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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - January 2010

Oklahoma unemployment rate improves to start 2010

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped to 6.7 percent in January 2010, down by 0.1 percentage points from December 2009. The national unemployment rate also contracted over the month to 9.7 percent. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state increased by 1.7 percentage points when compared to January 2009.

JANUARY 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.7%	1,777,590	1,657,690	119,900
United States	9.7%	153,170,000	138,333,000	14,837,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Jan '10	6.7%	1,777,590	1,657,690	119,900
Dec '09	6.8%	1,776,160	1,654,760	121,400
Nov '09	6.8%	1,776,000	1,654,530	121,470
Oct '09	6.9%	1,777,110	1,654,440	122,680
Sep '09	6.9%	1,776,950	1,654,500	122,450
Aug '09	6.9%	1,777,410	1,655,000	122,410
Jan '09	5.0%	1,762,770	1,674,290	88,490

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In January 2010, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** both expanded over the month, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** reported a drop. During the January-to-January period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 31,410 persons (+35.5 percent).

JANUARY 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	1,430	0.1%	14,820	0.8%
Employment	2,930	0.2%	-16,600	-1.0%
Unemployment	-1,500	-1.2%	31,410	35.5%

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Statewide employment down slightly in January

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed 1,400 jobs (-0.1 percent) over the month in January. During the same period, seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States contracted by 26,000 jobs (-0.1 percent). Between January 2009 and January 2010, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped by 59,900 jobs (-3.8 percent).

- Six of the 10 supersectors reported over-the-month gains in January, led by **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (+1,000 jobs) where growth was provided by the **Retail Trade** sector.
- **Other Services** (-2,000 jobs) posted the largest job loss for the month in January 2010.
- The only two supersectors to add jobs for the January-to-January period were **Educational & Health Services** (+5,100 jobs) and **Government** (+4,300 jobs).
- Four supersectors reported over-the-year losses in excess of 10,000 jobs in January, including **Manufacturing** (-19,400 jobs) and **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-12,100 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Jan '10	Dec '09	Jan '09	Dec '09 to Jan '10		Jan '09 to Jan '10	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,517,700	1,519,100	1,577,600	-1,400	-0.1%	-59,900	-3.8%
Mining & Logging	39,400	39,000	50,400	400	1.0%	-11,000	-21.8%
Construction	66,900	66,200	73,900	700	1.1%	-7,000	-9.5%
Manufacturing	122,800	123,700	142,200	-900	-0.7%	-19,400	-13.6%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	275,500	274,500	287,600	1,000	0.4%	-12,100	-4.2%
Wholesale Trade	56,000	55,600	58,400	400	0.7%	-2,400	-4.1%
Retail Trade	166,700	164,900	172,300	1,800	1.1%	-5,600	-3.3%
Financial Activities	80,300	80,700	81,700	-400	-0.5%	-1,400	-1.7%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,000	21,900	23,300	100	0.5%	-1,300	-5.6%
Professional & Business Svcs.	163,500	163,100	174,100	400	0.2%	-10,600	-6.1%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	87,700	88,000	96,300	-300	-0.3%	-8,600	-8.9%
Educational & Health Services	205,500	205,100	200,400	400	0.2%	5,100	2.5%
Educational Services	20,300	20,300	19,600	0	0.0%	700	3.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	185,200	184,800	180,800	400	0.2%	4,400	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	138,800	140,300	141,500	-1,500	-1.1%	-2,700	-1.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,800	14,000	15,100	-200	-1.4%	-1,300	-8.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	125,000	126,300	126,400	-1,300	-1.0%	-1,400	-1.1%
Other Services	60,700	62,700	62,800	-2,000	-3.2%	-2,100	-3.3%
Government	338,800	338,600	334,500	200	0.1%	4,300	1.3%
Federal Government	47,200	46,800	45,600	400	0.9%	1,600	3.5%
State Government	84,000	85,100	84,100	-1,100	-1.3%	-100	-0.1%
Local Government	207,600	206,700	204,800	900	0.4%	2,800	1.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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