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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – May 2014

State unemployment rate remains at 4.6 percent in May

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** held steady at 4.6 percent in May. The **U.S. unemployment rate** was also unchanged for the month at 6.3 percent. Over the year, the state seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** dropped by nine-tenths of a percentage point.

MAY 2014	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	4.6%	1,807,120	1,724,250	82,870
United States	6.3%	155,613,000	145,814,000	9,799,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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May '14	4.6%	1,807,120	1,724,250	82,870
Apr '14	4.6%	1,816,770	1,732,410	84,370
Mar '14	4.9%	1,823,900	1,734,290	89,610
Feb '14	5.0%	1,825,140	1,734,200	90,940
Jan '14	5.2%	1,824,560	1,730,470	94,090
Dec '13	5.4%	1,823,410	1,724,920	98,480
May '13	5.4%	1,815,310	1,717,920	97,390

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Statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** and **unemployment** declined in May, with **unemployment** down by 1,500 persons. Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** has dropped by 14,520 persons (-14.9 percent).

MAY 2014	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-9,650	-0.5%	-8,190	-0.5%
Employment	-8,160	-0.5%	6,330	0.4%
Unemployment	-1,500	-1.8%	-14,520	-14.9%

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Statewide employment continues to rise over month

In May, Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 2,200 jobs (+0.1 percent). U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 217,000 jobs (+0.2 percent) for the month. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** was up by 27,100 jobs (+1.7 percent).

- Three of Oklahoma's nine reported seasonally adjusted supersectors added jobs in May, with **Professional & Business Services** (+2,500 jobs) providing the largest monthly gain.
- **Mining & Logging** (-1,900 jobs) reported the largest monthly job loss.
- Seven of the nine reported seasonally adjusted supersectors saw growth over the year. **Leisure & Hospitality** (+8,000 jobs) claimed the largest May-to-May gain.
- **Government** and **Mining & Logging** were the only seasonally adjusted supersectors to shed jobs over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	May '14	Apr '14	May '13	Apr '14 to May '14	Pct.	May '13 to May '14	Pct.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,657,300	1,655,100	1,630,200	2,200	0.1%	27,100	1.7%
Mining & Logging	57,700	59,600	59,500	-1,900	-3.2%	-1,800	-3.0%
Construction	75,400	75,500	73,600	-100	-0.1%	1,800	2.4%
Manufacturing**	140,000	138,300	136,200	1,700	1.2%	3,800	2.8%
Non-durable Goods Manufacturing	41,600	41,900	40,800	-300	-0.7%	800	2.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	300,900	299,700	294,000	1,200	0.4%	6,900	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	63,200	63,800	61,700	-600	-0.9%	1,500	2.4%
Retail Trade	179,800	177,900	174,100	1,900	1.1%	5,700	3.3%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	57,900	58,000	58,200	-100	-0.2%	-300	-0.5%
Information**	21,000	21,100	21,900	-100	-0.5%	-900	-4.1%
Financial Activities	82,300	82,600	80,600	-300	-0.4%	1,700	2.1%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,100	22,300	22,100	-200	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	182,000	179,500	179,700	2,500	1.4%	2,300	1.3%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	66,200	65,300	66,600	900	1.4%	-400	-0.6%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	99,400	97,600	96,300	1,800	1.8%	3,100	3.2%
Educational & Health Services	232,200	232,200	227,000	0	0.0%	5,200	2.3%
Educational Services	19,400	19,400	19,100	0	0.0%	300	1.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	212,800	212,800	207,900	0	0.0%	4,900	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	158,700	159,400	150,700	-700	-0.4%	8,000	5.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15,600	15,100	14,700	500	3.3%	900	6.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	143,100	144,300	136,000	-1,200	-0.8%	7,100	5.2%
Other Services	59,400	59,100	58,000	300	0.5%	1,400	2.4%
Government	347,700	348,100	349,000	-400	-0.1%	-1,300	-0.4%
Federal Government	46,700	46,400	47,500	300	0.6%	-800	-1.7%
State Government	85,200	85,900	86,300	-700	-0.8%	-1,100	-1.3%
Local Government	215,800	215,800	215,200	0	0.0%	600	0.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

** Non-seasonally adjusted. Due to employment stability in the Manufacturing and Information supersectors, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has determined that they do not need to be adjusted for seasonal factors at this time. Non-seasonally adjusted Manufacturing and Information employment is provided for comparison purposes.