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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - December 2012

### Oklahoma's unemployment rate ends year at 5.1 percent

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** improved to 5.1 percent in December 2012, down by 0.1 percentage points from November. The **national unemployment rate** remained at 7.8 percent for the month. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** declined by 1.2 percentage points compared to December 2011.

DECEMBER 2012	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	5.1%	1,824,040	1,730,720	93,320
United States	7.8%	155,511,000	143,305,000	12,206,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Dec '12	5.1%	1,824,040	1,730,720	93,320
Nov '12	5.2%	1,824,400	1,730,260	94,140
Oct '12	5.3%	1,821,890	1,725,620	96,270
Sep '12	5.2%	1,813,490	1,719,120	94,380
Aug '12	5.1%	1,799,250	1,707,850	91,400
Jul '12	4.9%	1,795,720	1,707,300	88,420
Dec '11	6.3%	1,786,630	1,673,920	112,710

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In December, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** was up slightly, while **unemployment** showed a small drop over the month. For the year, statewide seasonally adjusted **unemployment** fell by 19,390 persons (-17.2 percent).

DECEMBER 2012	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-360	-0.0%	37,410	2.1%
Employment	460	0.0%	56,800	3.4%
Unemployment	-820	-0.9%	-19,390	-17.2%

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# Number of Oklahoma jobs drops in December

Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for Oklahoma dropped by 2,000 jobs (-0.1 percent) in December 2012. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States increased by 155,000 jobs (+0.1 percent) over the month. For the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 35,200 jobs (+2.2 percent).

- In December, six of Oklahoma's 11 supersectors shed jobs over the month, with **Professional & Business Services** (-2,200 jobs) posting the largest drop.
- **Leisure & Hospitality** (+ 2,500 jobs) reported the largest gain of the four supersectors to add jobs in December. **Mining & Logging** showed no change for the month.
- Eight supersectors grew over the year, with **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (+10,900 jobs) and **Leisure & Hospitality** (+8,800 jobs) leading the way.
- Over-the-year job losses for December were seen in **Information** (-500 jobs), **Educational & Health Services** (-1,500 jobs), and **Other Services** (-200 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Dec '12	Nov '12	Dec '11	Nov '12 to Dec '12		Dec '11 to Dec '12	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,600,500</b>	<b>1,602,500</b>	<b>1,565,300</b>	<b>-2,000</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>35,200</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>54,400</b>	<b>54,400</b>	<b>53,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>69,500</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>68,600</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>137,200</b>	<b>138,300</b>	<b>132,200</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Non-durable Goods Manufacturing	41,200	41,500	41,700	-300	-0.7%	-500	-1.2%
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>294,500</b>	<b>294,200</b>	<b>283,600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>10,900</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Wholesale Trade	65,400	66,500	60,000	-1,100	-1.7%	5,400	9.0%
Retail Trade	175,500	174,000	170,100	1,500	0.9%	5,400	3.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	53,600	53,700	53,500	-100	-0.2%	100	0.2%
<b>Information</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>82,300</b>	<b>81,800</b>	<b>79,100</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,100	22,100	21,500	0	0.0%	600	2.8%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>176,800</b>	<b>179,000</b>	<b>174,200</b>	<b>-2,200</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	62,000	62,700	63,400	-700	-1.1%	-1,400	-2.2%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	99,000	100,900	95,300	-1,900	-1.9%	3,700	3.9%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>207,500</b>	<b>207,400</b>	<b>209,000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-1,500</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Educational Services	22,500	22,500	21,400	0	0.0%	1,100	5.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	185,000	184,900	187,600	100	0.1%	-2,600	-1.4%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>150,900</b>	<b>148,400</b>	<b>142,100</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16,000	16,000	13,900	0	0.0%	2,100	15.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	134,900	132,400	128,200	2,500	1.9%	6,700	5.2%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>59,100</b>	<b>59,700</b>	<b>59,300</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>344,800</b>	<b>345,400</b>	<b>339,300</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Federal Government	49,700	49,900	49,400	-200	-0.4%	300	0.6%
State Government	86,800	87,100	86,200	-300	-0.3%	600	0.7%
Local Government	208,300	208,400	203,700	-100	0.0%	4,600	2.3%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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