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STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.8 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER

Oklahoma's statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped by 0.2 percent in September to settle at 3.8 percent, the same rate it reported in July 2006. Over the month, **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** (+2,634 persons) and **employment** (+6,027 persons) both reported marginal growth, while **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** (-3,393 persons) shrunk by nearly 5.0 percent.

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** also reported a 0.2 percent drop in September, as **seasonally adjusted labor force** (+8,197 persons), **employment** (+11,017 persons) and **unemployment** (-2,890 persons) followed patterns similar to the non-seasonally adjusted data.

U.S. and Regional EMPLOYMENT		SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
OKLAHOMA		1,693,670	66,770	1,760,440	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%
United States		145,010,000	6,625,000	151,635,000	4.4%	4.6%	5.0%	4.8%
REGION	Arkansas	1,318,150	65,910	1,384,060	4.8%	5.0%	5.7%	4.4%
	Kansas	1,411,260	61,040	1,472,300	4.1%	4.8%	5.0%	4.9%
	Louisiana	1,790,280	68,130	1,858,410	3.7%	3.8%	3.5%	11.8%
	Missouri	2,904,510	147,260	3,051,770	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%	4.9%
	New Mexico	914,600	39,040	953,640	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%	5.1%
	Texas	10,995,410	540,130	11,535,540	4.7%	5.1%	5.5%	5.2%

ALL MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DOWN IN SEPTEMBER

Unemployment rates for all Oklahoma metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) dropped by 0.1 percent in September. The **Oklahoma City** and **Tulsa MSAs** shared an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent, while the unemployment rate for the **Lawton MSA** fell to 4.4 percent over the month.

Metropolitan Statistical Area EMPLOYMENT		SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
Oklahoma City MSA		573,010	21,820	594,830	3.7%	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%
Tulsa MSA		441,770	16,880	458,650	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	4.0%
Lawton MSA		43,530	2,010	45,530	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%

COAL COUNTY REPORTS HIGHEST COUNTY RATE FOR SEPTEMBER

Coal County claimed September's highest county unemployment rate at 6.2 percent. **Hughes County**, with a rate of 5.9 percent, again reported the state's second highest county rate. **McCurtain County** rounded out the top three highest county rates at 5.8 percent in September.

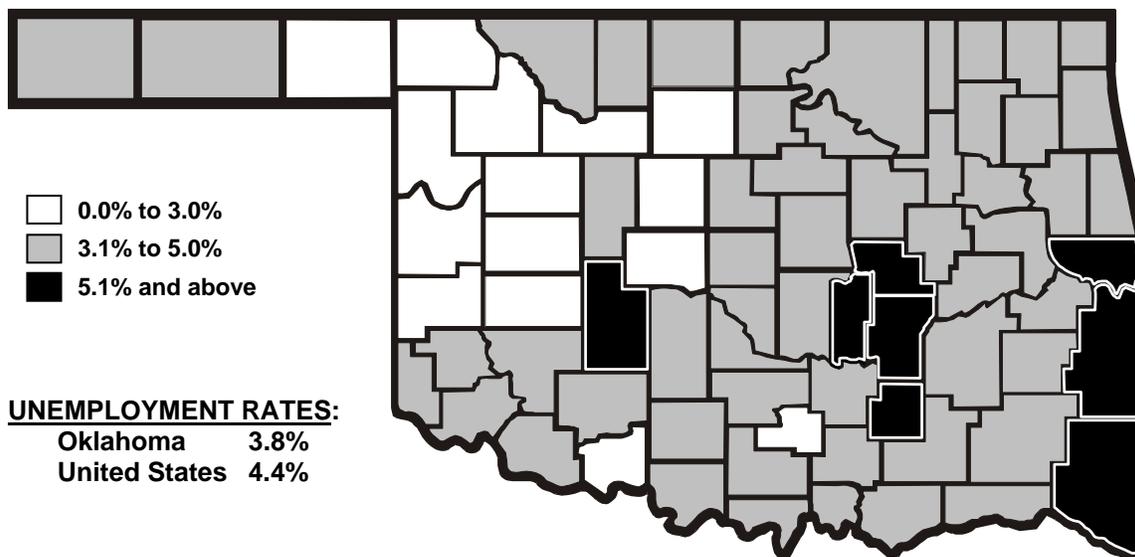
Highest County UNEMPLOYMENT		SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
Coal County		2,010	130	2,140	6.2%	6.1%	6.9%	5.5%
Hughes County		4,800	300	5,100	5.9%	6.2%	6.4%	6.5%
McCurtain County		13,070	810	13,880	5.8%	6.4%	6.4%	7.0%

ELLIS COUNTY & MURRAY COUNTY SHARE STATE'S LOWEST COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN SEPTEMBER

In September, the lowest county unemployment rate of 2.6 percent was reported by both **Ellis** and **Murray** counties. There was a four-way tie at 2.7 percent for the second lowest county rate among **Dewey**, **Kingfisher**, **Roger Mills** and **Woodward** counties. **Beckham** and **Major** counties shared the state's third lowest rate of 2.8 percent.

Lowest County UNEMPLOYMENT	SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
Ellis County	2,110	60	2,160	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%
Murray County	7,540	200	7,740	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%	3.3%
Dewey County	2,310	70	2,370	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%	3.3%
Kingfisher County	7,740	220	7,960	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.1%
Roger Mills County	1,780	50	1,830	2.7%	2.5%	2.6%	2.8%
Woodward County	10,570	290	10,860	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.2%
Beckham County	9,900	290	10,190	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	3.2%
Major County	3,540	100	3,650	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.2%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary Data for September 2006



SEASONAL FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO SEPTEMBER'S GAINS

Oklahoma's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** continued to improve in September, as it posted gains of 17,200 jobs (+1.1 percent) for the month and 19,700 jobs (+1.3 percent) for the year. The **Service Providing Industries** accounted for all of the monthly growth, as the start of classes at public schools and universities led to seasonal gains in **Education & Health Services** and **Government**. For the year, the **Service Providing Industries** contributed nearly two-thirds of the growth, again thanks to the **Government** supersector. All three of the supersectors classified as **Good Producing Industries** (**Natural Resources & Mining**, **Construction**, and **Manufacturing**) reported strong growth for the year.

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,546,900	1,529,700	1,527,200	17,200	1.1%	19,700	1.3%
Goods Producing Industries	257,100	257,200	250,400	-100	0.0%	6,700	2.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	39,900	39,700	36,900	200	0.5%	3,000	8.1%
Construction	69,200	70,200	67,400	-1,000	-1.4%	1,800	2.7%
Manufacturing	148,000	147,300	146,100	700	0.5%	1,900	1.3%
Service Providing Industries	1,289,800	1,272,500	1,276,800	17,300	1.4%	13,000	1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	283,000	282,300	280,400	700	0.2%	2,600	0.9%
Education & Health Svcs.	187,100	184,800	185,200	2,300	1.2%	1,900	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	134,500	135,600	134,500	-1,100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Government	322,800	305,700	313,700	17,100	5.6%	9,100	2.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING SEES STRONG GROWTH OVER YEAR

Despite reporting only a small monthly gain in September, **Natural Resources & Mining** saw an over-the-year addition of 3,000 jobs (+8.1 percent), all contributed by the **Support Activities for Mining** sector.

OKLAHOMA Natural Resources & Mining	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Natural Resources & Mining	39,900	39,700	36,900	200	0.5%	3,000	8.1%
Support Activities for Mining	23,100	22,900	20,100	200	0.9%	3,000	14.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL FACTORS FORCE SLOWDOWN IN STATE CONSTRUCTION

A seasonal slowdown began to affect statewide **Construction** in September, leading to a monthly loss of 1,000 jobs (-1.4 percent). The **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector provided almost all of the monthly loss and much of the annual gain of 1,800 jobs (+2.7 percent).

OKLAHOMA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Construction	69,200	70,200	67,400	-1,000	-1.4%	1,800	2.7%
Construction of Buildings	14,700	14,800	14,300	-100	-0.7%	400	2.8%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,600	11,400	11,500	200	1.8%	100	0.9%
Specialty Trade Contractors	42,900	44,000	41,600	-1,100	-2.5%	1,300	3.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

MANUFACTURING CONTINUES ANNUAL GROWTH IN SEPTEMBER

In September, **Durable Goods Manufacturing** again drove over-the-year growth in September, as **Manufacturing** reported an annual gain of 1,900 jobs (+1.3 percent). Much of the growth was provided by **Fabricated Metal Products** and **Machinery Manufacturing**. For the month, **Manufacturing** added 700 jobs (+0.5 percent).

OKLAHOMA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Manufacturing	148,000	147,300	146,100	700	0.5%	1,900	1.3%
Durable Goods Mfg.	98,500	98,100	96,900	400	0.4%	1,600	1.7%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,500	49,200	49,200	300	0.6%	300	0.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

ANNUAL GAINS CONTINUE FOR TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES

With an over-the-month gain of 700 jobs (+0.2 percent) in September, **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** recorded annual growth of 2,600 jobs (+0.9 percent). Most of the monthly and annual gains were provided by the **Wholesale Trade** sector.

OKLAHOMA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	283,000	282,300	280,400	700	0.2%	2,600	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	59,000	58,400	57,200	600	1.0%	1,800	3.1%
Retail Trade	170,100	170,000	170,000	100	0.1%	100	0.1%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	53,900	53,900	53,200	0	0.0%	700	1.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATE PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES ADDS JOBS FOR YEAR

Professional & Business Services grew by 800 jobs (+0.5 percent) over the year in September, as a 1,400-job gain in the **Professional & Scientific Services** sector overcame losses in the **Management of Companies** and **Administrative & Support Services** sectors. Despite the annual growth, the supersector dropped by 400 jobs (-0.2 percent) for the month.

OKLAHOMA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Pro. & Business Services	175,000	175,400	174,200	-400	-0.2%	800	0.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	60,700	60,700	59,300	0	0.0%	1,400	2.4%
Management of Companies	11,900	12,000	12,200	-100	-0.8%	-300	-2.5%
Admin. & Support Services	102,400	102,700	102,700	-300	-0.3%	-300	-0.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES UP FOR BOTH MONTH & YEAR

In September, seasonal education factors led to a sizeable monthly gain in **Education & Health Services**, driven by an **Educational Services** sector that added 3,200 jobs (+20.5 percent) over the month. For the year, it was the **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector that provided most of the growth with a gain of 1,600 jobs (+1.0 percent).

OKLAHOMA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	187,100	184,800	185,200	2,300	1.2%	1,900	1.0%
Educational Services	18,800	15,600	18,500	3,200	20.5%	300	1.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	168,300	169,200	166,700	-900	-0.5%	1,600	1.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LEISURE & HOSPITALITY REPORTS SEASONAL LOSS IN SEPTEMBER

Leisure & Hospitality was also affected by a seasonal slowdown in September, shedding 1,100 jobs (-0.8 percent) for the month. The monthly losses were divided between **Art, Entertainment & Recreation** and **Accommodation & Food Services**. The annual change reported by these two sectors negated each other, leaving **Leisure & Hospitality** at the same level it held in September 2005. Under **Accommodation & Food Services, Food Services & Drinking Places** accounted for most of the sector's monthly and annual losses.

OKLAHOMA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	134,500	135,600	134,500	-1,100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Art, Entertainment & Rec.	16,000	16,500	14,700	-500	-3.0%	1,300	8.8%
Accommodation/Food Svcs.	118,500	119,100	119,800	-600	-0.5%	-1,300	-1.1%
Accommodation	11,000	11,100	10,800	-100	-0.9%	200	1.9%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	107,500	108,000	109,000	-500	-0.5%	-1,500	-1.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OTHER SERVICES DOWN FOR MONTH & YEAR IN SEPTEMBER

Other Services dropped 500 jobs (-0.7 percent) for the month and 1,300 jobs (-1.7 percent) for the year.

OKLAHOMA Other Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Other Services	73,100	73,600	74,400	-500	-0.7%	-1,300	-1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL GOVERNMENT GAINS CONTINUE IN SEPTEMBER

Following the trend started last month, **Government** added 17,100 jobs (+5.6 percent) in September, as public schools and universities opened for the new school year. Over half of the monthly gain came from **Local Government**, with **State Government** contributing more than one-third of the jobs gained. A similar pattern can be seen in the year-to-year data, although this pattern is not related to seasonal factors.

OKLAHOMA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Government	322,800	305,700	313,700	17,100	5.6%	9,100	2.9%
Federal Government	46,400	46,100	45,900	300	0.7%	500	1.1%
State Government	85,200	78,400	84,200	6,800	8.7%	1,000	1.2%
Local Government	191,200	181,200	183,600	10,000	5.5%	7,600	4.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL FACTORS HELP OKLAHOMA CITY POST GAINS FOR MONTH

In September, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) continued to expand, gaining 10,300 jobs (+1.8 percent) for the month and 9,000 jobs (+1.6 percent) for the year. The **Service Providing Industries** contributed most of the monthly and annual gains, as seasonal education factors drove growth in **Government**. **Leisure & Hospitality** also experienced seasonal change in September, dropping 1,000 jobs over the month as the summer vacation season drew to a close.

OKLAHOMA CITY EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	571,200	560,900	562,200	10,300	1.8%	9,000	1.6%
Goods Producing Industries	76,100	75,100	74,700	1,000	1.3%	1,400	1.9%
Construction	27,700	27,300	25,800	400	1.5%	1,900	7.4%
Manufacturing	37,800	37,400	39,000	400	1.1%	-1,200	-3.1%
Service Providing Industries	495,100	485,800	487,500	9,300	1.9%	7,600	1.6%
Pro. & Business Services	74,500	73,000	72,100	1,500	2.1%	2,400	3.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	55,900	56,900	55,400	-1,000	-1.8%	500	0.9%
Government	115,800	107,300	113,400	8,500	7.9%	2,400	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC CONSTRUCTION ADDS JOBS FOR MONTH & YEAR IN SEPTEMBER

Bucking the seasonal trend seen statewide and in Tulsa, Oklahoma City **Construction** added 400 jobs (+1.5 percent) in September. The supersector reported an over-the-year gain of 1,900 jobs (+7.4 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Construction	27,700	27,300	25,800	400	1.5%	1,900	7.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

MANUFACTURING UP FOR MONTH, DOWN FOR YEAR IN SEPTEMBER

Reversing course from August, Oklahoma City **Manufacturing** grew by 400 jobs (+1.1 percent) over the month in September. Despite the gain, **Durable Goods Manufacturing** pushed the supersector to an annual loss, reflecting the 1,900 jobs lost over the year by **Transportation Equipment Manufacturing**.

OKLAHOMA CITY Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Manufacturing	37,800	37,400	39,000	400	1.1%	-1,200	-3.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	26,000	25,800	27,600	200	0.8%	-1,600	-5.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES CONTINUES TO EXPAND

In September, Oklahoma City **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** continued to grow with additions of 800 jobs (+0.8 percent) for the month and 3,100 jobs (+3.1 percent) for the year. The **Wholesale Trade** sector provided almost all of the monthly change and most of the annual change. **Retail Trade** reported job losses for both the month and year in September.

OKLAHOMA CITY Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	102,800	102,000	99,700	800	0.8%	3,100	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	24,600	23,200	22,000	1,400	6.0%	2,600	11.8%
Retail Trade	61,400	62,100	61,600	-700	-1.1%	-200	-0.3%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	16,800	16,700	16,100	100	0.6%	700	4.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES CONTINUES GROWTH

Professional & Business Services experienced strong growth in September totaling 1,500 jobs (+2.1 percent) for the month and 2,400 jobs (+3.3 percent) for the year. Together **Professional & Scientific Services** and **Administrative & Support Services** accounted for all of the over-the-month and over-the-year gains. **Management of Companies** dropped jobs for both the month and year.

OKLAHOMA CITY Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Pro. & Business Services	74,500	73,000	72,100	1,500	2.1%	2,400	3.3%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,900	27,500	25,900	400	1.5%	2,000	7.7%
Management of Companies	4,200	4,600	4,800	-400	-8.7%	-600	-12.5%
Admin. & Support Services	42,400	40,900	41,400	1,500	3.7%	1,000	2.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES GROWS OVER MONTH & YEAR

Despite a 1,000-job loss in **Health Care & Social Assistance**, seasonal education factors pushed Oklahoma City **Education & Health Services** to gain 600 jobs (+0.9 percent) for the month in September. This gain is the result of major seasonal growth in **Educational Services** combined with a 1,000-job loss **Health Care & Social Assistance**. These two sectors provided a 400-job gain for the year.

OKLAHOMA CITY Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	70,600	70,000	70,200	600	0.9%	400	0.6%
Educational Services	8,000	6,400	7,900	1,600	25.0%	100	1.3%
Health Care & Social Asst.	62,600	63,600	62,300	-1,000	-1.6%	300	0.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC LEISURE & HOSPITALITY FALLS PREY TO SEASONAL FACTORS

In September, a seasonal slowdown in **Leisure & Hospitality** employment forced the sector to drop 1,000 jobs (-1.8 percent) for the month. Over the year, this supersector has grown by 500 jobs (+0.9 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	55,900	56,900	55,400	-1,000	-1.8%	500	0.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OTHER SERVICES SHEDS JOBS FOR MONTH & YEAR IN SEPTEMBER

Other Services for the Oklahoma City MSA contracted in September, dropping 500 jobs (-1.8 percent) over the month and 1,200 jobs (-4.3 percent) over the year.

OKLAHOMA CITY Other Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Other Services	26,800	27,300	28,000	-500	-1.8%	-1,200	-4.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL FACTORS LEAD TO JOB GAINS FOR GOVERNMENT

In September, Oklahoma City **Government** reported major seasonal growth, mostly from **Local Government** (+7,500 jobs). This growth was the result of public school and university staff returning to begin fall terms. For the year, **Government** gained 2,400 jobs (+2.1 percent); **Local Government** also provided most of this growth. **State Government** in Oklahoma City contracted by 2,400 jobs (-5.9 percent) for the September-to-September period.

OKLAHOMA CITY Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Government	115,800	107,300	113,400	8,500	7.9%	2,400	2.1%
Federal Government	26,900	26,700	26,500	200	0.7%	400	1.5%
State Government	38,300	37,500	40,700	800	2.1%	-2,400	-5.9%
Local Government	50,600	43,100	46,200	7,500	17.4%	4,400	9.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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TULSA SEES SMALL MONTHLY, LARGE ANNUAL GAINS IN SEPTEMBER

Despite reporting only marginal growth for the month, Tulsa MSA **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 5,600 jobs (+1.3 percent) compared to September 2005. The **Service Providing Industries** contributed the monthly gain and nearly two-thirds of the annual change. Over the month, seasonal factors provided growth in **Education & Health Services** and **Government**, but forced losses in **Construction** and **Leisure & Hospitality**. The **Goods Producing Industries** grew by 1,900 jobs (+2.5 percent) over the year.

TULSA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	422,200	422,000	416,600	200	0.0%	5,600	1.3%
Goods Producing Industries	76,700	77,100	74,800	-400	-0.5%	1,900	2.5%
Construction	21,500	22,100	20,800	-600	-2.7%	700	3.4%
Manufacturing	48,300	48,100	47,300	200	0.4%	1,000	2.1%
Service Providing Industries	345,500	344,900	341,800	600	0.2%	3,700	1.1%
Pro. & Business Services	62,800	63,500	60,700	-700	-1.1%	2,100	3.5%
Education & Health Svcs.	55,700	55,000	54,500	700	1.3%	1,200	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,000	35,900	35,800	-900	-2.5%	-800	-2.2%
Government	52,900	51,400	51,900	1,500	2.9%	1,000	1.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

ANNUAL GROWTH SLOW BUT STEADY IN TULSA CONSTRUCTION

A seasonal slowdown took hold in September, as Tulsa **Construction** shed 600 jobs (-2.7 percent) for the month. Despite the loss, the supersector gained 700 jobs (+3.4 percent) over the year. **Specialty Trade Contractors** accounted for half of the monthly loss and all of the annual gain in September.

TULSA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Construction	21,500	22,100	20,800	-600	-2.7%	700	3.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,300	14,600	13,500	-300	-2.1%	800	5.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA MANUFACTURING CONTINUES TO EXPAND IN SEPTEMBER

Tulsa **Manufacturing** reported gains for the month and year in September. The 1,000 jobs gained over the year came from the **Machinery Manufacturing** sector.

TULSA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Manufacturing	48,300	48,100	47,300	200	0.4%	1,000	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES ADDS JOBS FOR MONTH, YEAR

Trade, Transportation & Utilities reported small gains for both the month and year in September. **Retail Trade** accounted for most of the 600-job monthly gain, while annual growth in **Wholesale Trade** helped provide the 700 jobs gained over the year by the supersector.

TULSA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	82,100	81,500	81,400	600	0.7%	700	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	18,400	18,300	17,600	100	0.5%	800	4.5%
Retail Trade	43,500	43,000	43,800	500	1.2%	-300	-0.7%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	20,200	20,200	20,000	0	0.0%	200	1.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES CONTINUES ANNUAL GROWTH IN SEPTEMBER

Tulsa **Professional & Business Services** reversed course in September, shedding 700 jobs (-1.1 percent) over the month. Despite the loss, the supersector expanded by 2,100 jobs (+3.5 percent) over the year due to gains in all three component sectors. **Professional & Scientific Services** and **Administrative & Support Services** provided all of the monthly loss in September.

TULSA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Pro. & Business Services	62,800	63,500	60,700	-700	-1.1%	2,100	3.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	20,200	20,500	19,100	-300	-1.5%	1,100	5.8%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	0.0%	200	3.4%
Admin. & Support Services	36,500	36,900	35,700	-400	-1.1%	800	2.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL FACTORS IMPACT TULSA EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES

Tulsa **Education & Health Services** added 700 jobs (+1.3 percent) over the month in September, as staff returned to public schools and universities. **Educational Services** provided all of the monthly growth due to these seasonal education factors, while **Health Care & Social Assistance** contributed the annual gain.

TULSA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	55,700	55,000	54,500	700	1.3%	1,200	2.2%
Educational Services	6,600	5,500	6,600	1,100	20.0%	0	0.0%
Health Care & Social Asst.	49,100	49,500	47,900	-400	-0.8%	1,200	2.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SLOWS IN SEPTEMBER

Tulsa **Leisure & Hospitality** dropped 900 jobs (-2.5 percent) in September due to a seasonal slowdown. Over the year, **Leisure & Hospitality** has shed 800 jobs (-2.2 percent).

TULSA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	35,000	35,900	35,800	-900	-2.5%	-800	-2.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA GOVERNMENT POSTS GROWTH FOR MONTH & YEAR

Tulsa **Government** continued to add jobs in September, as public school and university staff returned to work from summer break. Over the month, **Government** added 1,500 jobs (+2.9 percent) from **State Government** and **Local Government**. The over-the-year addition was fueled by **Local Government's** year-to-year gain of 1,300 jobs (+3.3 percent).

TULSA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
Government	52,900	51,400	51,900	1,500	2.9%	1,000	1.9%
Federal Government	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	0.0%	100	2.1%
State Government	6,800	6,200	7,200	600	9.7%	-400	-5.6%
Local Government	41,300	40,400	40,000	900	2.2%	1,300	3.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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LAWTON UNCHANGED FOR MONTH, DOWN FOR YEAR

In September, Lawton's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** held steady over the month and dropped 200 jobs (-0.5 percent) over the year. For the month, all supersectors reported no change in employment. The annual loss was accounted for by **Manufacturing**, but there was a good deal of movement under the **Service Providing Industries**. **Information, Education & Health Services**, and **Leisure & Hospitality** all expanded over the year, while **Other Services** and **Government** shed jobs.

LAWTON EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	40,200	40,200	40,400	0	0.0%	-200	-0.5%
Goods Producing Industries	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	0.0%	-200	-3.6%
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	0.0%	-200	-5.1%
Service Providing Industries	34,900	34,900	34,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	500	500	400	0	0.0%	100	25.0%
Education & Health Services	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	0.0%	200	5.1%
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,900	0	0.0%	-200	-10.5%
Government	12,100	12,100	12,300	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
Federal Government	3,500	3,600	3,500	-100	-2.8%	0	0.0%
State Government	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	7,000	6,900	7,200	100	1.4%	-200	-2.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Current Empl. Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,546,900	1,529,700	1,527,200	17,200	1.1%	19,700	1.3%
Total Private Employment*	1,224,100	1,224,000	1,213,500	100	0.0%	10,600	0.9%
Private Svc. Providers**	967,000	966,800	963,100	200	0.0%	3,900	0.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	257,100	257,200	250,400	-100	0.0%	6,700	2.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	39,900	39,700	36,900	200	0.5%	3,000	8.1%
Support for Mining	23,100	22,900	20,100	200	0.9%	3,000	14.9%
Construction	69,200	70,200	67,400	-1,000	-1.4%	1,800	2.7%
Construction of Buildings	14,700	14,800	14,300	-100	-	400	2.8%
Residential Buildings	7,300	7,400	6,900	-100	-1.4%	400	5.8%
Non-residential Buildings	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,600	11,400	11,500	200	1.8%	100	0.9%
Specialty Trade Contractor	42,900	44,000	41,600	-1,100	-2.5%	1,300	3.1%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	19,400	20,300	19,100	-900	-4.4%	300	1.6%
Manufacturing	148,000	147,300	146,100	700	0.5%	1,900	1.3%
Durable Goods Mfg.	98,500	98,100	96,900	400	0.4%	1,600	1.7%
Wood Product Mfg.	3,800	3,900	3,900	-100	-2.6%	-100	-2.6%
Primary Metal Mfg.	4,500	4,300	4,400	200	4.7%	100	2.3%
Fabricated Metal Mfg.	23,400	23,300	22,200	100	0.4%	1,200	5.4%
Other Fabricated Metal	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	0.0%	200	4.2%
Machinery Manufacturing	26,000	25,800	24,900	200	0.8%	1,100	4.4%
Computer/Electronics Mfg.	5,700	5,500	5,500	200	3.6%	200	3.6%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,200	3,300	3,100	-100	-3.0%	100	3.2%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	16,500	16,000	17,200	500	3.1%	-700	-4.1%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	2,700	2,600	3,400	100	3.8%	-700	-20.6%
Motor Vehicle Body/Part	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	0.0%	-100	-2.5%
Aerospace Products	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	0.0%	200	5.3%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,500	49,200	49,200	300	0.6%	300	0.6%
Food Manufacturing	20,100	19,900	19,700	200	1.0%	400	2.0%
Paper Manufacturing	3,000	3,100	3,200	-100	-3.2%	-200	-6.3%
Plastic & Rubber Products	12,800	12,700	12,800	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,289,800	1,272,500	1,276,800	17,300	1.4%	13,000	1.0%
Trade, Transp. & Utils.	283,000	282,300	280,400	700	0.2%	2,600	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	59,000	58,400	57,200	600	1.0%	1,800	3.1%
Retail Trade	170,100	170,000	170,000	100	0.1%	100	0.1%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	24,600	24,500	24,100	100	0.4%	500	2.1%
Automobile Dealers	15,100	15,000	14,900	100	0.7%	200	1.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	22,500	22,400	23,000	100	0.4%	-500	-2.2%
Gasoline Stations	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	43,800	43,700	44,200	100	0.2%	-400	-0.9%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	53,900	53,900	53,200	0	0.0%	700	1.3%
Utilities	9,900	9,900	9,600	0	0.0%	300	3.1%
Transport. & Warehouse	44,000	44,000	43,600	0	0.0%	400	0.9%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	8,800	0	0.0%	-200	-2.3%
Truck Transportation	17,600	17,400	17,300	200	1.1%	300	1.7%

Current Empl. Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
Information	29,300	29,700	29,800	-400	-1.3%	-500	-1.7%
Publishing Industries	6,800	6,800	7,200	0	0.0%	-400	-5.6%
Telecommunications	13,200	13,100	12,900	100	0.8%	300	2.3%
Financial Activities	85,000	85,400	84,600	-400	-0.5%	400	0.5%
Finance & Insurance	60,600	61,000	60,500	-400	-0.7%	100	0.2%
Credit Intermediation	30,800	31,000	30,200	-200	-0.6%	600	2.0%
Depository Credit Int.	23,800	24,000	23,600	-200	-0.8%	200	0.8%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	25,700	25,900	25,900	-200	-0.8%	-200	-0.8%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	24,400	24,400	24,100	0	0.0%	300	1.2%
Real Estate	11,600	11,700	11,500	-100	-0.9%	100	0.9%
Pro. & Business Services	175,000	175,400	174,200	-400	-0.2%	800	0.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	60,700	60,700	59,300	0	0.0%	1,400	2.4%
Legal Services	13,100	13,200	13,000	-100	-0.8%	100	0.8%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	10,700	10,600	10,700	100	0.9%	0	0.0%
Architecture & Engineering	11,600	11,700	11,200	-100	-0.9%	400	3.6%
Management of Companies	11,900	12,000	12,200	-100	-0.8%	-300	-2.5%
Admin. & Support Services	102,400	102,700	102,700	-300	-0.3%	-300	-0.3%
Employment Services	47,400	47,500	49,100	-100	-0.2%	-1,700	-3.5%
Business Support Svcs.	18,400	18,100	17,400	300	1.7%	1,000	5.7%
Services to Buildings	13,400	13,200	14,000	200	1.5%	-600	-4.3%
Education & Health Svcs.	187,100	184,800	185,200	2,300	1.2%	1,900	1.0%
Education Services	18,800	15,600	18,500	3,200	20.5%	300	1.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	168,300	169,200	166,700	-900	-0.5%	1,600	1.0%
Ambulatory Health Care	59,800	60,300	59,500	-500	-0.8%	300	0.5%
Hospitals	49,400	49,400	48,000	0	0.0%	1,400	2.9%
Nursing/Residential Care	35,500	35,600	35,600	-100	-0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Social Assistance	23,600	23,900	23,600	-300	-1.3%	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	134,500	135,600	134,500	-1,100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	16,000	16,500	14,700	-500	-3.0%	1,300	8.8%
Accommodation/Food Svc.	118,500	119,100	119,800	-600	-0.5%	-1,300	-1.1%
Accommodation	11,000	11,100	10,800	-100	-0.9%	200	1.9%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	107,500	108,000	109,000	-500	-0.5%	-1,500	-1.4%
Full-service Restaurants	50,700	51,000	51,300	-300	-0.6%	-600	-1.2%
Limited-service Eating	51,000	51,200	52,400	-200	-0.4%	-1,400	-2.7%
Other Services	73,100	73,600	74,400	-500	-0.7%	-1,300	-1.7%
Repair & Maintenance	12,300	12,300	12,800	0	0.0%	-500	-3.9%
Personal & Laundry Svcs.	12,400	12,400	12,500	0	0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Government	322,800	305,700	313,700	17,100	5.6%	9,100	2.9%
Federal Government	46,400	46,100	45,900	300	0.7%	500	1.1%
State Government	85,200	78,400	84,200	6,800	8.7%	1,000	1.2%
Local Government	191,200	181,200	183,600	10,000	5.5%	7,600	4.1%

* Total Private Employment = TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, excluding Government

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

Current Empl. Statistics OKLA. CITY MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	571,200	560,900	562,200	10,300	1.8%	9,000	1.6%
Total Private Employment*	455,400	453,600	448,800	1,800	0.4%	6,600	1.5%
Private Svc. Providers**	379,300	378,500	374,100	800	0.2%	5,200	1.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	76,100	75,100	74,700	1,000	1.3%	1,400	1.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,600	10,400	9,900	200	1.9%	700	7.1%
Construction	27,700	27,300	25,800	400	1.5%	1,900	7.4%
Specialty Trade Contractor	17,300	17,100	16,500	200	1.2%	800	4.8%
Manufacturing	37,800	37,400	39,000	400	1.1%	-1,200	-3.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	26,000	25,800	27,600	200	0.8%	-1,600	-5.8%
Machinery Manufacturing	5,700	5,400	5,600	300	5.6%	100	1.8%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	6,700	6,900	8,600	-200	-2.9%	-1,900	-22.1%
Plastic & Rubber Products	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	0.0%	-100	-3.3%
SERVICE PROVIDING	495,100	485,800	487,500	9,300	1.9%	7,600	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	102,800	102,000	99,700	800	0.8%	3,100	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	24,600	23,200	22,000	1,400	6.0%	2,600	11.8%
Retail Trade	61,400	62,100	61,600	-700	-1.1%	-200	-0.3%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	14,200	14,000	13,600	200	1.4%	600	4.4%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	16,800	16,700	16,100	100	0.6%	700	4.3%
Information	13,100	13,500	13,400	-400	-3.0%	-300	-2.2%
Telecommunications	5,700	5,600	5,700	100	1.8%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	35,600	35,800	35,300	-200	-0.6%	300	0.8%
Finance & Insurance	23,600	23,800	23,800	-200	-0.8%	-200	-0.8%
Rental & Leasing Services	6,100	6,000	5,800	100	1.7%	300	5.2%
Pro. & Business Services	74,500	73,000	72,100	1,500	2.1%	2,400	3.3%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,900	27,500	25,900	400	1.5%	2,000	7.7%
Management of Companies	4,200	4,600	4,800	-400	-8.7%	-600	-12.5%
Admin. & Support Services	42,400	40,900	41,400	1,500	3.7%	1,000	2.4%
Employment Services	21,500	19,000	19,500	2,500	13.2%	2,000	10.3%
Business Support Svcs.	6,800	6,900	6,600	-100	-1.4%	200	3.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	70,600	70,000	70,200	600	0.9%	400	0.6%
Education Services	8,000	6,400	7,900	1,600	25.0%	100	1.3%
Health Care & Social Asst.	62,600	63,600	62,300	-1,000	-1.6%	300	0.5%
Ambulatory Health Care	24,000	24,500	23,700	-500	-2.0%	300	1.3%
Hospitals	20,200	20,200	20,100	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	55,900	56,900	55,400	-1,000	-1.8%	500	0.9%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	44,900	45,300	44,500	-400	-0.9%	400	0.9%
Full-service Restaurants	22,100	22,700	21,600	-600	-2.6%	500	2.3%
Limited-service Eating	21,400	21,300	20,600	100	0.5%	800	3.9%
Other Services	26,800	27,300	28,000	-500	-1.8%	-1,200	-4.3%
Government	115,800	107,300	113,400	8,500	7.9%	2,400	2.1%
Federal Government	26,900	26,700	26,500	200	0.7%	400	1.5%
State Government	38,300	37,500	40,700	800	2.1%	-2,400	-5.9%
Local Government	50,600	43,100	46,200	7,500	17.4%	4,400	9.5%

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Current Empl. Statistics TULSA MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	422,200	422,000	416,600	200	0.0%	5,600	1.3%
Total Private Employment*	369,300	370,600	364,700	-1,300	-0.4%	4,600	1.3%
Private Service Providers**	292,600	293,500	289,900	-900	-0.3%	2,700	0.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	76,700	77,100	74,800	-400	-0.5%	1,900	2.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,900	6,900	6,700	0	0.0%	200	3.0%
Construction	21,500	22,100	20,800	-600	-2.7%	700	3.4%
Specialty Trade Contractor	14,300	14,600	13,500	-300	-2.1%	800	5.9%
Manufacturing	48,300	48,100	47,300	200	0.4%	1,000	2.1%
Machinery Mfg.	11,100	10,600	9,800	500	4.7%	1,300	13.3%
Other Gen'l Purpose	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	4,800	4,700	4,300	100	2.1%	500	11.6%
SERVICE PROVIDING	345,500	344,900	341,800	600	0.2%	3,700	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	82,100	81,500	81,400	600	0.7%	700	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	18,400	18,300	17,600	100	0.5%	800	4.5%
Retail Trade	43,500	43,000	43,800	500	1.2%	-300	-0.7%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,000	6,100	6,100	-100	-1.6%	-100	-1.6%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	10,800	10,700	10,900	100	0.9%	-100	-0.9%
Department Stores	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	0.0%	-200	-4.7%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,700	6,600	6,600	100	1.5%	100	1.5%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	20,200	20,200	20,000	0	0.0%	200	1.0%
Utilities	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	0.0%	200	6.9%
Transport. & Warehouse	17,100	17,100	17,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Air Transportation	7,400	7,400	7,600	0	0.0%	-200	-2.6%
Information	9,800	10,100	10,400	-300	-3.0%	-600	-5.8%
Telecommunications	4,200	4,400	4,700	-200	-4.5%	-500	-10.6%
Financial Activities	25,500	25,700	25,300	-200	-0.8%	200	0.8%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Pro. & Business Services	62,800	63,500	60,700	-700	-1.1%	2,100	3.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	20,200	20,500	19,100	-300	-1.5%	1,100	5.8%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	0.0%	200	3.4%
Admin. & Support Services	36,500	36,900	35,700	-400	-1.1%	800	2.2%
Employment Services	16,700	17,100	17,000	-400	-2.3%	-300	-1.8%
Business Support Svcs.	9,000	8,500	8,100	500	5.9%	900	11.1%
Education & Health Svcs.	55,700	55,000	54,500	700	1.3%	1,200	2.2%
Education Services	6,600	5,500	6,600	1,100	20.0%	0	0.0%
Health Care & Social Asst.	49,100	49,500	47,900	-400	-0.8%	1,200	2.5%
Ambulatory Health Care	18,700	18,500	17,600	200	1.1%	1,100	6.3%
Hospitals	17,400	17,000	16,100	400	2.4%	1,300	8.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,000	35,900	35,800	-900	-2.5%	-800	-2.2%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	29,300	29,700	29,600	-400	-1.3%	-300	-1.0%
Full-service Restaurants	15,000	15,200	15,000	-200	-1.3%	0	0.0%
Other Services	21,700	21,800	21,800	-100	-0.5%	-100	-0.5%
Government	52,900	51,400	51,900	1,500	2.9%	1,000	1.9%
Federal Government	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	0.0%	100	2.1%
State Government	6,800	6,200	7,200	600	9.7%	-400	-5.6%
Local Government	41,300	40,400	40,000	900	2.2%	1,300	3.3%

Current Empl. Statistics LAWTON MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Aug '06 to Sep '06		Sep '05 to Sep '06	
	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	40,200	40,200	40,400	0	0.0%	-200	-0.5%
Total Private Employment*	28,100	28,100	28,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Private Svc. Providers**	22,800	22,800	22,600	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	0.0%	-200	-3.6%
N. Resources/Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	0.0%	-200	-5.1%
SERVICE PROVIDING	34,900	34,900	34,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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	400	0	0.0%	100	25.0%
Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pro. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.0%	100	2.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	0.0%	200	5.1%
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,900	0	0.0%	-200	-10.5%
Government	12,100	12,100	12,300	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
Federal Government	3,500	3,600	3,500	-100	-2.8%	0	0.0%
State Government	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	7,000	6,900	7,200	100	1.4%	-200	-2.8%

* Total Private Employment = TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT, excluding Government

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

LAUS by MSA	SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
Oklahoma City MSA	573,010	21,820	594,830	3.7%	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%
Tulsa MSA	441,770	16,880	458,650	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	4.0%
Lawton MSA	43,530	2,010	45,530	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%

LAUS by WIA***	SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
Central WIA	402,080	15,800	417,880	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%
Cleveland Co. WIA	118,600	3,760	122,350	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.4%
East Central WIA	63,900	3,050	66,950	4.6%	4.9%	4.8%	5.1%
Holdenville LLM	9,060	530	9,590	5.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.4%
Shawnee LLM	54,840	2,520	57,360	4.4%	4.7%	4.5%	4.8%
Eastern WIA	133,170	6,110	139,270	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%
Muskogee LLM	68,470	2,910	71,370	4.1%	4.2%	4.0%	4.5%
Okmulgee LLM	16,610	880	17,480	5.0%	5.3%	4.9%	5.7%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	48,090	2,320	50,420	4.6%	4.7%	4.5%	4.4%
North Central WIA	108,530	3,870	112,400	3.4%	4.2%	3.6%	3.8%
Enid LLM	49,040	1,570	50,610	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	3.5%
Ponca City LLM	24,850	1,190	26,040	4.6%	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%
Stillwater LLM	34,650	1,110	35,750	3.1%	5.1%	3.3%	3.4%
Northeast WIA	126,610	4,780	131,390	3.6%	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%
Bartlesville LLM	30,220	1,060	31,270	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	3.8%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	73,460	2,730	76,190	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%
Miami-Vinita LLM	22,930	990	23,920	4.1%	4.8%	4.2%	4.4%
Northwest WIA	33,370	1,100	34,480	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.7%
Guymon LLM	12,810	440	13,250	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%
Woodward LLM	20,560	660	21,220	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.8%
South Central WIA	121,620	5,380	127,000	4.2%	4.4%	4.2%	4.3%
Chickasha LLM	48,980	2,300	51,280	4.5%	4.7%	4.6%	4.2%
Duncan LLM	22,440	810	23,250	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%
Lawton LLM	50,200	2,270	52,470	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	4.6%
Southeast WIA	75,530	3,760	79,290	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%	5.1%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,120	1,340	26,460	5.1%	5.5%	5.6%	6.1%
McAlester LLM	24,470	1,010	25,490	4.0%	4.3%	4.1%	4.5%
Poteau LLM	25,940	1,400	27,340	5.1%	4.7%	4.5%	4.8%
Southern WIA	106,390	3,820	110,210	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
Ada LLM	32,390	1,100	33,490	3.3%	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%
Ardmore LLM	35,980	1,220	37,200	3.3%	3.5%	3.4%	3.9%
Durant LLM	38,020	1,500	39,510	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%
Southwest WIA	49,690	1,710	51,400	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%
Altus LLM	18,770	790	19,560	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	30,920	920	31,840	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%
Tulsa WIA	354,180	13,640	367,820	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	4.1%

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

LAUS County by Rank	SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
1. Ellis County	2,110	60	2,160	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%
2. Murray County	7,540	200	7,740	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%	3.3%
3. Dewey County	2,310	70	2,370	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%	3.3%
4. Kingfisher Co.	7,740	220	7,960	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.1%
5. Roger Mills Co.	1,780	50	1,830	2.7%	2.5%	2.6%	2.8%
6. Woodward Co.	10,570	290	10,860	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.2%
7. Beckham Co.	9,900	290	10,190	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	3.2%
8. Major County	3,540	100	3,650	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.2%
9. Cotton County	3,480	100	3,580	2.9%	3.0%	2.8%	3.6%
10. Custer County	13,430	410	13,840	2.9%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%
11. Harper County	1,780	50	1,830	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%
12. Beaver County	2,820	90	2,900	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%
13. Canadian County	50,350	1,570	51,920	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%
14. Garfield County	28,460	890	29,350	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.6%
15. Washita County	5,810	180	5,990	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	3.1%
16. Cleveland Co.	118,600	3,760	122,350	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.4%
17. Payne County	34,650	1,110	35,750	3.1%	5.1%	3.3%	3.4%
18. Pontotoc County	19,520	640	20,160	3.2%	3.6%	4.4%	3.7%
19. Rogers County	39,320	1,320	40,640	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	3.4%
20. Wagoner County	31,660	1,040	32,710	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%
21. Washington Co.	25,380	840	26,220	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	3.7%
22. Bryan County	19,680	670	20,350	3.3%	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%
23. Logan County	18,110	630	18,740	3.3%	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%
24. Love County	4,790	170	4,950	3.3%	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%
25. Stephens Co.	20,360	700	21,060	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
26. Garvin County	12,870	460	13,330	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%
27. McClain County	14,390	510	14,900	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%
28. Texas County	8,770	310	9,080	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%
29. Carter County	23,660	850	24,510	3.5%	3.7%	3.6%	4.1%
30. Grant County	2,400	90	2,480	3.5%	3.6%	3.3%	3.3%
31. Noble County	5,340	200	5,550	3.6%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%
32. Pawnee County	7,770	290	8,060	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%	4.2%
33. Blaine County	4,690	180	4,870	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	4.2%
34. Jackson County	11,840	460	12,290	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%
35. Marshall County	6,040	240	6,270	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	4.6%
36. Tulsa County	294,010	11,240	305,250	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	4.0%
37. Cimarron County	1,230	50	1,270	3.8%	3.8%	3.3%	3.5%
38. Pittsburg County	20,700	820	21,520	3.8%	4.1%	4.0%	4.4%
39. Pushmataha Co.	5,590	220	5,810	3.8%	3.9%	4.3%	4.6%
40. Creek County	31,750	1,280	33,030	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%	5.1%
41. Delaware County	17,520	710	18,220	3.9%	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%
42. Johnston County	4,890	200	5,090	3.9%	4.4%	4.3%	4.4%
43. Lincoln County	14,880	600	15,480	3.9%	4.1%	3.9%	4.4%
44. Oklahoma Co.	333,620	13,610	347,220	3.9%	4.1%	3.9%	4.3%

LAUS County by Rank	SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
45. Osage County	20,660	830	21,490	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	4.2%
46. Cherokee County	20,390	850	21,250	4.0%	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%
47. Craig County	6,560	270	6,830	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%
48. Alfalfa County	2,210	100	2,300	4.1%	4.8%	4.4%	4.2%
49. Harmon County	1,270	50	1,320	4.1%	4.2%	3.6%	3.8%
50. Haskell County	5,120	220	5,340	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
51. Mayes County	16,620	710	17,330	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%
52. Adair County	10,140	450	10,580	4.2%	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%
53. Ottawa County	16,370	720	17,090	4.2%	5.0%	4.2%	4.4%
54. Nowata County	4,840	220	5,060	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%
55. Pottawatomie Co.	30,310	1,350	31,660	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%
56. Comanche Co.	43,530	2,010	45,530	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%
57. Atoka County	5,400	260	5,660	4.5%	4.5%	4.7%	4.8%
58. McIntosh County	8,340	390	8,730	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%	5.0%
59. Choctaw County	6,460	310	6,770	4.6%	4.9%	5.0%	5.2%
60. Greer County	1,930	100	2,030	4.7%	4.8%	4.3%	5.0%
61. Tillman County	3,200	160	3,360	4.7%	4.8%	4.5%	4.8%
62. Grady County	23,060	1,170	24,220	4.8%	5.1%	4.7%	4.1%
63. Kay County	19,510	990	20,500	4.8%	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%
64. Kiowa County	3,730	190	3,920	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%	4.2%
65. Jefferson County	2,080	110	2,190	4.9%	5.0%	4.9%	5.1%
66. Latimer County	3,780	200	3,970	4.9%	5.3%	4.9%	5.0%
67. Muskogee Co.	28,460	1,480	29,940	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	5.4%
68. Woods County	3,800	200	4,000	4.9%	5.1%	5.1%	6.3%
69. Okmulgee Co.	16,610	880	17,480	5.0%	5.3%	4.9%	5.7%
70. Caddo County	11,530	630	12,160	5.2%	5.6%	5.8%	5.2%
71. Okfuskee County	4,260	230	4,490	5.2%	5.8%	5.6%	6.4%
72. LeFlore County	20,820	1,180	22,000	5.4%	4.8%	4.6%	5.0%
73. Sequoyah Co.	17,560	1,020	18,590	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%
74. Seminole County	9,650	570	10,220	5.6%	6.0%	5.8%	6.0%
75. McCurtain Co.	13,070	810	13,880	5.8%	6.4%	6.4%	7.0%
76. Hughes County	4,800	300	5,100	5.9%	6.2%	6.4%	6.5%
77. Coal County	2,010	130	2,140	6.2%	6.1%	6.9%	5.5%

LAUS by County	SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
Adair County	10,140	450	10,580	4.2%	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%
Alfalfa County	2,210	100	2,300	4.1%	4.8%	4.4%	4.2%
Atoka County	5,400	260	5,660	4.5%	4.5%	4.7%	4.8%
Beaver County	2,820	90	2,900	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%
Beckham County	9,900	290	10,190	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	3.2%
Blaine County	4,690	180	4,870	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	4.2%
Bryan County	19,680	670	20,350	3.3%	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%
Caddo County	11,530	630	12,160	5.2%	5.6%	5.8%	5.2%
Canadian County	50,350	1,570	51,920	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%
Carter County	23,660	850	24,510	3.5%	3.7%	3.6%	4.1%
Cherokee County	20,390	850	21,250	4.0%	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%
Choctaw County	6,460	310	6,770	4.6%	4.9%	5.0%	5.2%
Cimarron County	1,230	50	1,270	3.8%	3.8%	3.3%	3.5%
Cleveland County	118,600	3,760	122,350	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.4%
Coal County	2,010	130	2,140	6.2%	6.1%	6.9%	5.5%
Comanche County	43,530	2,010	45,530	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%
Cotton County	3,480	100	3,580	2.9%	3.0%	2.8%	3.6%
Craig County	6,560	270	6,830	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%
Creek County	31,750	1,280	33,030	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%	5.1%
Custer County	13,430	410	13,840	2.9%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%
Delaware County	17,520	710	18,220	3.9%	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%
Dewey County	2,310	70	2,370	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%	3.3%
Ellis County	2,110	60	2,160	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%
Garfield County	28,460	890	29,350	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.6%
Garvin County	12,870	460	13,330	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%
Grady County	23,060	1,170	24,220	4.8%	5.1%	4.7%	4.1%
Grant County	2,400	90	2,480	3.5%	3.6%	3.3%	3.3%
Greer County	1,930	100	2,030	4.7%	4.8%	4.3%	5.0%
Harmon County	1,270	50	1,320	4.1%	4.2%	3.6%	3.8%
Harper County	1,780	50	1,830	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%
Haskell County	5,120	220	5,340	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Hughes County	4,800	300	5,100	5.9%	6.2%	6.4%	6.5%
Jackson County	11,840	460	12,290	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%
Jefferson County	2,080	110	2,190	4.9%	5.0%	4.9%	5.1%
Johnston County	4,890	200	5,090	3.9%	4.4%	4.3%	4.4%
Kay County	19,510	990	20,500	4.8%	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%
Kingfisher County	7,740	220	7,960	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.1%
Kiowa County	3,730	190	3,920	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%	4.2%
Latimer County	3,780	200	3,970	4.9%	5.3%	4.9%	5.0%
LeFlore County	20,820	1,180	22,000	5.4%	4.8%	4.6%	5.0%
Lincoln County	14,880	600	15,480	3.9%	4.1%	3.9%	4.4%
Logan County	18,110	630	18,740	3.3%	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%
Love County	4,790	170	4,950	3.3%	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%
Major County	3,540	100	3,650	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.2%

LAUS by County	SEPTEMBER 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Sep '06	Aug '06	Jul '06	Sep '05
Marshall County	6,040	240	6,270	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	4.6%
Mayes County	16,620	710	17,330	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%
McClain County	14,390	510	14,900	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%
McCurtain County	13,070	810	13,880	5.8%	6.4%	6.4%	7.0%
McIntosh County	8,340	390	8,730	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%	5.0%
Murray County	7,540	200	7,740	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%	3.3%
Muskogee County	28,460	1,480	29,940	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	5.4%
Noble County	5,340	200	5,550	3.6%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%
Nowata County	4,840	220	5,060	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%
Okfuskee County	4,260	230	4,490	5.2%	5.8%	5.6%	6.4%
Oklahoma County	333,620	13,610	347,220	3.9%	4.1%	3.9%	4.3%
Oklmulgee County	16,610	880	17,480	5.0%	5.3%	4.9%	5.7%
Osage County	20,660	830	21,490	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	4.2%
Ottawa County	16,370	720	17,090	4.2%	5.0%	4.2%	4.4%
Pawnee County	7,770	290	8,060	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%	4.2%
Payne County	34,650	1,110	35,750	3.1%	5.1%	3.3%	3.4%
Pittsburg County	20,700	820	21,520	3.8%	4.1%	4.0%	4.4%
Pontotoc County	19,520	640	20,160	3.2%	3.6%	4.4%	3.7%
Pottawatomie Co.	30,310	1,350	31,660	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%
Pushmataha County	5,590	220	5,810	3.8%	3.9%	4.3%	4.6%
Roger Mills County	1,780	50	1,830	2.7%	2.5%	2.6%	2.8%
Rogers County	39,320	1,320	40,640	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	3.4%
Seminole County	9,650	570	10,220	5.6%	6.0%	5.8%	6.0%
Sequoyah County	17,560	1,020	18,590	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%
Stephens County	20,360	700	21,060	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
Texas County	8,770	310	9,080	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%
Tillman County	3,200	160	3,360	4.7%	4.8%	4.5%	4.8%
Tulsa County	294,010	11,240	305,250	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	4.0%
Wagoner County	31,660	1,040	32,710	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%
Washington County	25,380	840	26,220	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	3.7%
Washita County	5,810	180	5,990	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	3.1%
Woods County	3,800	200	4,000	4.9%	5.1%	5.1%	6.3%
Woodward County	10,570	290	10,860	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.2%