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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - December 2010

Oklahoma's unemployment rate down slightly in December

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped by 0.1 percentage points to 6.8 percent for the month in December 2010. The national unemployment improved to 9.4 percent for the same period. For the year, the state's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** held steady.

DECEMBER 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.8%	1,755,190	1,635,260	119,930
United States	9.4%	153,690,000	139,206,000	14,485,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Dec '10	6.8%	1,755,190	1,635,260	119,930
Nov '10	6.9%	1,755,100	1,634,140	120,950
Oct '10	6.9%	1,754,390	1,632,600	121,790
Sep '10	6.9%	1,756,870	1,634,790	122,080
Aug '10	7.0%	1,756,990	1,634,190	122,800
Jul '10	6.9%	1,761,130	1,639,520	121,610
Dec '09	6.8%	1,776,160	1,654,760	121,400

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Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted employment** rose in December 2010, as **seasonally adjusted unemployment** reported a slightly smaller monthly drop. For the December-to-December period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** contracted by 1,470 persons.

DECEMBER 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	90	0.0%	-20,980	-1.5%
Employment	1,120	0.1%	-19,500	-1.2%
Unemployment	-1,030	-0.8%	-1,470	-1.2%

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Statewide employment down in December despite job gains in many supersectors

In December 2010, Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed 1,200 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 103,000 jobs (+0.1 percent) from November to December. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 21,900 jobs (+1.4 percent) when compared to December 2009.

- In December, over-the-month losses in **Professional & Business Services, Educational & Health Services, and Other Services** outweighed smaller gains in the other seven statewide supersectors, leading to a 1,200-job loss for the month.
- **Leisure & Hospitality** (+1,400 jobs) posted the largest job gain for the month.
- Eight of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors reported over-the-year gains in December, led by **Mining & Logging** (+8,400 jobs).
- The only two supersectors to report year-to-year losses were **Government** (-9,500 jobs) and **Other Services** (-5,100 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Dec '10	Nov '10	Dec '09	Nov '10 to Dec '10	Pct.	Dec '09 to Dec '10	Pct.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,541,000	1,542,200	1,519,100	-1,200	-0.1%	21,900	1.4%
Mining & Logging	47,400	46,800	39,000	600	1.3%	8,400	21.5%
Construction	72,300	72,000	66,200	300	0.4%	6,100	9.2%
Manufacturing	125,600	125,000	123,700	600	0.5%	1,900	1.5%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	277,500	277,000	274,500	500	0.2%	3,000	1.1%
Wholesale Trade	54,600	54,900	55,600	-300	-0.5%	-1,000	-1.8%
Retail Trade	171,500	170,900	164,900	600	0.4%	6,600	4.0%
Financial Activities	84,300	83,800	80,700	500	0.6%	3,600	4.5%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,200	22,100	21,900	100	0.5%	300	1.4%
Professional & Business Svcs.	167,500	170,000	163,100	-2,500	-1.5%	4,400	2.7%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	93,300	94,800	88,000	-1,500	-1.6%	5,300	6.0%
Educational & Health Services	211,200	211,500	205,100	-300	-0.1%	6,100	3.0%
Educational Services	21,500	21,700	20,300	-200	-0.9%	1,200	5.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	189,700	189,800	184,800	-100	-0.1%	4,900	2.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	144,100	142,700	140,300	1,400	1.0%	3,800	2.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,400	14,300	14,000	100	0.7%	400	2.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	129,700	128,400	126,300	1,300	1.0%	3,400	2.7%
Other Services	57,600	58,900	62,700	-1,300	-2.2%	-5,100	-8.1%
Government	329,100	328,800	338,600	300	0.1%	-9,500	-2.8%
Federal Government	47,200	46,900	46,800	300	0.6%	400	0.9%
State Government	82,200	82,100	85,100	100	0.1%	-2,900	-3.4%
Local Government	199,700	199,800	206,700	-100	-0.1%	-7,000	-3.4%

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