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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - August 2010

Oklahoma unemployment rate inches up in August

In August 2010, Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** again rose by one-tenth of a percentage point to reach 7.0 percent. The national unemployment rate also increased by one-tenth of a percentage point in August. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state was up by one-tenth of a percentage point when compared to August 2009.

AUGUST 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	7.0%	1,756,680	1,634,200	122,480
United States	9.6%	154,110,000	139,250,000	14,860,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Aug '10	7.0%	1,756,680	1,634,200	122,480
Jul '10	6.9%	1,761,130	1,639,520	121,610
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
Aug '09	6.9%	1,777,410	1,655,000	122,410

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In August 2010, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** both recorded monthly losses, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** registered a smaller increase. During the August-to-August period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** rose slightly by 70 persons.

AUGUST 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-4,450	-0.3%	-20,730	-1.2%
Employment	-5,330	-0.3%	-20,800	-1.3%
Unemployment	880	0.7%	70	0.1%

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Statewide job growth remains slow but steady in August

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 1,700 jobs (+0.1 percent) over the month in August 2010. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States shed 54,000 jobs (-0.1 percent) over the same period. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 25,100 jobs (+1.7 percent) when compared to August 2009.

- In August, over-the-month growth was reported in seven of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors (**Mining & Logging, Construction, Financial Activities, Professional & Business Services, Educational & Health Services, Leisure & Hospitality, and Other Services**).
- **Construction** (+2,700 jobs) posted the largest job gain for the month.
- Seven of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors also recorded over-the-year gains in August, led by **Professional & Business Services** (+9,400 jobs).
- **Government** claimed the state's largest over-the-year decrease for August with a 6,400-job loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Aug '10	Jul '10	Aug '09	Jul '10 to Aug '10		Aug '09 to Aug '10	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,544,800	1,543,100	1,519,700	1,700	0.1%	25,100	1.7%
Mining & Logging	45,500	45,400	41,400	100	0.2%	4,100	9.9%
Construction	72,900	70,200	66,600	2,700	3.8%	6,300	9.5%
Manufacturing	122,900	124,000	124,400	-1,100	-0.9%	-1,500	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	278,400	279,200	278,900	-800	-0.3%	-500	-0.2%
Wholesale Trade	55,200	55,500	55,800	-300	-0.5%	-600	-1.1%
Retail Trade	170,600	171,700	169,100	-1,100	-0.6%	1,500	0.9%
Financial Activities	83,100	82,000	80,900	1,100	1.3%	2,200	2.7%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,200	21,900	21,800	300	1.4%	400	1.8%
Professional & Business Svcs.	169,900	168,300	160,500	1,600	1.0%	9,400	5.9%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	94,500	91,400	86,400	3,100	3.4%	8,100	9.4%
Educational & Health Services	209,200	207,900	201,600	1,300	0.6%	7,600	3.8%
Educational Services	20,900	20,600	20,000	300	1.5%	900	4.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	188,300	187,300	181,600	1,000	0.5%	6,700	3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	145,000	144,600	138,800	400	0.3%	6,200	4.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,900	15,400	14,200	-500	-3.2%	700	4.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	130,100	129,200	124,600	900	0.7%	5,500	4.4%
Other Services	59,600	58,200	61,100	1,400	2.4%	-1,500	-2.5%
Government	332,800	337,700	339,200	-4,900	-1.5%	-6,400	-1.9%
Federal Government	47,400	50,400	46,400	-3,000	-6.0%	1,000	2.2%
State Government	84,300	83,800	85,200	500	0.6%	-900	-1.1%
Local Government	201,100	203,500	207,600	-2,400	-1.2%	-6,500	-3.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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