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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - September 2008

Oklahoma's state unemployment rate continues to drop in September

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** improved again in September, continuing a trend started during the June-to-July period. September's statewide rate of 3.5 percent represents a monthly drop of 0.3 percent and an annual drop of 0.6 percent.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS*

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
SEP '08	1,752,500	1,690,710	61,800	3.5%
Aug '08	1,745,530	1,679,020	66,510	3.8%
Sep '07	1,728,950	1,658,630	70,320	4.1%

*non-seasonally adjusted

Job counts up for state, Oklahoma City MSA in September

- In September, Oklahoma's statewide **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 13,300 jobs (+0.8 percent). **Government** reported the largest gain of any statewide supersector.
- **Government** grew by 12,800 jobs in September. This seasonal addition reflects public schools and universities starting the school year.
- For the September-to-September period, Oklahoma **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 11,000 jobs. The only supersectors that failed to add jobs for the year were **Professional & Business Services** and **Government**.

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07
OKLAHOMA	1,590,300	1,577,000	1,579,300
OKC MSA	579,200	572,200	570,600
Tulsa MSA	425,300	425,700	427,400

CHANGE in TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
OKLAHOMA	13,300	0.8%	11,000	0.7%
OKC MSA	7,000	1.2%	8,600	1.5%
Tulsa MSA	-400	-0.1%	-2,100	-0.5%

*non-seasonally adjusted

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LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The statistics in this section are gathered from the **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)** program. LAUS produces labor force, employment, unemployment and unemployment rate estimates for the state and its subdivisions based on where workers live. Data is taken from a monthly household survey, and all LAUS numbers refer to individual persons rather than their jobs.

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.

	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%

	NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED		
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
SEPTEMBER 2008	1,752,500	1,690,710	61,800	1,757,290	1,691,290	66,000
Monthly change (#)	6,970	11,690	-4,710	12,150	16,030	-3,870
Monthly change (%)	0.4%	0.7%	-7.1%	0.7%	1.0%	-5.5%
Annual change (#)	23,550	32,080	-8,530	23,230	31,820	-8,590
Annual change (%)	1.4%	1.9%	-12.1%	1.3%	1.9%	-11.5%
Participation rate*	63.3%	61.1%	--	63.5%	61.1%	--

* Participation rate represents the ratio of labor force or employment compared to the general population of Oklahoma.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The **Current Employment Statistics (CES)** program uses a monthly payroll survey of businesses to provide current non-farm establishment employment statistics. Non-farm employment is an estimate of employment by place of work. It does not include the self-employed, unpaid family members or agricultural workers. CES numbers refer to jobs instead of persons.

STATE of OKLAHOMA*

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Oklahoma's statewide employment continues growth in September

Oklahoma **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** continued to expand in September with an addition of 13,300 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the month. This movement follows the trend seen each year for the August-to-September period. Annual growth came mostly from the **Goods Producing Industries**, while monthly expansion was primarily confined to the **Service Providing Industries**. **Government** was again the big contributor to the monthly gain, reflecting students returning to public schools and universities for the new school year. Monthly losses remained small except in **Leisure & Hospitality**, where 2,300 jobs were dropped over the month. The only supersectors that failed to add jobs for the year were **Professional & Business Services** and **Government**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	1,590,300	1,577,000	1,579,300	13,300	0.8%	11,000	0.7%
Goods Producing Industries	281,300	280,600	270,700	700	0.2%	10,600	3.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	54,000	53,500	47,400	500	0.9%	6,600	13.9%
Construction	75,500	75,700	72,800	-200	-0.3%	2,700	3.7%
Manufacturing	151,800	151,400	150,500	400	0.3%	1,300	0.9%
Service Providing Industries	1,309,000	1,296,400	1,308,600	12,600	1.0%	400	0.0%
Professional & Business Svcs.	183,300	182,300	184,200	1,000	0.5%	-900	-0.5%
Educational & Health Services	197,100	195,300	195,100	1,800	0.9%	2,000	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	144,100	146,400	143,200	-2,300	-1.6%	900	0.6%
Government	318,000	305,200	321,900	12,800	4.2%	-3,900	-1.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Natural Resources & Mining up in September

In September, statewide **Natural Resources & Mining** added 500 jobs over the month and 6,600 jobs over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	54,000	53,500	47,400	500	0.9%	6,600	13.9%
Support Activities for Mining	28,500	28,300	26,500	200	0.7%	2,000	7.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Construction losses continue into September

Construction shed jobs for the third straight month in September. Despite the loss, this supersector has added 2,700 jobs over the year, with two-thirds of the jobs coming from **Specialty Trade Contractors**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Construction	75,500	75,700	72,800	-200	-0.3%	2,700	3.7%
Construction of Buildings	16,400	16,500	15,500	-100	-0.6%	900	5.8%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,900	12,000	11,900	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	47,200	47,200	45,400	0	0.0%	1,800	4.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Manufacturing adds jobs in September

Statewide **Manufacturing** grew by 400 jobs for the month and 1,300 jobs over the year in September. The **Durable Goods Manufacturing** industry was the source of the expansion.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Manufacturing	151,800	151,400	150,500	400	0.3%	1,300	0.9%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	105,000	104,300	103,100	700	0.7%	1,900	1.8%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	46,800	47,100	47,400	-300	-0.6%	-600	-1.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TTU continues to grow over year in September

Contraction in **Retail Trade** led statewide **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** to a small loss over the month. **Retail Trade** and **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities** combined to provide all of the supersector's annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	289,800	289,900	288,600	-100	0.0%	1,200	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	59,500	59,300	60,000	200	0.3%	-500	-0.8%
Retail Trade	171,500	171,900	171,000	-400	-0.2%	500	0.3%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	58,800	58,700	57,600	100	0.2%	1,200	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Professional & Business Services up in September

Professional & Business Services reversed course in September with an addition of 1,000 jobs for the month. **Administrative & Support Services** provided almost all of the monthly gain. This industry's annual losses overcame over-the-year gains in **Professional & Scientific Services** and led to a 900-job loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Professional & Business Services	183,300	182,300	184,200	1,000	0.5%	-900	-0.5%
Professional & Scientific Services	63,500	63,400	62,300	100	0.2%	1,200	1.9%
Management of Companies	13,300	13,400	13,300	-100	-0.7%	0	0.0%
Administrative & Support Services	106,500	105,500	108,600	1,000	0.9%	-2,100	-1.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Educational & Health Services grows again in September

Educational & Health Services continued to expand in September with an addition of 1,800 jobs for the month. **Educational Services** provided the monthly gain, as the **Health Care & Social Assistance** industry contributed four of every five jobs added for the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Educational & Health Services	197,100	195,300	195,100	1,800	0.9%	2,000	1.0%
Educational Services	19,700	17,600	19,300	2,100	11.9%	400	2.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	177,400	177,700	175,800	-300	-0.2%	1,600	0.9%
Ambulatory Health Care	64,300	64,400	63,400	-100	-0.2%	900	1.4%
Hospitals	53,100	53,400	52,200	-300	-0.6%	900	1.7%
Nursing & Residential	34,900	34,900	35,100	0	0.0%	-200	-0.6%
Social Assistance	25,100	25,000	25,100	100	0.4%	0	0.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Leisure & Hospitality down over month

Statewide **Leisure & Hospitality** shed 2,300 jobs over the month in September. **Accommodation & Food Services** fueled much of the monthly contraction. The 900-job annual gain was shared between the **Accommodation & Food Services** and **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** industries.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	144,100	146,400	143,200	-2,300	-1.6%	900	0.6%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	18,800	19,100	18,300	-300	-1.6%	500	2.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	125,300	127,300	124,900	-2,000	-1.6%	400	0.3%
Accommodation	11,500	11,800	11,400	-300	-2.5%	100	0.9%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	113,800	115,500	113,500	-1,700	-1.5%	300	0.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Seasonal gains continue to benefit Government in September

Government expanded by 12,800 jobs in September due to seasonal education factors. This was the largest gain by any statewide supersector for the month. **State Government** and **Local Government** combined for the monthly growth. **Government** shed 3,900 jobs during the September-to-September period driven solely by the **Local Government** industry.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Government	318,000	305,200	321,900	12,800	4.2%	-3,900	-1.2%
Federal Government	46,000	46,000	45,800	0	0.0%	200	0.4%
State Government	85,200	78,200	85,200	7,000	9.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	186,800	181,000	190,900	5,800	3.2%	-4,100	-2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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Oklahoma City MSA continues monthly growth

In September, **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** in the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) expanded by 7,000 jobs over the month. Most of the job gains came from the **Service Providing Industries**, where **Government** reported seasonal growth for the second straight month. Supersectors that reported losses for the month included **Financial Activities**, **Leisure & Hospitality**, and **Other Services**.

Over the year, the Oklahoma City MSA added 8,600 jobs. **Educational & Health Services** reported the largest annual gain. The only supersector to contract over the year was **Government**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	579,200	572,200	570,600	7,000	1.2%	8,600	1.5%
Goods Producing Industries	81,900	81,500	78,700	400	0.5%	3,200	4.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	16,000	15,900	14,700	100	0.6%	1,300	8.8%
Construction	29,200	29,200	27,300	0	0.0%	1,900	7.0%
Service Providing Industries	497,300	490,700	491,900	6,600	1.3%	5,400	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	103,700	103,400	102,200	300	0.3%	1,500	1.5%
Professional & Business Svcs.	76,600	76,100	75,600	500	0.7%	1,000	1.3%
Educational & Health Services	76,200	75,900	73,300	300	0.4%	2,900	4.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	58,300	59,200	57,200	-900	-1.5%	1,100	1.9%
Government	112,500	105,900	114,000	6,600	6.2%	-1,500	-1.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Natural Resources & Mining up for month, year again

Oklahoma City **Natural Resources & Mining** expanded by 100 jobs for the month in September. For the year, the supersector added 1,300 jobs.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	16,000	15,900	14,700	100	0.6%	1,300	8.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Construction continues to expand over year

Oklahoma City **Construction** held steady in September, leaving the supersector with an addition of 1,900 jobs over the year. **Specialty Trade Contractors** contributed just over half of the annual expansion.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Construction	29,200	29,200	27,300	0	0.0%	1,900	7.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,600	18,700	17,600	-100	-0.5%	1,000	5.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Retail Trade drives annual growth again for OKC TTU

Oklahoma City **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** grew slightly in September. For the year, **TTU** has added 1,500 jobs, two-thirds of which were provided by **Retail Trade**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	103,700	103,400	102,200	300	0.3%	1,500	1.5%
Wholesale Trade	23,700	23,700	23,500	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
Retail Trade	62,800	62,700	61,800	100	0.2%	1,000	1.6%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	17,200	17,000	16,900	200	1.2%	300	1.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Professional & Business Services up in September

Oklahoma City **Professional & Business Services** expanded by 500 jobs for the month and 1,000 jobs for the year in September. **Administrative & Support Services** provided the monthly addition, and **Professional & Scientific Services** contributed half of the annual gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Professional & Business Services	76,600	76,100	75,600	500	0.7%	1,000	1.3%
Professional & Scientific Services	27,400	27,500	26,900	-100	-0.4%	500	1.9%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	0.0%	200	3.4%
Administrative & Support Services	43,100	42,500	42,800	600	1.4%	300	0.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Educational & Health Services up for month, year

Educational & Health Services continued to add jobs in September. **Health Care & Social Assistance** contributed to the monthly growth and provided almost all of the annual gains.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Educational & Health Services	76,200	75,900	73,300	300	0.4%	2,900	4.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	67,900	67,800	65,100	100	0.1%	2,800	4.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Leisure & Hospitality reports loss for month, gain for year in September

Leisure & Hospitality in the Oklahoma City MSA contracted by 900 jobs over the month. Despite the loss, the supersector grew by 1,100 jobs during the September-to-September period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	58,300	59,200	57,200	-900	-1.5%	1,100	1.9%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	48,300	48,400	45,300	-100	-0.2%	3,000	6.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Government adds jobs for month, sheds jobs for year

Oklahoma City **Government** employment increased by 6,600 jobs in September, due mostly to seasonal education factors. **State Government** and **Local Government** contributed all of the monthly gains. For the year, **State Government** drove the 1,500-job loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Government	112,500	105,900	114,000	6,600	6.2%	-1,500	-1.3%
Federal Government	26,300	26,300	26,500	0	0.0%	-200	-0.8%
State Government	39,000	37,200	40,500	1,800	4.8%	-1,500	-3.7%
Local Government	47,200	42,400	47,000	4,800	11.3%	200	0.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA MSA*

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Tulsa MSA employment down for month, year

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT for the Tulsa metropolitan statistical area (MSA) contracted slightly in September with a monthly loss of 400 jobs. The only supersectors to post monthly gains were **Manufacturing**, **Educational & Health Services**, and **Government**. The largest monthly loss was from **Professional & Business Services**.

The **Service Providing Industries** accounted for most of the 2,100-job year-to-year drop reported in September. Big annual losses were seen in **Professional & Business Services** (-4,100 jobs) and **Government** (-1,500 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	425,300	425,700	427,400	-400	-0.1%	-2,100	-0.5%
Goods Producing Industries	82,400	82,500	81,000	-100	-0.1%	1,400	1.7%
Construction	23,500	23,700	22,300	-200	-0.8%	1,200	5.4%
Service Providing Industries	342,900	343,200	346,400	-300	-0.1%	-3,500	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	85,500	85,900	85,100	-400	-0.5%	400	0.5%
Professional & Business Svcs.	58,800	59,700	62,900	-900	-1.5%	-4,100	-6.5%
Educational & Health Services	59,400	59,300	58,200	100	0.2%	1,200	2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,800	35,500	35,300	-700	-2.0%	-500	-1.4%
Government	50,200	48,300	51,700	1,900	3.9%	-1,500	-2.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Construction adds jobs over year for September

Construction in Tulsa continued to contract in September. **Specialty Trade Contractors** provided the monthly loss and two-thirds of the annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Construction	23,500	23,700	22,300	-200	-0.8%	1,200	5.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,100	15,300	14,300	-200	-1.3%	800	5.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa TTU down for month, up for year

In September, Tulsa **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** reported a 400-job loss due to contraction in the **Retail Trade** industry. **Retail Trade** joined with **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities** to provide the supersector's annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	85,500	85,900	85,100	-400	-0.5%	400	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	18,000	18,000	18,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	45,100	45,500	45,000	-400	-0.9%	100	0.2%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	22,400	22,400	22,100	0	0.0%	300	1.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Professional & Business Services contracts in September

Tulsa **Professional & Business Services** reversed course in September by shedding 900 jobs over the month. The **Administrative & Support Services** industry fueled this monthly change as well as the supersector's 4,100-job annual loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Professional & Business Services	58,800	59,700	62,900	-900	-1.5%	-4,100	-6.5%
Professional & Scientific Services	19,500	19,600	19,800	-100	-0.5%	-300	-1.5%
Management of Companies	5,500	5,600	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-300	-5.2%
Administrative & Support Services	33,800	34,500	37,300	-700	-2.0%	-3,500	-9.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Educational & Health Services up for year

Tulsa **Educational & Health Services** expanded slightly over the month and more dramatically over the year in September. **Educational Services** provided the monthly addition, while **Health Care & Social Assistance** contributed the annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
Educational & Health Services	59,400	59,300	58,200	100	0.2%	1,200	2.1%
Educational Services	6,800	6,400	7,100	400	6.3%	-300	-4.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	52,600	52,900	51,100	-300	-0.6%	1,500	2.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Leisure & Hospitality down over month, year

Leisure & Hospitality in Tulsa reported losses of 700 jobs for the month and 500 jobs for the year in September. **Food Services & Drinking Places** contributed to both losses.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.
Leisure & Hospitality	34,800	35,500	35,300	-700	-2.0%	-500	-1.4%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	29,800	30,300	30,000	-500	-1.7%	-200	-0.7%

Tulsa Government expansion continues in September

Seasonal factors once again affected Tulsa **Government** over the month, leading to a gain of 1,900 jobs in September. **State Government** and **Local Government** drove the monthly growth due to public schools starting the new school year. Over-the-year losses were reported for all industries, with **Local Government** providing the largest share of the jobs lost for the period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08		Sep '07 to Sep '08	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.
Government	50,200	48,300	51,700	1,900	3.9%	-1,500	-2.9%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
State Government	6,300	5,600	6,800	700	12.5%	-500	-7.4%
Local Government	39,200	38,000	40,100	1,200	3.2%	-900	-2.2%

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – State of Oklahoma

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08	Sep '07 to Sep '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	1,590,300	1,577,000	1,579,300	13,300	0.8%	11,000	0.7%
Total Private Employment*	1,272,300	1,271,800	1,257,400	500	0.0%	14,900	1.2%
Private Service Providers**	991,000	991,200	986,700	-200	0.0%	4,300	0.4%
Goods Producing Industries	281,300	280,600	270,700	700	0.2%	10,600	3.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	54,000	53,500	47,400	500	0.9%	6,600	13.9%
Support Activities for Mining	28,500	28,300	26,500	200	0.7%	2,000	7.5%
Construction	75,500	75,700	72,800	-200	-0.3%	2,700	3.7%
Construction of Buildings	16,400	16,500	15,500	-100	-0.6%	900	5.8%
Residential Buildings	6,400	6,500	6,100	-100	-1.5%	300	4.9%
Non-residential Buildings	10,000	10,000	9,400	0	0.0%	600	6.4%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,900	12,000	11,900	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	47,200	47,200	45,400	0	0.0%	1,800	4.0%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	22,200	22,500	21,100	-300	-1.3%	1,100	5.2%
Manufacturing	151,800	151,400	150,500	400	0.3%	1,300	0.9%
Durable Goods Mfg.	105,000	104,300	103,100	700	0.7%	1,900	1.8%
Fabricated Metal Products	24,500	24,400	23,800	100	0.4%	700	2.9%
Other Fabricated Metal	5,000	5,000	4,700	0	0.0%	300	6.4%
Machinery Manufacturing	31,400	31,300	29,700	100	0.3%	1,700	5.7%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	15,400	15,500	16,000	-100	-0.6%	-600	-3.8%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	0.0%	-100	-4.0%
Aerospace Products Mfg.	6,100	6,000	5,400	100	1.7%	700	13.0%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	46,800	47,100	47,400	-300	-0.6%	-600	-1.3%
Food Manufacturing	19,900	19,800	19,700	100	0.5%	200	1.0%
Paper Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	11,100	11,100	11,000	0	0.0%	100	0.9%
Service Providing Industries	1,309,000	1,296,400	1,308,600	12,600	1.0%	400	0.0%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	289,800	289,900	288,600	-100	0.0%	1,200	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	59,500	59,300	60,000	200	0.3%	-500	-0.8%
Retail Trade	171,500	171,900	171,000	-400	-0.2%	500	0.3%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	24,100	24,300	23,900	-200	-0.8%	200	0.8%
Automobile Dealers	15,200	15,200	15,100	0	0.0%	100	0.7%
Food & Beverage Stores	22,400	22,200	22,700	200	0.9%	-300	-1.3%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	45,500	45,700	44,400	-200	-0.4%	1,100	2.5%
Transport., Warehouse & Util.	58,800	58,700	57,600	100	0.2%	1,200	2.1%
Utilities	10,600	10,700	10,500	-100	-0.9%	100	1.0%
Transportation/Warehouse	48,200	48,000	47,100	200	0.4%	1,100	2.3%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,700	8,700	-100	-1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Truck Transportation	20,500	20,300	19,700	200	1.0%	800	4.1%
Information	28,600	28,800	28,400	-200	-0.7%	200	0.7%
Publishing Industries	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Telecommunications	13,200	13,400	13,900	-200	-1.5%	-700	-5.0%

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08	Sep '07 to Sep '08		
Financial Activities	84,700	84,900	83,900	-200	-0.2%	800	1.0%
Finance & Insurance	60,500	60,500	59,800	0	0.0%	700	1.2%
Credit Intermediation	32,400	32,400	31,700	0	0.0%	700	2.2%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	24,000	24,000	23,300	0	0.0%	700	3.0%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	24,200	24,400	24,100	-200	-0.8%	100	0.4%
Real Estate	11,500	11,700	11,400	-200	-1.7%	100	0.9%
Pro. & Business Services	183,300	182,300	184,200	1,000	0.5%	-900	-0.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	63,500	63,400	62,300	100	0.2%	1,200	1.9%
Legal Services	12,500	12,700	12,700	-200	-1.6%	-200	-1.6%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	11,900	11,800	11,900	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
Architecture/Engineering	12,800	13,000	12,400	-200	-1.5%	400	3.2%
Management of Companies	13,300	13,400	13,300	-100	-0.7%	0	0.0%
Admin. & Support Services	106,500	105,500	108,600	1,000	0.9%	-2,100	-1.9%
Employment Services	50,600	49,600	50,700	1,000	2.0%	-100	-0.2%
Business Support Svcs.	18,400	18,300	17,800	100	0.5%	600	3.4%
Services to Buildings	15,600	15,700	14,700	-100	-0.6%	900	6.1%
Educational & Health Svcs.	197,100	195,300	195,100	1,800	0.9%	2,000	1.0%
Educational Services	19,700	17,600	19,300	2,100	11.9%	400	2.1%
Health Care & Social Asst.	177,400	177,700	175,800	-300	-0.2%	1,600	0.9%
Ambulatory Health Care	64,300	64,400	63,400	-100	-0.2%	900	1.4%
Hospitals	53,100	53,400	52,200	-300	-0.6%	900	1.7%
Nursing & Residential Care	34,900	34,900	35,100	0	0.0%	-200	-0.6%
Social Assistance	25,100	25,000	25,100	100	0.4%	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	144,100	146,400	143,200	-2,300	-1.6%	900	0.6%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	18,800	19,100	18,300	-300	-1.6%	500	2.7%
Accommodation & Food Svc.	125,300	127,300	124,900	-2,000	-1.6%	400	0.3%
Accommodation	11,500	11,800	11,400	-300	-2.5%	100	0.9%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	113,800	115,500	113,500	-1,700	-1.5%	300	0.3%
Full-service Restaurants	51,900	52,500	51,600	-600	-1.1%	300	0.6%
Limited-service Eating	55,400	56,500	55,200	-1,100	-1.9%	200	0.4%
Other Services	63,400	63,600	63,300	-200	-0.3%	100	0.2%
Repair & Maintenance	14,000	14,200	13,900	-200	-1.4%	100	0.7%
Personal & Laundry Services	13,800	13,800	13,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	318,000	305,200	321,900	12,800	4.2%	-3,900	-1.2%
Federal Government	46,000	46,000	45,800	0	0.0%	200	0.4%
State Government	85,200	78,200	85,200	7,000	9.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	186,800	181,000	190,900	5,800	3.2%	-4,100	-2.1%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT – Government) ** Private Service Providers = (SERVICE PROVIDING INDUSTRIES – Government)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Oklahoma City MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08	Sep '07 to Sep '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	579,200	572,200	570,600	7,000	1.2%	8,600	1.5%
Total Private Employment*	466,700	466,300	456,600	400	0.1%	10,100	2.2%
Private Service Providers**	384,800	384,800	377,900	0	0.0%	6,900	1.8%
Goods Producing Industries	81,900	81,500	78,700	400	0.5%	3,200	4.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	16,000	15,900	14,700	100	0.6%	1,300	8.8%
Construction	29,200	29,200	27,300	0	0.0%	1,900	7.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	18,600	18,700	17,600	-100	-0.5%	1,000	5.7%
Manufacturing	36,700	36,400	36,700	300	0.8%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,600	27,300	27,300	300	1.1%	300	1.1%
Machinery Manufacturing	8,000	8,000	7,700	0	0.0%	300	3.9%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,100	5,100	5,600	0	0.0%	-500	-8.9%
Plastic & Rubber Products	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-6.7%	-100	-6.7%
Service Providing Industries	497,300	490,700	491,900	6,600	1.3%	5,400	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	103,700	103,400	102,200	300	0.3%	1,500	1.5%
Wholesale Trade	23,700	23,700	23,500	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
Retail Trade	62,800	62,700	61,800	100	0.2%	1,000	1.6%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	14,300	14,500	14,600	-200	-1.4%	-300	-2.1%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	17,200	17,000	16,900	200	1.2%	300	1.8%
Information	12,300	12,300	12,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Telecommunications	5,600	5,800	6,100	-200	-3.4%	-500	-8.2%
Financial Activities	34,400	34,500	34,400	-100	-0.3%	0	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	24,100	24,100	23,500	0	0.0%	600	2.6%
Rental & Leasing Services	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Pro. & Business Services	76,600	76,100	75,600	500	0.7%	1,000	1.3%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,400	27,500	26,900	-100	-0.4%	500	1.9%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	0.0%	200	3.4%
Admin. & Support Services	43,100	42,500	42,800	600	1.4%	300	0.7%
Employment Services	19,800	19,200	19,600	600	3.1%	200	1.0%
Business Support Svcs.	6,300	6,100	7,000	200	3.3%	-700	-10.0%
Educational & Health Svcs.	76,200	75,900	73,300	300	0.4%	2,900	4.0%
Health Care & Social Asst.	67,900	67,800	65,100	100	0.1%	2,800	4.3%
Ambulatory Health Care	25,800	26,100	25,200	-300	-1.1%	600	2.4%
Hospitals	21,500	21,500	20,300	0	0.0%	1,200	5.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	58,300	59,200	57,200	-900	-1.5%	1,100	1.9%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	48,300	48,400	45,300	-100	-0.2%	3,000	6.6%
Full-service Restaurants	21,400	21,400	21,000	0	0.0%	400	1.9%
Limited-service Eating	21,400	21,800	20,900	-400	-1.8%	500	2.4%
Other Services	23,300	23,400	22,900	-100	-0.4%	400	1.7%
Government	112,500	105,900	114,000	6,600	6.2%	-1,500	-1.3%
Federal Government	26,300	26,300	26,500	0	0.0%	-200	-0.8%
State Government	39,000	37,200	40,500	1,800	4.8%	-1,500	-3.7%
Local Government	47,200	42,400	47,000	4,800	11.3%	200	0.4%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Tulsa MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Sep '08	Aug '08	Sep '07	Aug '08 to Sep '08	Sep '07 to Sep '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	425,300	425,700	427,400	-400	-0.1%	-2,100	-0.5%
Total Private Employment*	375,100	377,400	375,700	-2,300	-0.6%	-600	-0.2%
Private Service Providers**	292,700	294,900	294,700	-2,200	-0.7%	-2,000	-0.7%
Goods Producing Industries	82,400	82,500	81,000	-100	-0.1%	1,400	1.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,100	7,100	6,800	0	0.0%	300	4.4%
Construction	23,500	23,700	22,300	-200	-0.8%	1,200	5.4%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15,100	15,300	14,300	-200	-1.3%	800	5.6%
Manufacturing	51,800	51,700	51,900	100	0.2%	-100	-0.2%
Machinery Manufacturing	11,500	11,500	11,300	0	0.0%	200	1.8%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Service Providing Industries	342,900	343,200	346,400	-300	-0.1%	-3,500	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	85,500	85,900	85,100	-400	-0.5%	400	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	18,000	18,000	18,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	45,100	45,500	45,000	-400	-0.9%	100	0.2%
Food & Beverage Stores	7,100	7,000	6,800	100	1.4%	300	4.4%
General Merchandise Store	10,300	10,300	10,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Department Stores	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	22,400	22,400	22,100	0	0.0%	300	1.4%
Utilities	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	0.0%	100	3.0%
Transportation & Warehouse	19,000	19,000	18,800	0	0.0%	200	1.1%
Air Transportation	7,300	7,400	7,400	-100	-1.4%	-100	-1.4%
Information	9,800	9,900	9,700	-100	-1.0%	100	1.0%
Telecommunications	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Financial Activities	25,600	25,700	25,500	-100	-0.4%	100	0.4%
Insurance Carriers	5,300	5,200	4,900	100	1.9%	400	8.2%
Pro. & Business Services	58,800	59,700	62,900	-900	-1.5%	-4,100	-6.5%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,500	19,600	19,800	-100	-0.5%	-300	-1.5%
Management of Companies	5,500	5,600	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-300	-5.2%
Admin. & Support Services	33,800	34,500	37,300	-700	-2.0%	-3,500	-9.4%
Employment Services	17,300	17,100	17,700	200	1.2%	-400	-2.3%
Business Support Svcs.	8,100	8,100	7,900	0	0.0%	200	2.5%
Educational & Health Svcs.	59,400	59,300	58,200	100	0.2%	1,200	2.1%
Educational Services	6,800	6,400	7,100	400	6.3%	-300	-4.2%
Health Care & Social Asst.	52,600	52,900	51,100	-300	-0.6%	1,500	2.9%
Ambulatory Health Care	17,200	17,300	17,800	-100	-0.6%	-600	-3.4%
Hospitals	18,500	18,900	18,600	-400	-2.1%	-100	-0.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,800	35,500	35,300	-700	-2.0%	-500	-1.4%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	29,800	30,300	30,000	-500	-1.7%	-200	-0.7%
Full-service Restaurants	14,500	14,700	14,600	-200	-1.4%	-100	-0.7%
Other Services	18,800	18,900	18,000	-100	-0.5%	800	4.4%
Government	50,200	48,300	51,700	1,900	3.9%	-1,500	-2.9%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	0.0%	-100	-2.1%
State Government	6,300	5,600	6,800	700	12.5%	-500	-7.4%
Local Government	39,200	38,000	40,100	1,200	3.2%	-900	-2.2%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide

NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
SEP '08	1,752,500	1,690,710	61,800	3.5%
Aug '08	1,745,530	1,679,020	66,510	3.8%
Jul '08	1,754,150	1,683,660	70,490	4.0%
Jun '08	1,758,950	1,685,650	73,300	4.2%
May '08	1,735,310	1,674,070	61,250	3.5%
Apr '08	1,718,150	1,668,730	49,420	2.9%
Mar '08	1,713,580	1,657,790	55,780	3.3%
Feb '08	1,703,410	1,643,760	59,640	3.5%
Jan '08	1,719,400	1,646,460	72,940	4.2%
Dec '07	1,731,550	1,657,820	73,740	4.3%
Nov '07	1,746,130	1,674,650	71,480	4.1%
Oct '07	1,737,950	1,665,450	72,500	4.2%
Sep '07	1,728,950	1,658,630	70,320	4.1%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
SEP '08	1,757,290	1,691,290	66,000	3.8%
Aug '08	1,745,140	1,675,270	69,870	4.0%
Jul '08	1,736,680	1,665,010	71,670	4.1%
Jun '08	1,733,390	1,665,730	67,660	3.9%
May '08	1,735,090	1,674,030	61,060	3.5%
Apr '08	1,723,560	1,668,050	55,510	3.2%
Mar '08	1,721,700	1,668,600	53,100	3.1%
Feb '08	1,716,670	1,663,640	53,040	3.1%
Jan '08	1,733,970	1,669,740	64,230	3.7%
Dec '07	1,732,380	1,660,900	71,480	4.1%
Nov '07	1,734,630	1,660,460	74,160	4.3%
Oct '07	1,734,370	1,660,000	74,370	4.3%
Sep '07	1,734,060	1,659,480	74,580	4.3%