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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - May 2013

State unemployment rate up over month

The statewide seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** rose by one-tenth percentage point to 5.0 percent in May. This was the first time since July 2012 that Oklahoma reported an over-the-month unemployment rate increase. The **U.S. unemployment rate** for May was also up by 0.1 percentage points. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** dropped slightly over the year.

MAY 2013	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	5.0%	1,817,750	1,726,130	91,620
United States	7.6%	155,658,000	143,898,000	11,760,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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May '13	5.0%	1,817,750	1,726,130	91,620
Apr '13	4.9%	1,812,950	1,724,070	88,870
Mar '13	5.0%	1,814,740	1,723,940	90,790
Feb '13	5.0%	1,817,380	1,726,140	91,240
Jan '13	5.1%	1,818,740	1,726,380	92,360
Dec '12	5.1%	1,816,630	1,723,540	93,090
May '12	5.1%	1,796,990	1,704,750	92,250

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Statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** and **unemployment** both expanded over the month. For the May-to-May period, seasonally adjusted **employment** increased by 21,380 persons (+1.3 percent).

MAY 2013	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	4,800	0.3%	20,750	1.2%
Employment	2,050	0.1%	21,380	1.3%
Unemployment	2,750	3.1%	-620	-0.7%

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Statewide employment down in May

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed 1,300 jobs (-0.1 percent) in May, while U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 175,000 jobs (+0.1 percent). State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 15,700 jobs (+1.0 percent) when compared with May 2012.

- Only two supersectors gained jobs over the month, with **Leisure & Hospitality** (+3,400 jobs) accounting for almost all of the job growth.
- **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-3,000 jobs) reported the largest monthly job loss. No other supersector contracted by more than 400 jobs in May.
- **Leisure & Hospitality** also provided May's largest annual job increase of 8,300 jobs (+5.7 percent).
- Over-the-year job losses (not counting the non-seasonally adjusted data included in the table below) came from **Mining & Logging** (-1,700 jobs), **Financial Activities** (-800 jobs), and **Other Services** (-3,100 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	May '13	Apr '13	May '12	Apr '13 to May '13		May '12 to May '13	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,622,000	1,623,300	1,606,300	-1,300	-0.1%	15,700	1.0%
Mining & Logging	56,200	56,600	57,900	-400	-0.7%	-1,700	-2.9%
Construction	73,300	73,400	69,300	-100	-0.1%	4,000	5.8%
Manufacturing**	134,900	135,200	134,500	-300	-0.2%	400	0.3%
Non-durable Goods Manufacturing	39,900	40,800	41,000	-900	-2.2%	-1,100	-2.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	291,200	294,200	289,200	-3,000	-1.0%	2,000	0.7%
Wholesale Trade	63,100	62,400	60,600	700	1.1%	2,500	4.1%
Retail Trade	174,900	176,900	172,400	-2,000	-1.1%	2,500	1.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	53,200	54,900	56,200	-1,700	-3.1%	-3,000	-5.3%
Financial Activities	21,800	21,600	22,600	200	0.9%	-800	-3.5%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	79,200	79,500	79,800	-300	-0.4%	-600	-0.8%
Information**	21,000	21,400	21,500	-400	-1.9%	-500	-2.3%
Professional & Business Services	179,400	179,600	176,600	-200	-0.1%	2,800	1.6%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	67,000	68,200	65,500	-1,200	-1.8%	1,500	2.3%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	95,600	95,800	95,700	-200	-0.2%	-100	-0.1%
Educational & Health Services	225,200	225,300	224,000	-100	0.0%	1,200	0.5%
Educational Services	20,200	19,600	19,400	600	3.1%	800	4.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	205,000	205,700	204,600	-700	-0.3%	400	0.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	154,400	151,000	146,100	3,400	2.3%	8,300	5.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15,500	15,000	14,100	500	3.3%	1,400	9.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	138,900	136,000	132,000	2,900	2.1%	6,900	5.2%
Other Services	56,600	57,000	59,700	-400	-0.7%	-3,100	-5.2%
Government	349,800	349,900	346,600	-100	0.0%	3,200	0.9%
Federal Government	48,500	48,600	48,300	-100	-0.2%	200	0.4%
State Government	86,700	86,700	86,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	214,600	214,600	211,600	0	0.0%	3,000	1.4%
				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.