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Unemployment rates up for many Oklahoma counties in October

Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by one-tenth to 4.2 percent in October. Two-thirds of the state's counties followed suit and reported rate increases for the month. **McCurtain County** again reported the state's highest county rate, while **Beckham County** claimed the lowest rate. **Cimarron County** saw the largest rate increase, while **Sequoyah County** provided the largest over-the-month rate drop of 0.9 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

OCTOBER 2007	Area	Unemp. Rate	Monthly change	Annual change
RATE	Statewide	4.2%	↑ 0.1%	↑ 0.6%
Highest county	McCurtain Co.	6.5%	↓ 0.4%	↑ 1.1%
Lowest county	Beckham Co.	2.8%	↑ 0.1%	↑ 0.4%
Biggest % gain	Cimarron Co.	4.9%	↑ 0.8%	--
Biggest % loss	Sequoyah Co.	5.2%	↓ 0.9%	--

*non-seasonally adjusted

State unemployment rate rises to 4.2 percent for October

In October, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** increased by 0.1 percent to 4.2 percent for the month. Statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force**, **employment** and **unemployment** all rose in October, leading to the unemployment rate gain. Over the year, statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** has grown by more than 15 percent, resulting in an unemployment rate increase of 0.6 percent for the October-to-October period.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	OCTOBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Oct '07	Sep '07	Aug '07	Oct '06
Oklahoma	1,740,590	1,667,880	72,710	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	3.6%
United States	153,516,000	146,743,000	6,773,000	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.1%
Region							
Arkansas	1,372,110	1,304,520	67,590	4.9%	5.3%	5.3%	4.4%
Kansas	1,485,500	1,434,810	50,690	3.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Louisiana	1,996,930	1,936,310	60,620	3.0%	4.4%	4.1%	3.8%
Missouri	3,060,000	2,899,790	160,210	5.2%	5.1%	5.2%	4.6%
New Mexico	949,180	922,700	26,480	2.8%	3.3%	3.8%	3.7%
Texas	11,572,260	11,123,860	448,390	3.9%	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%

*non-seasonally adjusted

McCurtain County claims highest county rate in October

McCurtain County again reported the state's highest county unemployment rate of 6.5 percent for the month of October. **Coal** and **Hughes counties** shared the second highest county rate of 6.3 percent. **Seminole County** provided the state's third highest rate of 5.8 percent for October.

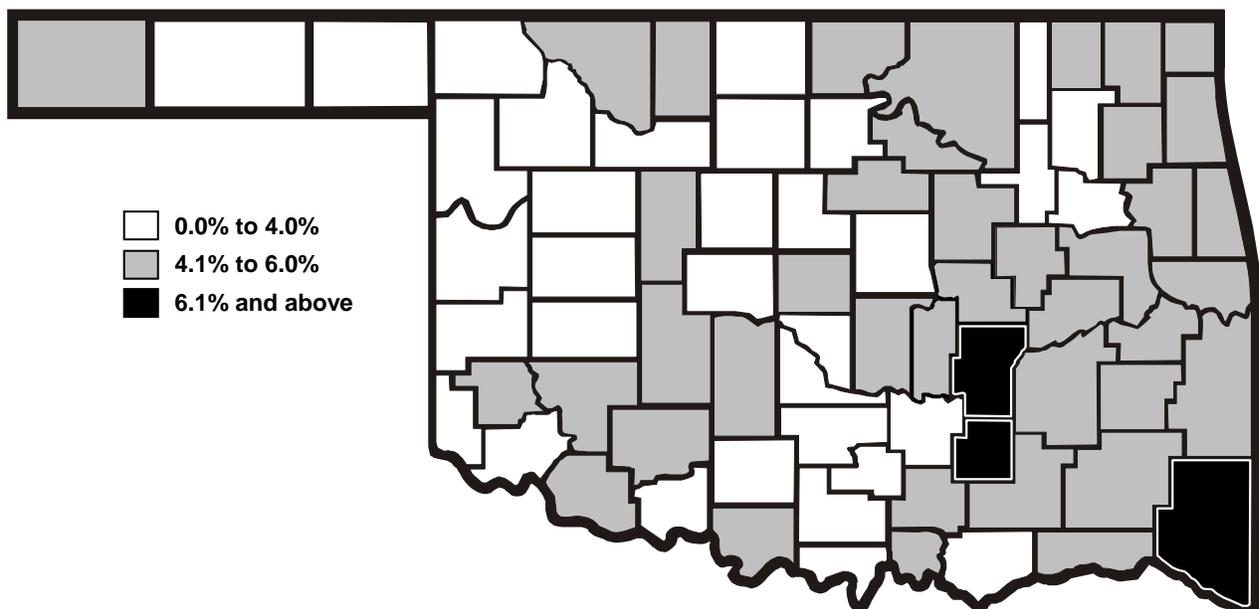
	OCTOBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Oct '07	Sep '07	Aug '07	Oct '06
McCurtain County	13,130	12,270	860	6.5%	6.9%	7.4%	5.4%
Coal County	2,420	2,270	150	6.3%	6.1%	6.6%	5.1%
Hughes County	4,830	4,530	310	6.3%	6.3%	6.5%	5.6%
Seminole County	10,040	9,460	580	5.8%	5.9%	6.1%	5.2%

Beckham County's rate lowest rate in state for October

Beckham County reported the lowest county unemployment rate of 2.8 percent in October. **Woodward County** followed close behind with an October rate of 2.9 percent. **Ellis** and **Kingfisher counties** shared Oklahoma's third lowest county rate in October at 3.0 percent.

	OCTOBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Oct '07	Sep '07	Aug '07	Oct '06
Beckham County	10,540	10,250	290	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.4%
Woodward County	11,730	11,390	340	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.5%
Ellis County	2,140	2,080	70	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%
Kingfisher County	8,120	7,880	240	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	2.6%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary data for October 2007



LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for OKLAHOMA
County rankings

	OCTOBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Oct '07	Sep '07	Aug '07	Oct '06
1. McCurtain County	13,130	12,270	860	6.5%	6.9%	7.4%	5.4%
2. Coal County	2,420	2,270	150	6.3%	6.1%	6.6%	5.1%
3. Hughes County	4,830	4,530	310	6.3%	6.3%	6.5%	5.6%
4. Seminole County	10,040	9,460	580	5.8%	5.9%	6.1%	5.2%
5. Choctaw County	6,820	6,430	390	5.7%	5.4%	5.6%	4.6%
6. McIntosh County	8,030	7,580	460	5.7%	5.6%	6.0%	5.0%
7. Craig County	6,730	6,360	380	5.6%	5.1%	5.4%	4.0%
8. Greer County	1,920	1,810	110	5.6%	5.4%	5.5%	4.6%
9. Latimer County	3,960	3,740	220	5.6%	5.5%	5.9%	4.5%
10. Muskogee County	28,530	26,920	1,610	5.6%	5.5%	5.8%	5.0%
11. Okmulgee County	17,110	16,160	950	5.6%	5.2%	5.2%	4.7%
12. Jefferson County	2,330	2,210	130	5.5%	5.3%	5.8%	4.2%
13. Woods County	3,850	3,640	210	5.5%	5.4%	5.1%	4.7%
14. Kiowa County	3,560	3,370	190	5.4%	5.1%	5.4%	4.8%
15. Le Flore County	21,900	20,710	1,190	5.4%	6.1%	5.9%	4.5%
16. Nowata County	4,670	4,420	250	5.4%	5.4%	5.3%	4.5%
17. Okfuskee County	4,270	4,040	230	5.4%	5.5%	5.8%	4.9%
18. Alfalfa County	2,090	1,980	110	5.3%	5.1%	5.5%	4.2%
19. Atoka County	5,730	5,430	300	5.2%	5.1%	5.5%	4.4%
20. Caddo County	11,260	10,670	590	5.2%	5.2%	5.5%	5.1%
21. Sequoyah County	18,420	17,470	950	5.2%	6.1%	5.6%	4.8%
22. Delaware County	17,350	16,470	880	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%	4.0%
23. Ottawa County	16,740	15,900	850	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%	4.2%
24. Pushmataha County	5,510	5,240	280	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	3.8%
25. Blaine County	4,840	4,600	240	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%	3.9%
26. Cimarron County	1,140	1,080	60	4.9%	4.1%	4.5%	4.2%
27. Adair County	11,000	10,470	530	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.0%
28. Johnston County	4,800	4,570	230	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%	3.7%
29. Tillman County	3,300	3,140	160	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%	4.2%
30. Marshall County	6,280	5,980	300	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	3.7%
31. Haskell County	5,230	4,990	240	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%	4.1%
32. Mayes County	17,680	16,860	820	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%	4.0%
33. Cherokee County	21,040	20,110	940	4.5%	4.5%	4.7%	4.0%
34. Pottawatomie County	31,530	30,120	1,410	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	4.1%
35. Comanche County	46,090	44,060	2,030	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%
36. Kay County	21,500	20,550	940	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.0%
37. Creek County	32,430	31,040	1,390	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	3.6%
38. Oklahoma County	342,240	327,580	14,660	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	3.7%
39. Osage County	21,190	20,290	900	4.3%	4.1%	4.1%	3.6%

	OCTOBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Oct '07	Sep '07	Aug '07	Oct '06
40. Pawnee County	7,940	7,600	330	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	3.8%
41. Pittsburg County	21,660	20,750	910	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%	3.8%
42. Grady County	24,050	23,070	980	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%
43. Payne County	32,910	31,570	1,340	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	3.2%
44. Lincoln County	15,100	14,500	600	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	3.7%
45. Stephens County	21,110	20,250	850	4.0%	3.8%	3.9%	3.3%
46. Grant County	2,180	2,090	90	3.9%	3.9%	4.1%	3.5%
47. Tulsa County	300,510	288,750	11,760	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%
48. Wagoner County	32,760	31,490	1,270	3.9%	3.6%	3.7%	3.3%
49. Bryan County	20,400	19,610	790	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%
50. Harmon County	1,430	1,380	60	3.8%	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%
51. Rogers County	40,810	39,250	1,560	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.3%
52. Washington County	25,600	24,620	980	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.1%
53. Canadian County	52,750	50,820	1,930	3.7%	3.5%	3.6%	3.0%
54. Carter County	24,680	23,760	930	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%
55. Dewey County	2,320	2,230	90	3.7%	3.8%	3.4%	2.7%
56. Garvin County	13,570	13,070	500	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%	3.2%
57. Jackson County	12,030	11,590	450	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%	3.3%
58. Logan County	18,670	17,980	700	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.4%
59. McClain County	15,110	14,550	560	3.7%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%
60. Texas County	8,410	8,100	310	3.7%	3.5%	3.6%	3.1%
61. Cleveland County	121,730	117,290	4,440	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.1%
62. Cotton County	3,370	3,250	120	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.0%
63. Roger Mills County	1,660	1,600	60	3.6%	3.1%	3.3%	2.6%
64. Harper County	1,730	1,670	60	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%	3.2%
65. Noble County	5,690	5,490	200	3.5%	3.4%	3.8%	3.3%
66. Washita County	5,510	5,320	190	3.5%	3.3%	3.5%	3.1%
67. Custer County	13,120	12,680	440	3.4%	3.2%	3.5%	2.9%
68. Pontotoc County	20,700	20,000	690	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	3.0%
69. Garfield County	29,110	28,140	970	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.8%
70. Love County	4,960	4,800	160	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%
71. Major County	3,780	3,650	130	3.3%	3.1%	3.1%	2.7%
72. Beaver County	2,860	2,770	90	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	2.8%
73. Murray County	8,350	8,100	260	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%
74. Ellis County	2,140	2,080	70	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%
75. Kingfisher County	8,120	7,880	240	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	2.6%
76. Woodward County	11,730	11,390	340	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.5%
77. Beckham County	10,540	10,250	290	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.4%

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By county

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Adair County	11,000	10,470	530	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.0%
Alfalfa County	2,090	1,980	110	5.3%	5.1%	5.5%	4.2%
Atoka County	5,730	5,430	300	5.2%	5.1%	5.5%	4.4%
Beaver County	2,860	2,770	90	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	2.8%
Beckham County	10,540	10,250	290	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.4%
Blaine County	4,840	4,600	240	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%	3.9%
Bryan County	20,400	19,610	790	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%
Caddo County	11,260	10,670	590	5.2%	5.2%	5.5%	5.1%
Canadian County	52,750	50,820	1,930	3.7%	3.5%	3.6%	3.0%
Carter County	24,680	23,760	930	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%
Cherokee County	21,040	20,110	940	4.5%	4.5%	4.7%	4.0%
Choctaw County	6,820	6,430	390	5.7%	5.4%	5.6%	4.6%
Cimarron County	1,140	1,080	60	4.9%	4.1%	4.5%	4.2%
Cleveland County	121,730	117,290	4,440	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.1%
Coal County	2,420	2,270	150	6.3%	6.1%	6.6%	5.1%
Comanche County	46,090	44,060	2,030	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%
Cotton County	3,370	3,250	120	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.0%
Craig County	6,730	6,360	380	5.6%	5.1%	5.4%	4.0%
Creek County	32,430	31,040	1,390	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	3.6%
Custer County	13,120	12,680	440	3.4%	3.2%	3.5%	2.9%
Delaware County	17,350	16,470	880	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%	4.0%
Dewey County	2,320	2,230	90	3.7%	3.8%	3.4%	2.7%
Ellis County	2,140	2,080	70	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%
Garfield County	29,110	28,140	970	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.8%
Garvin County	13,570	13,070	500	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%	3.2%
Grady County	24,050	23,070	980	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.6%
Grant County	2,180	2,090	90	3.9%	3.9%	4.1%	3.5%
Greer County	1,920	1,810	110	5.6%	5.4%	5.5%	4.6%
Harmon County	1,430	1,380	60	3.8%	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%
Harper County	1,730	1,670	60	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%	3.2%
Haskell County	5,230	4,990	240	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%	4.1%
Hughes County	4,830	4,530	310	6.3%	6.3%	6.5%	5.6%
Jackson County	12,030	11,590	450	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%	3.3%
Jefferson County	2,330	2,210	130	5.5%	5.3%	5.8%	4.2%
Johnston County	4,800	4,570	230	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%	3.7%
Kay County	21,500	20,550	940	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.0%
Kingfisher County	8,120	7,880	240	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	2.6%
Kiowa County	3,560	3,370	190	5.4%	5.1%	5.4%	4.8%
Latimer County	3,960	3,740	220	5.6%	5.5%	5.9%	4.5%

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LeFlore County	21,900	20,710	1,190	5.4%	6.1%	5.9%	4.5%
Lincoln County	15,100	14,500	600	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	3.7%
Logan County	18,670	17,980	700	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.4%
Love County	4,960	4,800	160	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%
Major County	3,780	3,650	130	3.3%	3.1%	3.1%	2.7%
Marshall County	6,280	5,980	300	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	3.7%
Mayes County	17,680	16,860	820	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%	4.0%
McClain County	15,110	14,550	560	3.7%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%
McCurtain County	13,130	12,270	860	6.5%	6.9%	7.4%	5.4%
McIntosh County	8,030	7,580	460	5.7%	5.6%	6.0%	5.0%
Murray County	8,350	8,100	260	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%
Muskogee County	28,530	26,920	1,610	5.6%	5.5%	5.8%	5.0%
Noble County	5,690	5,490	200	3.5%	3.4%	3.8%	3.3%
Nowata County	4,670	4,420	250	5.4%	5.4%	5.3%	4.5%
Okfuskee County	4,270	4,040	230	5.4%	5.5%	5.8%	4.9%
Oklahoma County	342,240	327,580	14,660	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	3.7%
Okmulgee County	17,110	16,160	950	5.6%	5.2%	5.2%	4.7%
Osage County	21,190	20,290	900	4.3%	4.1%	4.1%	3.6%
Ottawa County	16,740	15,900	850	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%	4.2%
Pawnee County	7,940	7,600	330	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	3.8%
Payne County	32,910	31,570	1,340	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	3.2%
Pittsburg County	21,660	20,750	910	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%	3.8%
Pontotoc County	20,700	20,000	690	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	3.0%
Pottawatomie County	31,530	30,120	1,410	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,510	5,240	280	5.1%	5.3%	5.3%	3.8%
Roger Mills County	1,660	1,600	60	3.6%	3.1%	3.3%	2.6%
Rogers County	40,810	39,250	1,560	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.3%
Seminole County	10,040	9,460	580	5.8%	5.9%	6.1%	5.2%
Sequoyah County	18,420	17,470	950	5.2%	6.1%	5.6%	4.8%
Stephens County	21,110	20,250	850	4.0%	3.8%	3.9%	3.3%
Texas County	8,410	8,100	310	3.7%	3.5%	3.6%	3.1%
Tillman County	3,300	3,140	160	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%	4.2%
Tulsa County	300,510	288,750	11,760	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%
Wagoner County	32,760	31,490	1,270	3.9%	3.6%	3.7%	3.3%
Washington County	25,600	24,620	980	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.1%
Washita County	5,510	5,320	190	3.5%	3.3%	3.5%	3.1%
Woods County	3,850	3,640	210	5.5%	5.4%	5.1%	4.7%
Woodward County	11,730	11,390	340	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.5%

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

	OCTOBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
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Oklahoma	1,740,590	1,667,880	72,710	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	3.6%
Central WIA	413,660	396,380	17,290	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	3.6%
Cleveland County WIA	121,730	117,290	4,440	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.1%
East Central WIA	65,780	62,650	3,120	4.7%	4.7%	4.9%	4.3%
Holdenville LLM	9,110	8,570	540	5.9%	5.9%	6.2%	5.3%
Shawnee LLM	56,670	54,080	2,590	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%	4.2%
Eastern WIA	136,900	130,190	6,710	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	4.3%
Muskogee LLM	69,320	65,990	3,330	4.8%	4.6%	4.9%	4.2%
Okmulgee LLM	17,110	16,160	950	5.6%	5.2%	5.2%	4.7%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	50,460	48,040	2,420	4.8%	5.2%	5.1%	4.3%
North Central WIA	110,210	105,960	4,250	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%	3.3%
Enid LLM	50,110	48,340	1,770	3.5%	3.3%	3.5%	3.0%
Ponca City LLM	27,190	26,040	1,140	4.2%	4.2%	4.5%	3.9%
Stillwater LLM	32,910	31,570	1,340	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	3.2%
Northeast WIA	129,590	123,880	5,710	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%	3.7%
Bartlesville LLM	30,270	29,040	1,230	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	3.3%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	75,840	72,580	3,260	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	3.6%
Miami-Vinita LLM	23,480	22,260	1,220	5.2%	5.0%	5.5%	4.1%
Northwest WIA	34,170	32,960	1,210	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%
Guymon LLM	12,410	11,950	460	3.7%	3.4%	3.5%	3.1%
Woodward LLM	21,770	21,010	760	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%
South Central WIA	126,620	121,200	5,410	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%
Chickasha LLM	50,420	48,300	2,120	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%
Duncan LLM	23,440	22,460	980	4.2%	3.9%	4.1%	3.4%
Lawton LLM	52,760	50,450	2,310	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	3.8%
Southeast WIA	78,200	74,120	4,080	5.2%	5.4%	5.5%	4.4%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,460	23,940	1,530	6.0%	6.2%	6.5%	4.9%
McAlester LLM	25,610	24,480	1,130	4.4%	4.2%	4.4%	3.9%
Poteau LLM	27,130	25,700	1,430	5.3%	5.8%	5.7%	4.5%
Southern WIA	111,890	107,580	4,300	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.3%
Ada LLM	34,260	33,070	1,190	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	3.1%
Ardmore LLM	38,000	36,650	1,350	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%
Durant LLM	39,630	37,870	1,760	4.4%	4.4%	4.5%	3.6%
Southwest WIA	49,780	47,990	1,790	3.6%	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%
Altus LLM	18,940	18,140	800	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	3.7%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	30,830	29,850	990	3.2%	3.0%	3.2%	2.7%
Tulsa WIA	362,070	347,680	14,390	4.0%	3.9%	3.9%	3.4%

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

	OCTOBER 2007			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Oct '07	Sep '07	Aug '07	Oct '06
Oklahoma	1,740,590	1,667,880	72,710	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	3.6%
Oklahoma City MSA	589,650	565,790	23,860	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%	3.5%
Tulsa MSA	452,760	434,580	18,170	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%	3.5%
Lawton MSA	46,090	44,060	2,030	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	3.9%