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August unemployment rates down in most Oklahoma counties

Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid to 3.8 percent in August 2008. **McCurtain County** again claimed the state's highest county unemployment rate, while **Beaver County** reported the lowest county rate. Only three Oklahoma counties (Noble, Payne, Sequoyah) reported unemployment rate increases for the month.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

| AUGUST 2008 | Area | Unemp. rate | Monthly change | Annual change |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| RATE | Statewide | 3.8% | ↓ 0.2% | ↓ 0.4% |
| Highest county | McCurtain Co. | 7.2% | ↓ 0.2% | ↓ 0.1% |
| Lowest county | Beaver Co. | 1.8% | ↓ 0.4% | ↓ 0.9% |
| Biggest % gain | Payne County | 4.5% | ↑ 0.7% | -- |
| Biggest % loss | Cimarron Co. | 2.6% | ↓ 1.1% | -- |

*non-seasonally adjusted

Monthly losses reported again for statewide labor force, employment and unemployment

In August 2008, Oklahoma's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by 0.2 percent to 3.8 percent for the month. Statewide non-seasonally adjusted labor force, employment and unemployment all contracted in August, but it was the 6.0 percent drop in unemployment that fueled the over-the-month unemployment rate improvement. Between August 2007 and August 2008, statewide non-seasonally adjusted unemployment has shed more than 5,800 persons, while non-seasonally adjusted labor force and employment have both expanded.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

| | AUGUST 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Aug '08 | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | Aug '07 |
| Oklahoma | 1,745,220 | 1,678,990 | 66,230 | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.2% |
| United States | 155,387,000 | 145,909,000 | 9,479,000 | 6.1% | 6.0% | 5.7% | 4.6% |
| Region | | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | 1,380,290 | 1,317,170 | 63,130 | 4.6% | 4.9% | 5.3% | 5.4% |
| Kansas | 1,493,160 | 1,423,090 | 70,060 | 4.7% | 4.9% | 4.4% | 4.1% |
| Louisiana | 2,063,150 | 1,960,500 | 102,660 | 5.0% | 4.4% | 4.8% | 4.0% |
| Missouri | 3,012,310 | 2,815,880 | 196,430 | 6.5% | 6.5% | 6.0% | 5.2% |
| New Mexico | 961,150 | 916,090 | 45,060 | 4.7% | 4.6% | 4.5% | 3.4% |
| Texas | 11,785,730 | 11,181,800 | 603,930 | 5.1% | 5.0% | 4.8% | 4.3% |

*non-seasonally adjusted

McCurtain County claims highest county rate for August

In August, the counties with the three highest unemployment rates were unchanged from July. **McCurtain County** reported Oklahoma's highest county rate for the month at 7.2 percent. **Hughes County** claimed the state's second highest rate, and **Sequoyah County** held the third highest county unemployment rate.

| | AUGUST 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Aug '08 | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | Aug '07 |
| McCurtain County | 14,500 | 13,450 | 1,040 | 7.2% | 7.4% | 7.4% | 7.3% |
| Hughes County | 4,580 | 4,300 | 270 | 6.0% | 7.0% | 6.5% | 6.5% |
| Sequoyah County | 18,290 | 17,200 | 1,090 | 5.9% | 5.8% | 5.4% | 5.6% |

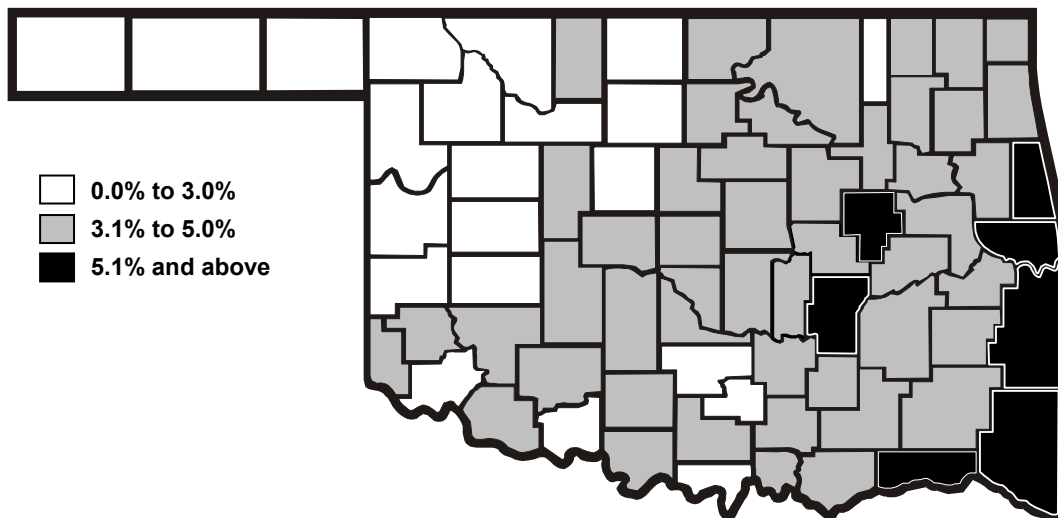
Lowest county rate in August belongs to Beaver County

Beaver County reported the lowest county unemployment rate of 1.8 percent in August. **Ellis County** was right behind at 1.9 percent, and **Woodward County** claimed the state's third lowest county rate of 2.0 percent.

| | AUGUST 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Aug '08 | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | Aug '07 |
| Beaver County | 3,210 | 3,150 | 60 | 1.8% | 2.2% | 2.5% | 2.7% |
| Ellis County | 2,640 | 2,590 | 50 | 1.9% | 2.3% | 2.6% | 2.5% |
| Woodward County | 13,080 | 12,820 | 260 | 2.0% | 2.2% | 2.5% | 2.8% |

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY

Preliminary data for August 2008



NOTE:

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

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

| | AUGUST 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | | | AUGUST 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unempl. | Aug '08 | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | Aug '07 | | Labor Force | Empl. | Unempl. | Aug '08 | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | Aug '07 |
| 1. McCurtain County | 14,500 | 13,450 | 1,040 | 7.2% | 7.4% | 7.4% | 7.3% | 40. Stephens County | 22,360 | 21,530 | 830 | 3.7% | 3.8% | 4.1% | 3.8% |
| 2. Hughes County | 4,580 | 4,300 | 270 | 6.0% | 7.0% | 6.5% | 6.5% | 41. Wagoner County | 32,410 | 31,200 | 1,210 | 3.7% | 3.9% | 4.0% | 3.7% |
| 3. Sequoyah County | 18,290 | 17,200 | 1,090 | 5.9% | 5.8% | 5.4% | 5.6% | 42. Alfalfa County | 2,290 | 2,210 | 80 | 3.6% | 3.8% | 3.9% | 5.3% |
| 4. Choctaw County | 7,100 | 6,720 | 370 | 5.3% | 5.6% | 5.7% | 5.6% | 43. Comanche County | 46,170 | 44,520 | 1,650 | 3.6% | 4.0% | 4.3% | 4.0% |
| 5. Adair County | 11,290 | 10,710 | 580 | 5.2% | 5.5% | 5.2% | 4.8% | 44. Kay County | 23,630 | 22,780 | 850 | 3.6% | 3.8% | 3.9% | 4.3% |
| 6. LeFlore County | 21,500 | 20,380 | 1,120 | 5.2% | 5.4% | 5.2% | 5.8% | 45. McClain County | 14,770 | 14,240 | 530 | 3.6% | 4.2% | 4.2% | 3.6% |
| 7. Okmulgee County | 16,330 | 15,470 | 860 | 5.2% | 5.5% | 5.7% | 5.3% | 46. Tulsa County | 290,250 | 279,690 | 10,560 | 3.6% | 3.8% | 4.0% | 3.9% |
| 8. Coal County | 2,460 | 2,340 | 120 | 5.0% | 5.7% | 5.7% | 6.2% | 47. Logan County | 17,720 | 17,090 | 630 | 3.5% | 3.9% | 4.2% | 3.8% |
| 9. McIntosh County | 8,560 | 8,130 | 430 | 5.0% | 5.4% | 5.4% | 5.9% | 48. Noble County | 6,100 | 5,880 | 210 | 3.5% | 3.1% | 3.8% | 3.8% |
| 10. Latimer County | 4,250 | 4,040 | 210 | 4.9% | 5.1% | 5.3% | 5.5% | 49. Rogers County | 39,830 | 38,430 | 1,400 | 3.5% | 3.7% | 4.0% | 3.9% |
| 11. Seminole County | 10,560 | 10,040 | 510 | 4.9% | 5.3% | 5.2% | 6.0% | 50. Bryan County | 20,340 | 19,660 | 690 | 3.4% | 3.8% | 3.6% | 3.7% |
| 12. Atoka County | 6,120 | 5,830 | 290 | 4.8% | 5.2% | 5.3% | 5.4% | 51. Cleveland County | 117,100 | 113,110 | 4,000 | 3.4% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.7% |
| 13. Ottawa County | 17,060 | 16,270 | 790 | 4.7% | 4.7% | 4.8% | 5.5% | 52. Canadian County | 51,210 | 49,500 | 1,710 | 3.3% | 3.7% | 3.8% | 3.7% |
| 14. Muskogee County | 29,740 | 28,360 | 1,380 | 4.6% | 4.9% | 5.1% | 5.8% | 53. Carter County | 26,230 | 25,390 | 850 | 3.2% | 3.2% | 3.3% | 3.6% |
| 15. Pawnee County | 7,640 | 7,290 | 360 | 4.6% | 4.6% | 4.9% | 4.3% | 54. Pittsburg County | 23,670 | 22,910 | 760 | 3.2% | 3.3% | 3.6% | 4.0% |
| 16. Pushmataha County | 5,190 | 4,950 | 240 | 4.6% | 5.4% | 5.3% | 5.7% | 55. Pontotoc County | 20,120 | 19,510 | 620 | 3.1% | 3.6% | 3.5% | 3.5% |
| 17. Creek County | 31,370 | 29,960 | 1,420 | 4.5% | 4.8% | 4.8% | 4.4% | 56. Jackson County | 12,800 | 12,410 | 390 | 3.0% | 3.4% | 3.5% | 3.6% |
| 18. Payne County | 37,210 | 35,530 | 1,670 | 4.5% | 3.8% | 4.8% | 3.8% | 57. Washington County | 27,840 | 27,010 | 830 | 3.0% | 3.1% | 3.4% | 3.9% |
| 19. Johnston County | 5,170 | 4,950 | 230 | 4.4% | 4.6% | 4.9% | 4.6% | 58. Garvin County | 14,910 | 14,470 | 430 | 2.9% | 3.3% | 3.5% | 3.5% |
| 20. Mayes County | 18,500 | 17,680 | 820 | 4.4% | 4.7% | 4.7% | 4.5% | 59. Woods County | 3,980 | 3,870 | 110 | 2.8% | 3.5% | 3.7% | 5.6% |
| 21. Greer County | 2,040 | 1,950 | 90 | 4.3% | 4.8% | 5.1% | 5.4% | 60. Garfield County | 30,720 | 29,880 | 840 | 2.7% | 2.8% | 3.0% | 3.2% |
| 22. Nowata County | 5,000 | 4,790 | 210 | 4.3% | 4.8% | 5.0% | 5.2% | 61. Murray County | 8,330 | 8,110 | 220 | 2.7% | 2.9% | 2.9% | 3.0% |
| 23. Osage County | 20,390 | 19,520 | 870 | 4.3% | 4.7% | 4.8% | 4.1% | 62. Texas County | 9,790 | 9,530 | 260 | 2.7% | 3.1% | 3.4% | 3.3% |
| 24. Tillman County | 3,500 | 3,350 | 150 | 4.3% | 4.7% | 4.8% | 4.6% | 63. Cimarron County | 1,250 | 1,220 | 30 | 2.6% | 3.7% | 3.7% | 4.2% |
| 25. Caddo County | 12,260 | 11,750 | 510 | 4.2% | 5.0% | 5.1% | 5.1% | 64. Custer County | 14,610 | 14,240 | 380 | 2.6% | 3.0% | 3.4% | 3.3% |
| 26. Jefferson County | 2,400 | 2,300 | 100 | 4.2% | 4.6% | 4.6% | 5.7% | 65. Washita County | 6,110 | 5,950 | 160 | 2.6% | 3.2% | 3.3% | 3.4% |
| 27. Okfuskee County | 4,510 | 4,320 | 190 | 4.2% | 4.7% | 4.7% | 5.2% | 66. Cotton County | 4,430 | 4,320 | 110 | 2.5% | 2.8% | 2.9% | 3.0% |
| 28. Delaware County | 19,150 | 18,350 | 790 | 4.1% | 4.4% | 4.4% | 4.8% | 67. Dewey County | 2,560 | 2,500 | 60 | 2.5% | 2.8% | 2.9% | 3.2% |
| 29. Marshall County | 6,280 | 6,020 | 260 | 4.1% | 4.3% | 4.2% | 5.0% | 68. Grant County | 2,710 | 2,640 | 70 | 2.5% | 2.7% | 2.9% | 3.6% |
| 30. Oklahoma County | 326,960 | 313,830 | 13,120 | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.3% | 4.4% | 69. Love County | 5,230 | 5,110 | 130 | 2.4% | 2.7% | 2.9% | 3.2% |
| 31. Pottawatomie County | 32,470 | 31,180 | 1,290 | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.2% | 4.3% | 70. Major County | 4,250 | 4,150 | 100 | 2.4% | 2.7% | 2.8% | 3.1% |
| 32. Craig County | 7,490 | 7,200 | 290 | 3.9% | 4.0% | 4.0% | 4.9% | 71. Kingfisher County | 8,490 | 8,300 | 200 | 2.3% | 2.5% | 2.8% | 2.9% |
| 33. Kiowa County | 4,010 | 3,850 | 160 | 3.9% | 4.4% | 4.4% | 5.0% | 72. Roger Mills County | 2,000 | 1,950 | 50 | 2.3% | 2.6% | 2.9% | 2.8% |
| 34. Lincoln County | 14,450 | 13,900 | 560 | 3.9% | 4.0% | 4.5% | 4.3% | 73. Beckham County | 12,580 | 12,310 | 270 | 2.2% | 2.4% | 2.6% | 2.6% |
| 35. Blaine County | 4,970 | 4,790 | 190 | 3.8% | 4.2% | 4.3% | 4.6% | 74. Harper County | 2,030 | 1,980 | 50 | 2.2% | 3.0% | 3.3% | 2.9% |
| 36. Cherokee County | 23,720 | 22,820 | 910 | 3.8% | 4.1% | 4.1% | 4.3% | 75. Woodward County | 13,080 | 12,820 | 260 | 2.0% | 2.2% | 2.5% | 2.8% |
| 37. Grady County | 23,270 | 22,390 | 880 | 3.8% | 4.4% | 4.7% | 4.3% | 76. Ellis County | 2,640 | 2,590 | 50 | 1.9% | 2.3% | 2.6% | 2.5% |
| 38. Harmon County | 1,310 | 1,260 | 50 | 3.8% | 3.8% | 4.1% | 3.6% | 77. Beaver County | 3,210 | 3,150 | 60 | 1.8% | 2.2% | 2.5% | 2.7% |
| 39. Haskell County | 5,930 | 5,710 | 220 | 3.7% | 4.0% | 4.4% | 4.2% | | | | | | | | |

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| Carter County | 26,230 | 25,390 | 850 | 3.2% | 3.2% | 3.3% | 3.6% |
| Cherokee County | 23,720 | 22,820 | 910 | 3.8% | 4.1% | 4.1% | 4.3% |
| Choctaw County | 7,100 | 6,720 | 370 | 5.3% | 5.6% | 5.7% | 5.6% |
| Cimarron County | 1,250 | 1,220 | 30 | 2.6% | 3.7% | 3.7% | 4.2% |
| Cleveland County | 117,100 | 113,110 | 4,000 | 3.4% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.7% |
| Coal County | 2,460 | 2,340 | 120 | 5.0% | 5.7% | 5.7% | 6.2% |
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| Murray County | 8,330 | 8,110 | 220 | 2.7% | 2.9% | 2.9% | 3.0% |
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| Okmulgee County | 16,330 | 15,470 | 860 | 5.2% | 5.5% | 5.7% | 5.3% |
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| Oklahoma City LLM | 395,880 | 380,430 | 15,450 | 3.9% | 4.1% | 4.2% | 4.3% |
| Cleveland County WIA | 117,100 | 113,110 | 4,000 | 3.4% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.7% |
| Norman LLM | 117,100 | 113,110 | 4,000 | 3.4% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.7% |
| East Central WIA | 66,560 | 63,740 | 2,820 | 4.2% | 4.5% | 4.6% | 4.8% |
| Holdenville LLM | 9,080 | 8,620 | 460 | 5.1% | 5.8% | 5.6% | 5.9% |
| Shawnee LLM | 57,480 | 55,120 | 2,360 | 4.1% | 4.3% | 4.5% | 4.6% |
| Eastern WIA | 140,340 | 133,900 | 6,450 | 4.6% | 4.8% | 4.8% | 4.9% |
| Muskogee LLM | 70,710 | 67,700 | 3,010 | 4.3% | 4.5% | 4.6% | 4.8% |
| Okmulgee LLM | 16,330 | 15,470 | 860 | 5.2% | 5.5% | 5.7% | 5.3% |
| Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM | 53,300 | 50,730 | 2,580 | 4.8% | 5.0% | 4.8% | 4.9% |
| North Central WIA | 120,370 | 116,160 | 4,210 | 3.5% | 3.4% | 3.8% | 3.7% |
| Enid LLM | 53,430 | 51,960 | 1,470 | 2.7% | 2.9% | 3.1% | 3.4% |
| Ponca City LLM | 29,730 | 28,670 | 1,070 | 3.6% | 3.6% | 3.9% | 4.2% |
| Stillwater LLM | 37,210 | 35,530 | 1,670 | 4.5% | 3.8% | 4.8% | 3.8% |
| Northeast WIA | 134,870 | 129,730 | 5,140 | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.4% |
| Bartlesville LLM | 32,840 | 31,800 | 1,040 | 3.2% | 3.4% | 3.6% | 4.1% |
| Claremore-Pryor LLM | 77,480 | 74,460 | 3,020 | 3.9% | 4.1% | 4.3% | 4.2% |
| Miami-Vinita LLM | 24,550 | 23,470 | 1,080 | 4.4% | 4.5% | 4.5% | 5.3% |
| Northwest WIA | 38,530 | 37,640 | 890 | 2.3% | 2.7% | 3.0% | 3.3% |
| Guymon LLM | 14,240 | 13,890 | 350 | 2.5% | 3.0% | 3.2% | 3.3% |
| Woodward LLM | 24,290 | 23,760 | 530 | 2.2% | 2.5% | 2.8% | 3.3% |
| South Central WIA | 129,150 | 124,400 | 4,750 | 3.7% | 4.1% | 4.4% | 4.1% |
| Chickasha LLM | 50,290 | 48,380 | 1,920 | 3.8% | 4.5% | 4.6% | 4.3% |
| Duncan LLM | 24,760 | 23,830 | 930 | 3.8% | 3.9% | 4.1% | 4.0% |
| Lawton LLM | 54,100 | 52,190 | 1,910 | 3.5% | 4.0% | 4.3% | 4.0% |
| Southeast WIA | 82,120 | 78,150 | 3,970 | 4.8% | 5.1% | 5.1% | 5.4% |
| Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM | 26,780 | 25,120 | 1,660 | 6.2% | 6.6% | 6.5% | 6.5% |
| McAlester LLM | 27,920 | 26,950 | 970 | 3.5% | 3.6% | 3.9% | 4.2% |
| Poteau LLM | 27,420 | 26,080 | 1,340 | 4.9% | 5.1% | 5.0% | 5.5% |
| Southern WIA | 115,200 | 111,370 | 3,830 | 3.3% | 3.6% | 3.6% | 3.8% |
| Ada LLM | 35,030 | 33,980 | 1,050 | 3.0% | 3.5% | 3.5% | 3.5% |
| Ardmore LLM | 39,800 | 38,610 | 1,190 | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.2% | 3.4% |
| Durant LLM | 40,370 | 38,790 | 1,580 | 3.9% | 4.3% | 4.2% | 4.4% |
| Southwest WIA | 55,460 | 53,930 | 1,530 | 2.8% | 3.1% | 3.4% | 3.4% |
| Altus LLM | 20,150 | 19,470 | 680 | 3.4% | 3.8% | 3.9% | 4.1% |
| Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM | 35,300 | 34,450 | 850 | 2.4% | 2.8% | 3.1% | 3.0% |
| Tulsa WIA | 349,650 | 336,440 | 13,200 | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.1% | 4.0% |
| Tulsa LLM | 349,650 | 336,440 | 13,200 | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.1% | 4.0% |

| | AUGUST 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unempl. | Aug '08 | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | Aug '07 |
| OKLAHOMA | 1,745,220 | 1,678,990 | 66,230 | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.2% |
| Oklahoma City MSA | 565,460 | 544,050 | 21,420 | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.2% |
| Tulsa MSA | 438,210 | 421,550 | 16,660 | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.0% |
| Lawton MSA | 46,170 | 44,520 | 1,650 | 3.6% | 4.0% | 4.3% | 4.0% |

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By county

| | JULY 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unempl. | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | May '08 | Jul '07 |
| Adair County | 10,870 | 10,270 | 600 | 5.5% | 5.2% | 4.8% | 5.2% |
| Alfalfa County | 2,290 | 2,210 | 90 | 3.8% | 3.9% | 3.0% | 4.9% |
| Atoka County | 6,010 | 5,700 | 310 | 5.2% | 5.3% | 4.1% | 5.9% |
| Beaver County | 3,160 | 3,090 | 70 | 2.2% | 2.5% | 2.0% | 2.9% |
| Beckham County | 12,810 | 12,500 | 300 | 2.4% | 2.6% | 2.1% | 2.7% |
| Blaine County | 5,050 | 4,840 | 210 | 4.2% | 4.3% | 3.5% | 4.8% |
| Bryan County | 21,120 | 20,310 | 810 | 3.8% | 3.6% | 3.1% | 3.6% |
| Caddo County | 11,760 | 11,170 | 590 | 5.0% | 5.1% | 4.0% | 6.2% |
| Canadian County | 51,630 | 49,710 | 1,930 | 3.7% | 3.8% | 3.2% | 3.9% |
| Carter County | 26,720 | 25,870 | 850 | 3.2% | 3.3% | 2.9% | 3.8% |
| Cherokee County | 23,790 | 22,810 | 980 | 4.1% | 4.1% | 3.4% | 4.5% |
| Choctaw County | 6,990 | 6,590 | 390 | 5.6% | 5.7% | 4.9% | 5.7% |
| Cimarron County | 1,220 | 1,170 | 50 | 3.7% | 3.7% | 2.9% | 4.5% |
| Cleveland County | 117,920 | 113,580 | 4,350 | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.2% | 3.9% |
| Coal County | 2,400 | 2,260 | 140 | 5.7% | 5.7% | 4.9% | 7.2% |
| Comanche County | 46,440 | 44,580 | 1,870 | 4.0% | 4.3% | 3.6% | 4.3% |
| Cotton County | 4,470 | 4,350 | 130 | 2.8% | 2.9% | 2.4% | 2.7% |
| Craig County | 7,510 | 7,210 | 300 | 4.0% | 4.0% | 3.4% | 4.9% |
| Creek County | 31,550 | 30,050 | 1,500 | 4.8% | 4.8% | 3.8% | 4.5% |
| Custer County | 14,640 | 14,200 | 440 | 3.0% | 3.4% | 2.5% | 3.5% |
| Delaware County | 19,120 | 18,290 | 830 | 4.4% | 4.4% | 3.9% | 4.9% |
| Dewey County | 2,420 | 2,350 | 70 | 2.8% | 2.9% | 2.3% | 3.2% |
| Ellis County | 2,580 | 2,520 | 60 | 2.3% | 2.6% | 2.2% | 2.9% |
| Garfield County | 31,570 | 30,680 | 890 | 2.8% | 3.0% | 2.4% | 3.3% |
| Garvin County | 15,260 | 14,760 | 500 | 3.3% | 3.5% | 3.0% | 3.8% |
| Grady County | 23,510 | 22,480 | 1,030 | 4.4% | 4.7% | 4.0% | 4.5% |
| Grant County | 2,720 | 2,640 | 70 | 2.7% | 2.9% | 2.4% | 3.5% |
| Greer County | 2,020 | 1,920 | 100 | 4.8% | 5.1% | 4.1% | 5.7% |
| Harmon County | 1,330 | 1,280 | 50 | 3.8% | 4.1% | 3.4% | 3.8% |
| Harper County | 1,920 | 1,870 | 60 | 3.0% | 3.3% | 2.4% | 3.2% |
| Haskell County | 5,880 | 5,640 | 240 | 4.0% | 4.4% | 3.7% | 4.4% |
| Hughes County | 4,430 | 4,120 | 310 | 7.0% | 6.5% | 5.5% | 7.6% |
| Jackson County | 12,590 | 12,160 | 430 | 3.4% | 3.5% | 2.9% | 3.9% |
| Jefferson County | 2,290 | 2,180 | 110 | 4.6% | 4.6% | 3.8% | 5.8% |
| Johnston County | 5,070 | 4,840 | 230 | 4.6% | 4.9% | 3.9% | 5.1% |
| Kay County | 24,040 | 23,130 | 910 | 3.8% | 3.9% | 3.4% | 4.3% |
| Kingfisher County | 8,570 | 8,350 | 220 | 2.5% | 2.8% | 2.2% | 2.9% |
| Kiowa County | 3,960 | 3,780 | 170 | 4.4% | 4.4% | 3.8% | 4.8% |
| Latimer County | 4,260 | 4,040 | 220 | 5.1% | 5.3% | 4.4% | 5.8% |

| | JULY 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unempl. | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | May '08 | Jul '07 |
| LeFlore County | 21,310 | 20,150 | 1,160 | 5.4% | 5.2% | 5.6% | 6.3% |
| Lincoln County | 14,530 | 13,950 | 580 | 4.0% | 4.5% | 3.5% | 4.4% |
| Logan County | 17,850 | 17,160 | 690 | 3.9% | 4.2% | 3.5% | 4.0% |
| Love County | 5,350 | 5,200 | 140 | 2.7% | 2.9% | 2.5% | 3.6% |
| Major County | 4,310 | 4,200 | 120 | 2.7% | 2.8% | 2.3% | 3.0% |
| Marshall County | 6,330 | 6,060 | 270 | 4.3% | 4.2% | 3.5% | 5.0% |
| Mayes County | 18,600 | 17,730 | 870 | 4.7% | 4.7% | 3.8% | 4.8% |
| McClain County | 14,920 | 14,300 | 630 | 4.2% | 4.2% | 3.6% | 4.0% |
| McCurain County | 14,170 | 13,110 | 1,050 | 7.4% | 7.4% | 6.2% | 7.9% |
| McIntosh County | 8,540 | 8,070 | 470 | 5.4% | 5.4% | 4.6% | 6.3% |
| Murray County | 8,560 | 8,310 | 250 | 2.9% | 2.9% | 2.6% | 3.1% |
| Muskogee County | 30,250 | 28,780 | 1,470 | 4.9% | 5.1% | 4.4% | 6.0% |
| Noble County | 6,160 | 5,970 | 190 | 3.1% | 3.8% | 2.6% | 3.8% |
| Nowata County | 4,860 | 4,630 | 230 | 4.8% | 5.0% | 4.2% | 5.7% |
| Okfuskee County | 4,560 | 4,340 | 220 | 4.7% | 4.7% | 3.5% | 6.0% |
| Oklahoma County | 328,880 | 315,140 | 13,740 | 4.2% | 4.3% | 3.6% | 4.6% |
| Okmulgee County | 16,430 | 15,530 | 900 | 5.5% | 5.7% | 4.7% | 5.4% |
| Osage County | 20,540 | 19,580 | 960 | 4.7% | 4.8% | 4.1% | 4.2% |
| Ottawa County | 17,200 | 16,400 | 800 | 4.7% | 4.8% | 4.3% | 5.6% |
| Pawnee County | 7,660 | 7,310 | 350 | 4.6% | 4.9% | 3.9% | 4.5% |
| Payne County | 37,470 | 36,040 | 1,430 | 3.8% | 4.8% | 3.1% | 4.0% |
| Pittsburg County | 24,080 | 23,280 | 800 | 3.3% | 3.6% | 3.0% | 4.2% |
| Pontotoc County | 20,020 | 19,290 | 730 | 3.6% | 3.5% | 3.1% | 4.6% |
| Pottawatomie County | 32,580 | 31,220 | 1,360 | 4.2% | 4.2% | 3.6% | 4.6% |
| Pushmataha County | 4,900 | 4,640 | 260 | 5.4% | 5.3% | 4.6% | 6.0% |
| Roger Mills County | 1,910 | 1,860 | 50 | 2.6% | 2.9% | 2.3% | 3.1% |
| Rogers County | 40,040 | 38,550 | 1,490 | 3.7% | 4.0% | 3.4% | 4.0% |
| Seminole County | 10,580 | 10,030 | 560 | 5.3% | 5.2% | 4.5% | 6.3% |
| Sequoyah County | 18,060 | 17,010 | 1,050 | 5.8% | 5.4% | 6.1% | 6.0% |
| Stephens County | 22,310 | 21,450 | 860 | 3.8% | 4.1% | 3.4% | 4.0% |
| Texas County | 9,900 | 9,590 | 310 | 3.1% | 3.4% | 2.8% | 3.5% |
| Tillman County | 3,510 | 3,350 | 160 | 4.7% | 4.8% | 4.1% | 5.5% |
| Tulsa County | 291,780 | 280,600 | 11,190 | 3.8% | 4.0% | 3.4% | 4.0% |
| Wagoner County | 32,590 | 31,310 | 1,280 | 3.9% | 4.0% | 3.4% | 3.9% |
| Washington County | 28,430 | 27,540 | 890 | 3.1% | 3.4% | 2.9% | 3.7% |
| Washita County | 5,880 | 5,690 | 190 | 3.2% | 3.3% | 2.8% | 3.6% |
| Woods County | 3,990 | 3,850 | 140 | 3.5% | 3.7% | 2.6% | 6.1% |
| Woodward County | 13,270 | 12,970 | 290 | 2.2% | 2.5% | 2.1% | 3.0% |

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| | JULY 2008 | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unempl. | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | May '08 | Jul '07 |
| OKLAHOMA | 1,754,150 | 1,683,660 | 70,490 | 4.0% | 4.2% | 3.5% | 4.4% |
| Central WIA | 398,370 | 382,010 | 16,360 | 4.1% | 4.2% | 3.6% | 4.5% |
| Oklahoma City LLM | 398,370 | 382,010 | 16,360 | 4.1% | 4.2% | 3.6% | 4.5% |
| Cleveland County WIA | 117,920 | 113,580 | 4,350 | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.2% | 3.9% |
| Norman LLM | 117,920 | 113,580 | 4,350 | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.2% | 3.9% |
| East Central WIA | 66,690 | 63,670 | 3,020 | 4.5% | 4.6% | 3.9% | 5.1% |
| Holdenville LLM | 8,990 | 8,470 | 530 | 5.8% | 5.6% | 4.5% | 6.8% |
| Shawnee LLM | 57,700 | 55,200 | 2,500 | 4.3% | 4.5% | 3.7% | 4.8% |
| Eastern WIA | 140,510 | 133,770 | 6,740 | 4.8% | 4.8% | 4.3% | 5.1% |
| Muskogee LLM | 71,370 | 68,150 | 3,220 | 4.5% | 4.6% | 3.9% | 5.0% |
| Okmulgee LLM | 16,430 | 15,530 | 900 | 5.5% | 5.7% | 4.7% | 5.4% |
| Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM | 52,710 | 50,090 | 2,620 | 5.0% | 4.8% | 4.6% | 5.2% |
| North Central WIA | 122,170 | 118,050 | 4,130 | 3.4% | 3.8% | 2.9% | 3.8% |
| Enid LLM | 54,500 | 52,910 | 1,600 | 2.9% | 3.1% | 2.5% | 3.4% |
| Ponca City LLM | 30,200 | 29,100 | 1,100 | 3.6% | 3.9% | 3.3% | 4.2% |
| Stillwater LLM | 37,470 | 36,040 | 1,430 | 3.8% | 4.8% | 3.1% | 4.0% |
| Northeast WIA | 135,760 | 130,340 | 5,420 | 4.0% | 4.2% | 3.6% | 4.5% |
| Bartlesville LLM | 33,290 | 32,160 | 1,130 | 3.4% | 3.6% | 3.1% | 4.0% |
| Claremore-Pryor LLM | 77,770 | 74,570 | 3,190 | 4.1% | 4.3% | 3.6% | 4.4% |
| Miami-Vinita LLM | 24,700 | 23,600 | 1,100 | 4.5% | 4.5% | 4.0% | 5.4% |
| Northwest WIA | 38,450 | 37,410 | 1,040 | 2.7% | 3.0% | 2.4% | 3.5% |
| Guymon LLM | 14,280 | 13,850 | 430 | 3.0% | 3.2% | 2.6% | 3.5% |
| Woodward LLM | 24,170 | 23,560 | 610 | 2.5% | 2.8% | 2.2% | 3.6% |
| South Central WIA | 129,210 | 123,850 | 5,360 | 4.1% | 4.4% | 3.6% | 4.4% |
| Chickasha LLM | 50,190 | 47,940 | 2,240 | 4.5% | 4.6% | 3.9% | 4.7% |
| Duncan LLM | 24,600 | 23,630 | 960 | 3.9% | 4.1% | 3.5% | 4.2% |
| Lawton LLM | 54,430 | 52,270 | 2,160 | 4.0% | 4.3% | 3.5% | 4.2% |
| Southeast WIA | 81,580 | 77,450 | 4,130 | 5.1% | 5.1% | 4.6% | 5.8% |
| Broken Bow-Idabel-Antlers-Hugo LLM | 26,050 | 24,340 | 1,710 | 6.6% | 6.5% | 5.6% | 6.9% |
| McAlester LLM | 28,340 | 27,320 | 1,020 | 3.6% | 3.9% | 3.2% | 4.5% |
| Poteau LLM | 27,190 | 25,790 | 1,400 | 5.1% | 5.0% | 5.2% | 5.9% |
| Southern WIA | 116,830 | 112,610 | 4,230 | 3.6% | 3.6% | 3.1% | 4.1% |
| Ada LLM | 35,280 | 34,050 | 1,230 | 3.5% | 3.5% | 3.1% | 4.2% |
| Ardmore LLM | 40,620 | 39,390 | 1,240 | 3.0% | 3.2% | 2.8% | 3.6% |
| Durant LLM | 40,930 | 39,170 | 1,760 | 4.3% | 4.2% | 3.5% | 4.6% |
| Southwest WIA | 55,130 | 53,400 | 1,730 | 3.1% | 3.4% | 2.7% | 3.6% |
| Altus LLM | 19,890 | 19,140 | 750 | 3.8% | 3.9% | 3.3% | 4.2% |
| Elk City-Weatherford-Clinton LLM | 35,240 | 34,260 | 980 | 2.8% | 3.1% | 2.4% | 3.2% |
| Tulsa WIA | 351,530 | 337,540 | 13,990 | 4.0% | 4.1% | 3.5% | 4.1% |
| Tulsa LLM | 351,530 | 337,540 | 13,990 | 4.0% | 4.1% | 3.5% | 4.1% |

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|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unempl. | Jul '08 | Jun '08 | May '08 | Jul '07 |
| OKLAHOMA | 1,754,150 | 1,683,660 | 70,490 | 4.0% | 4.2% | 3.5% | 4.4% |
| Oklahoma City MSA | 569,250 | 546,320 | 22,940 | 4.0% | 4.2% | 3.5% | 4.3% |
| Tulsa MSA | 440,590 | 422,920 | 17,670 | 4.0% | 4.2% | 3.5% | 4.1% |
| Lawton MSA | 46,440 | 44,580 | 1,870 | 4.0% | 4.3% | 3.6% | 4.3% |