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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - December 2009

### Oklahoma unemployment rate down in December

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped to 6.6 percent in December 2009, down by 0.5 percentage points over the month. The national unemployment rate held steady at 10.0 percent in December. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state increased by 2.0 percentage points when compared to December 2008.

DECEMBER 2009	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.6%	1,773,300	1,655,500	117,800
United States	10.0%	153,059,000	137,792,000	15,267,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Dec '09	6.6%	1,773,300	1,655,500	117,800
Nov '09	7.1%	1,783,650	1,657,390	126,260
Oct '09	7.3%	1,781,430	1,651,340	130,090
Sep '09	6.8%	1,785,980	1,664,580	121,400
Aug '09	6.8%	1,783,860	1,663,250	120,610
Jul '09	6.6%	1,778,180	1,661,310	116,870
Dec '08	4.6%	1,767,780	1,687,200	80,580

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In December 2009, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force, employment** and **unemployment** all decreased over the month, with seasonally adjusted **unemployment** reporting a large drop. During the December-to-December period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 37,210 persons (+46.2 percent).

DECEMBER 2009	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-10,350	-0.6%	5,520	0.3%
Employment	-1,890	-0.1%	-31,700	-1.9%
Unemployment	-8,460	-6.7%	37,210	46.2%

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# Statewide employment gains traction in December

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 5,000 jobs (+0.3 percent) over the month in December. During the same period, seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States shed 85,000 jobs (-0.1 percent). Between December 2008 and December 2009, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped by 36,700 jobs (-2.3 percent).

- Seven of the 10 supersectors reported over-the-month gains in December, including **Professional & Business Services** (+3,000 jobs), **Manufacturing** (+1,900 jobs), and **Educational & Health Services** (+1,300 jobs).
- **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-1,200 jobs) posted the largest job loss for the month due to a weakening **Retail Trade** sector.
- **Manufacturing** (-14,600 jobs) and **Professional & Business Services** (-10,500 jobs) recorded the largest over-the-year drops in December.
- The only two supersectors to add jobs for the December-to-December period were **Educational & Health Services** (+6,200 jobs) and **Government** (+4,400 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Dec '09	Nov '09	Dec '08	Nov '09 to Dec '09		Dec '08 to Dec '09	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,558,900</b>	<b>1,553,900</b>	<b>1,595,600</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-36,700</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>45,100</b>	<b>51,700</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>-7,200</b>	<b>-13.9%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>72,800</b>	<b>76,600</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-3,100</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>133,500</b>	<b>131,600</b>	<b>148,100</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>-14,600</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Util.</b>	<b>283,600</b>	<b>284,800</b>	<b>287,600</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-4,000</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
Wholesale Trade	59,800	59,600	60,200	200	0.3%	-400	-0.7%
Retail Trade	168,400	170,300	170,100	-1,900	-1.1%	-1,700	-1.0%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>81,500</b>	<b>81,300</b>	<b>82,400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	23,200	23,200	23,400	0	0.0%	-200	-0.9%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Svcs.</b>	<b>174,800</b>	<b>171,800</b>	<b>185,300</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>-10,500</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	100,600	97,700	107,900	2,900	3.0%	-7,300	-6.8%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>204,100</b>	<b>202,800</b>	<b>197,900</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Educational Services	20,300	19,600	19,300	700	3.6%	1,000	5.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	183,800	183,200	178,600	600	0.3%	5,200	2.9%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>140,700</b>	<b>140,200</b>	<b>145,800</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>-5,100</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	19,700	19,400	19,500	300	1.5%	200	1.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	121,000	120,800	126,300	200	0.2%	-5,300	-4.2%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>61,900</b>	<b>60,900</b>	<b>63,600</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-1,700</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>332,900</b>	<b>333,700</b>	<b>328,500</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Federal Government	46,800	46,900	45,500	-100	-0.2%	1,300	2.9%
State Government	85,000	85,100	84,800	-100	-0.1%	200	0.2%
Local Government	201,100	201,700	198,200	-600	-0.3%	2,900	1.5%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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