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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - April 2010

Oklahoma unemployment rate holds steady in April

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** reported no change over the month, remaining at 6.6 percent in April. The national unemployment rate increased to 9.9 percent over the same period. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state was up by one-half of a percentage point when compared to April 2009.

APRIL 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.6%	1,779,710	1,662,370	117,340
United States	9.9%	154,715,000	139,455,000	15,260,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Apr '10	6.6%	1,779,710	1,662,370	117,340
Mar '10	6.6%	1,777,570	1,659,380	118,190
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
Apr '09	6.1%	1,771,520	1,662,760	108,760

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In April 2010, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** both expanded over the month, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** reported a small decrease. During the April-to-April period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 8,580 persons (+7.9 percent).

APRIL 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	2,140	0.1%	8,190	0.5%
Employment	2,990	0.2%	-390	-0.0%
Unemployment	-860	-0.7%	8,580	7.9%

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Statewide employment continues expanding in April

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 5,900 jobs (+0.4 percent) over the month in April 2010. For the same period, seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 290,000 jobs (+0.2 percent). When comparing April 2010 to the same month of the previous year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** was down by 26,800 jobs (-1.7 percent).

- Three of the 10 statewide supersectors (**Educational & Health Services**, **Other Services**, and **Government**) reported over-the-month losses in April.
- **Educational & Health Services** (-1,600 jobs) posted the largest job drop for April due to losses in both **Educational Services** and **Health Care & Social Assistance**.
- The only two supersectors to add jobs over the year in April were **Educational & Health Services** (+7,300 jobs) and **Financial Activities** (+600 jobs).
- **Manufacturing** recorded the state's largest over-the-year job loss (-9,900 jobs) in April.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Apr '10	Mar '10	Apr '09	Mar '10 to Apr '10		Apr '09 to Apr '10	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,523,000	1,517,100	1,549,800	5,900	0.4%	-26,800	-1.7%
Mining & Logging	41,800	40,100	45,600	1,700	4.2%	-3,800	-8.3%
Construction	69,400	66,500	70,200	2,900	4.4%	-800	-1.1%
Manufacturing	123,400	123,200	133,300	200	0.2%	-9,900	-7.4%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	276,300	276,300	283,700	0	0.0%	-7,400	-2.6%
Wholesale Trade	55,500	55,200	57,200	300	0.5%	-1,700	-3.0%
Retail Trade	167,700	167,400	170,500	300	0.2%	-2,800	-1.6%
Financial Activities	81,900	80,800	81,300	1,100	1.4%	600	0.7%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,200	22,100	22,600	100	0.5%	-400	-1.8%
Professional & Business Svcs.	165,100	162,600	166,700	2,500	1.5%	-1,600	-1.0%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	90,300	88,200	91,200	2,100	2.4%	-900	-1.0%
Educational & Health Services	206,500	208,100	199,200	-1,600	-0.8%	7,300	3.7%
Educational Services	19,900	20,400	19,100	-500	-2.5%	800	4.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	186,600	187,700	180,100	-1,100	-0.6%	6,500	3.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	137,400	136,600	141,400	800	0.6%	-4,000	-2.8%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,600	13,700	14,600	-100	-0.7%	-1,000	-6.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	123,800	122,900	126,800	900	0.7%	-3,000	-2.4%
Other Services	58,500	59,100	62,100	-600	-1.0%	-3,600	-5.8%
Government	335,800	336,300	338,600	-500	-0.1%	-2,800	-0.8%
Federal Government	47,900	48,800	47,400	-900	-1.8%	500	1.1%
State Government	84,000	83,600	85,300	400	0.5%	-1,300	-1.5%
Local Government	203,900	203,900	205,900	0	0.0%	-2,000	-1.0%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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