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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - April 2011

### Oklahoma's unemployment rate continues to drop in April

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** declined to 5.6 percent in April 2011, down by 0.5 percentage points over the month. For the same period, the national unemployment rose by 0.2 percentage points to 9.0 percent. Over the year, the state's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** was down by 1.6 percentage points.

APRIL 2011	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	5.6%	1,738,930	1,641,230	97,700
United States	9.0%	153,421,000	139,674,000	13,747,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Apr '11	5.6%	1,738,930	1,641,230	97,700
Mar '11	6.1%	1,737,700	1,631,690	106,010
Feb '11	6.5%	1,741,720	1,628,230	113,490
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
Apr '10	7.2%	1,760,070	1,634,100	125,970

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In April 2011, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted employment** rose, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** contracted for the month. For the April-to-April period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** fell by 28,270 persons, or more than 22 percent.

APRIL 2011	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	1,230	0.1%	-21,140	-1.2%
Employment	9,540	0.6%	7,130	0.4%
Unemployment	-8,310	-7.8%	-28,270	-22.4%

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# Statewide employment expands in April

In April 2011, Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 11,600 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 244,000 jobs from March to April. Compared to April 2010, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 26,400 jobs (+1.7 percent).

- In April 2011, eight of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors reported job gains, with only **Mining & Logging** and **Other Services** claiming monthly losses.
- The largest monthly gain came from **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (+4,100 jobs), where over-the-month growth was driven primarily by **Retail Trade**.
- Seven statewide supersectors reported over-the-year gains in April, led by **Manufacturing** (+8,700 jobs).
- The largest over-the-year loss for April 2011 occurred in **Government** (-6,200 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Apr '11	Mar '11	Apr '10	Mar '11 to Apr '11		Apr '10 to Apr '11	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,552,900</b>	<b>1,541,300</b>	<b>1,526,500</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>26,400</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>45,300</b>	<b>46,100</b>	<b>42,500</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>69,700</b>	<b>68,300</b>	<b>66,500</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>131,100</b>	<b>129,600</b>	<b>122,400</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>8,700</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>280,400</b>	<b>276,300</b>	<b>276,800</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Wholesale Trade	55,800	55,200	55,100	600	1.1%	700	1.3%
Retail Trade	171,900	168,700	168,400	3,200	1.9%	3,500	2.1%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	52,700	52,400	53,300	300	0.6%	-600	-1.1%
<b>Information</b>	<b>24,700</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>25,200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>82,100</b>	<b>80,900</b>	<b>80,100</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,500	22,100	21,700	400	1.8%	800	3.7%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>172,400</b>	<b>171,000</b>	<b>167,900</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	58,100	58,700	62,300	-600	-1.0%	-4,200	-6.7%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	100,100	98,200	90,700	1,900	1.9%	9,400	10.4%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>207,400</b>	<b>206,500</b>	<b>203,900</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
Educational Services	20,400	20,300	20,100	100	0.5%	300	1.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	187,000	186,200	183,800	800	0.4%	3,200	1.7%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>144,200</b>	<b>142,800</b>	<b>138,800</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,900	14,400	14,300	500	3.5%	600	4.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	129,300	128,400	124,500	900	0.7%	4,800	3.9%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>60,300</b>	<b>60,400</b>	<b>60,900</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>335,300</b>	<b>334,900</b>	<b>341,500</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-6,200</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>
Federal Government	49,500	50,000	49,600	-500	-1.0%	-100	-0.2%
State Government	84,100	83,800	84,200	300	0.4%	-100	-0.1%
Local Government	201,700	201,100	207,700	600	0.3%	-6,000	-2.9%

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