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Oklahoma Employment Report - March 2006

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

<p>Oklahoma: 4.2% ↑ 0.1% for month ↓ 0.6% over year</p>	<p>COUNTIES Highest rate: 6.8% (Coal County) Lowest rate: 2.9% (Woodward County) Big % gain: Coal County ↑ by 0.7% to 6.8% Big % loss: LeFlore County ↓ by 0.9% to 4.7%</p>
<p>MSAs Oklahoma City MSA: 4.1% Tulsa MSA: 4.0% Lawton MSA: 4.6%</p>	

AREAS OF INTEREST

1. **Natural Resources and Mining continues to expand at a rapid pace.** The industry has grown by more than 10,000 jobs in the past four years.
2. **Construction also continues to grow faster than the state as a whole, led by the Residential Construction segment.** However, Residential Construction's growth rate is down compared to the overall growth rate of 2005 and is well off the pace seen in March 2005.
3. **Over the year, a majority of the Durable Goods Manufacturing sector expanded faster than the state as a whole and much faster than Non-durable Goods Manufacturing.** The major exception to the growth was Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, where employment was pulled down by declines in the Motor Vehicle Manufacturing sector.
4. **Leisure & Hospitality is well off the pace it set in 2005.** The slowdown is heavily concentrated in Accommodation & Food Services. Full Service Restaurants, which grew by 3.5 percent in 2005, has been slowly shedding jobs for the past 12 months.

IN A NUTSHELL . . .

"Overall, Oklahoma's 2006 employment growth has outpaced the January-to-March growth seen last year. In fact, since the oil boom of the early 1980s, the only year to post a higher rate of job growth than we are now seeing was 1998." *Lynn Gray, OESC Chief Economist*

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STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NUDGES HIGHER IN MARCH

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** rose by one-tenth to 4.2 percent in March, as the state's **non-seasonally adjusted labor force, employment** and **unemployment** all expanded over the month. Although **non-seasonally adjusted employment** grew by three-tenths of a percent in March, this growth rate was slower than is typically seen for the February-to-March period.

Compared to March 2005, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** dropped by more than 9,000 persons (-11.1 percent). **Non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **non-seasonally adjusted employment** added 26,005 persons (+1.5 percent) and 35,105 persons (+3.1 percent) for the year, respectively.

U.S. and Regional EMPLOYMENT		MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
OKLAHOMA		1,674,490	73,210	1,747,690	4.2%	4.1%	4.4%	4.8%
United States		142,772,000	7,255,000	150,027,000	4.8%	5.1%	5.1%	5.4%
REGION	Arkansas	1,327,500	69,700	1,397,200	5.0%	5.4%	5.1%	5.3%
	Kansas	1,391,900	71,900	1,463,800	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.3%
	Louisiana	1,771,800	81,900	1,853,700	4.4%	4.2%	5.5%	5.1%
	Missouri	2,887,300	147,300	3,034,700	4.9%	5.4%	5.2%	6.0%
	New Mexico	910,000	37,000	947,000	3.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.6%
	Texas	10,790,900	563,800	11,354,700	5.0%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%

MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES UP IN OKLAHOMA CITY & LAWTON

The unemployment rates for two of the state's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) improved in March, while one MSA reported no change. The unemployment rate for the **Oklahoma City MSA** rose by two-tenths to 4.1 percent over the month, and **Lawton MSA** grew by one-tenth to 4.6 percent. **Tulsa MSA** held steady at 4.0 percent for the month.

Metropolitan Statistical Area EMPLOYMENT		MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
Oklahoma City MSA		567,950	24,500	592,450	4.1%	3.9%	4.3%	4.8%
Tulsa MSA		436,200	18,390	454,590	4.0%	4.0%	4.3%	4.7%
Lawton MSA		44,180	2,130	46,310	4.6%	4.5%	5.0%	4.6%

COAL COUNTY REPORTS MARCH'S HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

At 6.8 percent, **Coal County** held sole possession of the highest county unemployment rate in March following an over-the-month jump of 0.7 percent. **McCurtain County** (6.4 percent) and **Hughes County** (6.3 percent) rounded out the top three highest county rates for the month.

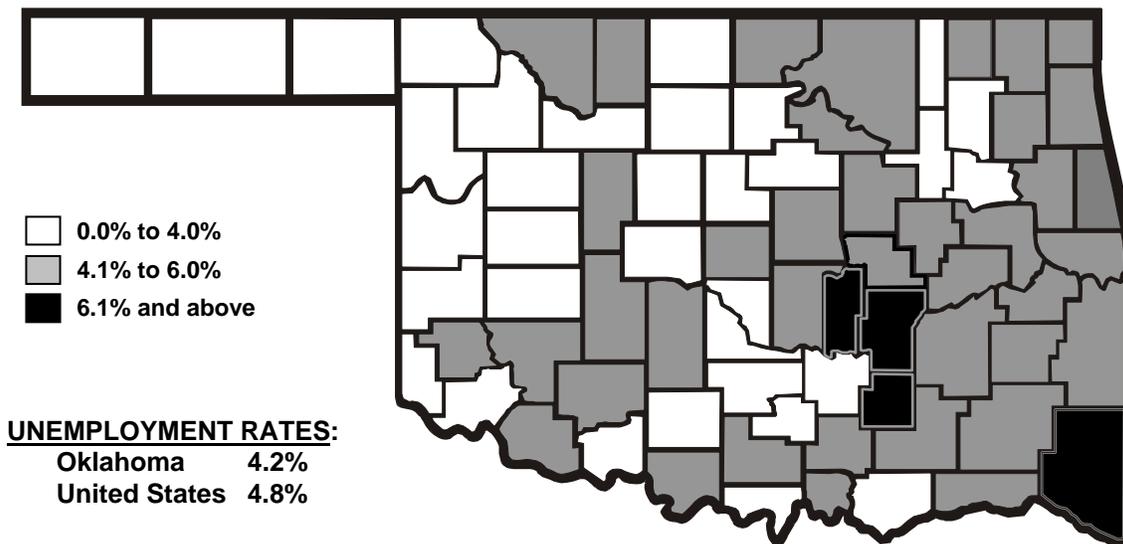
Highest County UNEMPLOYMENT		MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
Coal County		2,120	150	2,270	6.8%	6.1%	6.5%	8.4%
McCurtain County		13,340	910	14,260	6.4%	6.5%	7.3%	6.5%
Hughes County		4,810	320	5,140	6.3%	6.4%	7.3%	7.3%

WOODWARD COUNTY CLAIMS STATE'S LOWEST RATE FOR MARCH

In March, **Woodward County** again claimed the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.9 percent. **Kingfisher** and **Roger Mills** counties tied for second at 3.0 percent. The four counties that shared the third highest rate (3.1 percent) for March were **Cotton**, **Ellis**, **Harper** and **Major** counties.

Lowest County UNEMPLOYMENT	MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
Woodward County	10,500	310	10,810	2.9%	2.8%	3.2%	3.3%
Kingfisher County	7,480	230	7,720	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%	3.2%
Roger Mills County	1,720	50	1,770	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%	2.7%
Cotton County	3,440	110	3,550	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%	3.5%
Ellis County	2,060	70	2,130	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	2.4%
Harper County	1,750	60	1,800	3.1%	3.1%	3.5%	2.9%
Major County	3,500	110	3,620	3.1%	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary Data for March 2006



STATE OF OKLAHOMA*

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OKLAHOMA SEES MONTHLY & ANNUAL GROWTH IN MARCH

Oklahoma continued to see strong over-the-year growth in March 2006, as **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added more than 40,000 jobs for the March-to-March period. The 41,400-job addition translates into a growth rate of 2.9 percent. Both the **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** contributed to the monthly and annual gains.

For the **Goods Producing Industries**, **Natural Resources & Mining**, **Construction**, and **Manufacturing** each reported job gains for the month and year, with **Natural Resources & Mining** improving by more than 10 percent since March 2005. Under the **Service Providing Industries**, growth was also widespread. **Leisure & Hospitality** gained 2,900 jobs (+2.2 percent) over the month, while **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** and **Government** both reported annual gains of at least 7,000 jobs.

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,538,200	1,523,800	1,496,800	14,400	0.9%	41,400	2.8%
Goods Producing Industries	253,200	250,600	241,700	2,600	1.0%	11,500	4.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	38,300	38,100	34,800	200	0.5%	3,500	10.1%
Construction	68,000	65,900	63,600	2,100	3.2%	4,400	6.9%
Manufacturing	146,900	146,600	143,300	300	0.2%	3,600	2.5%
Service Providing Industries	1,285,000	1,273,200	1,255,100	11,800	0.9%	29,900	2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	282,100	279,300	274,300	2,800	1.0%	7,800	2.8%
Financial Activities	85,100	84,800	82,800	300	0.4%	2,300	2.8%
Pro. & Business Services	172,900	170,400	166,900	2,500	1.5%	6,000	3.6%
Education & Health Svcs.	186,700	185,500	181,100	1,200	0.6%	5,600	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	132,400	129,500	131,100	2,900	2.2%	1,300	1.0%
Government	321,600	319,700	314,600	1,900	0.6%	7,000	2.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING FUELS OVER-THE-YEAR GROWTH

Natural Resources & Mining continued its over-the-year growth in March with an addition of 3,500 jobs (+10.1 percent). **Support Activities for Mining** provided all of the monthly growth and most of the annual gain.

OKLAHOMA Natural Resources & Mining	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Natural Resources & Mining	38,300	38,100	34,800	200	0.5%	3,500	10.1%
Support Activities for Mining	21,800	21,300	18,800	500	2.3%	3,000	16.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

MARCH BRINGS SEASONAL GROWTH TO STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION

Seasonal factors came into play for **Construction** in March, as warming weather encouraged builders. Although all component industries reported strong growth for both the month and year, the **Specialty Trade Contractors** industry contributed more than 60 percent of the growth for both time periods.

OKLAHOMA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Construction	68,000	65,900	63,600	2,100	3.2%	4,400	6.9%
Construction of Buildings	14,500	14,100	13,600	400	2.8%	900	6.6%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,500	11,200	10,700	300	2.7%	800	7.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	42,000	40,600	39,300	1,400	3.4%	2,700	6.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATEWIDE MANUFACTURING CONTINUES GROWTH IN MARCH

In March, statewide **Manufacturing** again reported gains for the month and year, adding 300 jobs (+0.2 percent) and 3,600 jobs (+2.5 percent), respectively. The growth for both periods was shared, with the **Durable Goods Manufacturing** industry providing most of the year-over-year gain.

OKLAHOMA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Manufacturing	146,900	146,600	143,300	300	0.2%	3,600	2.5%
Durable Goods Mfg.	97,800	97,700	94,400	100	0.1%	3,400	3.6%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,100	48,900	48,900	200	0.4%	200	0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

RETAIL TRADE CONTINUES TO DRIVE CHANGE IN MARCH

Trade, Transportation & Utilities once again followed **Retail Trade's** lead in March, as the industry added 1,700 jobs (+1.0 percent) over the month. **Retail Trade's** annual addition of 4,200 jobs (+2.5 percent) provided more than half of the jobs gained over the year. The **Wholesale Trade** and **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** industries also reported strong annual growth.

OKLAHOMA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	282,100	279,300	274,300	2,800	1.0%	7,800	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	57,800	57,200	55,500	600	1.0%	2,300	4.1%
Retail Trade	170,900	169,200	166,700	1,700	1.0%	4,200	2.5%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	53,400	52,900	52,100	500	0.9%	1,300	2.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

ANNUAL GAINS CONTINUE IN STATEWIDE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

In March, strong over-the-year growth in the **Finance & Insurance** industry again fueled annual gains in the **Financial Activities** supersector. **Real Estate, Rental & Leasing** also reported over-the-year growth. Both of these industries contributed to the monthly additions.

OKLAHOMA Financial Activities	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Financial Activities	85,100	84,800	82,800	300	0.4%	2,300	2.8%
Finance & Insurance	61,200	61,000	59,400	200	0.3%	1,800	3.0%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	23,900	23,800	23,400	100	0.4%	500	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES AGAIN UP FOR MONTH & YEAR

The **Administrative & Support Services** industry provided most of the monthly and annual growth for **Professional & Business Services** in March. This industry has experienced the most change since March 2005, growing by more than 6.0 percent.

OKLAHOMA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Pro. & Business Services	172,900	170,400	166,900	2,500	1.5%	6,000	3.6%
Pro. & Scientific Services	59,800	60,000	59,300	-200	-0.3%	500	0.8%
Management of Companies	12,200	12,200	12,500	0	0.0%	-300	-2.4%
Admin. & Support Services	100,900	98,200	95,100	2,700	2.7%	5,800	6.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUES GROWTH IN MARCH

Education & Health Services continued to gain jobs in March, adding 1,200 jobs (+0.6 percent) for the month and 5,600 jobs (+3.1 percent) over the year. While both **Educational Services** and **Health Care & Social Assistance** contributed to the monthly change, it was **Health Care & Social Assistance** that fueled the annual gain. Large gains in **Ambulatory Health Care**, **Hospitals**, and **Nursing & Residential Care** were at the heart of the year-over-year additions.

OKLAHOMA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	186,700	185,500	181,100	1,200	0.6%	5,600	3.1%
Educational Services	18,800	18,400	18,900	400	2.2%	-100	-0.5%
Health Care & Social Asst.	167,900	167,100	162,200	800	0.5%	5,700	3.5%
Ambulatory Health Care	59,700	59,400	56,900	300	0.5%	2,800	4.9%
Hospitals	49,100	48,900	47,800	200	0.4%	1,300	2.7%
Nursing & Residential Care	35,500	35,400	34,400	100	0.3%	1,100	3.2%
Social Assistance	23,600	23,400	23,100	200	0.9%	500	2.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SEES BOTH SEASONAL & ANNUAL GROWTH

Leisure & Hospitality once again added jobs over the month in March, growing by 2,900 jobs (+2.2 percent) due to seasonal factors. Warming weather led to the addition of 1,800 jobs (+1.7 percent) in the **Food Services & Drinking Places** sector. A majority of the over-the-year gain was provided by the **Art, Entertainment & Recreation** industry, which reported an 8.3 percent growth rate for the year.

OKLAHOMA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	132,400	129,500	131,100	2,900	2.2%	1,300	1.0%
Art, Entertainment & Rec.	14,400	13,600	13,300	800	5.9%	1,100	8.3%
Accommodation/Food Svcs.	118,000	115,900	117,800	2,100	1.8%	200	0.2%
Accommodation	10,300	10,000	10,300	300	3.0%	0	0.0%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	107,700	105,900	107,500	1,800	1.7%	200	0.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DRIVES GROWTH FOR MONTH & YEAR IN MARCH

The **Government** supersector reported monthly and annual growth in March due mostly to gains in **Local Government**, which added 1,100 jobs (+0.6 percent) for the month and 5,600 jobs (+3.0 percent) over the year. **Federal Government** and **State Government** also contributed to the month-to-month and year-to-year gains.

OKLAHOMA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Government	321,600	319,700	314,600	1,900	0.6%	7,000	2.2%
Federal Government	45,700	45,600	45,600	100	0.2%	100	0.2%
State Government	85,600	84,900	84,300	700	0.8%	1,300	1.5%
Local Government	190,300	189,200	184,700	1,100	0.6%	5,600	3.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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OKLAHOMA CITY MSA CONTINUES GROWTH TREND IN MARCH

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT for the Oklahoma City MSA once again surged forward, adding 5,700 jobs (+1.0 percent) over the month and 16,700 jobs (+3.0 percent) for the year. The **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** both contributed to the monthly and annual growth.

The news was good for the **Good Producing Industries**, except in **Manufacturing**. **Manufacturing** dropped 300 jobs (-0.8 percent) for the month and is down by 1,200 jobs (-3.1 percent) over the year. For the **Service Providing Industries**, most supersectors added jobs over the month and year, with **Trade, Transportation & Utilities, Professional & Business Services**, and **Leisure & Hospitality** reporting strong monthly movement.

OKLAHOMA CITY EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	565,700	560,000	549,000	5,700	1.0%	16,700	3.0%
Goods Producing Industries	73,900	73,600	72,300	300	0.4%	1,600	2.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,200	10,100	9,100	100	1.0%	1,100	12.1%
Construction	25,800	25,300	24,100	500	2.0%	1,700	7.1%
Manufacturing	37,900	38,200	39,100	-300	-0.8%	-1,200	-3.1%
Service Providing Industries	491,800	486,400	476,700	5,400	1.1%	15,100	3.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	100,800	99,600	97,100	1,200	1.2%	3,700	3.8%
Financial Activities	35,600	35,500	34,300	100	0.3%	1,300	3.8%
Pro. & Business Services	72,600	71,400	67,500	1,200	1.7%	5,100	7.6%
Education & Health Svcs.	71,500	70,600	67,900	900	1.3%	3,600	5.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	55,700	54,400	54,800	1,300	2.4%	900	1.6%
Government	114,400	114,000	113,600	400	0.4%	800	0.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC CONSTRUCTION REPORTS BOTH MONTHLY & ANNUAL GROWTH

Seasonal factors helped Oklahoma City **Construction** to a small monthly gain of 500 jobs (+2.0 percent) in March, spurred on by growth in **Specialty Trade Contractors**. Over the year, **Construction** has added 1,700 jobs (+7.1 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Construction	25,800	25,300	24,100	500	2.0%	1,700	7.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors	16,000	15,600	15,500	400	2.6%	500	3.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC MANUFACTURING DOWN FOR MONTH & YEAR IN MARCH

Manufacturing in Oklahoma City continued to shed jobs in March, dropping 300 jobs (-0.8 percent) for the month and 1,200 jobs (-3.1 percent) for the year. The **Durable Goods Manufacturing** industry provided more than half of both the monthly and yearly losses.

OKLAHOMA CITY Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Manufacturing	37,900	38,200	39,100	-300	-0.8%	-1,200	-3.1%
Durable Goods	26,800	27,000	27,500	-200	-0.7%	-700	-2.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES UP FOR MONTH & YEAR IN OKC

Trade, Transportation & Utilities in Oklahoma City reversed course over the month, as it added 1,200 jobs (+1.2 percent) in March. The monthly gain was provided by all of **TTU's** component industries. Over the year, **Wholesale Trade** and **Retail Trade** were the big contributors to the annual gain.

OKLAHOMA CITY Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	100,800	99,600	97,100	1,200	1.2%	3,700	3.8%
Wholesale Trade	22,600	22,400	21,300	200	0.9%	1,300	6.1%
Retail Trade	62,000	61,200	60,300	800	1.3%	1,700	2.8%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	16,200	16,000	15,500	200	1.3%	700	4.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES LOOKS STRONG FOR MONTH & YEAR

In addition to a 5,100–job annual gain (+7.6 percent), Oklahoma City's **Professional & Business Services** supersector reported monthly growth of 1,200 jobs (+1.7 percent) in March. Most of the monthly growth came from the **Administrative & Support Services** industry. This industry combined with **Professional & Scientific Services** to provide all of the annual change.

OKLAHOMA CITY Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Pro. & Business Services	72,600	71,400	67,500	1,200	1.7%	5,100	7.6%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,000	26,800	25,300	200	0.7%	1,700	6.7%
Management of Companies	4,600	4,700	4,900	-100	-2.1%	-300	-6.1%
Admin. & Support Services	41,000	39,900	37,300	1,100	2.8%	3,700	9.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES SEES MONTHLY, ANNUAL GAINS

Education & Health Services grew by 900 jobs (+1.3 percent) over the month in March due solely to the Health Care & Social Assistance industry. This industry's over-the-year gain combined with that of Educational Services for an annual addition of 3,600 jobs (+5.3 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	71,500	70,600	67,900	900	1.3%	3,600	5.3%
Educational Services	8,600	8,600	7,500	0	0.0%	1,100	14.7%
Health Care & Social Asst.	62,900	62,000	60,400	900	1.5%	2,500	4.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LEISURE & HOSPITALITY CONTINUES SEASONAL REBOUND IN MARCH

Oklahoma City Leisure & Hospitality continued its seasonal improvement in March, gaining 1,300 jobs (+2.4 percent) over the month. The Food Services & Drinking Places industry contributed more than half of the monthly and yearly gains.

OKLAHOMA CITY Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	55,700	54,400	54,800	1,300	2.4%	900	1.6%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	44,900	44,000	44,400	900	2.0%	500	1.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH CONTINUES FOR MONTH & YEAR IN OKC

Oklahoma City Government reported a monthly gain of 400 jobs (+0.4 percent) in March to go along with an annual increase of 800 jobs (+1.7 percent). State Government and Local Government shared the monthly gain, while State Government fueled the supersector's 800-job annual gain (+0.7 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Government	114,400	114,000	113,600	400	0.4%	800	0.7%
Federal Government	26,200	26,200	26,500	0	0.0%	-300	-1.1%
State Government	41,200	41,000	40,300	200	0.5%	900	2.2%
Local Government	47,000	46,800	46,800	200	0.4%	200	0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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TULSA REPORTS BOTH MONTHLY & ANNUAL GROWTH IN MARCH

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT for the Tulsa MSA continued to recover in March, adding 2,900 jobs (+0.7 percent) for the month and 11,300 jobs (+2.8 percent) over the year. The monthly and annual gains were provided by both the **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries**.

All supersectors under the **Goods Producing Industries** managed to add jobs over the year in March. Monthly and annual growth was also widespread for the **Service Providing Industries**.

TULSA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	417,500	414,600	406,200	2,900	0.7%	11,300	2.8%
Goods Producing Industries	75,300	75,000	71,300	300	0.4%	4,000	5.6%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,800	6,800	6,200	0	0.0%	600	9.7%
Construction	21,300	21,300	18,900	0	0.0%	2,400	12.7%
Manufacturing	47,200	46,900	46,200	300	0.6%	1,000	2.2%
Service Providing Industries	342,200	339,600	334,900	2,600	0.8%	7,300	2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	81,600	80,600	79,400	1,000	1.2%	2,200	2.8%
Pro. & Business Services	60,500	60,000	58,300	500	0.8%	2,200	3.8%
Education & Health Svcs.	55,400	54,800	53,500	600	1.1%	1,900	3.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,100	34,800	34,500	300	0.9%	600	1.7%
Government	52,800	52,700	51,900	100	0.2%	900	1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA CONSTRUCTION GROWS OVER YEAR IN MARCH

Tulsa **Construction** grew by 2,400 jobs (+12.7 percent) over the year in March, while holding steady at 21,300 jobs over the month. **Specialty Trade Contractors** provided most of the momentum for the annual gain.

TULSA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Construction	21,300	21,300	18,900	0	0.0%	2,400	12.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,000	14,100	12,300	-100	-0.7%	1,700	13.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA TTU SUPERSECTOR REPORTS MONTHLY & ANNUAL GROWTH IN MARCH

Tulsa's **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** supersector reversed course by adding 1,000 jobs (+1.2 percent) over the month. Growth in **Retail Trade** was the source of more than half of the monthly gain. This supersector has also grown by 2,200 jobs (+2.8 percent) for the year, due in part to strong growth in **Retail Trade**.

TULSA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	81,600	80,600	79,400	1,000	1.2%	2,200	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	17,500	17,300	16,800	200	1.2%	700	4.2%
Retail Trade	44,100	43,500	42,600	600	1.4%	1,500	3.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES UP FOR MONTH & YEAR

The **Administrative & Support Services** industry again drove annual changes in **Professional & Business Services** in March 2006. This industry's annual gain of 2,400 jobs (+7.3 percent) overcame annual losses in other industries and pushed the supersector to over-the-year growth of 2,200 jobs (+3.8 percent).

TULSA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Pro. & Business Services	60,500	60,000	58,300	500	0.8%	2,200	3.8%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,300	19,100	19,500	200	1.0%	-200	-1.0%
Management of Companies	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Admin. & Support Services	35,200	34,900	32,800	300	0.9%	2,400	7.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES UP FOR MONTH & YEAR IN TULSA

Tulsa **Education & Health Services** again experienced monthly and annual gains in March. Both **Education Services** and **Health Care & Social Assistance** contributed to the monthly and annual gains, with **Health Care & Social Assistance** providing a majority of both.

TULSA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	55,400	54,800	53,500	600	1.1%	1,900	3.6%
Education Services	6,900	6,800	6,600	100	1.5%	300	4.5%
Health Care & Social Asst.	48,500	48,000	46,900	500	1.0%	1,600	3.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA GOVERNMENT GROWS OVER MONTH & YEAR

Despite registering only a marginal gain in March, Tulsa **Government** managed over-the-year growth of 900 jobs (+1.7 percent). The monthly and annual gains were provided by the **Local Government** industry.

TULSA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
Government	52,800	52,700	51,900	100	0.2%	900	1.7%
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
State Government	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Local Government	40,900	40,800	39,800	100	0.2%	1,100	2.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LAWTON EXPERIENCES JOB GAINS FOR MONTH & YEAR IN MARCH

In March, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in the Lawton MSA gained jobs for both the month and year. Movement in the **Service Providing Industries** was the driving force behind the changes. The monthly gain of 600 jobs (+1.5 percent) came from **Trade, Transportation & Utilities, Professional & Business Services, Education & Health Services, Leisure & Hospitality, and Government**. Change under the **Service Providing Industries** was not limited to growth. While **Education & Health Services** and **Government** expanded over the year, **Professional & Business Services** and **Leisure & Hospitality** both shed jobs. **Government** provided the largest annual gain.

LAWTON EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	41,000	40,400	40,700	600	1.5%	300	0.7%
Goods Producing Industries	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Service Providing Industries	35,700	35,100	35,400	600	1.7%	300	0.8%
Trade, Transp. & Utils.	6,900	6,800	6,900	100	1.5%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,100	5,000	5,100	100	2.0%	0	0.0%
Pro. & Business Services	3,300	3,200	3,500	100	3.1%	-200	-5.7%
Education & Health Services	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,000	3,800	4,100	200	5.3%	-100	-2.4%
Government	12,900	12,800	12,400	100	0.8%	500	4.0%
Federal Government	3,600	3,500	3,400	100	2.9%	200	5.9%
State Government	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	0.0%	100	5.9%
Local Government	7,500	7,500	7,300	0	0.0%	200	2.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Current Empl Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,538,200	1,523,800	1,496,800	14,400	0.9%	41,400	2.8%
Total Private Employment*	1,216,600	1,204,100	1,182,200	12,500	1.0%	34,400	2.9%
Private Svc. Providers**	963,400	953,500	940,500	9,900	1.0%	22,900	2.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	253,200	250,600	241,700	2,600	1.0%	11,500	4.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	38,300	38,100	34,800	200	0.5%	3,500	10.1%
Support for Mining	21,800	21,300	18,800	500	2.3%	3,000	16.0%
Construction	68,000	65,900	63,600	2,100	3.2%	4,400	6.9%
Construction of Buildings	14,500	14,100	13,600	400	2.8%	900	6.6%
Residential Buildings	7,000	6,900	6,400	100	1.4%	600	9.4%
Non-residential Buildings	7,500	7,200	7,200	300	4.2%	300	4.2%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,500	11,200	10,700	300	2.7%	800	7.5%
Specialty Trade Contractor	42,000	40,600	39,300	1,400	3.4%	2,700	6.9%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	19,200	18,700	18,300	500	2.7%	900	4.9%
Manufacturing	146,900	146,600	143,300	300	0.2%	3,600	2.5%
Durable Goods Mfg.	97,800	97,700	94,400	100	0.1%	3,400	3.6%
Wood Product Mfg.	3,900	3,800	4,000	100	2.6%	-100	-2.5%
Primary Metal Mfg.	4,300	4,400	4,100	-100	-2.3%	200	4.9%
Fabricated Metal Mfg.	22,900	22,200	21,000	700	3.2%	1,900	9.0%
Other Fabricated Metal	4,900	4,900	4,000	0	0.0%	900	22.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	25,600	25,500	24,100	100	0.4%	1,500	6.2%
Computer/Electronics Mfg.	5,700	5,700	5,400	0	0.0%	300	5.6%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,200	3,100	2,900	100	3.2%	300	10.3%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	16,300	16,600	17,000	-300	-1.8%	-700	-4.1%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	3,300	3,400	3,500	-100	-2.9%	-200	-5.7%
Motor Vehicle Body/Part	3,600	3,800	4,200	-200	-5.3%	-600	-14.3%
Aerospace Products	4,000	4,000	3,600	0	0.0%	400	11.1%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,100	48,900	48,900	200	0.4%	200	0.4%
Food Manufacturing	20,000	19,800	19,500	200	1.0%	500	2.6%
Paper Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	12,800	12,600	12,700	200	1.6%	100	0.8%
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,285,000	1,273,200	1,255,100	11,800	0.9%	29,900	2.4%
Trade, Transp. & Utils.	282,100	279,300	274,300	2,800	1.0%	7,800	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	57,800	57,200	55,500	600	1.0%	2,300	4.1%
Retail Trade	170,900	169,200	166,700	1,700	1.0%	4,200	2.5%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	24,100	23,800	23,700	300	1.3%	400	1.7%
Automobile Dealers	14,700	14,700	14,900	0	0.0%	-200	-1.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	23,000	23,000	23,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Gasoline Stations	12,700	12,600	12,600	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	44,200	43,800	43,200	400	0.9%	1,000	2.3%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	53,400	52,900	52,100	500	0.9%	1,300	2.5%
Utilities	9,700	9,600	9,500	100	1.0%	200	2.1%
Transport. & Warehouse	43,700	43,300	42,600	400	0.9%	1,100	2.6%
Air Transportation	8,700	8,700	8,900	0	0.0%	-200	-2.2%
Truck Transportation	17,300	17,200	16,900	100	0.6%	400	2.4%

Current Empl. Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
Information	29,900	30,100	30,100	-200	-0.7%	-200	-0.7%
Publishing Industries	7,000	7,100	6,800	-100	-1.4%	200	2.9%
Telecommunications	13,200	13,100	13,400	100	0.8%	-200	-1.5%
Financial Activities	85,100	84,800	82,800	300	0.4%	2,300	2.8%
Finance & Insurance	61,200	61,000	59,400	200	0.3%	1,800	3.0%
Credit Intermediation	30,500	30,300	29,600	200	0.7%	900	3.0%
Depository Credit Int.	23,800	23,700	23,300	100	0.4%	500	2.1%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	26,100	26,000	25,500	100	0.4%	600	2.4%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	23,900	23,800	23,400	100	0.4%	500	2.1%
Real Estate	11,400	11,300	10,900	100	0.9%	500	4.6%
Pro. & Business Services	172,900	170,400	166,900	2,500	1.5%	6,000	3.6%
Pro. & Scientific Services	59,800	60,000	59,300	-200	-0.3%	500	0.8%
Legal Services	12,900	12,900	12,700	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	12,600	13,100	12,700	-500	-3.8%	-100	-0.8%
Architecture & Engineering	11,300	11,200	10,600	100	0.9%	700	6.6%
Management of Companies	12,200	12,200	12,500	0	0.0%	-300	-2.4%
Admin. & Support Services	100,900	98,200	95,100	2,700	2.7%	5,800	6.1%
Employment Services	45,500	43,300	42,300	2,200	5.1%	3,200	7.6%
Business Support Svcs.	18,700	18,300	18,100	400	2.2%	600	3.3%
Services to Buildings	13,100	12,900	13,000	200	1.6%	100	0.8%
Education & Health Svcs.	186,700	185,500	181,100	1,200	0.6%	5,600	3.1%
Education Services	18,800	18,400	18,900	400	2.2%	-100	-0.5%
Health Care & Social Asst.	167,900	167,100	162,200	800	0.5%	5,700	3.5%
Ambulatory Health Care	59,700	59,400	56,900	300	0.5%	2,800	4.9%
Hospitals	49,100	48,900	47,800	200	0.4%	1,300	2.7%
Nursing/Residential Care	35,500	35,400	34,400	100	0.3%	1,100	3.2%
Social Assistance	23,600	23,400	23,100	200	0.9%	500	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	132,400	129,500	131,100	2,900	2.2%	1,300	1.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	14,400	13,600	13,300	800	5.9%	1,100	8.3%
Accommodation/Food Svc.	118,000	115,900	117,800	2,100	1.8%	200	0.2%
Accommodation	10,300	10,000	10,300	300	3.0%	0	0.0%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	107,700	105,900	107,500	1,800	1.7%	200	0.2%
Full-service Restaurants	50,600	50,100	50,700	500	1.0%	-100	-0.2%
Limited-service Eating	51,800	50,600	51,700	1,200	2.4%	100	0.2%
Other Services	74,300	73,900	74,200	400	0.5%	100	0.1%
Repair & Maintenance	12,500	12,500	12,700	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
Personal & Laundry Svcs.	12,400	12,300	12,400	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
Government	321,600	319,700	314,600	1,900	0.6%	7,000	2.2%
Federal Government	45,700	45,600	45,600	100	0.2%	100	0.2%
State Government	85,600	84,900	84,300	700	0.8%	1,300	1.5%
Local Government	190,300	189,200	184,700	1,100	0.6%	5,600	3.0%

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

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

Current Empl. Statistics OKLA. CITY MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	565,700	560,000	549,000	5,700	1.0%	16,700	3.0%
Total Private Employment*	451,300	446,000	435,400	5,300	1.2%	15,900	3.7%
Private Svc. Providers**	377,400	372,400	363,100	5,000	1.3%	14,300	3.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	73,900	73,600	72,300	300	0.4%	1,600	2.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,200	10,100	9,100	100	1.0%	1,100	12.1%
Construction	25,800	25,300	24,100	500	2.0%	1,700	7.1%
Specialty Trade Contractor	16,000	15,600	15,500	400	2.6%	500	3.2%
Manufacturing	37,900	38,200	39,100	-300	-0.8%	-1,200	-3.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	26,800	27,000	27,500	-200	-0.7%	-700	-2.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	5,300	5,400	5,400	-100	-1.9%	-100	-1.9%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	7,900	8,200	8,500	-300	-3.7%	-600	-7.1%
Plastic & Rubber Products	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	0.0%	-100	-3.3%
SERVICE PROVIDING	491,800	486,400	476,700	5,400	1.1%	15,100	3.2%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	100,800	99,600	97,100	1,200	1.2%	3,700	3.8%
Wholesale Trade	22,600	22,400	21,300	200	0.9%	1,300	6.1%
Retail Trade	62,000	61,200	60,300	800	1.3%	1,700	2.8%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	14,400	14,000	13,300	400	2.9%	1,100	8.3%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	16,200	16,000	15,500	200	1.3%	700	4.5%
Information	13,700	13,800	13,600	-100	-0.7%	100	0.7%
Telecommunications	5,600	5,700	5,900	-100	-1.8%	-300	-5.1%
Financial Activities	35,600	35,500	34,300	100	0.3%	1,300	3.8%
Finance & Insurance	24,100	24,100	23,300	0	0.0%	800	3.4%
Rental & Leasing Services	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
Pro. & Business Services	72,600	71,400	67,500	1,200	1.7%	5,100	7.6%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,000	26,800	25,300	200	0.7%	1,700	6.7%
Management of Companies	4,600	4,700	4,900	-100	-2.1%	-300	-6.1%
Admin. & Support Services	41,000	39,900	37,300	1,100	2.8%	3,700	9.9%
Employment Services	17,800	17,300	15,800	500	2.9%	2,000	12.7%
Business Support Svcs.	6,600	6,800	7,000	-200	-2.9%	-400	-5.7%
Education & Health Svcs.	71,500	70,600	67,900	900	1.3%	3,600	5.3%
Education Services	8,600	8,600	7,500	0	0.0%	1,100	14.7%
Health Care & Social Asst.	62,900	62,000	60,400	900	1.5%	2,500	4.1%
Ambulatory Health Care	24,500	24,200	22,400	300	1.2%	2,100	9.4%
Hospitals	20,200	20,300	20,000	-100	-0.5%	200	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	55,700	54,400	54,800	1,300	2.4%	900	1.6%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	44,900	44,000	44,400	900	2.0%	500	1.1%
Full-service Restaurants	22,400	22,000	21,900	400	1.8%	500	2.3%
Limited-service Eating	20,700	20,200	20,200	500	2.5%	500	2.5%
Other Services	27,500	27,100	27,900	400	1.5%	-400	-1.4%
Government	114,400	114,000	113,600	400	0.4%	800	0.7%
Federal Government	26,200	26,200	26,500	0	0.0%	-300	-1.1%
State Government	41,200	41,000	40,300	200	0.5%	900	2.2%
Local Government	47,000	46,800	46,800	200	0.4%	200	0.4%

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Current Empl. Statistics TULSA MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	417,500	414,600	406,200	2,900	0.7%	11,300	2.8%
Total Private Employment*	364,700	361,900	354,300	2,800	0.8%	10,400	2.9%
Private Service Providers**	289,400	286,900	283,000	2,500	0.9%	6,400	2.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	75,300	75,000	71,300	300	0.4%	4,000	5.6%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,800	6,800	6,200	0	0.0%	600	9.7%
Construction	21,300	21,300	18,900	0	0.0%	2,400	12.7%
Specialty Trade Contractor	14,000	14,100	12,300	-100	-0.7%	1,700	13.8%
Manufacturing	47,200	46,900	46,200	300	0.6%	1,000	2.2%
Machinery Mfg.	10,400	10,100	9,500	300	3.0%	900	9.5%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	0.0%	100	2.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	0.0%	200	4.5%
SERVICE PROVIDING	342,200	339,600	334,900	2,600	0.8%	7,300	2.2%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	81,600	80,600	79,400	1,000	1.2%	2,200	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	17,500	17,300	16,800	200	1.2%	700	4.2%
Retail Trade	44,100	43,500	42,600	600	1.4%	1,500	3.5%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,300	6,100	6,000	200	3.3%	300	5.0%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	10,700	10,300	10,500	400	3.9%	200	1.9%
Department Stores	4,200	4,100	4,000	100	2.4%	200	5.0%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,500	6,200	6,500	300	4.8%	0	0.0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	20,000	19,800	20,000	200	1.0%	0	0.0%
Utilities	3,000	2,900	2,800	100	3.4%	200	7.1%
Transport. & Warehouse	17,000	16,900	17,200	100	0.6%	-200	-1.2%
Air Transportation	7,500	7,500	7,700	0	0.0%	-200	-2.6%
Information	10,100	10,200	10,500	-100	-1.0%	-400	-3.8%
Telecommunications	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	0.0%	-300	-6.1%
Financial Activities	25,100	25,200	25,200	-100	-0.4%	-100	-0.4%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Pro. & Business Services	60,500	60,000	58,300	500	0.8%	2,200	3.8%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,300	19,100	19,500	200	1.0%	-200	-1.0%
Management of Companies	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Admin. & Support Services	35,200	34,900	32,800	300	0.9%	2,400	7.3%
Employment Services	16,200	15,700	14,100	500	3.2%	2,100	14.9%
Business Support Svcs.	8,100	8,300	8,400	-200	-2.4%	-300	-3.6%
Education & Health Svcs.	55,400	54,800	53,500	600	1.1%	1,900	3.6%
Education Services	6,900	6,800	6,600	100	1.5%	300	4.5%
Health Care & Social Asst.	48,500	48,000	46,900	500	1.0%	1,600	3.4%
Ambulatory Health Care	18,100	17,900	17,200	200	1.1%	900	5.2%
Hospitals	16,000	15,800	15,900	200	1.3%	100	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,100	34,800	34,500	300	0.9%	600	1.7%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	30,000	29,700	29,000	300	1.0%	1,000	3.4%
Full-service Restaurants	15,400	15,200	14,600	200	1.3%	800	5.5%
Other Services	21,600	21,300	21,600	300	1.4%	0	0.0%
Government	52,800	52,700	51,900	100	0.2%	900	1.7%
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
State Government	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Local Government	40,900	40,800	39,800	100	0.2%	1,100	2.8%

Current Empl. Statistics LAWTON MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Feb '06 to Mar '06		Mar '05 to Mar '06	
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	41,000	40,400	40,700	600	1.5%	300	0.7%
Total Private Employment*	28,100	27,600	28,300	500	1.8%	-200	-0.7%
Private Svc. Providers**	22,800	22,300	23,000	500	2.2%	-200	-0.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
N. Resources/Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SERVICE PROVIDING	35,700	35,100	35,400	600	1.7%	300	0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	6,900	6,800	6,900	100	1.5%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,100	5,000	5,100	100	2.0%	0	0.0%
Transp., 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	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pro. & Business Services	3,300	3,200	3,500	100	3.1%	-200	-5.7%
Education & Health Svcs.	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	0.0%	100	2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,000	3,800	4,100	200	5.3%	-100	-2.4%
Other Services	1,900	1,800	1,900	100	5.6%	0	0.0%
Government	12,900	12,800	12,400	100	0.8%	500	4.0%
Federal Government	3,600	3,500	3,400	100	2.9%	200	5.9%
State Government	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	0.0%	100	5.9%
Local Government	7,500	7,500	7,300	0	0.0%	200	2.7%

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

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

LAUS by MSA	MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
Oklahoma City MSA	567,950	24,500	592,450	4.1%	3.9%	4.3%	4.8%
Tulsa MSA	436,200	18,390	454,590	4.0%	4.0%	4.3%	4.7%
Lawton MSA	44,180	2,130	46,310	4.6%	4.5%	5.0%	4.6%
LAUS by WIA***	MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
Central WIA	398,540	17,890	416,420	4.3%	4.1%	4.5%	5.0%
Cleveland Co. WIA	117,550	4,320	121,870	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	4.2%
East Central WIA	63,500	3,360	66,860	5.0%	4.8%	5.4%	6.2%
Holdenville LLM	9,060	590	9,650	6.1%	6.2%	6.9%	7.4%
Shawnee LLM	54,440	2,770	57,210	4.8%	4.6%	5.1%	6.0%
Eastern WIA	131,130	6,400	137,530	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.5%
Muskogee LLM	67,470	3,090	70,560	4.4%	4.4%	4.7%	5.5%
Okmulgee LLM	16,400	970	17,370	5.6%	6.1%	6.0%	7.4%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	47,260	2,340	49,600	4.7%	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%
North Central WIA	107,210	4,390	111,600	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	4.2%
Enid LLM	48,240	1,740	49,980	3.5%	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%
Ponca City LLM	24,790	1,420	26,210	5.4%	5.1%	5.3%	5.7%
Stillwater LLM	34,180	1,230	35,410	3.5%	3.4%	3.9%	3.7%
Northeast WIA	124,250	5,110	129,360	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%	4.6%
Bartlesville LLM	29,750	1,140	30,890	3.7%	3.6%	4.0%	4.5%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	72,050	2,920	74,970	3.9%	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%
Miami-Vinita LLM	22,450	1,050	23,500	4.5%	4.5%	4.9%	5.1%
Northwest WIA	33,320	1,200	34,540	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%	3.8%
Guymon LLM	12,780	470	13,260	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.8%
Woodward LLM	20,540	730	21,280	3.4%	3.5%	3.9%	3.7%
South Central WIA	121,360	5,600	126,960	4.4%	4.3%	4.7%	4.6%
Chickasha LLM	48,530	2,340	50,870	4.6%	4.4%	4.8%	4.9%
Duncan LLM	21,990	850	22,840	3.7%	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%
Lawton LLM	50,840	2,410	53,250	4.5%	4.5%	4.9%	4.6%
Southeast WIA	75,110	3,880	78,990	4.9%	5.2%	5.3%	5.5%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,300	1,510	26,810	5.6%	5.8%	6.4%	6.0%
McAlester LLM	23,940	1,110	25,050	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%	5.2%
Poteau LLM	25,870	1,260	27,130	4.7%	5.3%	4.7%	5.2%
Southern WIA	103,690	4,350	108,040	4.0%	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%
Ada LLM	31,880	1,330	33,210	4.0%	3.8%	4.2%	4.5%
Ardmore LLM	34,470	1,390	35,860	3.9%	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%
Durant LLM	37,340	1,630	38,970	4.2%	4.1%	4.5%	4.4%
Southwest WIA	49,120	1,870	50,990	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%	3.8%
Altus LLM	18,880	830	19,710	4.2%	4.1%	4.5%	4.7%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	30,240	1,040	31,280	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.2%
Tulsa WIA	349,720	14,840	364,550	4.1%	4.0%	4.3%	4.7%

*** WIA = Workforce Investment Area, LLM = Local Labor Market

LAUS County by Rank	MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
1. Coal County	2,120	150	2,270	6.8%	6.1%	6.5%	8.4%
2. McCurtain County	13,340	910	14,260	6.4%	6.5%	7.3%	6.5%
3. Hughes County	4,810	320	5,140	6.3%	6.4%	7.3%	7.3%
4. Seminole County	9,620	620	10,240	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	7.8%
5. Okfuskee County	4,250	270	4,520	5.9%	5.9%	6.4%	7.6%
6. Kay County	19,440	1,210	20,650	5.8%	5.5%	5.6%	6.1%
7. Caddo County	11,410	690	12,100	5.7%	5.5%	5.8%	5.6%
8. Okmulgee County	16,400	970	17,370	5.6%	6.1%	6.0%	7.4%
9. Choctaw County	6,470	360	6,830	5.3%	5.6%	6.1%	5.7%
10. Latimer County	3,780	210	3,990	5.3%	5.4%	5.8%	5.5%
11. Sequoyah County	17,510	970	18,480	5.3%	5.8%	4.9%	5.9%
12. Woods County	3,970	220	4,190	5.3%	5.6%	6.0%	5.9%
13. Greer County	1,940	110	2,050	5.2%	5.3%	5.8%	6.1%
14. Muskogee County	28,010	1,500	29,500	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%	6.3%
15. Jefferson County	2,030	100	2,140	4.9%	4.8%	5.3%	5.3%
16. Tillman County	3,220	170	3,380	4.9%	4.8%	5.1%	5.0%
17. Adair County	9,600	490	10,080	4.8%	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%
18. Alfalfa County	2,220	110	2,330	4.8%	4.6%	5.0%	4.1%
19. McIntosh County	8,200	410	8,610	4.8%	4.8%	5.0%	6.1%
20. Pottawatomie Co.	30,080	1,510	31,590	4.8%	4.5%	4.9%	5.8%
21. Kiowa County	3,750	180	3,930	4.7%	4.6%	4.6%	4.8%
22. Le Flore County	20,750	1,030	21,780	4.7%	5.6%	4.6%	5.5%
23. Atoka County	5,410	260	5,670	4.6%	4.4%	5.0%	5.2%
24. Comanche Co.	44,180	2,130	46,310	4.6%	4.5%	5.0%	4.6%
25. Johnston County	4,800	230	5,030	4.6%	4.5%	4.8%	4.5%
26. Grady County	22,850	1,080	23,930	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%	4.4%
27. Nowata County	4,780	220	5,000	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	5.6%
28. Oklahoma Co.	330,670	15,490	346,160	4.5%	4.2%	4.6%	5.3%
29. Ottawa County	16,010	760	16,770	4.5%	4.6%	4.9%	5.3%
30. Delaware County	16,810	780	17,590	4.4%	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%
31. Pawnee County	7,670	350	8,020	4.4%	4.3%	4.8%	5.6%
32. Craig County	6,440	290	6,730	4.3%	4.2%	4.7%	4.5%
33. Creek County	31,350	1,420	32,770	4.3%	4.5%	5.1%	6.1%
34. Haskell County	5,120	230	5,350	4.3%	4.4%	4.9%	4.1%
35. Mayes County	16,420	740	17,160	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%	5.1%
36. Osage County	20,400	910	21,310	4.3%	4.1%	4.5%	5.3%
37. Pittsburg County	20,160	900	21,050	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%	5.1%
38. Cherokee County	20,160	880	21,040	4.2%	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%
39. Marshall County	5,910	260	6,170	4.2%	4.1%	4.6%	4.3%
40. Pushmataha Co.	5,490	240	5,730	4.2%	4.3%	4.5%	5.0%
41. Blaine County	4,630	200	4,830	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	5.5%
42. Carter County	22,810	970	23,780	4.1%	4.1%	4.4%	4.5%
43. Lincoln County	14,750	640	15,380	4.1%	4.0%	4.5%	5.2%
44. Garvin County	12,760	530	13,290	4.0%	3.9%	4.3%	4.1%

LAUS County by Rank	MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
45. Harmon County	1,290	50	1,340	4.0%	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%
46. Pontotoc County	19,120	800	19,920	4.0%	3.7%	4.1%	4.7%
47. Tulsa County	290,300	12,150	302,450	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%
48. Grant County	2,320	90	2,410	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.8%
49. Jackson County	11,910	480	12,390	3.9%	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%
50. McClain County	14,270	580	14,840	3.9%	3.4%	3.8%	5.0%
51. Noble County	5,350	220	5,560	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%
52. Bryan County	19,100	720	19,830	3.7%	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%
53. Texas County	8,780	340	9,120	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.9%
54. Stephens County	19,960	750	20,710	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%
55. Wagoner County	31,270	1,180	32,450	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%	4.5%
56. Cleveland County	117,550	4,320	121,870	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	4.2%
57. Logan County	17,950	650	18,600	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%
58. Love County	4,610	170	4,780	3.5%	3.3%	3.9%	4.4%
59. Payne County	34,180	1,230	35,410	3.5%	3.4%	3.9%	3.7%
60. Rogers County	38,830	1,400	40,230	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%	4.1%
61. Washington Co.	24,970	910	25,890	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%	4.3%
62. Washita County	5,700	200	5,900	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	3.3%
63. Canadian County	49,910	1,760	51,670	3.4%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%
64. Cimarron County	1,240	40	1,280	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%
65. Garfield County	28,080	990	29,070	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%	3.7%
66. Murray County	7,050	250	7,300	3.4%	3.4%	3.7%	4.1%
67. Beckham County	9,550	330	9,870	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.2%
68. Custer County	13,270	460	13,730	3.3%	3.1%	3.4%	3.2%
69. Beaver County	2,760	90	2,850	3.2%	3.0%	3.1%	3.5%
70. Dewey County	2,280	80	2,350	3.2%	3.4%	3.9%	3.2%
71. Cotton County	3,440	110	3,550	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%	3.5%
72. Ellis County	2,060	70	2,130	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	2.4%
73. Harper County	1,750	60	1,800	3.1%	3.1%	3.5%	2.9%
74. Major County	3,500	110	3,620	3.1%	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%
75. Kingfisher Co.	7,480	230	7,720	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%	3.2%
76. Roger Mills Co.	1,720	50	1,770	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%	2.7%
77. Woodward Co.	10,500	310	10,810	2.9%	2.8%	3.2%	3.3%

LAUS by County	MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
Adair County	9,600	490	10,080	4.8%	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%
Alfalfa County	2,220	110	2,330	4.8%	4.6%	5.0%	4.1%
Atoka County	5,410	260	5,670	4.6%	4.4%	5.0%	5.2%
Beaver County	2,760	90	2,850	3.2%	3.0%	3.1%	3.5%
Beckham County	9,550	330	9,870	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	3.2%
Blaine County	4,630	200	4,830	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	5.5%
Bryan County	19,100	720	19,830	3.7%	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%
Caddo County	11,410	690	12,100	5.7%	5.5%	5.8%	5.6%
Canadian County	49,910	1,760	51,670	3.4%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%
Carter County	22,810	970	23,780	4.1%	4.1%	4.4%	4.5%
Cherokee County	20,160	880	21,040	4.2%	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%
Choctaw County	6,470	360	6,830	5.3%	5.6%	6.1%	5.7%
Cimarron County	1,240	40	1,280	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%
Cleveland County	117,550	4,320	121,870	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	4.2%
Coal County	2,120	150	2,270	6.8%	6.1%	6.5%	8.4%
Comanche County	44,180	2,130	46,310	4.6%	4.5%	5.0%	4.6%
Cotton County	3,440	110	3,550	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%	3.5%
Craig County	6,440	290	6,730	4.3%	4.2%	4.7%	4.5%
Creek County	31,350	1,420	32,770	4.3%	4.5%	5.1%	6.1%
Custer County	13,270	460	13,730	3.3%	3.1%	3.4%	3.2%
Delaware County	16,810	780	17,590	4.4%	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%
Dewey County	2,280	80	2,350	3.2%	3.4%	3.9%	3.2%
Ellis County	2,060	70	2,130	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	2.4%
Garfield County	28,080	990	29,070	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%	3.7%
Garvin County	12,760	530	13,290	4.0%	3.9%	4.3%	4.1%
Grady County	22,850	1,080	23,930	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%	4.4%
Grant County	2,320	90	2,410	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.8%
Greer County	1,940	110	2,050	5.2%	5.3%	5.8%	6.1%
Harmon County	1,290	50	1,340	4.0%	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%
Harper County	1,750	60	1,800	3.1%	3.1%	3.5%	2.9%
Haskell County	5,120	230	5,350	4.3%	4.4%	4.9%	4.1%
Hughes County	4,810	320	5,140	6.3%	6.4%	7.3%	7.3%
Jackson County	11,910	480	12,390	3.9%	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%
Jefferson County	2,030	100	2,140	4.9%	4.8%	5.3%	5.3%
Johnston County	4,800	230	5,030	4.6%	4.5%	4.8%	4.5%
Kay County	19,440	1,210	20,650	5.8%	5.5%	5.6%	6.1%
Kingfisher County	7,480	230	7,720	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%	3.2%
Kiowa County	3,750	180	3,930	4.7%	4.6%	4.6%	4.8%
Latimer County	3,780	210	3,990	5.3%	5.4%	5.8%	5.5%
Le Flore County	20,750	1,030	21,780	4.7%	5.6%	4.6%	5.5%
Lincoln County	14,750	640	15,380	4.1%	4.0%	4.5%	5.2%
Logan County	17,950	650	18,600	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%
Love County	4,610	170	4,780	3.5%	3.3%	3.9%	4.4%
Major County	3,500	110	3,620	3.1%	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%

LAUS by County	MARCH 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Mar '06	Feb '06	Jan '06	Mar '05
Marshall County	5,910	260	6,170	4.2%	4.1%	4.6%	4.3%
Mayes County	16,420	740	17,160	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%	5.1%
McClain County	14,270	580	14,840	3.9%	3.4%	3.8%	5.0%
McCurtain County	13,340	910	14,260	6.4%	6.5%	7.3%	6.5%
McIntosh County	8,200	410	8,610	4.8%	4.8%	5.0%	6.1%
Murray County	7,050	250	7,300	3.4%	3.4%	3.7%	4.1%
Muskogee County	28,010	1,500	29,500	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%	6.3%
Noble County	5,350	220	5,560	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%
Nowata County	4,780	220	5,000	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	5.6%
Okfuskee County	4,250	270	4,520	5.9%	5.9%	6.4%	7.6%
Oklahoma County	330,670	15,490	346,160	4.5%	4.2%	4.6%	5.3%
Oklmulgee County	16,400	970	17,370	5.6%	6.1%	6.0%	7.4%
Osage County	20,400	910	21,310	4.3%	4.1%	4.5%	5.3%
Ottawa County	16,010	760	16,770	4.5%	4.6%	4.9%	5.3%
Pawnee County	7,670	350	8,020	4.4%	4.3%	4.8%	5.6%
Payne County	34,180	1,230	35,410	3.5%	3.4%	3.9%	3.7%
Pittsburg County	20,160	900	21,050	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%	5.1%
Pontotoc County	19,120	800	19,920	4.0%	3.7%	4.1%	4.7%
Pottawatomie Co.	30,080	1,510	31,590	4.8%	4.5%	4.9%	5.8%
Pushmataha County	5,490	240	5,730	4.2%	4.3%	4.5%	5.0%
Roger Mills County	1,720	50	1,770	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%	2.7%
Rogers County	38,830	1,400	40,230	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%	4.1%
Seminole County	9,620	620	10,240	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	7.8%
Sequoyah County	17,510	970	18,480	5.3%	5.8%	4.9%	5.9%
Stephens County	19,960	750	20,710	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%
Texas County	8,780	340	9,120	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.9%
Tillman County	3,220	170	3,380	4.9%	4.8%	5.1%	5.0%
Tulsa County	290,300	12,150	302,450	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%
Wagoner County	31,270	1,180	32,450	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%	4.5%
Washington County	24,970	910	25,890	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%	4.3%
Washita County	5,700	200	5,900	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	3.3%
Woods County	3,970	220	4,190	5.3%	5.6%	6.0%	5.9%
Woodward County	10,500	310	10,810	2.9%	2.8%	3.2%	3.3%