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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - May 2011

State unemployment rate declines again in May

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** continued to improve in May, dropping to 5.3 percent over the month. For the same period, the national unemployment rose by 0.1 percentage points to 9.1 percent. Over the year, the state's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** declined by 1.8 percentage points.

MAY 2011	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	5.3%	1,737,020	1,645,090	91,930
United States	9.1%	153,693,000	139,779,000	13,914,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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May '11	5.3%	1,737,020	1,645,090	91,930
Apr '11	5.6%	1,739,090	1,641,160	97,930
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
May '10	7.1%	1,757,670	1,633,220	124,450

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In May 2011, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted employment** rose, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** contracted for the month. For the May-to-May period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** fell by 32,520 persons, or more than 26 percent.

MAY 2011	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-2,070	-0.1%	-20,650	-1.2%
Employment	3,930	0.2%	11,870	0.7%
Unemployment	-5,990	-6.1%	-32,520	-26.1%

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Statewide employment growth continues in May

In May 2011, Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 3,700 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 54,000 jobs from April to May. Compared to May 2010, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 21,800 jobs (+1.4 percent).

- In May 2011, five of Oklahoma's 11 statewide supersectors reported job gains, with **Professional & Business Services, Manufacturing** and **Government** leading the way.
- The largest monthly loss came from **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-1,900 jobs), where over-the-month contraction was driven primarily by **Retail Trade**.
- Eight statewide supersectors reported over-the-year gains in May, with the largest addition reported in **Manufacturing** (+10,100 jobs).
- The largest over-the-year loss for May 2011 was attributed to **Government** (-9,100 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	May '11	Apr '11	May '10	Apr '11 to May '11		May '10 to May '11	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,555,200	1,551,500	1,533,400	3,700	0.2%	21,800	1.4%
Mining & Logging	46,000	45,300	43,100	700	1.5%	2,900	6.7%
Construction	69,700	69,200	67,200	500	0.7%	2,500	3.7%
Manufacturing	132,800	131,200	122,700	1,600	1.2%	10,100	8.2%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	278,300	280,200	277,000	-1,900	-0.7%	1,300	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	55,500	55,700	55,400	-200	-0.4%	100	0.2%
Retail Trade	170,300	171,800	168,300	-1,500	-0.9%	2,000	1.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	52,500	52,700	53,300	-200	-0.4%	-800	-1.5%
Information	24,600	24,700	25,100	-100	-0.4%	-500	-2.0%
Financial Activities	81,100	81,900	80,100	-800	-1.0%	1,000	1.2%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,100	22,400	21,700	-300	-1.3%	400	1.8%
Professional & Business Services	176,100	172,500	169,000	3,600	2.1%	7,100	4.2%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	59,600	58,500	62,300	1,100	1.9%	-2,700	-4.3%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	102,400	99,700	91,500	2,700	2.7%	10,900	11.9%
Educational & Health Services	206,400	207,100	203,900	-700	-0.3%	2,500	1.2%
Educational Services	20,500	20,400	20,100	100	0.5%	400	2.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	185,900	186,700	183,800	-800	-0.4%	2,100	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	143,900	144,100	138,700	-200	-0.1%	5,200	3.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15,300	14,900	14,400	400	2.7%	900	6.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	128,600	129,200	124,300	-600	-0.5%	4,300	3.5%
Other Services	59,700	60,300	60,900	-600	-1.0%	-1,200	-2.0%
Government	336,600	335,000	345,700	1,600	0.5%	-9,100	-2.6%
Federal Government	49,100	49,200	55,300	-100	-0.2%	-6,200	-11.2%
State Government	83,700	84,100	83,500	-400	-0.5%	200	0.2%
Local Government	203,800	201,700	206,900	2,100	1.0%	-3,100	-1.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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