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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - July 2010

Oklahoma unemployment rate up again in July

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** rose by one-tenth of a percentage point to reach 6.9 percent in July 2010. The national unemployment rate held steady at 9.5 percent for the same period. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state was up by one-tenth of a percentage point when compared to July 2009.

JULY 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.9%	1,760,830	1,639,550	121,280
United States	9.5%	153,560,000	138,960,000	14,599,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Jul '10	6.9%	1,760,830	1,639,550	121,280
Jun '10	6.8%	1,770,000	1,649,290	120,710
May '10	6.7%	1,778,850	1,659,060	119,800
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
Jul '09	6.8%	1,777,650	1,656,110	121,540

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In July 2010, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** both posted losses for the month, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** reported a small increase of 570 persons. During the July-to-July period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** contracted slightly by 260 persons (-0.2 percent).

JULY 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-9,170	-0.5%	-16,830	-0.9%
Employment	-9,740	-0.6%	-16,570	-1.0%
Unemployment	570	0.5%	-260	-0.2%

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Statewide job growth reported again in July

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 7,000 jobs (+0.5 percent) in July 2010. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States shed 131,000 jobs (-0.1 percent) over the same period. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 14,500 jobs (+0.9 percent) when comparing July 2009 to July 2010.

- Over-the-month growth was reported in six of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors (**Mining & Logging; Construction; Trade, Transportation & Utilities; Leisure & Hospitality; Other Services; and Government**) in July 2010.
- **Leisure & Hospitality** (+3,600 jobs) posted the largest job gain for the month due almost entirely to growth in the **Accommodation & Food Services** sector.
- **Mining & Logging, Construction, Financial Activities, Professional & Business Services, Educational & Health Services, and Leisure & Hospitality** all added jobs compared to July 2009.
- In July, **Educational & Health Services** posted the state's largest over-the-year job gain (+6,600 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Jul '10	Jun '10	Jul '09	Jun '10 to Jul '10		Jul '09 to Jul '10	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,543,800	1,536,800	1,529,300	7,000	0.5%	14,500	0.9%
Mining & Logging	45,500	44,400	42,200	1,100	2.5%	3,300	7.8%
Construction	69,400	68,100	67,500	1,300	1.9%	1,900	2.8%
Manufacturing	123,400	124,000	126,400	-600	-0.5%	-3,000	-2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	279,400	276,600	280,000	2,800	1.0%	-600	-0.2%
Wholesale Trade	55,400	55,300	56,100	100	0.2%	-700	-1.2%
Retail Trade	171,900	168,200	169,400	3,700	2.2%	2,500	1.5%
Financial Activities	82,000	83,500	80,900	-1,500	-1.8%	1,100	1.4%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	21,900	22,500	22,400	-600	-2.7%	-500	-2.2%
Professional & Business Svcs.	168,500	169,700	162,600	-1,200	-0.7%	5,900	3.6%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	93,300	94,100	88,100	-800	-0.9%	5,200	5.9%
Educational & Health Services	208,400	208,400	201,800	0	0.0%	6,600	3.3%
Educational Services	20,600	20,900	19,900	-300	-1.4%	700	3.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	187,800	187,500	181,900	300	0.2%	5,900	3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	144,800	141,200	139,400	3,600	2.5%	5,400	3.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15,400	15,300	14,300	100	0.7%	1,100	7.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	129,400	125,900	125,100	3,500	2.8%	4,300	3.4%
Other Services	58,100	56,700	61,500	1,400	2.5%	-3,400	-5.5%
Government	338,700	336,800	338,900	1,900	0.6%	-200	-0.1%
Federal Government	50,500	51,700	46,400	-1,200	-2.3%	4,100	8.8%
State Government	83,800	84,000	85,600	-200	-0.2%	-1,800	-2.1%
Local Government	204,400	201,100	206,900	3,300	1.6%	-2,500	-1.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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