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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - December 2011

### State unemployment rate steady in December 2011

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** was unchanged in December 2011 at 6.1 percent. The national unemployment rate dropped by 0.2 percentage points in December to reach 8.5 percent. Over the year, the state's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** was down by 0.7 percentage points.

DECEMBER 2011	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.1%	1,758,770	1,651,300	107,470
United States	8.5%	153,887,000	140,790,000	13,097,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Dec '11	6.1%	1,758,770	1,651,300	107,470
Nov '11	6.1%	1,752,950	1,646,250	106,700
Oct '11	6.1%	1,744,770	1,638,820	105,950
Sep '11	5.9%	1,738,820	1,636,740	102,090
Aug '11	5.6%	1,730,670	1,633,510	97,170
Jul '11	5.6%	1,727,780	1,631,770	96,010
Dec '10	6.8%	1,749,410	1,630,210	119,200

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In December 2011, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted employment** and **seasonally adjusted unemployment** both increased over the month. For the December-to-December period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** dropped by 11,730 persons (-9.8 percent).

DECEMBER 2011	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	5,830	0.3%	9,370	0.5%
Employment	5,050	0.3%	21,090	1.3%
Unemployment	770	0.7%	-11,730	-9.8%

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# Oklahoma's statewide employment up in December

In December 2011, seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for Oklahoma expanded by 1,200 jobs (+0.1 percent). Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States added 200,000 jobs (+0.1 percent) over the same period. For the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 41,600 jobs (+2.7 percent).

- Although only four of Oklahoma's 11 statewide supersectors reported job gains in December, these gains counteracted the smaller losses reported for the month. **Other Services** reported no change in December.
- The largest of these monthly gains occurred in **Government**, driven by growth in **State Government** and **Local Government**.
- Nine statewide supersectors added jobs for the December-to-December period, led by **Manufacturing** (+10,600 jobs).
- The only supersectors to record over-the-year losses in December were **Information** and **Other Services**.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Dec '11	Nov '11	Dec '10	Nov '11 to Dec '11		Dec '10 to Dec '11	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,572,800</b>	<b>1,571,600</b>	<b>1,531,200</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>41,600</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>49,400</b>	<b>45,300</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>71,900</b>	<b>68,100</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>136,600</b>	<b>135,400</b>	<b>126,000</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>282,300</b>	<b>281,600</b>	<b>276,900</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Wholesale Trade	58,100	57,600	54,900	500	0.9%	3,200	5.8%
Retail Trade	171,600	172,000	168,700	-400	-0.2%	2,900	1.7%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	52,600	52,000	53,300	600	1.2%	-700	-1.3%
<b>Information</b>	<b>23,600</b>	<b>23,900</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>80,600</b>	<b>80,800</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,600	22,500	21,900	100	0.4%	700	3.2%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>177,300</b>	<b>177,200</b>	<b>171,100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	60,000	59,800	59,300	200	0.3%	700	1.2%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	100,600	101,700	95,000	-1,100	-1.1%	5,600	5.9%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>209,300</b>	<b>209,500</b>	<b>205,000</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Educational Services	20,300	20,000	20,100	300	1.5%	200	1.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	189,000	189,500	184,900	-500	-0.3%	4,100	2.2%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>142,700</b>	<b>145,100</b>	<b>138,900</b>	<b>-2,400</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,900	13,900	14,000	0	0.0%	-100	-0.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	128,800	131,200	124,900	-2,400	-1.8%	3,900	3.1%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>59,000</b>	<b>59,000</b>	<b>60,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-1,500</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>340,000</b>	<b>337,800</b>	<b>334,600</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Federal Government	49,700	49,700	50,100	0	0.0%	-400	-0.8%
State Government	86,600	85,300	84,500	1,300	1.5%	2,100	2.5%
Local Government	203,700	202,800	200,000	900	0.4%	3,700	1.9%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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