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County unemployment rates down across state in September

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.5 percent in September 2008.

McCurtain County held the state's highest county unemployment rate, and **Beaver County** reported the lowest county rate. Unemployment rate drops were seen in all but three Oklahoma counties (LeFlore, Okmulgee, Sequoyah) in September.

SEPTEMBER 2008	Area	Unemp. rate	Monthly change	Annual change
RATE	Statewide	3.5%	↓ 0.3%	↓ 0.6%
Highest county	McCurtain Co.	6.7%	↓ 0.6%	↓ 0.1%
Lowest county	Beaver Co.	1.7%	↓ 0.1%	↓ 1.0%
Biggest % gain	Sequoyah Co.	6.2%	↑ 0.2%	--
Biggest % loss	Adair County	4.4%	↓ 0.8%	--
	Alfalfa County	2.7%	↓ 0.8%	--
	Hughes County	5.3%	↓ 0.8%	--

*non-seasonally adjusted

Statewide labor force, employment up as unemployment dips in September

In September 2008, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** contracted by 0.3 percent to 3.5 percent for the month. Oklahoma's statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **non-seasonally adjusted employment** both expanded in September, while **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** shed more than 4,700 persons. This combination led to the lowered unemployment rate. Since September 2007, statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** has shed more than 8,500 persons, while **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** have increased.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

	SEPTEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Sep '08	Aug '08	Jul '08	Sep '07
Oklahoma	1,752,500	1,690,710	61,800	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%
United States	154,509,000	145,310,000	9,199,000	6.0%	6.1%	6.0%	4.5%
<i>Region</i>							
Arkansas	1,381,590	1,318,710	62,880	4.6%	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%
Kansas	1,495,930	1,423,820	72,110	4.8%	4.7%	4.9%	4.0%
Louisiana	2,052,380	1,945,450	106,930	5.2%	5.0%	4.4%	3.9%
Missouri	2,992,280	2,806,080	186,200	6.2%	6.6%	6.5%	5.1%
New Mexico	956,660	920,060	36,600	3.8%	4.7%	4.6%	3.3%
Texas	11,798,020	11,181,590	616,430	5.2%	5.1%	5.0%	4.3%

*non-seasonally adjusted

McCurtain County holds highest county rate in September

In September, **McCurtain County** reported Oklahoma's highest county rate for the month at 6.7 percent. **Sequoyah County** claimed the state's second highest rate of 6.2 percent. **Hughes and LeFlore counties** shared the third highest county unemployment rate in Oklahoma for September.

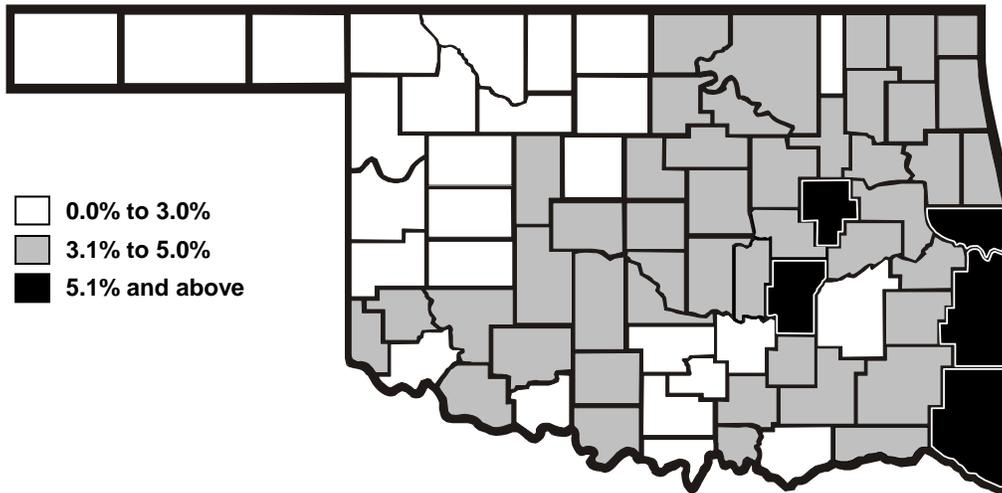
	SEPTEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Sep '08	Aug '08	Jul '08	Sep '07
McCurtain County	14,830	13,840	990	6.7%	7.3%	7.4%	6.8%
Sequoyah County	18,320	17,180	1,140	6.2%	6.0%	5.8%	5.7%
Hughes County	4,800	4,540	250	5.3%	6.1%	7.0%	6.2%
LeFlore County	21,500	20,360	1,140	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%

Beaver County posts September's lowest county rate

Beaver County claimed sole possession of Oklahoma's lowest county unemployment rate in September. **Ellis and Woodward counties** shared the second highest county rate of 1.8 percent. Following right behind were **Beckham and Roger Mills counties** at 1.9 percent.

	SEPTEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Sep '08	Aug '08	Jul '08	Sep '07
Beaver County	3,380	3,320	60	1.7%	1.8%	2.2%	2.7%
Ellis County	2,700	2,650	50	1.8%	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%
Woodward County	13,080	12,840	240	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.8%
Beckham County	12,590	12,350	240	1.9%	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%
Roger Mills County	2,050	2,010	40	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%	2.9%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary data for September 2008



NOTE:

Each month, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data for the previous month is revised. The following data is marked in the table heading as either preliminary (not revised) or revised.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (preliminary data)**County rankings**

	SEPTEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE					SEPTEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Sep '08	Aug '08	Jul '08	Sep '07		Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Sep '08	Aug '08	Jul '08	Sep '07
1. McCurtain County	14,830	13,840	990	6.7%	7.3%	7.4%	6.8%	40. Stephens County	22,300	21,540	760	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%
2. Sequoyah County	18,320	17,180	1,140	6.2%	6.0%	5.8%	5.7%	41. Tulsa County	287,440	277,560	9,880	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%
3. Hughes County	4,800	4,540	250	5.3%	6.1%	7.0%	6.2%	42. Blaine County	5,120	4,950	170	3.3%	3.8%	4.2%	4.7%
4. LeFlore County	21,500	20,360	1,140	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%	43. McClain County	14,860	14,380	490	3.3%	3.6%	4.2%	3.5%
5. Okmulgee County	16,190	15,360	830	5.2%	5.2%	5.5%	5.3%	44. Rogers County	39,440	38,140	1,300	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%
6. Choctaw County	7,250	6,910	340	4.7%	5.3%	5.6%	5.4%	45. Haskell County	6,010	5,820	190	3.2%	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%
7. McIntosh County	8,690	8,280	400	4.7%	5.0%	5.4%	5.4%	46. Logan County	17,830	17,250	580	3.2%	3.5%	3.9%	3.7%
8. Pawnee County	7,570	7,230	340	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%	47. Noble County	6,180	5,980	200	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%	3.4%
9. Pushmataha County	5,220	4,980	240	4.5%	4.7%	5.4%	5.7%	48. Canadian County	51,580	49,970	1,600	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
10. Seminole County	10,720	10,240	480	4.5%	4.9%	5.3%	5.6%	49. Cleveland County	117,860	114,190	3,670	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
11. Adair County	11,380	10,870	500	4.4%	5.2%	5.5%	4.9%	50. Harmon County	1,340	1,290	40	3.1%	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%
12. Coal County	2,580	2,470	110	4.4%	5.0%	5.7%	5.9%	51. Bryan County	20,590	19,970	620	3.0%	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%
13. Latimer County	4,350	4,160	190	4.4%	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%	52. Carter County	26,540	25,740	810	3.0%	3.2%	3.2%	3.6%
14. Muskogee County	29,990	28,680	1,310	4.4%	4.6%	4.9%	5.3%	53. Pittsburg County	23,950	23,230	720	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.8%
15. Atoka County	6,180	5,920	260	4.3%	4.8%	5.2%	5.0%	54. Pontotoc County	20,280	19,710	570	2.8%	3.1%	3.6%	3.5%
16. Creek County	31,040	29,730	1,320	4.2%	4.5%	4.8%	4.4%	55. Washington County	27,580	26,810	770	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.7%
17. Greer County	2,080	1,990	90	4.2%	4.5%	4.8%	5.3%	56. Alfalfa County	2,490	2,420	70	2.7%	3.5%	3.8%	5.0%
18. Ottawa County	17,470	16,740	740	4.2%	4.7%	4.7%	5.0%	57. Garvin County	15,220	14,810	420	2.7%	2.9%	3.3%	3.4%
19. Mayes County	18,750	17,980	770	4.1%	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	58. Jackson County	12,820	12,470	340	2.7%	3.0%	3.4%	3.4%
20. Nowata County	5,110	4,900	210	4.1%	4.3%	4.8%	5.1%	59. Garfield County	31,080	30,290	790	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	3.0%
21. Payne County	37,490	35,970	1,530	4.1%	4.5%	3.8%	3.7%	60. Woods County	4,150	4,050	100	2.5%	2.9%	3.5%	6.0%
22. Jefferson County	2,490	2,390	100	4.0%	4.3%	4.6%	5.2%	61. Cotton County	4,440	4,340	110	2.4%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%
23. Johnston County	5,210	5,000	210	4.0%	4.5%	4.6%	4.5%	62. Murray County	8,350	8,150	200	2.4%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%
24. Osage County	20,170	19,370	800	4.0%	4.3%	4.7%	4.1%	63. Washita County	6,270	6,120	150	2.4%	2.6%	3.2%	3.1%
25. Caddo County	12,710	12,230	480	3.8%	4.2%	5.0%	4.8%	64. Custer County	15,060	14,710	350	2.3%	2.6%	3.0%	3.0%
26. Delaware County	19,290	18,550	740	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%	4.7%	65. Love County	5,300	5,180	120	2.3%	2.5%	2.7%	3.2%
27. Okfuskee County	4,700	4,520	180	3.8%	4.3%	4.7%	5.0%	66. Major County	4,370	4,270	100	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%	3.1%
28. Craig County	7,580	7,300	280	3.7%	3.9%	4.0%	4.7%	67. Texas County	10,060	9,830	230	2.3%	2.7%	3.1%	3.2%
29. Lincoln County	14,570	14,030	540	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%	68. Dewey County	2,590	2,530	60	2.2%	2.4%	2.8%	3.7%
30. Marshall County	6,330	6,090	230	3.7%	4.1%	4.3%	4.9%	69. Grant County	2,790	2,720	60	2.2%	2.4%	2.7%	3.4%
31. Oklahoma County	329,000	316,830	12,170	3.7%	4.0%	4.2%	4.3%	70. Cimarron County	1,370	1,340	30	2.1%	2.7%	3.7%	4.1%
32. Pottawatomie Co.	32,920	31,720	1,200	3.6%	4.0%	4.2%	4.1%	71. Harper County	2,090	2,040	40	2.1%	2.3%	3.0%	3.3%
33. Tillman County	3,600	3,470	130	3.6%	4.3%	4.7%	4.4%	72. Kingfisher County	8,710	8,530	180	2.1%	2.3%	2.5%	2.8%
34. Grady County	23,410	22,600	810	3.5%	3.8%	4.4%	4.2%	73. Beckham County	12,590	12,350	240	1.9%	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%
35. Wagoner County	32,070	30,970	1,110	3.5%	3.8%	3.9%	3.6%	74. Roger Mills County	2,050	2,010	40	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%	2.9%
36. Cherokee County	23,630	22,830	800	3.4%	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	75. Ellis County	2,700	2,650	50	1.8%	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%
37. Comanche County	45,790	44,230	1,560	3.4%	3.6%	4.0%	4.0%	76. Woodward County	13,080	12,840	240	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.8%
38. Kay County	23,630	22,830	800	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	4.1%	77. Beaver County	3,380	3,320	60	1.7%	1.8%	2.2%	2.7%
39. Kiowa County	4,080	3,940	140	3.4%	3.9%	4.4%	4.8%								

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (preliminary data)

By county

	SEPTEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Sep '08	Aug '08	Jul '08	Sep '07
Adair County	11,380	10,870	500	4.4%	5.2%	5.5%	4.9%
Alfalfa County	2,490	2,420	70	2.7%	3.5%	3.8%	5.0%
Atoka County	6,180	5,920	260	4.3%	4.8%	5.2%	5.0%
Beaver County	3,380	3,320	60	1.7%	1.8%	2.2%	2.7%
Beckham County	12,590	12,350	240	1.9%	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%
Blaine County	5,120	4,950	170	3.3%	3.8%	4.2%	4.7%
Bryan County	20,590	19,970	620	3.0%	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%
Caddo County	12,710	12,230	480	3.8%	4.2%	5.0%	4.8%
Canadian County	51,580	49,970	1,600	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
Carter County	26,540	25,740	810	3.0%	3.2%	3.2%	3.6%
Cherokee County	23,630	22,830	800	3.4%	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%
Choctaw County	7,250	6,910	340	4.7%	5.3%	5.6%	5.4%
Cimarron County	1,370	1,340	30	2.1%	2.7%	3.7%	4.1%
Cleveland County	117,860	114,190	3,670	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
Coal County	2,580	2,470	110	4.4%	5.0%	5.7%	5.9%
Comanche County	45,790	44,230	1,560	3.4%	3.6%	4.0%	4.0%
Cotton County	4,440	4,340	110	2.4%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%
Craig County	7,580	7,300	280	3.7%	3.9%	4.0%	4.7%
Creek County	31,040	29,730	1,320	4.2%	4.5%	4.8%	4.4%
Custer County	15,060	14,710	350	2.3%	2.6%	3.0%	3.0%
Delaware County	19,290	18,550	740	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%	4.7%
Dewey County	2,590	2,530	60	2.2%	2.4%	2.8%	3.7%
Ellis County	2,700	2,650	50	1.8%	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%
Garfield County	31,080	30,290	790	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	3.0%
Garvin County	15,220	14,810	420	2.7%	2.9%	3.3%	3.4%
Grady County	23,410	22,600	810	3.5%	3.8%	4.4%	4.2%
Grant County	2,790	2,720	60	2.2%	2.4%	2.7%	3.4%
Greer County	2,080	1,990	90	4.2%	4.5%	4.8%	5.3%
Harmon County	1,340	1,290	40	3.1%	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%
Harper County	2,090	2,040	40	2.1%	2.3%	3.0%	3.3%
Haskell County	6,010	5,820	190	3.2%	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%
Hughes County	4,800	4,540	250	5.3%	6.1%	7.0%	6.2%
Jackson County	12,820	12,470	340	2.7%	3.0%	3.4%	3.4%
Jefferson County	2,490	2,390	100	4.0%	4.3%	4.6%	5.2%
Johnston County	5,210	5,000	210	4.0%	4.5%	4.6%	4.5%
Kay County	23,630	22,830	800	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	4.1%
Kingfisher County	8,710	8,530	180	2.1%	2.3%	2.5%	2.8%
Kiowa County	4,080	3,940	140	3.4%	3.9%	4.4%	4.8%
Latimer County	4,350	4,160	190	4.4%	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%

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LeFlore County	21,500	20,360	1,140	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%
Lincoln County	14,570	14,030	540	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%
Logan County	17,830	17,250	580	3.2%	3.5%	3.9%	3.7%
Love County	5,300	5,180	120	2.3%	2.5%	2.7%	3.2%
Major County	4,370	4,270	100	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%	3.1%
Marshall County	6,330	6,090	230	3.7%	4.1%	4.3%	4.9%
Mayes County	18,750	17,980	770	4.1%	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%
McClain County	14,860	14,380	490	3.3%	3.6%	4.2%	3.5%
McCurain County	14,830	13,840	990	6.7%	7.3%	7.4%	6.8%
McIntosh County	8,690	8,280	400	4.7%	5.0%	5.4%	5.4%
Murray County	8,350	8,150	200	2.4%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%
Muskogee County	29,990	28,680	1,310	4.4%	4.6%	4.9%	5.3%
Noble County	6,180	5,980	200	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%	3.4%
Nowata County	5,110	4,900	210	4.1%	4.3%	4.8%	5.1%
Okfuskee County	4,700	4,520	180	3.8%	4.3%	4.7%	5.0%
Oklahoma County	329,000	316,830	12,170	3.7%	4.0%	4.2%	4.3%
Okmulgee County	16,190	15,360	830	5.2%	5.2%	5.5%	5.3%
Osage County	20,170	19,370	800	4.0%	4.3%	4.7%	4.1%
Ottawa County	17,470	16,740	740	4.2%	4.7%	4.7%	5.0%
Pawnee County	7,570	7,230	340	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%
Payne County	37,490	35,970	1,530	4.1%	4.5%	3.8%	3.7%
Pittsburg County	23,950	23,230	720	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.8%
Pontotoc County	20,280	19,710	570	2.8%	3.1%	3.6%	3.5%
Pottawatomie County	32,920	31,720	1,200	3.6%	4.0%	4.2%	4.1%
Pushmataha County	5,220	4,980	240	4.5%	4.7%	5.4%	5.7%
Roger Mills County	2,050	2,010	40	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%	2.9%
Rogers County	39,440	38,140	1,300	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%
Seminole County	10,720	10,240	480	4.5%	4.9%	5.3%	5.6%
Sequoyah County	18,320	17,180	1,140	6.2%	6.0%	5.8%	5.7%
Stephens County	22,300	21,540	760	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%
Texas County	10,060	9,830	230	2.3%	2.7%	3.1%	3.2%
Tillman County	3,600	3,470	130	3.6%	4.3%	4.7%	4.4%
Tulsa County	287,440	277,560	9,880	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%
Wagoner County	32,070	30,970	1,110	3.5%	3.8%	3.9%	3.6%
Washington County	27,580	26,810	770	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.7%
Washita County	6,270	6,120	150	2.4%	2.6%	3.2%	3.1%
Woods County	4,150	4,050	100	2.5%	2.9%	3.5%	6.0%
Woodward County	13,080	12,840	240	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.8%

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Sep '08	Aug '08	Jul '08	Sep '07
OKLAHOMA	1,752,500	1,690,710	61,800	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%
Central WIA	398,410	384,060	14,350	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
Oklahoma City LLM	398,410	384,060	14,350	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
Cleveland County WIA	117,860	114,190	3,670	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
Norman LLM	117,860	114,190	3,670	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%	3.6%
East Central WIA	67,710	65,050	2,650	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%	4.5%
Holdenville LLM	9,490	9,060	430	4.6%	5.2%	5.8%	5.6%
Shawnee LLM	58,210	55,990	2,220	3.8%	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%
Eastern WIA	140,270	134,170	6,100	4.3%	4.6%	4.8%	4.8%
Muskogee LLM	70,750	67,930	2,820	4.0%	4.3%	4.5%	4.6%
Okmulgee LLM	16,190	15,360	830	5.2%	5.2%	5.5%	5.3%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	53,330	50,890	2,440	4.6%	4.9%	5.0%	4.9%
North Central WIA	121,850	117,950	3,900	3.2%	3.5%	3.4%	3.6%
Enid LLM	54,540	53,180	1,370	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%	3.3%
Ponca City LLM	29,810	28,810	1,000	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%
Stillwater LLM	37,490	35,970	1,530	4.1%	4.5%	3.8%	3.7%
Northeast WIA	135,220	130,410	4,810	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%
Bartlesville LLM	32,690	31,710	980	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%	3.9%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	77,480	74,660	2,810	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
Miami-Vinita LLM	25,050	24,040	1,010	4.0%	4.4%	4.5%	4.9%
Northwest WIA	39,410	38,600	800	2.0%	2.3%	2.7%	3.4%
Guymon LLM	14,810	14,490	320	2.1%	2.5%	3.0%	3.2%
Woodward LLM	24,600	24,120	490	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%	3.5%
South Central WIA	129,590	125,170	4,430	3.4%	3.7%	4.1%	4.0%
Chickasha LLM	50,980	49,200	1,780	3.5%	3.8%	4.5%	4.2%
Duncan LLM	24,790	23,930	860	3.4%	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%
Lawton LLM	53,830	52,030	1,790	3.3%	3.6%	4.0%	4.0%
Southeast WIA	83,110	79,290	3,810	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%	5.2%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	27,300	25,730	1,560	5.7%	6.3%	6.6%	6.2%
McAlester LLM	28,300	27,380	920	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%	4.0%
Poteau LLM	27,510	26,180	1,330	4.8%	4.9%	5.1%	5.4%
Southern WIA	116,590	113,030	3,550	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%
Ada LLM	35,510	34,520	990	2.8%	3.0%	3.5%	3.4%
Ardmore LLM	40,200	39,070	1,130	2.8%	3.0%	3.0%	3.4%
Durant LLM	40,880	39,450	1,430	3.5%	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%
Southwest WIA	56,290	54,890	1,400	2.5%	2.8%	3.1%	3.2%
Altus LLM	20,320	19,700	610	3.0%	3.4%	3.8%	3.9%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	35,970	35,190	780	2.2%	2.4%	2.8%	2.9%
Tulsa WIA	346,220	333,890	12,330	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
Tulsa LLM	346,220	333,890	12,330	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%

	SEPTEMBER 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Sep '08	Aug '08	Jul '08	Sep '07
OKLAHOMA	1,752,500	1,690,710	61,800	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%
Oklahoma City MSA	569,110	549,250	19,860	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%
Tulsa MSA	433,920	418,350	15,580	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
Lawton MSA	45,790	44,230	1,560	3.4%	3.6%	4.0%	4.0%

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unempl.	Aug '08	Jul '08	Jun '08	Aug '07
Adair County	11,300	10,710	590	5.2%	5.5%	5.2%	4.8%
Alfalfa County	2,290	2,210	80	3.5%	3.8%	3.9%	5.3%
Atoka County	6,120	5,830	290	4.8%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%
Beaver County	3,210	3,150	60	1.8%	2.2%	2.5%	2.7%
Beckham County	12,590	12,310	270	2.2%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%
Blaine County	4,970	4,790	190	3.8%	4.2%	4.3%	4.6%
Bryan County	20,370	19,670	710	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%	3.7%
Caddo County	12,260	11,750	510	4.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.1%
Canadian County	51,220	49,510	1,720	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	3.7%
Carter County	26,240	25,400	850	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
Cherokee County	23,730	22,830	910	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%
Choctaw County	7,110	6,730	380	5.3%	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%
Cimarron County	1,250	1,220	30	2.7%	3.7%	3.7%	4.2%
Cleveland County	117,130	113,120	4,010	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	3.7%
Coal County	2,460	2,340	120	5.0%	5.7%	5.7%	6.2%
Comanche County	46,040	44,380	1,670	3.6%	4.0%	4.3%	4.0%
Cotton County	4,430	4,320	120	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%
Craig County	7,490	7,200	290	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	4.9%
Creek County	31,360	29,950	1,420	4.5%	4.8%	4.8%	4.4%
Custer County	14,620	14,240	380	2.6%	3.0%	3.4%	3.3%
Delaware County	19,160	18,360	800	4.2%	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%
Dewey County	2,560	2,500	60	2.4%	2.8%	2.9%	3.2%
Ellis County	2,640	2,590	50	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%	2.5%
Garfield County	30,730	29,890	840	2.7%	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%
Garvin County	14,910	14,480	440	2.9%	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%
Grady County	23,270	22,390	880	3.8%	4.4%	4.7%	4.3%
Grant County	2,710	2,640	70	2.4%	2.7%	2.9%	3.6%
Greer County	2,050	1,950	90	4.5%	4.8%	5.1%	5.4%
Harmon County	1,310	1,260	50	3.8%	3.8%	4.1%	3.6%
Harper County	2,030	1,980	50	2.3%	3.0%	3.3%	2.9%
Haskell County	5,930	5,710	220	3.8%	4.0%	4.4%	4.2%
Hughes County	4,590	4,310	280	6.1%	7.0%	6.5%	6.5%
Jackson County	12,810	12,420	390	3.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%
Jefferson County	2,400	2,300	100	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%	5.7%
Johnston County	5,180	4,950	230	4.5%	4.6%	4.9%	4.6%
Kay County	23,650	22,790	860	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%	4.3%
Kingfisher County	8,500	8,300	200	2.3%	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%
Kiowa County	4,010	3,850	160	3.9%	4.4%	4.4%	5.0%
Latimer County	4,250	4,040	210	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%

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LeFlore County	21,500	20,370	1,130	5.2%	5.4%	5.2%	5.8%
Lincoln County	14,450	13,900	550	3.8%	4.0%	4.5%	4.3%
Logan County	17,720	17,090	630	3.5%	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%
Love County	5,240	5,110	130	2.5%	2.7%	2.9%	3.2%
Major County	4,260	4,150	100	2.4%	2.7%	2.8%	3.1%
Marshall County	6,280	6,030	260	4.1%	4.3%	4.2%	5.0%
Mayes County	18,510	17,690	820	4.5%	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%
McClain County	14,780	14,240	540	3.6%	4.2%	4.2%	3.6%
McCurain County	14,520	13,460	1,060	7.3%	7.4%	7.4%	7.3%
McIntosh County	8,560	8,130	430	5.0%	5.4%	5.4%	5.9%
Murray County	8,330	8,110	220	2.7%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%
Muskogee County	29,760	28,370	1,380	4.6%	4.9%	5.1%	5.8%
Noble County	6,100	5,880	210	3.5%	3.1%	3.8%	3.8%
Nowata County	5,010	4,790	220	4.3%	4.8%	5.0%	5.2%
Okfuskee County	4,510	4,320	190	4.3%	4.7%	4.7%	5.2%
Oklahoma County	327,010	313,880	13,140	4.0%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%
Okmulgee County	16,330	15,470	860	5.2%	5.5%	5.7%	5.3%
Osage County	20,380	19,510	870	4.3%	4.7%	4.8%	4.1%
Ottawa County	17,070	16,270	800	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	5.5%
Pawnee County	7,640	7,280	360	4.6%	4.6%	4.9%	4.3%
Payne County	37,220	35,550	1,670	4.5%	3.8%	4.8%	3.8%
Pittsburg County	23,680	22,920	770	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%	4.0%
Pontotoc County	20,140	19,510	620	3.1%	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%
Pottawatomie County	32,480	31,190	1,290	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%
Pushmataha County	5,190	4,950	240	4.7%	5.4%	5.3%	5.7%
Roger Mills County	2,000	1,960	50	2.3%	2.6%	2.9%	2.8%
Rogers County	39,820	38,420	1,400	3.5%	3.7%	4.0%	3.9%
Seminole County	10,560	10,050	510	4.9%	5.3%	5.2%	6.0%
Sequoyah County	18,300	17,200	1,100	6.0%	5.8%	5.4%	5.6%
Stephens County	22,360	21,530	830	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%	3.8%
Texas County	9,790	9,530	260	2.7%	3.1%	3.4%	3.3%
Tillman County	3,500	3,350	150	4.3%	4.7%	4.8%	4.6%
Tulsa County	290,230	279,630	10,590	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
Wagoner County	32,420	31,200	1,220	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.7%
Washington County	27,860	27,020	840	3.0%	3.1%	3.4%	3.9%
Washita County	6,110	5,960	160	2.6%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%
Woods County	3,980	3,870	110	2.9%	3.5%	3.7%	5.6%
Woodward County	13,090	12,820	260	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%	2.8%

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OKLAHOMA	1,745,530	1,679,020	66,510	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%
Central WIA	395,960	380,470	15,480	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%
Oklahoma City LLM	395,960	380,470	15,480	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%
Cleveland County WIA	117,130	113,120	4,010	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	3.7%
Norman LLM	117,130	113,120	4,010	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	3.7%
East Central WIA	66,590	63,760	2,830	4.2%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%
Holdenville LLM	9,100	8,620	480	5.2%	5.8%	5.6%	5.9%
Shawnee LLM	57,490	55,130	2,350	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%	4.6%
Eastern WIA	140,390	133,910	6,480	4.6%	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%
Muskogee LLM	70,740	67,710	3,030	4.3%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%
Okmulgee LLM	16,330	15,470	860	5.2%	5.5%	5.7%	5.3%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	53,330	50,730	2,600	4.9%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%
North Central WIA	120,410	116,200	4,210	3.5%	3.4%	3.8%	3.7%
Enid LLM	53,450	51,980	1,470	2.8%	2.9%	3.1%	3.4%
Ponca City LLM	29,750	28,680	1,070	3.6%	3.6%	3.9%	4.2%
Stillwater LLM	37,220	35,550	1,670	4.5%	3.8%	4.8%	3.8%
Northeast WIA	134,910	129,740	5,170	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%
Bartlesville LLM	32,860	31,810	1,050	3.2%	3.4%	3.6%	4.1%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	77,490	74,460	3,030	3.9%	4.1%	4.3%	4.2%
Miami-Vinita LLM	24,560	23,470	1,090	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%	5.3%
Northwest WIA	38,550	37,660	890	2.3%	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%
Guymon LLM	14,250	13,890	360	2.5%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%
Woodward LLM	24,300	23,760	540	2.2%	2.5%	2.8%	3.3%
South Central WIA	129,050	124,260	4,790	3.7%	4.1%	4.4%	4.1%
Chickasha LLM	50,310	48,380	1,920	3.8%	4.5%	4.6%	4.3%
Duncan LLM	24,760	23,830	930	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%	4.0%
Lawton LLM	53,980	52,050	1,930	3.6%	4.0%	4.3%	4.0%
Southeast WIA	82,170	78,170	4,000	4.9%	5.1%	5.1%	5.4%
Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM	26,820	25,130	1,680	6.3%	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%
McAlester LLM	27,930	26,960	970	3.5%	3.6%	3.9%	4.2%
Poteau LLM	27,430	26,080	1,350	4.9%	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%
Southern WIA	115,280	111,420	3,870	3.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
Ada LLM	35,050	33,990	1,060	3.0%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Ardmore LLM	39,820	38,620	1,200	3.0%	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%
Durant LLM	40,420	38,810	1,610	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.4%
Southwest WIA	55,480	53,940	1,540	2.8%	3.1%	3.4%	3.4%
Altus LLM	20,170	19,480	690	3.4%	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%
Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM	35,320	34,460	850	2.4%	2.8%	3.1%	3.0%
Tulsa WIA	349,610	336,380	13,240	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%	4.0%
Tulsa LLM	349,610	336,380	13,240	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%	4.0%

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OKLAHOMA	1,745,530	1,679,020	66,510	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%
Oklahoma City MSA	565,580	544,120	21,460	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%
Tulsa MSA	438,180	421,470	16,710	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.0%
Lawton MSA	46,040	44,380	1,670	3.6%	4.0%	4.3%	4.0%