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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - December 2007

Oklahoma unemployment rate up to 4.3 percent in December

In December 2007, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** increased by 0.1 percent to 4.3 percent. For the December-to-December period, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** rose by 0.6 percent.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS*

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
DEC '07	1,731,200	1,656,690	74,510	4.3%
Nov '07	1,749,050	1,674,980	74,070	4.2%
Dec '06	1,731,520	1,666,860	64,660	3.7%

*non-seasonally adjusted

Monthly employment growth grinds to halt in December

- Oklahoma's statewide **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** shed 2,200 jobs in December. The **Tulsa MSA** was the only area to buck the monthly trend with an over-the-month gain of 900 jobs.
- Seasonal gains helped **Retail Trade** remain a bright spot in December. Statewide **Retail Trade** added 1,600 jobs over the month due to hiring for the holiday shopping season.
- **Educational & Health Services** and **Leisure & Hospitality** contributed almost all of the jobs dropped by the **Service Providing Industries** for the November-to-December period.

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06
OKLAHOMA	1,594,300	1,596,500	1,570,300
OKC MSA	594,400	596,100	577,700
Tulsa MSA	438,000	437,100	430,700
Lawton MSA	42,400	42,500	41,500

CHANGE in TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
OKLAHOMA	-2,200	-0.1%	24,000	1.5%
OKC MSA	-1,700	-0.3%	16,700	2.9%
Tulsa MSA	900	0.2%	7,300	1.7%
Lawton MSA	-100	-0.2%	900	2.2%

*non-seasonally adjusted

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The statistics in this section are gathered from the **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)** program. LAUS produces labor force, employment, unemployment and unemployment rate estimates for the state and its subdivisions based on where workers live. Data is taken from a monthly household survey, and all LAUS numbers refer to individual persons rather than their jobs.

State unemployment rate ends year at 4.3 percent

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** rose by 0.1 percent to 4.3 percent for the month in December 2007. Statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **non-seasonally adjusted employment** both reported drops of at least 1.0 percent in December. For the third consecutive month, statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by more than 15 percent over the year, expanding by 9,850 persons between December 2006 and December 2007.

	DECEMBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Dec '07	Nov '07	Oct '07	Dec '06
OKLAHOMA	1,731,200	1,656,690	74,510	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	3.7%
United States	153,705,000	146,334,000	7,371,000	4.8%	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%

	NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED		
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
DECEMBER 2007	1,731,200	1,656,690	74,510	1,735,390	1,658,170	77,230
Monthly change (#)	-17,860	-18,290	440	-7,130	-6,750	-380
Monthly change (%)	-1.0%	-1.1%	0.6%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.5%
Annual change (#)	-330	-10,180	9,850	8,270	760	7,510
Annual change (%)	-0.0%	-0.6%	15.2%	0.5%	0.0%	10.8%
Participation rate*	63.2%	60.5%	--	63.3%	60.5%	--

* Participation rate represents the ratio of labor force or employment compared to the general population of Oklahoma.

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The **Current Employment Statistics (CES)** program uses a monthly payroll survey of businesses to provide current non-farm establishment employment statistics. Non-farm employment is an estimate of employment by place of work. It does not include the self-employed, unpaid family members or agricultural workers. CES numbers refer to jobs instead of persons.

STATE of OKLAHOMA*

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Seasonal factors fuel monthly job losses in December

Oklahoma employment shed 2,200 jobs in December 2007, leaving the state with an over-the-year gain of 24,000 jobs. The November-to-December loss was shared between the **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries**.

For the **Goods Producing Industries**, **Construction** was the source of nearly all of the monthly losses. Under the **Service Providing Industries**, seasonal hiring in **Retail Trade**, a division of **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**, helped soften the effects of seasonal losses in **Educational & Health Services** and **Leisure & Hospitality**.

As in November, no statewide industry reported any over-the-year job losses in December 2007. Sizeable annual job growth was seen in **Natural Resources & Mining** (+7.0 percent) and **Professional & Business Services** (+3.2 percent).

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,594,300	1,596,500	1,570,300	-2,200	-0.1%	24,000	1.5%
Goods Producing Industries	269,900	271,200	265,200	-1,300	-0.5%	4,700	1.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	47,500	47,400	44,400	100	0.2%	3,100	7.0%
Construction	71,600	72,900	70,700	-1,300	-1.8%	900	1.3%
Service Providing Industries	1,324,400	1,325,300	1,305,100	-900	-0.1%	19,300	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	294,500	292,800	292,600	1,700	0.6%	1,900	0.6%
Financial Activities	84,800	84,100	83,700	700	0.8%	1,100	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	179,000	178,600	173,500	400	0.2%	5,500	3.2%
Educational & Health Services	193,000	194,700	189,700	-1,700	-0.9%	3,300	1.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	136,300	138,400	135,400	-2,100	-1.5%	900	0.7%
Government	330,700	330,600	325,100	100	0.0%	5,600	1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Natural Resources & Mining continues strong annual growth

Statewide **Natural Resources & Mining** expanded again in December due to growth in **Support Activities for Mining**. For the December-to-December period, the industry added 3,100 jobs.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Natural Resources & Mining	47,500	47,400	44,400	100	0.2%	3,100	7.0%
Support Activities for Mining	26,300	26,200	24,400	100	0.4%	1,900	7.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Construction down in December

Construction shed 1,300 jobs over the month in December due to a big loss in the **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector. Despite the sizeable monthly drop, **Construction** expanded by 900 jobs over the December-to-December period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Construction	71,600	72,900	70,700	-1,300	-1.8%	900	1.3%
Construction of Buildings	15,500	15,400	15,400	100	0.6%	100	0.6%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	12,100	11,900	11,800	200	1.7%	300	2.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	44,000	45,600	43,500	-1,600	-3.5%	500	1.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Seasonal hiring benefits statewide Trade, Transportation & Utilities again

In December, seasonal **Retail Trade** hiring continued to push statewide **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** to monthly gains. Driven by the holiday shopping season, **Retail Trade** provided nearly 95 percent of the **TTU** jobs gained for December. Over-the-year growth came from the other two **TTU** sectors, **Wholesale Trade** and **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	294,500	292,800	292,600	1,700	0.6%	1,900	0.6%
Wholesale Trade	60,000	59,900	59,000	100	0.2%	1,000	1.7%
Retail Trade	177,600	176,000	177,900	1,600	0.9%	-300	-0.2%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	56,900	56,900	55,700	0	0.0%	1,200	2.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

State Financial Activities up for month, year in December

Financial Activities added 700 jobs over the month in December 2007. The monthly change was provided by **Finance & Insurance**, as was most of the annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Financial Activities	84,800	84,100	83,700	700	0.8%	1,100	1.3%
Finance & Insurance	60,500	59,800	59,600	700	1.2%	900	1.5%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	24,300	24,300	24,100	0	0.0%	200	0.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Professional & Business Services continues strong annual growth

Professional & Business Services reversed course in December by adding 400 jobs over the month. **Professional & Scientific Services** contributed all of the monthly growth and nearly two-thirds of the industry's annual expansion.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Professional & Business Services	179,000	178,600	173,500	400	0.2%	5,500	3.2%
Professional & Scientific Services	64,100	63,400	60,500	700	1.1%	3,600	6.0%
Management of Companies	12,700	12,700	12,600	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
Administrative & Support Services	102,200	102,500	100,400	-300	-0.3%	1,800	1.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Educational & Health Services drops jobs in December

Recent seasonal growth reversed course in December, as statewide **Educational & Health Services** dropped 1,700 jobs during the November-to-December period. Both industry sectors contributed to the monthly job losses. **Health Care & Social Assistance** provided close to nine out of every 10 jobs added over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Educational & Health Services	193,000	194,700	189,700	-1,700	-0.9%	3,300	1.7%
Educational Services	19,700	20,600	19,300	-900	-4.4%	400	2.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	173,300	174,100	170,400	-800	-0.5%	2,900	1.7%
Ambulatory Health Care	63,500	63,600	62,000	-100	-0.2%	1,500	2.4%
Hospitals	51,000	50,900	49,800	100	0.2%	1,200	2.4%
Nursing & Residential Care	34,100	34,700	33,900	-600	-1.7%	200	0.6%
Social Assistance	24,700	24,900	24,700	-200	-0.8%	0	0.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Leisure & Hospitality continues seasonal losses

A seasonal slowdown in **Food Services & Drinking Places** helped force statewide **Leisure & Hospitality** to drop 2,100 jobs in December. Despite the loss, **Leisure & Hospitality** in Oklahoma has added 900 jobs compared to December 2006.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Leisure & Hospitality	136,300	138,400	135,400	-2,100	-1.5%	900	0.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15,500	15,500	15,100	0	0.0%	400	2.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	120,800	122,900	120,300	-2,100	-1.7%	500	0.4%
Accommodation	11,100	11,300	10,900	-200	-1.8%	200	1.8%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	109,700	111,600	109,400	-1,900	-1.7%	300	0.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Government expansion continues slowdown in December

Over-the-month growth in statewide **Government** continued to slow in December, as the industry only managed to post a gain of 100 jobs for the month. **Federal Government** was the sole provider of the monthly expansion. For the year, **Local Government** combined with **Federal Government** to overcome a 1,000-job loss in **State Government**. **Local Government** has grown by 3.1 percent since December 2006.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Government	330,700	330,600	325,100	100	0.0%	5,600	1.7%
Federal Government	46,000	45,400	45,300	600	1.3%	700	1.5%
State Government	86,400	86,400	87,400	0	0.0%	-1,000	-1.1%
Local Government	198,300	198,800	192,400	-500	-0.3%	5,900	3.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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Oklahoma City MSA sheds jobs over month in December

Following the statewide trend, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) dropped over the month, shedding 1,700 jobs in December 2007. **Construction** provided the monthly losses for the **Goods Producing Industries**, while **Leisure & Hospitality** and **Government** fueled many of the losses for the **Service Providing Industries**.

Over the year, Oklahoma City's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 16,700 jobs. Sizeable annual growth was reported in **Natural Resources & Mining** (+7.3 percent), **Construction** (+5.6 percent), **Professional & Business Services** (+5.5 percent), **Educational & Health Services** (+4.9 percent), **Leisure & Hospitality** (+3.7 percent), and **Other Services** (+3.9 percent).

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	594,400	596,100	577,700	-1,700	-0.3%	16,700	2.9%
Goods Producing Industries	81,200	81,500	78,700	-300	-0.4%	2,500	3.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	14,700	14,700	13,700	0	0.0%	1,000	7.3%
Construction	28,400	28,700	26,900	-300	-1.0%	1,500	5.6%
Service Providing Industries	513,200	514,600	499,000	-1,400	-0.3%	14,200	2.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	106,700	105,700	104,600	1,000	0.9%	2,100	2.0%
Professional & Business Services	76,600	76,200	72,600	400	0.5%	4,000	5.5%
Educational & Health Services	76,600	76,900	73,000	-300	-0.4%	3,600	4.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	58,800	60,500	56,700	-1,700	-2.8%	2,100	3.7%
Government	115,500	116,300	115,000	-800	-0.7%	500	0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Natural Resources & Mining continues annual growth

Despite reporting no change for the month, Oklahoma City **Natural Resources & Mining** added 1,000 jobs compared to December 2006.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Natural Resources & Mining	14,700	14,700	13,700	0	0.0%	1,000	7.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Construction down for month, up for year

Oklahoma City **Construction** dropped 300 jobs over the month due solely to activity in the **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector. This sector also provided almost all of **Construction's** annual gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Construction	28,400	28,700	26,900	-300	-1.0%	1,500	5.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,400	18,700	17,000	-300	-1.6%	1,400	8.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC TTU sees monthly, annual growth in December

Seasonal hiring in **Retail Trade** led to a 1,000-job addition for Oklahoma City **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** in December. Spurred by hiring for the holiday shopping season, **Retail Trade** provided all of the **TTU** job gains for the month and three-quarters of the **TTU** jobs added over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	106,700	105,700	104,600	1,000	0.9%	2,100	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	22,600	22,700	22,900	-100	-0.4%	-300	-1.3%
Retail Trade	67,600	66,500	65,800	1,100	1.7%	1,800	2.7%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	16,500	16,500	15,900	0	0.0%	600	3.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Professional & Business Services up for month, year

As in November, Oklahoma City **Professional & Business Services** reported an addition of 400 jobs for the month in December. This gain brought the industry's annual change to an addition of 4,000 jobs, a large part of which came from the **Administrative & Support Services** sector.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Professional & Business Services	76,600	76,200	72,600	400	0.5%	4,000	5.5%
Professional & Scientific Services	27,600	27,200	26,600	400	1.5%	1,000	3.8%
Management of Companies	5,000	4,900	5,300	100	2.0%	-300	-5.7%
Administrative & Support Services	44,000	44,100	40,700	-100	-0.2%	3,300	8.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Educational & Health Services drops jobs in December

Seasonal factors pushed OKC **Educational & Health Services** to shed 300 jobs in December. **Health Care & Social Assistance** provided two-thirds of the monthly gain and nearly that amount of the annual gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Educational & Health Services	76,600	76,900	73,000	-300	-0.4%	3,600	4.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	66,600	66,800	64,300	-200	-0.3%	2,300	3.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Seasonal slowdown hits OKC Leisure & Hospitality

Oklahoma City **Leisure & Hospitality** dropped 1,700 jobs in December due to seasonal factors. The **Food Services & Drinking Places** sector contributed more than half of the monthly losses and most of the 2,100 jobs added during the December-to-December period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Leisure & Hospitality	58,800	60,500	56,700	-1,700	-2.8%	2,100	3.7%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	46,900	47,900	45,100	-1,000	-2.1%	1,800	4.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Government ends year with monthly loss

Oklahoma City **Government** reversed course in December with an over-the-month loss of 800 jobs. For the year, the industry has grown by 500 jobs. **State Government** provided most of the monthly losses and all of the jobs dropped during the December-to-December period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Government	115,500	116,300	115,000	-800	-0.7%	500	0.4%
Federal Government	27,300	27,200	26,800	100	0.4%	500	1.9%
State Government	39,800	40,600	40,800	-800	-2.0%	-1,000	-2.5%
Local Government	48,400	48,500	47,400	-100	-0.2%	1,000	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa MSA reports monthly, annual gains in December

In December, the Tulsa metropolitan statistical area (MSA) bucked the statewide trend by adding 900 jobs for the month. The MSA is also up by 7,300 jobs for the year. Two-thirds of the monthly additions and all of the annual gains came from the **Service Providing Industries**.

Although many industries contributed to the over-the-year gain, the strongest growth was seen in **Trade, Transportation & Utilities, Professional & Business Services, and Government**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	438,000	437,100	430,700	900	0.2%	7,300	1.7%
Goods Producing Industries	78,800	78,500	78,800	300	0.4%	0	0.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,700	6,700	6,300	0	0.0%	400	6.3%
Construction	21,400	21,500	21,900	-100	-0.5%	-500	-2.3%
Manufacturing	50,700	50,300	50,600	400	0.8%	100	0.2%
Service Providing Industries	359,200	358,600	351,900	600	0.2%	7,300	2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	89,200	88,700	87,100	500	0.6%	2,100	2.4%
Professional & Business Services	64,000	63,800	62,200	200	0.3%	1,800	2.9%
Educational & Health Services	57,400	57,200	56,700	200	0.3%	700	1.2%
Government	55,500	55,700	53,600	-200	-0.4%	1,900	3.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Natural Resources & Mining holds steady in December

Tulsa **Natural Resources & Mining** reported no change over the month in December. For the year, the industry added 400 jobs, the same amount it was up for the November-to-November period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Natural Resources & Mining	6,700	6,700	6,300	0	0.0%	400	6.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Construction drops jobs for month, year

Construction in Tulsa dropped 100 jobs over the month in December. Although the **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector added 700 jobs over the year, **Construction** still reported a 500-job loss for the period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Construction	21,400	21,500	21,900	-100	-0.5%	-500	-2.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,200	15,300	14,500	-100	-0.7%	700	4.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Retail Trade drives Tulsa TTU monthly growth in December

Tulsa **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** continued to expand in December with a monthly addition of 500 jobs. Most of the monthly expansion came from a **Retail Trade** sector that continued hiring for the holiday shopping season. All sectors contributed to the year-to-year growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	89,200	88,700	87,100	500	0.6%	2,100	2.4%
Wholesale Trade	19,400	19,300	18,500	100	0.5%	900	4.9%
Retail Trade	47,200	46,800	46,600	400	0.9%	600	1.3%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	22,600	22,600	22,000	0	0.0%	600	2.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Professional & Business Services adds jobs for month

Tulsa **Professional & Business Services** employment grew by 200 jobs in December. The annual addition was provided by **Professional & Scientific Services** and **Administrative & Support Services**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Professional & Business Services	64,000	63,800	62,200	200	0.3%	1,800	2.9%
Professional & Scientific Services	21,300	21,200	20,300	100	0.5%	1,000	4.9%
Management of Companies	5,200	5,200	5,600	0	0.0%	-400	-7.1%
Administrative & Support Services	37,500	37,400	36,300	100	0.3%	1,200	3.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Leisure & Hospitality continues to expand over year

Leisure & Hospitality in the Tulsa MSA reported no change from November to December despite a loss in the **Food Services & Drinking Places** sector. This sector provided all of the industry's over-the-year addition.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Leisure & Hospitality	35,900	35,900	35,300	0	0.0%	600	1.7%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	29,700	30,000	29,100	-300	-1.0%	600	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Annual job growth continues for Tulsa Government in December

As in November, Tulsa **Government** dropped 200 jobs in December due to losses in **Local Government**. This sector also contributed more than three-quarters of the 1,900 jobs added by **Government** over the year, with **State Government** accounting for the remainder.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
Government	55,500	55,700	53,600	-200	-0.4%	1,900	3.5%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	8,000	8,000	7,600	0	0.0%	400	5.3%
Local Government	42,800	43,000	41,300	-200	-0.5%	1,500	3.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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Lawton MSA employment down for month, up for year in December

In December, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the Lawton metropolitan statistical area (MSA) contracted by 100 jobs for the month and expanded by 1,200 jobs over the year. Over-the-month change was limited to a small loss in **Professional & Business Services**. Over-the-year change was more widespread, as a small loss in **Financial Activities** was overwhelmed by annual additions to **Mining & Construction, Trade, Transportation & Utilities, Educational & Health Services, Leisure & Hospitality, and Government**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07		Dec '06 to Dec '07	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	42,400	42,500	41,500	-100	-0.2%	900	2.2%
Goods Producing Industries	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Mining & Construction	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	0.0%	100	6.3%
Service Providing Industries	36,900	37,000	36,100	-100	-0.3%	800	2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,700	7,700	7,200	0	0.0%	500	6.9%
Wholesale Trade	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,900	5,900	5,400	0	0.0%	500	9.3%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	0.0%	-100	-4.5%
Professional & Business Services	3,200	3,300	3,200	-100	-3.0%	0	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Government	13,200	13,200	13,000	0	0.0%	200	1.5%
Federal Government	3,600	3,500	3,500	100	2.9%	100	2.9%
State Government	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	7,700	7,800	7,600	-100	-1.3%	100	1.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – State of Oklahoma

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07	Dec '06 to Dec '07		
Total Non-farm Employment	1,594,300	1,596,500	1,570,300	-2,200	-0.1%	24,000	1.5%
Total Private Employment*	1,263,600	1,265,900	1,245,200	-2,300	-0.2%	18,400	1.5%
Private Service Providers**	993,700	994,700	980,000	-1,000	-0.1%	13,700	1.4%
Goods Producing Industries	269,900	271,200	265,200	-1,300	-0.5%	4,700	1.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	47,500	47,400	44,400	100	0.2%	3,100	7.0%
Support Activities for Mining	26,300	26,200	24,400	100	0.4%	1,900	7.8%
Construction	71,600	72,900	70,700	-1,300	-1.8%	900	1.3%
Construction of Buildings	15,500	15,400	15,400	100	0.6%	100	0.6%
Residential Buildings	6,300	6,200	6,400	100	1.6%	-100	-1.6%
Non-residential Buildings	9,200	9,200	9,000	0	0.0%	200	2.2%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	12,100	11,900	11,800	200	1.7%	300	2.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	44,000	45,600	43,500	-1,600	-3.5%	500	1.1%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	21,300	21,700	20,000	-400	-1.8%	1,300	6.5%
Manufacturing	150,800	150,900	150,100	-100	-0.1%	700	0.5%
Durable Goods Mfg.	101,100	100,800	101,200	300	0.3%	-100	-0.1%
Fabricated Metal Products	24,000	24,200	23,600	-200	-0.8%	400	1.7%
Other Fabricated Metal	4,700	4,800	4,900	-100	-2.1%	-200	-4.1%
Machinery Manufacturing	29,400	29,000	27,800	400	1.4%	1,600	5.8%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	0.0%	100	3.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	15,400	15,300	16,200	100	0.7%	-800	-4.9%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Aerospace Products Mfg.	5,400	5,200	4,600	200	3.8%	800	17.4%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,700	50,100	48,900	-400	-0.8%	800	1.6%
Food Manufacturing	20,200	20,200	20,000	0	0.0%	200	1.0%
Paper Manufacturing	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	0.0%	-200	-6.9%
Plastic & Rubber Products	12,500	12,500	12,300	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
Service Providing Industries	1,324,400	1,325,300	1,305,100	-900	-0.1%	19,300	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	294,500	292,800	292,600	1,700	0.6%	1,900	0.6%
Wholesale Trade	60,000	59,900	59,000	100	0.2%	1,000	1.7%
Retail Trade	177,600	176,000	177,900	1,600	0.9%	-300	-0.2%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	24,200	24,000	23,600	200	0.8%	600	2.5%
Automobile Dealers	15,300	15,200	15,000	100	0.7%	300	2.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	23,100	23,000	23,200	100	0.4%	-100	-0.4%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	46,800	46,200	47,000	600	1.3%	-200	-0.4%
Transport., Warehouse & Util.	56,900	56,900	55,700	0	0.0%	1,200	2.2%
Utilities	10,100	10,100	10,000	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Transportation/Warehouse	46,800	46,800	45,700	0	0.0%	1,100	2.4%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	8,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Truck Transportation	19,500	19,400	19,300	100	0.5%	200	1.0%
Information	29,600	29,400	29,600	200	0.7%	0	0.0%
Publishing Industries	7,000	7,100	7,100	-100	-1.4%	-100	-1.4%
Telecommunications	13,100	12,900	12,800	200	1.6%	300	2.3%

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07	Dec '06 to Dec '07		
Financial Activities	84,800	84,100	83,700	700	0.8%	1,100	1.3%
Finance & Insurance	60,500	59,800	59,600	700	1.2%	900	1.5%
Credit Intermediation	31,600	31,200	30,500	400	1.3%	1,100	3.6%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	24,500	24,400	24,400	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	24,300	24,300	24,100	0	0.0%	200	0.8%
Real Estate	11,400	11,400	11,600	0	0.0%	-200	-1.7%
Pro. & Business Services	179,000	178,600	173,500	400	0.2%	5,500	3.2%
Pro. & Scientific Services	64,100	63,400	60,500	700	1.1%	3,600	6.0%
Legal Services	12,900	12,800	12,800	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	12,300	11,800	11,700	500	4.2%	600	5.1%
Architecture/Engineering	12,800	12,700	12,000	100	0.8%	800	6.7%
Management of Companies	12,700	12,700	12,600	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
Admin. & Support Services	102,200	102,500	100,400	-300	-0.3%	1,800	1.8%
Employment Services	45,700	46,800	45,000	-1,100	-2.4%	700	1.6%
Business Support Svcs.	17,700	17,600	18,400	100	0.6%	-700	-3.8%
Services to Buildings	13,300	13,600	13,700	-300	-2.2%	-400	-2.9%
Educational & Health Svcs.	193,000	194,700	189,700	-1,700	-0.9%	3,300	1.7%
Educational Services	19,700	20,600	19,300	-900	-4.4%	400	2.1%
Health Care & Social Asst.	173,300	174,100	170,400	-800	-0.5%	2,900	1.7%
Ambulatory Health Care	63,500	63,600	62,000	-100	-0.2%	1,500	2.4%
Hospitals	51,000	50,900	49,800	100	0.2%	1,200	2.4%
Nursing/Residential Care	34,100	34,700	33,900	-600	-1.7%	200	0.6%
Social Assistance	24,700	24,900	24,700	-200	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	136,300	138,400	135,400	-2,100	-1.5%	900	0.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	15,500	15,500	15,100	0	0.0%	400	2.6%
Accommodation & Food Svc.	120,800	122,900	120,300	-2,100	-1.7%	500	0.4%
Accommodation	11,100	11,300	10,900	-200	-1.8%	200	1.8%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	109,700	111,600	109,400	-1,900	-1.7%	300	0.3%
Full-service Restaurants	50,800	51,700	50,800	-900	-1.7%	0	0.0%
Limited-service Eating	52,800	53,700	52,900	-900	-1.7%	-100	-0.2%
Other Services	76,500	76,700	75,500	-200	-0.3%	1,000	1.3%
Repair & Maintenance	13,200	13,300	13,400	-100	-0.8%	-200	-1.5%
Personal & Laundry Svcs.	12,900	12,800	12,600	100	0.8%	300	2.4%
Government	330,700	330,600	325,100	100	0.0%	5,600	1.7%
Federal Government	46,000	45,400	45,300	600	1.3%	700	1.5%
State Government	86,400	86,400	87,400	0	0.0%	-1,000	-1.1%
Local Government	198,300	198,800	192,400	-500	-0.3%	5,900	3.1%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government) ** Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Oklahoma City MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07	Dec '06 to Dec '07		
Total Non-farm Employment	594,400	596,100	577,700	-1,700	-0.3%	16,700	2.9%
Total Private Employment*	478,900	479,800	462,700	-900	-0.2%	16,200	3.5%
Private Service Providers**	397,700	398,300	384,000	-600	-0.2%	13,700	3.6%
Goods Producing Industries	81,200	81,500	78,700	-300	-0.4%	2,500	3.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	14,700	14,700	13,700	0	0.0%	1,000	7.3%
Construction	28,400	28,700	26,900	-300	-1.0%	1,500	5.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,400	18,700	17,000	-300	-1.6%	1,400	8.2%
Manufacturing	38,100	38,100	38,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods Mfg.	25,800	25,500	26,700	300	1.2%	-900	-3.4%
Machinery Manufacturing	6,800	6,700	6,400	100	1.5%	400	6.3%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,300	5,300	5,700	0	0.0%	-400	-7.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	2,800	2,800	2,900	0	0.0%	-100	-3.4%
Service Providing Industries	513,200	514,600	499,000	-1,400	-0.3%	14,200	2.8%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	106,700	105,700	104,600	1,000	0.9%	2,100	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	22,600	22,700	22,900	-100	-0.4%	-300	-1.3%
Retail Trade	67,600	66,500	65,800	1,100	1.7%	1,800	2.7%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	15,400	15,200	15,100	200	1.3%	300	2.0%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	16,500	16,500	15,900	0	0.0%	600	3.8%
Information	13,700	13,800	13,800	-100	-0.7%	-100	-0.7%
Telecommunications	5,200	5,200	5,800	0	0.0%	-600	-10.3%
Financial Activities	36,100	36,100	35,200	0	0.0%	900	2.6%
Finance & Insurance	23,700	23,600	23,600	100	0.4%	100	0.4%
Rental & Leasing Services	5,700	5,800	5,600	-100	-1.7%	100	1.8%
Pro. & Business Services	76,600	76,200	72,600	400	0.5%	4,000	5.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,600	27,200	26,600	400	1.5%	1,000	3.8%
Management of Companies	5,000	4,900	5,300	100	2.0%	-300	-5.7%
Admin. & Support Services	44,000	44,100	40,700	-100	-0.2%	3,300	8.1%
Employment Services	19,300	19,500	16,800	-200	-1.0%	2,500	14.9%
Business Support Svcs.	7,500	7,500	7,300	0	0.0%	200	2.7%
Educational & Health Svcs.	76,600	76,900	73,000	-300	-0.4%	3,600	4.9%
Health Care & Social Asst.	66,600	66,800	64,300	-200	-0.3%	2,300	3.6%
Ambulatory Health Care	26,500	26,500	25,100	0	0.0%	1,400	5.6%
Hospitals	20,900	20,800	19,700	100	0.5%	1,200	6.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	58,800	60,500	56,700	-1,700	-2.8%	2,100	3.7%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	46,900	47,900	45,100	-1,000	-2.1%	1,800	4.0%
Full-service Restaurants	21,600	22,000	21,000	-400	-1.8%	600	2.9%
Limited-service Eating	21,200	22,000	21,100	-800	-3.6%	100	0.5%
Other Services	29,200	29,100	28,100	100	0.3%	1,100	3.9%
Government	115,500	116,300	115,000	-800	-0.7%	500	0.4%
Federal Government	27,300	27,200	26,800	100	0.4%	500	1.9%
State Government	39,800	40,600	40,800	-800	-2.0%	-1,000	-2.5%
Local Government	48,400	48,500	47,400	-100	-0.2%	1,000	2.1%

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

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Tulsa MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07	Dec '06 to Dec '07		
Total Non-farm Employment	438,000	437,100	430,700	900	0.2%	7,300	1.7%
Total Private Employment*	382,500	381,400	377,100	1,100	0.3%	5,400	1.4%
Private Service Providers**	303,700	302,900	298,300	800	0.3%	5,400	1.8%
Goods Producing Industries	78,800	78,500	78,800	300	0.4%	0	0.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,700	6,700	6,300	0	0.0%	400	6.3%
Construction	21,400	21,500	21,900	-100	-0.5%	-500	-2.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,200	15,300	14,500	-100	-0.7%	700	4.8%
Manufacturing	50,700	50,300	50,600	400	0.8%	100	0.2%
Machinery Manufacturing	10,700	10,600	10,400	100	0.9%	300	2.9%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	0.0%	200	4.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,300	5,200	5,200	100	1.9%	100	1.9%
Service Providing Industries	359,200	358,600	351,900	600	0.2%	7,300	2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	89,200	88,700	87,100	500	0.6%	2,100	2.4%
Wholesale Trade	19,400	19,300	18,500	100	0.5%	900	4.9%
Retail Trade	47,200	46,800	46,600	400	0.9%	600	1.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
General Merchandise Store	11,200	11,000	11,300	200	1.8%	-100	-0.9%
Department Stores	4,400	4,200	4,500	200	4.8%	-100	-2.2%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	22,600	22,600	22,000	0	0.0%	600	2.7%
Utilities	3,200	3,200	3,000	0	0.0%	200	6.7%
Transportation/Warehouse	19,400	19,400	19,000	0	0.0%	400	2.1%
Air Transportation	7,200	7,200	7,400	0	0.0%	-200	-2.7%
Information	9,400	9,500	9,500	-100	-1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Telecommunications	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	0.0%	-100	-2.4%
Financial Activities	25,700	25,600	25,700	100	0.4%	0	0.0%
Insurance Carriers	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	0.0%	200	3.8%
Pro. & Business Services	64,000	63,800	62,200	200	0.3%	1,800	2.9%
Pro. & Scientific Services	21,300	21,200	20,300	100	0.5%	1,000	4.9%
Management of Companies	5,200	5,200	5,600	0	0.0%	-400	-7.1%
Admin. & Support Services	37,500	37,400	36,300	100	0.3%	1,200	3.3%
Employment Services	16,100	16,000	17,300	100	0.6%	-1,200	-6.9%
Business Support Svcs.	7,800	7,800	8,300	0	0.0%	-500	-6.0%
Educational & Health Svcs.	57,400	57,200	56,700	200	0.3%	700	1.2%
Educational Services	7,500	7,500	7,100	0	0.0%	400	5.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	49,900	49,700	49,600	200	0.4%	300	0.6%
Ambulatory Health Care	19,000	19,000	18,300	0	0.0%	700	3.8%
Hospitals	18,000	17,900	17,900	100	0.6%	100	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,900	35,900	35,300	0	0.0%	600	1.7%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	29,700	30,000	29,100	-300	-1.0%	600	2.1%
Full-service Restaurants	15,000	15,200	14,700	-200	-1.3%	300	2.0%
Other Services	22,100	22,200	21,800	-100	-0.5%	300	1.4%
Government	55,500	55,700	53,600	-200	-0.4%	1,900	3.5%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	8,000	8,000	7,600	0	0.0%	400	5.3%
Local Government	42,800	43,000	41,300	-200	-0.5%	1,500	3.6%

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Lawton MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '07	Nov '07	Dec '06	Nov '07 to Dec '07	Dec '06 to Dec '07		
Total Non-farm Employment	42,400	42,500	41,500	-100	-0.2%	900	2.2%
Total Private Employment*	29,200	29,300	28,500	-100	-0.3%	700	2.5%
Private Service Providers**	23,700	23,800	23,100	-100	-0.4%	600	2.6%
Goods Producing Industries	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Mining & Construction	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	0.0%	100	6.3%
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Service Providing Industries	36,900	37,000	36,100	-100	-0.3%	800	2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	7,700	7,700	7,200	0	0.0%	500	6.9%
Wholesale Trade	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,900	5,900	5,400	0	0.0%	500	9.3%
Transport, 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	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	0.0%	-100	-4.5%
Pro. & Business Services	3,200	3,300	3,200	-100	-3.0%	0	0.0%
Educational & Health Svcs.	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	13,200	13,200	13,000	0	0.0%	200	1.5%
Federal Government	3,600	3,500	3,500	100	2.9%	100	2.9%
State Government	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	7,700	7,800	7,600	-100	-1.3%	100	1.3%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
DEC '07	1,735,390	1,658,170	77,230	4.5%
Nov '07	1,742,520	1,664,920	77,610	4.5%
Oct '07	1,736,830	1,660,660	76,162	4.4%
Sep '07	1,737,740	1,662,780	74,970	4.3%
Aug '07	1,728,310	1,652,370	75,940	4.4%
Jul '07	1,735,670	1,648,060	87,610	5.0%
Jun '07	1,738,760	1,660,650	78,110	4.5%
May '07	1,738,970	1,662,020	77,950	4.5%
Apr '07	1,744,980	1,672,060	72,920	4.2%
Mar '07	1,740,490	1,669,520	70,980	4.1%
Feb '07	1,736,890	1,668,760	68,130	3.9%
Jan '07	1,727,670	1,662,170	65,500	3.8%
Dec '06	1,727,120	1,657,400	69,720	4.0%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide

	NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
DEC '07	1,731,200	1,656,690	74,510	4.3%
Nov '07	1,749,050	1,674,980	74,070	4.2%
Oct '07	1,740,590	1,667,880	72,710	4.2%
Sep '07	1,730,900	1,659,950	70,960	4.1%
Aug '07	1,727,250	1,654,590	72,660	4.2%
Jul '07	1,752,330	1,666,610	85,730	4.9%
Jun '07	1,763,220	1,680,430	82,790	4.7%
May '07	1,738,450	1,660,570	77,890	4.5%
Apr '07	1,739,410	1,672,510	66,900	3.8%
Mar '07	1,732,180	1,658,050	74,140	4.3%
Feb '07	1,724,420	1,648,750	75,670	4.4%
Jan '07	1,713,340	1,638,730	74,610	4.4%
Dec '06	1,731,520	1,666,860	64,660	3.7%