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Oklahoma Employment Report - May 2006

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

<p>Oklahoma: 4.1% ↑ 0.5% for month ↓ 0.3% over year</p>	<p><u>COUNTIES</u> Highest rate: 7.1% (Coal County) Lowest rate: 2.7% (Roger Mills County) Big % gain: Woods County ↑ by 1.3% to 6.0% Big % loss: All county rates ↑ in May 2006.</p>
<p><u>MSAs</u> Oklahoma City MSA: 3.9% Tulsa MSA: 4.0% Lawton MSA: 4.5%</p>	

AREAS OF INTEREST

1. **Oklahoma's annual employment growth rate declined for the third straight month.** At 1.9 percent, the annual employment growth rate is still higher than the average rate for the past 25 years (1.3 percent). The Goods Producing Industries continued to outpace the Service Providing Industries, growing by 4.4 percent over the year compared to 1.4 percent.
2. **Durable Goods Manufacturing continues to post positive, but uneven, movement.** Increased activity in the Mining sector fueled employment gains in Fabricated Metal Manufacturing, while Motor Vehicle Manufacturing and Motor Vehicle Body & Part Manufacturing reported significant declines.
3. **Several service industries are seeing declines in employment.** Prominent among these are Food & Beverage Stores, General Merchandise Stores, Full-service Restaurants, and Limited-service Eating.

IN A NUTSHELL . . .

“While most of the monthly increase in the state unemployment rate can be explained by seasonal factors, there is evidence that employment growth is slowing. At this point, this slowdown should be neither alarming nor surprising given the Fed's continued moves to slow inflation by increasing interest rates.”
Lynn Gray, OESC Chief Economist

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SEASONAL FACTORS AGAIN AT HEART OF MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT MOVEMENT IN MAY

Following the typical April-to-May trend, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** gained back much of what it lost in April to settle at 4.1 percent (+0.5 percent). This rate increase was caused by seasonal changes in Oklahoma's statewide **non-seasonally adjusted employment** (-2,326 persons), **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** (+8,866 persons) and **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** (+6,540 persons). May's unemployment rate growth can be mainly attributed to the 14.1 percent growth seen in **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment**. This gain represents nearly 85 percent of the jobs lost during the March-to-April period.

U.S. and Regional EMPLOYMENT		MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
OKLAHOMA		1,685,350	71,600	1,756,950	4.1%	3.6%	4.2%	4.4%
United States		144,041,000	6,655,000	150,696,000	4.4%	4.5%	4.8%	4.9%
REGION	Arkansas	1,324,520	71,020	1,395,540	5.1%	5.0%	5.0%	4.8%
	Kansas	1,410,320	60,850	1,471,170	4.1%	4.2%	4.9%	4.9%
	Louisiana	1,784,520	90,480	1,875,000	4.8%	4.1%	4.4%	5.1%
	Missouri	2,921,970	126,660	3,048,620	4.2%	4.4%	4.9%	5.3%
	New Mexico	912,610	38,680	951,290	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%	5.3%
	Texas	10,820,290	561,780	11,382,060	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%	5.2%

ALL MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES UP IN MAY 2006

All Oklahoma metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) reported unemployment rate increases of at least 0.4 percent in May, reversing course from April's unemployment rate drop. Over the month, the unemployment rates for the **Oklahoma City** and **Tulsa MSAs** rose to 3.9 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively. **Lawton MSA** saw the biggest jump, as its unemployment rate rose from 3.9 percent to 4.5 percent.

Metropolitan Statistical Area EMPLOYMENT		MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
Oklahoma City MSA		567,920	23,350	591,270	3.9%	3.5%	4.1%	4.2%
Tulsa MSA		440,530	18,130	458,650	4.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.4%
Lawton MSA		44,080	2,090	46,170	4.5%	3.9%	4.6%	4.7%

COAL & McCURTAIN COUNTIES AGAIN REPORT HIGHEST COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN OKLAHOMA

In May 2006, **Coal County** and **McCurtain County** again posted the highest and second highest county unemployment rates in the state. At 7.1 percent, **Coal County's** rate was up by 0.5 percent, while **McCurtain County** reached 6.5 percent after a gain of 0.8 percent. **Seminole County** rounded out Oklahoma's top three highest county rates in May at 6.1 percent.

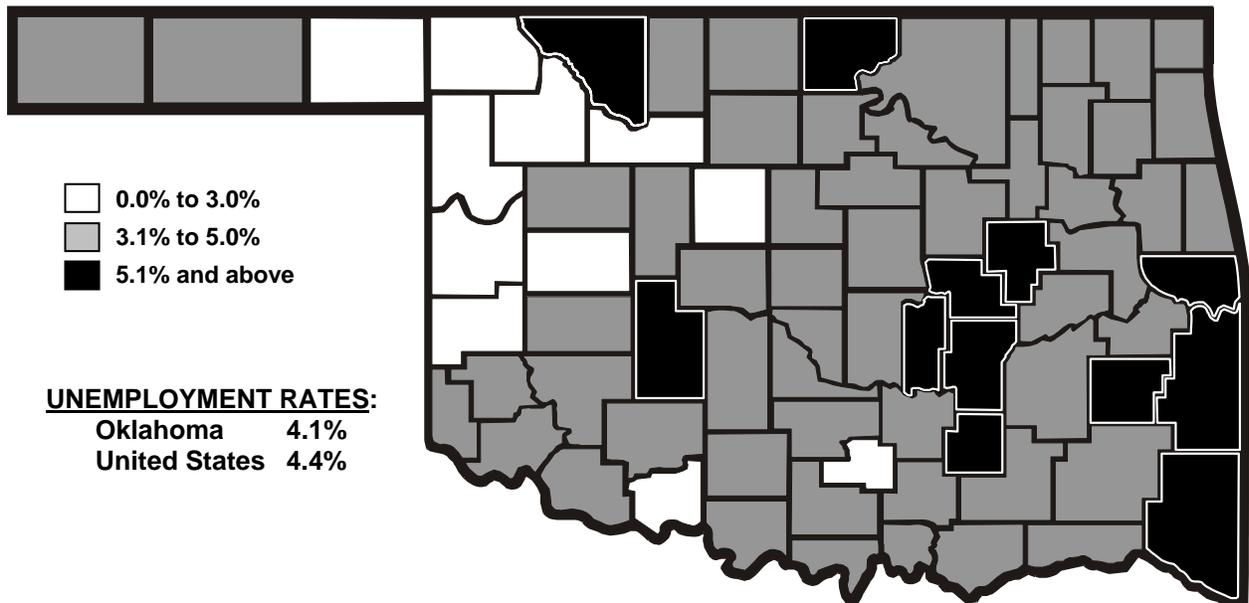
Highest County UNEMPLOYMENT		MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
Coal County		2,010	150	2,160	7.1%	6.6%	6.8%	7.3%
McCurtain County		13,110	910	14,010	6.5%	5.8%	6.4%	6.2%
Seminole County		9,580	620	10,200	6.1%	5.3%	6.1%	7.0%

ROGER MILLS COUNTY CLAIMS STATE'S LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN MAY

After sharing April's lowest county unemployment rate with **Woodward County**, **Roger Mills County** claimed sole possession of May's lowest rate at 2.7 percent. **Woodward County** slipped to second place with an unemployment rate of 2.8 percent. **Beaver, Cotton** and **Ellis counties** shared the state's third lowest county unemployment rate of 2.9 percent for May.

Lowest County UNEMPLOYMENT	MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
Roger Mills County	1,740	50	1,790	2.7%	2.3%	3.0%	2.9%
Woodward County	10,570	310	10,880	2.8%	2.3%	2.9%	3.3%
Beaver County	2,830	80	2,910	2.9%	2.5%	3.2%	3.6%
Cotton County	3,450	100	3,550	2.9%	2.7%	3.1%	3.7%
Ellis County	2,080	60	2,140	2.9%	2.4%	3.1%	2.8%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary Data for May 2006



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SEASONAL CHANGE, ANNUAL GROWTH CONTINUE IN MAY 2006

Oklahoma continued to add jobs in May 2006, as the state's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 3,600 jobs (+0.2 percent) for the month and 28,300 jobs (+1.9 percent) over the year. The **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** both contributed to the monthly and annual gains.

The **Goods Producing Industries** continued to strengthen in May, as **Natural Resources & Mining**, **Construction**, and **Manufacturing** all reported job gains for the month and year. For the **Service Providing Industries**, seasonal losses were reported in **Educational & Health Services** (-400 jobs over month), while seasonal gains were seen in **Leisure & Hospitality** (+1,300 jobs over month). For the May-to-May period, the **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** continued expanding, with the **Goods Producing Industries** growing at a rate of 4.4 percent.

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,548,900	1,545,300	1,520,600	3,600	0.2%	28,300	1.9%
Goods Producing Industries	255,700	253,600	245,000	2,100	0.8%	10,700	4.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	38,800	38,400	35,400	400	1.0%	3,400	9.6%
Construction	69,500	68,300	65,200	1,200	1.8%	4,300	6.6%
Manufacturing	147,400	146,900	144,400	500	0.3%	3,000	2.1%
Service Providing Industries	1,293,200	1,291,700	1,275,600	1,500	0.1%	17,600	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	282,400	281,600	278,200	800	0.3%	4,200	1.5%
Financial Activities	84,500	85,100	84,000	-600	-0.7%	500	0.6%
Pro. & Business Services	175,500	175,100	170,200	400	0.2%	5,300	3.1%
Education & Health Svcs.	186,600	187,000	182,500	-400	-0.2%	4,100	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	137,200	135,900	136,900	1,300	1.0%	300	0.2%
Government	322,600	322,400	318,700	200	0.1%	3,900	1.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING CONTINUES TO DRIVE GROWTH

Natural Resources & Mining continued to grow over the year in May by adding 3,400 jobs (+9.6 percent). **Support Activities for Mining** provided a majority of the monthly and annual gains.

OKLAHOMA Natural Resources & Mining	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Natural Resources & Mining	38,800	38,400	35,400	400	1.0%	3,400	9.6%
Support Activities for Mining	22,200	21,900	19,100	300	1.4%	3,100	16.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL GROWTH PICKS UP IN STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION

In May, seasonal factors once again helped statewide **Construction** gain jobs for the month. May's over-the-month growth of 1,200 jobs (+1.8 percent) was three times more than April's seasonal monthly gains. For the year, **Construction** grew by 4,300 jobs (+6.6 percent). The **Specialty Trade Contractors** industry continued to provide a majority of the monthly and annual growth.

OKLAHOMA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Construction	69,500	68,300	65,200	1,200	1.8%	4,300	6.6%
Construction of Buildings	14,600	14,500	13,900	100	0.7%	700	5.0%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,700	11,500	11,000	200	1.7%	700	6.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	43,200	42,300	40,300	900	2.1%	2,900	7.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATEWIDE MANUFACTURING CONTINUES ANNUAL GROWTH

In May 2006, statewide **Manufacturing** continued its recent expansion with gains of 500 jobs (+0.3 percent) for the month and 3,200 jobs (+2.2 percent) for the year. While the **Non-durable Goods Manufacturing** industry provided all of April's month-to-month gain, May's monthly change and most of the annual change came from **Durable Goods Manufacturing**.

OKLAHOMA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Manufacturing	147,400	146,900	144,400	500	0.3%	3,000	2.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	98,200	97,700	95,400	500	0.5%	2,800	2.9%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,200	49,200	49,000	0	0.0%	200	0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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

Over-the-month growth in **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** was widespread in May, as **Wholesale Trade** (+300 jobs), **Retail Trade** (+300 jobs) and **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities** (+200 jobs) all added jobs. Across-the-board annual growth was also reported in May.

OKLAHOMA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	282,400	281,600	278,200	800	0.3%	4,200	1.5%
Wholesale Trade	58,100	57,800	56,500	300	0.5%	1,600	2.8%
Retail Trade	170,800	170,500	169,000	300	0.2%	1,800	1.1%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	53,500	53,300	52,700	200	0.4%	800	1.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATEWIDE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES DOWN FOR MONTH, UP FOR YEAR

Despite reporting annual growth in May, **Financial Activities** employment dropped by 600 jobs (-0.7 percent) over the month. The April-to-May loss came from both the **Financial Activities** and **Real Estate, Rental & Leasing** industries. **Finance & Insurance** contributed the positive annual change.

OKLAHOMA Financial Activities	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Financial Activities	84,500	85,100	84,000	-600	-0.7%	500	0.6%
Finance & Insurance	60,500	60,900	59,900	-400	-0.7%	600	1.0%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	24,000	24,200	24,100	-200	-0.8%	-100	-0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES CONTINUES TO GROW IN MAY

Administrative & Support Services once again provided most of the monthly and annual growth for **Professional & Business Services**. The industry's 1,000-job monthly gain overpowered losses in **Professional & Scientific Services** to yield over-the-month additions of 400 jobs (+0.2 percent). These two industries also contributed all of the annual growth.

OKLAHOMA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Pro. & Business Services	175,500	175,100	170,200	400	0.2%	5,300	3.1%
Pro. & Scientific Services	59,900	60,500	58,700	-600	-1.0%	1,200	2.0%
Management of Companies	12,400	12,400	12,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Admin. & Support Services	103,200	102,200	99,100	1,000	1.0%	4,100	4.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

MAY BRINGS SEASONAL DROP IN EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES

Seasonal factors forced **Education & Health Services** to drop 400 jobs over the month, as public schools and universities began summer break. Despite the slowdown, **Education & Health Services** is up by 4,100 jobs (+2.2 percent) compared to May 2005. The **Health Care & Social Assistance** industry provided almost all of the annual growth.

OKLAHOMA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	186,600	187,000	182,500	-400	-0.2%	4,100	2.2%
Educational Services	18,500	18,800	18,300	-300	-1.6%	200	1.1%
Health Care & Social Asst.	168,100	168,200	164,200	-100	-0.1%	3,900	2.4%
Ambulatory Health Care	60,100	59,800	57,900	300	0.5%	2,200	3.8%
Hospitals	49,100	49,000	47,400	100	0.2%	1,700	3.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SEASONAL FACTORS BOOST LEISURE & HOSPITALITY AGAIN IN MAY

Seasonal hiring played a big role in May's **Leisure & Hospitality** job gains, as **Art, Entertainment & Recreation** and **Accommodation & Food Services** both added jobs for the month. The 300-job annual gain reported in May came from **Art, Entertainment & Recreation**.

OKLAHOMA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	137,200	135,900	136,900	1,300	1.0%	300	0.2%
Art, Entertainment & Rec.	16,000	15,300	15,500	700	4.6%	500	3.2%
Accommodation/Food Svcs.	121,200	120,600	121,400	600	0.5%	-200	-0.2%
Accommodation	11,000	10,700	10,900	300	2.8%	100	0.9%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	110,200	109,900	110,500	300	0.3%	-300	-0.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGAIN DRIVES GROWTH FOR YEAR IN MAY

Slow-but-steady **Government** growth continued in May, as **State Government** and **Local Government** each added 100 jobs over the month. Much of the 3,900-job annual gain came from **Local Government**.

OKLAHOMA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Government	322,600	322,400	318,700	200	0.1%	3,900	1.2%
Federal Government	45,800	45,800	46,000	0	0.0%	-200	-0.4%
State Government	85,900	85,800	84,900	100	0.1%	1,000	1.2%
Local Government	190,900	190,800	187,800	100	0.1%	3,100	1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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MONTHLY & ANNUAL GROWTH CONTINUE FOR OKLAHOMA CITY

In May, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose to 571,100 jobs with gains of 2,500 jobs (+0.4 percent) for the month and 13,700 jobs (+2.5 percent) over the year. The **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** each contributed to the monthly and annual growth.

Under the **Good Producing Industries, Natural Resources & Mining** held steady for the month, as **Construction** and **Manufacturing** added jobs. For the **Service Providing Industries, Professional & Business Services** and **Leisure & Hospitality** led the way over the month. Almost all of the **Service Providing Industries** reported sizeable annual growth in May 2006.

OKLAHOMA CITY EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	571,100	568,600	557,400	2,500	0.4%	13,700	2.5%
Goods Producing Industries	74,600	73,700	73,200	900	1.2%	1,400	1.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,100	10,100	9,400	0	0.0%	700	7.4%
Construction	26,400	25,800	24,800	600	2.3%	1,600	6.5%
Manufacturing	38,100	37,800	39,000	300	0.8%	-900	-2.3%
Service Providing Industries	496,500	494,900	484,200	1,600	0.3%	12,300	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	100,900	100,800	98,000	100	0.1%	2,900	3.0%
Financial Activities	35,800	35,600	34,800	200	0.6%	1,000	2.9%
Pro. & Business Services	74,800	74,300	70,200	500	0.7%	4,600	6.6%
Education & Health Svcs.	71,900	71,800	68,200	100	0.1%	3,700	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	56,600	56,200	56,700	400	0.7%	-100	-0.2%
Government	114,700	114,700	114,500	0	0.0%	200	0.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC CONSTRUCTION SEES SMALL MONTHLY, LARGER ANNUAL GAINS

Seasonal factors continued to help **Construction** in May, as the supersector added 600 jobs (+2.3 percent) over the month. For the year, Oklahoma City **Construction** has expanded by 1,600 jobs (+6.5 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Construction	26,400	25,800	24,800	600	2.3%	1,600	6.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	16,300	16,000	15,800	300	1.9%	500	3.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC MANUFACTURING CONTINUES TO SHED JOBS FOR YEAR

Oklahoma City **Manufacturing** added 300 jobs (+0.8 percent) for the month in May, but the limited recovery still left the supersector with 900 fewer jobs than in May 2005. **Durable Goods Manufacturing** contributed to the monthly and annual movement.

OKLAHOMA CITY Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Manufacturing	38,100	37,800	39,000	300	0.8%	-900	-2.3%
Durable Goods	27,000	26,800	27,500	200	0.7%	-500	-1.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES GAINS JOBS OVER YEAR

Oklahoma City **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** managed to gain 100 jobs (+0.1 percent) in May due to growth in **Wholesale Trade**. This industry also provided more than half of May's annual gain of 2,900 jobs (+3.0 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	100,900	100,800	98,000	100	0.1%	2,900	3.0%
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,700	21,400	200	0.9%	1,500	7.0%
Retail Trade	61,500	61,600	60,800	-100	-0.2%	700	1.2%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	16,500	16,500	15,800	0	0.0%	700	4.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUES TO IMPROVE IN MAY

In May, **Financial Activities** added 200 jobs (+0.6 percent) for the month and 1,000 (+3.5 percent) for the year. **Finance & Insurance** contributed to the year-to-year gain.

OKLAHOMA CITY Financial Activities	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Financial Activities	35,800	35,600	34,800	200	0.6%	1,000	2.9%
Finance & Insurance	23,900	24,000	23,500	-100	-0.4%	400	1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES UP FOR MONTH & YEAR

Monthly growth in Oklahoma City **Professional & Business Services** slowed in May, as the supersector added only one-third of the jobs it did in April. **Administrative & Support Services**, the source of the monthly growth, combined with **Professional & Scientific Services** for the 4,600-job annual gain.

OKLAHOMA CITY Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Pro. & Business Services	74,800	74,300	70,200	500	0.7%	4,600	6.6%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,200	27,500	25,200	-300	-1.1%	2,000	7.9%
Management of Companies	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Admin. & Support Services	42,800	42,000	40,100	800	1.9%	2,700	6.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE INDUSTRY AGAIN FUELS CHANGE

Following the trend of the past few months, **Education & Health Services** reported small-but-steady monthly growth in May, once again due to the **Health Care & Social Assistance** industry. This industry combined with **Educational Services** to add 3,700 jobs (+5.4 percent) for the May-to-May period.

OKLAHOMA CITY Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	71,900	71,800	68,200	100	0.1%	3,700	5.4%
Educational Services	8,700	8,700	7,300	0	0.0%	1,400	19.2%
Health Care & Social Asst.	63,200	63,100	60,900	100	0.2%	2,300	3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care	24,700	24,400	22,900	300	1.2%	1,800	7.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

RECOVERY IN OKC LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SLOWS IN MAY

Seasonal improvement in Oklahoma City's **Leisure & Hospitality** supersector continued in May. The **Food Services & Drinking Places** industry contributed 300 jobs (+0.7 percent) for the month.

OKLAHOMA CITY Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	56,600	56,200	56,700	400	0.7%	-100	-0.2%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	45,400	45,100	45,400	300	0.7%	0	0.0%
Full-service Restaurants	23,200	22,900	22,200	300	1.3%	1,000	4.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC GOVERNMENT CONTINUES OVER-THE-YEAR GROWTH IN MAY

Government in Oklahoma City reported no monthly movement in May. **Government's** annual growth of 200 jobs (+0.2 percent) was provided by gains in **State Government**.

OKLAHOMA CITY Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Government	114,700	114,700	114,500	0	0.0%	200	0.2%
Federal Government	26,100	26,200	26,600	-100	-0.4%	-500	-1.9%
State Government	41,400	41,400	40,500	0	0.0%	900	2.2%
Local Government	47,200	47,100	47,400	100	0.2%	-200	-0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA REPORTS MONTHLY & ANNUAL GROWTH IN MAY

The Tulsa MSA continued its recovery in May, as **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 2,500 jobs (+0.6 percent) for the month and 11,200 jobs (+2.7 percent) over the year. These gains are almost mirror images of the gains reported in April. The **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** each contributed to the monthly and annual growth.

All of the **Goods Producing Industries** added jobs for the year, with **Construction** accounting for more than half of the May-to-May growth. **Construction** and **Manufacturing** each added 400 jobs for the month. Monthly growth and annual growth continue to be widespread across the **Service Providing Industries**. Big over-the-year gainers included **Trade, Transportation & Utilities, Professional & Business Services, Education & Health Services, and Government.**

TULSA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	423,400	420,900	412,200	2,500	0.6%	11,200	2.7%
Goods Producing Industries	76,700	75,900	72,700	800	1.1%	4,000	5.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,800	6,800	6,400	0	0.0%	400	6.3%
Construction	21,900	21,500	19,700	400	1.9%	2,200	11.2%
Manufacturing	48,000	47,600	46,600	400	0.8%	1,400	3.0%
Service Providing Industries	346,700	345,000	339,500	1,700	0.5%	7,200	2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	82,300	82,000	80,100	300	0.4%	2,200	2.7%
Pro. & Business Services	61,600	61,200	59,300	400	0.7%	2,300	3.9%
Education & Health Svcs.	54,700	55,000	53,700	-300	-0.5%	1,000	1.9%
Government	54,100	53,800	52,800	300	0.6%	1,300	2.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OVER-THE-MONTH CONSTRUCTION GROWTH CONTINUES IN MAY

Tulsa **Construction** continued adding jobs in May with a 400-job gain (+1.9 percent). **Specialty Trade Contractors** provided three-quarters of the monthly gain and much of **Construction's** annual growth.

TULSA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Construction	21,900	21,500	19,700	400	1.9%	2,200	11.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,600	14,300	12,900	300	2.1%	1,700	13.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA MANUFACTURING REPORTS STRONG ANNUAL GROWTH IN MAY

In May, Tulsa **Manufacturing** reported over-the-month and over-the-year job gains of 400 jobs (+1.9 percent) and 2,200 jobs (+11.2 percent), respectively.

TULSA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Manufacturing	21,900	21,500	19,700	400	1.9%	2,200	11.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

MONTHLY & ANNUAL GROWTH CONTINUE IN TULSA TTU

Seasonal hiring in Tulsa **Retail Trade** ground to a halt in May, but **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** still managed to grow over the month. Despite the **Retail Trade** slowdown, the supersector reported a 300-job gain (+0.4 percent) over the month and a 2,200-job addition (+2.7 percent) compared to May 2005.

TULSA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	82,300	82,000	80,100	300	0.4%	2,200	2.7%
Wholesale Trade	17,900	17,800	17,100	100	0.6%	800	4.7%
Retail Trade	43,900	43,900	43,000	0	0.0%	900	2.1%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	20,500	20,300	20,000	200	1.0%	500	2.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA INFORMATION DOWN FOR MONTH & YEAR IN MAY

The Tulsa **Information** supersector reported small monthly and annual losses in May. All of the year-to-year loss came from the **Telecommunications** industry.

TULSA Information	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Information	10,200	10,300	10,500	-100	-1.0%	-300	-2.9%
Telecommunications	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	0.0%	-300	-6.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES UP FOR MONTH & YEAR

Administrative & Support Services once again provided a majority of the monthly and annual gains in Tulsa **Professional & Business Services**. The supersector gained 400 jobs (+0.7 percent) for the month and 2,300 jobs (+3.9 percent) over the year.

TULSA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Pro. & Business Services	61,600	61,200	59,300	400	0.7%	2,300	3.9%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,800	19,900	19,300	-100	-0.5%	500	2.6%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	6,000	0	0.0%	100	1.7%
Admin. & Support Services	35,700	35,200	34,000	500	1.4%	1,700	5.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES DOWN IN MAY, UP FOR YEAR

Seasonal factors pushed **Education & Health Services** to shed 300 jobs (-0.5 percent) for the month in May. **Educational Services** provided the monthly loss, while **Health Care & Social Assistance** industries contributed most of the year-over-year growth.

TULSA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	54,700	55,000	53,700	-300	-0.5%	1,000	1.9%
Education Services	6,400	6,800	6,300	-400	-5.9%	100	1.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	48,300	48,200	47,400	100	0.2%	900	1.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DRIVES ANNUAL GOVERNMENT GROWTH

Despite only gaining 300 jobs in May, Tulsa **Government** managed yearly growth of 1,300 jobs (+2.5 percent). The monthly gain was shared by all industries, while the annual gain came from **Local Government**.

TULSA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
Government	54,100	53,800	52,800	300	0.6%	1,300	2.5%
Federal Government	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	2.1%	0	0.0%
State Government	7,500	7,400	7,600	100	1.4%	-100	-1.3%
Local Government	41,800	41,700	40,400	100	0.2%	1,400	3.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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LAWTON AGAIN ADDS JOBS FOR MONTH, HOLDS STEADY FOR YEAR

For the second straight month, Lawton's **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added jobs for the month but held steady for the year-to-year period. The **Service Providing Industries** contributed all of the monthly gain. Over the year, a 200-job annual loss in **Manufacturing** was counteracted by gains in the **Service Providing Industries**. **Government** provided the most over-the-year growth with a gain of 400 jobs (+3.2 percent) in May.

LAWTON EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	May '06	Apr '06	May '05	Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	41,100	40,800	41,100	300	0.7%	0	0.0%
Goods Producing Industries	5,200	5,200	5,400	0	0.0%	-200	-3.7%
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	0.0%	-200	-5.1%
Service Providing Industries	35,900	35,600	35,700	300	0.8%	200	0.6%
Trade, Transp. & Utils.	6,900	6,800	7,100	100	1.5%	-200	-2.8%
Retail Trade	5,100	5,000	5,200	100	2.0%	-100	-1.9%
Transport., Warehouse, Util.	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%	-100	-7.7%
Pro. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	0.0%	-100	-2.9%
Education & Health Services	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	0.0%	200	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,100	4,000	4,100	100	2.5%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,900	1,800	2,000	100	5.6%	-100	-5.0%
Government	12,900	12,900	12,500	0	0.0%	400	3.2%
Local Government	7,500	7,500	7,300	0	0.0%	200	2.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Current Empl Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
	May '06	Apr '06	May'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,548,900	1,545,300	1,520,600	3,600	0.2%	28,300	1.9%
Total Private Employment*	1,226,300	1,222,900	1,201,900	3,400	0.3%	24,400	2.0%
Private Svc. Providers**	970,600	969,300	956,900	1,300	0.1%	13,700	1.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	255,700	253,600	245,000	2,100	0.8%	10,700	4.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	38,800	38,400	35,400	400	1.0%	3,400	9.6%
Support for Mining	22,200	21,900	19,100	300	1.4%	3,100	16.2%
Construction	69,500	68,300	65,200	1,200	1.8%	4,300	6.6%
Construction of Buildings	14,600	14,500	13,900	100	0.7%	700	5.0%
Residential Buildings	7,200	7,100	6,700	100	1.4%	500	7.5%
Non-residential Buildings	7,400	7,400	7,200	0	0.0%	200	2.8%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,700	11,500	11,000	200	1.7%	700	6.4%
Specialty Trade Contractor	43,200	42,300	40,300	900	2.1%	2,900	7.2%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	19,800	19,500	18,300	300	1.5%	1,500	8.2%
Manufacturing	147,400	146,900	144,400	500	0.3%	3,000	2.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	98,200	97,700	95,400	500	0.5%	2,800	2.9%
Wood Product Mfg.	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	0.0%	-200	-5.0%
Primary Metal Mfg.	4,400	4,300	4,200	100	2.3%	200	4.8%
Fabricated Metal Mfg.	22,900	22,900	21,500	0	0.0%	1,400	6.5%
Other Fabricated Metal	4,900	4,900	4,400	0	0.0%	500	11.4%
Machinery Manufacturing	26,000	25,800	24,400	200	0.8%	1,600	6.6%
Computer/Electronics Mfg.	5,600	5,600	5,400	0	0.0%	200	3.7%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	0.0%	100	3.2%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	16,600	16,400	17,400	200	1.2%	-800	-4.6%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	3,300	3,400	3,500	-100	-2.9%	-200	-5.7%
Motor Vehicle Body/Part	3,700	3,700	4,100	0	0.0%	-400	-9.8%
Aerospace Products	4,000	4,000	3,700	0	0.0%	300	8.1%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	49,200	49,200	49,000	0	0.0%	200	0.4%
Food Manufacturing	19,800	19,900	19,500	-100	-0.5%	300	1.5%
Paper Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	0.0%	-100	-3.1%
Plastic & Rubber Products	12,700	12,700	12,800	0	0.0%	-100	-0.8%
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,293,200	1,291,700	1,275,600	1,500	0.1%	17,600	1.4%
Trade, Transp. & Utils.	282,400	281,600	278,200	800	0.3%	4,200	1.5%
Wholesale Trade	58,100	57,800	56,500	300	0.5%	1,600	2.8%
Retail Trade	170,800	170,500	169,000	300	0.2%	1,800	1.1%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	24,300	24,400	24,000	-100	-0.4%	300	1.3%
Automobile Dealers	14,600	14,800	14,800	-200	-1.4%	-200	-1.4%
Food & Beverage Stores	22,800	23,000	23,000	-200	-0.9%	-200	-0.9%
Gasoline Stations	13,000	12,700	12,800	300	2.4%	200	1.6%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	44,100	43,900	43,900	200	0.5%	200	0.5%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	53,500	53,300	52,700	200	0.4%	800	1.5%
Utilities	9,800	9,700	9,500	100	1.0%	300	3.2%
Transport. & Warehouse	43,700	43,600	43,200	100	0.2%	500	1.2%
Air Transportation	8,700	8,700	8,900	0	0.0%	-200	-2.2%
Truck Transportation	17,300	17,400	17,100	-100	-0.6%	200	1.2%

Current Empl. Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
	May '06	Apr '06	May'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
Information	30,100	30,100	30,400	0	0.0%	-300	-1.0%
Publishing Industries	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Telecommunications	13,200	13,400	13,300	-200	-1.5%	-100	-0.8%
Financial Activities	84,500	85,100	84,000	-600	-0.7%	500	0.6%
Finance & Insurance	60,500	60,900	59,900	-400	-0.7%	600	1.0%
Credit Intermediation	30,300	30,500	29,900	-200	-0.7%	400	1.3%
Depository Credit Int.	23,600	23,700	23,500	-100	-0.4%	100	0.4%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	25,800	25,900	25,500	-100	-0.4%	300	1.2%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	24,000	24,200	24,100	-200	-0.8%	-100	-0.4%
Real Estate	11,400	11,500	11,400	-100	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Pro. & Business Services	175,500	175,100	170,200	400	0.2%	5,300	3.1%
Pro. & Scientific Services	59,900	60,500	58,700	-600	-1.0%	1,200	2.0%
Legal Services	13,000	13,000	12,800	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	10,700	12,100	11,300	-1,400	-11.6%	-600	-5.3%
Architecture & Engineering	11,500	11,400	10,900	100	0.9%	600	5.5%
Management of Companies	12,400	12,400	12,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Admin. & Support Services	103,200	102,200	99,100	1,000	1.0%	4,100	4.1%
Employment Services	47,000	46,400	45,300	600	1.3%	1,700	3.8%
Business Support Svcs.	18,400	18,500	18,000	-100	-0.5%	400	2.2%
Services to Buildings	13,500	13,500	13,800	0	0.0%	-300	-2.2%
Education & Health Svcs.	186,600	187,000	182,500	-400	-0.2%	4,100	2.2%
Education Services	18,500	18,800	18,300	-300	-1.6%	200	1.1%
Health Care & Social Asst.	168,100	168,200	164,200	-100	-0.1%	3,900	2.4%
Ambulatory Health Care	60,100	59,800	57,900	300	0.5%	2,200	3.8%
Hospitals	49,100	49,000	47,400	100	0.2%	1,700	3.6%
Nursing/Residential Care	35,300	35,600	35,400	-300	-0.8%	-100	-0.3%
Social Assistance	23,600	23,800	23,500	-200	-0.8%	100	0.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	137,200	135,900	136,900	1,300	1.0%	300	0.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	16,000	15,300	15,500	700	4.6%	500	3.2%
Accommodation/Food Svc.	121,200	120,600	121,400	600	0.5%	-200	-0.2%
Accommodation	11,000	10,700	10,900	300	2.8%	100	0.9%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	110,200	109,900	110,500	300	0.3%	-300	-0.3%
Full-service Restaurants	52,100	51,900	52,300	200	0.4%	-200	-0.4%
Limited-service Eating	52,300	52,300	53,200	0	0.0%	-900	-1.7%
Other Services	74,300	74,500	74,700	-200	-0.3%	-400	-0.5%
Repair & Maintenance	12,400	12,400	12,800	0	0.0%	-400	-3.1%
Personal & Laundry Svcs.	12,700	12,600	12,700	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
Government	322,600	322,400	318,700	200	0.1%	3,900	1.2%
Federal Government	45,800	45,800	46,000	0	0.0%	-200	-0.4%
State Government	85,900	85,800	84,900	100	0.1%	1,000	1.2%
Local Government	190,900	190,800	187,800	100	0.1%	3,100	1.7%

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

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

Current Empl. Statistics OKLA. CITY MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
	May '06	Apr '06	May'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	571,100	568,600	557,400	2,500	0.4%	13,700	2.5%
Total Private Employment*	456,400	453,900	442,900	2,500	0.6%	13,500	3.0%
Private Svc. Providers**	381,800	380,200	369,700	1,600	0.4%	12,100	3.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	74,600	73,700	73,200	900	1.2%	1,400	1.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,100	10,100	9,400	0	0.0%	700	7.4%
Construction	26,400	25,800	24,800	600	2.3%	1,600	6.5%
<i>Specialty Trade Contractor</i>	16,300	16,000	15,800	300	1.9%	500	3.2%
Manufacturing	38,100	37,800	39,000	300	0.8%	-900	-2.3%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,000	26,800	27,500	200	0.7%	-500	-1.8%
Machinery Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	7,900	8,000	8,900	-100	-1.3%	-1,000	-11.2%
Plastic & Rubber Products	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	0.0%	-100	-3.3%
SERVICE PROVIDING	496,500	494,900	484,200	1,600	0.3%	12,300	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	100,900	100,800	98,000	100	0.1%	2,900	3.0%
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,700	21,400	200	0.9%	1,500	7.0%
Retail Trade	61,500	61,600	60,800	-100	-0.2%	700	1.2%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	14,200	14,200	13,400	0	0.0%	800	6.0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	16,500	16,500	15,800	0	0.0%	700	4.4%
Information	13,800	13,700	13,800	100	0.7%	0	0.0%
Telecommunications	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Financial Activities	35,800	35,600	34,800	200	0.6%	1,000	2.9%
Finance & Insurance	23,900	24,000	23,500	-100	-0.4%	400	1.7%
Rental & Leasing Services	6,100	5,900	5,800	200	3.4%	300	5.2%
Pro. & Business Services	74,800	74,300	70,200	500	0.7%	4,600	6.6%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,200	27,500	25,200	-300	-1.1%	2,000	7.9%
Management of Companies	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Admin. & Support Services	42,800	42,000	40,100	800	1.9%	2,700	6.7%
Employment Services	18,900	18,500	18,200	400	2.2%	700	3.8%
Business Support Svcs.	6,900	7,000	6,900	-100	-1.4%	0	0.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	71,900	71,800	68,200	100	0.1%	3,700	5.4%
Education Services	8,700	8,700	7,300	0	0.0%	1,400	19.2%
Health Care & Social Asst.	63,200	63,100	60,900	100	0.2%	2,300	3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care	24,700	24,400	22,900	300	1.2%	1,800	7.9%
Hospitals	20,200	20,200	19,600	0	0.0%	600	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	56,600	56,200	56,700	400	0.7%	-100	-0.2%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	45,400	45,100	45,400	300	0.7%	0	0.0%
Full-service Restaurants	23,200	22,900	22,200	300	1.3%	1,000	4.5%
Limited-service Eating	21,000	20,900	20,900	100	0.5%	100	0.5%
Other Services	28,000	27,800	28,000	200	0.7%	0	0.0%
Government	114,700	114,700	114,500	0	0.0%	200	0.2%
Federal Government	26,100	26,200	26,600	-100	-0.4%	-500	-1.9%
State Government	41,400	41,400	40,500	0	0.0%	900	2.2%
Local Government	47,200	47,100	47,400	100	0.2%	-200	-0.4%

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

Current Empl. Statistics TULSA MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
	May '06	Apr '06	May'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	423,400	420,900	412,200	2,500	0.6%	11,200	2.7%
Total Private Employment*	369,300	367,100	359,400	2,200	0.6%	9,900	2.8%
Private Service Providers**	292,600	291,200	286,700	1,400	0.5%	5,900	2.1%
GOODS PRODUCING	76,700	75,900	72,700	800	1.1%	4,000	5.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,800	6,800	6,400	0	0.0%	400	6.3%
Construction	21,900	21,500	19,700	400	1.9%	2,200	11.2%
<i>Specialty Trade Contractor</i>	14,600	14,300	12,900	300	2.1%	1,700	13.2%
Manufacturing	48,000	47,600	46,600	400	0.8%	1,400	3.0%
Machinery Mfg.	10,300	10,200	9,700	100	1.0%	600	6.2%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	0.0%	200	4.1%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	0.0%	200	4.5%
SERVICE PROVIDING	346,700	345,000	339,500	1,700	0.5%	7,200	2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	82,300	82,000	80,100	300	0.4%	2,200	2.7%
Wholesale Trade	17,900	17,800	17,100	100	0.6%	800	4.7%
Retail Trade	43,900	43,900	43,000	0	0.0%	900	2.1%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,400	6,400	6,000	0	0.0%	400	6.7%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	11,000	10,900	10,600	100	0.9%	400	3.8%
Department Stores	4,400	4,300	4,000	100	2.3%	400	10.0%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	20,500	20,300	20,000	200	1.0%	500	2.5%
Utilities	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	0.0%	200	7.1%
Transport. & Warehouse	17,500	17,300	17,200	200	1.2%	300	1.7%
Air Transportation	7,500	7,500	7,700	0	0.0%	-200	-2.6%
Information	10,200	10,300	10,500	-100	-1.0%	-300	-2.9%
Telecommunications	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	0.0%	-300	-6.1%
Financial Activities	25,700	25,500	25,300	200	0.8%	400	1.6%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	5,600	5,500	5,400	100	1.8%	200	3.7%
Pro. & Business Services	61,600	61,200	59,300	400	0.7%	2,300	3.9%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,800	19,900	19,300	-100	-0.5%	500	2.6%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	6,000	0	0.0%	100	1.7%
Admin. & Support Services	35,700	35,200	34,000	500	1.4%	1,700	5.0%
Employment Services	16,600	16,200	15,300	400	2.5%	1,300	8.5%
Business Support Svcs.	8,300	8,200	8,400	100	1.2%	-100	-1.2%
Education & Health Svcs.	54,700	55,000	53,700	-300	-0.5%	1,000	1.9%
Education Services	6,400	6,800	6,300	-400	-5.9%	100	1.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	48,300	48,200	47,400	100	0.2%	900	1.9%
Ambulatory Health Care	18,100	18,000	17,100	100	0.6%	1,000	5.8%
Hospitals	16,600	16,600	16,000	0	0.0%	600	3.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	36,500	35,800	36,100	700	2.0%	400	1.1%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	30,000	29,600	29,800	400	1.4%	200	0.7%
Full-service Restaurants	15,600	15,400	15,200	200	1.3%	400	2.6%
Other Services	21,600	21,400	21,700	200	0.9%	-100	-0.5%
Government	54,100	53,800	52,800	300	0.6%	1,300	2.5%
Federal Government	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	2.1%	0	0.0%
State Government	7,500	7,400	7,600	100	1.4%	-100	-1.3%
Local Government	41,800	41,700	40,400	100	0.2%	1,400	3.5%

Current Empl. Statistics LAWTON MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Apr '06 to May '06		May '05 to May '06	
	May '06	Apr '06	May'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	41,100	40,800	41,100	300	0.7%	0	0.0%
Total Private Employment*	28,200	27,900	28,600	300	1.1%	-400	-1.4%
Private Svc. Providers**	23,000	22,700	23,200	300	1.3%	-200	-0.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	5,200	5,200	5,400	0	0.0%	-200	-3.7%
N. Resources/Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	0.0%	-200	-5.1%
SERVICE PROVIDING	35,900	35,600	35,700	300	0.8%	200	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	6,900	6,800	7,100	100	1.5%	-200	-2.8%
Wholesale Trade	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,100	5,000	5,200	100	2.0%	-100	-1.9%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%	-100	-7.7%
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	3,300	3,400	0	0.0%	-100	-2.9%
Education & Health Svcs.	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	0.0%	200	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	4,100	4,000	4,100	100	2.5%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,900	1,800	2,000	100	5.6%	-100	-5.0%
Government	12,900	12,900	12,500	0	0.0%	400	3.2%
Federal Government	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	0.0%	200	5.9%
State Government	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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	MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
Oklahoma City MSA	567,920	23,350	591,270	3.9%	3.5%	4.1%	4.2%
Tulsa MSA	440,530	18,130	458,650	4.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.4%
Lawton MSA	44,080	2,090	46,170	4.5%	3.9%	4.6%	4.7%
LAUS by WIA***	MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05	
Central WIA	398,510	16,930	415,430	4.1%	3.6%	4.3%	4.4%
Cleveland Co. WIA	117,540	4,100	121,650	3.4%	2.9%	3.5%	3.6%
East Central WIA	63,570	3,270	66,840	4.9%	4.3%	5.0%	5.6%
Holdenville LLM	9,030	570	9,590	5.9%	5.4%	6.1%	7.1%
Shawnee LLM	54,540	2,700	57,240	4.7%	4.1%	4.8%	5.3%
Eastern WIA	132,740	6,430	139,170	4.6%	4.1%	4.7%	5.1%
Muskogee LLM	68,350	3,060	71,410	4.3%	3.8%	4.4%	5.0%
Okmulgee LLM	16,560	970	17,520	5.5%	5.3%	5.6%	6.2%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	47,840	2,400	50,240	4.8%	4.2%	4.7%	4.8%
North Central WIA	108,320	4,300	112,620	3.8%	3.3%	3.9%	4.1%
Enid LLM	48,960	1,700	50,650	3.4%	2.9%	3.5%	3.6%
Ponca City LLM	24,820	1,440	26,260	5.5%	4.9%	5.4%	5.5%
Stillwater LLM	34,540	1,160	35,700	3.2%	2.8%	3.5%	3.6%
Northeast WIA	125,920	5,070	130,990	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%	4.3%
Bartlesville LLM	30,050	1,100	31,150	3.5%	3.1%	3.7%	4.3%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	73,150	2,920	76,070	3.8%	3.4%	3.9%	4.1%
Miami-Vinita LLM	22,720	1,050	23,770	4.4%	3.8%	4.5%	4.6%
Northwest WIA	33,780	1,220	35,000	3.5%	2.9%	3.5%	4.1%
Guymon LLM	12,930	460	13,400	3.4%	2.9%	3.6%	3.7%
Woodward LLM	20,850	760	21,610	3.5%	2.8%	3.4%	4.3%
South Central WIA	121,580	5,590	127,170	4.4%	3.7%	4.4%	4.5%
Chickasha LLM	48,600	2,400	50,990	4.7%	3.9%	4.6%	4.5%
Duncan LLM	22,190	850	23,040	3.7%	3.1%	3.7%	4.1%
Lawton LLM	50,790	2,350	53,140	4.4%	3.8%	4.5%	4.7%
Southeast WIA	75,280	4,070	79,350	5.1%	4.5%	4.9%	5.2%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,250	1,480	26,720	5.5%	4.9%	5.6%	5.6%
McAlester LLM	24,250	1,070	25,320	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%	4.9%
Poteau LLM	25,780	1,530	27,310	5.6%	4.7%	4.7%	5.1%
Southern WIA	105,240	4,220	109,460	3.9%	3.4%	4.0%	4.2%
Ada LLM	32,000	1,250	33,250	3.8%	3.4%	4.0%	4.2%
Ardmore LLM	35,460	1,370	36,820	3.7%	3.3%	3.9%	4.1%
Durant LLM	37,790	1,610	39,390	4.1%	3.5%	4.2%	4.2%
Southwest WIA	49,700	1,800	51,500	3.5%	3.0%	3.7%	3.7%
Altus LLM	18,890	840	19,730	4.3%	3.6%	4.2%	4.5%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	30,810	960	31,770	3.0%	2.6%	3.3%	3.2%
Tulsa WIA	353,180	14,590	367,780	4.0%	3.5%	4.1%	4.5%

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

LAUS County by Rank	MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
1. Coal County	2,010	150	2,160	7.1%	6.6%	6.8%	7.3%
2. McCurtain Co.	13,110	910	14,010	6.5%	5.8%	6.4%	6.2%
3. Seminole County	9,580	620	10,200	6.1%	5.3%	6.1%	7.0%
4. Hughes County	4,800	310	5,110	6.0%	5.5%	6.3%	7.0%
5. Woods County	4,010	260	4,270	6.0%	4.7%	5.3%	8.4%
6. Kay County	19,460	1,230	20,690	5.9%	5.3%	5.8%	5.9%
7. LeFlore County	20,710	1,300	22,000	5.9%	5.0%	4.7%	5.3%
8. Sequoyah Co.	17,470	1,090	18,560	5.9%	5.1%	5.3%	5.6%
9. Okfuskee County	4,220	260	4,480	5.8%	5.2%	5.9%	7.3%
10. Caddo County	11,480	700	12,170	5.7%	5.0%	5.7%	5.3%
11. Okmulgee Co.	16,560	970	17,520	5.5%	5.3%	5.6%	6.2%
12. Latimer County	3,780	210	3,990	5.2%	4.8%	5.3%	5.4%
13. Muskogee Co.	28,390	1,500	29,890	5.0%	4.4%	5.1%	6.0%
14. Grady County	22,850	1,170	24,020	4.9%	3.7%	4.5%	4.3%
15. Kiowa County	3,820	200	4,020	4.9%	4.5%	4.7%	4.7%
16. Greer County	1,930	100	2,030	4.8%	4.0%	5.2%	5.6%
17. Jefferson County	2,040	100	2,140	4.8%	4.2%	4.9%	5.4%
18. McIntosh County	8,380	410	8,790	4.7%	4.2%	4.8%	5.8%
19. Pottawatomie Co.	30,210	1,460	31,680	4.6%	4.1%	4.8%	5.1%
20. Adair County	9,760	460	10,220	4.5%	4.2%	4.8%	4.8%
21. Choctaw County	6,530	310	6,840	4.5%	3.9%	5.3%	5.1%
22. Comanche Co.	44,080	2,090	46,170	4.5%	3.9%	4.6%	4.7%
23. Ottawa County	16,240	760	17,000	4.5%	3.9%	4.5%	4.8%
24. Johnston County	4,800	220	5,020	4.4%	4.0%	4.6%	4.6%
25. Pushmataha Co.	5,620	260	5,870	4.4%	3.7%	4.2%	4.8%
26. Tillman County	3,270	150	3,410	4.4%	4.0%	4.9%	4.9%
27. Atoka County	5,400	240	5,640	4.3%	3.8%	4.6%	5.2%
28. Craig County	6,480	290	6,770	4.3%	3.7%	4.3%	4.2%
29. Haskell County	5,070	230	5,300	4.3%	3.8%	4.3%	4.3%
30. Mayes County	16,600	750	17,340	4.3%	3.8%	4.3%	4.8%
31. Alfalfa County	2,210	100	2,310	4.2%	3.6%	4.8%	3.8%
32. Delaware County	17,340	760	18,100	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%	4.4%
33. Harmon County	1,290	60	1,340	4.2%	3.3%	4.0%	4.2%
34. Nowata County	4,820	210	5,030	4.2%	3.8%	4.5%	5.1%
35. Oklahoma Co.	330,650	14,580	345,230	4.2%	3.8%	4.5%	4.5%
36. Blaine County	4,790	210	5,000	4.1%	3.4%	4.1%	4.3%
37. Pittsburg County	20,460	860	21,330	4.1%	3.6%	4.3%	4.8%
38. Carter County	23,330	970	24,300	4.0%	3.5%	4.1%	4.3%
39. Cherokee Co.	20,610	850	21,460	4.0%	3.4%	4.2%	4.2%
40. Creek County	31,660	1,310	32,960	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	6.1%
41. Grant County	2,350	100	2,450	4.0%	3.5%	3.9%	3.7%
42. Lincoln County	14,750	620	15,370	4.0%	3.4%	4.1%	4.8%
43. Marshall County	6,020	250	6,270	4.0%	3.5%	4.2%	4.2%
44. Osage County	20,600	860	21,460	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	5.0%

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	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
45. Pawnee County	7,750	320	8,070	4.0%	3.5%	4.4%	5.2%
46. Tulsa County	293,180	12,110	305,290	4.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.2%
47. Jackson County	11,850	490	12,330	3.9%	3.3%	3.9%	4.3%
48. Garvin County	12,890	510	13,400	3.8%	3.4%	4.0%	3.9%
49. Noble County	5,360	210	5,580	3.8%	3.3%	3.9%	4.0%
50. Pontotoc County	19,110	740	19,850	3.7%	3.4%	4.0%	4.4%
51. Texas County	8,890	340	9,230	3.7%	3.0%	3.7%	3.8%
52. Bryan County	19,560	740	20,300	3.6%	3.0%	3.7%	3.5%
53. McClain County	14,270	530	14,800	3.6%	3.1%	3.9%	4.1%
54. Stephens County	20,160	750	20,900	3.6%	3.0%	3.6%	4.0%
55. Logan County	17,950	660	18,610	3.5%	2.9%	3.5%	3.9%
56. Love County	4,720	170	4,890	3.5%	3.0%	3.5%	3.9%
57. Rogers County	39,210	1,420	40,630	3.5%	3.0%	3.5%	3.7%
58. Wagoner County	31,570	1,150	32,720	3.5%	3.2%	3.6%	3.9%
59. Cleveland Co.	117,540	4,100	121,650	3.4%	2.9%	3.5%	3.6%
60. Dewey County	2,310	80	2,390	3.4%	2.7%	3.2%	2.8%
61. Washington Co.	25,230	890	26,120	3.4%	3.0%	3.5%	4.1%
62. Canadian County	49,910	1,690	51,600	3.3%	2.8%	3.4%	3.5%
63. Cimarron County	1,220	40	1,260	3.3%	2.6%	3.4%	3.7%
64. Washita County	5,740	200	5,940	3.3%	2.7%	3.5%	3.1%
65. Garfield County	28,470	950	29,430	3.2%	2.8%	3.4%	3.6%
66. Payne County	34,540	1,160	35,700	3.2%	2.8%	3.5%	3.6%
67. Beckham County	9,860	310	10,170	3.0%	2.5%	3.3%	3.2%
68. Custer County	13,460	410	13,870	3.0%	2.6%	3.3%	3.3%
69. Harper County	1,880	60	1,940	3.0%	2.5%	3.1%	3.0%
70. Kingfisher Co.	7,520	240	7,760	3.0%	2.6%	3.0%	3.3%
71. Major County	3,600	110	3,710	3.0%	2.6%	3.1%	3.2%
72. Murray County	7,400	230	7,630	3.0%	2.7%	3.4%	3.6%
73. Beaver County	2,830	80	2,910	2.9%	2.5%	3.2%	3.6%
74. Cotton County	3,450	100	3,550	2.9%	2.7%	3.1%	3.7%
75. Ellis County	2,080	60	2,140	2.9%	2.4%	3.1%	2.8%
76. Woodward Co.	10,570	310	10,880	2.8%	2.3%	2.9%	3.3%
77. Roger Mills Co.	1,740	50	1,790	2.7%	2.3%	3.0%	2.9%

LAUS by County	MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
Adair County	9,760	460	10,220	4.5%	4.2%	4.8%	4.8%
Alfalfa County	2,210	100	2,310	4.2%	3.6%	4.8%	3.8%
Atoka County	5,400	240	5,640	4.3%	3.8%	4.6%	5.2%
Beaver County	2,830	80	2,910	2.9%	2.5%	3.2%	3.6%
Beckham County	9,860	310	10,170	3.0%	2.5%	3.3%	3.2%
Blaine County	4,790	210	5,000	4.1%	3.4%	4.1%	4.3%
Bryan County	19,560	740	20,300	3.6%	3.0%	3.7%	3.5%
Caddo County	11,480	700	12,170	5.7%	5.0%	5.7%	5.3%
Canadian County	49,910	1,690	51,600	3.3%	2.8%	3.4%	3.5%
Carter County	23,330	970	24,300	4.0%	3.5%	4.1%	4.3%
Cherokee County	20,610	850	21,460	4.0%	3.4%	4.2%	4.2%
Choctaw County	6,530	310	6,840	4.5%	3.9%	5.3%	5.1%
Cimarron County	1,220	40	1,260	3.3%	2.6%	3.4%	3.7%
Cleveland County	117,540	4,100	121,650	3.4%	2.9%	3.5%	3.6%
Coal County	2,010	150	2,160	7.1%	6.6%	6.8%	7.3%
Comanche County	44,080	2,090	46,170	4.5%	3.9%	4.6%	4.7%
Cotton County	3,450	100	3,550	2.9%	2.7%	3.1%	3.7%
Craig County	6,480	290	6,770	4.3%	3.7%	4.3%	4.2%
Creek County	31,660	1,310	32,960	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	6.1%
Custer County	13,460	410	13,870	3.0%	2.6%	3.3%	3.3%
Delaware County	17,340	760	18,100	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%	4.4%
Dewey County	2,310	80	2,390	3.4%	2.7%	3.2%	2.8%
Ellis County	2,080	60	2,140	2.9%	2.4%	3.1%	2.8%
Garfield County	28,470	950	29,430	3.2%	2.8%	3.4%	3.6%
Garvin County	12,890	510	13,400	3.8%	3.4%	4.0%	3.9%
Grady County	22,850	1,170	24,020	4.9%	3.7%	4.5%	4.3%
Grant County	2,350	100	2,450	4.0%	3.5%	3.9%	3.7%
Greer County	1,930	100	2,030	4.8%	4.0%	5.2%	5.6%
Harmon County	1,290	60	1,340	4.2%	3.3%	4.0%	4.2%
Harper County	1,880	60	1,940	3.0%	2.5%	3.1%	3.0%
Haskell County	5,070	230	5,300	4.3%	3.8%	4.3%	4.3%
Hughes County	4,800	310	5,110	6.0%	5.5%	6.3%	7.0%
Jackson County	11,850	490	12,330	3.9%	3.3%	3.9%	4.3%
Jefferson County	2,040	100	2,140	4.8%	4.2%	4.9%	5.4%
Johnston County	4,800	220	5,020	4.4%	4.0%	4.6%	4.6%
Kay County	19,460	1,230	20,690	5.9%	5.3%	5.8%	5.9%
Kingfisher County	7,520	240	7,760	3.0%	2.6%	3.0%	3.3%
Kiowa County	3,820	200	4,020	4.9%	4.5%	4.7%	4.7%
Latimer County	3,780	210	3,990	5.2%	4.8%	5.3%	5.4%
Le Flore County	20,710	1,300	22,000	5.9%	5.0%	4.7%	5.3%
Lincoln County	14,750	620	15,370	4.0%	3.4%	4.1%	4.8%
Logan County	17,950	660	18,610	3.5%	2.9%	3.5%	3.9%
Love County	4,720	170	4,890	3.5%	3.0%	3.5%	3.9%
Major County	3,600	110	3,710	3.0%	2.6%	3.1%	3.2%

LAUS by County	MAY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	May '06	Apr '06	Mar '06	May '05
Marshall County	6,020	250	6,270	4.0%	3.5%	4.2%	4.2%
Mayes County	16,600	750	17,340	4.3%	3.8%	4.3%	4.8%
McClain County	14,270	530	14,800	3.6%	3.1%	3.9%	4.1%
McCurtain County	13,110	910	14,010	6.5%	5.8%	6.4%	6.2%
McIntosh County	8,380	410	8,790	4.7%	4.2%	4.8%	5.8%
Murray County	7,400	230	7,630	3.0%	2.7%	3.4%	3.6%
Muskogee County	28,390	1,500	29,890	5.0%	4.4%	5.1%	6.0%
Noble County	5,360	210	5,580	3.8%	3.3%	3.9%	4.0%
Nowata County	4,820	210	5,030	4.2%	3.8%	4.5%	5.1%
Okfuskee County	4,220	260	4,480	5.8%	5.2%	5.9%	7.3%
Oklahoma County	330,650	14,580	345,230	4.2%	3.8%	4.5%	4.5%
Oklmulgee County	16,560	970	17,520	5.5%	5.3%	5.6%	6.2%
Osage County	20,600	860	21,460	4.0%	3.6%	4.3%	5.0%
Ottawa County	16,240	760	17,000	4.5%	3.9%	4.5%	4.8%
Pawnee County	7,750	320	8,070	4.0%	3.5%	4.4%	5.2%
Payne County	34,540	1,160	35,700	3.2%	2.8%	3.5%	3.6%
Pittsburg County	20,460	860	21,330	4.1%	3.6%	4.3%	4.8%
Pontotoc County	19,110	740	19,850	3.7%	3.4%	4.0%	4.4%
Pottawatomie Co.	30,210	1,460	31,680	4.6%	4.1%	4.8%	5.1%
Pushmataha County	5,620	260	5,870	4.4%	3.7%	4.2%	4.8%
Roger Mills County	1,740	50	1,790	2.7%	2.3%	3.0%	2.9%
Rogers County	39,210	1,420	40,630	3.5%	3.0%	3.5%	3.7%
Seminole County	9,580	620	10,200	6.1%	5.3%	6.1%	7.0%
Sequoyah County	17,470	1,090	18,560	5.9%	5.1%	5.3%	5.6%
Stephens County	20,160	750	20,900	3.6%	3.0%	3.6%	4.0%
Texas County	8,890	340	9,230	3.7%	3.0%	3.7%	3.8%
Tillman County	3,270	150	3,410	4.4%	4.0%	4.9%	4.9%
Tulsa County	293,180	12,110	305,290	4.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.2%
Wagoner County	31,570	1,150	32,720	3.5%	3.2%	3.6%	3.9%
Washington County	25,230	890	26,120	3.4%	3.0%	3.5%	4.1%
Washita County	5,740	200	5,940	3.3%	2.7%	3.5%	3.1%
Woods County	4,010	260	4,270	6.0%	4.7%	5.3%	8.4%
Woodward County	10,570	310	10,880	2.8%	2.3%	2.9%	3.3%