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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - February 2008

Oklahoma unemployment rate falls in February

In February, the **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** in Oklahoma decreased to 3.5 percent. For the February-to-February period, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped by 1.2 percent.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS*

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
FEB '08	1,703,580	1,643,900	59,690	3.5%
Jan '08	1,719,400	1,646,460	72,940	4.2%
Feb '07	1,720,820	1,640,530	80,290	4.7%

*non-seasonally adjusted

State and MSAs add jobs in February 2008

- Oklahoma's statewide **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** added 12,800 jobs in February. When combined, the **Oklahoma City** and **Tulsa MSAs** provided fewer than 25 percent of the jobs gained for the month.
- In February, employment expanded for the **state**, the **Oklahoma City MSA** and the **Tulsa MSA**, exactly the opposite of January, when all three contracted over the month.
- **Government** provided the largest amount of job growth in February with an addition of 7,700 jobs.

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07
OKLAHOMA	1,570,800	1,558,000	1,543,800
OKC MSA	566,000	563,200	560,400
Tulsa MSA	422,600	422,300	420,700

CHANGE in TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT*

	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
OKLAHOMA	12,800	0.8%	27,000	1.7%
OKC MSA	2,800	0.5%	5,600	1.0%
Tulsa MSA	300	0.1%	1,900	0.5%

*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 rate drops in February

Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** decreased by 0.7 percent in February 2008 to 3.5 percent. Statewide **non-seasonally adjusted labor force, non-seasonally adjusted employment, and non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** were all down over the month. Statewide **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** dropped by more than 18.0 percent over the month and more than 25.0 percent over the year.

	FEBRUARY 2008			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Feb '08	Jan '08	Dec '07	Feb '07
OKLAHOMA	1,703,580	1,643,900	59,690	3.5%	4.2%	4.3%	4.7%
United States	153,374,000	145,993,000	7,381,000	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	4.5%

	NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			SEASONALLY ADJUSTED		
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
FEBRUARY 2008	1,703,580	1,643,900	59,690	1,716,840	1,663,770	53,070
Monthly change (#)	-15,820	-2,560	-13,260	-17,130	-5,970	-11,160
Monthly change (%)	-0.9%	-0.2%	-18.2%	-1.0%	-0.4%	-17.4%
Annual change (#)	-17,240	3,370	-20,610	-12,450	8,430	-20,880
Annual change (%)	-1.0%	0.2%	-25.7%	-0.7%	0.5%	-28.2%
Participation rate*	61.9%	59.8%	--	62.4%	60.5%	--

* 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 rebounds in February 2008

In February 2008, Oklahoma **TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT** added 12,800 jobs over the month due mostly to activity in the **Service Providing Industries**. For the February-to-February period, state employment expanded by 27,000 jobs (+1.7 percent).

Monthly growth was widespread across all industries, with the exceptions of **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** and **Information**. All of the **Goods Producing Industries** contributed to the monthly additions. For the **Service Providing Industries, Professional & Business Services** and **Government** were the big gainers in February, combining to provide 9,800 jobs over the month.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	1,570,800	1,558,000	1,543,800	12,800	0.8%	27,000	1.7%
Goods Producing Industries	272,600	270,500	261,200	2,100	0.8%	11,400	4.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	50,300	49,400	44,200	900	1.8%	6,100	13.8%
Construction	71,500	71,100	67,700	400	0.6%	3,800	5.6%
Manufacturing	150,800	150,000	149,300	800	0.5%	1,500	1.0%
Service Providing Industries	1,298,200	1,287,500	1,282,600	10,700	0.8%	15,600	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	286,600	288,000	282,600	-1,400	-0.5%	4,000	1.4%
Professional & Business Services	178,300	176,200	176,400	2,100	1.2%	1,900	1.1%
Educational & Health Services	195,600	194,800	188,600	800	0.4%	7,000	3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	137,600	136,400	134,200	1,200	0.9%	3,400	2.5%
Government	324,600	316,900	326,400	7,700	2.4%	-1,800	-0.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Natural Resources & Mining up for month, year

Statewide **Natural Resources & Mining** added 900 jobs in February. The industry grew by 6,100 jobs during the February-to-February period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	50,300	49,400	44,200	900	1.8%	6,100	13.8%
Support Activities for Mining	27,200	27,000	24,700	200	0.7%	2,500	10.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Construction rebounds in February

Construction expanded by 400 jobs over the month in February. The **Construction of Buildings** and **Heavy & Civil Engineering** sectors provided the monthly growth, while **Specialty Trade Contractors** contributed more than three-quarters of the industry's annual gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Construction	71,500	71,100	67,700	400	0.6%	3,800	5.6%
Construction of Buildings	15,200	14,800	14,600	400	2.7%	600	4.1%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,600	11,500	11,300	100	0.9%	300	2.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	44,700	44,800	41,800	-100	-0.2%	2,900	6.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

State Manufacturing industry adds jobs in February

Oklahoma **Manufacturing** received an 800-job boost in February. For the year, the industry gained 1,500 jobs, almost entirely from the **Durable Goods Manufacturing** sector.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Manufacturing	150,800	150,000	149,300	800	0.5%	1,500	1.0%
Durable Goods	103,100	102,600	101,700	500	0.5%	1,400	1.4%
Non-durable Goods	47,700	47,400	47,600	300	0.6%	100	0.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Seasonal factors contribute to job losses in Trade, Transportation & Utilities

In February, statewide **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** shed 1,400 jobs over the month. Although seasonal contraction in **Retail Trade** provided many of the job losses, **Wholesale Trade** also reported a monthly drop. Despite the losses, **TTU** added 4,000 jobs compared to February 2007.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	286,600	288,000	282,600	-1,400	-0.5%	4,000	1.4%
Wholesale Trade	58,800	59,300	58,600	-500	-0.8%	200	0.3%
Retail Trade	169,800	170,700	167,100	-900	-0.5%	2,700	1.6%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	58,000	58,000	56,900	0	0.0%	1,100	1.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

State Professional & Business Services adds jobs for month

Professional & Business Services employment increased by 2,100 jobs in February 2008. The industry's **Administrative & Support Services** sector provided much of the monthly and annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Professional & Business Services	178,300	176,200	176,400	2,100	1.2%	1,900	1.1%
Professional & Scientific Services	63,000	62,200	63,600	800	1.3%	-600	-0.9%
Management of Companies	13,500	13,400	13,100	100	0.7%	400	3.1%
Administrative & Support Services	101,800	100,600	99,700	1,200	1.2%	2,100	2.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Educational & Health Services up over month and year

Statewide **Educational & Health Services** reversed course in February with an addition of 800 jobs for the month. Although the **Educational Services** sector was the source of the monthly growth, the **Health Care & Social Assistance** sector provided well over four out of every five jobs added for the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Educational & Health Services	195,600	194,800	188,600	800	0.4%	7,000	3.7%
Educational Services	19,800	18,800	18,900	1,000	5.3%	900	4.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	175,800	176,000	169,700	-200	-0.1%	6,100	3.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Statewide Leisure & Hospitality reports growth in February

Oklahoma's **Leisure & Hospitality** industry expanded by 1,200 jobs in February, mostly due to growth in the **Accommodation & Food Services** sector. Both industry sectors contributed to **Leisure & Hospitality's** over-the-year addition of 3,400 jobs.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	137,600	136,400	134,200	1,200	0.9%	3,400	2.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16,400	16,100	15,000	300	1.9%	1,400	9.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	121,200	120,300	119,200	900	0.7%	2,000	1.7%
Accommodation	10,900	10,600	10,900	300	2.8%	0	0.0%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	110,300	109,700	108,300	600	0.5%	2,000	1.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Government expands over month in February

Oklahoma **Government** added 7,700 jobs in February due almost entirely to growth in **State Government** and **Local Government**. Despite the monthly gains, all **Government** sectors shed jobs during the February-to-February period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Government	324,600	316,900	326,400	7,700	2.4%	-1,800	-0.6%
Federal Government	45,100	45,000	45,500	100	0.2%	-400	-0.9%
State Government	85,700	81,100	86,000	4,600	5.7%	-300	-0.3%
Local Government	193,800	190,800	194,900	3,000	1.6%	-1,100	-0.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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Oklahoma City MSA reports job gains for February 2008

TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT in the Oklahoma City metropolitan statistical area (MSA) expanded by 2,800 jobs over the month in February. Almost all of the monthly growth came from the **Service Providing Industries**, where **Leisure & Hospitality** and **Government** each reported additions of at least 1,000 jobs.

For the February-to-February period, it was the **Goods Producing Industries** that contributed a majority of the jobs gained. **Natural Resources & Mining** and **Construction** combined to account for 4,400 of the jobs added over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	566,000	563,200	560,400	2,800	0.5%	5,600	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	79,600	79,600	75,500	0	0.0%	4,100	5.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	15,200	15,200	13,700	0	0.0%	1,500	10.9%
Construction	28,100	28,000	25,200	100	0.4%	2,900	11.5%
Manufacturing	36,300	36,400	36,600	-100	-0.3%	-300	-0.8%
Service Providing Industries	486,400	483,600	484,900	2,800	0.6%	1,500	0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	102,200	103,200	100,300	-1,000	-1.0%	1,900	1.9%
Financial Activities	33,900	33,800	35,100	100	0.3%	-1,200	-3.4%
Professional & Business Services	73,500	72,900	72,600	600	0.8%	900	1.2%
Educational & Health Services	73,800	73,300	71,200	500	0.7%	2,600	3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	56,500	55,500	53,300	1,000	1.8%	3,200	6.0%
Government	111,700	110,100	117,000	1,600	1.5%	-5,300	-4.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Annual growth continues for OKC Natural Resources & Mining

Oklahoma City **Natural Resources & Mining** reported no monthly change in February, but added 1,500 jobs compared to February 2007.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	15,200	15,200	13,700	0	0.0%	1,500	10.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Construction up for month, year in February

In February, Oklahoma City **Construction** added 100 jobs over the month and 2,900 jobs over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Construction	28,100	28,000	25,200	100	0.4%	2,900	11.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	17,200	17,200	15,900	0	0.0%	1,300	8.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC TTU drops more jobs due to seasonal factors

Seasonal movement in **Retail Trade** provided 800 of the 1,000 jobs dropped over the month in Oklahoma City **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)**. Over the year, **TTU** expanded by 1,900 jobs that were contributed almost equally by its three sectors.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	102,200	103,200	100,300	-1,000	-1.0%	1,900	1.9%
Wholesale Trade	23,500	23,700	22,900	-200	-0.8%	600	2.6%
Retail Trade	61,600	62,400	60,900	-800	-1.3%	700	1.1%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	17,100	17,100	16,500	0	0.0%	600	3.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Financial Activities down for year in February

Oklahoma City **Financial Activities** reported minor gains in February. This left the industry with a loss of 1,200 jobs compared to February 2007.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Financial Activities	33,900	33,800	35,100	100	0.3%	-1,200	-3.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Professional & Business Services up for month, year

Oklahoma City **Professional & Business Services** added 600 jobs in February, with each of its sectors contributing one-third of the monthly gain. The **Management of Companies** and **Administrative & Support Services** sectors provided the annual growth for the industry.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Professional & Business Services	73,500	72,900	72,600	600	0.8%	900	1.2%
Professional & Scientific Services	27,300	27,100	27,400	200	0.7%	-100	-0.4%
Management of Companies	6,100	5,900	5,500	200	3.4%	600	10.9%
Administrative & Support Services	40,100	39,900	39,700	200	0.5%	400	1.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Educational & Health Services adds jobs in February

Oklahoma City **Educational & Health Services** managed gains of 500 jobs over the month and 2,600 jobs over the year in February 2008. **Health Care & Social Assistance** provided nearly all of the annual gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Educational & Health Services	73,800	73,300	71,200	500	0.7%	2,600	3.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	65,900	65,700	63,500	200	0.3%	2,400	3.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Leisure & Hospitality begins expansion in February

Oklahoma City **Leisure & Hospitality** rebounded from a seasonal slowdown with a monthly addition of 1,000 jobs in February. The **Food Services & Drinking Places** sector contributed half of the monthly gain and more than three-quarters of the industry's annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	56,500	55,500	53,300	1,000	1.8%	3,200	6.0%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	45,200	44,700	42,700	500	1.1%	2,500	5.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC Government up for month, down for year

Oklahoma City **Government** reversed course in February with an addition of 1,600 jobs over the month. Despite the monthly gain, the industry dropped 5,300 jobs over the year, due mostly to the **State Government** sector.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Government	111,700	110,100	117,000	1,600	1.5%	-5,300	-4.5%
Federal Government	26,000	26,100	26,500	-100	-0.4%	-500	-1.9%
State Government	38,100	37,200	42,300	900	2.4%	-4,200	-9.9%
Local Government	47,600	46,800	48,200	800	1.7%	-600	-1.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa MSA sees monthly, annual job gains in February

In February 2008, the Tulsa metropolitan statistical area (MSA) added 300 jobs over the month, as **Goods Producing Industries** losses were counteracted by expansion in the **Service Providing Industries**. **Manufacturing** dropped the most jobs over the month, while **Government** provided the biggest employment boost.

For the February-to-February period, the trend was essentially reversed, with the **Goods Producing Industries** reporting the annual growth. Under the **Service Providing Industries**, large employment losses in **Professional & Business Services** and **Leisure & Hospitality** overwhelmed annual job gains in **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** and **Educational & Health Services**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT	422,600	422,300	420,700	300	0.1%	1,900	0.5%
Goods Producing Industries	80,000	81,300	77,800	-1,300	-1.6%	2,200	2.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,000	7,000	6,400	0	0.0%	600	9.4%
Construction	22,200	22,500	20,600	-300	-1.3%	1,600	7.8%
Manufacturing	50,800	51,800	50,800	-1,000	-1.9%	0	0.0%
Service Providing Industries	342,600	341,000	342,900	1,600	0.5%	-300	-0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	85,000	85,300	83,900	-300	-0.4%	1,100	1.3%
Professional & Business Services	58,000	58,100	61,000	-100	-0.2%	-3,000	-4.9%
Educational & Health Services	58,700	58,400	56,700	300	0.5%	2,000	3.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	33,700	33,400	35,600	300	0.9%	-1,900	-5.3%
Government	53,200	52,000	53,200	1,200	2.3%	0	0.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Natural Resources & Mining up over year

Tulsa's **Natural Resources & Mining** industry held steady over the month in February, leaving its over-the-year growth unchanged from January at 600 jobs.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Natural Resources & Mining	7,000	7,000	6,400	0	0.0%	600	9.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Construction down for month, up for year again

Construction in Tulsa continued to contract in February with a monthly loss of 300 jobs. The industry added 1,600 jobs during the February-to-February period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Construction	22,200	22,500	20,600	-300	-1.3%	1,600	7.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	13,900	13,900	13,500	0	0.0%	400	3.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Manufacturing down for month in February

Tulsa **Manufacturing** shed 1,000 jobs over the month in February, leaving it at the same employment level it held in February 2007.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Manufacturing	50,800	51,800	50,800	-1,000	-1.9%	0	0.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Retail Trade pushes Tulsa TTU to monthly job losses

Tulsa **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU)** employment continued to contract in February due to seasonal losses in **Retail Trade**. Over the year, **TTU** added 1,100 jobs, also due mostly to activity in **Retail Trade**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	85,000	85,300	83,900	-300	-0.4%	1,100	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	17,800	17,800	18,000	0	0.0%	-200	-1.1%
Retail Trade	44,900	45,200	43,800	-300	-0.7%	1,100	2.5%
Transportation, Warehouse & Util.	22,300	22,300	22,100	0	0.0%	200	0.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Professional & Business Services down for month, year

Tulsa's **Professional & Business Services** industry contracted slightly in February 2008 due to losses in the **Administrative & Support Services** sector. Although all industry sectors dropped jobs over the year, **Administrative & Support Services** contributed 70 percent of the annual job losses.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Professional & Business Services	58,000	58,100	61,000	-100	-0.2%	-3,000	-4.9%
Professional & Scientific Services	20,000	19,800	20,600	200	1.0%	-600	-2.9%
Management of Companies	5,700	5,500	6,000	200	3.6%	-300	-5.0%
Administrative & Support Services	32,300	32,800	34,400	-500	-1.5%	-2,100	-6.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Educational & Health Services up for month, year

In February, Tulsa **Educational & Health Services** grew by 300 jobs over the month and 2,000 jobs over the year. **Educational Services** provided the monthly additions, while **Health Care & Social Assistance** was primarily responsible for the annual growth.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Educational & Health Services	58,700	58,400	56,700	300	0.5%	2,000	3.5%
Educational Services	7,300	7,000	7,200	300	4.3%	100	1.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	51,400	51,400	49,500	0	0.0%	1,900	3.8%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Tulsa Leisure & Hospitality sheds jobs over year

Monthly losses in Tulsa **Leisure & Hospitality** ground to a halt in February, as the industry reported a gain of 300 jobs for the month. Despite the growth, **Leisure & Hospitality** dropped 1,900 jobs during the February-to-February period.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Leisure & Hospitality	33,700	33,400	35,600	300	0.9%	-1,900	-5.3%
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	29,200	29,100	29,400	100	0.3%	-200	-0.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Job growth reported in Tulsa Government for February

Tulsa **Government** rebounded in February with an addition of 1,200 jobs provided by **State Government** and **Local Government**. The industry reported no change compared to February 2008.

	NUMBER OF JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08		Feb '07 to Feb '08	
Government	53,200	52,000	53,200	1,200	2.3%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	7,400	6,700	7,400	700	10.4%	0	0.0%
Local Government	41,100	40,600	41,100	500	1.2%	0	0.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – State of Oklahoma

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08	Feb '07 to Feb '08		
Total Non-farm Employment	1,570,800	1,558,000	1,543,800	12,800	0.8%	27,000	1.7%
Total Private Employment*	1,246,200	1,241,100	1,217,400	5,100	0.4%	28,800	2.4%
Private Service Providers**	973,600	970,600	956,200	3,000	0.3%	17,400	1.8%
Goods Producing Industries	272,600	270,500	261,200	2,100	0.8%	11,400	4.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	50,300	49,400	44,200	900	1.8%	6,100	13.8%
Support Activities for Mining	27,200	27,000	24,700	200	0.7%	2,500	10.1%
Construction	71,500	71,100	67,700	400	0.6%	3,800	5.6%
Construction of Buildings	15,200	14,800	14,600	400	2.7%	600	4.1%
Residential Buildings	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	0.0%	-300	-5.0%
Non-residential Buildings	9,500	9,100	8,600	400	4.4%	900	10.5%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,600	11,500	11,300	100	0.9%	300	2.7%
Specialty Trade Contractors	44,700	44,800	41,800	-100	-0.2%	2,900	6.9%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	20,900	21,000	19,700	-100	-0.5%	1,200	6.1%
Manufacturing	150,800	150,000	149,300	800	0.5%	1,500	1.0%
Durable Goods Mfg.	103,100	102,600	101,700	500	0.5%	1,400	1.4%
Fabricated Metal Products	23,900	23,800	23,300	100	0.4%	600	2.6%
Other Fabricated Metal	4,900	4,800	4,700	100	2.1%	200	4.3%
Machinery Manufacturing	30,000	30,100	29,000	-100	-0.3%	1,000	3.4%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	15,900	16,100	16,400	-200	-1.2%	-500	-3.0%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	2,500	2,500	2,800	0	0.0%	-300	-10.7%
Aerospace Products Mfg.	5,600	5,500	4,900	100	1.8%	700	14.3%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	47,700	47,400	47,600	300	0.6%	100	0.2%
Food Manufacturing	19,800	19,700	19,800	100	0.5%	0	0.0%
Paper Manufacturing	2,800	2,900	2,800	-100	-3.4%	0	0.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	11,100	11,100	11,500	0	0.0%	-400	-3.5%
Service Providing Industries	1,298,200	1,287,500	1,282,600	10,700	0.8%	15,600	1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	286,600	288,000	282,600	-1,400	-0.5%	4,000	1.4%
Wholesale Trade	58,800	59,300	58,600	-500	-0.8%	200	0.3%
Retail Trade	169,800	170,700	167,100	-900	-0.5%	2,700	1.6%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	23,500	23,400	23,000	100	0.4%	500	2.2%
Automobile Dealers	15,000	14,900	14,600	100	0.7%	400	2.7%
Food & Beverage Stores	22,600	22,600	21,600	0	0.0%	1,000	4.6%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	45,200	45,300	43,600	-100	-0.2%	1,600	3.7%
Transport., Warehouse & Util.	58,000	58,000	56,900	0	0.0%	1,100	1.9%
Utilities	10,600	10,600	10,200	0	0.0%	400	3.9%
Transportation & Warehouse	47,400	47,400	46,700	0	0.0%	700	1.5%
Air Transportation	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Truck Transportation	19,500	19,600	19,500	-100	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Information	28,800	29,000	29,000	-200	-0.7%	-200	-0.7%
Publishing Industries	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Telecommunications	13,800	13,700	14,400	100	0.7%	-600	-4.2%

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE			
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08	Feb '07 to Feb '08		
Financial Activities	83,600	83,600	83,300	0	0.0%	300	0.4%
Finance & Insurance	60,000	60,200	59,200	-200	-0.3%	800	1.4%
Credit Intermediation	32,100	32,100	31,400	0	0.0%	700	2.2%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	23,500	23,500	23,000	0	0.0%	500	2.2%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	23,600	23,400	24,100	200	0.9%	-500	-2.1%
Real Estate	11,200	11,100	11,200	100	0.9%	0	0.0%
Pro. & Business Services	178,300	176,200	176,400	2,100	1.2%	1,900	1.1%
Pro. & Scientific Services	63,000	62,200	63,600	800	1.3%	-600	-0.9%
Legal Services	12,500	12,500	12,600	0	0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	14,500	14,200	14,400	300	2.1%	100	0.7%
Architecture/Engineering	12,500	12,200	12,200	300	2.5%	300	2.5%
Management of Companies	13,500	13,400	13,100	100	0.7%	400	3.1%
Admin. & Support Services	101,800	100,600	99,700	1,200	1.2%	2,100	2.1%
Employment Services	43,800	43,300	43,900	500	1.2%	-100	-0.2%
Business Support Svcs.	18,300	17,700	18,500	600	3.4%	-200	-1.1%
Services to Buildings	14,000	13,900	13,000	100	0.7%	1,000	7.7%
Educational & Health Svcs.	195,600	194,800	188,600	800	0.4%	7,000	3.7%
Educational Services	19,800	18,800	18,900	1,000	5.3%	900	4.8%
Health Care & Social Asst.	175,800	176,000	169,700	-200	-0.1%	6,100	3.6%
Ambulatory Health Care	63,400	63,900	61,700	-500	-0.8%	1,700	2.8%
Hospitals	53,200	53,100	49,900	100	0.2%	3,300	6.6%
Nursing & Residential Care	34,400	34,400	33,900	0	0.0%	500	1.5%
Social Assistance	24,800	24,600	24,200	200	0.8%	600	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	137,600	136,400	134,200	1,200	0.9%	3,400	2.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	16,400	16,100	15,000	300	1.9%	1,400	9.3%
Accommodation & Food Svc.	121,200	120,300	119,200	900	0.7%	2,000	1.7%
Accommodation	10,900	10,600	10,900	300	2.8%	0	0.0%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	110,300	109,700	108,300	600	0.5%	2,000	1.8%
Full-service Restaurants	50,500	50,100	50,100	400	0.8%	400	0.8%
Limited-service Eating	53,200	53,500	52,700	-300	-0.6%	500	0.9%
Other Services	63,100	62,600	62,100	500	0.8%	1,000	1.6%
Repair & Maintenance	13,700	13,600	13,400	100	0.7%	300	2.2%
Personal & Laundry Services	13,300	13,200	13,300	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
Government	324,600	316,900	326,400	7,700	2.4%	-1,800	-0.6%
Federal Government	45,100	45,000	45,500	100	0.2%	-400	-0.9%
State Government	85,700	81,100	86,000	4,600	5.7%	-300	-0.3%
Local Government	193,800	190,800	194,900	3,000	1.6%	-1,100	-0.6%

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Oklahoma City MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE	
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08	Feb '07 to Feb '08
Total Non-farm Employment	566,000	563,200	560,400	2,800 0.5%	5,600 1.0%
Total Private Employment*	454,300	453,100	443,400	1,200 0.3%	10,900 2.5%
Private Service Providers**	374,700	373,500	367,900	1,200 0.3%	6,800 1.8%
Goods Producing Industries	79,600	79,600	75,500	0 0.0%	4,100 5.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	15,200	15,200	13,700	0 0.0%	1,500 10.9%
Construction	28,100	28,000	25,200	100 0.4%	2,900 11.5%
Specialty Trade Contractors	17,200	17,200	15,900	0 0.0%	1,300 8.2%
Manufacturing	36,300	36,400	36,600	-100 -0.3%	-300 -0.8%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,000	27,100	27,000	-100 -0.4%	0 0.0%
Machinery Manufacturing	7,800	7,800	7,300	0 0.0%	500 6.8%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,600	5,600	5,900	0 0.0%	-300 -5.1%
Plastic & Rubber Products	1,500	1,500	1,600	0 0.0%	-100 -6.3%
Service Providing Industries	486,400	483,600	484,900	2,800 0.6%	1,500 0.3%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	102,200	103,200	100,300	-1,000 -1.0%	1,900 1.9%
Wholesale Trade	23,500	23,700	22,900	-200 -0.8%	600 2.6%
Retail Trade	61,600	62,400	60,900	-800 -1.3%	700 1.1%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	14,200	14,400	14,300	-200 -1.4%	-100 -0.7%
Transport, Warehouse & Util.	17,100	17,100	16,500	0 0.0%	600 3.6%
Information	12,100	12,300	12,700	-200 -1.6%	-600 -4.7%
Telecommunications	6,200	6,100	6,500	100 1.6%	-300 -4.6%
Financial Activities	33,900	33,800	35,100	100 0.3%	-1,200 -3.4%
Finance & Insurance	23,600	23,600	23,500	0 0.0%	100 0.4%
Rental & Leasing Services	5,800	5,700	6,100	100 1.8%	-300 -4.9%
Pro. & Business Services	73,500	72,900	72,600	600 0.8%	900 1.2%
Pro. & Scientific Services	27,300	27,100	27,400	200 0.7%	-100 -0.4%
Management of Companies	6,100	5,900	5,500	200 3.4%	600 10.9%
Admin. & Support Services	40,100	39,900	39,700	200 0.5%	400 1.0%
Employment Services	17,200	16,900	16,700	300 1.8%	500 3.0%
Business Support Svcs.	6,800	6,600	7,600	200 3.0%	-800 -10.5%
Educational & Health Svcs.	73,800	73,300	71,200	500 0.7%	2,600 3.7%
Health Care & Social Asst.	65,900	65,700	63,500	200 0.3%	2,400 3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care	25,300	25,300	24,500	0 0.0%	800 3.3%
Hospitals	20,800	20,900	20,000	-100 -0.5%	800 4.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	56,500	55,500	53,300	1,000 1.8%	3,200 6.0%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	45,200	44,700	42,700	500 1.1%	2,500 5.9%
Full-service Restaurants	20,500	20,300	20,300	200 1.0%	200 1.0%
Limited-service Eating	20,000	20,000	19,700	0 0.0%	300 1.5%
Other Services	22,700	22,500	22,700	200 0.9%	0 0.0%
Government	111,700	110,100	117,000	1,600 1.5%	-5,300 -4.5%
Federal Government	26,000	26,100	26,500	-100 -0.4%	-500 -1.9%
State Government	38,100	37,200	42,300	900 2.4%	-4,200 -9.9%
Local Government	47,600	46,800	48,200	800 1.7%	-600 -1.2%

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

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Tulsa MSA

	NUMBER EMPLOYED			CHANGE	
	Feb '08	Jan '08	Feb '07	Jan '08 to Feb '08	Feb '07 to Feb '08
Total Non-farm Employment	422,600	422,300	420,700	300 0.1%	1,900 0.5%
Total Private Employment*	369,400	370,300	367,500	-900 -0.2%	1,900 0.5%
Private Service Providers**	289,400	289,000	289,700	400 0.1%	-300 -0.1%
Goods Producing Industries	80,000	81,300	77,800	-1,300 -1.6%	2,200 2.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	7,000	7,000	6,400	0 0.0%	600 9.4%
Construction	22,200	22,500	20,600	-300 -1.3%	1,600 7.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	13,900	13,900	13,500	0 0.0%	400 3.0%
Manufacturing	50,800	51,800	50,800	-1,000 -1.9%	0 0.0%
Machinery Manufacturing	11,300	11,300	11,000	0 0.0%	300 2.7%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,500	5,500	5,400	0 0.0%	100 1.9%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	5,800	5,800	5,600	0 0.0%	200 3.6%
Service Providing Industries	342,600	341,000	342,900	1,600 0.5%	-300 -0.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	85,000	85,300	83,900	-300 -0.4%	1,100 1.3%
Wholesale Trade	17,800	17,800	18,000	0 0.0%	-200 -1.1%
Retail Trade	44,900	45,200	43,800	-300 -0.7%	1,100 2.5%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,900	7,000	5,800	-100 -1.4%	1,100 19.0%
General Merchandise Store	10,300	10,400	10,500	-100 -1.0%	-200 -1.9%
Department Stores	4,100	4,200	4,300	-100 -2.4%	-200 -4.7%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,200	6,200	6,200	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
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	10,300	10,500	10,100	-200 -1.9%	200 2.0%
Telecommunications	4,900	4,900	5,100	0 0.0%	-200 -3.9%
Financial Activities	25,600	25,300	25,100	300 1.2%	500 2.0%
Insurance Carriers	5,000	5,000	4,900	0 0.0%	100 2.0%
Pro. & Business Services	58,000	58,100	61,000	-100 -0.2%	-3,000 -4.9%
Pro. & Scientific Services	20,000	19,800	20,600	200 1.0%	-600 -2.9%
Management of Companies	5,700	5,500	6,000	200 3.6%	-300 -5.0%
Admin. & Support Services	32,300	32,800	34,400	-500 -1.5%	-2,100 -6.1%
Employment Services	15,300	15,500	15,500	-200 -1.3%	-200 -1.3%
Business Support Svcs.	8,100	7,800	7,900	300 3.8%	200 2.5%
Educational & Health Svcs.	58,700	58,400	56,700	300 0.5%	2,000 3.5%
Educational Services	7,300	7,000	7,200	300 4.3%	100 1.4%
Health Care & Social Asst.	51,400	51,400	49,500	0 0.0%	1,900 3.8%
Ambulatory Health Care	17,000	17,100	17,500	-100 -0.6%	-500 -2.9%
Hospitals	18,300	18,400	17,900	-100 -0.5%	400 2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	33,700	33,400	35,600	300 0.9%	-1,900 -5.3%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	29,200	29,100	29,400	100 0.3%	-200 -0.7%
Full-service Restaurants	14,300	14,100	14,400	200 1.4%	-100 -0.7%
Other Services	18,100	18,000	17,300	100 0.6%	800 4.6%
Government	53,200	52,000	53,200	1,200 2.3%	0 0.0%
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
State Government	7,400	6,700	7,400	700 10.4%	0 0.0%
Local Government	41,100	40,600	41,100	500 1.2%	0 0.0%

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS – Statewide*

NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
FEB '08	1,703,580	1,643,900	59,690	3.5%
Jan '08	1,719,400	1,646,460	72,940	4.2%
Dec '07	1,731,200	1,656,690	74,510	4.3%
Nov '07	1,749,050	1,674,980	74,070	4.2%
Oct '07	1,740,590	1,667,880	72,710	4.2%
Sep '07	1,730,900	1,659,950	70,960	4.1%
Aug '07	1,727,250	1,654,590	72,660	4.2%
Jul '07	1,752,330	1,666,610	85,730	4.9%
Jun '07	1,763,220	1,680,430	82,790	4.7%
May '07	1,738,450	1,660,570	77,890	4.5%
Apr '07	1,739,410	1,672,510	66,900	3.8%
Mar '07	1,732,180	1,658,050	74,140	4.3%
Feb '07	1,724,420	1,648,750	75,670	4.4%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
FEB '08	1,716,970	1,663,770	53,070	3.1%
Jan '08	1,733,970	1,669,740	64,230	3.7%
Dec '07	1,731,200	1,656,690	74,510	4.3%
Nov '07	1,749,050	1,674,980	74,070	4.2%
Oct '07	1,740,590	1,667,880	72,710	4.2%
Sep '07	1,730,900	1,659,950	70,960	4.1%
Aug '07	1,727,250	1,654,590	72,660	4.2%
Jul '07	1,752,330	1,666,610	85,730	4.9%
Jun '07	1,763,220	1,680,430	82,790	4.7%
May '07	1,738,450	1,660,570	77,890	4.5%
Apr '07	1,739,410	1,672,510	66,900	3.8%
Mar '07	1,732,180	1,658,050	74,140	4.3%
Feb '07	1,724,420	1,648,750	75,670	4.4%

* **Non-benchmarked data.** Benchmarked data for 2007 will be made available on April 18, 2008.