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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - August 2011

### Oklahoma's unemployment rate steady in August

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** remained at 5.6 percent in August 2011. The national unemployment also held steady over the same period. Between August 2010 and August 2011, the state's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** declined by 1.4 percentage points.

AUGUST 2011	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	5.6%	1,730,570	1,633,610	96,960
United States	9.1%	153,594,000	139,627,000	13,967,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Aug '11	5.6%	1,730,570	1,633,610	96,960
Jul '11	5.6%	1,727,780	1,631,770	96,010
Jun '11	5.4%	1,730,550	1,637,820	92,730
May '11	5.3%	1,737,340	1,645,180	92,160
Apr '11	5.6%	1,739,090	1,641,160	97,930
Mar '11	6.1%	1,737,700	1,631,690	106,010
Aug '10	7.0%	1,750,880	1,628,930	121,950

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In August 2011, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted employment** grew by nearly twice the amount that **seasonally adjusted unemployment** did. For the August-to-August period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** fell by 24,990 persons (20.5 percent).

AUGUST 2011	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	2,790	0.2%	-20,313	-1.2%
Employment	1,840	0.1%	4,680	0.3%
Unemployment	950	1.0%	-24,990	-20.5%

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# Statewide employment continues to expand in August

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 2,100 jobs over the month in August 2011. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States was reported to have no change from July to August. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 42,700 jobs (+2.8 percent) when compared to August 2010.

- Four of Oklahoma's 11 statewide supersectors reported job gains in August, led by a 1,600-job addition in **Government**.
- The largest monthly loss came from **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-1,000 jobs), which provided half of the job losses for the month.
- In August 2011, nine statewide supersectors claimed over-the-year job gains, led once again by **Manufacturing** (+10,800 jobs).
- **Information** and **Other Services** were the only supersectors to record over-the-year losses in August 2011.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Aug '11	Jul '11	Aug '10	Jul '11 to Aug '11		Aug '10 to Aug '11	
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,566,700</b>	<b>1,564,600</b>	<b>1,524,000</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>42,700</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>47,400</b>	<b>47,600</b>	<b>44,000</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>70,600</b>	<b>70,800</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>133,900</b>	<b>132,700</b>	<b>123,100</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>278,500</b>	<b>279,500</b>	<b>277,000</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Wholesale Trade	56,000	56,400	55,600	-400	-0.7%	400	0.7%
Retail Trade	170,500	170,900	168,200	-400	-0.2%	2,300	1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	52,000	52,200	53,200	-200	-0.4%	-1,200	-2.3%
<b>Information</b>	<b>24,200</b>	<b>24,300</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>81,000</b>	<b>81,300</b>	<b>79,600</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,300	22,300	21,700	0	0.0%	600	2.8%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>178,600</b>	<b>177,400</b>	<b>170,700</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	60,300	60,700	62,100	-400	-0.7%	-1,800	-2.9%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	103,300	102,600	93,300	700	0.7%	10,000	10.7%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>207,800</b>	<b>207,800</b>	<b>203,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
Educational Services	21,000	21,000	20,200	0	0.0%	800	4.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	186,800	186,800	182,900	0	0.0%	3,900	2.1%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>144,300</b>	<b>144,500</b>	<b>138,100</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,500	14,700	14,100	-200	-1.4%	400	2.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	129,800	129,800	124,000	0	0.0%	5,800	4.7%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>59,400</b>	<b>60,700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>340,900</b>	<b>339,300</b>	<b>336,100</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Federal Government	49,500	49,500	50,100	0	0.0%	-600	-1.2%
State Government	85,700	85,800	83,100	-100	-0.1%	2,600	3.1%
Local Government	205,700	204,000	202,900	1,700	0.8%	2,800	1.4%

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