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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - January 2011

Oklahoma's unemployment rate drops to begin 2011

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** opened 2011 with a drop of 0.2 percentage points to reach 6.6 percent in January. The national unemployment improved to 9.0 percent for the same period. For the year, the state's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** was down by 0.7 percentage points.

JANUARY 2011	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.6%	1,744,500	1,628,940	115,560
United States	9.0%	153,186,000	139,323,000	13,863,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Jan '11	6.6%	1,744,500	1,628,940	115,560
Dec '10	6.8%	1,749,410	1,630,210	119,200
Nov '10	6.9%	1,749,600	1,629,680	119,920
Oct '10	6.9%	1,749,340	1,629,350	120,000
Sep '10	6.9%	1,749,740	1,628,940	120,800
Aug '10	7.0%	1,750,880	1,628,930	121,950
Jan '10	7.3%	1,757,160	1,628,670	128,480

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Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force, employment and unemployment** all contracted in January 2011, with **unemployment** dropping nearly three times the number of persons that **employment** did. For the January-to-January period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** fell by 12,930 persons, or more than 10 percent.

JANUARY 2011	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-4,910	-0.3%	-12,660	-0.7%
Employment	-1,270	-0.1%	270	0.0%
Unemployment	-3,640	-3.1%	-12,930	-10.1%

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Statewide employment expands in January

In January 2011, Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 3,400 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 63,000 jobs from December to January. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 17,100 jobs (+1.1 percent) when compared to January 2010.

- In January 2011, sizeable gains were reported in a number of supersectors, including **Manufacturing** (+2,400 jobs), **Professional & Business Services** (+1,800 jobs), **Educational & Health Services** (+1,800 jobs), and **Leisure & Hospitality** (+2,500 jobs).
- The largest loss of the month came in **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-3,200 jobs).
- Six of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors reported over-the-year gains in January, led by **Manufacturing** (+7,400 jobs).
- The largest over-the-year loss for January 2011 occurred in **Government** (-5,500 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Jan '11	Dec '10	Jan '10	Dec '10 to Jan '11		Jan '10 to Jan '11	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,534,600	1,531,200	1,517,500	3,400	0.2%	17,100	1.1%
Mining & Logging	44,800	45,300	40,500	-500	-1.1%	4,300	10.6%
Construction	66,600	68,100	65,600	-1,500	-2.2%	1,000	1.5%
Manufacturing	128,400	126,000	121,000	2,400	1.9%	7,400	6.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	273,700	276,900	275,900	-3,200	-1.2%	-2,200	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	54,100	54,900	54,600	-800	-1.5%	-500	-0.9%
Retail Trade	167,200	168,700	168,200	-1,500	-0.9%	-1,000	-0.6%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	52,400	53,300	53,100	-900	-1.7%	-700	-1.3%
Information	24,800	24,600	25,600	200	0.8%	-800	-3.1%
Financial Activities	80,400	80,200	80,400	200	0.2%	0	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,100	21,900	21,500	200	0.9%	600	2.8%
Professional & Business Services	172,900	171,100	165,800	1,800	1.1%	7,100	4.3%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	59,200	59,300	62,500	-100	-0.2%	-3,300	-5.3%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	98,300	95,000	88,400	3,300	3.5%	9,900	11.2%
Educational & Health Services	206,800	205,000	203,300	1,800	0.9%	3,500	1.7%
Educational Services	20,100	20,100	20,200	0	0.0%	-100	-0.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	186,700	184,900	183,100	1,800	1.0%	3,600	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	141,400	138,900	137,700	2,500	1.8%	3,700	2.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,200	14,000	14,300	200	1.4%	-100	-0.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	127,200	124,900	123,400	2,300	1.8%	3,800	3.1%
Other Services	59,300	60,500	60,700	-1,200	-2.0%	-1,400	-2.3%
Government	335,500	334,600	341,000	900	0.3%	-5,500	-1.6%
Federal Government	50,100	50,100	47,900	0	0.0%	2,200	4.6%
State Government	83,700	84,500	84,700	-800	-0.9%	-1,000	-1.2%
Local Government	201,700	200,000	208,400	1,700	0.9%	-6,700	-3.2%

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Jobs Pct. Jobs Pct.