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Unemployment rates up in all counties for January 2007

Unemployment rates for all Oklahoma counties expanded in January, following the lead set by the state rate's increase of seven-tenths of a percent for the month. **Coal County** reported January's highest rate and largest rate change, while **Ellis County** claimed the state's lowest rate for the month. Despite the monthly movement, the state unemployment rate of 4.4 percent is the same as the rate reported for January 2006.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

JANUARY 2007	Area	Unemp. Rate	Monthly change	Annual change
RATE	Statewide	4.4%	↑ 0.7%	no change
Highest county	Coal County	7.7%	↑ 1.6%	↑ 1.4%
Lowest county	Ellis County	2.7%	↑ 0.4%	↓ 0.6%
Biggest % gain	Coal County	7.7%	↑ 1.6%	--
Biggest % loss	All county unemployment rates increased in January 2007.			

*non-seasonally adjusted

State unemployment, unemployment rate up in January

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** experienced a big shift in January, as it rose to 4.4 percent for the month. Seasonal factors helped push **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** to contract by 18,182 persons and 28,134 persons, respectively. At the same time, **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** expanded by 9,952 persons. The net result was an unemployment rate gain of 0.7 percent over the month.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	JANUARY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jan '07	Dec '06	Nov '06	Jan '06
Oklahoma	1,713,338	1,638,726	74,612	4.4%	3.7%	3.7%	4.4%
United States	151,924,000	144,275,000	7,649,000	5.0%	4.3%	4.3%	5.1%
Region							
Arkansas	1,346,055	1,267,583	78,472	5.8%	4.9%	4.7%	5.6%
Kansas	1,470,808	1,402,733	68,075	4.6%	4.1%	4.3%	4.9%
Louisiana	1,966,343	1,880,457	85,886	4.4%	3.6%	3.8%	5.3%
Missouri	3,032,120	2,877,875	154,245	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	5.2%
New Mexico	927,130	890,951	36,179	3.9%	3.3%	3.6%	4.7%
Texas	11,526,683	10,980,144	546,539	4.7%	4.1%	4.4%	5.4%

*non-seasonally adjusted

Coal County begins year with highest county rate

Coal County kicked off the year by once again claiming the state's highest county unemployment rate at 7.7 percent. **McCurtain County** held sole possession of the second highest county rate of 6.7 percent. **Atoka** and **Hughes counties** tied for the third highest rate at 6.6 percent in January.

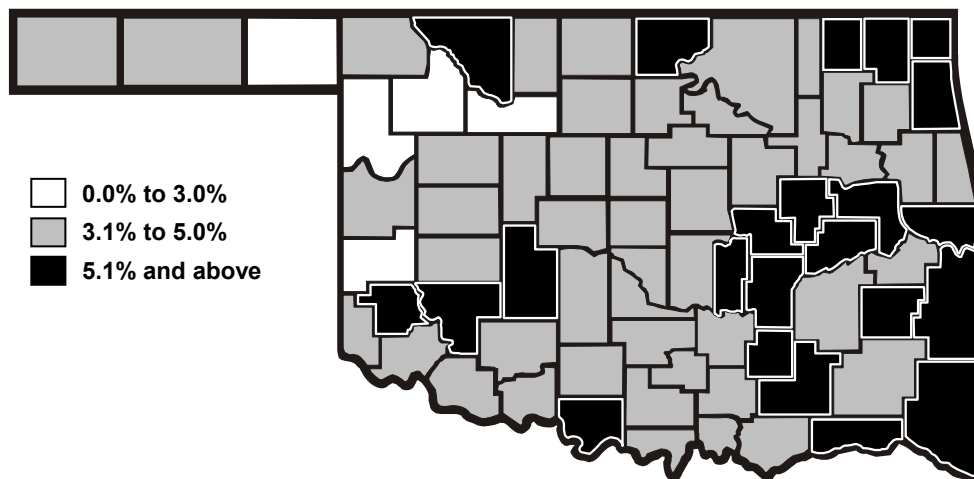
	JANUARY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jan '07	Dec '06	Nov '06	Jan '06
Coal County	2,420	2,230	190	7.7%	6.1%	5.8%	6.3%
McCurtain County	13,590	12,680	910	6.7%	6.0%	5.7%	7.4%
Atoka County	5,730	5,350	380	6.6%	6.0%	5.7%	5.2%
Hughes County	4,910	4,580	330	6.6%	5.5%	5.5%	7.4%

Ellis County reports state's lowest county rate in January

In January, **Ellis County** retained the state's lowest county unemployment rate of 2.7 percent, up from 2.3 percent in December 2006. The state's second lowest county rate of 2.8 percent belonged to **Woodward County**. There was a tie at 2.9 percent for the third lowest county rate in January between **Beaver** and **Beckham counties**.

	JANUARY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jan '07	Dec '06	Nov '06	Jan '06
Ellis County	2,160	2,100	60	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	3.3%
Woodward County	11,390	11,070	320	2.8%	2.4%	2.5%	3.2%
Beaver County	2,920	2,840	80	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%
Beckham County	10,230	9,940	300	2.9%	2.4%	2.5%	3.3%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary Data for January 2007



**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA
County Rankings**

	JANUARY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '07	Dec '06	Nov '06	Jan '06
1. Coal County	2,420	2,230	190	7.7%	6.1%	5.8%	6.3%
2. McCurtain County	13,590	12,680	910	6.7%	6.0%	5.7%	7.4%
3. Atoka County	5,730	5,350	380	6.6%	6.0%	5.7%	5.2%
4. Hughes County	4,910	4,580	330	6.6%	5.5%	5.5%	7.4%
5. Muskogee County	28,380	26,540	1,830	6.5%	5.6%	5.1%	5.6%
6. Woods County	3,840	3,600	240	6.3%	5.2%	4.6%	7.4%
7. Choctaw County	6,590	6,180	410	6.2%	5.3%	5.0%	6.3%
8. McIntosh County	8,210	7,700	510	6.2%	5.2%	5.1%	5.6%
9. Seminole County	10,060	9,440	620	6.2%	5.5%	5.3%	6.5%
10. Sequoyah County	18,360	17,280	1,080	5.9%	5.4%	6.2%	5.0%
11. Caddo County	11,320	10,670	650	5.7%	5.2%	5.1%	5.9%
12. Okfuskee County	4,330	4,080	250	5.7%	5.3%	5.3%	6.5%
13. Greer County	1,990	1,880	110	5.6%	5.0%	4.7%	6.0%
14. Okmulgee County	16,900	15,960	940	5.6%	4.9%	4.7%	6.0%
15. Kiowa County	3,740	3,530	210	5.5%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
16. Nowata County	4,660	4,400	250	5.5%	4.5%	4.3%	4.9%
17. Kay County	21,160	20,010	1,150	5.4%	4.7%	4.2%	5.3%
18. Latimer County	3,920	3,710	210	5.4%	4.5%	4.8%	5.6%
19. Ottawa County	16,260	15,380	880	5.4%	5.0%	4.4%	5.1%
20. Craig County	6,680	6,330	350	5.3%	4.3%	4.1%	4.7%
21. LeFlore County	21,640	20,490	1,150	5.3%	4.7%	6.0%	4.6%
22. Delaware County	16,790	15,920	870	5.2%	4.4%	4.2%	5.0%
23. Jefferson County	2,350	2,220	120	5.2%	4.4%	4.7%	4.9%
24. Adair County	10,710	10,170	540	5.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.8%
25. Alfalfa County	2,180	2,070	110	5.0%	4.1%	4.2%	5.0%
26. Pawnee County	7,900	7,510	390	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.7%
27. Tillman County	3,380	3,210	170	5.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.8%
28. Grady County	23,670	22,500	1,170	4.9%	4.6%	4.6%	4.9%
29. Haskell County	5,230	4,980	260	4.9%	4.3%	4.1%	5.0%
30. Mayes County	17,210	16,350	850	4.9%	4.2%	4.0%	4.7%
31. Cherokee County	20,770	19,800	970	4.7%	4.1%	4.0%	4.6%
32. Pottawatomie County	31,110	29,650	1,470	4.7%	4.1%	4.1%	5.0%
33. Pushmataha County	5,420	5,160	260	4.7%	3.9%	4.0%	5.0%
34. Comanche County	44,930	42,850	2,080	4.6%	4.0%	4.0%	4.6%
35. Johnston County	4,720	4,510	220	4.6%	3.9%	3.9%	4.8%
36. Pittsburg County	21,390	20,410	980	4.6%	3.9%	3.8%	4.7%
37. Pontotoc County	20,190	19,270	920	4.6%	3.1%	3.1%	4.1%
38. Blaine County	4,820	4,600	220	4.5%	4.0%	3.9%	4.5%
39. Marshall County	6,200	5,920	280	4.5%	3.9%	3.7%	4.9%

	JANUARY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '07	Dec '06	Nov '06	Jan '06
40. Cimarron County	1,250	1,190	60	4.4%	3.8%	4.3%	3.6%
41. Creek County	32,060	30,640	1,420	4.4%	3.8%	3.7%	5.1%
42. Oklahoma County	334,300	319,470	14,840	4.4%	3.8%	3.7%	4.6%
43. Osage County	20,960	20,030	930	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	4.5%
44. Grant County	2,280	2,180	100	4.3%	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%
45. Lincoln County	14,780	14,140	640	4.3%	3.8%	3.8%	4.5%
46. Dewey County	2,360	2,260	100	4.2%	3.2%	2.8%	3.8%
47. McClain County	14,810	14,190	620	4.2%	3.4%	3.4%	3.9%
48. Carter County	24,020	23,030	990	4.1%	3.4%	3.4%	4.5%
49. Noble County	5,650	5,420	230	4.1%	3.4%	3.3%	4.0%
50. Caddian County	51,620	49,560	2,060	4.0%	3.2%	3.2%	3.6%
51. Garvin County	13,390	12,850	540	4.0%	3.3%	3.2%	4.3%
52. Logan County	18,260	17,530	730	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%	3.9%
53. Wagoner County	32,400	31,090	1,310	4.0%	3.5%	3.2%	4.1%
54. Cotton County	3,290	3,160	130	3.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.9%
55. Rogers County	40,310	38,760	1,550	3.9%	3.4%	3.4%	4.0%
56. Stephens County	20,780	19,970	810	3.9%	3.3%	3.3%	4.2%
57. Tulsa County	296,750	285,080	11,670	3.9%	3.4%	3.4%	4.1%
58. Washington County	24,850	23,890	960	3.9%	3.3%	3.2%	4.1%
59. Harmon County	1,470	1,420	60	3.8%	3.3%	3.2%	3.8%
60. Jackson County	12,160	11,700	460	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
61. Payne County	32,510	31,280	1,230	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
62. Texas County	8,710	8,380	330	3.8%	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%
63. Cleveland County	118,830	114,390	4,440	3.7%	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%
64. Bryan County	19,750	19,040	710	3.6%	3.1%	3.1%	4.2%
65. Harper County	1,800	1,730	60	3.5%	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%
66. Washita County	5,610	5,410	200	3.5%	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%
67. Custer County	13,170	12,740	430	3.3%	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%
68. Love County	4,810	4,650	160	3.3%	2.7%	2.9%	4.0%
69. Murray County	7,770	7,510	260	3.3%	2.9%	2.8%	3.8%
70. Roger Mills County	1,680	1,620	60	3.3%	2.8%	2.8%	3.2%
71. Garfield County	28,910	27,990	930	3.2%	2.8%	2.9%	3.7%
72. Kingfisher County	7,880	7,640	240	3.1%	2.5%	2.6%	3.2%
73. Major County	3,850	3,740	110	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%	3.5%
74. Beaver County	2,920	2,840	80	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%
75. Beckham County	10,230	9,940	300	2.9%	2.4%	2.5%	3.3%
76. Woodward County	11,390	11,070	320	2.8%	2.4%	2.5%	3.2%
77. Ellis County	2,160	2,100	60	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	3.3%

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Adair County	10,710	10,170	540	5.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.8%
Alfalfa County	2,180	2,070	110	5.0%	4.1%	4.2%	5.0%
Atoka County	5,730	5,350	380	6.6%	6.0%	5.7%	5.2%
Beaver County	2,920	2,840	80	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%
Beckham County	10,230	9,940	300	2.9%	2.4%	2.5%	3.3%
Blaine County	4,820	4,600	220	4.5%	4.0%	3.9%	4.5%
Bryan County	19,750	19,040	710	3.6%	3.1%	3.1%	4.2%
Caddo County	11,320	10,670	650	5.7%	5.2%	5.1%	5.9%
Canadian County	51,620	49,560	2,060	4.0%	3.2%	3.2%	3.6%
Carter County	24,020	23,030	990	4.1%	3.4%	3.4%	4.5%
Cherokee County	20,770	19,800	970	4.7%	4.1%	4.0%	4.6%
Choctaw County	6,590	6,180	410	6.2%	5.3%	5.0%	6.3%
Cimarron County	1,250	1,190	60	4.4%	3.8%	4.3%	3.6%
Cleveland County	118,830	114,390	4,440	3.7%	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%
Coal County	2,420	2,230	190	7.7%	6.1%	5.8%	6.3%
Comanche County	44,930	42,850	2,080	4.6%	4.0%	4.0%	4.6%
Cotton County	3,290	3,160	130	3.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.9%
Craig County	6,680	6,330	350	5.3%	4.3%	4.1%	4.7%
Creek County	32,060	30,640	1,420	4.4%	3.8%	3.7%	5.1%
Custer County	13,170	12,740	430	3.3%	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%
Delaware County	16,790	15,920	870	5.2%	4.4%	4.2%	5.0%
Dewey County	2,360	2,260	100	4.2%	3.2%	2.8%	3.8%
Ellis County	2,160	2,100	60	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	3.3%
Garfield County	28,910	27,990	930	3.2%	2.8%	2.9%	3.7%
Garvin County	13,390	12,850	540	4.0%	3.3%	3.2%	4.3%
Grady County	23,670	22,500	1,170	4.9%	4.6%	4.6%	4.9%
Grant County	2,280	2,180	100	4.3%	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%
Greer County	1,990	1,880	110	5.6%	5.0%	4.7%	6.0%
Harmon County	1,470	1,420	60	3.8%	3.3%	3.2%	3.8%
Harper County	1,800	1,730	60	3.5%	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%
Haskell County	5,230	4,980	260	4.9%	4.3%	4.1%	5.0%
Hughes County	4,910	4,580	330	6.6%	5.5%	5.5%	7.4%
Jackson County	12,160	11,700	460	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
Jefferson County	2,350	2,220	120	5.2%	4.4%	4.7%	4.9%
Johnston County	4,720	4,510	220	4.6%	3.9%	3.9%	4.8%
Kay County	21,160	20,010	1,150	5.4%	4.7%	4.2%	5.3%
Kingfisher County	7,880	7,640	240	3.1%	2.5%	2.6%	3.2%
Kiowa County	3,740	3,530	210	5.5%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
Latimer County	3,920	3,710	210	5.4%	4.5%	4.8%	5.6%

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '07	Dec '06	Nov '06	Jan '06
LeFlore County	21,640	20,490	1,150	5.3%	4.7%	6.0%	4.6%
Lincoln County	14,780	14,140	640	4.3%	3.8%	3.8%	4.5%
Logan County	18,260	17,530	730	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%	3.9%
Love County	4,810	4,650	160	3.3%	2.7%	2.9%	4.0%
Major County	3,850	3,740	110	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%	3.5%
Marshall County	6,200	5,920	280	4.5%	3.9%	3.7%	4.9%
Mayes County	17,210	16,350	850	4.9%	4.2%	4.0%	4.7%
McClain County	14,810	14,190	620	4.2%	3.4%	3.4%	3.9%
McCurtain County	13,590	12,680	910	6.7%	6.0%	5.7%	7.4%
McIntosh County	8,210	7,700	510	6.2%	5.2%	5.1%	5.6%
Murray County	7,770	7,510	260	3.3%	2.9%	2.8%	3.8%
Muskogee County	28,380	26,540	1,830	6.5%	5.6%	5.1%	5.6%
Noble County	5,650	5,420	230	4.1%	3.4%	3.3%	4.0%
Nowata County	4,660	4,400	250	5.5%	4.5%	4.3%	4.9%
Okfuskee County	4,330	4,080	250	5.7%	5.3%	5.3%	6.5%
Oklahoma County	334,300	319,470	14,840	4.4%	3.8%	3.7%	4.6%
Okmulgee County	16,900	15,960	940	5.6%	4.9%	4.7%	6.0%
Osage County	20,960	20,030	930	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	4.5%
Ottawa County	16,260	15,380	880	5.4%	5.0%	4.4%	5.1%
Pawnee County	7,900	7,510	390	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.7%
Payne County	32,510	31,280	1,230	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
Pittsburg County	21,390	20,410	980	4.6%	3.9%	3.8%	4.7%
Pontotoc County	20,190	19,270	920	4.6%	3.1%	3.1%	4.1%
Pottawatomie County	31,110	29,650	1,470	4.7%	4.1%	4.1%	5.0%
Pushmataha County	5,420	5,160	260	4.7%	3.9%	4.0%	5.0%
Roger Mills County	1,680	1,620	60	3.3%	2.8%	2.8%	3.2%
Rogers County	40,310	38,760	1,550	3.9%	3.4%	3.4%	4.0%
Seminole County	10,060	9,440	620	6.2%	5.5%	5.3%	6.5%
Sequoyah County	18,360	17,280	1,080	5.9%	5.4%	6.2%	5.0%
Stephens County	20,780	19,970	810	3.9%	3.3%	3.3%	4.2%
Texas County	8,710	8,380	330	3.8%	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%
Tillman County	3,380	3,210	170	5.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.8%
Tulsa County	296,750	285,080	11,670	3.9%	3.4%	3.4%	4.1%
Wagoner County	32,400	31,090	1,310	4.0%	3.5%	3.2%	4.1%
Washington County	24,850	23,890	960	3.9%	3.3%	3.2%	4.1%
Washita County	5,610	5,410	200	3.5%	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%
Woods County	3,840	3,600	240	6.3%	5.2%	4.6%	7.4%
Woodward County	11,390	11,070	320	2.8%	2.4%	2.5%	3.2%

**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA
Workforce Investments Areas (WIAs) & Local Labor Markets (LLMs)**

	JANUARY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '07	Dec '06	Nov '06	Jan '06
Oklahoma	1,713,340	1,638,730	74,610	4.4%	3.7%	3.7%	4.4%
Central WIA	404,180	386,560	17,630	4.4%	3.7%	3.6%	4.4%
Cleveland County WIA	118,830	114,390	4,440	3.7%	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%
East Central WIA	65,190	61,890	3,300	5.1%	3.7%	3.6%	4.5%
Holdenville LLM	9,240	8,660	570	6.2%	5.4%	5.4%	7.0%
Shawnee LLM	55,950	53,220	2,730	4.9%	4.3%	4.2%	5.1%
Eastern WIA	135,720	128,550	7,170	5.3%	3.2%	3.7%	4.4%
Muskogee LLM	68,990	65,340	3,650	5.3%	4.5%	4.2%	4.9%
Okmulgee LLM	16,900	15,960	940	5.6%	4.9%	4.7%	6.0%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	49,830	47,250	2,580	5.2%	4.6%	4.9%	4.8%
North Central WIA	109,230	104,920	4,310	3.9%	4.2%	3.9%	4.5%
Enid LLM	49,920	48,210	1,700	3.4%	3.0%	3.0%	3.7%
Ponca City LLM	26,800	25,420	1,380	5.2%	4.4%	4.0%	5.0%
Stillwater LLM	32,510	31,280	1,230	3.8%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
Northeast WIA	126,750	121,030	5,720	4.5%	5.4%	3.6%	4.3%
Bartlesville LLM	29,510	28,290	1,210	4.1%	3.5%	3.4%	4.2%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	74,300	71,030	3,270	4.4%	3.8%	3.7%	4.4%
Miami-Vinita LLM	22,950	21,710	1,240	5.4%	4.8%	4.3%	5.0%
Northwest WIA	34,440	33,180	1,260	3.6%	3.2%	3.7%	4.4%
Guymon LLM	12,880	12,410	470	3.7%	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%
Woodward LLM	21,560	20,770	780	3.6%	3.1%	3.0%	4.1%
South Central WIA	124,520	118,770	5,750	4.6%	0.0%	3.3%	3.9%
Chickasha LLM	49,790	47,360	2,430	4.9%	4.4%	4.3%	4.8%
Duncan LLM	23,130	22,190	940	4.0%	3.4%	3.5%	4.2%
Lawton LLM	51,600	49,220	2,380	4.6%	4.0%	3.9%	4.6%
Southeast WIA	77,790	73,610	4,180	5.4%	0.0%	3.7%	4.3%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,600	24,030	1,580	6.2%	5.4%	5.1%	6.6%
McAlester LLM	25,310	24,120	1,190	4.7%	4.0%	3.9%	4.8%
Poteau LLM	26,880	25,470	1,410	5.2%	4.6%	5.7%	4.7%
Southern WIA	108,980	104,340	4,640	4.3%	0.0%	3.6%	4.2%
Ada LLM	33,570	32,110	1,460	4.4%	3.2%	3.2%	4.2%
Ardmore LLM	36,590	35,190	1,400	3.8%	3.2%	3.2%	4.3%
Durant LLM	38,820	37,040	1,780	4.6%	3.9%	3.9%	4.6%
Southwest WIA	50,050	48,230	1,820	3.6%	0.0%	3.3%	3.9%
Altus LLM	19,360	18,530	830	4.3%	3.7%	3.7%	4.2%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	30,690	29,700	980	3.2%	2.8%	2.8%	3.3%
Tulsa WIA	357,670	343,260	14,400	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%	4.3%

**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)**

	JANUARY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '07	Dec '06	Nov '06	Jan '06
Oklahoma	1,713,340	1,638,730	74,610	4.4%	3.7%	3.7%	4.4%
Oklahoma City MSA	576,270	551,780	24,490	4.2%	3.6%	3.6%	4.3%
Tulsa MSA	447,280	429,070	18,210	4.1%	3.5%	3.5%	4.3%
Lawton MSA	44,930	42,850	2,080	4.6%	4.0%	4.0%	4.6%