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County unemployment rate increases continue as 2009 begins

Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.6 percent in January 2009. **Tillman County** reported the highest county unemployment rate, while **Beaver County** once again posted the lowest county rate. Of the state's 77 counties, 70 reported rate increases for the month. **Grant, Harper and Love counties** were the only counties with rate drops for January.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

JANUARY 2009	Area	Unempl. rate	Monthly change	Annual change
RATE	Statewide	5.6%	↑ 0.8%	↑ 1.8%
Highest county	Tillman County	11.5%	↑ 6.5%	↑ 7.2%
Lowest county	Beaver County	2.6%	↑ 0.1%	↑ 0.4%
Biggest % gain	Tillman County	11.5%	↑ 6.5%	--
Biggest % loss	Love County	4.2%	↓ 0.4%	--

*non-seasonally adjusted

State unemployment continues to expand in January 2009

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** increased from 4.8 percent in December 2008 to 5.6 percent in January 2009. Oklahoma's statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** reported losses for the month, while **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 15.0 percent. Compared to January 2008, statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** rose by 47.5 percent, or 31,240 persons.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	JANUARY 2009			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jan '09	Dec '08	Nov '08	Jan '08
Oklahoma	1,746,030	1,648,970	97,060	5.6%	4.8%	4.3%	3.8%
United States	153,445,000	140,436,000	13,009,000	8.5%	7.1%	6.5%	5.4%
Region							
Arkansas	1,347,440	1,248,910	98,520	7.3%	6.0%	5.2%	5.6%
Kansas	1,501,880	1,406,060	95,810	6.4%	4.9%	4.7%	4.3%
Louisiana	2,061,980	1,943,530	118,450	5.7%	5.6%	5.1%	4.4%
Missouri	2,985,300	2,726,000	259,300	8.7%	7.0%	6.5%	5.8%
New Mexico	947,310	897,970	49,340	5.2%	4.5%	4.4%	3.7%
Texas	11,775,120	10,978,140	796,990	6.8%	5.7%	5.4%	4.7%

*non-seasonally adjusted

Tillman County claims state's highest county rate

Tillman County's unemployment rate of 11.5 percent was Oklahoma's highest county rate in January 2009. **McCurtain County** reported the state's second highest rate of 10.7 percent for the month, followed closely by **Hughes County** at 10.6 percent.

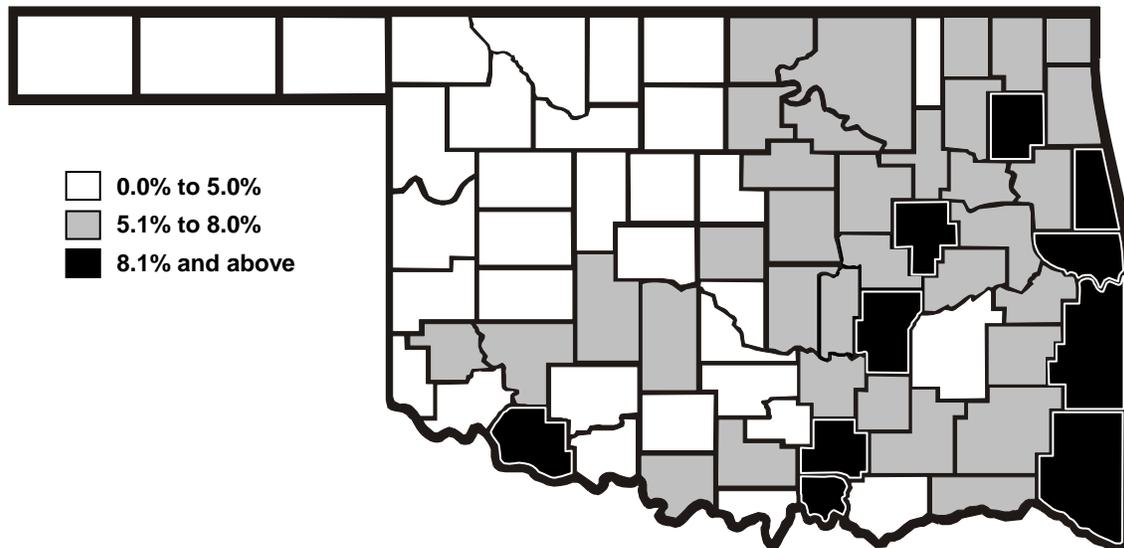
	JANUARY 2009			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unempl.	Jan '09	Dec '08	Nov '08	Jan '08
Tillman County	3,660	3,240	420	11.5%	5.0%	4.6%	4.3%
McCurtain County	14,300	12,780	1,520	10.7%	9.1%	7.8%	6.9%
Hughes County	5,170	4,630	550	10.6%	7.8%	6.5%	5.4%

Beaver County opens 2009 with state's lowest county rate

Beaver County recorded Oklahoma's lowest county unemployment rate of 2.6 percent in January. **Harper County** was next with a rate of 2.7 percent, and **Kingfisher County** was the source of the state's third lowest rate of 2.9 percent for the month.

	JANUARY 2009			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unempl.	Jan '09	Dec '08	Nov '08	Jan '08
Beaver County	3,140	3,060	80	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.2%
Harper County	2,000	1,950	60	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.2%
Kingfisher County	8,520	8,270	250	2.9%	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary data for January 2009



NOTE:

Each month, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data for the previous month is revised, except for January. Each January, all data produced for the previous year is benchmarked. The benchmarking process uses Census population estimates to update the data and ensure its accuracy. The following data is marked in the table heading as either preliminary (not revised) or benchmarked.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (preliminary data)**County rankings**

	JANUARY 2009			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					JANUARY 2009			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '09	Dec '08	Nov '08	Jan '08		Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '09	Dec '08	Nov '08	Jan '08
1. Tillman County	3,660	3,240	420	11.5%	5.0%	4.6%	4.3%	40. Oklahoma County	327,150	309,360	17,790	5.4%	4.8%	4.5%	4.0%
2. McCurtain County	14,300	12,780	1,520	10.7%	9.1%	7.8%	6.9%	41. Wagoner County	33,030	31,230	1,790	5.4%	4.8%	4.3%	3.6%
3. Hughes County	5,170	4,630	550	10.6%	7.8%	6.5%	5.4%	42. Payne County	34,070	32,280	1,790	5.3%	4.5%	4.2%	3.6%
4. LeFlore County	21,560	19,340	2,220	10.3%	6.6%	5.7%	5.2%	43. Tulsa County	295,120	279,570	15,560	5.3%	4.7%	4.2%	3.7%
5. Sequoyah County	18,190	16,310	1,880	10.3%	7.5%	6.2%	6.4%	44. Noble County	5,670	5,380	290	5.1%	4.3%	3.7%	3.2%
6. Marshall County	6,780	6,150	630	9.2%	7.0%	5.3%	4.1%	45. Canadian County	51,680	49,120	2,560	5.0%	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%
7. Adair County	11,200	10,180	1,020	9.1%	6.4%	5.3%	5.2%	46. Stephens County	21,970	20,880	1,090	5.0%	4.3%	3.8%	3.5%
8. Mayes County	18,540	16,970	1,570	8.5%	6.6%	4.9%	4.0%	47. Pittsburg County	23,870	22,690	1,180	4.9%	4.3%	3.8%	3.3%
9. Okmulgee County	16,540	15,130	1,410	8.5%	7.3%	6.2%	5.4%	48. Blaine County	4,860	4,620	230	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%
10. Johnston County	5,260	4,830	420	8.1%	6.8%	5.6%	4.3%	49. Jackson County	12,150	11,570	580	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%	3.0%
11. Coal County	2,560	2,350	200	8.0%	5.7%	5.3%	4.9%	50. Comanche County	44,960	42,840	2,120	4.7%	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%
12. McIntosh County	8,640	7,950	690	8.0%	6.5%	5.5%	4.9%	51. McClain County	14,880	14,190	700	4.7%	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%
13. Pushmataha County	5,160	4,750	410	7.9%	6.6%	5.8%	5.3%	52. Garvin County	14,690	14,020	670	4.6%	4.0%	3.6%	3.0%
14. Okfuskee County	4,590	4,240	350	7.6%	6.0%	4.8%	4.2%	53. Bryan County	19,830	18,940	900	4.5%	4.1%	3.8%	3.4%
15. Latimer County	4,850	4,490	360	7.5%	5.6%	4.7%	4.8%	54. Logan County	17,130	16,350	780	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%
16. Nowata County	5,130	4,740	390	7.5%	5.9%	5.1%	4.3%	55. Cleveland County	118,780	113,590	5,190	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%
17. Seminole County	11,050	10,230	820	7.4%	5.8%	5.0%	4.8%	56. Harmon County	1,290	1,230	60	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%	3.3%
18. Choctaw County	6,900	6,400	500	7.3%	6.6%	5.9%	5.5%	57. Washington County	27,330	26,130	1,200	4.4%	3.8%	3.5%	3.1%
19. Haskell County	6,060	5,620	440	7.3%	5.8%	4.2%	3.9%	58. Love County	5,240	5,020	220	4.2%	4.6%	4.1%	3.1%
20. Atoka County	6,090	5,650	440	7.2%	6.1%	5.4%	4.6%	59. Murray County	8,370	8,020	350	4.2%	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%
21. Muskogee County	29,640	27,490	2,150	7.2%	6.4%	5.4%	5.1%	60. Woods County	4,110	3,950	160	3.9%	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%
22. Greer County	2,000	1,860	140	7.0%	6.4%	5.2%	4.1%	61. Cimarron County	1,160	1,120	40	3.7%	3.7%	3.2%	3.5%
23. Jefferson County	2,390	2,220	170	7.0%	6.0%	5.0%	4.6%	62. Washita County	6,080	5,850	230	3.7%	3.4%	2.9%	2.7%
24. Pawnee County	7,540	7,020	520	6.9%	6.2%	5.5%	4.2%	63. Cotton County	4,010	3,870	150	3.6%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%
25. Delaware County	18,630	17,370	1,260	6.8%	5.9%	5.0%	4.5%	64. Alfalfa County	2,480	2,400	90	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	3.4%
26. Ottawa County	17,810	16,600	1,210	6.8%	5.6%	4.9%	4.7%	65. Custer County	14,820	14,330	500	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%	2.7%
27. Pontotoc County	20,370	19,020	1,350	6.6%	4.3%	3.8%	3.0%	66. Ellis County	2,520	2,430	90	3.4%	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%
28. Creek County	31,520	29,540	1,980	6.3%	5.6%	5.1%	4.0%	67. Roger Mills County	1,900	1,830	60	3.4%	3.0%	2.6%	2.2%
29. Lincoln County	14,200	13,340	860	6.1%	5.1%	4.7%	4.1%	68. Dewey County	2,580	2,500	90	3.3%	3.2%	2.7%	2.6%
30. Cherokee County	22,120	20,810	1,310	5.9%	5.1%	4.6%	3.8%	69. Texas County	9,290	8,980	310	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%
31. Osage County	20,450	19,250	1,200	5.9%	5.0%	4.7%	4.4%	70. Woodward County	12,510	12,090	410	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%	2.3%
32. Grady County	23,130	21,790	1,340	5.8%	5.1%	4.6%	3.8%	71. Beckham County	12,250	11,850	390	3.2%	2.8%	2.4%	2.2%
33. Kiowa County	3,950	3,720	230	5.8%	5.0%	4.2%	3.9%	72. Garfield County	30,500	29,540	960	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%	2.5%
34. Carter County	26,640	25,130	1,510	5.7%	5.2%	4.6%	3.1%	73. Grant County	2,500	2,430	80	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	2.6%
35. Caddo County	12,260	11,570	690	5.6%	5.3%	4.7%	4.1%	74. Major County	4,100	3,980	120	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%	2.4%
36. Rogers County	40,510	38,240	2,270	5.6%	4.8%	4.2%	3.5%	75. Kingfisher County	8,520	8,270	250	2.9%	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%
37. Craig County	7,440	7,030	410	5.5%	4.9%	4.4%	4.3%	76. Harper County	2,000	1,950	60	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.2%
38. Kay County	23,860	22,540	1,310	5.5%	4.6%	4.0%	3.7%	77. Beaver County	3,140	3,060	80	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.2%
39. Pottawatomie Co.	32,830	31,010	1,820	5.5%	4.9%	4.4%	4.0%								

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (preliminary data)

By county

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Adair County	11,200	10,180	1,020	9.1%	6.4%	5.3%	5.2%
Alfalfa County	2,480	2,400	90	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	3.4%
Atoka County	6,090	5,650	440	7.2%	6.1%	5.4%	4.6%
Beaver County	3,140	3,060	80	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.2%
Beckham County	12,250	11,850	390	3.2%	2.8%	2.4%	2.2%
Blaine County	4,860	4,620	230	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%
Bryan County	19,830	18,940	900	4.5%	4.1%	3.8%	3.4%
Caddo County	12,260	11,570	690	5.6%	5.3%	4.7%	4.1%
Canadian County	51,680	49,120	2,560	5.0%	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%
Carter County	26,640	25,130	1,510	5.7%	5.2%	4.6%	3.1%
Cherokee County	22,120	20,810	1,310	5.9%	5.1%	4.6%	3.8%
Choctaw County	6,900	6,400	500	7.3%	6.6%	5.9%	5.5%
Cimarron County	1,160	1,120	40	3.7%	3.7%	3.2%	3.5%
Cleveland County	118,780	113,590	5,190	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%
Coal County	2,560	2,350	200	8.0%	5.7%	5.3%	4.9%
Comanche County	44,960	42,840	2,120	4.7%	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%
Cotton County	4,010	3,870	150	3.6%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%
Craig County	7,440	7,030	410	5.5%	4.9%	4.4%	4.3%
Creek County	31,520	29,540	1,980	6.3%	5.6%	5.1%	4.0%
Custer County	14,820	14,330	500	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%	2.7%
Delaware County	18,630	17,370	1,260	6.8%	5.9%	5.0%	4.5%
Dewey County	2,580	2,500	90	3.3%	3.2%	2.7%	2.6%
Ellis County	2,520	2,430	90	3.4%	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%
Garfield County	30,500	29,540	960	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%	2.5%
Garvin County	14,690	14,020	670	4.6%	4.0%	3.6%	3.0%
Grady County	23,130	21,790	1,340	5.8%	5.1%	4.6%	3.8%
Grant County	2,500	2,430	80	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	2.6%
Greer County	2,000	1,860	140	7.0%	6.4%	5.2%	4.1%
Harmon County	1,290	1,230	60	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%	3.3%
Harper County	2,000	1,950	60	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.2%
Haskell County	6,060	5,620	440	7.3%	5.8%	4.2%	3.9%
Hughes County	5,170	4,630	550	10.6%	7.8%	6.5%	5.4%
Jackson County	12,150	11,570	580	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%	3.0%
Jefferson County	2,390	2,220	170	7.0%	6.0%	5.0%	4.6%
Johnston County	5,260	4,830	420	8.1%	6.8%	5.6%	4.3%
Kay County	23,860	22,540	1,310	5.5%	4.6%	4.0%	3.7%
Kingfisher County	8,520	8,270	250	2.9%	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%
Kiowa County	3,950	3,720	230	5.8%	5.0%	4.2%	3.9%
Latimer County	4,850	4,490	360	7.5%	5.6%	4.7%	4.8%

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '09	Dec '08	Nov '08	Jan '08
LeFlore County	21,560	19,340	2,220	10.3%	6.6%	5.7%	5.2%
Lincoln County	14,200	13,340	860	6.1%	5.1%	4.7%	4.1%
Logan County	17,130	16,350	780	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%
Love County	5,240	5,020	220	4.2%	4.6%	4.1%	3.1%
Major County	4,100	3,980	120	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%	2.4%
Marshall County	6,780	6,150	630	9.2%	7.0%	5.3%	4.1%
Mayes County	18,540	16,970	1,570	8.5%	6.6%	4.9%	4.0%
McClain County	14,880	14,190	700	4.7%	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%
McCurain County	14,300	12,780	1,520	10.7%	9.1%	7.8%	6.9%
McIntosh County	8,640	7,950	690	8.0%	6.5%	5.5%	4.9%
Murray County	8,370	8,020	350	4.2%	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%
Muskogee County	29,640	27,490	2,150	7.2%	6.4%	5.4%	5.1%
Noble County	5,670	5,380	290	5.1%	4.3%	3.7%	3.2%
Nowata County	5,130	4,740	390	7.5%	5.9%	5.1%	4.3%
Okfuskee County	4,590	4,240	350	7.6%	6.0%	4.8%	4.2%
Oklahoma County	327,150	309,360	17,790	5.4%	4.8%	4.5%	4.0%
Okmulgee County	16,540	15,130	1,410	8.5%	7.3%	6.2%	5.4%
Osage County	20,450	19,250	1,200	5.9%	5.0%	4.7%	4.4%
Ottawa County	17,810	16,600	1,210	6.8%	5.6%	4.9%	4.7%
Pawnee County	7,540	7,020	520	6.9%	6.2%	5.5%	4.2%
Payne County	34,070	32,280	1,790	5.3%	4.5%	4.2%	3.6%
Pittsburg County	23,870	22,690	1,180	4.9%	4.3%	3.8%	3.3%
Pontotoc County	20,370	19,020	1,350	6.6%	4.3%	3.8%	3.0%
Pottawatomie County	32,830	31,010	1,820	5.5%	4.9%	4.4%	4.0%
Pushmataha County	5,160	4,750	410	7.9%	6.6%	5.8%	5.3%
Roger Mills County	1,900	1,830	60	3.4%	3.0%	2.6%	2.2%
Rogers County	40,510	38,240	2,270	5.6%	4.8%	4.2%	3.5%
Seminole County	11,050	10,230	820	7.4%	5.8%	5.0%	4.8%
Sequoyah County	18,190	16,310	1,880	10.3%	7.5%	6.2%	6.4%
Stephens County	21,970	20,880	1,090	5.0%	4.3%	3.8%	3.5%
Texas County	9,290	8,980	310	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%
Tillman County	3,660	3,240	420	11.5%	5.0%	4.6%	4.3%
Tulsa County	295,120	279,570	15,560	5.3%	4.7%	4.2%	3.7%
Wagoner County	33,030	31,230	1,790	5.4%	4.8%	4.3%	3.6%
Washington County	27,330	26,130	1,200	4.4%	3.8%	3.5%	3.1%
Washita County	6,080	5,850	230	3.7%	3.4%	2.9%	2.7%
Woods County	4,110	3,950	160	3.9%	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%
Woodward County	12,510	12,090	410	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%	2.3%

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OKLAHOMA	1,746,030	1,648,970	97,060	5.6%	4.8%	4.3%	3.8%
Central WIA	395,950	374,830	21,130	5.3%	4.7%	4.4%	3.9%
Oklahoma City LLM	395,950	374,830	21,130	5.3%	4.7%	4.4%	3.9%
Cleveland County WIA	118,780	113,590	5,190	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%
Norman LLM	118,780	113,590	5,190	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%
East Central WIA	67,830	63,440	4,400	6.5%	5.4%	4.7%	4.2%
Holdenville LLM	9,760	8,860	890	9.2%	6.9%	5.7%	4.8%
Shawnee LLM	58,080	54,570	3,500	6.0%	5.1%	4.6%	4.1%
Eastern WIA	139,360	129,110	10,250	7.4%	6.1%	5.2%	4.8%
Muskogee LLM	71,310	66,680	4,630	6.5%	5.7%	4.9%	4.4%
Okmulgee LLM	16,540	15,130	1,410	8.5%	7.3%	6.2%	5.4%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	51,510	47,300	4,210	8.2%	6.2%	5.3%	5.0%
North Central WIA	116,560	111,450	5,110	4.4%	3.9%	3.6%	3.2%
Enid LLM	52,960	51,240	1,720	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	2.6%
Ponca City LLM	29,530	27,930	1,600	5.4%	4.6%	4.0%	3.6%
Stillwater LLM	34,070	32,280	1,790	5.3%	4.5%	4.2%	3.6%
Northeast WIA	135,380	127,070	8,310	6.1%	5.1%	4.4%	3.9%
Bartlesville LLM	32,450	30,870	1,590	4.9%	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	77,680	72,580	5,100	6.6%	5.5%	4.6%	3.9%
Miami-Vinita LLM	25,250	23,630	1,620	6.4%	5.4%	4.7%	4.6%
Northwest WIA	37,300	36,070	1,230	3.3%	3.1%	2.8%	2.5%
Guymon LLM	13,590	13,160	430	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.6%
Woodward LLM	23,710	22,920	800	3.4%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
South Central WIA	127,260	120,590	6,670	5.2%	4.6%	4.2%	3.8%
Chickasha LLM	50,270	47,550	2,720	5.4%	4.9%	4.4%	3.8%
Duncan LLM	24,360	23,100	1,260	5.2%	4.5%	4.0%	3.6%
Lawton LLM	52,630	49,940	2,690	5.1%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%
Southeast WIA	82,700	76,060	6,630	8.0%	6.3%	5.4%	4.9%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	26,360	23,920	2,440	9.2%	7.9%	6.9%	6.2%
McAlester LLM	28,720	27,180	1,540	5.4%	4.5%	3.9%	3.6%
Poteau LLM	27,620	24,960	2,660	9.6%	6.5%	5.3%	4.9%
Southern WIA	115,820	109,130	6,690	5.8%	4.8%	4.2%	3.3%
Ada LLM	35,060	33,040	2,020	5.8%	4.1%	3.7%	3.0%
Ardmore LLM	40,250	38,170	2,080	5.2%	4.8%	4.2%	3.1%
Durant LLM	40,510	37,920	2,590	6.4%	5.3%	4.6%	3.9%
Southwest WIA	54,450	52,260	2,190	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%
Altus LLM	19,400	18,390	1,010	5.2%	4.8%	4.4%	3.3%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	35,050	33,870	1,180	3.4%	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%
Tulsa WIA	354,640	335,380	19,260	5.4%	4.8%	4.3%	3.8%
Tulsa LLM	354,640	335,380	19,260	5.4%	4.8%	4.3%	3.8%

	JANUARY 2009			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jan '09	Dec '08	Nov '08	Jan '08
OKLAHOMA	1,746,030	1,648,970	97,060	5.6%	4.8%	4.3%	3.8%
Oklahoma City MSA	566,940	537,730	29,210	5.2%	4.6%	4.3%	3.8%
Tulsa MSA	444,720	419,990	24,730	5.6%	4.9%	4.4%	3.8%
Lawton MSA	44,960	42,840	2,120	4.7%	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%

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	DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07
Adair County	11,070	10,370	710	6.4%	5.3%	4.9%	5.2%
Alfalfa County	2,590	2,500	90	3.4%	3.2%	3.3%	4.8%
Atoka County	6,110	5,740	370	6.1%	5.4%	5.3%	5.1%
Beaver County	3,220	3,140	80	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	3.0%
Beckham County	12,340	11,990	350	2.8%	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%
Blaine County	4,980	4,770	210	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%	4.7%
Bryan County	20,210	19,390	830	4.1%	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%
Caddo County	12,620	11,950	670	5.3%	4.7%	4.5%	5.1%
Canadian County	51,930	49,680	2,250	4.3%	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%
Carter County	27,230	25,800	1,420	5.2%	4.6%	3.4%	3.8%
Cherokee County	22,580	21,420	1,160	5.1%	4.6%	4.2%	4.2%
Choctaw County	6,950	6,490	460	6.6%	5.9%	5.4%	6.1%
Cimarron County	1,250	1,200	50	3.7%	3.2%	3.1%	4.6%
Cleveland County	119,870	114,890	4,980	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%
Coal County	2,560	2,420	150	5.7%	5.3%	5.0%	6.5%
Comanche County	46,130	44,070	2,060	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%
Cotton County	4,080	3,940	140	3.3%	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%
Craig County	7,490	7,120	370	4.9%	4.4%	4.1%	5.4%
Creek County	31,040	29,320	1,720	5.6%	5.1%	4.9%	4.4%
Custer County	15,310	14,850	470	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	3.1%
Delaware County	18,800	17,690	1,110	5.9%	5.0%	4.6%	5.0%
Dewey County	2,640	2,560	90	3.2%	2.7%	2.6%	3.4%
Ellis County	2,620	2,550	80	2.9%	2.5%	2.2%	2.8%
Garfield County	31,180	30,200	980	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%
Garvin County	14,840	14,250	590	4.0%	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%
Grady County	23,220	22,040	1,180	5.1%	4.6%	4.3%	4.2%
Grant County	2,610	2,530	80	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%
Greer County	2,080	1,950	130	6.4%	5.2%	4.9%	5.2%
Harmon County	1,330	1,270	60	4.4%	4.3%	3.6%	4.2%
Harper County	2,080	2,030	60	2.8%	2.5%	2.4%	3.1%
Haskell County	6,090	5,740	350	5.7%	4.1%	3.9%	4.3%
Hughes County	5,060	4,660	390	7.8%	6.5%	5.9%	6.8%
Jackson County	12,530	11,960	560	4.5%	4.3%	3.4%	3.5%
Jefferson County	2,430	2,290	150	6.0%	5.0%	4.6%	5.7%
Johnston County	5,320	4,960	360	6.8%	5.6%	4.6%	4.8%
Kay County	24,140	23,020	1,120	4.6%	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%
Kingfisher County	8,690	8,450	240	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%	2.8%
Kiowa County	4,050	3,850	200	5.0%	4.2%	4.0%	5.0%
Latimer County	4,880	4,610	270	5.5%	4.6%	4.3%	5.5%

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LeFlore County	20,920	19,530	1,390	6.6%	5.7%	5.4%	5.7%
Lincoln County	14,220	13,490	730	5.1%	4.7%	4.4%	4.1%
Logan County	17,270	16,540	730	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%
Love County	5,410	5,150	250	4.6%	4.1%	3.0%	3.2%
Major County	4,230	4,120	120	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.1%
Marshall County	6,690	6,220	470	7.0%	5.3%	4.3%	4.9%
Mayes County	18,520	17,290	1,230	6.6%	4.9%	4.8%	4.6%
McClain County	14,990	14,350	640	4.3%	3.9%	4.2%	3.7%
McCurain County	14,390	13,090	1,300	9.1%	7.8%	7.2%	7.2%
McIntosh County	8,670	8,110	560	6.5%	5.5%	5.2%	5.7%
Murray County	8,430	8,120	310	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%	3.3%
Muskogee County	30,340	28,410	1,930	6.4%	5.4%	5.1%	5.7%
Noble County	5,790	5,540	250	4.3%	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%
Nowata County	5,100	4,800	300	5.9%	5.1%	4.6%	5.5%
Okfuskee County	4,630	4,350	280	6.0%	4.8%	4.6%	4.9%
Oklahoma County	328,810	312,900	15,910	4.8%	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%
Okmulgee County	16,200	15,020	1,180	7.3%	6.2%	5.8%	5.9%
Osage County	20,110	19,110	1,000	5.0%	4.7%	4.4%	4.3%
Ottawa County	17,930	16,930	1,000	5.6%	4.9%	4.6%	5.6%
Pawnee County	7,430	6,970	460	6.2%	5.5%	5.0%	4.3%
Payne County	36,660	35,000	1,650	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%
Pittsburg County	23,900	22,860	1,030	4.3%	3.8%	3.5%	4.2%
Pontotoc County	20,350	19,480	870	4.3%	3.8%	3.5%	3.5%
Pottawatomie County	33,300	31,670	1,630	4.9%	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%
Pushmataha County	5,430	5,070	360	6.6%	5.8%	5.3%	5.7%
Roger Mills County	1,990	1,930	60	3.0%	2.6%	2.3%	3.0%
Rogers County	39,850	37,950	1,900	4.8%	4.2%	3.9%	3.9%
Seminole County	11,060	10,410	650	5.8%	5.0%	4.9%	5.8%
Sequoyah County	17,810	16,480	1,340	7.5%	6.2%	6.2%	6.0%
Stephens County	22,200	21,250	950	4.3%	3.8%	3.8%	4.0%
Texas County	9,700	9,380	320	3.2%	3.0%	3.0%	3.4%
Tillman County	3,560	3,380	180	5.0%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
Tulsa County	291,040	277,460	13,580	4.7%	4.2%	4.0%	4.0%
Wagoner County	32,580	31,000	1,580	4.8%	4.3%	4.0%	4.0%
Washington County	27,610	26,560	1,040	3.8%	3.5%	3.3%	3.7%
Washita County	6,230	6,020	210	3.4%	2.9%	2.9%	3.2%
Woods County	4,400	4,250	150	3.4%	3.1%	3.1%	6.1%
Woodward County	12,660	12,280	380	3.0%	2.6%	2.3%	2.8%

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OKLAHOMA	1,754,510	1,670,100	84,410	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%
Central WIA	398,000	379,110	18,890	4.7%	4.4%	4.3%	4.4%
Oklahoma City LLM	398,000	379,110	18,890	4.7%	4.4%	4.3%	4.4%
Cleveland County WIA	119,870	114,890	4,980	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%
Norman LLM	119,870	114,890	4,980	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%
East Central WIA	68,260	64,580	3,680	5.4%	4.7%	4.5%	4.7%
Holdenville LLM	9,690	9,010	670	6.9%	5.7%	5.3%	5.8%
Shawnee LLM	58,570	55,570	3,010	5.1%	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%
Eastern WIA	139,250	130,800	8,450	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%	5.1%
Muskogee LLM	71,590	67,520	4,070	5.7%	4.9%	4.6%	4.9%
Okmulgee LLM	16,200	15,020	1,180	7.3%	6.2%	5.8%	5.9%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	51,460	48,260	3,200	6.2%	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%
North Central WIA	120,870	116,130	4,740	3.9%	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%
Enid LLM	54,290	52,570	1,720	3.2%	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%
Ponca City LLM	29,930	28,560	1,370	4.6%	4.0%	3.8%	4.0%
Stillwater LLM	36,660	35,000	1,650	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%
Northeast WIA	135,290	128,350	6,950	5.1%	4.4%	4.1%	4.5%
Bartlesville LLM	32,710	31,370	1,340	4.1%	3.7%	3.5%	4.0%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	77,160	72,930	4,230	5.5%	4.6%	4.3%	4.3%
Miami-Vinita LLM	25,420	24,050	1,370	5.4%	4.7%	4.5%	5.5%
Northwest WIA	38,570	37,380	1,180	3.1%	2.8%	2.6%	3.5%
Guymon LLM	14,160	13,720	440	3.1%	2.9%	2.8%	3.4%
Woodward LLM	24,400	23,660	740	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%	3.5%
South Central WIA	129,220	123,260	5,970	4.6%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Chickasha LLM	50,830	48,340	2,490	4.9%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%
Duncan LLM	24,630	23,530	1,100	4.5%	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%
Lawton LLM	53,760	51,390	2,380	4.4%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Southeast WIA	82,550	77,400	5,160	6.3%	5.3%	5.0%	5.5%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	26,770	24,650	2,120	7.9%	6.9%	6.4%	6.6%
McAlester LLM	28,770	27,470	1,300	4.5%	3.9%	3.6%	4.4%
Poteau LLM	27,010	25,280	1,740	6.4%	5.3%	5.0%	5.6%
Southern WIA	117,140	111,530	5,620	4.8%	4.2%	3.7%	3.9%
Ada LLM	35,190	33,730	1,460	4.1%	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%
Ardmore LLM	41,060	39,080	1,990	4.8%	4.2%	3.2%	3.6%
Durant LLM	40,890	38,720	2,170	5.3%	4.6%	4.2%	4.4%
Southwest WIA	55,860	53,830	2,050	3.7%	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%
Altus LLM	19,990	19,040	960	4.8%	4.4%	3.7%	4.0%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	35,870	34,790	1,090	3.0%	2.7%	2.6%	2.9%
Tulsa WIA	349,620	332,860	16,760	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%	4.1%
Tulsa LLM	349,620	332,860	16,760	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%	4.1%

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OKLAHOMA	1,754,510	1,670,100	84,410	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%
Oklahoma City MSA	570,310	543,880	26,430	4.6%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%
Tulsa MSA	438,240	416,830	21,420	4.9%	4.4%	4.2%	4.1%
Lawton MSA	46,130	44,070	2,060	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%