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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - April 2009

Oklahoma's unemployment rate up again in April

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** rose to 6.2 percent in April 2009. This represents an increase of 2.7 percentage points compared to the rate for April 2008. The national unemployment rate reached 8.9 percent in April, an expansion of 0.4 percentage points for the month.

APRIL 2009*	Unemp. rate	Labor force	Employment	Unemployment
Oklahoma	6.2%	1,770,900	1,661,450	109,450
United States	8.9%	154,731,000	141,007,000	13,724,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Apr '09	6.2%	1,770,900	1,661,450	109,450
Mar '09	5.9%	1,763,260	1,658,650	104,620
Feb '09	5.5%	1,757,710	1,661,080	96,640
Jan '09	5.0%	1,760,690	1,672,160	88,530
Dec '08	4.6%	1,767,780	1,687,200	80,580
Nov '08	4.4%	1,763,970	1,686,330	77,650
Apr '08	3.5%	1,739,960	1,679,410	60,550

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In April 2009, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force**, **employment** and **unemployment** all expanded over the month, with **unemployment** posting an increase of 4.6 percent. Compared to April 2008, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** increased by 80.8 percent, or 48,900 persons.

APRIL 2009	Monthly change		Annual change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	7,640	0.4%	30,940	1.8%
Employment	2,810	0.2%	-17,960	-1.1%
Unemployment	4,830	4.6%	48,900	80.8%

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Statewide employment continues to contract for month, year in April

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed 7,500 jobs (-0.5 percent) over the month in April 2009. For the same period, seasonally adjusted national **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped by 539,000 jobs (-0.4 percent). For the April-to-April period, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** decreased by 24,800 jobs, mostly due to annual losses in **Manufacturing** and **Professional & Business Services**.

- The **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** and **Professional & Business Services** supersectors reported the largest monthly losses in April.
- **Construction, Educational & Health Services**, and **Other Services** were the only supersectors to add jobs in April.
- For the April-to-April period, **Manufacturing** posted the largest drop with a loss of 13,600 jobs.
- **Professional & Business Services** also posted a large job loss for the year (-10,300 jobs).
- Four supersectors (**Educational & Health Services, Leisure & Hospitality, Other Services, and Government**) reported over-the-year additions in April.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Apr '09	Mar '09	Apr '08	Mar '09 to Apr '09		Apr '08 to Apr '09	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,570,200	1,577,700	1,595,000	-7,500	-0.5%	-24,800	-1.6%
Mining & Logging	46,500	47,200	51,100	-700	-1.5%	-4,600	-9.0%
Construction	75,200	74,400	75,400	800	1.1%	-200	-0.3%
Manufacturing	138,400	139,300	152,000	-900	-0.6%	-13,600	-8.9%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	286,600	289,200	289,800	-2,600	-0.9%	-3,200	-1.1%
Wholesale Trade	59,500	60,200	59,600	-700	-1.2%	-100	-0.2%
Retail Trade	171,900	173,600	173,700	-1,700	-1.0%	-1,800	-1.0%
Financial Activities	80,300	81,900	83,600	-1,600	-2.0%	-3,300	-3.9%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	23,200	23,500	23,600	-300	-1.3%	-400	-1.7%
Professional & Business Svcs.	174,900	177,600	185,200	-2,700	-1.5%	-10,300	-5.6%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	98,200	100,100	106,100	-1,900	-1.9%	-7,900	-7.4%
Educational & Health Services	199,400	199,200	197,900	200	0.1%	1,500	0.8%
Educational Services	19,400	19,300	19,500	100	0.5%	-100	-0.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	180,000	179,900	178,400	100	0.1%	1,600	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	145,800	146,700	142,200	-900	-0.6%	3,600	2.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	19,200	19,300	17,900	-100	-0.5%	1,300	7.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	126,600	127,400	124,300	-800	-0.6%	2,300	1.9%
Other Services	63,700	63,200	63,300	500	0.8%	400	0.6%
Government	332,000	329,600	324,400	2,400	0.7%	7,600	2.3%
Federal Government	47,200	46,100	45,200	1,100	2.4%	2,000	4.4%
State Government	85,200	85,000	84,400	200	0.2%	800	0.9%
Local Government	199,600	198,500	194,800	1,100	0.6%	4,800	2.5%

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Jobs Pct. Jobs Pct.