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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

<p>Oklahoma: 4.1% ↓ 0.3% for month ↓ 1.0% over year</p>	<p>COUNTIES Highest rate: 6.5% (McCurtain County) Lowest rate: 2.8% (Woodward County) Big % gain: LeFlore County ↑ by 1.0% to 5.6% Big % loss: Hughes County ↓ by 0.9% to 6.4%</p>
<p>MSAs Oklahoma City MSA: 3.9% Tulsa MSA: 4.0% Lawton MSA: 4.5%</p>	

AREAS OF INTEREST

1. **The Goods Producing Industries are growing faster than the state as a whole.** All three major supersectors (**Natural Resources & Mining, Construction, and Manufacturing**) have been exhibiting unusual strength in their recoveries. As a group, the **Goods Producing Industries** reported annual growth of 4.5 percent for February, while the **Service Providing Industries** grew by 2.5 percent. For the year, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** was up 2.9 percent in February.
2. **While only representing a small percentage of Oklahoma's overall workforce, Natural Resources & Mining continues to play an "oversized" role in our economy due in large part to its above-average wages.** While this supersector accounted for 8.5 percent of the state's total annual job growth in February, it only supplies around 2.5 percent of total state employment.
3. **February's strong showing in statewide Manufacturing reinforces recent improvements in national industrial production numbers.** All of the over-the-year gains in February came from the **Durable Goods** industry, as many consumers ignored higher interest rates and continued purchasing big ticket items.

IN A NUTSHELL . . .

"Cyclical forces continued to boost Oklahoma's economy in February. The state's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell over the month, as employment grew by nearly the same number that unemployment dropped. At 3.6 percent, February's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is at its lowest point since May 2001." *Lynn Gray, OESC Chief Economist*

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STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN TO 4.1 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY

Oklahoma's **Unemployment Rate** dropped by three-tenths to 4.1 percent in February 2006. Looking at the non-seasonally adjusted data, **Unemployment** shed 5770 persons (-7.5 percent) over the month, while both **Employment** and **Labor Force** reported small gains.

Over the year, both **Employment** and **Labor Force** have grown by 24,280 persons (+0.1 percent) and 40,470 persons (+2.5 percent), respectively. Over the same period, statewide **Unemployment** dropped 16,190 persons (-18.5 percent).

U.S. and Regional EMPLOYMENT		FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
OKLAHOMA		1,668,660	71,170	1,739,830	4.1%	4.4%	4.0%	5.1%
United States		141,994,000	7,692,000	149,686,000	5.1%	5.1%	4.6%	5.8%
REGION	Arkansas	1,304,000	74,600	1,378,600	5.4%	5.1%	4.4%	6.0%
	Kansas	1,392,200	72,600	1,464,700	5.0%	5.0%	4.3%	5.6%
	Louisiana	1,781,400	77,600	1,859,000	4.2%	5.5%	5.8%	5.7%
	Missouri	2,847,000	163,000	3,010,000	5.4%	5.2%	4.8%	6.3%
	New Mexico	909,300	47,800	957,100	5.0%	5.0%	4.4%	5.9%
	Texas	10,742,900	586,600	11,329,500	5.2%	5.3%	4.8%	5.9%

ALL MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DROP OVER MONTH IN FEBRUARY

The unemployment rates for all of the state's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) improved in February, dropping at least three-tenths of a percent over the month. **Oklahoma City MSA** went from 4.3 percent to 3.9 percent. **Tulsa MSA** decreased from 4.3 percent to 4.0 percent. The **Lawton MSA** had the largest drop, as it fell to 4.5 percent for the month.

Metropolitan Statistical Area EMPLOYMENT		FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
Oklahoma City MSA		564,840	23,080	587,910	3.9%	4.3%	3.9%	4.8%
Tulsa MSA		434,990	18,100	453,090	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%	5.1%
Lawton MSA		44,380	2,110	46,490	4.5%	5.0%	4.4%	5.0%

McCURTAIN COUNTY CLAIMS SOLE POSSESSION OF HIGHEST COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR FEBRUARY

Breaking out of a tie with **Hughes County** last month for highest county unemployment rate, **McCurtain County** claimed the highest rate for February at 6.5 percent, down from 7.3 percent in January. **Hughes County** slipped to second place with a rate of 6.4 percent. **Coal County** and **Okfuskee County** tied at 6.1 percent to round out the three highest rates.

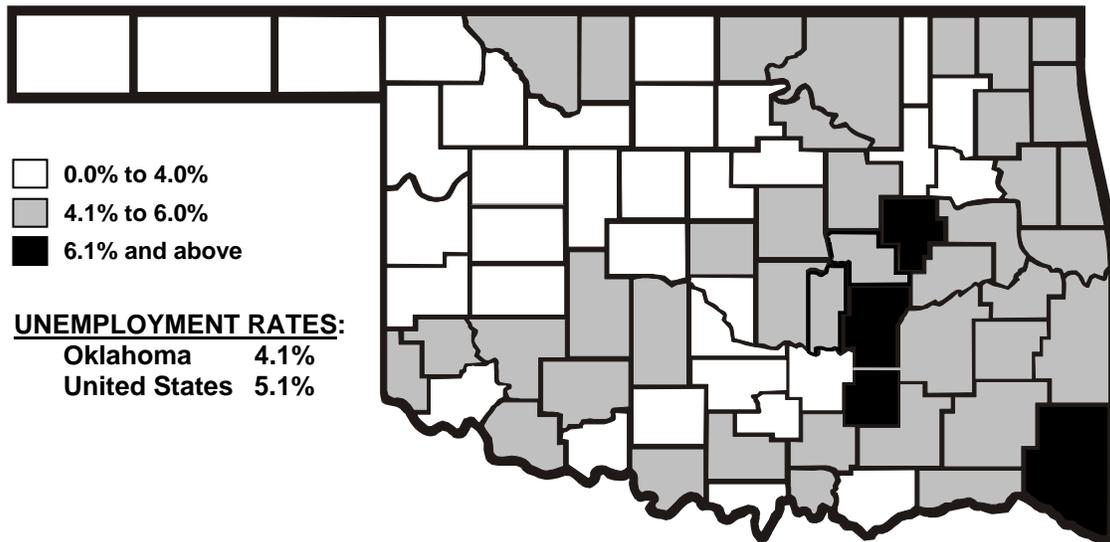
Highest County UNEMPLOYMENT		FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
		Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
McCurtain County		13,370	930	14,300	6.5%	7.3%	5.8%	7.3%
Hughes County		4,810	330	5,140	6.4%	7.3%	6.5%	8.4%
Coal County		2,110	140	2,250	6.1%	6.5%	5.7%	9.6%
Okmulgee County		16,350	1,060	17,410	6.1%	6.0%	5.7%	7.9%

WOODWARD COUNTY CLAIMS STATE'S LOWEST RATE IN FEBRUARY

Woodward County's 2.8 percent was the lowest county unemployment rate in the state for February 2006. Kingfisher County and Roger Mills County tied for the state's second lowest rate at 2.9 percent. Beaver County held sole possession of third place at 3.0 percent.

Lowest County UNEMPLOYMENT	FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
Woodward County	10,480	310	10,780	2.8%	3.2%	2.7%	3.7%
Kingfisher County	7,460	220	7,680	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	3.4%
Roger Mills County	1,740	50	1,790	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	2.9%
Beaver County	2,790	90	2,870	3.0%	3.1%	2.8%	4.0%

DISTRIBUTION of UNEMPLOYMENT RATES by COUNTY Preliminary Data for February 2006



OKLAHOMA'S OVER-THE-YEAR GROWTH CONTINUES IN FEBRUARY

In February, an over-the-month addition of 14,200 jobs (+0.9 percent) helped Oklahoma **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gain more than 40,000 jobs compared to February 2005. The 42,300-job annual increase translates into a growth rate of 2.9 percent. The **Service Providing Industries** accounted for nearly three-quarters of the over-the-year growth.

Under the **Goods Producing Industries, Natural Resources & Mining, Construction, and Manufacturing** each reported job gains for the month and year, with **Natural Resources & Mining** improving by more than 10 percent since February 2005. For the **Service Providing Industries**, annual growth was widespread. Over the month, many supersectors added jobs; **Government** saw the most dramatic over-the-month increase with a gain of 7,900 jobs (+2.5 percent).

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,522,200	1,508,000	1,479,900	14,200	0.9%	42,300	2.9%
Goods Producing Industries	249,100	247,700	238,300	1,400	0.6%	10,800	4.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	38,100	37,800	34,500	300	0.8%	3,600	10.4%
Construction	64,900	64,300	61,400	600	0.9%	3,500	5.7%
Manufacturing	146,100	145,600	142,400	500	0.3%	3,700	2.6%
Service Providing Industries	1,273,100	1,260,300	1,241,600	12,800	1.0%	31,500	2.5%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	278,600	279,200	271,800	-600	-0.2%	6,800	2.5%
Financial Activities	84,700	84,300	82,400	400	0.5%	2,300	2.8%
Pro. & Business Services	170,500	168,700	164,900	1,800	1.1%	5,600	3.4%
Education & Health Svcs.	185,600	184,600	179,400	1,000	0.5%	6,200	3.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	129,900	128,200	126,600	1,700	1.3%	3,300	2.6%
Government	319,800	311,900	312,500	7,900	2.5%	7,300	2.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING FUELS ANNUAL INDUSTRY GROWTH

Natural Resources & Mining grew by 3,600 jobs (+10.4 percent) during the February-to-February period. The **Support Activities for Mining** industry provided two-thirds of both the monthly and annual growth.

OKLAHOMA Natural Resources & Mining	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Natural Resources & Mining	38,100	37,800	34,500	300	0.8%	3,600	10.4%
Support Activities for Mining	21,000	20,800	18,600	200	1.0%	2,400	12.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

CONSTRUCTION GROWS OVER MONTH & YEAR IN FEBRUARY

Construction rebounded from small monthly losses in January to add 600 jobs (+0.9 percent) over the month for February. The monthly gain was shared evenly by all **Construction** industries. Over the year, this supersector grew by nearly 6 percent, adding 3,500 jobs during the period. The **Specialty Trade Contractors** industry contributed 2,100 jobs to the annual growth.

OKLAHOMA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Construction	64,900	64,300	61,400	600	0.9%	3,500	5.7%
Construction of Buildings	14,000	13,800	13,200	200	1.4%	800	6.1%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,000	10,800	10,400	200	1.9%	600	5.8%
Specialty Trade Contractors	39,900	39,700	37,800	200	0.5%	2,100	5.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATEWIDE MANUFACTURING REPORTS HEALTHY GROWTH FOR YEAR

In February 2006, statewide **Manufacturing** reported gains of 500 jobs (+0.3 percent) and 3,700 jobs (+2.6 percent) for the month and year, respectively. The growth for both periods was provided by the **Durable Goods Manufacturing** industry. This industry expanded by almost 4 percent compared to February 2005.

OKLAHOMA Manufacturing	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Manufacturing	146,100	145,600	142,400	500	0.3%	3,700	2.6%
Durable Goods Mfg.	97,400	96,700	93,700	700	0.7%	3,700	3.9%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	48,700	48,900	48,700	-200	-0.4%	0	0.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

RETAIL TRADE CONTINUES TO SHED JOBS IN FEBRUARY

Trade, Transportation & Utilities lost 600 jobs (-0.2 percent) over the month in February, as **Retail Trade** dropped by the same amount. Over the year, however, the **Retail Trade** industry provided 4,600 of the 6,800 jobs gained by **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**.

OKLAHOMA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	278,600	279,200	271,800	-600	-0.2%	6,800	2.5%
Wholesale Trade	56,600	56,500	55,100	100	0.2%	1,500	2.7%
Retail Trade	169,500	170,100	164,900	-600	-0.4%	4,600	2.8%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	52,500	52,600	51,800	-100	-0.2%	700	1.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUES TO SEE ANNUAL GAINS

Strong over-the-year growth in the **Finance & Insurance** industry fueled annual gains in the **Financial Activities** supersector for February 2006. **Real Estate, Rental & Leasing** also reported over-the-year growth. Both of these industries contributed to the over-the-month additions.

OKLAHOMA Financial Activities	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Financial Activities	84,700	84,300	82,400	400	0.5%	2,300	2.8%
Finance & Insurance	60,900	60,700	59,200	200	0.3%	1,700	2.9%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	23,800	23,600	23,200	200	0.8%	600	2.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES UP FOR BOTH MONTH & YEAR

Professional & Business Services rebounded from January's big loss with a monthly gain of 1,800 jobs (+1.1 percent) in February. Compared to February 2005, this supersector grew by 5,600 jobs (+3.4 percent). The Administrative & Support Services industry contributed most of the monthly and annual gains.

OKLAHOMA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Pro. & Business Services	170,500	168,700	164,900	1,800	1.1%	5,600	3.4%
Pro. & Scientific Services	60,000	59,700	59,500	300	0.5%	500	0.8%
Management of Companies	12,300	12,300	12,500	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
Admin. & Support Services	98,200	96,700	92,900	1,500	1.6%	5,300	5.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUES ANNUAL GROWTH

In February, Education & Health Services gained back 1,000 of the 2,200 jobs dropped in January and continued to add jobs to its over-the-year growth. Most of the annual change has come from Health Care & Social Assistance, where all sectors added jobs during the February-to-February period.

OKLAHOMA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	185,600	184,600	179,400	1,000	0.5%	6,200	3.5%
Educational Services	18,400	17,800	18,200	600	3.4%	200	1.1%
Health Care & Social Asst.	167,200	166,800	161,200	400	0.2%	6,000	3.7%
Ambulatory Health Care	59,500	59,400	56,500	100	0.2%	3,000	5.3%
Hospitals	48,700	48,800	47,500	-100	-0.2%	1,200	2.5%
Nursing & Residential Care	35,400	35,300	34,300	100	0.3%	1,100	3.2%
Social Assistance	23,600	23,300	22,900	300	1.3%	700	3.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LEISURE & HOSPITALITY REPORTS ANNUAL GROWTH AGAIN

Leisure & Hospitality once again added jobs over the year. Of the 3,300 jobs (+2.6 percent) gained for the year, 2,600 have come from the Accommodation & Food Services industry.

OKLAHOMA Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	129,900	128,200	126,600	1,700	1.3%	3,300	2.6%
Art, Entertainment & Rec.	13,100	12,800	12,400	300	2.3%	700	5.6%
Accommodation/Food Svcs.	116,800	115,400	114,200	1,400	1.2%	2,600	2.3%
Accommodation	10,100	10,000	9,900	100	1.0%	200	2.0%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	106,700	105,400	104,300	1,300	1.2%	2,400	2.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

STATEWIDE GOVERNMENT UP FOR MONTH & YEAR

The Government supersector reported growth for the month and year in February due to gains in State Government and Local Government. State Government added 5,000 jobs in February, while Local Government provided 6,100 jobs (+3.3 percent) to the annual growth.

OKLAHOMA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Government	319,800	311,900	312,500	7,900	2.5%	7,300	2.3%
Federal Government	45,600	45,600	45,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.2%
State Government	85,000	80,000	83,700	5,000	6.3%	1,300	1.6%
Local Government	189,200	186,300	183,100	2,900	1.6%	6,100	3.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKLAHOMA CITY MSA*

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OKLAHOMA CITY MSA ANNUAL GROWTH CONTINUES

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT for the Oklahoma City MSA rose in February with an addition of 5,400 jobs (+1.0 percent) over the month. Compared to February 2005, Oklahoma City **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** has gained 16,300 jobs (+3.0 percent). The **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** both contributed to the monthly and annuals growth.

Under the **Good Producing Industries, Natural Resources & Mining** and **Construction** both reported strong over-the-year gains for February. For the **Service Providing Industries**, all supersectors added jobs over the year, except **Other Services** which reported a small annual decline.

OKLAHOMA CITY EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	559,600	554,200	543,300	5,400	1.0%	16,300	3.0%
Goods Producing Industries	73,500	73,100	71,200	400	0.5%	2,300	3.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,200	10,000	9,000	200	2.0%	1,200	13.3%
Construction	25,100	25,100	23,200	0	0.0%	1,900	8.2%
Manufacturing	38,200	38,000	39,000	200	0.5%	-800	-2.1%
Service Providing Industries	486,100	481,100	472,100	5,000	1.0%	14,000	3.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	99,300	100,300	96,400	-1,000	-1.0%	2,900	3.0%
Financial Activities	35,800	35,500	34,100	300	0.8%	1,700	5.0%
Pro. & Business Services	71,200	70,500	66,500	700	1.0%	4,700	7.1%
Education & Health Svcs.	70,300	69,800	67,300	500	0.7%	3,000	4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	54,200	53,200	53,100	1,000	1.9%	1,100	2.1%
Government	114,200	110,900	113,200	3,300	3.0%	1,000	0.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC CONSTRUCTION REPORTS ANNUAL GROWTH AGAIN

Although seasonal factors helped hold Oklahoma City **Construction** in check for the month, this supersector added 1,900 jobs (+8.2 percent) compared to February 2005.

OKLAHOMA CITY Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Construction	25,100	25,100	23,200	0	0.0%	1,900	8.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES DOWN OVER MONTH IN OKC

Seasonal changes once again hindered over-the-month growth for **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**, as it shed 1,000 jobs (-1.0 percent), driven by an even larger seasonal drop in **Retail Trade**. Over the year, **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** has gained 2,900 jobs (+3.0 percent).

OKLAHOMA CITY Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	99,300	100,300	96,400	-1,000	-1.0%	2,900	3.0%
Wholesale Trade	22,400	22,200	21,200	200	0.9%	1,200	5.7%
Retail Trade	61,100	62,200	59,800	-1,100	-1.8%	1,300	2.2%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	15,800	15,900	15,400	-100	-0.6%	400	2.6%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES LOOKS STRONG OVER YEAR

Oklahoma City's **Professional & Business Services** supersector reported monthly growth of 700 jobs (+1.0 percent) in February in addition to a 4,700-job gain (+7.1 percent) over the year. **Professional & Scientific Services** and **Administrative & Support Services** provided the annual change.

OKLAHOMA CITY Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Pro. & Business Services	71,200	70,500	66,500	700	1.0%	4,700	7.1%
Pro. & Scientific Services	26,800	26,600	25,300	200	0.8%	1,500	5.9%
Management of Companies	4,700	4,600	4,800	100	2.2%	-100	-2.1%
Admin. & Support Services	39,700	39,300	36,400	400	1.0%	3,300	9.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

OKC EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES SEES BIG ANNUAL BOOST

The **Health Care & Social Assistance** industry added 2,100 jobs (+3.5 percent) over the year, helping **Education & Health Services** grow by 3,000 jobs (+4.5 percent) for the February-to-February period. **Educational Services** and **Health Care & Social Assistance** shared the monthly gain.

OKLAHOMA CITY Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	70,300	69,800	67,300	500	0.7%	3,000	4.5%
Educational Services	8,300	8,100	7,400	200	2.5%	900	12.2%
Health Care & Social Asst.	62,000	61,700	59,900	300	0.5%	2,100	3.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

LEISURE & HOSPITALITY IN OKC BOUNCES BACK IN FEBRUARY

Oklahoma City **Leisure & Hospitality** reversed course in February 2006, gaining back the 1,000 jobs (+1.9 percent) lost in January. The **Food Services & Drinking Places** industry was primarily responsible for the monthly change. This industry also helped drive annual change in **Leisure & Hospitality**.

OKLAHOMA CITY Leisure & Hospitality	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Leisure & Hospitality	54,200	53,200	53,100	1,000	1.9%	1,100	2.1%
Food Svcs./Drinking Places	43,900	43,200	43,100	700	1.6%	800	1.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH CONTINUES IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma City **Government** saw gains in February, adding 3,300 jobs (+3.0 percent) for the month. Many of these jobs came from **State Government**. This industry, along with **Local Government**, provided all of the over-the-year gain reported. **Government** added 500 jobs compared to January 2005.

OKLAHOMA CITY Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Government	114,200	110,900	113,200	3,300	3.0%	1,000	0.9%
Federal Government	26,200	26,300	26,600	-100	-0.4%	-400	-1.5%
State Government	41,100	38,400	40,100	2,700	7.0%	1,000	2.5%
Local Government	46,900	46,200	46,500	700	1.5%	400	0.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA MSA*

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TULSA AGAIN REPORTS ANNUAL GROWTH IN FEBRUARY

TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT for the Tulsa MSA rebounded from January's losses with a gain of 2,300 jobs (+0.6 percent) over the month in February 2006. Tulsa continued to report strong annual growth, as the MSA gained 11,500 jobs (+2.9 percent) compared to February 2005.

Over the month, both the **Goods Producing Industries** and the **Service Providing Industries** contributed to the growth. The same is true for the February-to-February period as well.

For the **Goods Producing Industries**, **Construction** reported the most notable over-the-year change in February. Annual gains in the **Service Providing Industries** were widespread.

TULSA EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	414,400	412,100	402,900	2,300	0.6%	11,500	2.9%
Goods Producing Industries	75,100	74,200	70,400	900	1.2%	4,700	6.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,800	6,800	6,200	0	0.0%	600	9.7%
Construction	21,200	20,700	18,400	500	2.4%	2,800	15.2%
Manufacturing	47,100	46,700	45,800	400	0.9%	1,300	2.8%
Service Providing Industries	339,300	337,900	332,500	1,400	0.4%	6,800	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	80,400	81,000	79,300	-600	-0.7%	1,100	1.4%
Pro. & Business Services	59,600	59,100	57,700	500	0.8%	1,900	3.3%
Education & Health Svcs.	54,900	54,600	53,100	300	0.5%	1,800	3.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,800	34,600	33,400	200	0.6%	1,400	4.2%
Government	52,700	52,100	51,700	600	1.2%	1,000	1.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA CONSTRUCTION GROWS OVER MONTH & YEAR IN FEBRUARY

Construction in Tulsa gained 500 jobs (+2.4 percent) over the month in February, reversing the 500-job loss seen in January. **Specialty Trade Contractors** provided the momentum for the monthly and annual gains.

TULSA Construction	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Construction	21,200	20,700	18,400	500	2.4%	2,800	15.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	14,100	13,700	12,000	400	2.9%	2,100	17.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA TTU SUPERSECTOR REPORTS ANNUAL GROWTH FOR FEBRUARY

Tulsa's **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** supersector saw its monthly job loss drop to only 600 jobs (-0.7 percent) in February. Smaller seasonal losses in **Retail Trade** over the month helped stem the tide. Over the year, all of the TTU component industries combined for an 1,100-job gain (+1.4 percent).

TULSA Trade, Transport. & Utils.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Trade, Transportation & Utils.	80,400	81,000	79,300	-600	-0.7%	1,100	1.4%
Wholesale Trade	17,300	17,400	16,700	-100	-0.6%	600	3.6%
Retail Trade	43,300	43,800	42,600	-500	-1.1%	700	1.6%
Transport., Warehouse, Utils.	19,800	19,800	20,000	0	0.0%	-200	-1.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES UP FOR MONTH & YEAR

The **Administrative & Support Services** industry drove annual changes in **Professional & Business Services** for February 2006. This industry's annual gain of 2,500 jobs (+7.9 percent) pushed the supersector to over-the-year growth of 1,900 jobs (+3.3 percent).

TULSA Pro. & Business Services	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Pro. & Business Services	59,600	59,100	57,700	500	0.8%	1,900	3.3%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,100	19,100	19,800	0	0.0%	-700	-3.5%
Management of Companies	6,200	6,000	6,100	200	3.3%	100	1.6%
Admin. & Support Services	34,300	34,000	31,800	300	0.9%	2,500	7.9%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES UP FOR MONTH & YEAR IN TULSA

Tulsa **Education & Health Services** saw monthly and annual gains in February. **Education Services** added to the monthly gain, while **Health Care & Social Assistance** provided 1,500 jobs to the yearly growth.

TULSA Education & Health Svcs.	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Education & Health Svcs.	54,900	54,600	53,100	300	0.5%	1,800	3.4%
Education Services	6,800	6,500	6,500	300	4.6%	300	4.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	48,100	48,100	46,600	0	0.0%	1,500	3.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

TULSA GOVERNMENT GROWS OVER MONTH & YEAR

Government in Tulsa registered a 600-job gain (+1.2 percent) in February, contributed equally by **State Government** and **Local Government**. The latter provided all of the annual gain, overcoming year-over-year losses in the other two industries.

TULSA Government	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
Government	52,700	52,100	51,700	600	1.2%	1,000	1.9%
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	0.0%	-200	-4.2%
State Government	7,300	7,000	7,400	300	4.3%	-100	-1.4%
Local Government	40,800	40,500	39,500	300	0.7%	1,300	3.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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LAWTON REPORTS JOB GAINS FOR MONTH & YEAR IN FEBRUARY

For February, **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in the Lawton MSA added jobs for both the month and year. Movement in the **Service Providing Industries** was the driving force behind the change. The monthly gain of 300 jobs (+0.7 percent) came from **Education & Health Services** and **Government**. Annual change in the **Service Providing Industries** went both ways in February. **Government** saw the most growth with a gain of 700 jobs (+5.7 percent). **Professional & Business Services** reported the largest loss of 400 jobs (-11.1 percent).

LAWTON EMPLOYMENT	NUMBER of JOBS			CHANGE			
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	40,700	40,400	40,300	300	0.7%	400	1.0%
Goods Producing Industries	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Service Providing Industries	35,400	35,100	35,000	300	0.9%	400	1.1%
Trade, Transp. & Utils.	6,800	6,800	6,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Retail Trade	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,300	0	0.0%	200	8.7%
Pro. & Business Services	3,200	3,200	3,600	0	0.0%	-400	-11.1%
Education & Health Services	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	2.6%	200	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Government	12,900	12,700	12,200	200	1.6%	700	5.7%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

Current Empl Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	1,522,200	1,508,000	1,479,900	14,200	0.9%	42,300	2.9%
Total Private Employment*	1,202,400	1,196,100	1,167,400	6,300	0.5%	35,000	3.0%
Private Svc. Providers**	953,300	948,400	929,100	4,900	0.5%	24,200	2.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	249,100	247,700	238,300	1,400	0.6%	10,800	4.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	38,100	37,800	34,500	300	0.8%	3,600	10.4%
Support for Mining	21,000	20,800	18,600	200	1.0%	2,400	12.9%
Construction	64,900	64,300	61,400	600	0.9%	3,500	5.7%
Construction of Buildings	14,000	13,800	13,200	200	1.4%	800	6.1%
Residential Buildings	6,800	6,700	6,200	100	1.5%	600	9.7%
Non-residential Buildings	7,200	7,100	7,000	100	1.4%	200	2.9%
Heavy & Civil Engineering	11,000	10,800	10,400	200	1.9%	600	5.8%
Specialty Trade Contractor	39,900	39,700	37,800	200	0.5%	2,100	5.6%
Bldg. Equip. Contractors	18,500	18,500	18,000	0	0.0%	500	2.8%
Manufacturing	146,100	145,600	142,400	500	0.3%	3,700	2.6%
Durable Goods Mfg.	97,400	96,700	93,700	700	0.7%	3,700	3.9%
Wood Product Mfg.	3,700	3,700	4,000	0	0.0%	-300	-7.5%
Primary Metal Mfg.	4,400	4,500	4,100	-100	-2.2%	300	7.3%
Fabricated Metal Mfg.	22,000	21,900	20,900	100	0.5%	1,100	5.3%
Other Fabricated Metal	4,900	4,800	4,000	100	2.1%	900	22.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	25,300	25,200	23,900	100	0.4%	1,400	5.9%
Computer/Electronics Mfg.	5,700	5,600	5,400	100	1.8%	300	5.6%
Electrical Equipment Mfg.	3,000	3,100	2,900	-100	-3.2%	100	3.4%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	17,000	17,000	16,900	0	0.0%	100	0.6%
Motor Vehicle Mfg.	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle Body/Part	3,900	3,900	4,200	0	0.0%	-300	-7.1%
Aerospace Products	4,000	3,900	3,600	100	2.6%	400	11.1%
Non-durable Goods Mfg.	48,700	48,900	48,700	-200	-0.4%	0	0.0%
Food Manufacturing	19,600	19,600	19,500	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
Paper Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Plastic & Rubber Products	12,600	12,700	12,600	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,273,100	1,260,300	1,241,600	12,800	1.0%	31,500	2.5%
Trade, Transp. & Utils.	278,600	279,200	271,800	-600	-0.2%	6,800	2.5%
Wholesale Trade	56,600	56,500	55,100	100	0.2%	1,500	2.7%
Retail Trade	169,500	170,100	164,900	-600	-0.4%	4,600	2.8%
Motor Vehicle & Parts	23,700	23,600	23,400	100	0.4%	300	1.3%
Automobile Dealers	14,800	14,800	14,700	0	0.0%	100	0.7%
Food & Beverage Stores	23,100	23,200	23,000	-100	-0.4%	100	0.4%
Gasoline Stations	12,600	12,600	12,500	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	43,800	44,300	42,800	-500	-1.1%	1,000	2.3%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	52,500	52,600	51,800	-100	-0.2%	700	1.4%
Utilities	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	0.0%	100	1.1%
Transport. & Warehouse	43,000	43,100	42,400	-100	-0.2%	600	1.4%
Air Transportation	8,800	8,800	9,000	0	0.0%	-200	-2.2%
Truck Transportation	16,900	17,000	16,700	-100	-0.6%	200	1.2%

Current Empl. Statistics OKLAHOMA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
Information	30,000	29,800	30,400	200	0.7%	-400	-1.3%
Publishing Industries	7,100	7,000	7,100	100	1.4%	0	0.0%
Telecommunications	13,000	12,900	13,500	100	0.8%	-500	-3.7%
Financial Activities	84,700	84,300	82,400	400	0.5%	2,300	2.8%
Finance & Insurance	60,900	60,700	59,200	200	0.3%	1,700	2.9%
Credit Intermediation	30,400	30,400	29,500	0	0.0%	900	3.1%
Depository Credit Int.	23,800	23,800	23,300	0	0.0%	500	2.1%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	26,000	26,000	25,500	0	0.0%	500	2.0%
Real Estate, Rental/Leasing	23,800	23,600	23,200	200	0.8%	600	2.6%
Real Estate	11,300	11,200	10,800	100	0.9%	500	4.6%
Pro. & Business Services	170,500	168,700	164,900	1,800	1.1%	5,600	3.4%
Pro. & Scientific Services	60,000	59,700	59,500	300	0.5%	500	0.8%
Legal Services	12,900	12,900	12,700	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
Accounting & Tax Prep.	13,200	13,000	13,100	200	1.5%	100	0.8%
Architecture & Engineering	11,000	11,000	10,600	0	0.0%	400	3.8%
Management of Companies	12,300	12,300	12,500	0	0.0%	-200	-1.6%
Admin. & Support Services	98,200	96,700	92,900	1,500	1.6%	5,300	5.7%
Employment Services	42,700	41,600	40,800	1,100	2.6%	1,900	4.7%
Business Support Svcs.	18,200	17,800	18,300	400	2.2%	-100	-0.5%
Services to Buildings	13,100	13,000	12,600	100	0.8%	500	4.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	185,600	184,600	179,400	1,000	0.5%	6,200	3.5%
Education Services	18,400	17,800	18,200	600	3.4%	200	1.1%
Health Care & Social Asst.	167,200	166,800	161,200	400	0.2%	6,000	3.7%
Ambulatory Health Care	59,500	59,400	56,500	100	0.2%	3,000	5.3%
Hospitals	48,700	48,800	47,500	-100	-0.2%	1,200	2.5%
Nursing/Residential Care	35,400	35,300	34,300	100	0.3%	1,100	3.2%
Social Assistance	23,600	23,300	22,900	300	1.3%	700	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	129,900	128,200	126,600	1,700	1.3%	3,300	2.6%
Arts, Entertainment & Rec.	13,100	12,800	12,400	300	2.3%	700	5.6%
Accommodation/Food Svc.	116,800	115,400	114,200	1,400	1.2%	2,600	2.3%
Accommodation	10,100	10,000	9,900	100	1.0%	200	2.0%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	106,700	105,400	104,300	1,300	1.2%	2,400	2.3%
Full-service Restaurants	50,600	49,800	49,300	800	1.6%	1,300	2.6%
Limited-service Eating	50,900	50,400	49,800	500	1.0%	1,100	2.2%
Other Services	74,000	73,600	73,600	400	0.5%	400	0.5%
Repair & Maintenance	12,500	12,500	12,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Personal & Laundry Svcs.	12,500	12,400	12,200	100	0.8%	300	2.5%
Government	319,800	311,900	312,500	7,900	2.5%	7,300	2.3%
Federal Government	45,600	45,600	45,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.2%
State Government	85,000	80,000	83,700	5,000	6.3%	1,300	1.6%
Local Government	189,200	186,300	183,100	2,900	1.6%	6,100	3.3%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

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

Current Empl. Statistics OKLA. CITY MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	559,600	554,200	543,300	5,400	1.0%	16,300	3.0%
Total Private Employment*	445,400	443,300	430,100	2,100	0.5%	15,300	3.6%
Private Svc. Providers**	371,900	370,200	358,900	1,700	0.5%	13,000	3.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	73,500	73,100	71,200	400	0.5%	2,300	3.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,200	10,000	9,000	200	2.0%	1,200	13.3%
Construction	25,100	25,100	23,200	0	0.0%	1,900	8.2%
Specialty Trade Contractor	15,600	15,700	15,000	-100	-0.6%	600	4.0%
Manufacturing	38,200	38,000	39,000	200	0.5%	-800	-2.1%
Durable Goods Mfg.	27,000	26,700	27,400	300	1.1%	-400	-1.5%
Machinery Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	8,200	8,200	8,500	0	0.0%	-300	-3.5%
Plastic & Rubber Products	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SERVICE PROVIDING	486,100	481,100	472,100	5,000	1.0%	14,000	3.0%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	99,300	100,300	96,400	-1,000	-1.0%	2,900	3.0%
Wholesale Trade	22,400	22,200	21,200	200	0.9%	1,200	5.7%
Retail Trade	61,100	62,200	59,800	-1,100	-1.8%	1,300	2.2%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	14,000	14,100	13,300	-100	-0.7%	700	5.3%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	15,800	15,900	15,400	-100	-0.6%	400	2.6%
Information	13,900	13,800	13,700	100	0.7%	200	1.5%
Telecommunications	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Financial Activities	35,800	35,500	34,100	300	0.8%	1,700	5.0%
Finance & Insurance	24,000	23,900	23,200	100	0.4%	800	3.4%
Rental & Leasing Services	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	1.8%	100	1.8%
Pro. & Business Services	71,200	70,500	66,500	700	1.0%	4,700	7.1%
Pro. & Scientific Services	26,800	26,600	25,300	200	0.8%	1,500	5.9%
Management of Companies	4,700	4,600	4,800	100	2.2%	-100	-2.1%
Admin. & Support Services	39,700	39,300	36,400	400	1.0%	3,300	9.1%
Employment Services	17,300	17,000	15,300	300	1.8%	2,000	13.1%
Business Support Svcs.	6,900	6,600	6,900	300	4.5%	0	0.0%
Education & Health Svcs.	70,300	69,800	67,300	500	0.7%	3,000	4.5%
Education Services	8,300	8,100	7,400	200	2.5%	900	12.2%
Health Care & Social Asst.	62,000	61,700	59,900	300	0.5%	2,100	3.5%
Ambulatory Health Care	24,200	24,100	22,200	100	0.4%	2,000	9.0%
Hospitals	20,200	20,200	19,800	0	0.0%	400	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	54,200	53,200	53,100	1,000	1.9%	1,100	2.1%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	43,900	43,200	43,100	700	1.6%	800	1.9%
Full-service Restaurants	21,900	21,500	21,400	400	1.9%	500	2.3%
Limited-service Eating	20,200	19,700	19,400	500	2.5%	800	4.1%
Other Services	27,200	27,100	27,800	100	0.4%	-600	-2.2%
Government	114,200	110,900	113,200	3,300	3.0%	1,000	0.9%
Federal Government	26,200	26,300	26,600	-100	-0.4%	-400	-1.5%
State Government	41,100	38,400	40,100	2,700	7.0%	1,000	2.5%
Local Government	46,900	46,200	46,500	700	1.5%	400	0.9%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

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

Current Empl. Statistics TULSA MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	414,400	412,100	402,900	2,300	0.6%	11,500	2.9%
Total Private Employment*	361,700	360,000	351,200	1,700	0.5%	10,500	3.0%
Private Service Providers**	286,600	285,800	280,800	800	0.3%	5,800	2.1%
GOODS PRODUCING	75,100	74,200	70,400	900	1.2%	4,700	6.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,800	6,800	6,200	0	0.0%	600	9.7%
Construction	21,200	20,700	18,400	500	2.4%	2,800	15.2%
Specialty Trade Contractor	14,100	13,700	12,000	400	2.9%	2,100	17.5%
Manufacturing	47,100	46,700	45,800	400	0.9%	1,300	2.8%
Machinery Mfg.	10,100	9,900	9,500	200	2.0%	600	6.3%
Other Gen'l Purpose	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	0.0%	200	4.2%
Transportation Equip. Mfg.	4,700	4,500	4,400	200	4.4%	300	6.8%
SERVICE PROVIDING	339,300	337,900	332,500	1,400	0.4%	6,800	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	80,400	81,000	79,300	-600	-0.7%	1,100	1.4%
Wholesale Trade	17,300	17,400	16,700	-100	-0.6%	600	3.6%
Retail Trade	43,300	43,800	42,600	-500	-1.1%	700	1.6%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,100	6,200	6,100	-100	-1.6%	0	0.0%
Gen'l Merchandise Stores	10,400	10,600	10,400	-200	-1.9%	0	0.0%
Department Stores	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	0.0%	200	5.0%
Other Gen'l Merchandise	6,200	6,400	6,400	-200	-3.1%	-200	-3.1%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	19,800	19,800	20,000	0	0.0%	-200	-1.0%
Utilities	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	0.0%	100	3.6%
Transport. & Warehouse	16,900	16,900	17,200	0	0.0%	-300	-1.7%
Air Transportation	7,600	7,600	7,700	0	0.0%	-100	-1.3%
Information	10,300	10,200	10,700	100	1.0%	-400	-3.7%
Telecommunications	4,700	4,600	5,000	100	2.2%	-300	-6.0%
Financial Activities	25,100	25,100	25,200	0	0.0%	-100	-0.4%
Insurance Carriers & Rltd.	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	0.0%	100	1.9%
Pro. & Business Services	59,600	59,100	57,700	500	0.8%	1,900	3.3%
Pro. & Scientific Services	19,100	19,100	19,800	0	0.0%	-700	-3.5%
Management of Companies	6,200	6,000	6,100	200	3.3%	100	1.6%
Admin. & Support Services	34,300	34,000	31,800	300	0.9%	2,500	7.9%
Employment Services	15,000	15,200	13,500	-200	-1.3%	1,500	11.1%
Business Support Svcs.	8,000	8,100	8,500	-100	-1.2%	-500	-5.9%
Education & Health Svcs.	54,900	54,600	53,100	300	0.5%	1,800	3.4%
Education Services	6,800	6,500	6,500	300	4.6%	300	4.6%
Health Care & Social Asst.	48,100	48,100	46,600	0	0.0%	1,500	3.2%
Ambulatory Health Care	17,800	17,800	17,200	0	0.0%	600	3.5%
Hospitals	15,800	15,900	15,900	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,800	34,600	33,400	200	0.6%	1,400	4.2%
Food Svc./Drinking Places	29,700	29,500	28,000	200	0.7%	1,700	6.1%
Full-service Restaurants	15,200	15,000	14,000	200	1.3%	1,200	8.6%
Other Services	21,500	21,200	21,400	300	1.4%	100	0.5%
Government	52,700	52,100	51,700	600	1.2%	1,000	1.9%
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	0.0%	-200	-4.2%
State Government	7,300	7,000	7,400	300	4.3%	-100	-1.4%
Local Government	40,800	40,500	39,500	300	0.7%	1,300	3.3%

Current Empl. Statistics LAWTON MSA	NUMBER EMPLOYED			Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
	Feb '06	Jan '06	Feb'05	Change	% Chg.	Change	% Chg.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPL.	40,700	40,400	40,300	300	0.7%	400	1.0%
Total Private Employment*	27,800	27,700	28,100	100	0.4%	-300	-1.1%
Private Svc. Providers**	22,500	22,400	22,800	100	0.4%	-300	-1.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
N. Resources/Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SERVICE PROVIDING	35,400	35,100	35,000	300	0.9%	400	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	6,800	6,800	6,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.4%
Wholesale Trade	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	0.0%	-100	-2.0%
Transp., Warehouse & Util.	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,300	0	0.0%	200	8.7%
Pro. & Business Services	3,200	3,200	3,600	0	0.0%	-400	-11.1%
Education & Health Svcs.	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	2.6%	200	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
Government	12,900	12,700	12,200	200	1.6%	700	5.7%
Federal Government	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	0.0%	200	6.1%
State Government	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	0.0%	100	5.9%
Local Government	7,600	7,400	7,200	200	2.7%	400	5.6%

* Total Private Employment = (TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT – Government)

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

LAUS by MSA	FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
Oklahoma City MSA	564,840	23,080	587,910	3.9%	4.3%	3.9%	4.8%
Tulsa MSA	434,990	18,100	453,090	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%	5.1%
Lawton MSA	44,380	2,110	46,490	4.5%	5.0%	4.4%	5.0%
LAUS by WIA***	FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
Central WIA	396,350	16,880	413,220	4.1%	4.5%	4.0%	5.0%
Cleveland Co. WIA	116,910	4,040	120,950	3.3%	3.6%	3.3%	4.2%
East Central WIA	63,300	3,220	66,520	4.8%	5.4%	4.8%	6.4%
Holdenville LLM	9,080	600	9,680	6.2%	6.9%	6.0%	8.2%
Shawnee LLM	54,220	2,620	56,840	4.6%	5.1%	4.5%	6.1%
Eastern WIA	130,500	6,570	137,080	4.8%	4.9%	4.4%	6.2%
Muskogee LLM	67,250	3,110	70,360	4.4%	4.7%	4.2%	6.1%
Okmulgee LLM	16,350	1,060	17,410	6.1%	6.0%	5.7%	7.9%
Tahlequah-Sallisaw LLM	46,900	2,400	49,310	4.9%	4.8%	4.2%	5.7%
North Central WIA	106,850	4,220	111,060	3.8%	4.1%	3.6%	4.6%
Enid LLM	47,980	1,690	49,670	3.4%	3.7%	3.2%	4.1%
Ponca City LLM	24,700	1,330	26,020	5.1%	5.3%	4.6%	6.4%
Stillwater LLM	34,170	1,200	35,370	3.4%	3.9%	3.3%	4.0%
Northeast WIA	123,630	5,030	128,660	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	5.2%
Bartlesville LLM	29,620	1,110	30,730	3.6%	4.0%	3.5%	5.1%
Claremore-Pryor LLM	71,700	2,880	74,580	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	5.0%
Miami-Vinita LLM	22,310	1,040	23,350	4.5%	4.9%	4.3%	5.7%
Northwest WIA	33,350	1,220	34,570	3.5%	3.8%	3.3%	4.4%
Guymon LLM	12,840	470	13,310	3.5%	3.6%	3.3%	4.2%
Woodward LLM	20,510	750	21,260	3.5%	3.9%	3.4%	4.4%
South Central WIA	121,320	5,450	126,760	4.3%	4.7%	4.3%	5.0%
Chickasha LLM	48,320	2,220	50,530	4.4%	4.8%	4.5%	5.1%
Duncan LLM	21,960	850	22,810	3.7%	4.1%	3.6%	4.6%
Lawton LLM	51,040	2,380	53,420	4.5%	4.9%	4.3%	5.0%
Southeast WIA	74,920	4,130	79,040	5.2%	5.3%	4.7%	6.2%
Broken Bow-Idabel- Antlers-Hugo LLM	25,230	1,560	26,790	5.8%	6.4%	5.3%	6.9%
McAlester LLM	23,870	1,110	24,980	4.4%	4.8%	4.3%	5.8%
Poteau LLM	25,820	1,460	27,270	5.3%	4.7%	4.4%	5.8%
Southern WIA	103,830	4,220	108,050	3.9%	4.3%	3.7%	4.9%
Ada LLM	31,840	1,260	33,100	3.8%	4.2%	3.5%	4.8%
Ardmore LLM	34,540	1,370	35,910	3.8%	4.2%	3.6%	4.8%
Durant LLM	37,450	1,590	39,040	4.1%	4.5%	4.0%	4.9%
Southwest WIA	48,970	1,790	50,760	3.5%	3.9%	3.4%	4.1%
Altus LLM	18,790	810	19,600	4.1%	4.5%	3.9%	5.1%
Elk City-Weatherford- Clinton LLM	30,180	980	31,170	3.2%	3.5%	3.0%	3.5%
Tulsa WIA	348,750	14,410	363,160	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%	5.1%

*** WIA = Workforce Investment Area, LLM = Local Labor Market

LAUS County by Rank	FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
1. McCurtain Co.	13,370	930	14,300	6.5%	7.3%	5.8%	7.3%
2. Hughes County	4,810	330	5,140	6.4%	7.3%	6.5%	8.4%
3. Coal County	2,110	140	2,250	6.1%	6.5%	5.7%	9.6%
4. Okmulgee Co.	16,350	1,060	17,410	6.1%	6.0%	5.7%	7.9%
5. Seminole County	9,610	610	10,220	6.0%	6.4%	5.6%	8.3%
6. Okfuskee County	4,270	270	4,540	5.9%	6.4%	5.5%	8.1%
7. Sequoyah Co.	17,510	1,070	18,580	5.8%	4.9%	4.5%	6.6%
8. Choctaw County	6,360	380	6,740	5.6%	6.1%	5.3%	6.9%
9. Le Flore County	20,750	1,220	21,970	5.6%	4.6%	4.4%	6.1%
10. Woods County	3,970	240	4,210	5.6%	6.0%	5.7%	7.5%
11. Caddo County	11,400	670	12,070	5.5%	5.8%	5.4%	6.2%
12. Kay County	19,350	1,120	20,470	5.5%	5.6%	5.0%	6.8%
13. Latimer County	3,770	220	3,990	5.4%	5.8%	4.9%	6.0%
14. Greer County	1,920	110	2,030	5.3%	5.8%	5.1%	6.5%
15. Muskogee Co.	27,870	1,470	29,340	5.0%	5.5%	4.9%	7.0%
16. Jefferson County	2,030	100	2,140	4.8%	5.3%	4.5%	6.2%
17. McIntosh County	8,200	410	8,620	4.8%	5.0%	4.8%	7.1%
18. Tillman County	3,230	160	3,390	4.8%	5.1%	4.4%	5.7%
19. Adair County	9,610	470	10,080	4.6%	4.9%	4.4%	5.8%
20. Alfalfa County	2,180	110	2,290	4.6%	5.0%	4.2%	4.6%
21. Kiowa County	3,770	180	3,950	4.6%	4.6%	4.2%	5.0%
22. Ottawa County	15,880	760	16,640	4.6%	4.9%	4.3%	6.1%
23. Comanche Co.	44,380	2,110	46,490	4.5%	5.0%	4.4%	5.0%
24. Creek County	31,260	1,480	32,740	4.5%	5.1%	4.5%	6.6%
25. Johnston County	4,830	230	5,050	4.5%	4.8%	4.3%	5.2%
26. Pottawatomie Co.	29,950	1,400	31,350	4.5%	4.9%	4.4%	5.7%
27. Atoka County	5,420	250	5,670	4.4%	5.0%	4.4%	5.8%
28. Grady County	22,730	1,050	23,780	4.4%	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%
29. Haskell County	5,070	240	5,300	4.4%	4.9%	4.3%	5.0%
30. Delaware County	16,660	760	17,410	4.3%	4.6%	4.0%	5.5%
31. Nowata County	4,770	210	4,980	4.3%	4.5%	4.1%	6.7%
32. Pawnee County	7,650	350	8,000	4.3%	4.8%	4.3%	6.0%
33. Pushmataha Co.	5,510	250	5,750	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%	5.6%
34. Cherokee County	19,780	870	20,650	4.2%	4.6%	3.9%	4.9%
35. Craig County	6,420	280	6,710	4.2%	4.7%	4.2%	4.8%
36. Harmon County	1,280	60	1,340	4.2%	4.0%	3.4%	4.5%
37. Mayes County	16,320	720	17,040	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%	5.6%
38. Oklahoma Co.	328,860	14,550	343,410	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
39. Pittsburg County	20,100	890	20,990	4.2%	4.6%	4.1%	5.8%
40. Carter County	22,910	970	23,880	4.1%	4.4%	3.8%	5.0%
41. Marshall County	5,910	250	6,160	4.1%	4.6%	4.0%	4.8%
42. Osage County	20,340	880	21,220	4.1%	4.5%	4.1%	6.0%
43. Lincoln County	14,670	610	15,280	4.0%	4.5%	4.1%	5.5%
44. Blaine County	4,610	190	4,800	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	4.8%

LAUS County by Rank	FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
45. Garvin County	12,750	520	13,270	3.9%	4.3%	3.6%	4.6%
46. Grant County	2,310	90	2,410	3.9%	3.9%	3.3%	4.9%
47. Tulsa County	289,500	11,710	301,210	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	4.8%
48. Jackson County	11,810	470	12,280	3.8%	4.2%	3.7%	4.9%
49. Noble County	5,350	210	5,560	3.8%	4.1%	3.3%	4.5%
50. Wagoner County	31,180	1,220	32,400	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%	4.9%
51. Pontotoc County	19,090	740	19,830	3.7%	4.1%	3.5%	4.9%
52. Texas County	8,820	340	9,150	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	4.3%
53. Bryan County	19,190	720	19,910	3.6%	4.0%	3.5%	4.1%
54. Cimarron County	1,240	50	1,280	3.6%	3.8%	3.5%	4.3%
55. Stephens County	19,930	750	20,680	3.6%	4.0%	3.5%	4.4%
56. Logan County	17,850	640	18,490	3.5%	3.8%	3.5%	4.1%
57. Rogers County	38,720	1,410	40,120	3.5%	3.8%	3.5%	4.6%
58. Washington Co.	24,860	900	25,760	3.5%	3.9%	3.4%	4.8%
59. Dewey County	2,270	80	2,350	3.4%	3.9%	3.4%	3.9%
60. McClain County	14,190	500	14,690	3.4%	3.8%	3.4%	4.6%
61. Murray County	6,990	250	7,230	3.4%	3.7%	3.2%	4.4%
62. Payne County	34,170	1,200	35,370	3.4%	3.9%	3.3%	4.0%
63. Canadian County	49,640	1,690	51,320	3.3%	3.5%	3.1%	3.9%
64. Cleveland County	116,910	4,040	120,950	3.3%	3.6%	3.3%	4.2%
65. Garfield County	27,930	970	28,900	3.3%	3.7%	3.2%	4.0%
66. Love County	4,640	160	4,800	3.3%	3.9%	3.6%	4.7%
67. Washita County	5,710	200	5,910	3.3%	3.6%	3.2%	3.7%
68. Beckham County	9,510	310	9,820	3.2%	3.5%	2.9%	3.6%
69. Ellis County	2,030	70	2,100	3.2%	3.3%	2.8%	3.0%
70. Major County	3,480	110	3,590	3.2%	3.5%	2.8%	3.9%
71. Cotton County	3,430	110	3,540	3.1%	3.7%	3.3%	3.8%
72. Custer County	13,230	420	13,650	3.1%	3.4%	2.9%	3.4%
73. Harper County	1,750	60	1,810	3.1%	3.5%	2.6%	3.5%
74. Beaver County	2,790	90	2,870	3.0%	3.1%	2.8%	4.0%
75. Kingfisher Co.	7,460	220	7,680	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	3.4%
76. Roger Mills Co.	1,740	50	1,790	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	2.9%
77. Woodward Co.	10,480	310	10,780	2.8%	3.2%	2.7%	3.7%

LAUS by County	FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
Adair County	9,610	470	10,080	4.6%	4.9%	4.4%	5.8%
Alfalfa County	2,180	110	2,290	4.6%	5.0%	4.2%	4.6%
Atoka County	5,420	250	5,670	4.4%	5.0%	4.4%	5.8%
Beaver County	2,790	90	2,870	3.0%	3.1%	2.8%	4.0%
Beckham County	9,510	310	9,820	3.2%	3.5%	2.9%	3.6%
Blaine County	4,610	190	4,800	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	4.8%
Bryan County	19,190	720	19,910	3.6%	4.0%	3.5%	4.1%
Caddo County	11,400	670	12,070	5.5%	5.8%	5.4%	6.2%
Canadian County	49,640	1,690	51,320	3.3%	3.5%	3.1%	3.9%
Carter County	22,910	970	23,880	4.1%	4.4%	3.8%	5.0%
Cherokee County	19,780	870	20,650	4.2%	4.6%	3.9%	4.9%
Choctaw County	6,360	380	6,740	5.6%	6.1%	5.3%	6.9%
Cimarron County	1,240	50	1,280	3.6%	3.8%	3.5%	4.3%
Cleveland County	116,910	4,040	120,950	3.3%	3.6%	3.3%	4.2%
Coal County	2,110	140	2,250	6.1%	6.5%	5.7%	9.6%
Comanche County	44,380	2,110	46,490	4.5%	5.0%	4.4%	5.0%
Cotton County	3,430	110	3,540	3.1%	3.7%	3.3%	3.8%
Craig County	6,420	280	6,710	4.2%	4.7%	4.2%	4.8%
Creek County	31,260	1,480	32,740	4.5%	5.1%	4.5%	6.6%
Custer County	13,230	420	13,650	3.1%	3.4%	2.9%	3.4%
Delaware County	16,660	760	17,410	4.3%	4.6%	4.0%	5.5%
Dewey County	2,270	80	2,350	3.4%	3.9%	3.4%	3.9%
Ellis County	2,030	70	2,100	3.2%	3.3%	2.8%	3.0%
Garfield County	27,930	970	28,900	3.3%	3.7%	3.2%	4.0%
Garvin County	12,750	520	13,270	3.9%	4.3%	3.6%	4.6%
Grady County	22,730	1,050	23,780	4.4%	4.8%	4.6%	4.8%
Grant County	2,310	90	2,410	3.9%	3.9%	3.3%	4.9%
Greer County	1,920	110	2,030	5.3%	5.8%	5.1%	6.5%
Harmon County	1,280	60	1,340	4.2%	4.0%	3.4%	4.5%
Harper County	1,750	60	1,810	3.1%	3.5%	2.6%	3.5%
Haskell County	5,070	240	5,300	4.4%	4.9%	4.3%	5.0%
Hughes County	4,810	330	5,140	6.4%	7.3%	6.5%	8.4%
Jackson County	11,810	470	12,280	3.8%	4.2%	3.7%	4.9%
Jefferson County	2,030	100	2,140	4.8%	5.3%	4.5%	6.2%
Johnston County	4,830	230	5,050	4.5%	4.8%	4.3%	5.2%
Kay County	19,350	1,120	20,470	5.5%	5.6%	5.0%	6.8%
Kingfisher County	7,460	220	7,680	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	3.4%
Kiowa County	3,770	180	3,950	4.6%	4.6%	4.2%	5.0%
Latimer County	3,770	220	3,990	5.4%	5.8%	4.9%	6.0%
Le Flore County	20,750	1,220	21,970	5.6%	4.6%	4.4%	6.1%
Lincoln County	14,670	610	15,280	4.0%	4.5%	4.1%	5.5%
Logan County	17,850	640	18,490	3.5%	3.8%	3.5%	4.1%
Love County	4,640	160	4,800	3.3%	3.9%	3.6%	4.7%
Major County	3,480	110	3,590	3.2%	3.5%	2.8%	3.9%

LAUS by County	FEBRUARY 2006			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE			
	Empl.	Unempl.	Labor Force	Feb '06	Jan '06	Dec '05	Feb '05
Marshall County	5,910	250	6,160	4.1%	4.6%	4.0%	4.8%
Mayes County	16,320	720	17,040	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%	5.6%
McClain County	14,190	500	14,690	3.4%	3.8%	3.4%	4.6%
McCurtain County	13,370	930	14,300	6.5%	7.3%	5.8%	7.3%
McIntosh County	8,200	410	8,620	4.8%	5.0%	4.8%	7.1%
Murray County	6,990	250	7,230	3.4%	3.7%	3.2%	4.4%
Muskogee County	27,870	1,470	29,340	5.0%	5.5%	4.9%	7.0%
Noble County	5,350	210	5,560	3.8%	4.1%	3.3%	4.5%
Nowata County	4,770	210	4,980	4.3%	4.5%	4.1%	6.7%
Okfuskee County	4,270	270	4,540	5.9%	6.4%	5.5%	8.1%
Oklahoma County	328,860	14,550	343,410	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Oklmulgee County	16,350	1,060	17,410	6.1%	6.0%	5.7%	7.9%
Osage County	20,340	880	21,220	4.1%	4.5%	4.1%	6.0%
Ottawa County	15,880	760	16,640	4.6%	4.9%	4.3%	6.1%
Pawnee County	7,650	350	8,000	4.3%	4.8%	4.3%	6.0%
Payne County	34,170	1,200	35,370	3.4%	3.9%	3.3%	4.0%
Pittsburg County	20,100	890	20,990	4.2%	4.6%	4.1%	5.8%
Pontotoc County	19,090	740	19,830	3.7%	4.1%	3.5%	4.9%
Pottawatomie Co.	29,950	1,400	31,350	4.5%	4.9%	4.4%	5.7%
Pushmataha County	5,510	250	5,750	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%	5.6%
Roger Mills County	1,740	50	1,790	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	2.9%
Rogers County	38,720	1,410	40,120	3.5%	3.8%	3.5%	4.6%
Seminole County	9,610	610	10,220	6.0%	6.4%	5.6%	8.3%
Sequoyah County	17,510	1,070	18,580	5.8%	4.9%	4.5%	6.6%
Stephens County	19,930	750	20,680	3.6%	4.0%	3.5%	4.4%
Texas County	8,820	340	9,150	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	4.3%
Tillman County	3,230	160	3,390	4.8%	5.1%	4.4%	5.7%
Tulsa County	289,500	11,710	301,210	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	4.8%
Wagoner County	31,180	1,220	32,400	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%	4.9%
Washington County	24,860	900	25,760	3.5%	3.9%	3.4%	4.8%
Washita County	5,710	200	5,910	3.3%	3.6%	3.2%	3.7%
Woods County	3,970	240	4,210	5.6%	6.0%	5.7%	7.5%
Woodward County	10,480	310	10,780	2.8%	3.2%	2.7%	3.7%