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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - March 2008

Oklahoma unemployment rate down for second straight month in March

In March, the **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** in Oklahoma decreased to 3.2 percent. During the March-to-March period, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped by 1.1 percent.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS*

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
MAR '08	1,713,280	1,657,770	55,520	3.2%
Feb '08	1,703,410	1,643,760	59,640	3.5%
Mar '07	1,724,860	1,650,320	74,540	4.3%

*non-seasonally adjusted

Statewide, MSA job counts up in March 2008

- Oklahoma's statewide **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 11,200 jobs in March. When combined, the **Oklahoma City** and **Tulsa MSAs** provided more than half of the jobs gained for the month.
- In March, statewide employment expanded in all industries, with the exception of **Manufacturing**, which reported a 100-job loss for the month.
- **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** and **Leisure & Hospitality** posted the largest statewide over-the-month additions in March.

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07
OKLAHOMA	1,580,900	1,569,700	1,565,200
OKC MSA	570,400	566,800	567,700
Tulsa MSA	426,000	423,200	426,300

CHANGE in TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
OKLAHOMA	11,200	0.7%	15,700	1.0%
OKC MSA	3,600	0.6%	2,700	0.5%
Tulsa MSA	2,800	0.7%	-300	-0.1%

*non-seasonally adjusted

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.

State unemployment, unemployment rate drop in March

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** decreased by 0.3 percent in March 2008 to 3.2 percent. Statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** expanded over the month, as **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** dropped by nearly 7.0 percent. Since March 2007, statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** has dropped by more than 25.0 percent.

	MARCH 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Mar '08	Feb '08	Jan '08	Mar '07
OKLAHOMA	1,713,280	1,657,770	55,520	3.2%	3.5%	4.2%	4.3%
United States	153,784,000	145,969,000	7,815,000	5.1%	4.8%	4.9%	4.4%

	NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED		
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
MARCH 2008	1,713,280	1,657,770	55,520	1,721,400	1,668,580	52,820
Monthly change (#)	9,880	14,010	-4,130	4,720	4,940	-220
Monthly change (%)	0.6%	0.9%	-6.9%	0.3%	0.3%	-0.4%
Annual change (#)	-11,580	7,450	-19,020	-8,990	12,570	-21,560
Annual change (%)	-0.7%	0.5%	-25.5%	-0.5%	0.8%	-29.0%
Participation rate*	62.2%	60.2%	--	62.5%	60.6%	--

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

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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 employment continues growth in March

Oklahoma **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** added 11,200 jobs over the month in March 2008. Many of the new jobs came from the **Service Providing Industries**. In fact, three industries, **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**, **Leisure & Hospitality** and **Government**, accounted for more than two-thirds of the total jobs gained in March. The only statewide industry to report job losses over the month was **Manufacturing** (-100 jobs).

For the year, statewide employment expanded by 15,700 jobs. **Natural Resources & Mining** and **Educational & Health Services** combined to add 12,500 new jobs from March 2007 to March 2008.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	1,580,900	1,569,700	1,565,200	11,200	0.7%	15,700	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	273,600	272,000	265,300	1,600	0.6%	8,300	3.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	50,500	50,000	44,800	500	1.0%	5,700	12.7%
Construction	72,800	71,600	70,200	1,200	1.7%	2,600	3.7%
Service Providing Industries	1,307,300	1,297,700	1,299,900	9,600	0.7%	7,400	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	289,400	286,400	288,300	3,000	1.0%	1,100	0.4%
Professional & Business Svcs.	178,900	177,900	179,700	1,000	0.6%	-800	-0.4%
Educational & Health Services	196,800	195,900	190,000	900	0.5%	6,800	3.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	140,700	137,900	138,900	2,800	2.0%	1,800	1.3%
Government	325,700	323,900	328,200	1,800	0.6%	-2,500	-0.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Natural Resources & Mining employment up in March

Statewide **Natural Resources & Mining** added 500 jobs in March, 200 of which came from the **Support for Activities for Mining** sector. The industry grew by 5,700 jobs during the March-to-March period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	50,500	50,000	44,800	500	1.0%	5,700	12.7%
Support Activities for Mining	27,400	27,200	25,200	200	0.7%	2,200	8.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Construction reports gains for March

Construction expanded by 1,200 jobs over the month in March, following the trend seen each year for the February-to-March period. The **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector contributed two-thirds of the monthly growth and more than four-fifths of the industry's annual gain of 2,600 jobs.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Construction	72,800	71,600	70,200	1,200	1.7%	2,600	3.7%
Construction of Buildings	15,400	15,200	15,000	200	1.3%	400	2.7%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,800	11,600	11,800	200	1.7%	0	0.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	45,600	44,800	43,400	800	1.8%	2,200	5.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Retail Trade fuels March additions to Trade, Transportation & Utilities

In March, **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** expanded by 3,000 jobs due mostly to growth in **Retail Trade**. Annual growth was reported in **Retail Trade** and **Transportation, Warehouse & Utilities**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	289,400	286,400	288,300	3,000	1.0%	1,100	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	59,200	58,900	59,400	300	0.5%	-200	-0.3%
Retail Trade	172,000	169,600	171,700	2,400	1.4%	300	0.2%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	58,200	57,900	57,200	300	0.5%	1,000	1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

State Professional & Business Services adds jobs for month

Professional & Business Services employment increased by 1,000 jobs in March, as additions in **Administrative & Support Services** overcame monthly losses. Despite growth in the **Management of Companies** sector, the industry reported a loss of 800 jobs over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Professional & Business Services	178,900	177,900	179,700	1,000	0.6%	-800	-0.4%
Professional & Scientific Services	62,700	63,100	63,700	-400	-0.6%	-1,000	-1.6%
Management of Companies	13,500	13,500	13,200	0	0.0%	300	2.3%
Administrative & Support Services	102,700	101,300	102,800	1,400	1.4%	-100	-0.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Educational & Health Services up over month, year

Statewide **Educational & Health Services** added 900 jobs for the month in March. Of the 6,800 jobs gained over the year, the **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector provided over four out of every five jobs added due to strong annual growth in the **Ambulatory Health Care** and **Hospitals** subsectors.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Educational & Health Services	196,800	195,900	190,000	900	0.5%	6,800	3.6%
Educational Services	19,900	19,800	18,900	100	0.5%	1,000	5.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	176,900	176,100	171,100	800	0.5%	5,800	3.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Leisure & Hospitality up in March

Oklahoma's **Leisure & Hospitality** industry expanded by 2,800 jobs in March, mostly due to growth in the **Accommodation & Food Services** sector. Although both sectors contributed to industry's over-the-year addition, **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** provided a majority of the gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	140,700	137,900	138,900	2,800	2.0%	1,800	1.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	17,200	16,400	15,800	800	4.9%	1,400	8.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	123,500	121,500	123,100	2,000	1.6%	400	0.3%
Accommodation	11,000	10,800	11,300	200	1.9%	-300	-2.7%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	112,500	110,700	111,800	1,800	1.6%	700	0.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Government continues to expand over month in March

Oklahoma **Government** added 1,800 jobs in March, as all industry sectors reported gains for the month. **Local Government** accounted for most of the jobs lost during the March-to-March period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Government	325,700	323,900	328,200	1,800	0.6%	-2,500	-0.8%
Federal Government	45,300	45,200	45,500	100	0.2%	-200	-0.4%
State Government	86,200	85,600	85,900	600	0.7%	300	0.3%
Local Government	194,200	193,100	196,800	1,100	0.6%	-2,600	-1.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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Oklahoma City MSA up for month, year in March

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT in the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) expanded by 3,600 jobs in March. Nearly 90 percent of the monthly growth came from the **Service Providing Industries**, where gains were widespread. No Oklahoma City MSA industry reported an over-the-month loss for March.

For the March-to-March period, the **Goods Producing Industries** contributed much of the growth, as **Natural Resources & Mining** and **Construction** combined to add 3,600 jobs over the year. Under the **Service Providing Industries**, a large annual loss in **Government** joined with a drop in **Financial Activities** to counteract gains in other industries.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	570,400	566,800	567,700	3,600	0.6%	2,700	0.5%
Goods Producing Industries	80,000	79,600	76,900	400	0.5%	3,100	4.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	15,300	15,200	13,700	100	0.7%	1,600	11.7%
Construction	28,200	28,100	26,200	100	0.4%	2,000	7.6%
Manufacturing	36,500	36,300	37,000	200	0.6%	-500	-1.4%
Service Providing Industries	490,400	487,200	490,800	3,200	0.7%	-400	-0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	103,000	102,100	102,000	900	0.9%	1,000	1.0%
Financial Activities	34,000	33,900	34,900	100	0.3%	-900	-2.6%
Professional & Business Svcs.	73,800	73,400	73,700	400	0.5%	100	0.1%
Educational & Health Services	74,500	73,800	71,800	700	0.9%	2,700	3.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	57,100	56,300	55,400	800	1.4%	1,700	3.1%
Government	112,900	112,700	117,700	200	0.2%	-4,800	-4.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Natural Resources & Mining adds jobs for year again

Oklahoma City **Natural Resources & Mining** reported a small addition for the month and gained 1,600 jobs compared to March 2007.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	15,300	15,200	13,700	100	0.7%	1,600	11.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Construction reports growth for month, year

In March, Oklahoma City **Construction** added 100 jobs over the month and 2,000 jobs over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Construction	28,200	28,100	26,200	100	0.4%	2,000	7.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	17,600	17,200	16,500	400	2.3%	1,100	6.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC TTU adds jobs in March due to Retail Trade

Retail Trade provided all of the monthly gain for Oklahoma City **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** in March. Over the year, **TTU** expanded by 1,000 jobs contributed by all three of its sectors.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	103,000	102,100	102,000	900	0.9%	1,000	1.0%
Wholesale Trade	23,600	23,600	23,000	0	0.0%	600	2.6%
Retail Trade	62,300	61,400	62,200	900	1.5%	100	0.2%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	17,100	17,100	16,800	0	0.0%	300	1.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Financial Activities down for year

Minor monthly gains in Oklahoma City **Financial Activities** left the industry with a loss of 900 jobs compared to March 2007.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Financial Activities	34,000	33,900	34,900	100	0.3%	-900	-2.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Professional & Business Services up for month

Oklahoma City **Professional & Business Services** added 400 jobs in March and 100 jobs over the year. The **Management of Companies** and **Administrative & Support Services** sectors provided the monthly and annual growth for the industry.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Professional & Business Services	73,800	73,400	73,700	400	0.5%	100	0.1%
Professional & Scientific Services	27,000	27,200	27,500	-200	-0.7%	-500	-1.8%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,000	5,600	100	1.7%	500	8.9%
Administrative & Support Services	40,700	40,200	40,600	500	1.2%	100	0.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Educational & Health Services sees monthly, annual growth in March

Oklahoma City **Educational & Health Services** grew by 700 jobs over the month and 2,700 jobs over the year in March 2008. **Health Care & Social Assistance** provided a majority of the monthly and annual additions.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Educational & Health Services	74,500	73,800	71,800	700	0.9%	2,700	3.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	66,400	65,900	64,100	500	0.8%	2,300	3.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Leisure & Hospitality continues to expand in March

Oklahoma City **Leisure & Hospitality** followed up February gains with further expansion in March. The **Food Services & Drinking Places** sector contributed almost all of the industry's annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	57,100	56,300	55,400	800	1.4%	1,700	3.1%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	45,600	45,300	44,000	300	0.7%	1,600	3.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Government up slightly for month, down big for year

Oklahoma City **Government** only managed to add 200 jobs in March. The industry dropped 4,800 jobs over the year due to losses in all three of its sectors.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Government	112,900	112,700	117,700	200	0.2%	-4,800	-4.1%
Federal Government	26,000	26,100	26,400	-100	-0.4%	-400	-1.5%
State Government	38,900	38,900	42,400	0	0.0%	-3,500	-8.3%
Local Government	48,000	47,700	48,900	300	0.6%	-900	-1.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa MSA sees monthly gain, small annual loss in March

In March 2008, the Tulsa metropolitan statistical area (MSA) added 2,800 jobs over the month.

Information (-100 jobs) was the only industry to report a monthly loss, and **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (+900 jobs) provided the largest over-the-month addition by any industry.

For the year, Tulsa's **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped 300 jobs due to big losses in the **Service Providing Industries**. Annual losses totaling 7,000 jobs posted by **Professional & Business Services, Leisure & Hospitality**, and **Government** overwhelmed March-to-March job gains in other industries.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	426,000	423,200	426,300	2,800	0.7%	-300	-0.1%
Goods Producing Industries	81,800	81,400	79,100	400	0.5%	2,700	3.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,000	7,000	6,500	0	0.0%	500	7.7%
Construction	22,700	22,300	21,500	400	1.8%	1,200	5.6%
Manufacturing	52,100	52,100	51,100	0	0.0%	1,000	2.0%
Service Providing Industries	344,200	341,800	347,200	2,400	0.7%	-3,000	-0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	85,900	85,000	85,200	900	1.1%	700	0.8%
Professional & Business Svcs.	57,900	57,500	61,700	400	0.7%	-3,800	-6.2%
Educational & Health Services	59,000	58,800	57,200	200	0.3%	1,800	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,300	33,800	36,600	500	1.5%	-2,300	-6.3%
Other Services	18,400	18,200	17,500	200	1.1%	900	5.1%
Government	52,800	52,600	53,700	200	0.4%	-900	-1.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Natural Resources & Mining up over year

Tulsa's **Natural Resources & Mining** industry held steady over the month and reported over-the-year growth of 500 jobs in March.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	7,000	7,000	6,500	0	0.0%	500	7.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Construction gains jobs in March

Construction in Tulsa added 400 jobs over the month in March due entirely to the **Specialty Trade Contractors** sector. For the March-to-March period, the industry expanded by 1,200 jobs.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Construction	22,700	22,300	21,500	400	1.8%	1,200	5.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,300	13,900	14,000	400	2.9%	300	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Manufacturing in Tulsa up for year

Despite reporting no monthly change in March, Tulsa **Manufacturing** added 1,000 jobs over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Manufacturing	52,100	52,100	51,100	0	0.0%	1,000	2.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Retail Trade pushes Tulsa TTU to monthly job growth

Tulsa **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** expanded by 900 jobs in March due mostly to **Retail Trade**. Over the year, **TTU** added 700 jobs.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	85,900	85,000	85,200	900	1.1%	700	0.8%
Wholesale Trade	17,900	17,800	18,200	100	0.6%	-300	-1.6%
Retail Trade	45,700	44,900	44,900	800	1.8%	800	1.8%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	22,300	22,300	22,100	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Professional & Business Services down over year

Tulsa's **Professional & Business Services** industry reported growth of 400 jobs in March, driven by additions to the **Administrative & Support Services** sector. Although all sectors dropped jobs over the year, **Administrative & Support Services** contributed nearly four of every five jobs shed since March 2007.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Professional & Business Services	57,900	57,500	61,700	400	0.7%	-3,800	-6.2%
Professional & Scientific Services	19,800	19,900	20,400	-100	-0.5%	-600	-2.9%
Management of Companies	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	0.0%	-200	-3.4%
Administrative & Support Services	32,400	31,900	35,400	500	1.6%	-3,000	-8.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Educational & Health Services up for month, year

Tulsa **Educational & Health Services** grew by 200 jobs over the month and 1,800 jobs over the year in March. The **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector provided the monthly growth as well as most of the annual expansion.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Educational & Health Services	59,000	58,800	57,200	200	0.3%	1,800	3.1%
Educational Services	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	0.0%	100	1.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	51,700	51,500	50,000	200	0.4%	1,700	3.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Leisure & Hospitality continues annual losses

Tulsa **Leisure & Hospitality** continued its over-the-month expansion in March with an addition of 500 jobs. Despite this growth, the industry dropped 2,300 jobs during the March-to-March period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	34,300	33,800	36,600	500	1.5%	-2,300	-6.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Government drops jobs for year again

Tulsa **Government** added 200 jobs in March, but shed 900 jobs compared to March 2007. **State Government** and **Local Government** shared the monthly gain as well as the annual loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08		Mar '07 to Mar '08	
Government	52,800	52,600	53,700	200	0.4%	-900	-1.7%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	7,100	7,000	7,500	100	1.4%	-400	-5.3%
Local Government	41,000	40,900	41,500	100	0.2%	-500	-1.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – State of Oklahoma

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08	Mar '07 to Mar '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	1,580,900	1,569,700	1,565,200	11,200	0.7%	15,700	1.0%
Total Private Employment*	1,255,200	1,245,800	1,237,000	9,400	0.8%	18,200	1.5%
Private Service Providers**	981,600	973,800	971,700	7,800	0.8%	9,900	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	273,600	272,000	265,300	1,600	0.6%	8,300	3.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	50,500	50,000	44,800	500	1.0%	5,700	12.7%
Support Activities for Mining	27,400	27,200	25,200	200	0.7%	2,200	8.7%
Construction	72,800	71,600	70,200	1,200	1.7%	2,600	3.7%
Construction of Buildings	15,400	15,200	15,000	200	1.3%	400	2.7%
Residential Buildings	5,800	5,700	6,100	100	1.8%	-300	-4.9%
Non-residential Buildings	9,600	9,500	8,900	100	1.1%	700	7.9%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,800	11,600	11,800	200	1.7%	0	0.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	45,600	44,800	43,400	800	1.8%	2,200	5.1%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	21,300	20,900	20,000	400	1.9%	1,300	6.5%
Manufacturing	150,300	150,400	150,300	-100	-0.1%	0	0.0%
Durable Goods Mfg.	102,900	102,700	102,500	200	0.2%	400	0.4%
Fabricated Metal Products	24,000	23,900	23,600	100	0.4%	400	1.7%
Other Fabricated Metal	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	0.0%	200	4.3%
Machinery Manufacturing	30,200	30,000	29,300	200	0.7%	900	3.1%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	0.0%	100	3.1%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	15,900	15,900	16,600	0	0.0%	-700	-4.2%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	2,500	2,500	2,800	0	0.0%	-300	-10.7%
Aerospace Products Mfg.	5,600	5,600	5,000	0	0.0%	600	12.0%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	47,400	47,700	47,800	-300	-0.6%	-400	-0.8%
Food Manufacturing	19,800	19,800	19,900	0	0.0%	-100	-0.5%
Paper Manufacturing	2,900	2,800	2,900	100	3.6%	0	0.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	11,100	11,100	11,500	0	0.0%	-400	-3.5%
Service Providing Industries	1,307,300	1,297,700	1,299,900	9,600	0.7%	7,400	0.6%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	289,400	286,400	288,300	3,000	1.0%	1,100	0.4%
Wholesale Trade	59,200	58,900	59,400	300	0.5%	-200	-0.3%
Retail Trade	172,000	169,600	171,700	2,400	1.4%	300	0.2%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	23,700	23,500	23,400	200	0.9%	300	1.3%
Automobile Dealers	15,100	15,000	14,800	100	0.7%	300	2.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	22,800	22,500	21,900	300	1.3%	900	4.1%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	46,500	45,200	46,300	1,300	2.9%	200	0.4%
Transport., Warehouse & Util.	58,200	57,900	57,200	300	0.5%	1,000	1.7%
Utilities	10,600	10,600	10,200	0	0.0%	400	3.9%
Transportation/Warehouse	47,600	47,300	47,000	300	0.6%	600	1.3%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Truck Transportation	19,600	19,500	19,700	100	0.5%	-100	-0.5%
Information	28,800	28,800	28,600	0	0.0%	200	0.7%
Publishing Industries	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Telecommunications	13,700	13,700	14,000	0	0.0%	-300	-2.1%

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08	Mar '07 to Mar '08		
Financial Activities	83,700	83,700	83,500	0	0.0%	200	0.2%
Finance & Insurance	60,000	60,100	59,300	-100	-0.2%	700	1.2%
Credit Intermediation	32,000	32,100	31,400	-100	-0.3%	600	1.9%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	23,700	23,700	23,100	0	0.0%	600	2.6%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	23,700	23,600	24,200	100	0.4%	-500	-2.1%
Real Estate	11,300	11,200	11,300	100	0.9%	0	0.0%
Pro. & Business Services	178,900	177,900	179,700	1,000	0.6%	-800	-0.4%
Pro. & Scientific Services	62,700	63,100	63,700	-400	-0.6%	-1,000	-1.6%
Legal Services	12,600	12,500	12,700	100	0.8%	-100	-0.8%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	14,300	14,500	14,200	-200	-1.4%	100	0.7%
Architecture/Engineering	12,500	12,400	12,200	100	0.8%	300	2.5%
Management of Companies	13,500	13,500	13,200	0	0.0%	300	2.3%
Admin. & Support Services	102,700	101,300	102,800	1,400	1.4%	-100	-0.1%
Employment Services	45,100	43,400	46,400	1,700	3.9%	-1,300	-2.8%
Business Support Svcs.	18,400	18,400	18,500	0	0.0%	-100	-0.5%
Services to Buildings	14,300	14,000	13,600	300	2.1%	700	5.1%
Educational & Health Svcs.	196,800	195,900	190,000	900	0.5%	6,800	3.6%
Educational Services	19,900	19,800	18,900	100	0.5%	1,000	5.3%
Health Care & Social Asst.	176,900	176,100	171,100	800	0.5%	5,800	3.4%
Ambulatory Health Care	63,700	63,400	62,200	300	0.5%	1,500	2.4%
Hospitals	53,400	53,300	50,200	100	0.2%	3,200	6.4%
Nursing & Residential Care	34,600	34,500	34,100	100	0.3%	500	1.5%
Social Assistance	25,200	24,900	24,600	300	1.2%	600	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	140,700	137,900	138,900	2,800	2.0%	1,800	1.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	17,200	16,400	15,800	800	4.9%	1,400	8.9%
Accommodation & Food Svc.	123,500	121,500	123,100	2,000	1.6%	400	0.3%
Accommodation	11,000	10,800	11,300	200	1.9%	-300	-2.7%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	112,500	110,700	111,800	1,800	1.6%	700	0.6%
Full-service Restaurants	51,300	50,800	51,200	500	1.0%	100	0.2%
Limited-service Eating	54,800	53,400	54,900	1,400	2.6%	-100	-0.2%
Other Services	63,300	63,200	62,700	100	0.2%	600	1.0%
Repair & Maintenance	14,000	13,700	13,800	300	2.2%	200	1.4%
Personal & Laundry Services	13,500	13,300	13,500	200	1.5%	0	0.0%
Government	325,700	323,900	328,200	1,800	0.6%	-2,500	-0.8%
Federal Government	45,300	45,200	45,500	100	0.2%	-200	-0.4%
State Government	86,200	85,600	85,900	600	0.7%	300	0.3%
Local Government	194,200	193,100	196,800	1,100	0.6%	-2,600	-1.3%

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Oklahoma City MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE	
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08	Mar '07 to Mar '08
Total Non-farm Employment	570,400	566,800	567,700	3,600 0.6%	2,700 0.5%
Total Private Employment*	457,500	454,100	450,000	3,400 0.7%	7,500 1.7%
Private Service Providers**	377,500	374,500	373,100	3,000 0.8%	4,400 1.2%
Goods Producing Industries	80,000	79,600	76,900	400 0.5%	3,100 4.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	15,300	15,200	13,700	100 0.7%	1,600 11.7%
Construction	28,200	28,100	26,200	100 0.4%	2,000 7.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	17,600	17,200	16,500	400 2.3%	1,100 6.7%
Manufacturing	36,500	36,300	37,000	200 0.6%	-500 -1.4%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,200	27,000	27,200	200 0.7%	0 0.0%
Machinery Manufacturing	7,800	7,800	7,400	0 0.0%	400 5.4%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,400	5,500	5,900	-100 -1.8%	-500 -8.5%
Plastic & Rubber Products	1,500	1,500	1,600	0 0.0%	-100 -6.3%
Service Providing Industries	490,400	487,200	490,800	3,200 0.7%	-400 -0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	103,000	102,100	102,000	900 0.9%	1,000 1.0%
Wholesale Trade	23,600	23,600	23,000	0 0.0%	600 2.6%
Retail Trade	62,300	61,400	62,200	900 1.5%	100 0.2%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	14,600	14,200	15,000	400 2.8%	-400 -2.7%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	17,100	17,100	16,800	0 0.0%	300 1.8%
Information	12,200	12,200	12,400	0 0.0%	-200 -1.6%
Telecommunications	6,100	6,100	6,200	0 0.0%	-100 -1.6%
Financial Activities	34,000	33,900	34,900	100 0.3%	-900 -2.6%
Finance & Insurance	23,800	23,600	23,500	200 0.8%	300 1.3%
Rental & Leasing Services	5,700	5,700	6,000	0 0.0%	-300 -5.0%
Pro. & Business Services	73,800	73,400	73,700	400 0.5%	100 0.1%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,000	27,200	27,500	-200 -0.7%	-500 -1.8%
Management of Companies	6,100	6,000	5,600	100 1.7%	500 8.9%
Admin. & Support Services	40,700	40,200	40,600	500 1.2%	100 0.2%
Employment Services	17,700	17,200	17,500	500 2.9%	200 1.1%
Business Support Svcs.	6,500	6,600	7,600	-100 -1.5%	-1,100 -14.5%
Educational & Health Svcs.	74,500	73,800	71,800	700 0.9%	2,700 3.8%
Health Care & Social Asst.	66,400	65,900	64,100	500 0.8%	2,300 3.6%
Ambulatory Health Care	25,400	25,300	24,700	100 0.4%	700 2.8%
Hospitals	21,000	20,800	20,100	200 1.0%	900 4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	57,100	56,300	55,400	800 1.4%	1,700 3.1%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	45,600	45,300	44,000	300 0.7%	1,600 3.6%
Full-service Restaurants	20,800	20,600	20,700	200 1.0%	100 0.5%
Limited-service Eating	20,500	20,000	20,600	500 2.5%	-100 -0.5%
Other Services	22,900	22,800	22,900	100 0.4%	0 0.0%
Government	112,900	112,700	117,700	200 0.2%	-4,800 -4.1%
Federal Government	26,000	26,100	26,400	-100 -0.4%	-400 -1.5%
State Government	38,900	38,900	42,400	0 0.0%	-3,500 -8.3%
Local Government	48,000	47,700	48,900	300 0.6%	-900 -1.8%

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

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Tulsa MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE	
	Mar '08	Feb '08	Mar '07	Feb '08 to Mar '08	Mar '07 to Mar '08
Total Non-farm Employment	426,000	423,200	426,300	2,800 0.7%	-300 -0.1%
Total Private Employment*	373,200	370,600	372,600	2,600 0.7%	600 0.2%
Private Service Providers**	291,400	289,200	293,500	2,200 0.8%	-2,100 -0.7%
Goods Producing Industries	81,800	81,400	79,100	400 0.5%	2,700 3.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,000	7,000	6,500	0 0.0%	500 7.7%
Construction	22,700	22,300	21,500	400 1.8%	1,200 5.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,300	13,900	14,000	400 2.9%	300 2.1%
Manufacturing	52,100	52,100	51,100	0 0.0%	1,000 2.0%
Machinery Manufacturing	11,300	11,300	11,100	0 0.0%	200 1.8%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,500	5,500	5,400	0 0.0%	100 1.9%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,700	5,700	5,600	0 0.0%	100 1.8%
Service Providing Industries	344,200	341,800	347,200	2,400 0.7%	-3,000 -0.9%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	85,900	85,000	85,200	900 1.1%	700 0.8%
Wholesale Trade	17,900	17,800	18,200	100 0.6%	-300 -1.6%
Retail Trade	45,700	44,900	44,900	800 1.8%	800 1.8%
Food & Beverage Stores	7,100	6,900	5,900	200 2.9%	1,200 20.3%
General Merchandise Store	10,500	10,300	11,100	200 1.9%	-600 -5.4%
Department Stores	4,200	4,100	4,400	100 2.4%	-200 -4.5%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,300	6,200	6,700	100 1.6%	-400 -6.0%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	22,300	22,300	22,100	0 0.0%	200 0.9%
Utilities	3,400	3,400	3,200	0 0.0%	200 6.3%
Transportation & Warehouse	18,900	18,900	18,900	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Air Transportation	7,400	7,400	7,400	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Information	10,200	10,300	10,000	-100 -1.0%	200 2.0%
Telecommunications	4,800	4,900	5,000	-100 -2.0%	-200 -4.0%
Financial Activities	25,700	25,600	25,300	100 0.4%	400 1.6%
Insurance Carriers	5,100	5,100	4,900	0 0.0%	200 4.1%
Pro. & Business Services	57,900	57,500	61,700	400 0.7%	-3,800 -6.2%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,800	19,900	20,400	-100 -0.5%	-600 -2.9%
Management of Companies	5,700	5,700	5,900	0 0.0%	-200 -3.4%
Admin. & Support Services	32,400	31,900	35,400	500 1.6%	-3,000 -8.5%
Employment Services	15,700	15,300	16,300	400 2.6%	-600 -3.7%
Business Support Svcs.	8,000	8,000	7,900	0 0.0%	100 1.3%
Educational & Health Svcs.	59,000	58,800	57,200	200 0.3%	1,800 3.1%
Educational Services	7,300	7,300	7,200	0 0.0%	100 1.4%
Health Care & Social Asst.	51,700	51,500	50,000	200 0.4%	1,700 3.4%
Ambulatory Health Care	17,100	17,000	17,700	100 0.6%	-600 -3.4%
Hospitals	18,700	18,500	18,000	200 1.1%	700 3.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,300	33,800	36,600	500 1.5%	-2,300 -6.3%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	29,900	29,300	30,100	600 2.0%	-200 -0.7%
Full-service Restaurants	14,500	14,300	14,800	200 1.4%	-300 -2.0%
Other Services	18,400	18,200	17,500	200 1.1%	900 5.1%
Government	52,800	52,600	53,700	200 0.4%	-900 -1.7%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
State Government	7,100	7,000	7,500	100 1.4%	-400 -5.3%
Local Government	41,000	40,900	41,500	100 0.2%	-500 -1.2%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide

NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
MAR '08	1,713,280	1,657,770	55,520	3.2%
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%
Aug '07	1,722,850	1,650,790	72,060	4.2%
Jul '07	1,746,740	1,670,430	76,310	4.4%
Jun '07	1,756,200	1,676,190	80,000	4.6%
May '07	1,731,720	1,655,620	76,100	4.4%
Apr '07	1,726,460	1,658,300	68,160	3.9%
Mar '07	1,724,860	1,650,320	74,540	4.3%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
MAR '08	1,721,400	1,668,580	52,820	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%
Aug '07	1,733,150	1,658,930	74,220	4.3%
Jul '07	1,735,290	1,658,330	76,970	4.4%
Jun '07	1,734,460	1,657,770	76,690	4.4%
May '07	1,734,480	1,657,150	77,330	4.5%
Apr '07	1,732,780	1,656,580	76,200	4.4%
Mar '07	1,730,390	1,656,010	74,380	4.3%