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Many Oklahoma county unemployment rates up in July

In July, Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by two-tenths to 4.9 percent. **McCurtain County** again recorded the state's highest county rate in July, while **Beckham** and **Kingfisher** counties shared the state's lowest county rate of 3.3 percent. More than 80 percent of the state's 77 counties reported over-the-month unemployment rate increases, as **Hughes** and **LeFlore** counties led the way.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

JULY 2007	Area	Unemp. Rate	Monthly change	Annual change
RATE	Statewide	4.9%	↑ 0.2%	↑ 0.9%
Highest county	McCurtain Co.	8.7%	↑ 0.9%	↑ 1.4%
Lowest county	Beckham Co.	3.3%	↑ 0.2%	↑ 0.8%
	Kingfisher Co.	3.3%	no change	↑ 0.5%
Biggest % gain	Hughes Co.	8.4%	↑ 1.4%	--
	LeFlore Co.	7.1%	↑ 1.4%	--
Biggest % loss	Adair Co.	5.7%	↓ 0.2%	--
	Woods Co.	6.5%	↓ 0.2%	--

*non-seasonally adjusted

State unemployment rate climbs to 4.9 percent in July

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** increased by two-tenths of a percent to 4.9 percent in July, its highest level since June 2005. State **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **non-seasonally adjusted employment** contracted over the month, while **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** added nearly 3,000 persons. The unemployment rate increase follows the trend seen for the United States as a whole.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	JULY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jul '07	Jun '07	May '07	Jul '06
Oklahoma	1,752,330	1,666,610	85,730	4.9%	4.7%	4.5%	4.0%
United States	154,871,000	147,315,000	7,556,000	4.9%	4.7%	4.3%	5.0%
Region							
Arkansas	1,392,090	1,309,440	82,650	5.9%	5.3%	5.0%	5.9%
Kansas	1,506,510	1,433,360	73,150	4.9%	4.8%	4.3%	5.0%
Louisiana	2,020,780	1,932,320	88,470	4.4%	4.9%	4.5%	4.0%
Missouri	3,096,410	2,940,490	155,910	5.0%	5.2%	4.3%	5.1%
New Mexico	958,480	918,340	40,150	4.2%	3.8%	3.6%	4.8%
Texas	11,643,020	11,089,390	553,640	4.8%	4.6%	3.9%	5.4%

*non-seasonally adjusted

Counties with highest rates unchanged in July

The Oklahoma counties reporting the three highest unemployment rates in July were a repeat of June's results. **McCurtain County** remained in the top spot with an increase to 8.7 percent. **Coal County** held onto second place at 8.6 percent, and **Hughes County** rounded out the list at 8.4 percent in July.

	JULY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jul '07	Jun '07	May '07	Jul '06
McCurtain County	13,070	11,920	1,140	8.7%	7.8%	7.0%	6.4%
Coal County	2,230	2,040	190	8.6%	7.3%	7.2%	6.2%
Hughes County	4,650	4,260	390	8.4%	7.0%	6.6%	6.8%

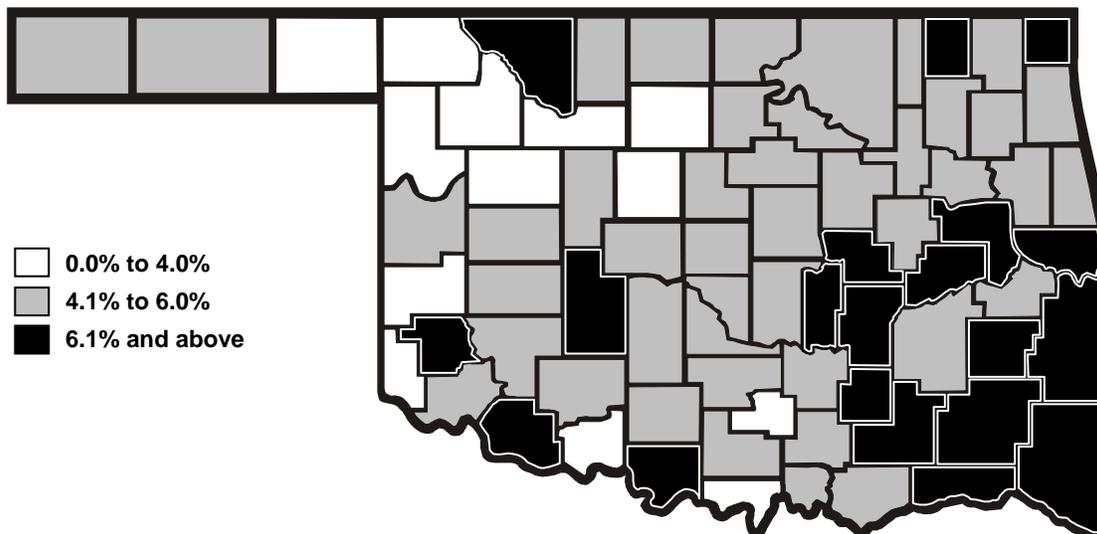
Beckham and Kingfisher counties claim July's lowest rate

Beckham County and **Kingfisher County** tied for lowest county unemployment rate in July at 3.3 percent. Three Oklahoma counties, **Beaver**, **Murray** and **Woodward**, shared July's second lowest county rate of 3.4 percent. **Ellis** and **Major** counties rounded out the top three lowest rates for July at 3.5 percent.

	JULY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Jul '07	Jun '07	May '07	Jul '06
Beckham County	10,690	10,340	350	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%
Kingfisher County	7,950	7,690	270	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%	2.8%
Beaver County	2,800	2,700	100	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%
Murray County	8,340	8,050	290	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%	3.1%
Woodward County	11,840	11,440	400	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%
Ellis County	2,110	2,040	80	3.5%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%
Major County	3,820	3,680	140	3.5%	3.4%	2.8%	2.7%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY

Preliminary data for July 2007



LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA
County rankings

	JULY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jul '07	Jun '07	May '07	Jul '06
1. McCurtain County	13,070	11,920	1,140	8.7%	7.8%	7.0%	6.4%
2. Coal County	2,230	2,040	190	8.6%	7.3%	7.2%	6.2%
3. Hughes County	4,650	4,260	390	8.4%	7.0%	6.6%	6.8%
4. Okfuskee County	4,240	3,930	310	7.4%	6.7%	6.4%	5.7%
5. Caddo County	10,680	9,900	780	7.3%	6.6%	6.1%	6.2%
6. McIntosh County	7,990	7,410	580	7.2%	6.5%	6.2%	5.3%
7. Seminole County	10,000	9,290	720	7.2%	6.4%	6.5%	5.8%
8. LeFlore County	22,460	20,870	1,590	7.1%	5.7%	6.6%	4.6%
9. Latimer County	3,910	3,650	270	6.8%	6.4%	5.6%	5.2%
10. Muskogee County	28,940	26,980	1,970	6.8%	6.6%	6.3%	5.1%
11. Atoka County	5,550	5,180	370	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	5.0%
12. Sequoyah County	18,860	17,600	1,260	6.7%	6.0%	6.7%	5.1%
13. Nowata County	4,540	4,240	300	6.6%	6.1%	6.2%	5.0%
14. Jefferson County	2,210	2,060	140	6.5%	5.8%	5.3%	4.8%
15. Woods County	3,700	3,460	240	6.5%	6.7%	6.5%	5.3%
16. Greer County	1,960	1,830	130	6.4%	5.7%	5.8%	4.4%
17. Tillman County	3,360	3,140	220	6.4%	6.0%	5.6%	4.3%
18. Choctaw County	6,570	6,150	420	6.3%	5.8%	5.6%	5.2%
19. Ottawa County	16,630	15,600	1,030	6.2%	5.5%	5.4%	4.5%
20. Pushmataha County	5,220	4,900	330	6.2%	5.2%	4.8%	4.8%
21. Alfalfa County	1,990	1,870	120	6.0%	5.1%	5.1%	4.5%
22. Craig County	6,670	6,270	390	5.9%	5.5%	5.2%	4.4%
23. Okmulgee County	17,440	16,420	1,020	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.0%
24. Kiowa County	3,560	3,350	210	5.8%	5.6%	5.3%	4.8%
25. Adair County	10,630	10,020	610	5.7%	5.9%	5.2%	4.3%
26. Delaware County	17,350	16,350	1,000	5.7%	5.5%	4.9%	4.5%
27. Johnston County	4,700	4,430	270	5.7%	5.5%	5.0%	4.5%
28. Marshall County	6,240	5,880	350	5.7%	4.9%	4.5%	4.3%
29. Mayes County	17,380	16,400	990	5.7%	5.1%	4.7%	4.4%
30. Blaine County	4,760	4,490	270	5.6%	5.3%	4.6%	4.3%
31. Cherokee County	20,690	19,540	1,150	5.5%	5.2%	4.8%	4.4%
32. Haskell County	5,150	4,870	280	5.4%	5.0%	4.7%	4.4%
33. Kay County	21,350	20,230	1,130	5.3%	5.2%	5.3%	4.9%
34. Pottawatomie County	30,990	29,330	1,650	5.3%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%
35. Cimarron County	1,140	1,080	60	5.2%	4.4%	3.8%	3.2%
36. Comanche County	45,870	43,530	2,340	5.1%	5.0%	4.7%	4.1%
37. Creek County	33,180	31,530	1,650	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%	4.0%
38. Oklahoma County	346,990	329,790	17,200	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%
39. Pawnee County	8,130	7,720	410	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	3.7%

	JULY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jul '07	Jun '07	May '07	Jul '06
40. Grady County	24,430	23,230	1,210	4.9%	4.9%	4.4%	5.0%
41. Payne County	31,310	29,770	1,530	4.9%	4.9%	4.1%	3.7%
42. Pittsburg County	21,740	20,680	1,060	4.9%	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%
43. Pontotoc County	20,250	19,260	990	4.9%	3.9%	3.7%	4.5%
44. Lincoln County	15,330	14,590	730	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%	4.0%
45. Osage County	21,610	20,610	1,010	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%	4.1%
46. Stephens County	21,020	20,060	960	4.6%	4.3%	4.0%	3.5%
47. Garvin County	13,420	12,810	610	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%
48. Jackson County	11,870	11,340	530	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%
49. Rogers County	41,730	39,870	1,860	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%
50. Grant County	2,250	2,150	100	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	3.7%
51. Logan County	18,920	18,100	830	4.4%	4.4%	4.1%	3.7%
52. McClain County	15,320	14,650	670	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%	3.5%
53. Tulsa County	306,810	293,280	13,530	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%
54. Wagoner County	33,450	31,990	1,460	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%
55. Canadian County	53,460	51,160	2,300	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	3.3%
56. Carter County	24,450	23,400	1,050	4.3%	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%
57. Custer County	12,600	12,060	540	4.3%	4.2%	3.6%	3.2%
58. Texas County	8,650	8,280	370	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%
59. Washington County	26,060	24,940	1,110	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%	3.5%
60. Washita County	5,270	5,050	230	4.3%	3.9%	3.4%	3.5%
61. Cleveland County	123,300	118,080	5,220	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%
62. Noble County	5,590	5,350	240	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%	3.7%
63. Bryan County	20,560	19,710	850	4.1%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%
64. Roger Mills County	1,590	1,520	70	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%
65. Cotton County	3,270	3,140	130	4.0%	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%
66. Dewey County	2,210	2,130	90	4.0%	3.6%	3.0%	3.0%
67. Love County	4,920	4,730	200	4.0%	3.9%	3.6%	3.7%
68. Garfield County	29,250	28,150	1,100	3.8%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%
69. Harmon County	1,480	1,420	60	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%	3.6%
70. Harper County	1,700	1,640	60	3.7%	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%
71. Ellis County	2,110	2,040	80	3.5%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%
72. Major County	3,820	3,680	140	3.5%	3.4%	2.8%	2.7%
73. Beaver County	2,800	2,700	100	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%
74. Murray County	8,340	8,050	290	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%	3.1%
75. Woodward County	11,840	11,440	400	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%
76. Beckham County	10,690	10,340	350	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%
77. Kingfisher County	7,950	7,690	270	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%	2.8%

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By county

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Adair County	10,630	10,020	610	5.7%	5.9%	5.2%	4.3%
Alfalfa County	1,990	1,870	120	6.0%	5.1%	5.1%	4.5%
Atoka County	5,550	5,180	370	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	5.0%
Beaver County	2,800	2,700	100	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%
Beckham County	10,690	10,340	350	3.3%	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%
Blaine County	4,760	4,490	270	5.6%	5.3%	4.6%	4.3%
Bryan County	20,560	19,710	850	4.1%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%
Caddo County	10,680	9,900	780	7.3%	6.6%	6.1%	6.2%
Canadian County	53,460	51,160	2,300	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	3.3%
Carter County	24,450	23,400	1,050	4.3%	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%
Cherokee County	20,690	19,540	1,150	5.5%	5.2%	4.8%	4.4%
Choctaw County	6,570	6,150	420	6.3%	5.8%	5.6%	5.2%
Cimarron County	1,140	1,080	60	5.2%	4.4%	3.8%	3.2%
Cleveland County	123,300	118,080	5,220	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%
Coal County	2,230	2,040	190	8.6%	7.3%	7.2%	6.2%
Comanche County	45,870	43,530	2,340	5.1%	5.0%	4.7%	4.1%
Cotton County	3,270	3,140	130	4.0%	3.6%	3.2%	3.2%
Craig County	6,670	6,270	390	5.9%	5.5%	5.2%	4.4%
Creek County	33,180	31,530	1,650	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%	4.0%
Custer County	12,600	12,060	540	4.3%	4.2%	3.6%	3.2%
Delaware County	17,350	16,350	1,000	5.7%	5.5%	4.9%	4.5%
Dewey County	2,210	2,130	90	4.0%	3.6%	3.0%	3.0%
Ellis County	2,110	2,040	80	3.5%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%
Garfield County	29,250	28,150	1,100	3.8%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%
Garvin County	13,420	12,810	610	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%
Grady County	24,430	23,230	1,210	4.9%	4.9%	4.4%	5.0%
Grant County	2,250	2,150	100	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	3.7%
Greer County	1,960	1,830	130	6.4%	5.7%	5.8%	4.4%
Harmon County	1,480	1,420	60	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%	3.6%
Harper County	1,700	1,640	60	3.7%	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%
Haskell County	5,150	4,870	280	5.4%	5.0%	4.7%	4.4%
Hughes County	4,650	4,260	390	8.4%	7.0%	6.6%	6.8%
Jackson County	11,870	11,340	530	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%
Jefferson County	2,210	2,060	140	6.5%	5.8%	5.3%	4.8%
Johnston County	4,700	4,430	270	5.7%	5.5%	5.0%	4.5%
Kay County	21,350	20,230	1,130	5.3%	5.2%	5.3%	4.9%
Kingfisher County	7,950	7,690	270	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%	2.8%
Kiowa County	3,560	3,350	210	5.8%	5.6%	5.3%	4.8%
Latimer County	3,910	3,650	270	6.8%	6.4%	5.6%	5.2%

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LeFlore County	22,460	20,870	1,590	7.1%	5.7%	6.6%	4.6%
Lincoln County	15,330	14,590	730	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%	4.0%
Logan County	18,920	18,100	830	4.4%	4.4%	4.1%	3.7%
Love County	4,920	4,730	200	4.0%	3.9%	3.6%	3.7%
Major County	3,820	3,680	140	3.5%	3.4%	2.8%	2.7%
Marshall County	6,240	5,880	350	5.7%	4.9%	4.5%	4.3%
Mayes County	17,380	16,400	990	5.7%	5.1%	4.7%	4.4%
McClain County	15,320	14,650	670	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%	3.5%
McCurtain County	13,070	11,920	1,140	8.7%	7.8%	7.0%	6.4%
McIntosh County	7,990	7,410	580	7.2%	6.5%	6.2%	5.3%
Murray County	8,340	8,050	290	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%	3.1%
Muskogee County	28,940	26,980	1,970	6.8%	6.6%	6.3%	5.1%
Noble County	5,590	5,350	240	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%	3.7%
Nowata County	4,540	4,240	300	6.6%	6.1%	6.2%	5.0%
Okfuskee County	4,240	3,930	310	7.4%	6.7%	6.4%	5.7%
Oklahoma County	346,990	329,790	17,200	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%	4.1%
Okmulgee County	17,440	16,420	1,020	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.0%
Osage County	21,610	20,610	1,010	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%	4.1%
Ottawa County	16,630	15,600	1,030	6.2%	5.5%	5.4%	4.5%
Pawnee County	8,130	7,720	410	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	3.7%
Payne County	31,310	29,770	1,530	4.9%	4.9%	4.1%	3.7%
Pittsburg County	21,740	20,680	1,060	4.9%	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%
Pontotoc County	20,250	19,260	990	4.9%	3.9%	3.7%	4.5%
Pottawatomie County	30,990	29,330	1,650	5.3%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%
Pushmataha County	5,220	4,900	330	6.2%	5.2%	4.8%	4.8%
Roger Mills County	1,590	1,520	70	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%	2.8%
Rogers County	41,730	39,870	1,860	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%
Seminole County	10,000	9,290	720	7.2%	6.4%	6.5%	5.8%
Sequoyah County	18,860	17,600	1,260	6.7%	6.0%	6.7%	5.1%
Stephens County	21,020	20,060	960	4.6%	4.3%	4.0%	3.5%
Texas County	8,650	8,280	370	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%
Tillman County	3,360	3,140	220	6.4%	6.0%	5.6%	4.3%
Tulsa County	306,810	293,280	13,530	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.6%
Wagoner County	33,450	31,990	1,460	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%
Washington County	26,060	24,940	1,110	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%	3.5%
Washita County	5,270	5,050	230	4.3%	3.9%	3.4%	3.5%
Woods County	3,700	3,460	240	6.5%	6.7%	6.5%	5.3%
Woodward County	11,840	11,440	400	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%

**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA
Workforce Investments Areas (WIAs) & Local Labor Markets (LLMs)**

	JULY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jul '07	Jun '07	May '07	Jul '06
Oklahoma	1,752,330	1,666,610	85,730	4.9%	4.7%	4.5%	4.0%
Central WIA	419,370	399,040	20,330	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%	4.0%
Cleveland County WIA	123,300	118,080	5,220	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	3.4%
East Central WIA	65,210	61,400	3,810	5.8%	5.4%	5.2%	5.0%
Holdenville LLM	8,890	8,190	700	7.9%	6.9%	6.5%	6.3%
Shawnee LLM	56,320	53,210	3,110	5.5%	5.2%	5.0%	4.8%
Eastern WIA	138,000	129,960	8,040	5.8%	5.6%	5.5%	4.6%
Muskogee LLM	70,390	66,380	4,010	5.7%	5.5%	5.3%	4.3%
Okmulgee LLM	17,440	16,420	1,020	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.0%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	50,170	47,170	3,010	6.0%	5.6%	5.6%	4.7%
North Central WIA	108,260	103,380	4,880	4.5%	4.4%	4.1%	3.7%
Enid LLM	50,010	48,030	1,980	4.0%	3.8%	3.5%	3.2%
Ponca City LLM	26,950	25,580	1,370	5.1%	5.0%	5.1%	4.7%
Stillwater LLM	31,310	29,770	1,530	4.9%	4.9%	4.1%	3.7%
Northeast WIA	130,350	123,680	6,670	5.1%	4.8%	4.6%	4.0%
Bartlesville LLM	30,590	29,190	1,410	4.6%	4.4%	4.3%	3.7%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	76,460	72,620	3,840	5.0%	4.8%	4.5%	4.0%
Miami-Vinita LLM	23,290	21,870	1,420	6.1%	5.5%	5.3%	4.5%
Northwest WIA	34,150	32,760	1,400	4.1%	3.9%	3.6%	3.2%
Guymon LLM	12,580	12,050	530	4.2%	3.9%	3.6%	3.2%
Woodward LLM	21,580	20,710	870	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%	3.3%
South Central WIA	126,160	119,710	6,450	5.1%	4.9%	4.6%	4.3%
Chickasha LLM	50,440	47,780	2,660	5.3%	5.1%	4.7%	4.8%
Duncan LLM	23,230	22,120	1,110	4.8%	4.5%	4.1%	3.6%
Lawton LLM	52,490	49,810	2,680	5.1%	5.0%	4.7%	4.1%
Southeast WIA	78,120	73,040	5,070	6.5%	5.7%	5.7%	4.9%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	24,860	22,980	1,890	7.6%	6.7%	6.2%	5.8%
McAlester LLM	25,650	24,330	1,330	5.2%	4.9%	4.6%	4.4%
Poteau LLM	27,600	25,740	1,860	6.7%	5.6%	6.2%	4.6%
Southern WIA	110,660	105,490	5,170	4.7%	4.3%	4.1%	4.0%
Ada LLM	33,670	32,070	1,600	4.7%	4.1%	3.7%	4.2%
Ardmore LLM	37,710	36,180	1,540	4.1%	3.8%	3.7%	3.6%
Durant LLM	39,280	37,240	2,030	5.2%	4.9%	4.7%	4.1%
Southwest WIA	49,020	46,920	2,100	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%
Altus LLM	18,870	17,950	920	4.9%	4.6%	4.4%	3.9%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	30,160	28,980	1,180	3.9%	3.7%	3.3%	3.0%
Tulsa WIA	369,730	353,140	16,590	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%	3.7%

**LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)**

	JULY 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Jul '07	Jun '07	May '07	Jul '06
Oklahoma	1,752,330	1,666,610	85,730	4.9%	4.7%	4.5%	4.0%
Oklahoma City MSA	597,760	569,600	28,160	4.7%	4.6%	4.4%	3.9%
Tulsa MSA	462,360	441,420	20,940	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%	3.7%
Lawton MSA	45,870	43,530	2,340	5.1%	5.0%	4.7%	4.1%