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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - February 2010

Oklahoma unemployment rate unchanged in February

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** held steady at 6.7 percent for the month of February 2010. The national unemployment rate was also unchanged over the month at 9.7 percent. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state increased by 1.2 percentage points when compared to February 2009.

FEBRUARY 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.7%	1,779,200	1,659,460	119,730
United States	9.7%	153,512,000	138,641,000	14,871,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Feb '10	6.7%	1,779,200	1,659,460	119,730
Jan '10	6.7%	1,777,520	1,657,640	119,890
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
Feb '09	5.5%	1,766,090	1,669,600	96,490

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In February 2010, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** both expanded over the month, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** reported a slight drop. During the February-to-February period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 23,240 persons (+24.1 percent).

FEBRUARY 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	1,670	0.1%	13,100	0.7%
Employment	1,820	0.1%	-10,140	-0.6%
Unemployment	-150	-0.1%	23,240	24.1%

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February statewide employment shows slight decrease

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped by 2,200 jobs (-0.1 percent) over the month in February. For the same period, seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States contracted by 36,000 jobs (-0.1 percent). Between February 2009 and February 2010, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed 52,900 jobs (-3.4 percent).

- Only three of the 10 supersectors (**Professional & Business Services**; **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**; and **Financial Activities**) reported over-the-month gains in February.
- **Government** (-2,900 jobs) posted the largest job loss for the month in February 2010.
- The only two supersectors to add jobs over the year in February were **Educational & Health Services** (+6,100 jobs) and **Government** (+1,400 jobs).
- Two supersectors reported over-the-year losses in excess of 10,000 jobs in February (**Manufacturing** and **Mining & Logging**).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Feb '10	Jan '10	Feb '09	Jan '10 to Feb '10		Feb '09 to Feb '10	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,514,800	1,517,000	1,567,700	-2,200	-0.1%	-52,900	-3.4%
Mining & Logging	38,800	39,500	49,100	-700	-1.8%	-10,300	-21.0%
Construction	65,800	66,900	72,900	-1,100	-1.6%	-7,100	-9.7%
Manufacturing	122,200	122,600	139,100	-400	-0.3%	-16,900	-12.1%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	277,500	275,300	286,400	2,200	0.8%	-8,900	-3.1%
Wholesale Trade	56,500	56,100	58,100	400	0.7%	-1,600	-2.8%
Retail Trade	167,800	166,400	171,700	1,400	0.8%	-3,900	-2.3%
Financial Activities	80,500	80,300	81,500	200	0.2%	-1,000	-1.2%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,000	22,000	23,100	0	0.0%	-1,100	-4.8%
Professional & Business Svcs.	164,600	161,700	172,100	2,900	1.8%	-7,500	-4.4%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	90,000	87,000	94,800	3,000	3.4%	-4,800	-5.1%
Educational & Health Services	205,700	207,000	199,600	-1,300	-0.6%	6,100	3.1%
Educational Services	20,300	20,400	19,700	-100	-0.5%	600	3.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	185,400	186,600	179,900	-1,200	-0.6%	5,500	3.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	136,800	138,400	141,300	-1,600	-1.2%	-4,500	-3.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,300	13,700	15,000	-400	-2.9%	-1,700	-11.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	123,500	124,700	126,300	-1,200	-1.0%	-2,800	-2.2%
Other Services	59,700	60,700	62,500	-1,000	-1.6%	-2,800	-4.5%
Government	336,000	338,900	334,600	-2,900	-0.9%	1,400	0.4%
Federal Government	47,000	47,300	45,600	-300	-0.6%	1,400	3.1%
State Government	84,100	84,100	84,500	0	0.0%	-400	-0.5%
Local Government	204,900	207,500	204,500	-2,600	-1.3%	400	0.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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