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Many Oklahoma counties see little change in November unemployment rates

Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.2 percent in November. **McCurtain County** again reported the state's highest county rate, while **Beckham** and **Woodward counties** shared the lowest rate. **Sequoyah County** reported the largest rate increase, and **Alfalfa County** provided the largest over-the-month rate drop.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

NOVEMBER 2007	Area	Unemp. Rate	Monthly change	Annual change
RATE	Statewide	4.2%	no change	↑ 0.5%
Highest county	McCurtain Co.	6.9%	↑ 0.4%	↑ 1.2%
Lowest county	Beckham Co.	2.9%	↑ 0.1%	↑ 0.4%
	Woodward Co.	2.9%	no change	↑ 0.4%
Biggest % gain	Sequoyah Co.	5.8%	↑ 0.6%	--
Biggest % loss	Alfalfa Co.	5.0%	↓ 0.3%	--

*non-seasonally adjusted

State unemployment rate unchanged at 4.2 percent in November

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** held steady at 4.2 percent in November 2007. Statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force, employment and unemployment** all increased slightly over the month. Statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by more than 15 percent between November 2006 and November 2007, resulting in an unemployment rate increase of 0.5 percent for the period.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	NOVEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Nov '07	Oct '07	Sep '07	Nov '06
Oklahoma	1,749,050	1,674,980	74,070	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	3.7%
United States	154,035,000	147,118,000	6,917,000	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%
Region							
Arkansas	1,374,380	1,302,870	71,510	5.2%	4.9%	5.3%	4.7%
Kansas	1,489,600	1,434,100	55,500	3.7%	3.4%	4.3%	4.3%
Louisiana	2,013,180	1,948,730	64,450	3.2%	3.0%	4.4%	3.8%
Missouri	3,050,240	2,900,850	149,390	4.9%	5.2%	5.1%	4.6%
New Mexico	950,540	920,330	30,200	3.2%	2.8%	3.3%	3.6%
Texas	11,658,170	11,180,720	477,440	4.1%	3.9%	4.4%	4.4%

*non-seasonally adjusted

McCurtain County reports November's highest county rate

In November, **McCurtain County** once again claimed the state's highest county unemployment rate at 6.9 percent. **Hughes County** held steady at 6.3 percent, the second highest county rate in November. **Coal County** provided November's third highest rate of 6.1 percent.

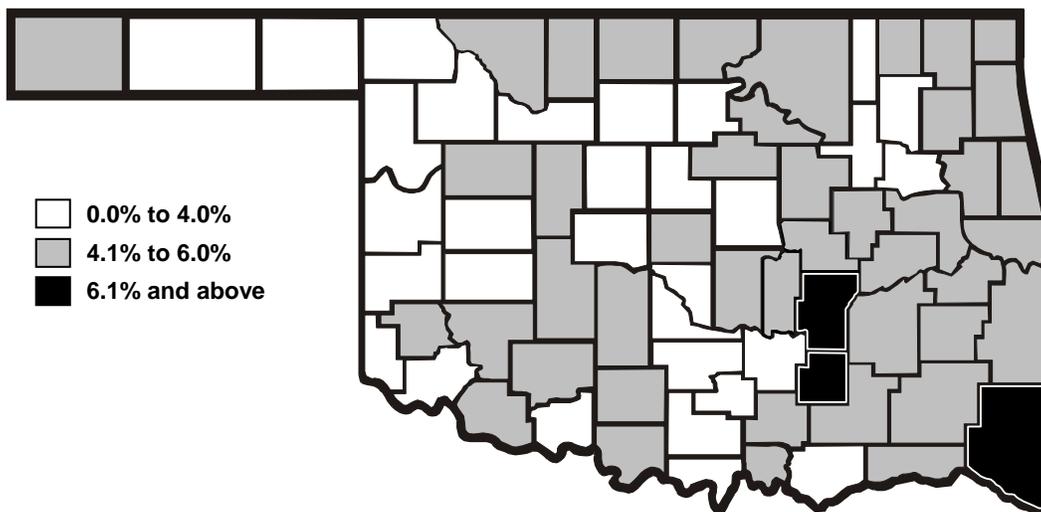
	NOVEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Nov '07	Oct '07	Sep '07	Nov '06
McCurtain County	13,160	12,250	900	6.9%	6.5%	6.9%	5.7%
Hughes County	4,860	4,550	310	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	5.5%
Coal County	2,450	2,300	150	6.1%	6.3%	6.1%	5.8%

Beckham and Woodward counties tie for highest county rate

Beckham and Woodward counties shared Oklahoma's lowest county unemployment rate of 2.9 percent in November. **Ellis and Murray counties** were close behind at 3.0 percent for the month. **Kingfisher County** held sole possession of the state's third lowest county rate of 3.1 percent.

	NOVEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Nov '07	Oct '07	Sep '07	Nov '06
Beckham County	10,610	10,300	300	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.5%
Woodward County	11,780	11,430	340	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%
Ellis County	2,170	2,100	70	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
Murray County	8,370	8,120	250	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	2.8%
Kingfisher County	8,100	7,860	250	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	2.6%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary data for November 2007



LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA
County rankings

	NOVEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Nov '07	Oct '07	Sep '07	Nov '06
1. McCurtain County	13,160	12,250	900	6.9%	6.5%	6.9%	5.7%
2. Hughes County	4,860	4,550	310	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	5.5%
3. Coal County	2,450	2,300	150	6.1%	6.3%	6.1%	5.8%
4. Latimer County	3,970	3,730	240	6.0%	5.6%	5.5%	4.8%
5. Choctaw County	6,750	6,350	400	5.9%	5.7%	5.4%	5.0%
6. Woods County	3,910	3,680	230	5.9%	5.5%	5.4%	4.6%
7. Sequoyah County	18,500	17,420	1,080	5.8%	5.2%	6.1%	6.2%
8. Muskogee County	28,640	27,020	1,620	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	5.1%
9. Seminole County	10,150	9,570	580	5.7%	5.8%	5.9%	5.3%
10. Craig County	6,800	6,410	380	5.6%	5.6%	5.1%	4.1%
11. LeFlore County	21,880	20,650	1,230	5.6%	5.4%	6.1%	6.0%
12. McIntosh County	8,060	7,610	450	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%	5.1%
13. Okmulgee County	17,130	16,170	960	5.6%	5.6%	5.2%	4.7%
14. Greer County	1,940	1,830	110	5.5%	5.6%	5.4%	4.7%
15. Jefferson County	2,360	2,230	130	5.5%	5.5%	5.3%	4.7%
16. Okfuskee County	4,280	4,040	240	5.5%	5.4%	5.5%	5.3%
17. Nowata County	4,690	4,440	250	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	4.3%
18. Atoka County	5,750	5,450	300	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%	5.7%
19. Caddo County	11,320	10,730	600	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%	5.1%
20. Kiowa County	3,590	3,400	190	5.2%	5.4%	5.1%	4.6%
21. Pushmataha County	5,550	5,260	290	5.2%	5.1%	5.3%	4.0%
22. Tillman County	3,320	3,150	170	5.2%	4.8%	4.6%	4.3%
23. Adair County	11,150	10,590	570	5.1%	4.8%	4.8%	4.2%
24. Delaware County	17,400	16,520	880	5.1%	5.1%	4.9%	4.2%
25. Ottawa County	16,860	15,990	870	5.1%	5.1%	5.0%	4.4%
26. Alfalfa County	2,120	2,010	110	5.0%	5.3%	5.1%	4.2%
27. Blaine County	4,870	4,630	240	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%	3.9%
28. Cimarron County	1,170	1,120	60	4.9%	4.9%	4.1%	4.3%
29. Johnston County	4,820	4,580	230	4.9%	4.8%	4.6%	3.9%
30. Marshall County	6,330	6,030	310	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%	3.7%
31. Haskell County	5,230	4,990	250	4.7%	4.6%	4.4%	4.1%
32. Mayes County	17,770	16,920	840	4.7%	4.6%	4.5%	4.0%
33. Cherokee County	21,300	20,330	970	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.0%
34. Comanche County	46,080	43,990	2,090	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%
35. Kay County	21,490	20,530	960	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%
36. Pottawatomie County	31,860	30,430	1,440	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%
37. Creek County	32,470	31,060	1,420	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	3.7%
38. Osage County	21,230	20,300	930	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%
39. Oklahoma County	344,630	329,810	14,820	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	3.7%

	NOVEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Nov '07	Oct '07	Sep '07	Nov '06
40. Payne County	33,050	31,670	1,380	4.2%	4.1%	3.9%	3.3%
41. Pittsburg County	21,820	20,910	910	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%
42. Dewey County	2,330	2,230	100	4.1%	3.7%	3.8%	2.8%
43. Grady County	24,230	23,230	1,000	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.6%
44. Grant County	2,180	2,090	90	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%
45. Pawnee County	7,930	7,610	320	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.0%
46. Stephens County	21,280	20,410	870	4.1%	4.0%	3.8%	3.3%
47. Lincoln County	15,210	14,590	620	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.8%
48. Tulsa County	300,990	288,940	12,050	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	3.4%
49. Logan County	18,830	18,100	730	3.9%	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%
50. Rogers County	40,890	39,280	1,610	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.4%
51. Wagoner County	32,780	31,510	1,270	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%	3.2%
52. Bryan County	20,580	19,800	790	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.1%
53. Carter County	24,800	23,860	940	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%
54. Jackson County	12,040	11,580	450	3.8%	3.7%	3.6%	3.3%
55. McClain County,	15,220	14,650	570	3.8%	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%
56. Washington County	25,770	24,790	980	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.2%
57. Canadian County	53,120	51,170	1,960	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	3.2%
58. Cleveland County	122,590	118,090	4,500	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	3.2%
59. Harmon County	1,420	1,370	50	3.7%	3.8%	3.3%	3.2%
60. Garvin County	13,570	13,070	500	3.6%	3.7%	3.6%	3.2%
61. Noble County	5,770	5,560	210	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%
62. Texas County	8,420	8,120	300	3.6%	3.7%	3.5%	3.2%
63. Washita County	5,560	5,360	200	3.6%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%
64. Cotton County	3,410	3,290	120	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%	3.2%
65. Custer County	13,170	12,710	450	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%
66. Harper County	1,740	1,680	60	3.4%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%
67. Roger Mills County	1,690	1,630	60	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%	2.8%
68. Garfield County	29,280	28,310	970	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%
69. Love County	4,990	4,820	170	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	2.9%
70. Major County	3,830	3,710	130	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	2.7%
71. Pontotoc County	20,830	20,140	690	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%
72. Beaver County	2,900	2,800	90	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.7%
73. Kingfisher County	8,100	7,860	250	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	2.6%
74. Ellis County	2,170	2,100	70	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
75. Murray County	8,370	8,120	250	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	2.8%
76. Beckham County	10,610	10,300	300	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.5%
77. Woodward County	11,780	11,430	340	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%

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By county

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Adair County	11,150	10,590	570	5.1%	4.8%	4.8%	4.2%
Alfalfa County	2,120	2,010	110	5.0%	5.3%	5.1%	4.2%
Atoka County	5,750	5,450	300	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%	5.7%
Beaver County	2,900	2,800	90	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.7%
Beckham County	10,610	10,300	300	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.5%
Blaine County	4,870	4,630	240	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%	3.9%
Bryan County	20,580	19,800	790	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.1%
Caddo County	11,320	10,730	600	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%	5.1%
Canadian County	53,120	51,170	1,960	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	3.2%
Carter County	24,800	23,860	940	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%
Cherokee County	21,300	20,330	970	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.0%
Choctaw County	6,750	6,350	400	5.9%	5.7%	5.4%	5.0%
Cimarron County	1,170	1,120	60	4.9%	4.9%	4.1%	4.3%
Cleveland County	122,590	118,090	4,500	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	3.2%
Coal County	2,450	2,300	150	6.1%	6.3%	6.1%	5.8%
Comanche County	46,080	43,990	2,090	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%
Cotton County	3,410	3,290	120	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%	3.2%
Craig County	6,800	6,410	380	5.6%	5.6%	5.1%	4.1%
Creek County	32,470	31,060	1,420	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	3.7%
Custer County	13,170	12,710	450	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%
Delaware County	17,400	16,520	880	5.1%	5.1%	4.9%	4.2%
Dewey County	2,330	2,230	100	4.1%	3.7%	3.8%	2.8%
Ellis County	2,170	2,100	70	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
Garfield County	29,280	28,310	970	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%
Garvin County	13,570	13,070	500	3.6%	3.7%	3.6%	3.2%
Grady County	24,230	23,230	1,000	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.6%
Grant County	2,180	2,090	90	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%
Greer County	1,940	1,830	110	5.5%	5.6%	5.4%	4.7%
Harmon County	1,420	1,370	50	3.7%	3.8%	3.3%	3.2%
Harper County	1,740	1,680	60	3.4%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%
Haskell County	5,230	4,990	250	4.7%	4.6%	4.4%	4.1%
Hughes County	4,860	4,550	310	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	5.5%
Jackson County	12,040	11,580	450	3.8%	3.7%	3.6%	3.3%
Jefferson County	2,360	2,230	130	5.5%	5.5%	5.3%	4.7%
Johnston County	4,820	4,580	230	4.9%	4.8%	4.6%	3.9%
Kay County	21,490	20,530	960	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%
Kingfisher County	8,100	7,860	250	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	2.6%
Kiowa County	3,590	3,400	190	5.2%	5.4%	5.1%	4.6%
Latimer County	3,970	3,730	240	6.0%	5.6%	5.5%	4.8%

	NOVEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Nov '07	Oct '07	Sep '07	Nov '06
LeFlore County	21,880	20,650	1,230	5.6%	5.4%	6.1%	6.0%
Lincoln County	15,210	14,590	620	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.8%
Logan County	18,830	18,100	730	3.9%	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%
Love County	4,990	4,820	170	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	2.9%
Major County	3,830	3,710	130	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	2.7%
Marshall County	6,330	6,030	310	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%	3.7%
Mayes County	17,770	16,920	840	4.7%	4.6%	4.5%	4.0%
McClain County	15,220	14,650	570	3.8%	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%
McCurtain County	13,160	12,250	900	6.9%	6.5%	6.9%	5.7%
McIntosh County	8,060	7,610	450	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%	5.1%
Murray County	8,370	8,120	250	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	2.8%
Muskogee County	28,640	27,020	1,620	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	5.1%
Noble County	5,770	5,560	210	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%
Nowata County	4,690	4,440	250	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	4.3%
Okfuskee County	4,280	4,040	240	5.5%	5.4%	5.5%	5.3%
Oklahoma County	344,630	329,810	14,820	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	3.7%
Okmulgee County	17,130	16,170	960	5.6%	5.6%	5.2%	4.7%
Osage County	21,230	20,300	930	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%
Ottawa County	16,860	15,990	870	5.1%	5.1%	5.0%	4.4%
Pawnee County	7,930	7,610	320	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.0%
Payne County	33,050	31,670	1,380	4.2%	4.1%	3.9%	3.3%
Pittsburg County	21,820	20,910	910	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%
Pontotoc County	20,830	20,140	690	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%
Pottawatomie County	31,860	30,430	1,440	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,550	5,260	290	5.2%	5.1%	5.3%	4.0%
Roger Mills County	1,690	1,630	60	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%	2.8%
Rogers County	40,890	39,280	1,610	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.4%
Seminole County	10,150	9,570	580	5.7%	5.8%	5.9%	5.3%
Sequoyah County	18,500	17,420	1,080	5.8%	5.2%	6.1%	6.2%
Stephens County	21,280	20,410	870	4.1%	4.0%	3.8%	3.3%
Texas County	8,420	8,120	300	3.6%	3.7%	3.5%	3.2%
Tillman County	3,320	3,150	170	5.2%	4.8%	4.6%	4.3%
Tulsa County	300,990	288,940	12,050	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	3.4%
Wagoner County	32,780	31,510	1,270	3.9%	3.9%	3.6%	3.2%
Washington County	25,770	24,790	980	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.2%
Washita County	5,560	5,360	200	3.6%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%
Woods County	3,910	3,680	230	5.9%	5.5%	5.4%	4.6%
Woodward County	11,780	11,430	340	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%

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

	NOVEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Nov '07	Oct '07	Sep '07	Nov '06
Oklahoma	1,749,050	1,674,980	74,070	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	3.7%
Central WIA	416,580	399,070	17,510	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	3.6%
Cleveland County WIA	122,590	118,090	4,500	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	3.2%
East Central WIA	66,360	63,190	3,170	4.8%	4.7%	4.7%	4.4%
Holdenville LLM	9,140	8,600	540	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.4%
Shawnee LLM	57,220	54,590	2,630	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%
Eastern WIA	137,560	130,650	6,910	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	4.5%
Muskogee LLM	69,480	66,140	3,340	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%	4.2%
Okmulgee LLM	17,130	16,170	960	5.6%	5.6%	5.2%	4.7%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	50,950	48,340	2,610	5.1%	4.8%	5.2%	4.9%
North Central WIA	110,690	106,360	4,330	3.9%	3.9%	3.7%	3.3%
Enid LLM	50,370	48,600	1,770	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	3.0%
Ponca City LLM	27,260	26,090	1,170	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%
Stillwater LLM	33,050	31,670	1,380	4.2%	4.1%	3.9%	3.3%
Northeast WIA	130,170	124,360	5,810	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	3.7%
Bartlesville LLM	30,460	29,230	1,230	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%	3.4%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	76,060	72,730	3,330	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	3.7%
Miami-Vinita LLM	23,660	22,410	1,250	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	4.3%
Northwest WIA	34,410	33,170	1,240	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%
Guymon LLM	12,490	12,040	450	3.6%	3.7%	3.4%	3.2%
Woodward LLM	21,920	21,130	790	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.0%
South Central WIA	127,230	121,680	5,550	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%
Chickasha LLM	50,770	48,610	2,170	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%
Duncan LLM	23,640	22,640	1,000	4.2%	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%
Lawton LLM	52,820	50,440	2,380	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	3.9%
Southeast WIA	78,360	74,150	4,210	5.4%	5.2%	5.4%	4.9%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,450	23,860	1,590	6.2%	6.0%	6.2%	5.1%
McAlester LLM	25,790	24,640	1,150	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%
Poteau LLM	27,120	25,640	1,480	5.4%	5.3%	5.8%	5.7%
Southern WIA	112,480	108,160	4,320	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.4%
Ada LLM	34,400	33,210	1,190	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%
Ardmore LLM	38,150	36,800	1,360	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%
Durant LLM	39,930	38,160	1,780	4.5%	4.4%	4.4%	3.9%
Southwest WIA	50,010	48,200	1,810	3.6%	3.6%	3.4%	3.2%
Altus LLM	18,990	18,190	800	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	3.7%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	31,020	30,010	1,010	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	2.8%
Tulsa WIA	362,630	347,910	14,720	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	3.4%

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

	NOVEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Nov '07	Oct '07	Sep '07	Nov '06
Oklahoma	1,749,050	1,674,980	74,070	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	3.7%
Oklahoma City MSA	593,820	569,630	24,190	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	3.6%
Tulsa MSA	453,430	434,880	18,550	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	3.5%
Lawton MSA	46,080	43,990	2,090	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%