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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - March 2010

### Oklahoma unemployment rate down in March

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped by two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.6 percent in March 2010. The national unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 9.7 percent. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state was up by eight-tenths of a percentage point when compared to March 2009.

MARCH 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.6%	1,777,150	1,659,410	117,740
United States	9.7%	153,910,000	138,905,000	15,005,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Mar '10	6.6%	1,777,150	1,659,410	117,740
Feb '10	6.8%	1,779,630	1,659,350	120,280
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
Mar '09	5.8%	1,768,930	1,665,730	103,210

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In March 2010, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **unemployment** both contracted over the month, while **seasonally adjusted employment** reported a negligible increase. During the March-to-March period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 14,530 persons (+14.1 percent).

MARCH 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-2,490	-0.1%	8,220	0.5%
Employment	60	0.0%	-6,310	-0.4%
Unemployment	-2,550	-2.1%	14,530	14.1%

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# Statewide employment expands in March 2010

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 3,900 jobs (+0.3 percent) over the month in March. For the same period, seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 162,000 jobs (+0.1 percent). Between March 2009 and March 2010, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed 41,600 jobs (-2.7 percent).

- Only two of the 10 supersectors (**Professional & Business Services** and **Other Services**) reported over-the-month losses in March.
- **Professional & Business Services** (-1,400 jobs) posted the largest job loss for March 2010.
- The only two supersectors to add jobs over the year in March were **Educational & Health Services** (+8,100 jobs) and **Government** (+200 jobs).
- The only supersector to report over-the-year losses in excess of 10,000 jobs in March was **Manufacturing** (-12,600 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Mar '10	Feb '10	Mar '09	Feb '10 to Mar '10		Mar '09 to Mar '10	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,517,000</b>	<b>1,513,100</b>	<b>1,558,600</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-41,600</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>40,100</b>	<b>39,100</b>	<b>47,700</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>-7,600</b>	<b>-15.9%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>66,500</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>71,600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-5,100</b>	<b>-7.1%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>123,400</b>	<b>122,000</b>	<b>136,000</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>-12,600</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Util.</b>	<b>276,900</b>	<b>276,500</b>	<b>285,200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-8,300</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
Wholesale Trade	55,000	56,200	57,600	-1,200	-2.1%	-2,600	-4.5%
Retail Trade	168,300	167,100	171,200	1,200	0.7%	-2,900	-1.7%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>80,900</b>	<b>80,400</b>	<b>81,400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,200	22,000	22,900	200	0.9%	-700	-3.1%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Svcs.</b>	<b>162,100</b>	<b>163,500</b>	<b>169,100</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>-7,000</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	87,300	89,200	92,500	-1,900	-2.1%	-5,200	-5.6%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>207,800</b>	<b>206,600</b>	<b>199,700</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
Educational Services	20,400	20,300	19,700	100	0.5%	700	3.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	187,400	186,300	180,000	1,100	0.6%	7,400	4.1%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>137,000</b>	<b>136,200</b>	<b>141,600</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-4,600</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,900	13,300	14,800	600	4.5%	-900	-6.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	123,100	122,900	126,800	200	0.2%	-3,700	-2.9%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>58,800</b>	<b>59,800</b>	<b>62,300</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>-3,500</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>336,000</b>	<b>335,800</b>	<b>335,800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Federal Government	48,800	47,200	45,700	1,600	3.4%	3,100	6.8%
State Government	83,600	84,100	85,100	-500	-0.6%	-1,500	-1.8%
Local Government	203,600	204,500	205,000	-900	-0.4%	-1,400	-0.7%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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