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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - May 2010

### Oklahoma unemployment rate up slightly in May

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** rose by one-tenth of a percentage point in May 2010 to reach 6.7 percent for the month. The national unemployment rate dropped to 9.7 percent over the same period. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state was up by two-tenths of a percentage point when compared to May 2009.

MAY 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.7%	1,778,450	1,659,020	119,430
United States	9.7%	154,393,000	139,420,000	14,973,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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May '10	6.7%	1,778,450	1,659,020	119,430
Apr '10	6.6%	1,780,070	1,662,380	117,690
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
May '09	6.5%	1,775,100	1,660,170	114,930

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In May 2010, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** both contracted over the month, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** reported an increase of 1,750 persons. During the May-to-May period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 4,500 persons (+3.9 percent).

MAY 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-1,610	-0.1%	3,360	0.2%
Employment	-3,360	-0.2%	-1,150	-0.1%
Unemployment	1,750	1.5%	4,500	3.9%

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# Statewide employment continues adding jobs in May

In May, seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 5,800 jobs (+0.4 percent) over the month. For the same period, seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 431,000 jobs (+0.3 percent). When comparing May 2010 to the same month of the previous year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** was down by 12,900 jobs (-0.8 percent).

- Five of the 10 statewide supersectors (**Mining & Logging**; **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**; **Financial Activities**; **Leisure & Hospitality**; and **Government**) reported over-the-month growth for May.
- **Government** (+4,300 jobs) posted the largest job gain for the month, while **Other Services** claimed the largest over-the-month job loss (-1,300 jobs).
- **Financial Activities**, **Professional & Business Services**, **Educational & Health Services**, and **Government** all managed to add jobs compared to May 2009.
- **Manufacturing** again reported the state's largest over-the-year job loss (-8,200 jobs) for the month.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	May '10	Apr '10	May '09	Apr '10 to May '10		May '09 to May '10	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,529,100</b>	<b>1,523,300</b>	<b>1,542,000</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>-12,900</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>41,700</b>	<b>44,300</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>68,600</b>	<b>69,100</b>	<b>69,300</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>122,900</b>	<b>123,300</b>	<b>131,100</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>-8,200</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Util.</b>	<b>276,700</b>	<b>276,500</b>	<b>282,800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-6,100</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
Wholesale Trade	55,800	56,000	56,700	-200	-0.4%	-900	-1.6%
Retail Trade	167,800	167,400	170,400	400	0.2%	-2,600	-1.5%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>82,800</b>	<b>81,900</b>	<b>81,200</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,400	22,200	22,500	200	0.9%	-100	-0.4%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Svcs.</b>	<b>165,400</b>	<b>165,400</b>	<b>164,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	91,000	90,300	89,700	700	0.8%	1,300	1.4%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>206,600</b>	<b>206,800</b>	<b>199,500</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Educational Services	20,100	20,000	19,300	100	0.5%	800	4.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	186,500	186,800	180,200	-300	-0.2%	6,300	3.5%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>137,900</b>	<b>137,100</b>	<b>140,800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-2,900</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,000	13,600	14,600	400	2.9%	-600	-4.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	123,900	123,500	126,200	400	0.3%	-2,300	-1.8%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>57,400</b>	<b>58,700</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>-4,600</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>340,200</b>	<b>335,900</b>	<b>338,400</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Federal Government	52,500	47,800	46,800	4,700	9.8%	5,700	12.2%
State Government	84,300	84,300	85,200	0	0.0%	-900	-1.1%
Local Government	203,400	203,800	206,400	-400	-0.2%	-3,000	-1.5%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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