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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - December 2008

Oklahoma's state unemployment rate continues rising in December

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** increased to 4.8 percent in December, a gain of 0.3 percent for the month. December's statewide rate was 0.5 percent higher than the rate reported for December 2007.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS*

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
DEC '08	1,764,190	1,679,500	84,690	4.8%
Nov '08	1,778,270	1,698,290	79,980	4.5%
Dec '07	1,731,550	1,657,820	73,740	4.3%

*non-seasonally adjusted

Job count down for state as 2008 draws to a close

- In December, Oklahoma's statewide **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** contracted by 2,700 jobs (-0.2 percent). Losses were reported across most supersectors, although **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** was an exception.
- **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** grew by 1,600 jobs in December due to hiring for the holiday season in **Retail Trade**.
- Over the year, **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 15,400 jobs. Statewide supersectors that reported declines for the period included **Trade, Transportation & Utilities; Information; Financial Activities; and Other Services**.

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07
OKLAHOMA	1,599,700	1,602,400	1,584,300
OKC MSA	580,900	580,700	575,100
Tulsa MSA	428,500	428,500	428,100

CHANGE in TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
OKLAHOMA	-2,700	-0.2%	15,400	1.0%
OKC MSA	200	0.0%	5,800	1.0%
Tulsa MSA	0	0.0%	400	0.1%

*non-seasonally adjusted

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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 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 for the month, 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.

	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%

	NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED		
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
DECEMBER 2008	1,764,190	1,679,500	84,690	1,768,870	1,681,870	87,000
Monthly change (#)	-14,080	-18,790	4,710	-2,150	-6,250	4,100
Monthly change (%)	-0.8%	-1.1%	5.9%	-0.1%	-0.4%	4.9%
Annual change (#)	32,630	21,690	10,950	36,490	20,970	15,530
Annual change (%)	1.9%	1.3%	14.8%	2.1%	1.3%	21.7%
Participation rate*	63.5%	60.5%	--	63.7%	60.6%	--

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

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 growth provides only bright spot for statewide employment in December

Oklahoma **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** reversed course in December, as it shed 2,700 jobs over the month. All statewide supersectors contracted in December, except for **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**, where seasonal hiring in **Retail Trade** fueled monthly growth. The largest over-the-month drop came from **Leisure & Hospitality** (-1,100 jobs).

For the December-to-December period, Oklahoma **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 15,400 jobs. Statewide supersectors that failed to add jobs over the year in December included **TTU**, **Information**, **Financial Activities**, and **Other Services**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	1,599,700	1,602,400	1,584,300	-2,700	-0.2%	15,400	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	279,200	280,400	270,800	-1,200	-0.4%	8,400	3.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	53,800	54,100	48,600	-300	-0.6%	5,200	10.7%
Construction	75,000	75,500	72,100	-500	-0.7%	2,900	4.0%
Manufacturing	150,400	150,800	150,100	-400	-0.3%	300	0.2%
Service Providing Industries	1,320,500	1,322,000	1,313,500	-1,500	-0.1%	7,000	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	295,000	293,400	295,800	1,600	0.5%	-800	-0.3%
Educational & Health Services	198,600	199,500	196,600	-900	-0.5%	2,000	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	140,800	141,900	138,100	-1,100	-0.8%	2,700	2.0%
Government	327,700	328,400	325,400	-700	-0.2%	2,300	0.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Seasonal growth provides Trade, Transportation & Utilities with gains in December

Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU) was the only statewide supersector to add jobs in December. The **Retail Trade** industry drove the gain due to seasonal hiring for the holiday shopping season. **Wholesale Trade** provided the annual losses for **TTU**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	295,000	293,400	295,800	1,600	0.5%	-800	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	59,100	59,200	60,100	-100	-0.2%	-1,000	-1.7%
Retail Trade	177,300	175,400	177,300	1,900	1.1%	0	0.0%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	58,600	58,800	58,400	-200	-0.3%	200	0.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Educational & Health Services down in December

Educational & Health Services reported a loss of 900 jobs for the month in December 2008. **Educational Services** contributed the monthly drop. Both **Educational Services** and **Health Care & Social Assistance** added jobs for the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
Educational & Health Services	198,600	199,500	196,600	-900	-0.5%	2,000	1.0%
Educational Services	20,400	21,700	19,700	-1,300	-6.0%	700	3.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	178,200	177,800	176,900	400	0.2%	1,300	0.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Leisure & Hospitality down again over month

In December, **Leisure & Hospitality** continued its recent trend with a loss of 1,100 jobs for the month, the most of any statewide supersector. The monthly contraction was split between **Leisure & Hospitality's** component industries, as was the supersector's annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	140,800	141,900	138,100	-1,100	-0.8%	2,700	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	17,200	17,800	16,600	-600	-3.4%	600	3.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	123,600	124,100	121,500	-500	-0.4%	2,100	1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Government down again in December

Government shed 700 jobs in December due entirely to the **Local Government** industry. The supersector's 2,300-job annual gain was shared among its industries.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
Government	327,700	328,400	325,400	-700	-0.2%	2,300	0.7%
Federal Government	45,900	45,900	45,600	0	0.0%	300	0.7%
State Government	87,800	87,800	86,500	0	0.0%	1,300	1.5%
Local Government	194,000	194,700	193,300	-700	-0.4%	700	0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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Oklahoma City MSA monthly growth continues to slow in December

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT in the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) expanded slightly in December due to a large gain in **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)**. The only supersectors besides **TTU** to add jobs over the month were **Construction, Manufacturing, Educational & Health Services,** and **Other Services**. Over the year, the Oklahoma City MSA has grown by 5,800 jobs.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	580,900	580,700	575,100	200	0.0%	5,800	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	81,800	81,500	79,900	300	0.4%	1,900	2.4%
Construction	28,900	28,700	28,200	200	0.7%	700	2.5%
Manufacturing	36,700	36,600	36,700	100	0.3%	0	0.0%
Service Providing Industries	499,100	499,200	495,200	-100	0.0%	3,900	0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	105,600	104,400	106,200	1,200	1.1%	-600	-0.6%
Educational & Health Services	77,200	76,800	73,800	400	0.5%	3,400	4.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	57,000	57,700	55,800	-700	-1.2%	1,200	2.2%
Government	112,600	113,800	114,500	-1,200	-1.1%	-1,900	-1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Retail Trade fuels monthly growth for OKC TTU

Seasonal hiring in **Retail Trade** pushed Oklahoma City **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** to add 1,200 jobs in December. **Retail Trade** also provided most of **TTU's** over-the-year loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	105,600	104,400	106,200	1,200	1.1%	-600	-0.6%
Wholesale Trade	23,800	23,700	23,800	100	0.4%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	64,800	63,600	65,300	1,200	1.9%	-500	-0.8%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	17,000	17,100	17,100	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Leisure & Hospitality down for December

Oklahoma City **Leisure & Hospitality** shed 700 jobs in December. The supersector's monthly drop and annual expansion were driven by the **Food Services & Drinking Places** industry.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	57,000	57,700	55,800	-700	-1.2%	1,200	2.2%
Food Services & Drinking Places	46,900	47,600	44,800	-700	-1.5%	2,100	4.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Government drops jobs for month, year

Oklahoma City **Government** began to shed jobs in December, as the supersector posted a loss of 1,200 jobs for the month. **State Government** losses made up two-thirds of the monthly drop, with **Local Government** providing the rest. These two industries also fueled **Government's** 1,900-job annual loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
Government	112,600	113,800	114,500	-1,200	-1.1%	-1,900	-1.7%
Federal Government	26,500	26,500	26,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	39,500	40,300	40,200	-800	-2.0%	-700	-1.7%
Local Government	46,600	47,000	47,800	-400	-0.9%	-1,200	-2.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA MSA*

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Tulsa MSA employment even for month, up for year in December

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT for the Tulsa metropolitan statistical area (MSA) held steady in December at 428,500 jobs. Over the month, **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** provided the largest amount of growth due to seasonal hiring for the holiday shopping season. The largest monthly loss came from **Professional & Business Services**.

The Tulsa MSA managed a small increase over the year. The largest individual gains were reported for **Educational & Health Services** and **Leisure & Hospitality**, while the largest losses were seen in **Professional & Business Services** and **Manufacturing**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	428,500	428,500	428,100	0	0.0%	400	0.1%
Goods Producing Industries	80,900	81,300	81,300	-400	-0.5%	-400	-0.5%
Construction	23,100	23,400	22,500	-300	-1.3%	600	2.7%
Manufacturing	50,700	50,800	52,000	-100	-0.2%	-1,300	-2.5%
Service Providing Industries	347,600	347,200	346,800	400	0.1%	800	0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	88,100	87,300	87,700	800	0.9%	400	0.5%
Professional & Business Svcs.	57,400	58,000	59,700	-600	-1.0%	-2,300	-3.9%
Educational & Health Services	59,700	59,500	58,200	200	0.3%	1,500	2.6%
Government	53,900	54,000	53,100	-100	-0.2%	800	1.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Seasonal hires lead Tulsa TTU to monthly gain in December

Seasonal hiring in **Retail Trade** drove Tulsa **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** to add 800 jobs in December. The gain was the largest reported by any Tulsa supersector for the month. **Retail Trade** combined with **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities** to account for the supersector's annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08		Dec '07 to Dec '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	88,100	87,300	87,700	800	0.9%	400	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	18,200	18,100	18,300	100	0.6%	-100	-0.5%
Retail Trade	47,700	46,900	47,300	800	1.7%	400	0.8%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	22,200	22,300	22,100	-100	-0.4%	100	0.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – State of Oklahoma

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08	Dec '07 to Dec '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	1,599,700	1,602,400	1,584,300	-2,700	-0.2%	15,400	1.0%
Total Private Employment*	1,272,000	1,274,000	1,258,900	-2,000	-0.2%	13,100	1.0%
Private Service Providers**	992,800	993,600	988,100	-800	-0.1%	4,700	0.5%
Goods Producing Industries	279,200	280,400	270,800	-1,200	-0.4%	8,400	3.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	53,800	54,100	48,600	-300	-0.6%	5,200	10.7%
Support Activities for Mining	29,100	28,900	26,800	200	0.7%	2,300	8.6%
Construction	75,000	75,500	72,100	-500	-0.7%	2,900	4.0%
Construction of Buildings	16,300	16,300	15,500	0	0.0%	800	5.2%
Residential Buildings	6,400	6,400	6,000	0	0.0%	400	6.7%
Non-residential Buildings	9,900	9,900	9,500	0	0.0%	400	4.2%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	12,000	12,100	11,900	-100	-0.8%	100	0.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	46,700	47,100	44,700	-400	-0.8%	2,000	4.5%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	22,100	22,000	21,300	100	0.5%	800	3.8%
Manufacturing	150,400	150,800	150,100	-400	-0.3%	300	0.2%
Durable Goods Mfg.	103,200	103,700	102,400	-500	-0.5%	800	0.8%
Fabricated Metal Products	24,700	24,700	23,900	0	0.0%	800	3.3%
Other Fabricated Metal	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	0.0%	200	4.2%
Machinery Manufacturing	31,000	31,100	30,000	-100	-0.3%	1,000	3.3%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	14,700	14,800	16,200	-100	-0.7%	-1,500	-9.3%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	2,300	2,400	2,500	-100	-4.2%	-200	-8.0%
Aerospace Products Mfg.	6,100	6,100	5,600	0	0.0%	500	8.9%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	47,200	47,100	47,700	100	0.2%	-500	-1.0%
Food Manufacturing	20,200	20,100	19,800	100	0.5%	400	2.0%
Paper Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	11,200	11,100	11,100	100	0.9%	100	0.9%
Service Providing Industries	1,320,500	1,322,000	1,313,500	-1,500	-0.1%	7,000	0.5%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	295,000	293,400	295,800	1,600	0.5%	-800	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	59,100	59,200	60,100	-100	-0.2%	-1,000	-1.7%
Retail Trade	177,300	175,400	177,300	1,900	1.1%	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	23,600	23,800	23,700	-200	-0.8%	-100	-0.4%
Automobile Dealers	14,800	15,000	15,100	-200	-1.3%	-300	-2.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	22,900	22,600	23,200	300	1.3%	-300	-1.3%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	48,300	47,700	47,100	600	1.3%	1,200	2.5%
Transport., Warehouse & Util.	58,600	58,800	58,400	-200	-0.3%	200	0.3%
Utilities	10,600	10,600	10,500	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Transportation/Warehouse	48,000	48,200	47,900	-200	-0.4%	100	0.2%
Air Transportation	8,500	8,500	8,700	0	0.0%	-200	-2.3%
Truck Transportation	20,100	20,400	19,900	-300	-1.5%	200	1.0%
Information	28,600	28,600	29,100	0	0.0%	-500	-1.7%
Publishing Industries	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Telecommunications	13,200	13,200	13,900	0	0.0%	-700	-5.0%

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08	Dec '07 to Dec '08		
Financial Activities	84,200	84,200	84,500	0	0.0%	-300	-0.4%
Finance & Insurance	60,400	60,500	60,400	-100	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Credit Intermediation	32,700	32,500	32,000	200	0.6%	700	2.2%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	24,100	24,100	23,600	0	0.0%	500	2.1%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	23,800	23,700	24,100	100	0.4%	-300	-1.2%
Real Estate	11,300	11,200	11,500	100	0.9%	-200	-1.7%
Pro. & Business Services	182,900	183,200	181,200	-300	-0.2%	1,700	0.9%
Pro. & Scientific Services	65,100	64,400	62,600	700	1.1%	2,500	4.0%
Legal Services	12,700	12,600	12,800	100	0.8%	-100	-0.8%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	12,700	12,100	13,000	600	5.0%	-300	-2.3%
Architecture/Engineering	13,000	13,000	12,500	0	0.0%	500	4.0%
Management of Companies	13,400	13,400	13,200	0	0.0%	200	1.5%
Admin. & Support Services	104,400	105,400	105,400	-1,000	-0.9%	-1,000	-0.9%
Employment Services	45,800	47,800	45,700	-2,000	-4.2%	100	0.2%
Business Support Svcs.	17,800	18,000	18,200	-200	-1.1%	-400	-2.2%
Services to Buildings	14,800	15,100	14,400	-300	-2.0%	400	2.8%
Educational & Health Svcs.	198,600	199,500	196,600	-900	-0.5%	2,000	1.0%
Educational Services	20,400	21,700	19,700	-1,300	-6.0%	700	3.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	178,200	177,800	176,900	400	0.2%	1,300	0.7%
Ambulatory Health Care	65,800	65,100	64,000	700	1.1%	1,800	2.8%
Hospitals	52,900	53,000	53,100	-100	-0.2%	-200	-0.4%
Nursing & Residential Care	34,400	34,600	34,500	-200	-0.6%	-100	-0.3%
Social Assistance	25,100	25,100	25,300	0	0.0%	-200	-0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	140,800	141,900	138,100	-1,100	-0.8%	2,700	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	17,200	17,800	16,600	-600	-3.4%	600	3.6%
Accommodation & Food Svc.	123,600	124,100	121,500	-500	-0.4%	2,100	1.7%
Accommodation	10,900	11,100	11,100	-200	-1.8%	-200	-1.8%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	112,700	113,000	110,400	-300	-0.3%	2,300	2.1%
Full-service Restaurants	52,400	52,200	50,500	200	0.4%	1,900	3.8%
Limited-service Eating	54,400	54,800	53,700	-400	-0.7%	700	1.3%
Other Services	62,700	62,800	62,800	-100	-0.2%	-100	-0.2%
Repair & Maintenance	14,000	14,100	13,800	-100	-0.7%	200	1.4%
Personal & Laundry Services	13,700	13,800	13,400	-100	-0.7%	300	2.2%
Government	327,700	328,400	325,400	-700	-0.2%	2,300	0.7%
Federal Government	45,900	45,900	45,600	0	0.0%	300	0.7%
State Government	87,800	87,800	86,500	0	0.0%	1,300	1.5%
Local Government	194,000	194,700	193,300	-700	-0.4%	700	0.4%

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Oklahoma City MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08	Dec '07 to Dec '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	580,900	580,700	575,100	200	0.0%	5,800	1.0%
Total Private Employment*	468,300	466,900	460,600	1,400	0.3%	7,700	1.7%
Private Service Providers**	386,500	385,400	380,700	1,100	0.3%	5,800	1.5%
Goods Producing Industries	81,800	81,500	79,900	300	0.4%	1,900	2.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	16,200	16,200	15,000	0	0.0%	1,200	8.0%
Construction	28,900	28,700	28,200	200	0.7%	700	2.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,400	18,400	17,300	0	0.0%	1,100	6.4%
Manufacturing	36,700	36,600	36,700	100	0.3%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,600	27,600	27,000	0	0.0%	600	2.2%
Machinery Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	7,700	0	0.0%	200	2.6%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	4,300	4,400	5,600	-100	-2.3%	-1,300	-23.2%
Plastic & Rubber Products	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	0.0%	-100	-6.7%
Service Providing Industries	499,100	499,200	495,200	-100	0.0%	3,900	0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	105,600	104,400	106,200	1,200	1.1%	-600	-0.6%
Wholesale Trade	23,800	23,700	23,800	100	0.4%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	64,800	63,600	65,300	1,200	1.9%	-500	-0.8%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	15,700	15,300	15,500	400	2.6%	200	1.3%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	17,000	17,100	17,100	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Information	12,200	12,300	12,300	-100	-0.8%	-100	-0.8%
Telecommunications	5,700	5,700	6,200	0	0.0%	-500	-8.1%
Financial Activities	34,000	34,000	34,600	0	0.0%	-600	-1.7%
Finance & Insurance	24,200	24,100	23,800	100	0.4%	400	1.7%
Rental & Leasing Services	5,600	5,700	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-200	-3.4%
Pro. & Business Services	76,800	76,900	75,400	-100	-0.1%	1,400	1.9%
Pro. & Scientific Services	28,300	28,000	27,600	300	1.1%	700	2.5%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,200	5,900	-100	-1.6%	200	3.4%
Admin. & Support Services	42,400	42,700	41,900	-300	-0.7%	500	1.2%
Employment Services	18,000	18,600	17,700	-600	-3.2%	300	1.7%
Business Support Svcs.	5,800	6,000	6,800	-200	-3.3%	-1,000	-14.7%
Educational & Health Svcs.	77,200	76,800	73,800	400	0.5%	3,400	4.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	68,400	67,900	65,400	500	0.7%	3,000	4.6%
Ambulatory Health Care	26,400	26,300	25,500	100	0.4%	900	3.5%
Hospitals	21,400	21,300	20,700	100	0.5%	700	3.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	57,000	57,700	55,800	-700	-1.2%	1,200	2.2%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	46,900	47,600	44,800	-700	-1.5%	2,100	4.7%
Full-service Restaurants	21,400	21,400	20,600	0	0.0%	800	3.9%
Limited-service Eating	21,100	21,300	20,200	-200	-0.9%	900	4.5%
Other Services	23,700	23,300	22,600	400	1.7%	1,100	4.9%
Government	112,600	113,800	114,500	-1,200	-1.1%	-1,900	-1.7%
Federal Government	26,500	26,500	26,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	39,500	40,300	40,200	-800	-2.0%	-700	-1.7%
Local Government	46,600	47,000	47,800	-400	-0.9%	-1,200	-2.5%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Tulsa MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Dec '08	Nov '08	Dec '07	Nov '08 to Dec '08	Dec '07 to Dec '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	428,500	428,500	428,100	0	0.0%	400	0.1%
Total Private Employment*	374,600	374,500	375,000	100	0.0%	-400	-0.1%
Private Service Providers**	293,700	293,200	293,700	500	0.2%	0	0.0%
Goods Producing Industries	80,900	81,300	81,300	-400	-0.5%	-400	-0.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,100	7,100	6,800	0	0.0%	300	4.4%
Construction	23,100	23,400	22,500	-300	-1.3%	600	2.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,900	15,100	14,100	-200	-1.3%	800	5.7%
Manufacturing	50,700	50,800	52,000	-100	-0.2%	-1,300	-2.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	11,500	11,500	11,200	0	0.0%	300	2.7%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,400	5,400	5,800	0	0.0%	-400	-6.9%
Service Providing Industries	347,600	347,200	346,800	400	0.1%	800	0.2%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	88,100	87,300	87,700	800	0.9%	400	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	18,200	18,100	18,300	100	0.6%	-100	-0.5%
Retail Trade	47,700	46,900	47,300	800	1.7%	400	0.8%
Food & Beverage Stores	7,500	7,200	7,100	300	4.2%	400	5.6%
General Merchandise Store	11,100	10,800	11,100	300	2.8%	0	0.0%
Department Stores	4,500	4,300	4,600	200	4.7%	-100	-2.2%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,600	6,500	6,500	100	1.5%	100	1.5%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	22,200	22,300	22,100	-100	-0.4%	100	0.5%
Utilities	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation & Warehouse	18,800	18,900	18,700	-100	-0.5%	100	0.5%
Air Transportation	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Information	9,500	9,500	10,500	0	0.0%	-1,000	-9.5%
Telecommunications	4,700	4,800	4,800	-100	-2.1%	-100	-2.1%
Financial Activities	25,300	25,400	25,500	-100	-0.4%	-200	-0.8%
Insurance Carriers	5,200	5,300	5,000	-100	-1.9%	200	4.0%
Pro. & Business Services	57,400	58,000	59,700	-600	-1.0%	-2,300	-3.9%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,700	19,600	19,800	100	0.5%	-100	-0.5%
Management of Companies	5,600	5,600	5,500	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
Admin. & Support Services	32,100	32,800	34,400	-700	-2.1%	-2,300	-6.7%
Employment Services	16,000	16,700	16,200	-700	-4.2%	-200	-1.2%
Business Support Svcs.	8,100	8,100	8,000	0	0.0%	100	1.3%
Educational & Health Svcs.	59,700	59,500	58,200	200	0.3%	1,500	2.6%
Educational Services	6,900	6,900	7,000	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Health Care & Social Asst.	52,800	52,600	51,200	200	0.4%	1,600	3.1%
Ambulatory Health Care	17,100	17,100	17,300	0	0.0%	-200	-1.2%
Hospitals	18,600	18,500	18,800	100	0.5%	-200	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,900	34,800	34,000	100	0.3%	900	2.6%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	30,100	29,900	29,500	200	0.7%	600	2.0%
Full-service Restaurants	14,900	14,800	14,100	100	0.7%	800	5.7%
Other Services	18,800	18,700	18,100	100	0.5%	700	3.9%
Government	53,900	54,000	53,100	-100	-0.2%	800	1.5%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,900	0	0.0%	-200	-4.1%
State Government	7,100	7,100	7,500	0	0.0%	-400	-5.3%
Local Government	42,100	42,200	40,700	-100	-0.2%	1,400	3.4%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide

NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
DEC '08	1,764,190	1,679,500	84,690	4.8%
Nov '08	1,778,270	1,698,290	79,980	4.5%
Oct '08	1,775,320	1,701,430	73,890	4.2%
Sep '08	1,752,950	1,690,960	61,990	3.5%
Aug '08	1,745,530	1,679,020	66,510	3.8%
Jul '08	1,754,150	1,683,660	70,490	4.0%
Jun '08	1,758,950	1,685,650	73,300	4.2%
May '08	1,735,310	1,674,070	61,250	3.5%
Apr '08	1,718,150	1,668,730	49,420	2.9%
Mar '08	1,713,580	1,657,790	55,780	3.3%
Feb '08	1,703,410	1,643,760	59,640	3.5%
Jan '08	1,719,400	1,646,460	72,940	4.2%
Dec '07	1,731,550	1,657,820	73,740	4.3%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
DEC '08	1,768,870	1,681,870	87,000	4.9%
Nov '08	1,771,020	1,688,120	82,900	4.7%
Oct '08	1,769,770	1,692,960	76,810	4.3%
Sep '08	1,757,740	1,691,560	66,180	3.8%
Aug '08	1,745,140	1,675,270	69,870	4.0%
Jul '08	1,736,680	1,665,010	71,670	4.1%
Jun '08	1,733,390	1,665,730	67,660	3.9%
May '08	1,735,090	1,674,030	61,060	3.5%
Apr '08	1,723,560	1,668,050	55,510	3.2%
Mar '08	1,721,700	1,668,600	53,100	3.1%
Feb '08	1,716,670	1,663,640	53,040	3.1%
Jan '08	1,733,970	1,669,740	64,230	3.7%
Dec '07	1,732,380	1,660,900	71,480	4.1%