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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - September 2010

Statewide unemployment rate down in September

In September, Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped by one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.9 percent for the month. The national unemployment rate held steady at 9.6 percent in September. The September 2010 **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state was the same as that for September 2009.

SEPTEMBER 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.9%	1,756,590	1,634,780	121,810
United States	9.6%	154,158,000	139,391,000	14,767,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Sep '10	6.9%	1,756,590	1,634,780	121,810
Aug '10	7.0%	1,756,990	1,634,190	122,800
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
Sep '09	6.9%	1,776,950	1,654,500	122,450

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In September 2010, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **unemployment** both recorded monthly losses, with the decrease in unemployment leading to improvement in the statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate**. For the September-to-September period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** shed 640 persons.

SEPTEMBER 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-400	-0.0%	-20,360	-1.1%
Employment	590	0.0%	-19,720	-1.2%
Unemployment	-990	-0.8%	-640	-0.5%

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Total statewide employment reports losses for first time since February

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped 1,500 jobs (-0.1 percent) over the month in September 2010. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States shed 95,000 jobs (-0.1 percent) from August to September. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 26,100 jobs (+1.7 percent) when compared to September 2009.

- In September, over-the-month losses were reported in **Manufacturing** (-600 jobs); **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-1,100 jobs); **Educational & Health Services** (-1,000 jobs); and **Government** (-1,700 jobs).
- **Professional & Business Services** (+1,200 jobs) posted the largest and only sizeable job gain for the month.
- Six of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors recorded over-the-year gains in September, led by **Professional & Business Services** (+11,400 jobs).
- **Government** posted the state's largest over-the-year decrease for September with an 8,600-job loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Sep '10	Aug '10	Sep '09	Aug '10 to Sep '10	Pct.	Sep '09 to Sep '10	Pct.
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,543,300	1,544,800	1,517,200	-1,500	-0.1%	26,100	1.7%
Mining & Logging	45,500	45,400	40,700	100	0.2%	4,800	11.8%
Construction	72,600	72,500	66,100	100	0.1%	6,500	9.8%
Manufacturing	122,700	123,300	123,700	-600	-0.5%	-1,000	-0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	277,700	278,800	278,600	-1,100	-0.4%	-900	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	55,000	55,300	55,600	-300	-0.5%	-600	-1.1%
Retail Trade	170,500	171,100	169,200	-600	-0.4%	1,300	0.8%
Financial Activities	83,100	83,100	80,700	0	0.0%	2,400	3.0%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,100	22,200	21,900	-100	-0.5%	200	0.9%
Professional & Business Svcs.	171,400	170,200	160,000	1,200	0.7%	11,400	7.1%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	94,800	94,400	85,800	400	0.4%	9,000	10.5%
Educational & Health Services	208,500	209,500	202,000	-1,000	-0.5%	6,500	3.2%
Educational Services	20,700	21,000	20,100	-300	-1.4%	600	3.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	187,800	188,500	181,900	-700	-0.4%	5,900	3.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	144,700	144,700	138,600	0	0.0%	6,100	4.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,900	14,900	14,100	0	0.0%	800	5.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	129,800	129,800	124,500	0	0.0%	5,300	4.3%
Other Services	59,400	59,400	61,400	0	0.0%	-2,000	-3.3%
Government	331,000	332,700	339,600	-1,700	-0.5%	-8,600	-2.5%
Federal Government	46,900	47,300	46,500	-400	-0.8%	400	0.9%
State Government	83,300	83,100	85,200	200	0.2%	-1,900	-2.2%
Local Government	200,800	202,300	207,900	-1,500	-0.7%	-7,100	-3.4%

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