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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - February 2011

Oklahoma's unemployment rate down in February

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped to 6.5 percent in February 2011, down by 0.1 percentage points over the month. The national unemployment improved to 8.9 percent over the same period. For the year, the state's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** was down by 0.8 percentage points.

FEBRUARY 2011	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.5%	1,741,580	1,628,460	113,120
United States	8.9%	153,246,000	139,573,000	13,673,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Feb '11	6.5%	1,741,580	1,628,460	113,120
Jan '11	6.6%	1,744,560	1,628,980	115,580
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
Feb '10	7.3%	1,759,830	1,631,490	128,340

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For the second month, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force, employment and unemployment** all contracted in February 2011. For the February-to-February period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** fell by 15,230 persons, or nearly 12 percent.

FEBRUARY 2011	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-2,990	-0.2%	-18,250	-1.0%
Employment	-520	-0.0%	-3,030	-0.2%
Unemployment	-2,470	-2.1%	-15,230	-11.9%

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Statewide employment sheds jobs in February

In February 2011, Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped by 5,200 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 192,000 jobs from January to February. Compared to February 2010, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 13,300 jobs (+0.9 percent).

- In February 2011, large job losses were reported in a number of supersectors, including **Educational & Health Services** (-3,100 jobs), **Leisure & Hospitality** (-2,500 jobs), and **Professional & Business Services** (-2,400 jobs).
- The largest monthly gain came from **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (+2,500 jobs), where over-the-month growth was driven mostly by **Retail Trade**.
- Seven of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors reported over-the-year gains in February, led by **Manufacturing** (+8,200 jobs).
- The largest over-the-year loss for February 2011 occurred in **Government** (-6,000 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Feb '11	Jan '11	Feb '10	Jan '11 to Feb '11		Feb '10 to Feb '11	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,530,000	1,535,200	1,516,700	-5,200	-0.3%	13,300	0.9%
Mining & Logging	45,500	44,800	40,800	700	1.6%	4,700	11.5%
Construction	65,500	66,500	65,200	-1,000	-1.5%	300	0.5%
Manufacturing	129,300	128,500	121,100	800	0.6%	8,200	6.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	276,200	273,700	275,600	2,500	0.9%	600	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	54,400	54,100	54,600	300	0.6%	-200	-0.4%
Retail Trade	169,500	167,300	167,700	2,200	1.3%	1,800	1.1%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	52,300	52,300	53,300	0	0.0%	-1,000	-1.9%
Information	24,700	24,800	25,300	-100	-0.4%	-600	-2.4%
Financial Activities	80,400	80,500	80,300	-100	-0.1%	100	0.1%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	21,600	22,200	21,600	-600	-2.7%	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	171,400	173,800	166,300	-2,400	-1.4%	5,100	3.1%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	60,200	59,200	62,500	1,000	1.7%	-2,300	-3.7%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	95,600	99,200	88,700	-3,600	-3.6%	6,900	7.8%
Educational & Health Services	204,300	207,400	203,400	-3,100	-1.5%	900	0.4%
Educational Services	19,900	20,100	20,100	-200	-1.0%	-200	-1.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	184,400	187,300	183,300	-2,900	-1.5%	1,100	0.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	138,100	140,600	137,500	-2,500	-1.8%	600	0.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,100	14,000	14,100	100	0.7%	0	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	124,000	126,600	123,400	-2,600	-2.1%	600	0.5%
Other Services	59,900	59,100	60,500	800	1.4%	-600	-1.0%
Government	334,700	335,500	340,700	-800	-0.2%	-6,000	-1.8%
Federal Government	50,300	50,100	48,300	200	0.4%	2,000	4.1%
State Government	83,900	83,700	84,400	200	0.2%	-500	-0.6%
Local Government	200,500	201,700	208,000	-1,200	-0.6%	-7,500	-3.6%

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