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Unemployment rates continue to increase in most Oklahoma counties for December

Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percent to 4.8 percent in December 2008. **McCurtain County** was again the county with the highest unemployment rate, while **Beaver County** held the lowest county rate. Of the state's 77 counties, 67 reported rate increases for the month. Only **Alfalfa, Beaver, Garfield, Harmon and Major counties** posted rate drops for December.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

DECEMBER 2008	Area	Unempl. rate	Monthly change	Annual change
RATE	Statewide	4.8%	↑ 0.3%	↑ 0.5%
Highest county	McCurtain Co.	9.0%	↑ 0.8%	↑ 1.8%
Lowest county	Beaver County	2.4%	↓ 0.1%	↓ 0.6%
Biggest % gain	Mayes County	6.6%	↑ 1.6%	--
Biggest % loss	Harmon County	4.4%	↓ 0.3%	--

*non-seasonally adjusted

State unemployment continues expansion in December

In December 2008, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** rose by 0.3 percent to 4.8 percent for the month. Oklahoma's statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** reported losses, while **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by nearly 6 percent. Compared to December 2007, statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force, employment** and **unemployment** have all expanded, with **unemployment** reporting growth of almost 15 percent.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07
Oklahoma	1,764,190	1,679,500	84,690	4.8%	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%
United States	154,349,000	143,350,000	10,999,000	7.1%	6.5%	6.1%	4.8%
Region							
Arkansas	1,358,090	1,276,160	81,940	6.0%	5.2%	4.7%	5.6%
Kansas	1,500,450	1,427,320	73,130	4.9%	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%
Louisiana	2,045,830	1,932,660	113,160	5.5%	5.0%	5.3%	3.8%
Missouri	2,993,100	2,783,200	209,900	7.0%	6.5%	6.2%	5.2%
New Mexico	966,240	922,740	43,500	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	3.1%
Texas	11,833,270	11,162,680	670,590	5.7%	5.6%	5.4%	4.3%

*non-seasonally adjusted

McCurtain County claims state's highest county rate again

McCurtain County's unemployment rate of 9.0 percent was Oklahoma's highest county rate in December. Hughes County recorded the state's second highest rate, and Sequoyah County posted December's third highest county rate.

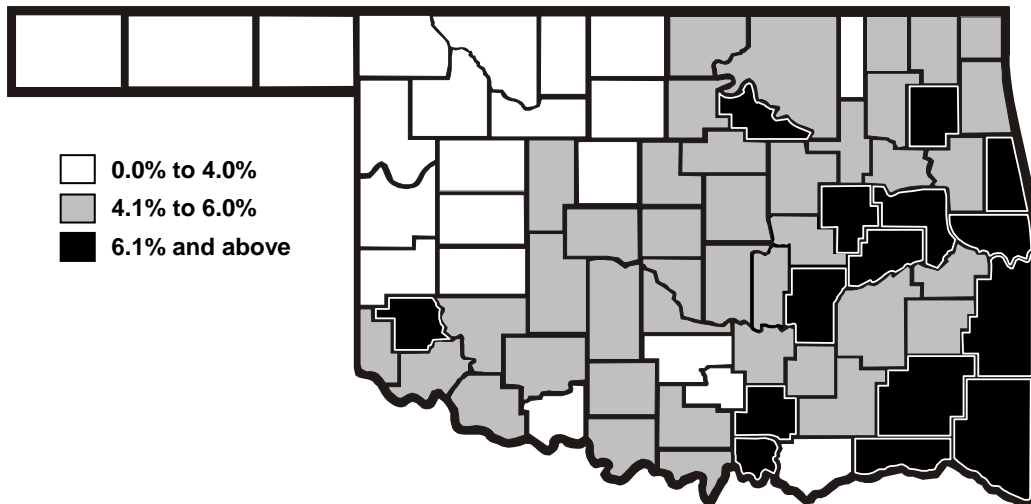
	DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unempl.	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07
McCurtain County	14,580	13,260	1,320	9.0%	8.2%	7.4%	7.2%
Hughes County	5,120	4,720	400	7.8%	7.0%	6.2%	6.8%
Sequoyah County	18,010	16,670	1,330	7.4%	6.4%	6.1%	6.0%

Beaver County provides state's lowest rate in December

Beaver County reported Oklahoma's lowest county unemployment rate of 2.4 percent in December. Kingfisher County was next with a rate of 2.7 percent. Beckham and Ellis counties shared the state's third lowest rate of 2.8 percent for the month.

	DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unempl.	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07
Beaver County	3,260	3,180	80	2.4%	2.5%	2.3%	3.0%
Kingfisher County	8,830	8,590	240	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.8%
Beckham County	12,480	12,130	350	2.8%	2.5%	2.4%	2.5%
Ellis County	2,640	2,570	70	2.8%	2.7%	2.3%	2.8%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary data for December 2008



NOTE:

Each month, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data for the previous month is revised. The following data is marked in the table heading as either preliminary (not revised) or revised.

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

	DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07		Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07
1. McCurtain County	14,580	13,260	1,320	9.0%	8.2%	7.4%	7.2%	40. Tulsa County	290,670	277,070	13,600	4.7%	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%
2. Hughes County	5,120	4,720	400	7.8%	7.0%	6.2%	6.8%	41. Kay County	24,360	23,240	1,120	4.6%	4.3%	4.0%	4.1%
3. Sequoyah County	18,010	16,670	1,330	7.4%	6.4%	6.1%	6.0%	42. Love County	5,500	5,250	250	4.6%	4.3%	3.0%	3.2%
4. Okmulgee County	16,510	15,330	1,190	7.2%	6.3%	5.8%	5.9%	43. Jackson County	12,670	12,100	570	4.5%	4.5%	3.5%	3.5%
5. Marshall County	6,740	6,270	470	7.0%	5.5%	4.3%	4.9%	44. Blaine County	5,040	4,820	220	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%	4.7%
6. Johnston County	5,370	5,010	360	6.7%	5.8%	4.6%	4.8%	45. Canadian County	51,840	49,580	2,260	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.8%
7. LeFlore County	21,160	19,750	1,400	6.6%	5.9%	5.3%	5.7%	46. Comanche County	46,170	44,150	2,010	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	4.3%
8. Mayes County	18,700	17,460	1,240	6.6%	5.0%	4.7%	4.6%	47. Harmon County	1,350	1,290	60	4.4%	4.7%	3.7%	4.2%
9. McIntosh County	8,780	8,210	570	6.5%	5.7%	5.3%	5.7%	48. Payne County	36,950	35,370	1,580	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%
10. Pushmataha County	5,490	5,130	360	6.5%	6.0%	5.4%	5.7%	49. Pittsburg County	24,150	23,110	1,040	4.3%	4.0%	3.6%	4.2%
11. Adair County	11,180	10,470	720	6.4%	5.6%	5.1%	5.2%	50. Stephens County	22,440	21,480	960	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%	4.0%
12. Choctaw County	7,010	6,560	450	6.4%	6.2%	5.5%	6.1%	51. Cleveland County	118,220	113,280	4,940	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%
13. Greer County	2,110	1,980	130	6.3%	5.6%	5.1%	5.2%	52. Logan County	17,870	17,120	760	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	3.8%
14. Muskogee County	30,610	28,670	1,940	6.3%	5.7%	5.2%	5.7%	53. McClain County	14,890	14,260	630	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	3.7%
15. Pawnee County	7,690	7,220	470	6.1%	5.6%	5.0%	4.3%	54. Noble County	5,910	5,660	250	4.2%	3.7%	3.3%	3.4%
16. Atoka County	6,180	5,810	370	6.0%	5.6%	5.3%	5.1%	55. Pontotoc County	20,540	19,690	860	4.2%	3.9%	3.4%	3.5%
17. Nowata County	5,100	4,790	310	6.0%	5.5%	4.7%	5.5%	56. Bryan County	20,490	19,670	820	4.0%	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%
18. Okfuskee County	4,700	4,420	280	6.0%	5.2%	4.8%	4.9%	57. Garvin County	15,120	14,520	600	4.0%	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%
19. Delaware County	18,970	17,860	1,100	5.8%	5.2%	4.7%	5.0%	58. Murray County	8,540	8,220	320	3.7%	3.5%	2.9%	3.3%
20. Jefferson County	2,460	2,320	140	5.8%	5.2%	4.8%	5.7%	59. Washington County	27,860	26,810	1,040	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%
21. Seminole County	11,210	10,570	650	5.8%	5.3%	5.0%	5.8%	60. Cimarron County	1,320	1,270	50	3.6%	3.4%	3.1%	4.6%
22. Haskell County	6,150	5,800	350	5.7%	4.3%	3.9%	4.3%	61. Alfalfa County	2,630	2,540	90	3.5%	3.7%	3.6%	4.8%
23. Ottawa County	18,090	17,070	1,020	5.6%	5.3%	4.9%	5.6%	62. Cotton County	4,140	4,000	140	3.4%	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%
24. Coal County	2,630	2,480	150	5.5%	5.3%	5.0%	6.5%	63. Woods County	4,430	4,280	150	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%	6.1%
25. Creek County	31,410	29,670	1,740	5.5%	5.3%	4.9%	4.4%	64. Dewey County	2,690	2,600	90	3.3%	2.9%	2.8%	3.4%
26. Latimer County	4,910	4,640	270	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	5.5%	65. Texas County	9,830	9,500	330	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	3.4%
27. Caddo County	12,750	12,080	680	5.3%	5.0%	4.7%	5.1%	66. Washita County	6,330	6,120	210	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	3.2%
28. Carter County	27,510	26,080	1,430	5.2%	4.8%	3.5%	3.8%	67. Garfield County	31,410	30,430	990	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%
29. Cherokee County	22,830	21,660	1,170	5.1%	4.6%	4.1%	4.2%	68. Grant County	2,690	2,610	80	3.1%	3.1%	2.9%	3.2%
30. Grady County	23,620	22,420	1,200	5.1%	4.7%	4.3%	4.2%	69. Custer County	15,520	15,060	470	3.0%	2.9%	2.8%	3.1%
31. Kiowa County	4,100	3,890	210	5.1%	4.5%	4.1%	5.0%	70. Woodward County	12,800	12,420	380	3.0%	2.8%	2.4%	2.8%
32. Lincoln County	14,660	13,920	750	5.1%	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%	71. Harper County	2,110	2,050	60	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	3.1%
33. Tillman County	3,610	3,430	180	5.1%	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%	72. Major County	4,290	4,170	120	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%	3.1%
34. Osage County	20,340	19,330	1,010	5.0%	4.8%	4.4%	4.3%	73. Roger Mills County	2,010	1,950	60	2.9%	2.7%	2.3%	3.0%
35. Craig County	7,560	7,190	370	4.9%	4.7%	4.3%	5.4%	74. Beckham County	12,480	12,130	350	2.8%	2.5%	2.4%	2.5%
36. Wagoner County	32,490	30,910	1,580	4.9%	4.5%	4.1%	4.0%	75. Ellis County	2,640	2,570	70	2.8%	2.7%	2.3%	2.8%
37. Oklahoma County	330,330	314,330	16,000	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%	76. Kingfisher County	8,830	8,590	240	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.8%
38. Pottawatomie Co.	33,590	31,960	1,630	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%	4.2%	77. Beaver County	3,260	3,180	80	2.4%	2.5%	2.3%	3.0%
39. Rogers County	39,980	38,070	1,920	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%	3.9%								

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (preliminary data)

By county

	DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07
Adair County	11,180	10,470	720	6.4%	5.6%	5.1%	5.2%
Alfalfa County	2,630	2,540	90	3.5%	3.7%	3.6%	4.8%
Atoka County	6,180	5,810	370	6.0%	5.6%	5.3%	5.1%
Beaver County	3,260	3,180	80	2.4%	2.5%	2.3%	3.0%
Beckham County	12,480	12,130	350	2.8%	2.5%	2.4%	2.5%
Blaine County	5,040	4,820	220	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%	4.7%
Bryan County	20,490	19,670	820	4.0%	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%
Caddo County	12,750	12,080	680	5.3%	5.0%	4.7%	5.1%
Canadian County	51,840	49,580	2,260	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.8%
Carter County	27,510	26,080	1,430	5.2%	4.8%	3.5%	3.8%
Cherokee County	22,830	21,660	1,170	5.1%	4.6%	4.1%	4.2%
Choctaw County	7,010	6,560	450	6.4%	6.2%	5.5%	6.1%
Cimarron County	1,320	1,270	50	3.6%	3.4%	3.1%	4.6%
Cleveland County	118,220	113,280	4,940	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%
Coal County	2,630	2,480	150	5.5%	5.3%	5.0%	6.5%
Comanche County	46,170	44,150	2,010	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	4.3%
Cotton County	4,140	4,000	140	3.4%	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%
Craig County	7,560	7,190	370	4.9%	4.7%	4.3%	5.4%
Creek County	31,410	29,670	1,740	5.5%	5.3%	4.9%	4.4%
Custer County	15,520	15,060	470	3.0%	2.9%	2.8%	3.1%
Delaware County	18,970	17,860	1,100	5.8%	5.2%	4.7%	5.0%
Dewey County	2,690	2,600	90	3.3%	2.9%	2.8%	3.4%
Ellis County	2,640	2,570	70	2.8%	2.7%	2.3%	2.8%
Garfield County	31,410	30,430	990	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%
Garvin County	15,120	14,520	600	4.0%	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%
Grady County	23,620	22,420	1,200	5.1%	4.7%	4.3%	4.2%
Grant County	2,690	2,610	80	3.1%	3.1%	2.9%	3.2%
Greer County	2,110	1,980	130	6.3%	5.6%	5.1%	5.2%
Harmon County	1,350	1,290	60	4.4%	4.7%	3.7%	4.2%
Harper County	2,110	2,050	60	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	3.1%
Haskell County	6,150	5,800	350	5.7%	4.3%	3.9%	4.3%
Hughes County	5,120	4,720	400	7.8%	7.0%	6.2%	6.8%
Jackson County	12,670	12,100	570	4.5%	4.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Jefferson County	2,460	2,320	140	5.8%	5.2%	4.8%	5.7%
Johnston County	5,370	5,010	360	6.7%	5.8%	4.6%	4.8%
Kay County	24,360	23,240	1,120	4.6%	4.3%	4.0%	4.1%
Kingfisher County	8,830	8,590	240	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.8%
Kiowa County	4,100	3,890	210	5.1%	4.5%	4.1%	5.0%
Latimer County	4,910	4,640	270	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	5.5%

	DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07
LeFlore County	21,160	19,750	1,400	6.6%	5.9%	5.3%	5.7%
Lincoln County	14,660	13,920	750	5.1%	4.8%	4.3%	4.1%
Logan County	17,870	17,120	760	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	3.8%
Love County	5,500	5,250	250	4.6%	4.3%	3.0%	3.2%
Major County	4,290	4,170	120	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%	3.1%
Marshall County	6,740	6,270	470	7.0%	5.5%	4.3%	4.9%
Mayes County	18,700	17,460	1,240	6.6%	5.0%	4.7%	4.6%
McClain County	14,890	14,260	630	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	3.7%
McCurain County	14,580	13,260	1,320	9.0%	8.2%	7.4%	7.2%
McIntosh County	8,780	8,210	570	6.5%	5.7%	5.3%	5.7%
Murray County	8,540	8,220	320	3.7%	3.5%	2.9%	3.3%
Muskogee County	30,610	28,670	1,940	6.3%	5.7%	5.2%	5.7%
Noble County	5,910	5,660	250	4.2%	3.7%	3.3%	3.4%
Nowata County	5,100	4,790	310	6.0%	5.5%	4.7%	5.5%
Okfuskee County	4,700	4,420	280	6.0%	5.2%	4.8%	4.9%
Oklahoma County	330,330	314,330	16,000	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%
Okmulgee County	16,510	15,330	1,190	7.2%	6.3%	5.8%	5.9%
Osage County	20,340	19,330	1,010	5.0%	4.8%	4.4%	4.3%
Ottawa County	18,090	17,070	1,020	5.6%	5.3%	4.9%	5.6%
Pawnee County	7,690	7,220	470	6.1%	5.6%	5.0%	4.3%
Payne County	36,950	35,370	1,580	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%
Pittsburg County	24,150	23,110	1,040	4.3%	4.0%	3.6%	4.2%
Pontotoc County	20,540	19,690	860	4.2%	3.9%	3.4%	3.5%
Pottawatomie County	33,590	31,960	1,630	4.8%	4.7%	4.4%	4.2%
Pushmataha County	5,490	5,130	360	6.5%	6.0%	5.4%	5.7%
Roger Mills County	2,010	1,950	60	2.9%	2.7%	2.3%	3.0%
Rogers County	39,980	38,070	1,920	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%	3.9%
Seminole County	11,210	10,570	650	5.8%	5.3%	5.0%	5.8%
Sequoyah County	18,010	16,670	1,330	7.4%	6.4%	6.1%	6.0%
Stephens County	22,440	21,480	960	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%	4.0%
Texas County	9,830	9,500	330	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	3.4%
Tillman County	3,610	3,430	180	5.1%	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%
Tulsa County	290,670	277,070	13,600	4.7%	4.4%	4.0%	4.0%
Wagoner County	32,490	30,910	1,580	4.9%	4.5%	4.1%	4.0%
Washington County	27,860	26,810	1,040	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%
Washita County	6,330	6,120	210	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	3.2%
Woods County	4,430	4,280	150	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%	6.1%
Woodward County	12,800	12,420	380	3.0%	2.8%	2.4%	2.8%

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Central WIA	400,030	381,020	19,010	4.8%	4.6%	4.3%	4.4%
Oklahoma City LLM	400,030	381,020	19,010	4.8%	4.6%	4.3%	4.4%
Cleveland County WIA	118,220	113,280	4,940	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%
Norman LLM	118,220	113,280	4,940	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%
East Central WIA	69,280	65,580	3,710	5.3%	4.0%	4.7%	4.7%
Holdenville LLM	9,820	9,140	680	6.9%	6.1%	5.5%	5.8%
Shawnee LLM	59,470	56,440	3,030	5.1%	4.8%	4.5%	4.5%
Eastern WIA	140,400	131,910	8,490	6.0%	4.1%	4.9%	5.1%
Muskogee LLM	71,880	67,790	4,090	5.7%	5.2%	4.7%	4.9%
Okmulgee LLM	16,510	15,330	1,190	7.2%	6.3%	5.8%	5.9%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	52,010	48,800	3,220	6.2%	5.4%	5.0%	5.0%
North Central WIA	122,110	117,410	4,700	3.8%	4.4%	3.4%	3.6%
Enid LLM	54,890	53,140	1,750	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	3.3%
Ponca City LLM	30,270	28,900	1,370	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%	4.0%
Stillwater LLM	36,950	35,370	1,580	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%
Northeast WIA	136,250	129,260	6,990	5.1%	4.7%	4.2%	4.5%
Bartlesville LLM	32,960	31,610	1,350	4.1%	3.9%	3.6%	4.0%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	77,650	73,390	4,260	5.5%	4.7%	4.3%	4.3%
Miami-Vinita LLM	25,650	24,260	1,390	5.4%	5.1%	4.7%	5.5%
Northwest WIA	39,070	37,870	1,210	3.1%	4.1%	2.7%	3.5%
Guymon LLM	14,410	13,950	450	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	3.4%
Woodward LLM	24,670	23,910	760	3.1%	2.9%	2.6%	3.5%
South Central WIA	130,090	124,130	5,960	4.6%	4.7%	4.2%	4.2%
Chickasha LLM	51,270	48,760	2,510	4.9%	4.6%	4.4%	4.3%
Duncan LLM	24,900	23,790	1,110	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%
Lawton LLM	53,920	51,580	2,340	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	4.2%
Southeast WIA	83,430	78,250	5,180	6.2%	4.8%	5.1%	5.5%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	27,070	24,950	2,120	7.8%	7.2%	6.5%	6.6%
McAlester LLM	29,060	27,750	1,310	4.5%	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%
Poteau LLM	27,300	25,550	1,750	6.4%	5.5%	5.0%	5.4%
Southern WIA	118,610	112,990	5,620	4.7%	4.9%	3.7%	3.9%
Ada LLM	35,660	34,200	1,460	4.1%	3.8%	3.5%	3.5%
Ardmore LLM	41,550	39,550	2,000	4.8%	4.5%	3.3%	3.6%
Durant LLM	41,400	39,240	2,160	5.2%	4.7%	4.2%	4.4%
Southwest WIA	56,570	54,520	2,060	3.6%	4.7%	3.0%	3.3%
Altus LLM	20,230	19,260	970	4.8%	4.6%	3.8%	4.0%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	36,340	35,260	1,090	3.0%	2.8%	2.6%	2.9%
Tulsa WIA	350,110	333,290	16,820	4.8%	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%
Tulsa LLM	350,110	333,290	16,820	4.8%	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%

	DECEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Dec '08	Nov '08	Oct '08	Dec '07
OKLAHOMA	1,764,190	1,679,500	84,690	4.8%	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%
Oklahoma City MSA	571,430	544,900	26,530	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%	4.2%
Tulsa MSA	439,100	417,600	21,500	4.9%	4.6%	4.2%	4.1%
Lawton MSA	46,170	44,150	2,010	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	4.3%

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Nov '08	Oct '08	Sep '08	Nov '07
Adair County	11,140	10,520	630	5.6%	5.1%	4.4%	5.0%
Alfalfa County	2,480	2,390	90	3.7%	3.6%	2.7%	4.5%
Atoka County	6,200	5,850	350	5.6%	5.3%	4.2%	5.1%
Beaver County	3,300	3,220	80	2.5%	2.3%	1.7%	2.9%
Beckham County	12,820	12,500	320	2.5%	2.4%	1.9%	2.5%
Blaine County	5,190	4,970	220	4.3%	4.0%	3.3%	4.7%
Bryan County	21,250	20,450	800	3.8%	3.6%	3.1%	3.7%
Caddo County	12,820	12,180	640	5.0%	4.7%	3.8%	4.8%
Canadian County	52,150	49,970	2,180	4.2%	3.8%	3.1%	3.7%
Carter County	27,520	26,210	1,310	4.8%	3.5%	3.0%	3.6%
Cherokee County	24,390	23,270	1,120	4.6%	4.1%	3.4%	4.1%
Choctaw County	7,070	6,630	440	6.2%	5.5%	4.8%	5.8%
Cimarron County	1,340	1,300	50	3.4%	3.1%	2.1%	4.7%
Cleveland County	118,940	114,180	4,760	4.0%	4.1%	3.1%	3.6%
Coal County	2,670	2,530	140	5.3%	5.0%	4.4%	5.9%
Comanche County	46,590	44,560	2,030	4.4%	4.2%	3.4%	4.2%
Cotton County	4,310	4,180	130	3.1%	3.0%	2.5%	2.8%
Craig County	7,420	7,070	350	4.7%	4.3%	3.6%	5.0%
Creek County	31,690	30,000	1,690	5.3%	4.9%	4.2%	4.3%
Custer County	15,610	15,150	450	2.9%	2.8%	2.3%	3.1%
Delaware County	19,030	18,030	1,000	5.2%	4.7%	3.9%	4.7%
Dewey County	2,660	2,580	80	2.9%	2.8%	2.2%	3.6%
Ellis County	2,630	2,560	70	2.7%	2.3%	1.8%	2.8%
Garfield County	31,290	30,300	1,000	3.2%	3.1%	2.5%	3.1%
Garvin County	15,230	14,660	560	3.7%	3.5%	2.8%	3.4%
Grady County	23,720	22,600	1,120	4.7%	4.3%	3.5%	4.1%
Grant County	2,680	2,590	80	3.1%	2.9%	2.2%	3.4%
Greer County	2,080	1,970	120	5.6%	5.1%	4.3%	5.2%
Harmon County	1,370	1,310	60	4.7%	3.7%	3.2%	3.9%
Harper County	2,060	2,000	60	2.8%	2.6%	2.2%	3.1%
Haskell County	6,150	5,890	270	4.3%	3.9%	3.3%	4.2%
Hughes County	4,950	4,600	350	7.0%	6.2%	5.4%	6.2%
Jackson County	12,710	12,140	580	4.5%	3.5%	2.7%	3.5%
Jefferson County	2,460	2,330	130	5.2%	4.8%	4.1%	5.3%
Johnston County	5,400	5,090	310	5.8%	4.6%	4.0%	4.6%
Kay County	24,030	23,000	1,030	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%	4.1%
Kingfisher County	8,800	8,570	240	2.7%	2.6%	2.1%	2.9%
Kiowa County	4,110	3,930	190	4.5%	4.1%	3.4%	4.8%
Latimer County	4,670	4,430	240	5.1%	4.6%	4.5%	5.5%

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LeFlore County	21,550	20,290	1,270	5.9%	5.3%	5.3%	5.4%
Lincoln County	14,730	14,030	710	4.8%	4.3%	3.7%	4.0%
Logan County	18,010	17,250	760	4.2%	3.8%	3.3%	3.9%
Love County	5,510	5,270	240	4.3%	3.0%	2.4%	3.3%
Major County	4,360	4,230	130	3.0%	2.9%	2.3%	3.0%
Marshall County	6,730	6,360	370	5.5%	4.3%	3.7%	4.7%
Mayes County	19,040	18,080	950	5.0%	4.7%	4.1%	4.4%
McClain County	14,990	14,370	610	4.1%	4.2%	3.3%	3.7%
McCurain County	14,510	13,320	1,190	8.2%	7.4%	6.8%	6.8%
McIntosh County	8,860	8,360	510	5.7%	5.3%	4.7%	5.3%
Murray County	8,480	8,180	300	3.5%	2.9%	2.4%	2.9%
Muskogee County	30,510	28,760	1,750	5.7%	5.2%	4.4%	5.4%
Noble County	6,160	5,940	230	3.7%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%
Nowata County	5,120	4,840	280	5.5%	4.7%	4.1%	5.0%
Okfuskee County	4,630	4,390	240	5.2%	4.8%	3.9%	4.9%
Oklahoma County	332,310	316,810	15,500	4.7%	4.4%	3.7%	4.3%
Okmulgee County	16,540	15,500	1,050	6.3%	5.8%	5.1%	5.5%
Osage County	20,540	19,540	990	4.8%	4.4%	4.0%	4.3%
Ottawa County	17,780	16,840	940	5.3%	4.9%	4.2%	5.1%
Pawnee County	7,730	7,300	440	5.6%	5.0%	4.5%	4.0%
Payne County	40,080	38,520	1,570	3.9%	3.6%	4.1%	3.7%
Pittsburg County	24,270	23,300	970	4.0%	3.6%	3.0%	3.9%
Pontotoc County	21,000	20,190	810	3.9%	3.4%	2.8%	3.4%
Pottawatomie County	33,290	31,740	1,550	4.7%	4.4%	3.7%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,530	5,200	330	6.0%	5.4%	4.6%	5.4%
Roger Mills County	2,070	2,020	60	2.7%	2.3%	1.9%	3.0%
Rogers County	40,230	38,480	1,750	4.4%	4.0%	3.3%	3.8%
Seminole County	11,190	10,590	600	5.3%	5.0%	4.5%	5.4%
Sequoyah County	18,300	17,120	1,170	6.4%	6.1%	6.3%	5.6%
Stephens County	22,490	21,570	910	4.1%	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%
Texas County	10,060	9,740	320	3.2%	3.0%	2.3%	3.2%
Tillman County	3,570	3,400	180	5.0%	4.8%	3.8%	4.8%
Tulsa County	292,960	280,070	12,890	4.4%	4.0%	3.4%	3.9%
Wagoner County	32,710	31,250	1,470	4.5%	4.1%	3.4%	3.8%
Washington County	27,950	26,940	1,020	3.6%	3.4%	2.8%	3.5%
Washita County	6,390	6,190	200	3.1%	2.9%	2.4%	3.3%
Woods County	4,500	4,350	150	3.2%	3.2%	2.5%	6.5%
Woodward County	12,670	12,320	350	2.8%	2.4%	1.8%	2.8%

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OKLAHOMA	1,778,270	1,698,290	79,980	4.5%	4.2%	3.5%	4.1%
Central WIA	402,470	384,030	18,450	4.6%	4.3%	3.6%	4.2%
Oklahoma City LLM	402,470	384,030	18,450	4.6%	4.3%	3.6%	4.2%
Cleveland County WIA	118,940	114,180	4,760	4.0%	4.1%	3.1%	3.6%
Norman LLM	118,940	114,180	4,760	4.0%	4.1%	3.1%	3.6%
East Central WIA	68,780	65,350	3,440	5.0%	4.7%	3.9%	4.5%
Holdenville LLM	9,580	8,990	590	6.1%	5.5%	4.7%	5.6%
Shawnee LLM	59,210	56,360	2,850	4.8%	4.5%	3.8%	4.3%
Eastern WIA	142,460	134,780	7,680	5.4%	4.9%	4.4%	4.8%
Muskogee LLM	72,090	68,370	3,720	5.2%	4.7%	4.0%	4.6%
Okmulgee LLM	16,540	15,500	1,050	6.3%	5.8%	5.1%	5.5%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	53,830	50,910	2,920	5.4%	5.0%	4.6%	4.8%
North Central WIA	125,080	120,490	4,590	3.7%	3.4%	3.2%	3.6%
Enid LLM	54,800	53,040	1,760	3.2%	3.1%	2.5%	3.3%
Ponca City LLM	30,200	28,940	1,260	4.2%	3.9%	3.4%	3.9%
Stillwater LLM	40,080	38,520	1,570	3.9%	3.6%	4.1%	3.7%
Northeast WIA	136,570	130,290	6,290	4.6%	4.2%	3.6%	4.2%
Bartlesville LLM	33,080	31,780	1,300	3.9%	3.6%	3.0%	3.8%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	78,300	74,600	3,710	4.7%	4.3%	3.6%	4.2%
Miami-Vinita LLM	25,200	23,910	1,290	5.1%	4.7%	4.0%	5.1%
Northwest WIA	39,210	38,060	1,150	2.9%	2.7%	2.0%	3.5%
Guymon LLM	14,690	14,250	450	3.0%	2.9%	2.1%	3.3%
Woodward LLM	24,520	23,820	700	2.9%	2.6%	2.0%	3.6%
South Central WIA	130,950	125,190	5,760	4.4%	4.2%	3.4%	4.1%
Chickasha LLM	51,530	49,150	2,380	4.6%	4.4%	3.5%	4.2%
Duncan LLM	24,950	23,910	1,040	4.2%	4.0%	3.5%	4.1%
Lawton LLM	54,470	52,130	2,340	4.3%	4.1%	3.4%	4.1%
Southeast WIA	83,750	79,050	4,700	5.6%	5.1%	4.6%	5.2%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	27,110	25,150	1,960	7.2%	6.5%	5.8%	6.2%
McAlester LLM	28,940	27,730	1,200	4.2%	3.8%	3.3%	4.2%
Poteau LLM	27,710	26,170	1,530	5.5%	5.0%	4.9%	5.1%
Southern WIA	119,980	114,780	5,200	4.3%	3.7%	3.1%	3.7%
Ada LLM	36,230	34,850	1,380	3.8%	3.5%	2.8%	3.4%
Ardmore LLM	41,510	39,660	1,850	4.5%	3.3%	2.8%	3.4%
Durant LLM	42,250	40,270	1,970	4.7%	4.2%	3.6%	4.3%
Southwest WIA	57,160	55,190	1,970	3.4%	3.0%	2.5%	3.3%
Altus LLM	20,270	19,330	940	4.6%	3.8%	3.0%	4.0%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	36,880	35,860	1,030	2.8%	2.6%	2.2%	2.9%
Tulsa WIA	352,910	336,900	16,010	4.5%	4.2%	3.6%	4.0%
Tulsa LLM	352,910	336,900	16,010	4.5%	4.2%	3.6%	4.0%

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OKLAHOMA	1,778,270	1,698,290	79,980	4.5%	4.2%	3.5%	4.1%
Oklahoma City MSA	574,850	549,200	25,650	4.5%	4.2%	3.5%	4.0%
Tulsa MSA	442,400	422,120	20,270	4.6%	4.2%	3.6%	4.0%
Lawton MSA	46,590	44,560	2,030	4.4%	4.2%	3.4%	4.2%